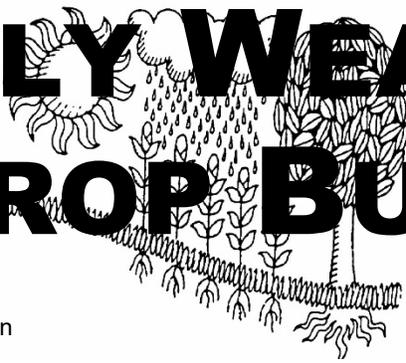
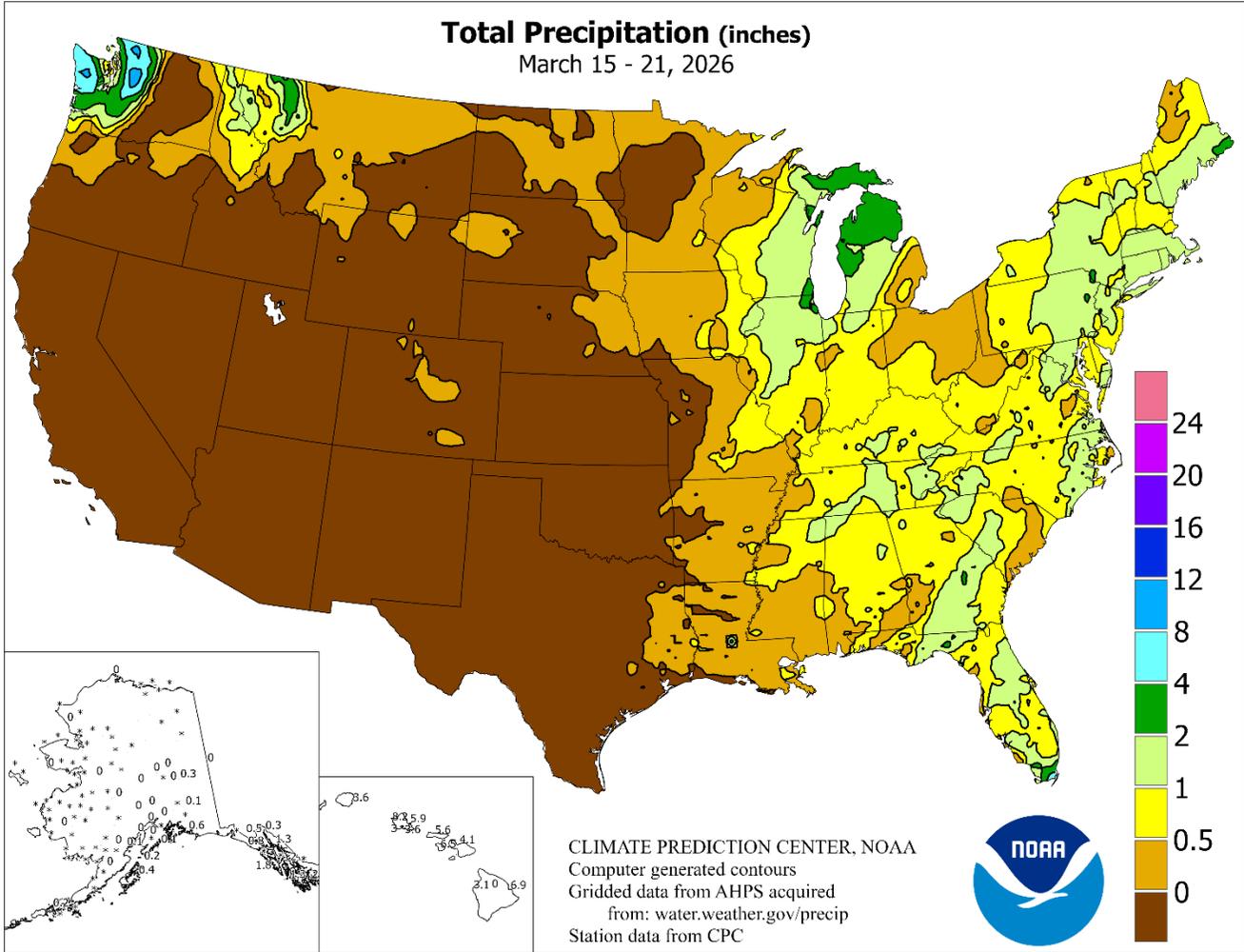


WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN



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HIGHLIGHTS

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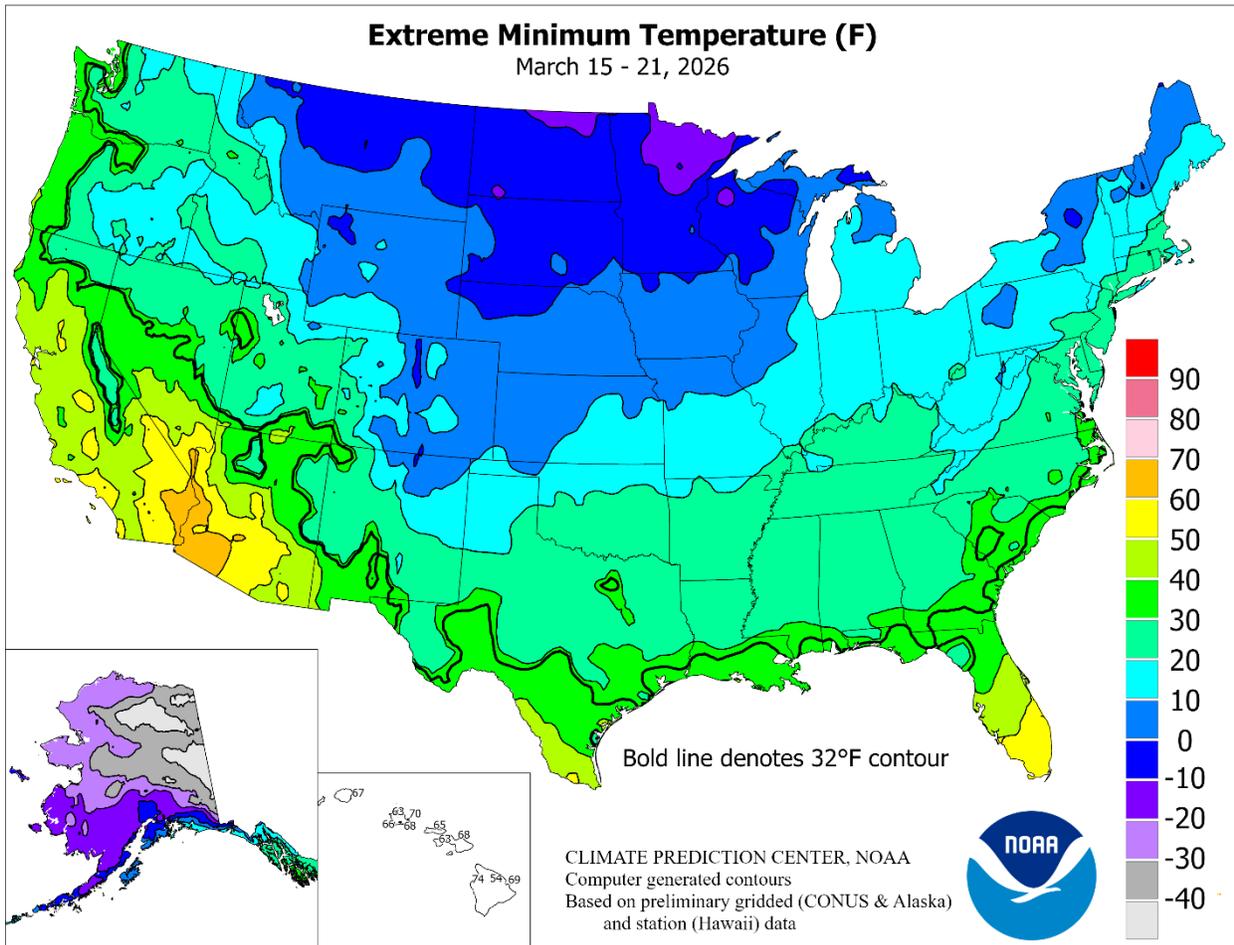
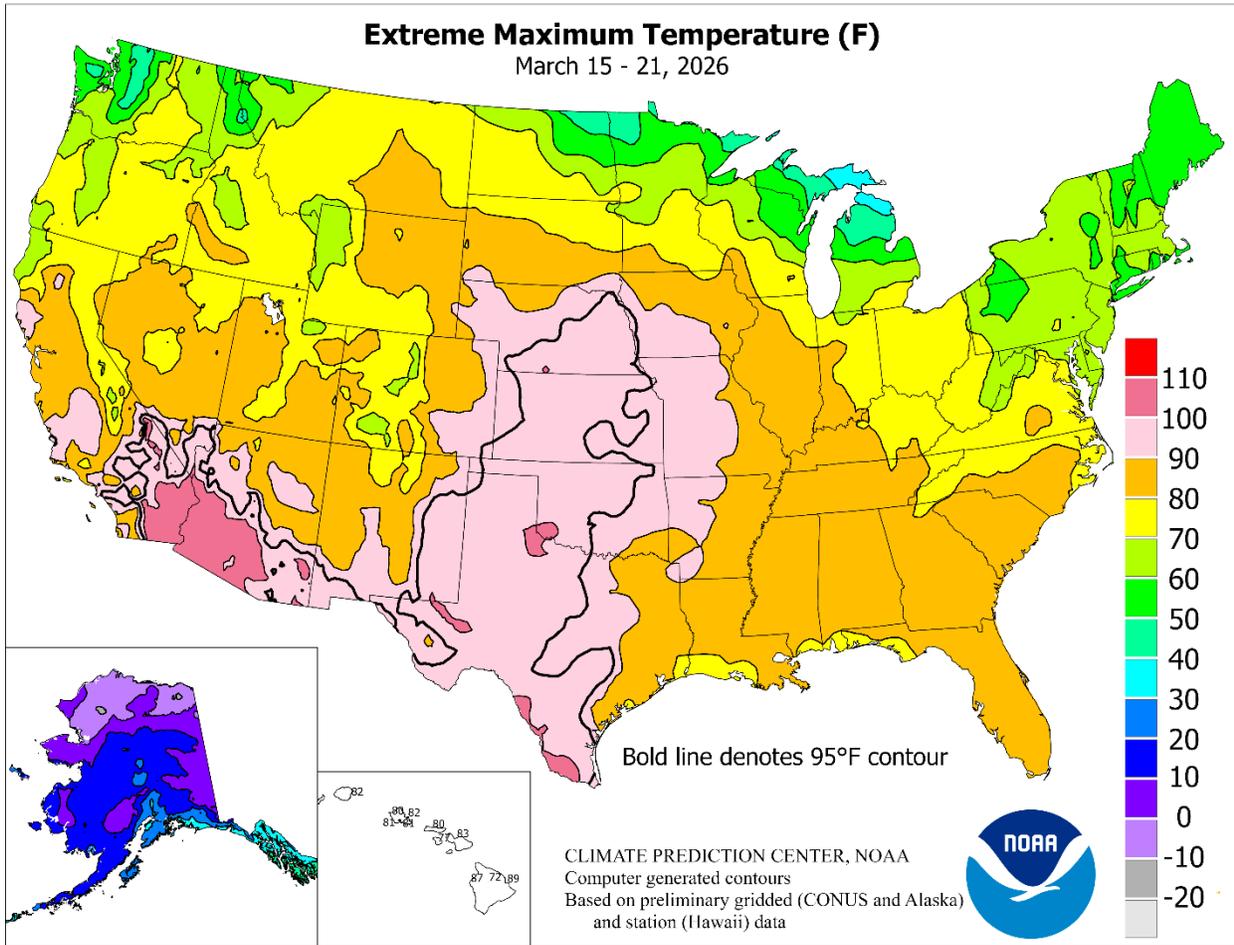
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Historically hot weather for so early in the season cloaked the **western and central U.S.**, eclipsing hundreds of daily temperature records and dozens of monthly standards. Heat peaked late in the week with temperatures approaching or reaching 110°F in the **Desert Southwest** and 100°F on the **southern Plains**. Readings above 95°F were observed as far north as **central and eastern Nebraska**. From the **West Coast to the Plains**, any precipitation was light, except in the **Pacific Northwest** and **northern Rockies**. Variable precipitation fell from the

