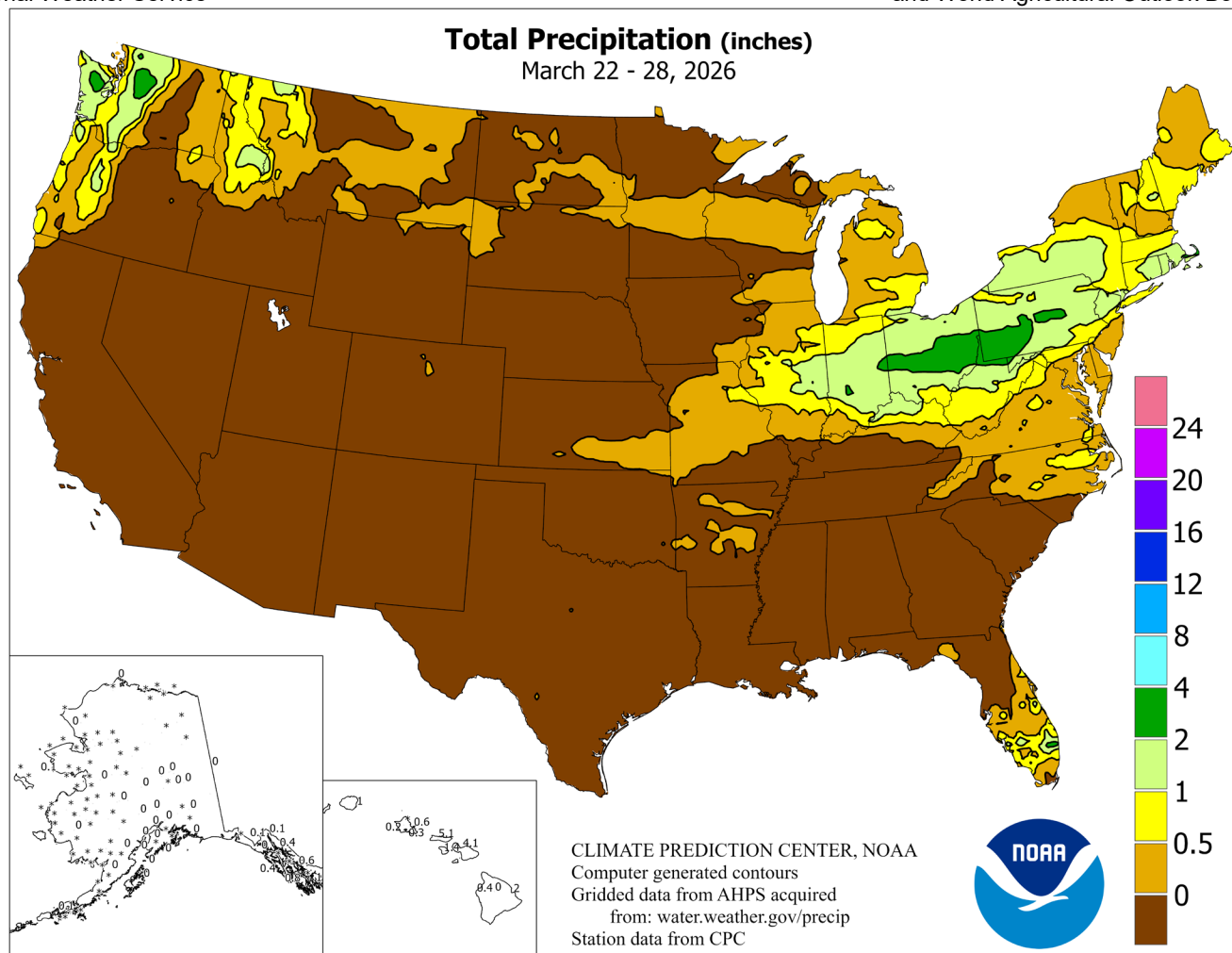


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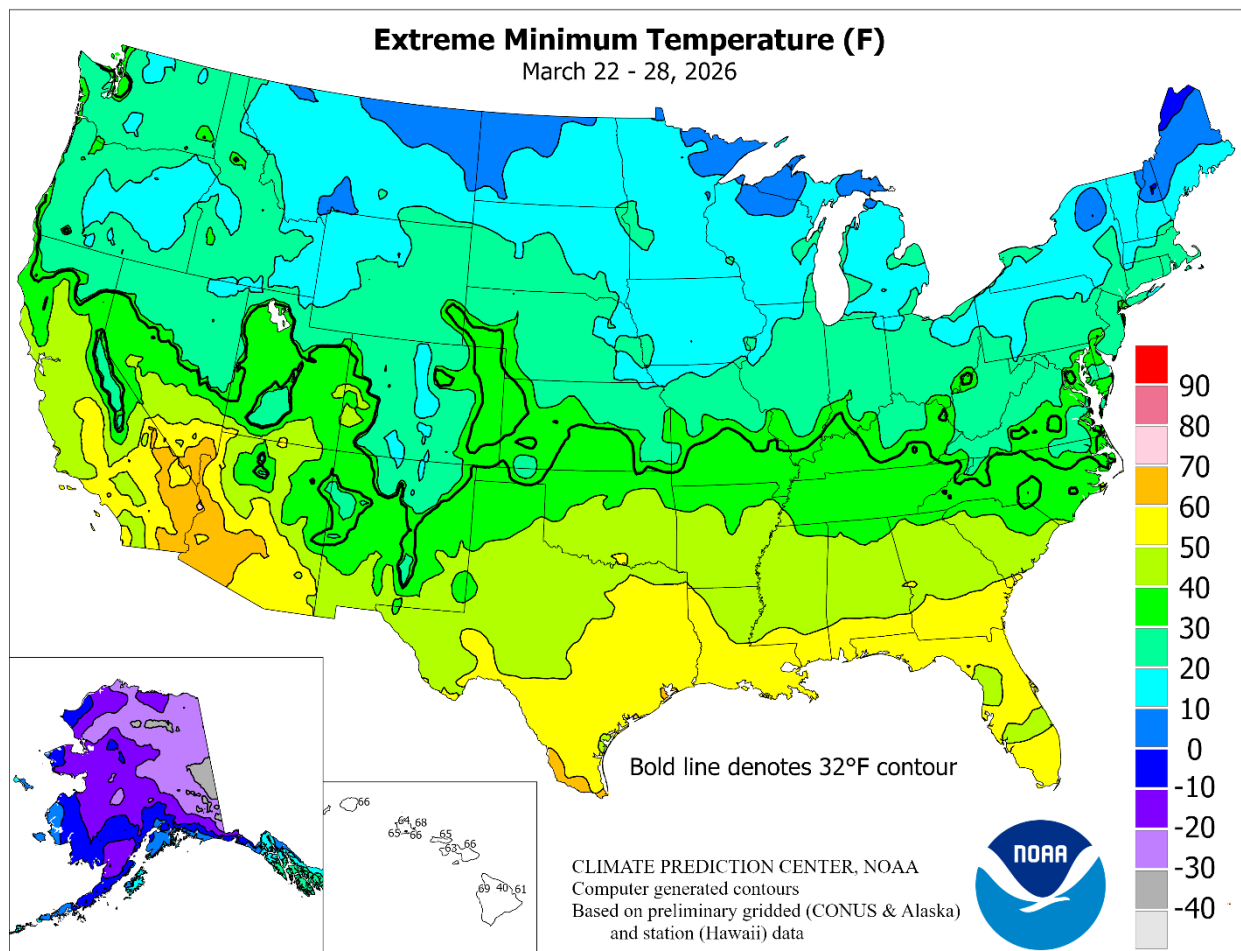
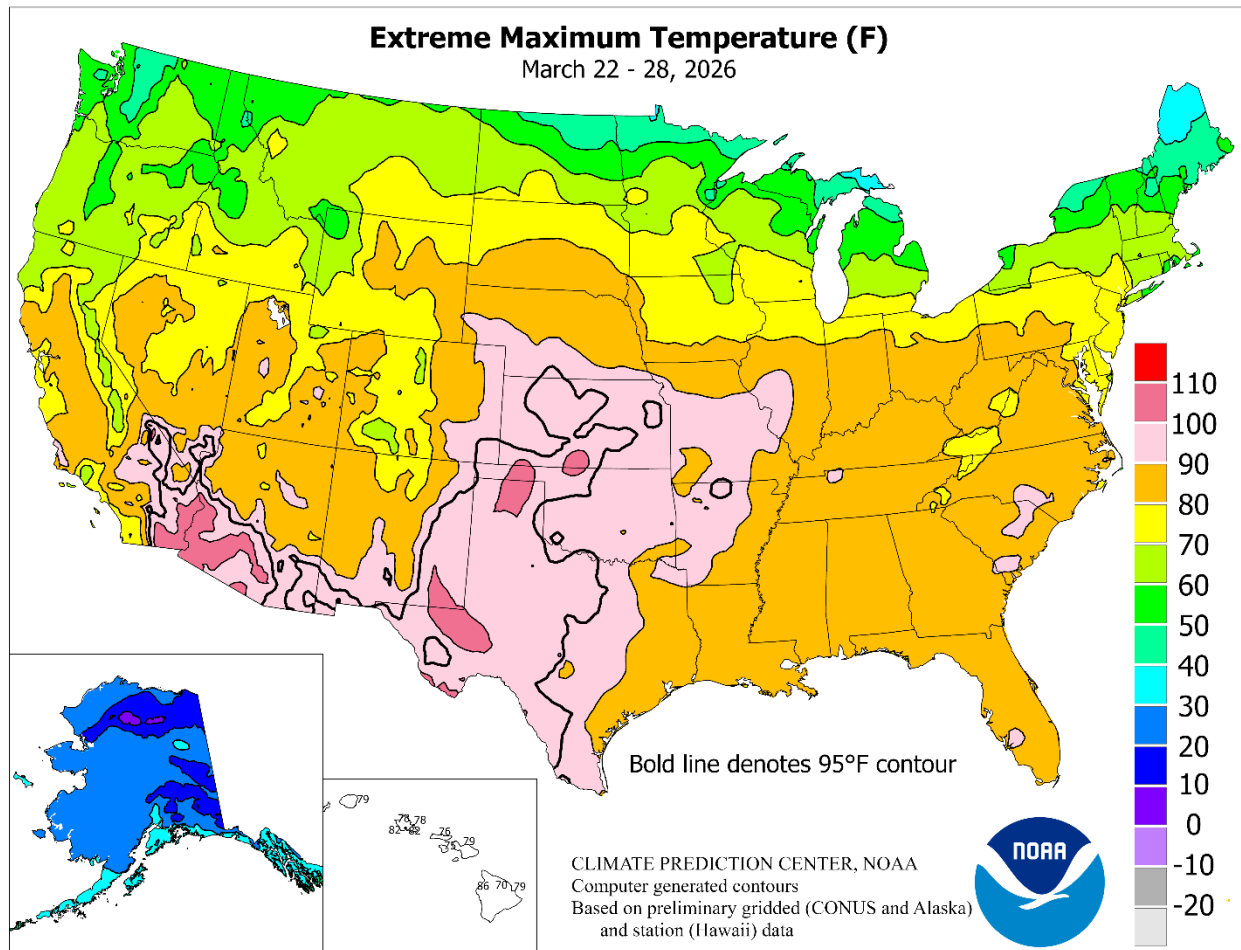
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Amid a record-setting **Western** warm spell, mountain snowpack continued to prematurely melt, leaving many **Southwestern** peaks barren and resulting in peak accumulations having occurred more than a month earlier than normal in some drainage basins. The California Department of Water Resources indicated that the water