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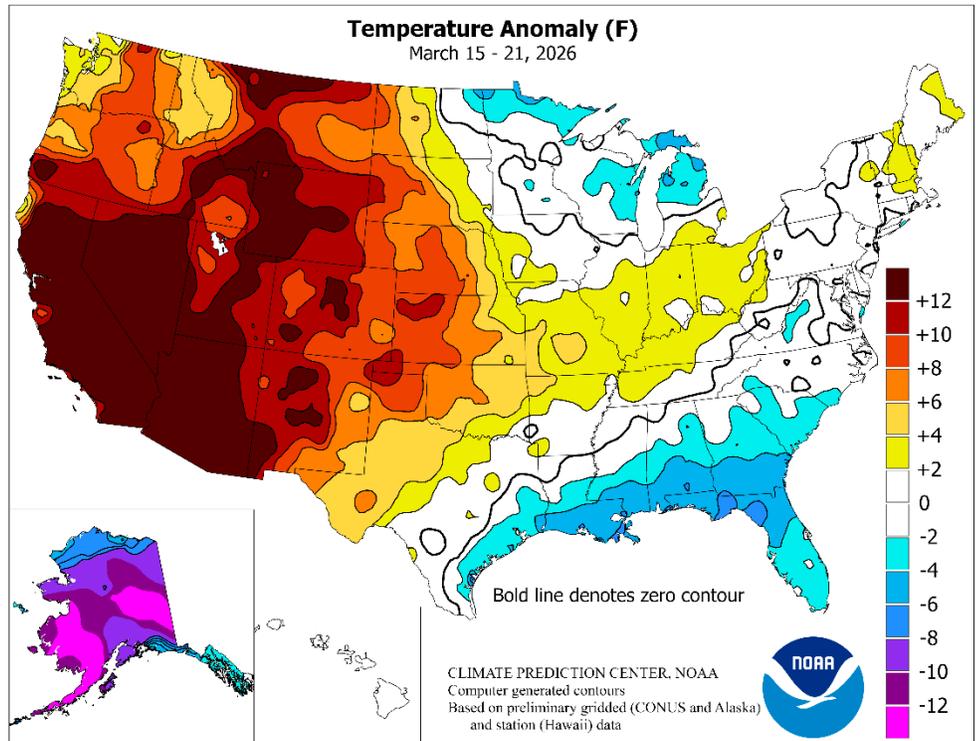
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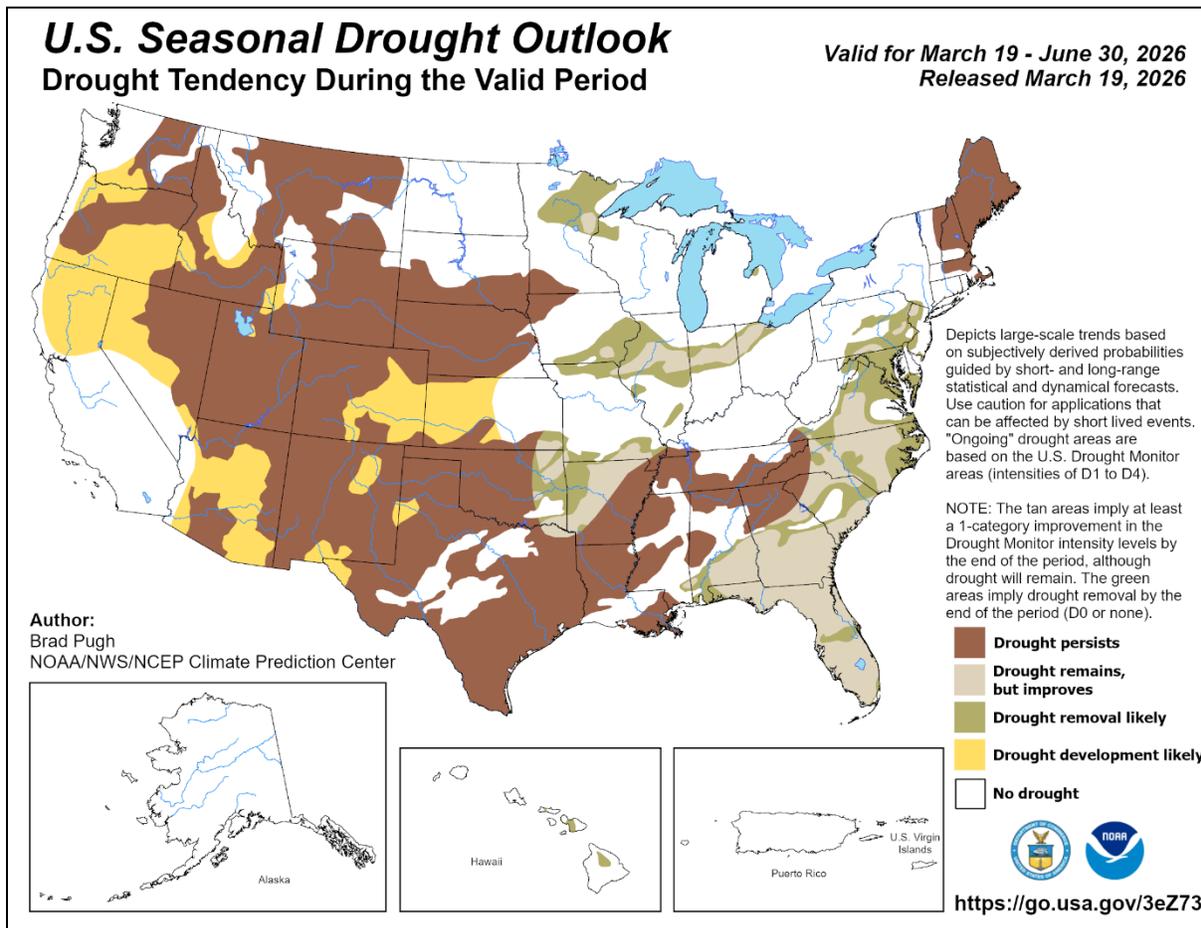
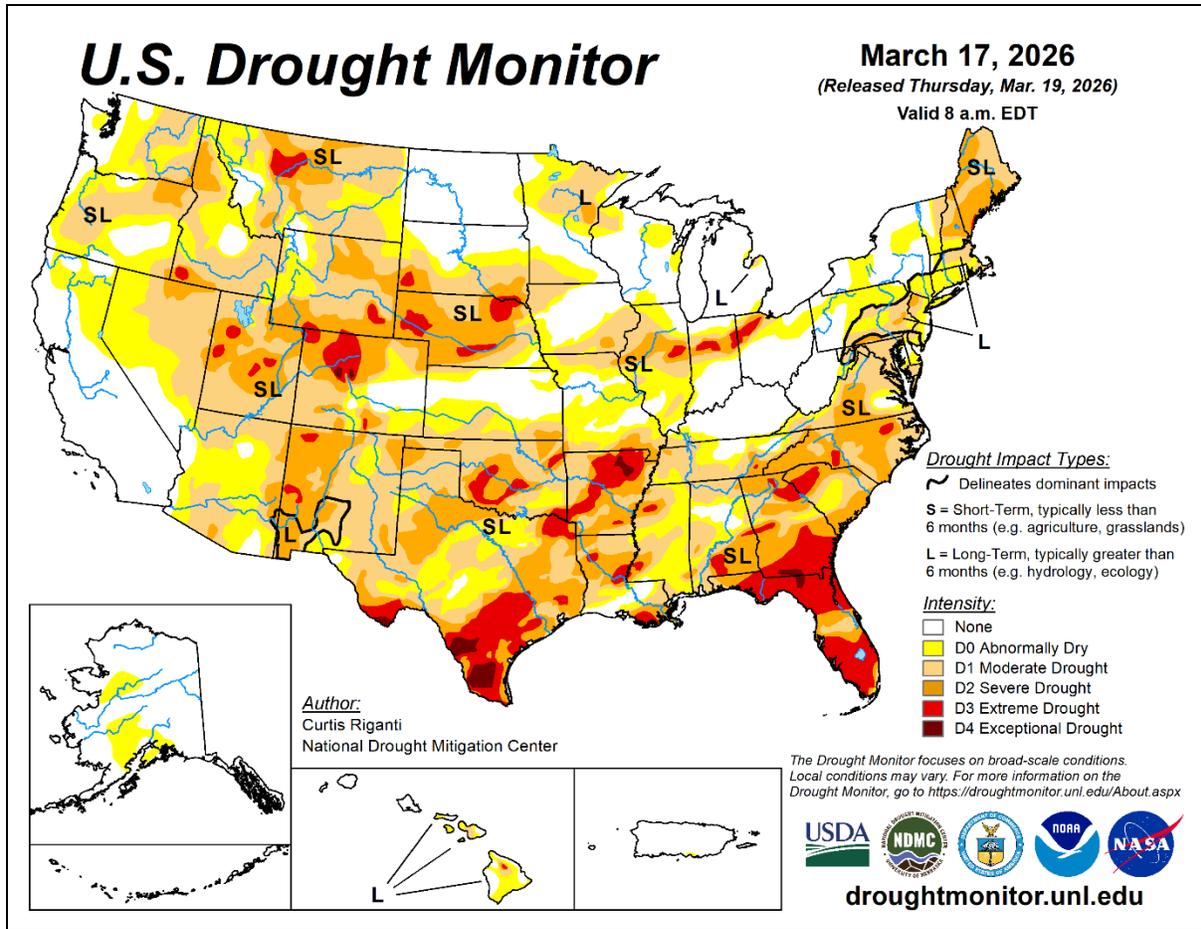
Mississippi Valley eastward, with some of the highest totals (locally 1 to 2 inches) observed early in the week in the **Atlantic Coast States**. Additionally, heavy snow blanketed parts of the **upper Midwest** and the **upper Great Lakes region** as the week began. On March 15-16, a rash of severe thunderstorms preceded and accompanied a strong cold front crossing the **eastern half of the country**. More than 50 tornadoes were tallied, based on preliminary reports, while hundreds of reports of wind damage were catalogued from the **middle and lower Mississippi Valley to the middle and southern Atlantic Coast**. Although early-season heat claimed many of the weather headlines, freezes affected parts of the **South** from March 17-19. In fact, readings below 32°F were observed along and north of a line from **central Texas to northern Florida**, with possible freeze impacts on **Southern** winter grains and emerging spring-sown crops. In contrast, weekly temperatures broadly averaged 10 to 20°F above normal in the **West**, except the **Pacific Northwest** and **northern Rockies**. Even with a cool start to the week, temperatures averaged at least 10°F above normal across portions of the **High Plains**. Consistently cold weather was confined to the snow-covered **upper Great Lakes region**, where weekly temperatures averaged as much as 5°F below normal. Readings also averaged as much as 5°F below normal across the **Deep South**, from coastal Texas to Georgia and Florida, despite a late-week warming trend.



Former March temperature records were broken by at least 5°F in numerous locations, including **Yuma, AZ** (109°F on March 20); **Needles, CA** (106°F on March 21); **Phoenix, AZ** (105°F on March 19, 20, and 21); **Borger, TX** (100°F on March 21); **Lincoln, NE** (97°F on March 21); **Winnemucca, NV** (87°F on March 20); and **Colorado Springs, CO** (86°F on March 21). Several locations in the **Desert Southwest**, including **Ogilby, CA**, attained 112°F on March 20, unofficially smashing the nation's monthly record held by **Rio Grande City, TX**—108°F on March 14, 1902, and March 31, 1954. The parade of March records had begun on March 17 with triple-digit readings in **southern California** communities such as **Indio** (104°F) and **Thermal** (103°F). Records kept falling as heat further intensified, with **Indio** attaining 108°F on March 19 and 21, and **Thermal** reaching 108°F on March 19, 20, and 21. By the 19th, monthly records began to fall across the **High Plains**, where **Rapid City, SD** (86°F), achieved a mark that would be broken again with a high of 87°F on March 21. Many "earliest-ever" records were broken; in **Wyoming**, for example, March 20 featured the earliest 80-degree readings in **Riverton** (previously, April 23, 2012) and **Casper** (previously, April 11, 2025). On March 20 in **Kansas**, the earliest 90-degree readings occurred by 1 or 2 days—breaking records set in 1907—in **Topeka** (92°F) and **Concordia** (91°F). Late in the week, monthly record warmth briefly spread into the **mid-South** and **Midwest**. March 21 featured monthly record highs in **Grand Island, NE** (98°F); **Harrison, AR** (93°F); **Des Moines, IA** (91°F); and **Paducah, KY** (85°F). Earlier, during the cold snap, temperatures had plunged below 10°F on the **central High Plains** and had dipped below 0°F as far south as **western Nebraska**. **Chadron, NE**, warmed from a daily-record low of -3°F on March 16 to a monthly record high of 92°F on March 21. In drought-affected areas of the **Plains**, the cold snap may have further harmed winter wheat that was already struggling due to lack of soil moisture. Meanwhile, sub-zero readings broadly occurred across the **northern Plains** and **far upper Midwest**, where daily-record lows for March 16 included -4°F in **Mobridge, SD**, and -2°F in **Rapid City, SD**. On the same date, record-setting lows below the 10-degree mark included 5°F in **Dodge City, KS**, and 8°F in **St. Joseph, MO**. Along the **Gulf Coast**, **Mobile, AL**, notched consecutive daily-record lows of 32°F on March 17-18. Other record-setting lows for March 17 dipped to 19°F in **Fayetteville, AR**; 25°F in **Memphis, TN**; 26°F in **Waco, TX**; 26°F in **Alexandria, LA**; 26°F in **Anniston, AL**; 27°F in **Jackson, MS**. In **Georgia**, daily-record lows for March 18 included 26°F in **Macon** and 31°F in **Savannah**. Elsewhere on the 18th, **Jacksonville, FL**, notched a light freeze and a daily-record low of 32°F.