equivalency of the **Sierra Nevada** snowpack had fallen below 5 inches (less than 20 percent of normal) by March 30, down from 15 inches at the beginning of the month. One of the few areas reporting meaningful late-March

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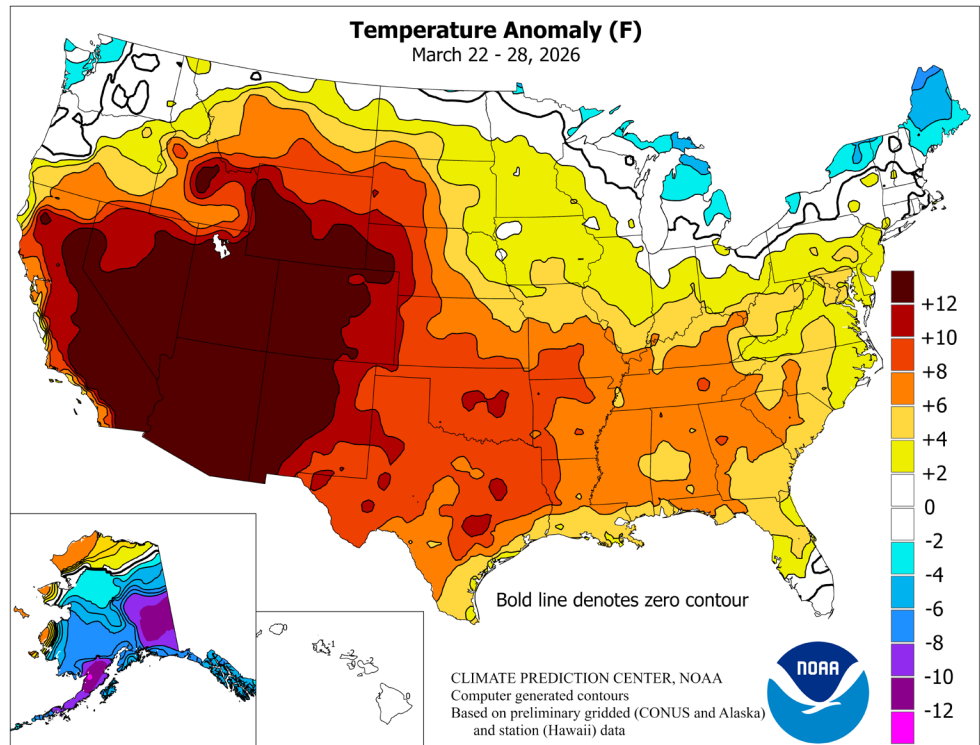
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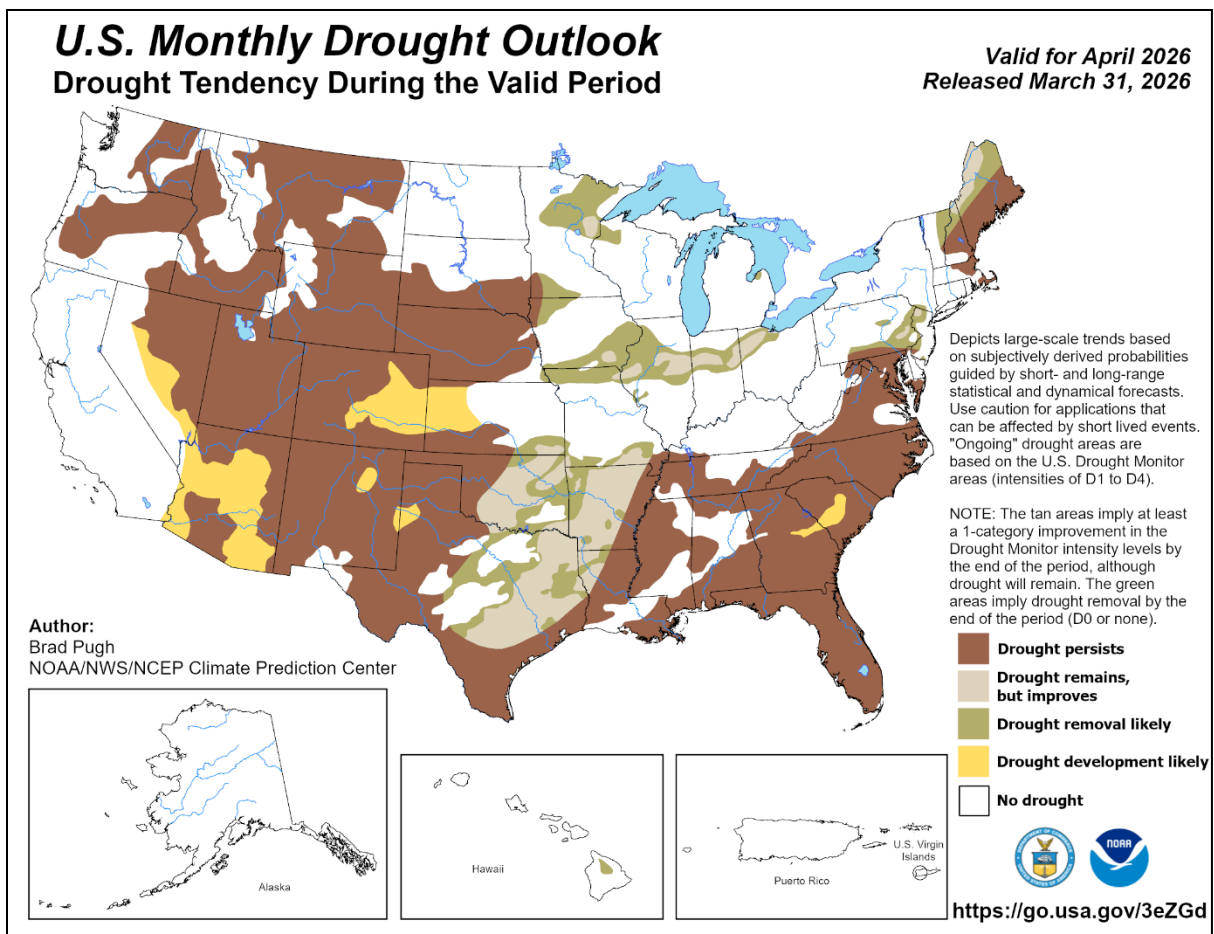
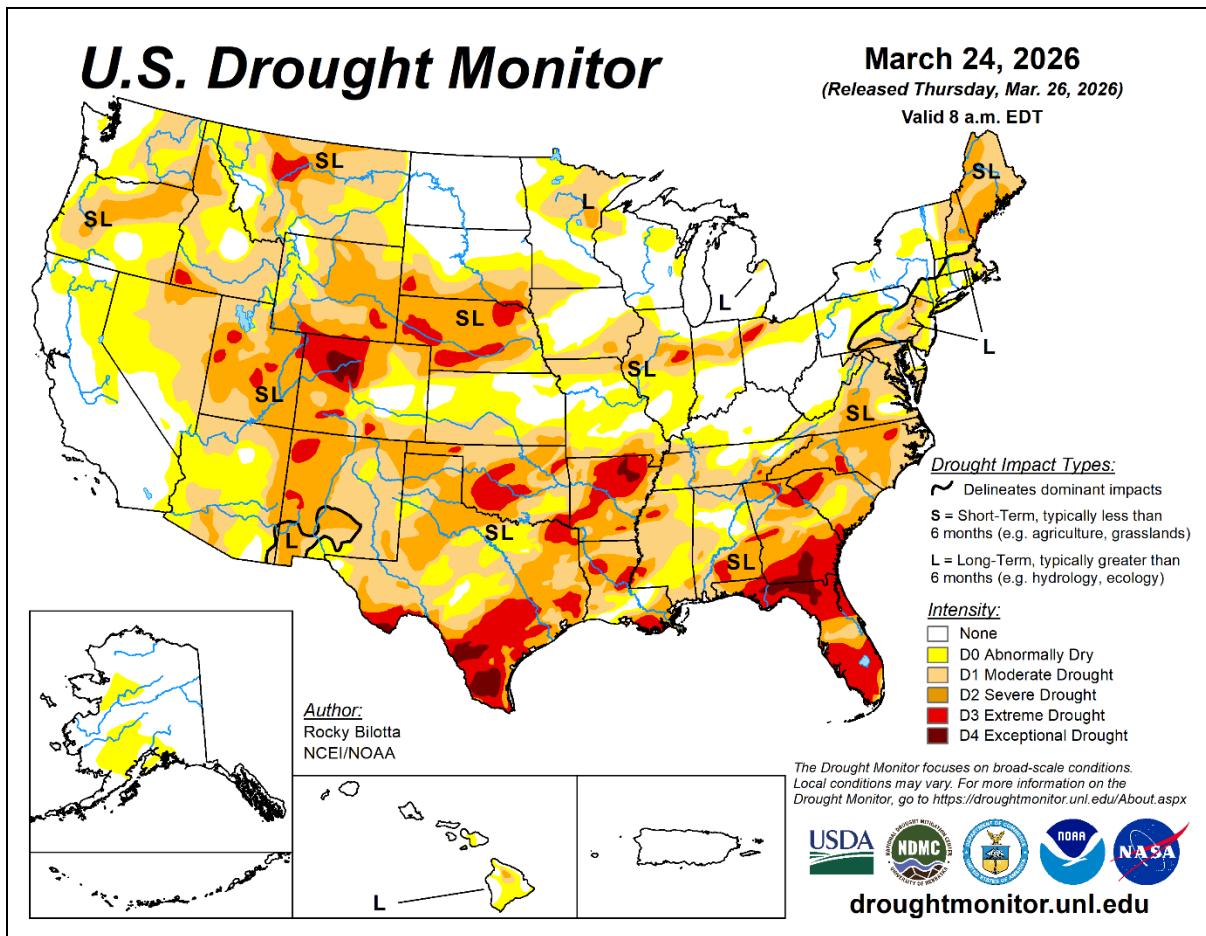
precipitation stretched from the **eastern Corn Belt into southern New England**, where as much as 1 to 3 inches fell. On March 22 and 26, severe weather outbreaks across the **lower Midwest** and environs led to localized wind and hail damage. Dry weather covered the remainder of the country, aside from scattered showers across **Florida's peninsula** and periodic precipitation in the **northern Rockies** and **Pacific Northwest**. Pervasive drought from the **central and southern Plains into the Southeast** maintained stress on some rangeland, pastures, and winter wheat, with declining crop conditions reported during March due to lack of moisture and wild temperature extremes, including alternating spells of freezes and record-setting heat. Weekly temperatures broadly averaged at least 10°F above normal from **California to the High Plains**, excluding **Montana**. A separate area of similar warmth spanned the **South**, except along and near the **Gulf Coast**. Meanwhile, near- or below-normal temperatures were limited to the **nation's northern tier**. In fact, the only area reporting significantly cooler-than-normal weather—with readings as much as 5°F below normal—was **northern New England**.