March 15-16 was the snowiest 2-day period in **Marquette, MI**, where the 36.3-inch sum surpassed the previous record of 31.9 inches, set on March 13-14, 1997. By the morning of March 17, **Marquette's** snow depth peaked at 51 inches. On March 15, daily-record snowfall totals included 23.4 inches in **Wausau, WI**; 17.1 inches in **Green Bay, WI**; 12.4 inches in **Rochester, MN**; 10.2 inches in **Gaylord, MI**; and 5.5 inches in **Huron, SD**. For **Wausau**, it was also the snowiest day on record, surpassing 15.7 inches on February 12, 2019. Additionally, **Wausau's** month-to-date snowfall climbed to 37.9 inches, edging the March 1956 standard of 36.2 inches. Outside of the small area of heavy snow, locally significant rain fell. Record-setting totals for March 15 reached 1.94 inches in **Muskegon, MI**; 1.92 inches in **Punta Gorda, FL**; and 1.76 inches in **Chicago, IL**. Precipitation briefly ended as snow in **Muskegon** and **Chicago**. By March 16, daily-record totals in the **Atlantic Coast States** included 2.20 inches in **Alma, GA**; 2.00 inches in **Mount Pocono, PA**; and 1.66 inches in **Wilmington, NC**. In the **central Appalachians** and environs, daily-record snowfall for March 16 totaled 3.5 inches in **Beckley, WV**, and 2.1 inches in **Jackson, KY**. Elsewhere, periods of precipitation in the **Pacific Northwest** led to daily-record totals in parts of **western Washington**, including **Hoquiam** (2.30 inches on March 17). By week's end, **Hoquiam's** month-to-date rainfall rose to 10.72 inches.

Frigid weather persisted in **Alaska**, with significant precipitation limited to the **southeastern part of the state**. Weekly temperatures broadly averaged at least 10°F below normal across the **Aleutians** and the **Alaskan mainland**, excluding the **North Slope**. In the **Aleutians**, **Cold Bay** collected consecutive daily-record lows (-3 and -4°F, respectively) on March 19-20. Meanwhile, month-to-date snowfall in **Juneau** climbed to 60.2 inches (614 percent of normal), with measurable amounts falling each day from March 14-21. (**Juneau's** March 2007 snowfall record of 62.7 inches was broken on the 22nd, when an additional 3.6 inches fell.) Farther south, **Hawaii's** stormy regime continued, with several **northern Oahu** communities—including **Hale'iwa** and **Waialua**—being evacuated due to the potential failure of **Wahiawa Dam**. **Honolulu, Oahu**, netted a daily-record sum of 2.50 inches on March 20, helping to boost its month-to-date rainfall to 13.41 inches (789 percent of normal). **Honolulu's** wettest month on record remains March 1951, when 20.79 inches fell. Elsewhere, March 1-21 rainfall ranged from 12.06 inches (136 percent of normal) in **Hilo**, on the **Big Island**, to 19.92 inches (1,065 percent) in **Kahului, Maui**. Heavy rain and local flooding returned to **Maui** on March 21, when **Kahului's** 3.23-inch sum was a record for the date. Prior to this year, **Kahului's** highest March rainfall had been 10.90 inches in 1967, while the highest total during any month had been 14.46 inches in January 1980.



National Weather Data for Selected Cities

Weather Data for the Week Ending March 21, 2026

Accessible Data Available from the Climate Prediction Center

STATES AND STATIONS	TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION						RELATIVE HUMIDITY PERCENT		NUMBER OF DAYS				
	AVERAGE MAXIMUM	AVERAGE MINIMUM	EXTREME HIGH	EXTREME LOW	AVERAGE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEKLY TOTAL, IN.	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	GREATEST IN 24-HOUR, IN.	TOTAL IN. SINCE MAR 1	PCT. NORMAL SINCE MAR 1	TOTAL IN. SINCE JAN 1	PCT. NORMAL SINCE JAN 1	AVERAGE MAXIMUM	AVERAGE MINIMUM	TEMP. °F		PRECIP	
																90 AND ABOVE	32 AND BELOW	.01 INCH OR MORE	.50 INCH OR MORE
AK ANCHORAGE	20	9	29	3	14	-11	0.01	-0.14	0.01	0.34	69	4.29	203	65	41	0	7	1	0
AK BARROW	-14	-24	-10	-29	-19	0	0.00	-0.04	0.00	1.76	900	5.80	900	74	66	0	7	0	0
AK FAIRBANKS	5	-24	16	-35	-10	-21	0.00	-0.09	0.00	1.22	431	5.29	375	81	40	0	7	0	0
AK JUNEAU	34	27	38	25	31	-2	1.27	0.43	0.35	5.19	201	17.26	133	97	69	0	7	7	0
AK KODIAK	23	12	31	7	18	-15	0.37	-0.65	0.34	2.03	64	16.94	95	76	44	0	7	2	0
AK NOME	3	-17	12	-25	-7	-16	0.00	-0.15	0.00	0.25	48	3.52	144	79	48	0	7	0	0
AL BIRMINGHAM	70	42	83	27	56	-1	0.67	-0.59	0.67	4.80	121	14.75	106	81	34	0	3	1	1
AL HUNTSVILLE	66	40	84	26	53	-2	0.74	-0.46	0.44	4.07	110	11.87	86	87	38	0	2	2	0
AL MOBILE	72	41	81	32	57	-5	0.08	-1.16	0.08	3.54	95	7.27	52	91	32	0	2	1	0
AL MONTGOMERY	71	39	83	28	55	-5	0.39	-0.75	0.39	1.43	38	9.09	68	88	31	0	2	1	0
AR FORT SMITH	75	40	94	24	58	4	0.00	-0.89	0.00	1.20	51	4.32	54	75	25	2	2	0	0
AR LITTLE ROCK	70	43	88	25	57	3	0.04	-1.07	0.04	2.14	63	7.69	70	73	31	0	2	1	0
AZ FLAGSTAFF	75	29	84	27	52	14	0.00	-0.39	0.00	0.02	1	2.56	45	63	10	0	6	0	0
AZ PHOENIX	100	67	105	62	83	16	0.00	-0.19	0.00	0.13	19	0.61	25	25	7	7	0	0	0
AZ PRESCOTT	84	44	91	42	64	16	0.00	-0.19	0.00	0.00	0	1.80	56	40	9	2	0	0	0
AZ TUCSON	95	58	102	52	76	14	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.31	78	2.00	96	29	7	5	0	0	0
CA BAKERSFIELD	90	60	95	54	75	16	0.00	-0.25	0.00	0.00	0	2.27	71	76	31	5	0	0	0
CA EUREKA	59	44	62	41	51	2	0.01	-1.25	0.01	0.36	9	10.88	66	99	76	0	0	1	0
CA FRESNO	88	60	93	54	74	16	0.00	-0.42	0.00	0.00	0	3.48	64	84	32	4	0	0	0
CA LOS ANGELES	78	61	90	58	69	10	0.00	-0.35	0.00	0.00	0	5.06	70	92	48	1	0	0	0
CA REDDING	88	52	93	49	70	15	0.00	-1.00	0.00	0.01	0	10.13	68	78	21	2	0	0	0
CA SACRAMENTO	85	55	88	50	70	15	0.00	-0.56	0.00	0.00	0	5.65	62	97	32	0	0	0	0
CA SAN DIEGO	80	60	87	57	70	9	0.00	-0.29	0.00	0.00	0	5.32	100	94	41	0	0	0	0
CA SAN FRANCISCO	82	55	88	50	68	13	0.00	-0.57	0.00	0.05	2	7.45	75	87	34	0	0	0	0
CA STOCKTON	85	53	90	49	69	12	0.00	-0.40	0.00	0.00	0	5.25	80	100	37	1	0	0	0
CO ALAMOSA	69	20	83	9	45	9	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.00	0	0.46	49	60	8	0	7	0	0
CO CO SPRINGS	71	36	86	14	53	12	0.00	-0.19	0.00	1.07	213	2.41	214	50	15	0	3	0	0
CO DENVER INTL	73	32	86	5	52	10	0.15	-0.06	0.15	0.76	146	1.25	95	59	16	0	2	1	0
CO GRAND JUNCTION	74	38	87	26	56	10	0.00	-0.19	0.00	0.02	3	0.79	47	38	11	0	2	0	0
CO PUEBLO	78	30	93	15	54	9	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.95	188	1.87	166	57	11	1	3	0	0
CT BRIDGEPORT	46	32	56	25	39	-2	1.19	0.24	1.19	3.63	130	7.72	84	88	49	0	5	1	1
CT HARTFORD	49	28	62	21	38	0	1.66	0.76	1.46	3.58	136	8.75	96	84	41	0	5	3	1
DC WASHINGTON	59	37	71	27	48	0	0.89	0.06	0.57	2.02	85	7.90	100	78	37	0	2	4	1
DE WILMINGTON	55	34	68	24	44	1	0.96	-0.05	0.71	2.14	76	6.74	76	82	38	0	2	3	1
FL DAYTONA BEACH	73	49	89	41	61	-4	1.85	0.98	1.47	2.22	90	4.20	56	89	43	0	0	2	1
FL JACKSONVILLE	73	42	88	32	58	-5	1.11	0.43	0.78	1.76	78	3.98	47	89	33	0	1	2	1
FL KEY WEST	78	69	85	63	73	-1	0.00	-0.33	0.00	0.00	0	1.21	27	83	64	0	0	0	0
FL MIAMI	78	62	87	56	70	-3	2.42	1.86	1.08	4.06	257	6.26	112	93	60	0	0	5	2
FL ORLANDO	77	52	88	44	64	-3	0.75	0.02	0.38	1.07	53	2.27	34	87	34	0	0	2	0
FL PENSACOLA	70	44	78	32	57	-5	0.42	-0.76	0.42	2.09	58	8.47	63	86	35	0	1	1	0
FL TALLAHASSEE	72	39	84	30	55	-6	1.75	0.63	1.54	1.98	52	7.31	58	92	29	0	2	2	1
FL TAMPA	76	53	83	44	64	-4	0.91	0.35	0.56	2.33	140	5.42	78	79	38	0	0	2	1
FL WEST PALM BEACH	78	61	86	57	69	-2	0.89	0.13	0.38	3.02	136	4.33	52	93	56	0	0	6	0
GA ATHENS	66	37	85	28	52	-4	0.65	-0.31	0.44	2.39	77	7.89	66	84	37	0	4	2	0
GA ATLANTA	68	42	84	29	55	-1	0.93	-0.11	0.74	4.46	135	10.44	84	74	35	0	2	2	1
GA AUGUSTA	70	38	86	30	54	-4	1.65	0.74	1.62	1.93	68	8.31	80	92	32	0	2	2	1
GA COLUMBUS	71	40	83	31	55	-4	0.60	-0.50	0.60	2.17	62	9.94	81	79	30	0	2	1	1
GA MACON	70	37	84	26	53	-5	0.46	-0.48	0.36	1.61	54	7.39	64	91	32	0	3	2	0
GA SAVANNAH	71	42	87	31	56	-4	0.39	-0.36	0.28	0.48	20	3.42	40	90	35	0	1	2	0
HI HILO	80	71	89	69	75	3	6.91	4.01	4.73	13.99	158	37.75	140	96	74	0	0	6	3
HI HONOLULU	79	71	81	68	75	1	3.61	3.07	1.89	13.41	792	17.34	316	93	73	0	0	6	2
HI KAHULUI	80	70	83	68	75	1	4.09	3.46	2.40	16.99	900	21.28	338	95	69	0	0	7	3
HI LIHUE	79	69	82	67	74	1	3.65	2.31	2.99	13.83	349	21.62	208	93	66	0	0	5	1
IA BURLINGTON	59	28	86	6	44	2	0.18	-0.38	0.18	2.87	179	3.82	80	86	45	0	4	1	0
IA CEDAR RAPIDS	53	24	89	0	39	1	0.28	-0.17	0.26	1.03	79	1.98	57	89	46	0	5	2	0
IA DES MOINES	57	27	91	5	42	1	0.28	-0.22	0.24	2.28	166	3.96	104	81	38	1	4	2	0
IA DUBUQUE	49	25	82	3	37	1	0.40	-0.10	0.40	2.26	159	3.73	86	93	52	0	5	1	0
IA SIOUX CITY	60	22	95	5	41	3	0.41	-0.02	0.34	1.66	158	1.97	75	87	39	1	5	2	0
IA WATERLOO	51	23	87	4	37	-1	0.51	0.06	0.37	2.30	188	4.78	138	92	49	0	5	3	0
ID BOISE	70	40	83	25	55	9	0.00	-0.31	0.00	0.68	79	2.63	80	63	22	0	1	0	0
ID LEWISTON	58	42	68	31	50	4	0.15	-0.15	0.11	2.76	325	5.21	173	88	50	0	1	2	0
ID POCATELLO	68	30	77	17	49	9	0.00	-0.27	0.00	0.63	76	2.47	85	73	20	0	5	0	0
IL CHICAGO/O_HARE	54	28	77	14	41	1	2.06	1.52	1.75	4.58	283	5.94	106	84	43	0	4	3	1
IL MOLINE	56	26	86	7	41	0	0.00	-0.59	0.00	0.00	0	0.49	9	92	45	0	5	0	0
IL PEORIA	59	29	82	9	44	2	1.23	0.62	1.00	3.24	182	4.41	75	89	41	0	4	3	1
IL ROCKFORD	50	25	79	7	37	-1	1.36	0.82	1.06	3.02	196	4.48	93	90	49	0	5	4	1
IL SPRINGFIELD	62	30	85	11	46	2	1.35	0.72	1.10	6.90	382	8.02	139	89	41	0	4	3	1
IN EVANSVILLE	64	37	82	21	50	3	0.57	-0.48	0.57	4.87	156	7.87	81	77	39	0	3	1	1
IN FORT WAYNE	56	29	77	17	43	4	0.56	-0.07	0.56	1.70	93	4.69	73	91	46	0	4	1	1
IN INDIANAPOLIS	59	33	78	16	46	3	0.69	-0.16	0.58	6.27	262	9.52	119	79	42	0	3	2	1
IN SOUTH BEND	53	28	69	16	40	3	1.31	0.82	1.21	4.97	311	8.52	129	90	49	0	4	3	1
KS CONCORDIA	72	31	96	9	52	7	0.00	-0.36	0.00	0.30	34	2.37	97	62	22	2	3	0	0
KS DODGE CITY	77	32	95	5	55	8	0.00	-0.33	0.00	0.00	0	1.44	70	59	16	2	3	0	0
KS GOODLAND	75	30	92	2	53	10	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.00</									

Weather Data for the Week Ending March 21, 2026

STATES AND STATIONS	TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION							RELATIVE HUMIDITY PERCENT		NUMBER OF DAYS					
	AVERAGE MAXIMUM	AVERAGE MINIMUM	EXTREME HIGH	EXTREME LOW	AVERAGE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEKLY TOTAL, IN.	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	GREATEST IN 24-HOUR, IN.	TOTAL IN., SINCE MAR 1	PCT. NORMAL SINCE MAR 1	TOTAL IN., SINCE JAN 1	PCT. NORMAL SINCE JAN 1	AVERAGE MAXIMUM	AVERAGE MINIMUM	90 AND ABOVE	32 AND BELOW	TEMP. °F		PRECIP	
																		01 INCH OR MORE	50 INCH OR MORE		
KY WICHITA	73	34	93	14	54	5	0.00	-0.54	0.00	2.38	160	3.99	112	67	22	2	3	0	0		
KY LEXINGTON	61	36	78	21	49	2	1.07	0.06	0.70	2.68	87	8.10	79	82	41	0	3	3	1		
KY LOUISVILLE	63	38	81	22	51	2	1.22	0.19	0.88	5.25	167	8.53	85	77	37	0	3	2	1		
LA PADUCAH	65	39	85	20	52	2	0.78	-0.26	0.77	4.31	135	6.40	58	76	37	0	2	2	1		
LA BATON ROUGE	71	44	84	32	57	-5	0.26	-0.68	0.21	4.72	156	13.12	95	92	35	0	1	2	0		
LA LAKE CHARLES	70	45	79	33	58	-6	0.16	-0.64	0.16	1.34	55	7.36	63	89	44	0	0	1	0		
LA NEW ORLEANS	71	48	82	41	60	-5	0.63	-0.32	0.63	3.43	116	8.72	71	90	34	0	0	1	1		
LA SHREVEPORT	73	45	90	27	59	0	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	80	31	0	2	***	***		
MA BOSTON	50	32	62	25	41	2	1.13	0.13	1.00	2.53	91	6.17	65	84	44	0	3	2	1		
MA WORCESTER	46	26	59	18	36	1	1.49	0.50	1.34	3.17	111	9.26	96	91	42	0	5	3	1		
MD BALTIMORE	56	34	71	23	45	0	0.84	-0.11	0.50	2.22	80	7.14	81	82	41	0	3	3	1		
ME CARIBOU	38	16	56	7	27	1	0.54	-0.08	0.31	3.13	163	6.22	85	90	43	0	7	4	0		
ME PORTLAND	43	27	51	18	35	0	1.66	0.70	1.52	2.70	98	6.53	66	91	50	0	6	2	1		
MI ALPENA	31	19	38	6	25	-5	1.93	1.54	1.24	3.61	305	8.59	190	95	73	0	7	4	1		
MI GRAND RAPIDS	46	26	65	17	36	0	0.00	-0.50	0.00	0.57	36	4.00	64	92	55	0	6	0	0		
MI HOUGHTON LAKE	33	21	49	8	27	-3	1.35	0.98	1.09	2.66	237	6.91	163	94	67	0	6	4	1		
MI LANSING	49	24	66	15	37	1	0.63	0.17	0.57	2.24	163	5.72	111	91	52	0	6	2	1		
MI MUSKEGON	44	26	62	16	35	-2	2.53	2.01	1.93	5.66	362	11.58	190	92	57	0	5	5	1		
MI TRAVERSE CITY	34	21	47	12	28	-5	1.65	1.31	1.23	3.00	303	6.40	173	92	66	0	7	4	1		
MN DULUTH	37	15	64	-11	26	-2	0.27	-0.05	0.17	1.52	165	4.44	154	91	48	0	7	4	0		
MN INT_L FALLS	32	9	50	-16	21	-4	0.17	-0.06	0.15	0.55	90	2.32	111	88	50	0	7	2	0		
MN MINNEAPOLIS	44	22	79	1	33	-1	0.25	-0.15	0.18	1.15	114	3.35	120	83	43	0	5	2	0		
MN ROCHESTER	41	21	75	-3	31	-2	0.81	0.34	0.78	2.02	168	3.61	112	88	63	0	5	2	1		
MN ST. CLOUD	44	18	73	-3	31	1	0.25	-0.13	0.19	1.30	136	2.22	93	91	47	0	5	2	0		
MO COLUMBIA	65	34	91	12	50	3	0.20	-0.48	0.20	3.17	164	5.10	82	71	35	1	3	1	0		
MO KANSAS CITY	66	31	93	9	49	4	0.11	-0.44	0.09	2.24	147	4.19	101	72	31	2	4	2	0		
MO SAINT LOUIS	65	35	88	15	50	3	0.66	-0.16	0.66	4.96	224	7.46	106	74	32	0	3	1	1		
MO SPRINGFIELD	67	35	90	15	51	3	0.23	-0.58	0.23	3.69	159	6.76	93	77	29	1	3	1	0		
MS JACKSON	71	43	83	27	57	-1	0.24	-1.03	0.22	3.17	83	9.53	66	85	33	0	1	2	0		
MS MERIDIAN	72	40	83	29	56	-3	0.66	-0.59	0.56	4.28	106	11.73	78	89	35	0	1	2	1		
MS TUPELO	69	41	85	26	55	-1	0.43	-0.74	0.43	1.40	38	9.60	69	81	35	0	2	1	0		
MT BILLINGS	61	34	83	6	48	9	0.01	-0.20	0.01	1.03	198	1.70	104	65	29	0	2	1	0		
MT BUTTE	58	30	70	13	44	11	0.00	-0.15	0.00	0.48	127	1.20	98	69	24	0	5	0	0		
MT CUT BANK	53	34	66	-2	44	12	0.05	-0.03	0.05	0.32	150	0.34	51	74	40	0	3	1	0		
MT GLASGOW	58	27	77	-2	42	10	0.28	0.18	0.28	0.66	227	1.04	96	87	39	0	4	1	0		
MT GREAT FALLS	57	37	76	-6	47	12	0.19	0.04	0.14	1.51	384	2.18	142	67	38	0	3	2	0		
MT HAVRE	59	30	76	-9	44	11	0.09	-0.03	0.09	0.43	141	0.58	51	79	42	0	3	1	0		
MT MISSOULA	53	34	75	17	43	5	0.33	0.13	0.20	2.37	398	4.06	166	92	51	0	3	3	0		
NC ASHEVILLE	61	31	76	22	46	-3	0.79	-0.06	0.52	1.88	73	7.96	78	89	39	0	5	3	1		
NC CHARLOTTE	66	40	83	31	53	0	0.72	-0.15	0.50	1.50	54	5.56	59	75	33	0	2	2	1		
NC GREENSBORO	64	36	76	27	50	-1	0.36	-0.48	0.30	1.54	61	7.70	88	77	34	0	3	2	0		
NC HATTERAS	61	47	70	41	54	0	1.16	0.17	1.03	1.91	63	7.81	63	87	51	0	0	3	1		
NC RALEIGH	66	39	80	29	52	0	0.69	-0.25	0.67	1.14	40	5.33	59	76	32	0	2	2	1		
NC WILMINGTON	66	41	84	32	53	-2	1.86	0.97	1.80	2.19	80	6.42	64	92	38	0	1	2	1		
ND BISMARCK	50	18	75	-6	34	3	0.12	-0.07	0.09	0.48	91	1.90	124	93	47	0	7	2	0		
ND DICKINSON	53	22	75	-7	38	6	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.20	64	0.31	36	88	43	0	4	0	0		
ND FARGO	40	16	63	0	28	0	0.04	-0.26	0.04	0.20	25	1.97	89	90	62	0	6	1	0		
ND GRAND FORKS	33	12	49	-8	22	-3	0.09	-0.12	0.09	0.45	76	2.25	140	89	69	0	7	1	0		
ND JAMESTOWN	43	16	70	-2	29	1	0.00	-0.17	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	95	57	0	7	0	0		
NE GRAND ISLAND	70	27	98	5	48	7	0.00	-0.33	0.00	0.14	16	0.83	38	68	22	1	3	0	0		
NE LINCOLN	68	24	97	8	46	4	0.17	-0.20	0.17	0.38	40	1.90	74	75	25	1	4	1	0		
NE NORFOLK	64	24	96	4	44	5	0.01	-0.33	0.01	0.84	97	1.46	64	83	30	1	4	1	0		
NE NORTH PLATTE	71	24	94	3	47	7	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.39	65	1.03	65	81	19	1	5	0	0		
NE OMAHA	64	26	96	7	45	3	0.13	-0.29	0.11	0.93	86	2.06	74	79	33	1	4	2	0		
NE SCOTTSBLUFF	71	29	92	6	50	9	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.43	71	1.04	67	65	15	1	3	0	0		
NE VALENTINE	66	24	87	-6	45	6	0.26	0.04	0.25	0.41	66	1.20	78	81	26	0	3	2	0		
NH CONCORD	48	26	62	18	37	3	1.98	1.21	0.96	3.52	159	8.43	108	85	42	0	6	3	2		
NJ ATLANTIC_CITY	53	32	66	23	42	-1	0.73	-0.35	0.63	1.45	46	6.02	61	85	43	0	3	3	1		
NJ NEWARK	53	35	67	25	44	1	0.69	-0.29	0.59	3.41	121	8.05	87	83	39	0	3	2	1		
NM ALBUQUERQUE	80	43	90	31	62	12	0.00	-0.10	0.00	0.00	0	1.35	123	32	10	1	1	0	0		
NV ELY	74	33	83	27	54	15	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.27	41	1.96	87	60	11	0	4	0	0		
NV LAS VEGAS	90	65	97	59	77	16	0.00	-0.08	0.00	0.00	0	0.74	44	26	9	4	0	0	0		
NV RENO	81	44	87	41	62	15	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.00	0	1.66	57	59	12	0	0	0	0		
NV WINNEMUCCA	78	30	86	26	54	11	0.00	-0.19	0.00	0.06	11	1.74	77	66	12	0	6	0	0		
NY ALBANY	44	27	62	18	36	-1	0.74	0.01	0.35	1.76	84	5.65	81	84	48	0	6	3	0		
NY BINGHAMTON	42	23	65	10	33	0	1.30	0.60	0.74	3.87	192	8.56	121	91	56	0	7	4	1		
NY BUFFALO	44	25	61	15	34	0	1.04	0.40	0.87	3.30	168	8.55	109	88	55	0	6	3	1		
NY ROCHESTER	45	24	66	13	35	-1	0.84	0.29	0.62	2.82	167	8.82	138	87	56	0	7	2	1		
NY SYRACUSE	46	25	72	17	35	1	1.44	0.75	0.78	3.28	163	10.07	142	92	52	0	7	4	1		
OH AKRON-CANTON	53	27	73	12	40	1	0.39	-0.35	0.32	2.30	107	5.94	79	88	48	0	3	2	0		
OH CINCINNATI	60	34	74	18	47	3	0.74	-0.21	0.45	5.32	190	8.17	88	80	40	0	3	2	0		
OH CLEVELAND	54	28	75	15	41	2	0.47	-0.20	0.40	2.33	114	5.30	70	84	49	0	3	2	0		
OH COLUMBUS	58	32	77	20	45	3	0.68	-0.16	0.68	3.56	148	8.02	102	78	42	0	3	1	1		
OH DAYTON	57	31	72	18	44	1	0.61	-0.19	0.61	4.09	179	7.73	100	87	44	0	3	1	1		
OH MANSFIELD	54	27	72	14	41	2	0.45	-0.29	0.43	2.31	104	4.81	60	87	47	0	4	2	0		