East of the Rockies, a pair of short-lived cool outbreaks peaked early and late in the week. During both events, freezes were reported as far south as the **central Plains, Ohio Valley, and middle Atlantic States**. However, readings below 32°F did not reach the **South**, leaving unharmed those winter grains and fruit crops that escaped freeze injury during a more significant mid-March cold snap. Between cool spells, hundreds of additional daily high temperatures records were set in various parts of the country. Several locations, including **Midland, TX** (99°F), and **Indianapolis, IN** (88°F), achieved monthly records on March 22. Three days later, on the 25th, monthly record highs on the **High Plains** surged to 98°F in **Roswell, NM**; 94°F in **Goodland, KS**; 92°F in **Scottsbluff, NE**; and 87°F in **Denver, CO**. Record-shattering heat lingered through March 26 from the **central and southern Plains into the Midwest**. On that date, **Medicine Lodge, KS** (103°F), set a preliminary monthly state record that had been previously set near **Plainville** with a high of 101°F on March 21, 2026. Other monthly record highs established on March 26 included 102°F in **Borger, TX**; 96°F in **Topeka, KS**; and 92°F in **Springfield, IL**. Springfield's former standard of 91°F had been established on March 21, 1907. **Alamosa, CO**, achieved daily-record highs each day from March 18-30, except the 27th, with the temperature peaking at 83°F (a monthly record by 7°F) on the 21st. Late in the week, lingering heat was mostly limited to the **West**, where **Phoenix, AZ**, recorded its ninth triple-digit reading (102°F on March 27) of the month. Prior to this year, the only 100-degree March reading in **Phoenix** during the last 130 years occurred on March 26, 1988.



Precipitation highlights were limited, although **New Philadelphia, OH**, collected a record-setting sum (1.24 inches) for March 26. In **West Virginia**, daily-record amounts for March 27 included 1.34 inches in **Morgantown** and 0.87 inch in **Clarksburg**. Through the 28th, the month-to-date total of 6.18 inches in **Pittsburgh, PA**, clipped its March 1967 record of 6.10 inches. Earlier, enough precipitation had clipped the **Pacific Northwest** to result in a daily-record sum (0.99 inch) for **Seattle, WA**, on March 24. However, a bigger story was the impact of March dryness across the **nation's southwestern quadrant**, especially when combined with early-season heat. Through March 28, locations on the **High Plains** awaiting their first measurable precipitation of the month included **Childress, Dalhart, Lubbock, and Midland, TX**; **Guymon and Hobart, OK**; **Burlington, La Junta, Lamar, and Trinidad, CO**; and **Dodge City, Garden City, and Goodland, KS**.

Cold, dry conditions covered much of the **southern half of Alaska**, while mild weather was confined to the **state's northern tier**. **McGrath** recorded a minimum temperature of 0°F or below on each of the first 30 days of the month, breaking a March 1972 record of 29 such days. Meanwhile in **southeastern Alaska**, **Juneau** received a final round of snow (9.3 inches) from March 22-24, leaving the month-to-date total at 69.5 inches. Previously, **Juneau's** snowiest March had occurred in 2007, with 62.7 inches. Late in the week, milder air began to overspread **western Alaska**, excluding the **Aleutians**. Farther south, **Hawaii** settled into a favorably drier regime, following recent downpours. Despite a mostly dry week, March 1-28 rainfall at the state's major airport observation sites ranged from 13.27 inches (116 percent of normal) at **Hilo**, on the **Big Island**, to 21.10 inches (876 percent) in **Kahului, Maui**. 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 28, 2026