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Weather Data for the Week Ending March 21, 2026

STATES AND STATIONS	TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION							RELATIVE HUMIDITY PERCENT		NUMBER OF DAYS					
	AVERAGE MAXIMUM	AVERAGE MINIMUM	EXTREME HIGH	EXTREME LOW	AVERAGE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEKLY TOTAL, IN.	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	GREATEST IN 24-HOUR, IN.	TOTAL IN. SINCE MAR 1	PCT. NORMAL SINCE MAR 1	TOTAL IN. SINCE JAN 1	PCT. NORMAL SINCE JAN 1	AVERAGE MAXIMUM	AVERAGE MINIMUM	90 AND ABOVE	32 AND BELOW	TEMP. °F		PRECIP	
																		01 INCH OR MORE	50 INCH OR MORE		
OK TOLEDO	56	28	74	16	42	2	0.39	-0.18	0.31	3.97	229	6.00	94	87	45	0	3	3	0		
OK YOUNGSTOWN	52	27	73	13	39	2	0.35	-0.37	0.23	2.55	118	6.25	81	90	47	0	4	3	0		
OK OKLAHOMA CITY	77	39	96	22	58	6	0.00	-0.61	0.00	0.83	50	2.27	51	70	17	3	3	0	0		
OR TULSA	75	42	95	20	58	6	0.00	-0.74	0.00	1.33	66	3.00	57	65	23	2	3	0	0		
OR ASTORIA	54	44	61	36	49	3	1.95	0.16	0.79	8.94	162	19.43	96	95	68	0	0	5	2		
OR BURNS	70	25	79	20	48	8	0.00	-0.21	0.00	0.44	69	2.28	78	86	17	0	7	0	0		
OR EUGENE	68	39	77	34	53	6	0.12	-0.90	0.12	1.75	54	10.97	78	96	42	0	0	1	0		
OR MEDFORD	76	41	82	35	58	10	0.00	-0.40	0.00	0.58	46	5.01	84	84	24	0	0	0	0		
OR PENDLETON	66	42	75	28	54	9	0.30	0.00	0.29	0.52	58	0.93	25	78	30	0	1	2	0		
OR PORTLAND	62	47	70	39	54	6	0.15	-0.75	0.06	4.90	177	12.68	110	89	46	0	0	3	0		
OR SALEM	64	45	71	37	54	6	0.08	-0.87	0.05	2.91	95	10.23	74	88	46	0	0	2	0		
PA ALLENTOWN	51	30	67	19	40	-1	1.10	0.25	0.81	4.34	176	7.61	89	88	42	0	4	3	1		
PA ERIE	50	28	69	20	39	3	0.46	-0.24	0.27	2.91	139	7.87	98	87	48	0	5	4	0		
PA MIDDLETOWN	53	32	67	22	43	0	1.06	0.17	0.61	3.71	150	7.61	94	86	41	0	3	3	1		
PA PHILADELPHIA	55	36	68	28	46	1	0.68	-0.27	0.46	1.79	66	5.70	66	81	41	0	2	3	0		
PA PITTSBURGH	54	27	71	15	40	0	0.46	-0.25	0.29	3.20	150	7.73	100	85	44	0	4	3	0		
PA WILKES-BARRE	49	28	68	18	38	0	1.57	0.93	1.17	3.31	179	6.17	94	88	49	0	6	2	1		
PA WILLIAMSPORT	49	29	65	19	39	-1	1.61	0.89	1.24	3.03	145	6.00	81	92	49	0	5	4	1		
RI PROVIDENCE	50	31	63	23	40	1	1.97	0.78	1.75	4.02	123	9.20	86	88	45	0	5	2	1		
SC CHARLESTON	70	41	87	31	56	-4	0.37	-0.37	0.28	0.50	22	5.40	62	87	35	0	1	2	0		
SC COLUMBIA	69	40	86	32	54	-2	0.62	-0.16	0.46	0.87	34	6.22	66	88	35	0	1	3	0		
SC FLORENCE	68	38	87	30	53	-3	0.31	-0.38	0.31	0.71	32	5.37	65	83	35	0	3	1	0		
SC GREENVILLE	65	37	84	28	51	-2	1.09	0.08	0.56	3.04	98	8.33	75	88	35	0	4	3	1		
SD ABERDEEN	50	16	76	-3	33	1	0.05	-0.15	0.05	0.35	62	1.31	76	94	48	0	5	1	0		
SD HURON	55	17	81	-5	36	2	0.17	-0.09	0.09	0.59	88	1.20	59	94	41	0	5	2	0		
SD RAPID CITY	67	28	87	-2	47	11	0.00	-0.19	0.00	0.42	81	0.79	59	65	22	0	3	0	0		
SD SIOUX FALLS	53	18	89	1	36	0	0.33	-0.03	0.25	0.92	100	1.25	53	95	44	0	5	2	0		
TN BRISTOL	62	32	77	22	47	-1	0.80	-0.07	0.72	2.24	83	9.63	94	88	38	0	5	2	1		
TN CHATTANOOGA	69	38	87	27	53	0	0.98	-0.24	0.98	3.39	92	9.88	72	88	33	0	3	1	1		
TN KNOXVILLE	66	37	83	26	51	0	1.30	0.24	1.30	3.76	113	12.13	94	82	35	0	4	1	1		
TN MEMPHIS	68	43	84	25	56	1	0.74	-0.56	0.74	4.25	108	8.89	70	67	36	0	2	1	1		
TN NASHVILLE	67	41	89	25	54	2	0.80	-0.21	0.70	1.74	56	8.14	70	71	32	0	2	2	1		
TX ABILENE	79	48	97	31	63	5	0.00	-0.40	0.00	2.81	239	4.92	138	56	19	2	2	0	0		
TX AMARILLO	80	39	98	18	59	9	0.00	-0.32	0.00	0.66	82	1.19	58	35	10	3	2	0	0		
TX AUSTIN	81	47	97	31	64	1	0.00	-0.67	0.00	1.55	81	3.83	59	77	20	3	1	0	0		
TX BEAUMONT	72	47	79	32	59	-5	0.02	-0.81	0.02	3.03	127	8.96	83	88	42	0	1	1	0		
TX BROWNSVILLE	82	58	92	50	70	-1	0.00	-0.33	0.00	0.00	0	0.26	8	83	37	1	0	0	0		
TX CORPUS CHRISTI	81	52	96	43	66	-2	0.00	-0.55	0.00	0.64	40	1.74	40	80	29	2	0	0	0		
TX DEL RIO	83	51	98	37	67	1	0.00	-0.28	0.00	0.00	0	0.50	25	65	15	3	0	0	0		
TX EL PASO	84	46	95	37	65	6	0.00	-0.05	0.00	0.01	6	1.68	170	29	8	4	0	0	0		
TX FORT WORTH	77	47	91	34	62	3	0.00	-0.72	0.00	3.12	138	15.75	209	66	25	1	0	0	0		
TX GALVESTON	70	56	77	41	63	-3	0.01	-0.73	0.01	2.02	96	8.65	101	79	48	0	0	1	0		
TX HOUSTON	76	49	88	33	62	-2	0.00	-0.76	0.00	3.35	141	7.92	87	84	31	0	0	0	0		
TX LUBBOCK	80	39	98	22	60	6	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.00	0	1.71	85	36	10	3	2	0	0		
TX MIDLAND	81	46	98	32	63	5	0.94	0.80	0.94	0.94	220	2.93	175	37	10	3	1	1	1		
TX SAN ANGELO	82	44	100	26	63	3	0.00	-0.33	0.00	0.83	83	1.79	57	63	14	4	2	0	0		
TX SAN ANTONIO	81	49	98	36	65	2	0.00	-0.53	0.00	0.47	30	2.13	40	73	19	3	0	0	0		
TX VICTORIA	77	47	90	31	62	-3	0.00	-0.68	0.00	2.61	132	4.15	62	86	30	1	1	0	0		
TX WACO	78	45	92	26	62	2	0.00	-0.74	0.00	0.81	37	3.04	40	81	25	2	2	0	0		
TX WICHITA FALLS	81	40	99	26	60	5	0.00	-0.47	0.00	0.33	24	2.79	70	67	15	3	2	0	0		
UT SALT LAKE CITY	71	43	84	27	57	10	0.00	-0.41	0.00	1.31	117	2.81	73	56	18	0	1	0	0		
VA LYNCHBURG	61	31	78	23	46	-1	1.30	0.43	1.18	2.77	109	8.76	98	84	34	0	5	3	1		
VA NORFOLK	60	40	74	34	50	-1	0.80	-0.06	0.74	1.45	57	7.28	84	83	43	0	0	3	1		
VA RICHMOND	63	36	77	27	50	1	0.19	-0.77	0.14	0.98	35	7.86	91	79	33	0	2	3	0		
VA ROANOKE	60	33	78	22	46	-3	0.82	0.02	0.43	1.75	73	6.61	78	76	32	0	4	2	0		
VA WASH/DULLES	59	34	72	23	46	2	1.35	0.52	0.89	2.65	112	8.18	103	82	37	0	2	4	1		
VT BURLINGTON	42	25	68	14	34	1	0.98	0.48	0.52	1.64	109	5.10	94	82	44	0	6	4	1		
WA OLYMPIA	56	42	66	28	49	5	2.31	1.02	0.82	7.91	198	16.98	100	96	64	0	1	6	3		
WA QUILLAYUTE	51	43	53	35	47	3	0.00	-2.69	0.00	0.00	0	10.81	35	98	81	0	0	0	0		
WA SEATTLE-TACOMA	54	45	57	35	49	2	1.52	0.57	0.51	5.51	190	13.03	104	95	70	0	0	6	1		
WA SPOKANE	54	40	64	20	47	6	0.06	-0.36	0.04	1.28	101	3.52	75	75	42	0	2	2	0		
WA YAKIMA	66	41	77	28	53	9	0.01	-0.12	0.01	0.44	94	1.99	81	76	29	0	2	1	0		
WI EAU CLAIRE	43	19	75	-3	31	-1	0.24	-0.22	0.24	1.39	118	3.00	91	93	47	0	6	1	0		
WI GREEN BAY	36	21	54	2	28	-5	0.48	0.04	0.43	1.90	154	5.63	147	91	63	0	5	2	0		
WI LA CROSSE	46	23	83	3	35	-2	1.04	0.57	0.92	2.13	173	4.49	122	91	48	0	5	3	1		
WI MADISON	44	24	76	5	34	-1	1.02	0.52	0.66	3.17	228	5.75	131	92	54	0	5	4	1		
WI MILWAUKEE	44	25	73	10	35	-3	1.55	1.07	1.33	2.83	205	5.07	104	89	53	0	4	2	1		
WI BECKLEY	55	31	75	13	44	0	0.62	-0.30	0.50	1.76	64	8.04	89	77	41	0	3	2	1		
WI CHARLESTON	61	31	75	16	46	0	0.65	-0.29	0.57	2.43	83	7.40	77	89	38	0	4	2	1		
WI ELKINS	56	28	71	10	42	1	0.86	-0.04	0.42	3.93	145	9.50	105	95	44	0	5	3	0		
WI HUNTINGTON	64	35	79	20	49	2	0.85	-0.11	0.78	2.86	98	7.53	80	72	36	0	3	2	1		
WY CASPER	68	32	83	5	50	13	0.10	-0.10	0.10	0.31	59	1.00	63	62	19	0	2	1	0		
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WY LANDER	67	33	82	9	50	13	0.09	-0.23	0.09	1.12	151	1.57	80	57	20	0	2	1	0		
WY SHERIDAN	65	29	83	8	47	10	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.84	139	1.77	94	80	24	0	2	0	0		

Based on 1991-2020 normals

*** Not Available

International Weather and Crop Summary

March 15 – 21, 2026

International Weather and Crop Highlights and Summaries provided by USDA/WAOB

HIGHLIGHTS

EUROPE: Mostly dry and warm weather promoted fieldwork and winter crop development, though locally heavy showers lingered in parts of southern Europe.

WESTEN FSU: Unseasonably warm weather ushered winter crops out of dormancy from Moldova and southern Ukraine into southwestern Russia.

MIDDLE EAST: A slow-moving storm brought moderate to very heavy rain and snow to western and central portions of the region.

NORTHWEST AFRICA: Widespread showers maintained good to excellent yield prospects for reproductive winter grains.

AUSTRALIA: Dry and warm weather in eastern Australia favored cotton and sorghum harvesting, while Tropical Cyclone Narelle triggered heavy to excessive rain in the far north.

EAST ASIA: Beneficial showers aided winter rapeseed and spring rice across southern China.

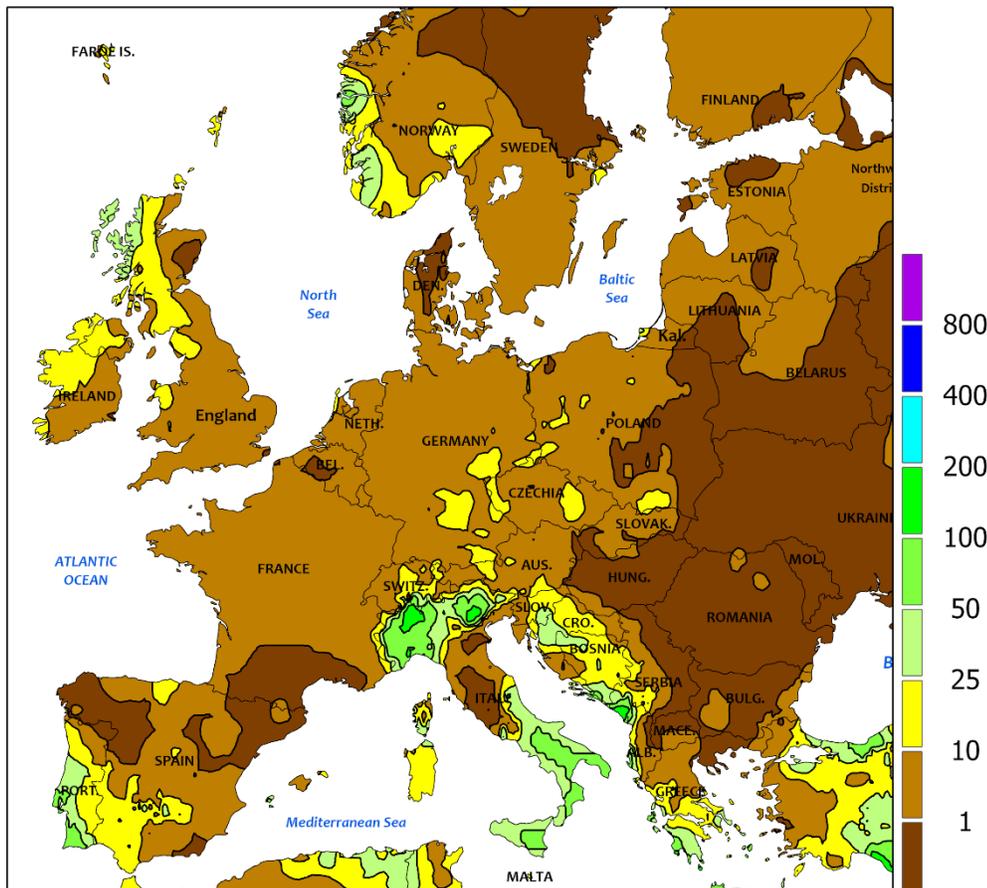
SOUTH AFRICA: The Maize Triangle experienced extensive and beneficial precipitation over large areas.

ARGENTINA: Widespread showers returned to the east, offering welcome relief and helping to replenish soil moisture.

BRAZIL: Rainfall remained widespread across the region, with the exception of the far south and portions of the east, where drier conditions prevailed.



EUROPE
Total Precipitation(mm)
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Station precipitation reports from France and Hungary are either missing or suspect.

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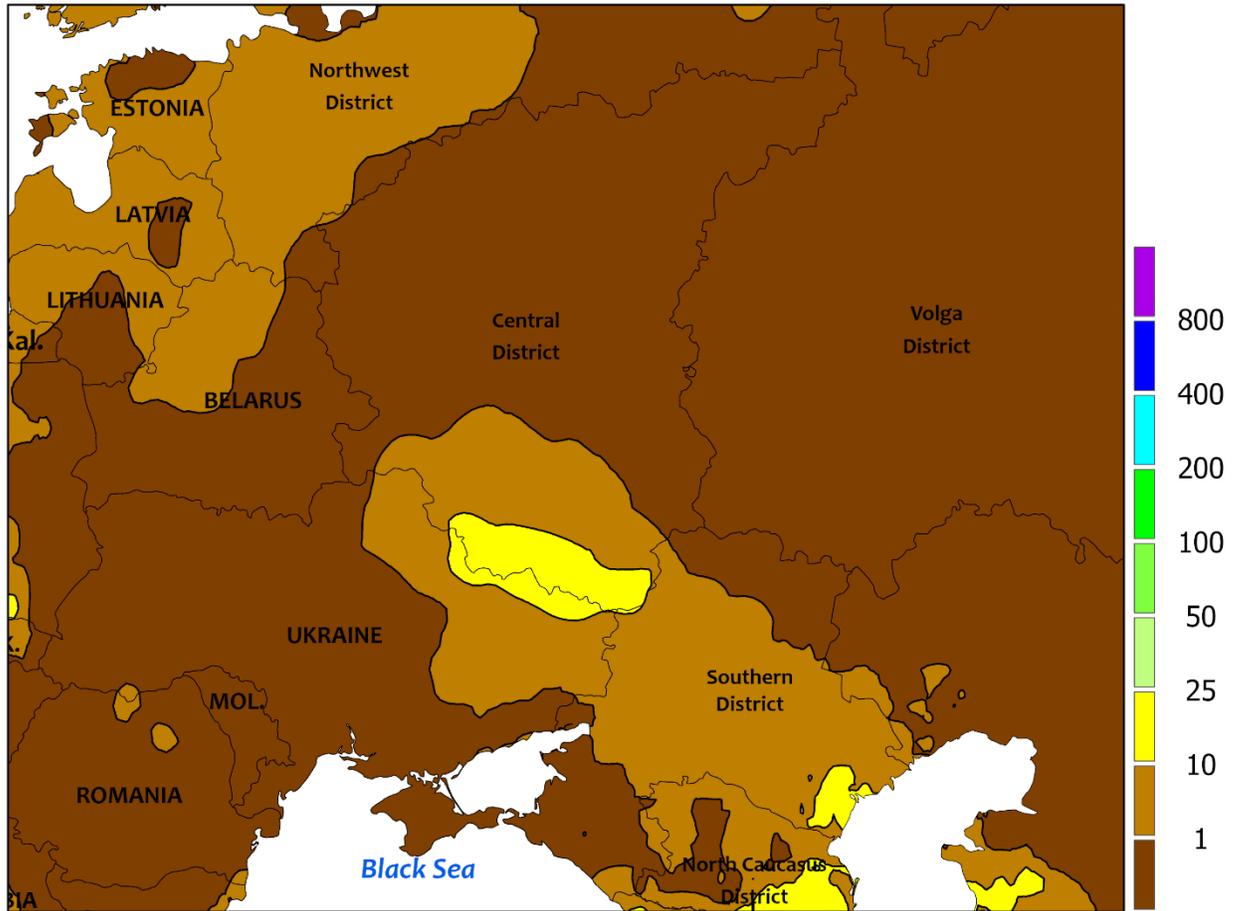
EUROPE

Mostly dry and warm conditions over central and northern Europe contrasted with locally heavy rainfall farther south. Outside of light early-week showers (less than 10 mm), sunny and warm weather promoted seasonal fieldwork and the development of vegetative winter crops from France and southeastern England eastward into Poland, the Baltic States, and the Danube River Valley. Temperatures in these croplands averaged 1 to 3°C above normal but up to 6°C above normal in the Baltics; however, near- to below-normal temperatures (up to 3°C below normal) lingered in southeastern Europe. Meanwhile, a broad area of low pressure west of the Iberian Peninsula triggered light to moderate showers (5-55 mm) in Portugal and

southern Spain as it drifted southward, boosting moisture supplies for vegetative to heading winter grains. Farther east, a pair of retrograding (westward moving) storms over the central Mediterranean Sea generated pockets of moderate to locally excessive rain along and adjacent to the Po River Valley of northern Italy (10-135 mm), the southern Italian Peninsula (25-255 mm), and the western Balkans (10-45 mm). Consequently, moisture supplies remained overall favorable in southern Europe for vegetative to heading winter crops.

**Surface-based weather station data from France and Hungary were either missing or suspect; radar and satellite data were used to augment the analysis.*

WESTERN FSU
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Data availability may be affected by the current geopolitical situation in Ukraine

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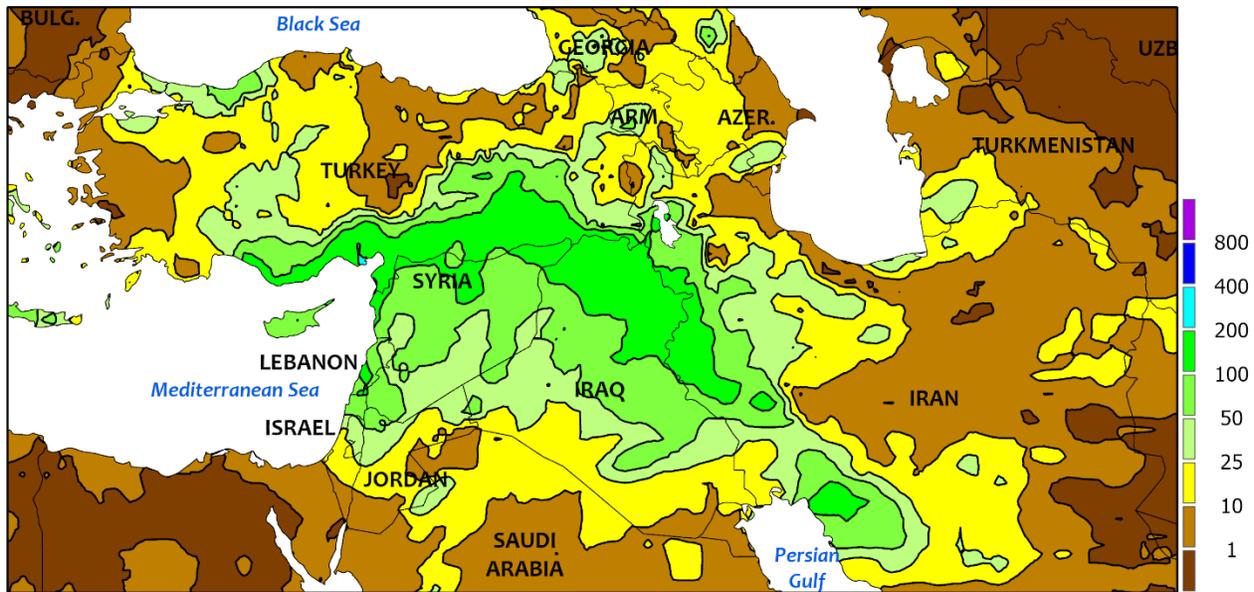


WESTERN FSU

Sunny and warm weather ushered winter crops out of dormancy in the south and eroded the lingering snowpack farther north. Temperatures for the week averaged 2 to 6°C above normal in central and northern portions of the region and 1 to 2°C above normal in the southwest. The anomalous warmth ushered winter crops out of

dormancy in Moldova, southern Ukraine, and southwestern Russia one to two weeks ahead of average. However, a moderate to deep snowpack (10-70 cm) persisted in Russia's Central District at the end of the monitoring period, though the southern edge of the snow cover eroded northward in response to the past week's warmth.

MIDDLE EAST
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Weather station data for Syria, Iraq, and Iran was not available for this week's analysis.

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MIDDLE EAST

A potent, slow-moving Mediterranean storm system brought moderate to heavy rain and high-elevation snow to much of the region. The leading edge of the storm approached the eastern Mediterranean Coast by midweek, with additional upper-air energy causing the storm to intensify and drift slowly ashore during the latter half of the monitoring period. In Turkey, weekly precipitation totals (rain and snow, liquid equivalent) varied from 10 to 60 mm on the Anatolian Plateau to more than 100 mm (locally as much as 275 mm) across southern and southeastern portions of the country. Similarly, satellite-derived precipitation estimates topped 100 mm in northern Syria* and exceeded 200 mm in northern and

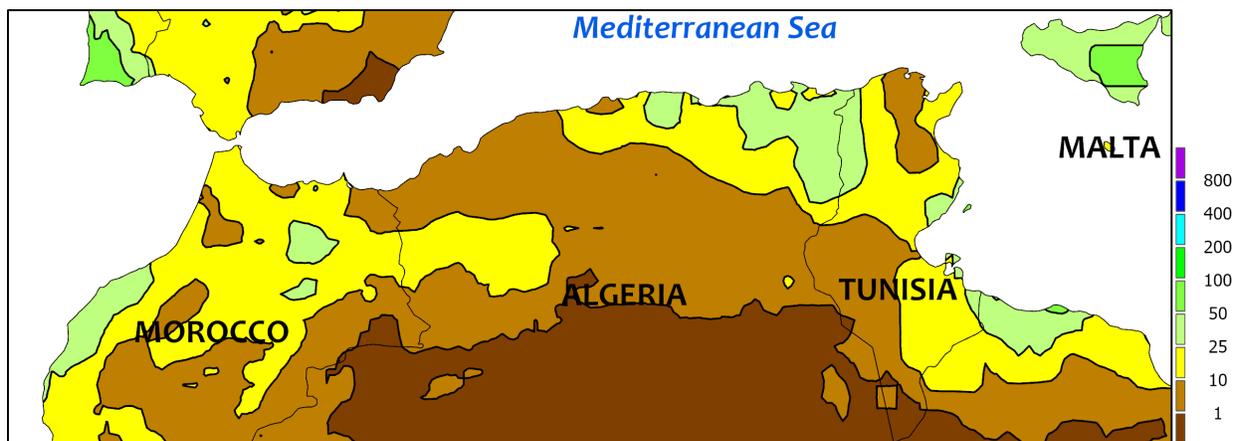
northeastern Iraq*. Satellite data indicated a sharp west-to-east gradient in western Iran* from more than 100 mm in the far west to less than 10 mm away from the Persian Gulf and the border with Iraq. The resultant soil moisture improvements boosted winter crop yield prospects as well as summer crop irrigation reserves. However, mostly dry and warm weather indicated by satellite in northeastern Iran (Khorasan) supported seasonal fieldwork and winter grain development.