Accessible Data Available from the Climate Prediction Center

STATES AND STATIONS		TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION							RELATIVE HUMIDITY PERCENT		NUMBER OF DAYS			
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																	90 AND ABOVE	32 AND BELOW	.01 INCH OR MORE	.50 INCH OR MORE
AK	ANCHORAGE	28	10	31	6	19	-9	0.00	-0.14	0.00	0.34	54	4.29	190	83	36	0	7	0	0
	BARROW	7	-7	21	-22	0	0	0.00	-0.04	0.00	1.76	900	5.80	900	88	73	0	7	0	0
	FAIRBANKS	20	-19	25	-23	1	-15	0.00	-0.08	0.00	1.22	338	5.29	355	89	33	0	7	0	0
	JUNEAU	34	20	35	11	27	-8	0.37	-0.40	0.22	5.56	165	17.63	128	90	44	0	7	3	0
	KODIAK	34	23	38	15	29	-5	0.00	-1.15	0.00	2.03	47	16.94	89	68	38	0	7	0	0
AL	NOME	20	4	26	-11	12	1	0.06	-0.09	0.06	0.31	46	3.58	137	99	67	0	7	1	0
	BIRMINGHAM	78	53	85	43	65	7	0.00	-1.20	0.00	4.80	93	14.75	97	77	36	0	0	0	0
	HUNTSVILLE	75	50	85	40	62	6	0.00	-1.20	0.00	4.07	83	11.87	79	79	38	0	0	0	0
	MOBILE	81	59	85	57	70	7	0.00	-1.21	0.00	3.54	72	7.27	48	95	41	0	0	0	0
	MONTGOMERY	81	53	86	45	67	6	0.00	-1.07	0.00	1.43	30	9.09	63	89	37	0	0	0	0
AR	FORT SMITH	79	54	95	47	66	10	0.11	-0.80	0.11	1.31	40	4.43	50	78	31	2	0	1	0
	LITTLE ROCK	76	53	90	41	65	9	0.10	-0.97	0.10	2.24	50	7.79	65	78	34	1	0	1	0
AZ	FLAGSTAFF	75	34	77	30	55	15	0.00	-0.34	0.00	0.02	1	2.56	42	55	11	0	3	0	0
	PHOENIX	100	69	102	66	85	16	0.00	-0.14	0.00	0.13	16	0.61	24	24	7	7	0	0	0
	PRESCOTT	83	47	85	45	65	15	0.00	-0.18	0.00	0.00	0	1.80	53	41	8	0	0	0	0
CA	TUCSON	96	62	100	59	79	15	0.00	-0.11	0.00	0.31	60	2.00	91	22	6	6	0	0	0
	BAKERSFIELD	85	59	87	56	72	12	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.00	0	2.27	66	70	25	0	0	0	0
	EUREKA	57	42	63	38	50	0	0.08	-1.17	0.08	0.44	8	10.96	62	97	69	0	0	1	0
	FRESNO	85	59	88	57	72	13	0.00	-0.39	0.00	0.00	0	3.48	59	79	29	0	0	0	0
	LOS ANGELES	69	59	71	58	64	4	0.00	-0.29	0.00	0.00	0	5.06	67	94	67	0	0	0	0
CO	REDDING	81	53	86	44	67	11	0.00	-0.91	0.00	0.01	0	10.13	64	76	19	0	0	0	0
	SACRAMENTO	82	51	85	48	66	10	0.00	-0.52	0.00	0.00	0	5.65	58	85	27	0	0	0	0
	SAN DIEGO	71	61	72	60	66	5	0.00	-0.25	0.00	0.00	0	5.32	96	91	64	0	0	0	0
	SAN FRANCISCO	73	51	77	49	62	6	0.00	-0.52	0.00	0.05	2	7.45	71	83	30	0	0	0	0
	STOCKTON	83	49	86	47	66	8	0.00	-0.39	0.00	0.00	0	5.25	75	92	29	0	0	0	0
CT	ALAMOSA	74	28	81	22	51	13	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.00	0	0.46	43	77	13	0	6	0	0
	CO SPRINGS	70	37	83	24	54	10	0.04	-0.16	0.04	1.12	158	2.45	185	66	19	0	2	1	0
	DENVER INTL	73	41	87	33	57	13	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.76	101	1.25	81	61	19	0	0	0	0
	GRAND JUNCTION	81	49	88	44	65	17	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.02	2	0.79	42	35	12	0	0	0	0
	PUEBLO	76	38	91	25	57	11	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.95	131	1.87	139	60	16	2	1	0	0
DC	BRIDGEPORT	51	34	64	29	43	0	1.18	0.27	0.91	4.81	129	8.90	89	89	45	0	3	3	1
	HARTFORD	51	31	70	24	41	0	1.41	0.57	0.71	4.99	144	10.16	103	85	36	0	5	3	2
DE	WASHINGTON	66	40	80	34	53	3	0.17	-0.63	0.13	2.19	69	8.07	93	75	36	0	0	2	0
FL	WILMINGTON	62	37	78	31	49	3	0.43	-0.52	0.33	2.57	68	7.17	73	79	38	0	3	2	0
	DAYTONA BEACH	81	61	86	55	71	5	0.63	-0.20	0.63	2.85	86	4.83	58	97	52	0	0	1	1
	JACKSONVILLE	79	58	89	55	68	5	0.01	-0.72	0.01	1.77	59	3.99	43	96	47	0	0	1	0
	KEY WEST	82	71	85	68	77	1	0.00	-0.32	0.00	0.00	0	1.21	25	82	55	0	0	0	0