**Surface-based weather station data from Iran, Iraq, and much of Syria were either missing or suspect; radar and satellite data were used to augment the analysis.*

NORTHWESTERN AFRICA

Total Precipitation(mm)

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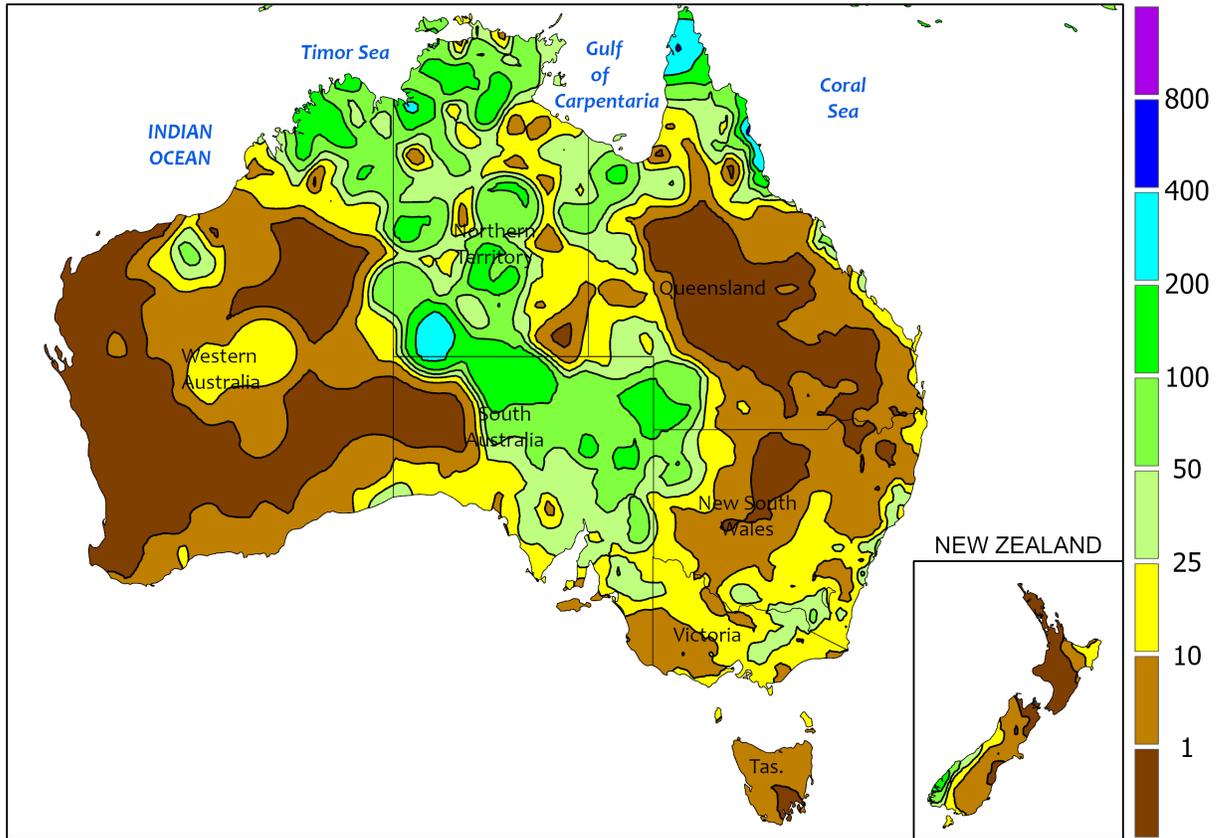


NORTHWESTERN AFRICA

Widespread showers maintained good to excellent conditions for winter grains across the region. An upper-air low west of the Iberian Peninsula drifted southward, triggering variable showers and thunderstorms (2-40 mm) over Morocco. Meanwhile, a pair of retrograding (westward moving) disturbances

over the Mediterranean Sea generated periods of rain across Algeria (5-25 mm, locally more than 50 mm in the northeast) and Tunisia (5-45 mm). Consequently, yield prospects remained good to excellent for reproductive to filling winter barley and vegetative to flowering winter wheat regionwide.

AUSTRALIA
Total Precipitation(mm)
March 15 - 21, 2026



Gridded data from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology: www.bom.gov.au/
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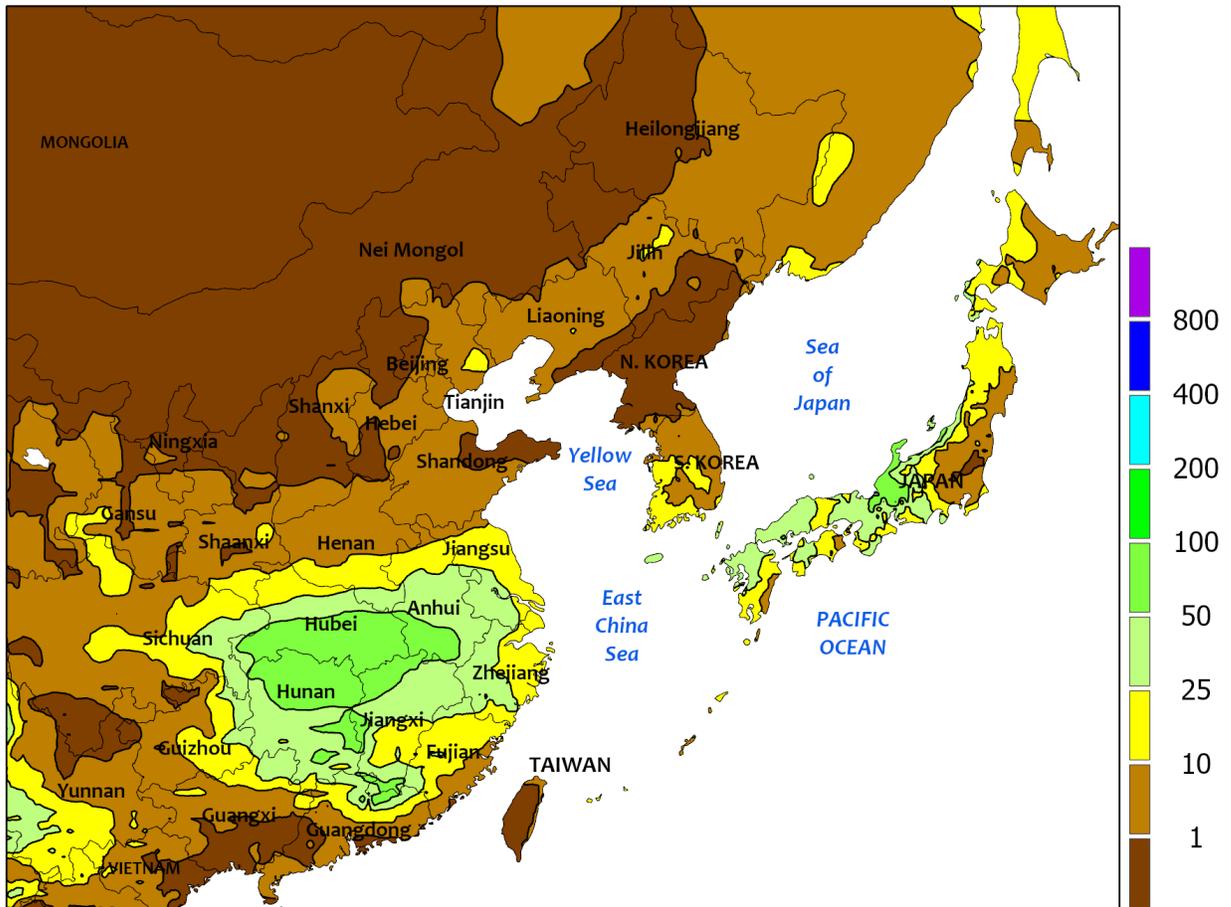


AUSTRALIA

Sunny skies and near- to above-normal temperatures in New South Wales and southern Queensland promoted cotton and sorghum drydown and harvesting. Anomalous warmth was most pronounced in central and southern New South Wales, where temperatures for the week averaged up to 3°C above normal (daytime highs reaching the

mid-30s degrees C). Meanwhile, Tropical Cyclone Narelle moved westward across the northern tip of the continent, producing 100 to 400 mm of rainfall in northern Queensland and 50 to 175 mm in northern portions of the Northern Territory and Western Australia; the downpours caused localized flooding but fell outside primary growing areas.

EASTERN ASIA
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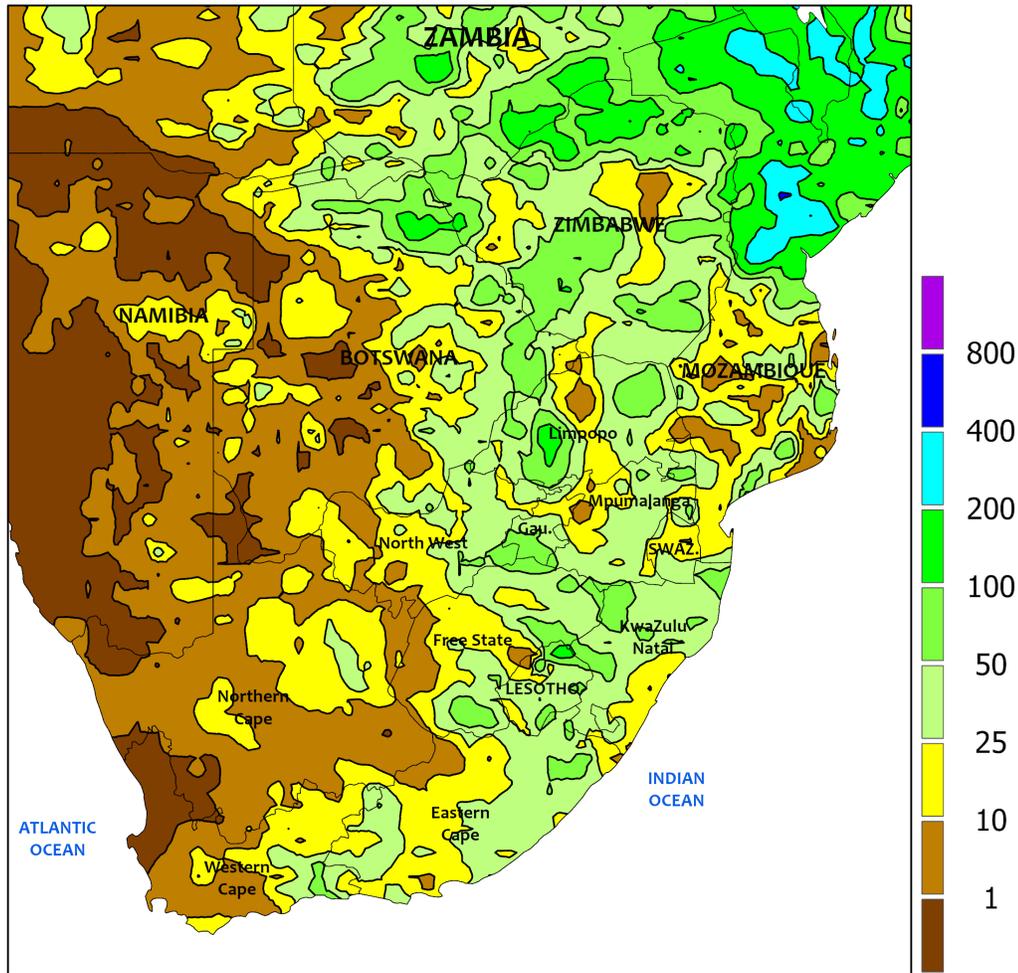


EASTERN ASIA

Beneficial rainfall across east-central and southern China supported winter rapeseed, spring rice, and some winter wheat. The Yangtze Valley and southeastern areas received 10 to 100 mm of rain, supporting reproductive rapeseed and newly sown early-crop rice. Near- to above-normal temperatures (up to 4°C above normal) prevailed across much of this region, promoting crop

development. Daytime highs ranged from the upper teens to lower 20s (degrees C). In Japan, rainfall generally totaled 10 to 50 mm and temperatures averaged near to above normal (up to 3°C above normal). The Korean Peninsula was drier overall, with scattered showers (less than 25 mm) in South Korea, while temperatures remained near to above normal (up to 2°C above normal).

SOUTH AFRICA
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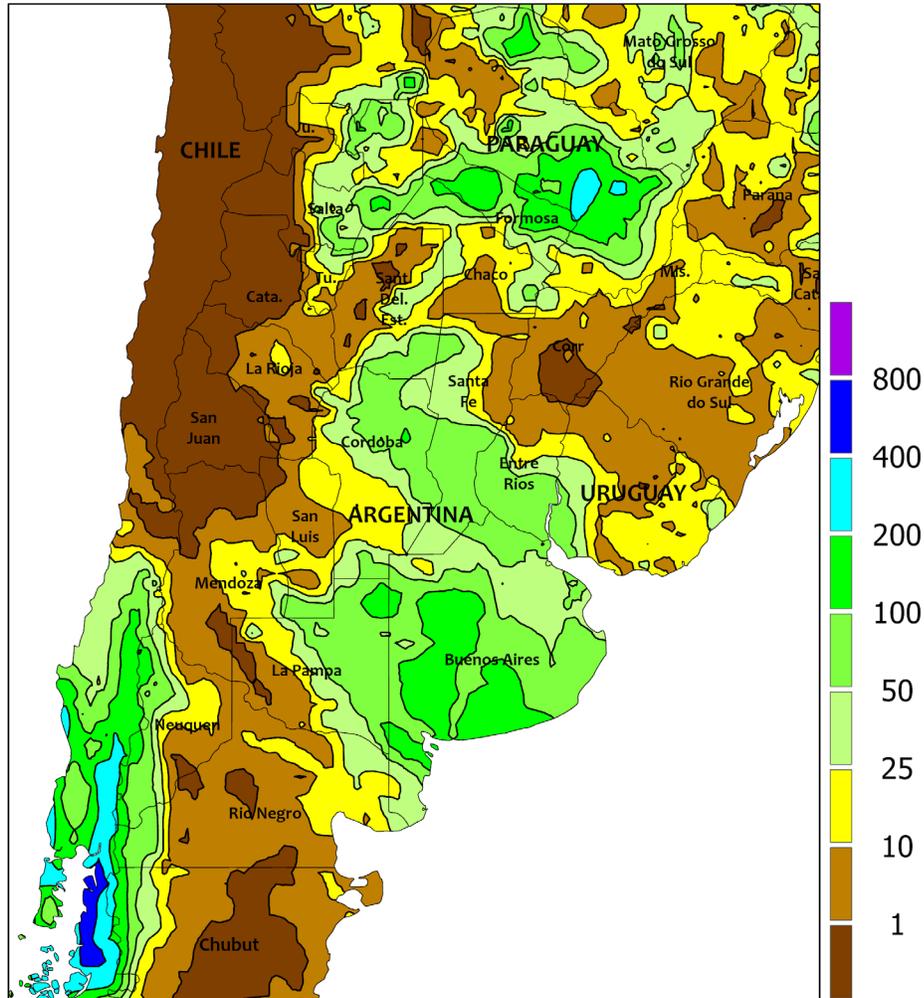


SOUTH AFRICA

Rainfall returned to much of the Maize Triangle, except for some western portions of North West and Free State, where amounts were generally under 10 mm. While most regions received 10 to 100 mm, a few isolated spots measured more than 100 mm. Temperatures were mild, averaging near to 2°C above normal, with daytime highs mostly in the upper 20s to lower 30s (degrees C). Elsewhere,

conditions were generally dry with only scattered showers, mainly in Eastern and Northern Cape. Temperatures averaged up to 4°C above normal, and daytime highs ranged from the lower to upper 30s, with some locations in Western and Northern Cape reaching the lower 40s. The hot weather fostered rapid development of crops in irrigated farming areas in the Cape Provinces.

ARGENTINA
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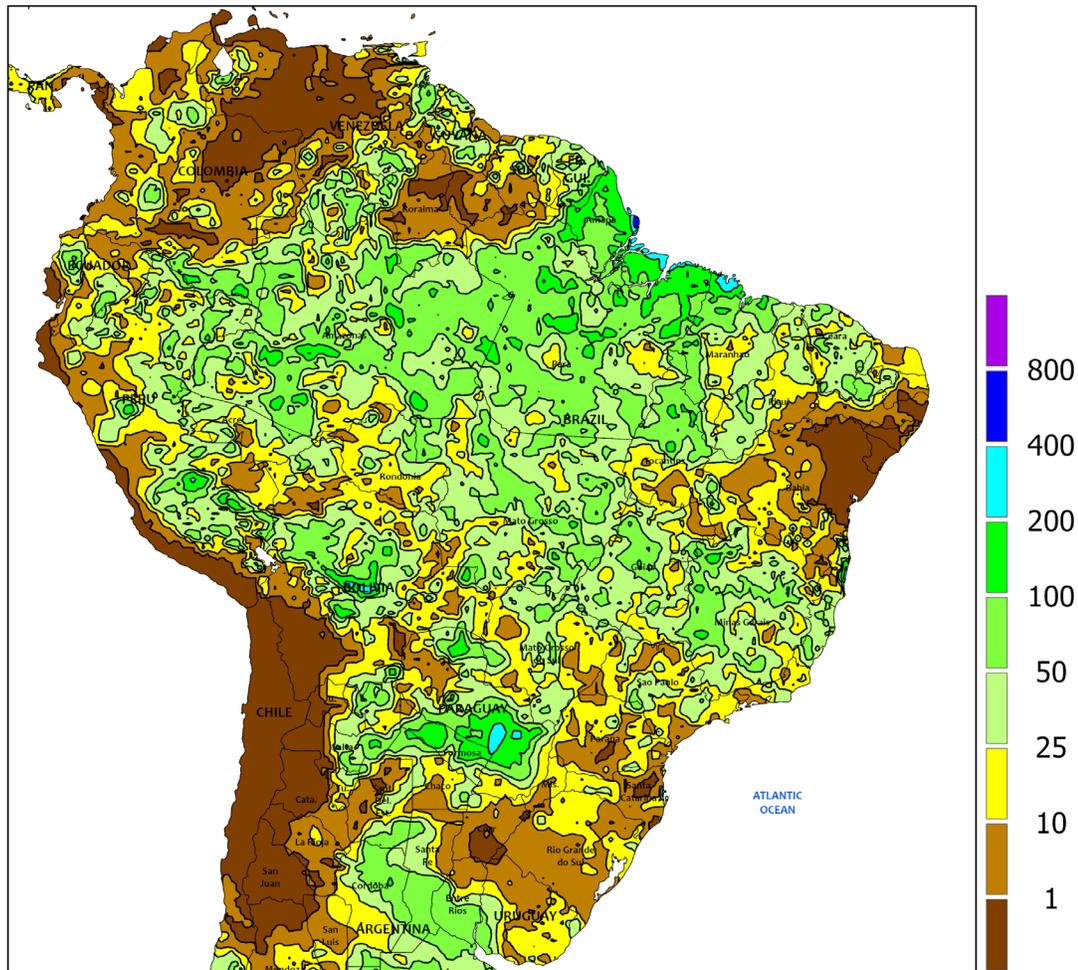


ARGENTINA

Showers covered much of the region, particularly in eastern and southern areas where water deficits had been a concern. Rainfall totaled 10 to 100 mm, with localized amounts nearing 200 mm, especially in Buenos Aires, providing welcome relief and helping to replenish soil moisture. Temperatures varied across the region, with daytime highs mostly in the lower to middle 30s (degrees C), but slightly cooler (upper 20s) across southern La Pampa and Buenos Aires. According to the government’s March 19 report, recent

rainfall improved conditions for late-planted and second-crop corn moving through reproductive stages and also benefited early-planted crops in grain filling; the moisture also improved prospects for later-planted soybeans in flowering and pod formation. In Salta and Santiago del Estero, adequate soil moisture supported generally good crop conditions, with cotton progressing from flowering to boll formation. Overall crop prospects remain favorable, with most soybean fields in good to very good condition.

BRAZIL
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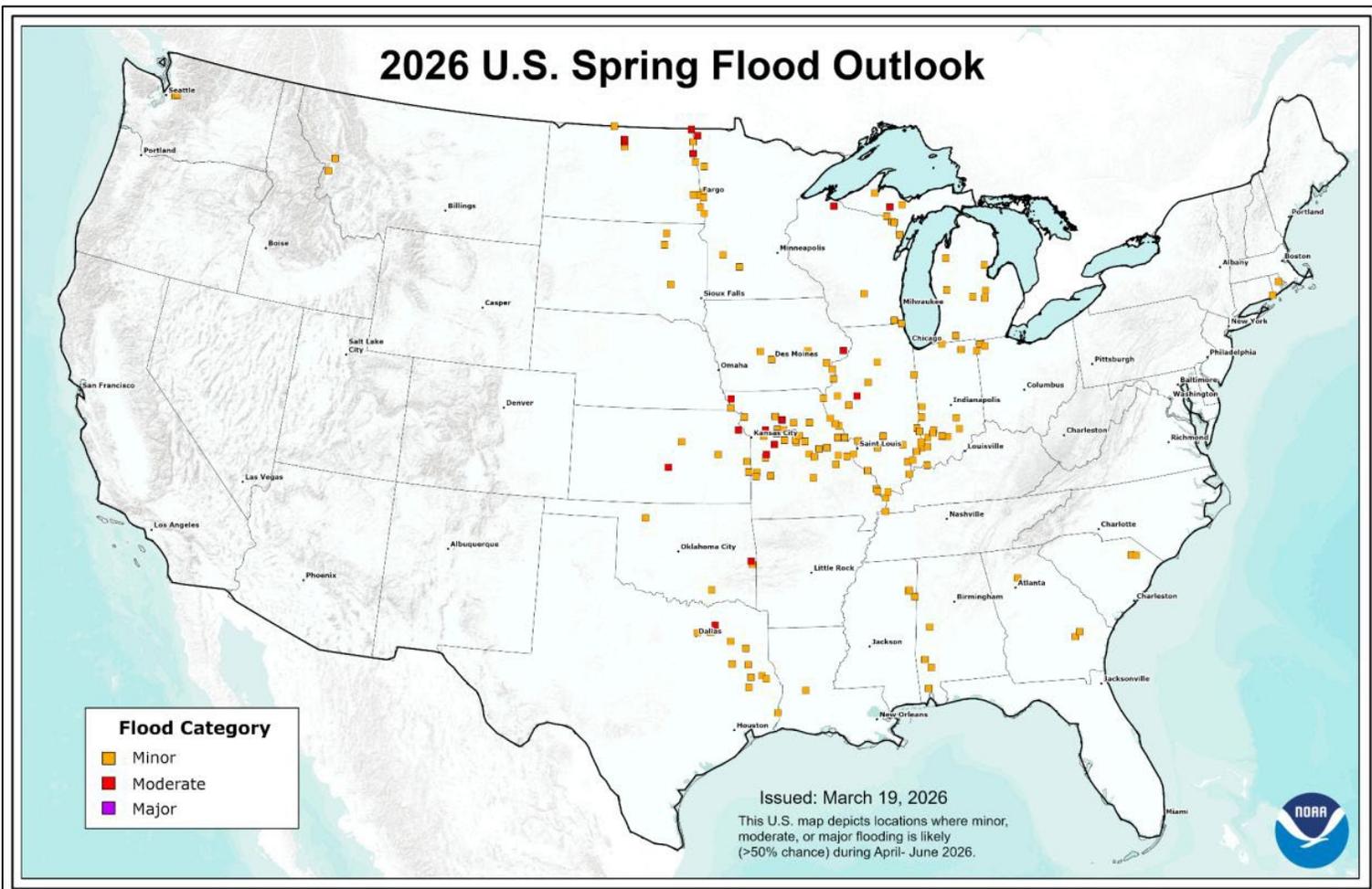


BRAZIL

Widespread showers continued to support generally favorable conditions for corn and cotton across central and northern Brazil, with most production areas receiving 10 to 100 mm of rain and some localized pockets topping 100 to 200 mm. Rainfall was more limited in the south near Rio Grande do Sul and in parts of Bahia, where totals stayed below 10 mm. Aside from the far south — where temperatures ran up to 4°C above normal — temperatures across the region were near average, with daytime highs

in the lower to middle 30s (degrees C). According to Paraná’s March 19 report, wet conditions in parts of the state have slowed fieldwork and delayed second-crop corn planting. In Rio Grande do Sul, soybean and corn harvests are progressing, but both crops showed highly uneven performance due to irregular, poorly distributed rainfall and periods of heat-driven water stress, leaving potential yields variable and remaining fields dependent on additional moisture.

2026 U.S. Spring Flood Outlook



With drought covering nearly 55 percent of the Lower 48 States in mid-March 2026, according to the *U.S. Drought Monitor*, there are few concerns related to spring flooding. Although minor to locally moderate spring flooding is the most likely outcome in some areas, including parts of the middle Mississippi Valley and along the Red River of the North, large-scale issues are not expected. However, even a spring with few overall wetness-related concerns can feature flooding from episodic heavy-rain events, such as what recently occurred in southern Indiana’s White River Valley in the wake of early-March downpours.

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