	MIAMI	83	65	85	59	74	0	0.00	-0.60	0.00	4.06	186	6.26	101	84	47	0	0	0	0
GA	ORLANDO	85	62	88	56	74	5	0.36	-0.36	0.36	1.43	52	2.63	36	95	39	0	0	1	0
	PENSACOLA	79	61	85	60	70	6	0.00	-1.17	0.00	2.09	44	8.47	58	94	48	0	0	0	0
	TALLAHASSEE	82	57	88	52	70	7	0.00	-1.02	0.00	1.98	41	7.31	54	95	40	0	0	0	0
	TAMPA	83	64	89	57	73	4	0.21	-0.39	0.20	2.54	112	5.63	74	95	51	0	0	2	0
	WEST PALM BEACH	84	63	85	58	73	1	0.00	-0.75	0.00	3.02	101	4.33	47	86	41	0	0	0	0
HI	ATHENS	76	51	86	44	64	6	0.00	-0.91	0.00	2.39	60	7.89	62	78	34	0	0	0	0
	ATLANTA	77	53	84	49	65	7	0.00	-0.99	0.00	4.46	104	10.44	77	72	33	0	0	0	0
	AUGUSTA	79	53	88	42	66	6	0.00	-0.88	0.00	1.93	52	8.31	74	81	30	0	0	0	0
	COLUMBUS	80	54	86	52	67	6	0.00	-1.04	0.00	2.17	48	9.94	75	79	34	0	0	0	0
	MACON	78	52	88	43	65	5	0.00	-0.94	0.00	1.61	41	7.39	59	85	38	0	0	0	0
IA	SAVANNAH	78	56	89	51	67	5	0.00	-0.78	0.00	0.48	15	3.42	37	85	36	0	0	0	0
	HILO	77	66	79	61	72	0	2.00	-0.63	0.89	15.99	139	39.76	134	91	70	0	0	7	1
	HONOLULU	80	69	82	66	75	-1	0.31	-0.16	0.15	13.72	633	17.65	296	82	54	0	0	3	0
	KAHULUI	77	68	79	66	73	-2	4.13	3.58	3.17	21.11	874	25.41	371	91	68	0	0	6	1
	LIHUE	78	68	79	66	73	0	0.96	-0.26	0.36	14.79	285	22.57	195	84	59	0	0	5	0
IN	BURLINGTON	52	33	65	30	42	-1	0.00	-0.31	0.00	2.87	150	3.82	75	70	42	0	1	0	0
	CEDAR RAPIDS	60	28	77	13	44	3	0.00	-0.46	0.00	1.03	59	1.98	50	77	30	0	3	0	0
	DES MOINES	64	34	78	24	49	5	0.00	-0.53	0.00	2.28	119	3.96	91	73	30	0	3	0	0
	DUBUQUE	57	28	73	17	42	3	0.04	-0.52	0.04	2.30	116	3.77	77	80	36	0	5	1	0
	SIOUX CITY	61	26	80	18	44	3	0.00	-0.47	0.00	1.66	109	1.97	64	78	27	0	6	0	0
ID	WATERLOO	57	27	70	13	42	1	0.00	-0.50	0.00	2.30	133	4.78	120	85	36	0	5	0	0
	BOISE	67	40	75	33	53	6	0.00	-0.33	0.00	0.68	57	2.63	73	61	21	0	0	0	0
	LEWISTON	58	40	63	31	49	1	0.15	-0.17	0.08	2.90	250	5.35	161	82	39	0	1	2	0
	POCATELLO	66	33	75	20	50	8	0.00	-0.27	0.00	0.63	57	2.47	78	70	20	0	3	0	0
	CHICAGO/O_HARE	57	31	72	24	44	2	0.26	-0.31	0.26	4.84	221	6.20	101	73	34	0	6	1	0
IL	MOLINE	62	32	80	20	47	4	0.00	-0.58	0.00	0.00	0	0.49	8	75	32	0	4	0	0
	PEORIA	63	34	87	26	48	3	0.49	-0.13	0.49	3.73	155	4.90	76	75	34	0	4	1	0
	ROCKFORD	58	30	73	19	44	3	0.15	-0.43	0.15	3.17	149	4.62	86	74	34	0	4	1	0
	SPRINGFIELD	66	34	92	27	50	3	0.73	0.07	0.54	7.63	310	8.75	136	76	31	1	3	2	1
	EVANSVILLE	71	41	88	33	56	6	0.05	-1.01	0.05	4.92	118	7.92	73	75	37	0	0	1	0
IN	FORT WAYNE	58	32	82	21	45	3	1.35	0.67	1.16	3.05	122	6.04	85	85	42	0	4	3	

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KY	WICHITA	73	45	95	36	58	8	0.16	-0.41	0.16	2.54	124	4.15	101	74	28	1	0	1	0	
	LEXINGTON	67	40	84	27	53	5	0.40	-0.57	0.34	3.08	76	8.50	76	79	41	0	4	2	0	
	LOUISVILLE	70	44	89	34	57	6	0.28	-0.74	0.20	5.52	132	8.80	80	77	35	0	0	2	0	
LA	PADUCAH	73	45	87	36	59	7	0.00	-1.02	0.00	4.31	102	6.40	53	70	32	0	0	0	0	
	BATON ROUGE	83	58	85	54	70	7	0.00	-1.00	0.00	4.72	117	13.12	88	92	39	0	0	0	0	
	LAKE CHARLES	80	56	83	54	68	3	0.00	-0.89	0.00	1.34	40	7.36	59	95	49	0	0	0	0	
MA	NEW ORLEANS	80	62	82	57	71	5	0.00	-0.98	0.00	3.43	87	8.72	65	93	46	0	0	0	0	
	SHREVEPORT	81	58	88	52	69	8	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	87	38	0	0	***	***	
	BOSTON	48	33	63	27	41	0	1.07	0.07	0.52	3.59	95	7.24	69	83	44	0	4	4	1	
MD	WORCESTER	46	28	61	21	37	-1	1.12	0.16	0.52	4.28	112	10.38	98	90	40	0	5	4	1	
	BALTIMORE	65	38	80	28	52	5	0.47	-0.43	0.27	2.69	73	7.61	79	80	34	0	1	2	0	
	CARIBOU	32	14	39	3	23	-5	0.23	-0.37	0.20	3.36	133	6.45	81	83	39	0	7	2	0	
ME	PORTLAND	42	27	50	17	34	-3	0.75	-0.19	0.54	3.46	93	7.28	67	93	53	0	6	5	1	
	ALPENA	38	18	47	12	28	-5	0.14	-0.29	0.08	3.75	233	8.73	176	91	49	0	7	3	0	
	GRAND RAPIDS	52	27	66	21	39	0	0.00	-0.57	0.00	0.57	27	4.00	59	83	41	0	6	0	0	
MI	HOUGHTON LAKE	41	21	57	15	31	-2	0.40	-0.04	0.25	3.06	196	7.30	156	91	47	0	7	4	0	
	LANSING	50	26	65	19	38	-1	0.46	-0.05	0.39	2.70	143	6.19	109	83	43	0	7	2	0	
	MUSKEGON	48	26	60	20	37	-2	0.44	-0.13	0.44	6.10	286	12.03	180	76	45	0	7	1	0	
MN	TRAVERSE CITY	40	24	56	21	32	-3	0.33	-0.05	0.18	3.33	244	6.73	165	88	47	0	7	4	0	
	DULUTH	40	21	60	11	31	0	0.04	-0.33	0.04	1.56	120	4.48	138	85	41	0	7	1	0	
	INT_L FALLS	37	17	46	8	27	-1	0.15	-0.13	0.08	0.70	78	2.47	104	91	43	0	7	2	0	
MO	MINNEAPOLIS	53	30	72	21	42	4	0.00	-0.45	0.00	1.15	79	3.35	103	70	35	0	5	0	0	
	ROCHESTER	50	28	66	17	39	3	0.00	-0.54	0.00	2.02	116	3.61	96	82	46	0	5	0	0	
	ST. CLOUD	51	24	72	17	38	4	0.29	-0.12	0.29	1.58	116	2.51	90	86	40	0	6	1	0	
MS	COLUMBIA	70	39	93	28	55	5	0.35	-0.35	0.35	3.53	133	5.46	79	75	30	1	2	1	0	
	KANSAS CITY	70	38	93	28	54	6	0.21	-0.37	0.20	2.44	116	4.40	93	72	29	1	2	2	0	
	SAINT LOUIS	71	41	93	31	56	6	0.34	-0.54	0.34	5.30	171	7.80	98	70	30	2	1	1	0	
MT	SPRINGFIELD	73	45	89	35	59	8	0.03	-0.79	0.03	3.72	118	6.79	84	72	30	0	0	1	0	
	JACKSON	80	56	86	47	68	8	0.00	-1.31	0.00	3.17	62	9.53	61	85	37	0	0	0	0	
	MERIDIAN	79	53	84	43	66	5	0.00	-1.17	0.00	4.28	82	11.73	72	94	36	0	0	0	0	
NC	TUPELO	77	49	88	41	63	6	0.00	-1.18	0.00	1.40	28	9.60	64	83	36	0	0	0	0	
	BILLINGS	65	34	78	21	49	9	0.00	-0.25	0.00	1.03	134	1.70	90	69	16	0	2	0	0	
	BUTTE	56	23	63	13	40	5	0.02	-0.15	0.02	0.50	90	1.23	87	74	20	0	5	1	0	
ND	CUT BANK	52	19	61	8	36	1	0.00	-0.10	0.00	0.32	102	0.34	44	86	23	0	7	0	0	
	GLASGOW	52	23	66	9	38	1	0.20	0.07	0.14	0.86	207	1.23	103	90	35	0	7	3	0	
	GREAT FALLS	59	28	66	16	43	6	0.00	-0.19	0.00	1.51	261	2.18	126	75	19	0	4	0	0	
NE	HAVRE	54	21	64	10	38	1	0.09	-0.05	0.04	0.52	118	0.67	53	89	23	0	7	3	0	
	MISSOULA	60	30	75	20	45	5	0.00	-0.22	0.00	2.37	290	4.06	152	92	27	0	5	0	0	
	ASHEVILLE	71	42	84	35	56	6	0.00	-0.87	0.00	1.88	55	7.96	72	80	30	0	0	0	0	
NV	CHARLOTTE	75	50	87	39	62	7	0.00	-0.84	0.00	1.50	41	5.56	54	69	28	0	0	0	0	
	GREENSBORO	72	45	86	36	58	5	0.53	-0.31	0.41	2.07	62	8.23	86	74	29	0	0	2	0	
	HATTERAS	65	48	73	41	57	1	0.14	-0.87	0.14	2.06	50	7.95	59	89	58	0	0	1	0	
OH	RALEIGH	73	45	88	34	59	5	0.43	-0.49	0.43	1.56	42	5.76	58	83	32	0	0	1	0	
	WILMINGTON	75	47	90	36	61	4	0.08	-0.79	0.08	2.28	63	6.50	59	90	40	1	0	1	0	
	BISMARCK	53	25	74	15	39	5	0.01	-0.20	0.01	0.49	66	1.91	109	85	35	0	6	1	0	
PA	DICKINSON	55	25	66	11	40	5	0.04	-0.13	0.04	0.24	50	0.35	34	90	35	0	6	1	0	
	FARGO	44	24	59	16	34	2	0.04	-0.27	0.04	0.24	21	2.01	80	88	50	0	7	1	0	
	GRAND FORKS	39	23	51	17	31	1	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.45	55	2.25	123	91	55	0	7	0	0	
RI	JAMESTOWN	46	24	61	15	35	3	0.09	-0.09	0.08	0.09	15	0.09	7	93	47	0	7	2	0	
	GRAND ISLAND	68	31	89	24	50	5	0.00	-0.37	0.00	0.14	11	0.83	32	70	21	0	6	0	0	
	LINCOLN	67	29	86	18	48	3	0.00	-0.41	0.00	0.38	28	1.90	63	76	24	0	5	0	0	
SC	NORFOLK	62	27	84	20	45	3	0.00	-0.39	0.00	0.84	67	1.46	54	76	25	0	6	0	0	
	NORTH PLATTE	70	32	90	22	51	8	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.39	45	1.03	56	71	20	1	3	0	0	
	OMAHA	64	31	82	23	48	3	0.00	-0.48	0.00	0.93	59	2.06	63	75	28	0	5	0	0	
SD	SCOTTSBLUFF	72	37	92	31	54	11	0.00	-0.27	0.00	0.43	49	1.04	57	63	21	1	1	0	0	
	VALENTINE	66	30	86	25	48	7	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.41	46	1.20	66	72	24	0	4	0	0	
	CONCORD	46	26	64	17	36	0	0.74	-0.02	0.20	4.26	143	9.17	107	88	39	0	6	4	0	
TN	ATLANTIC_CITY	59	35	76	27	47	2	0.31	-0.66	0.22	1.76	42	6.33	59	83	42	0	3	2	0	
	NEWARK	58	37	77	31	48	2	0.52	-0.41	0.34	3.93	104	8.57	84	77	33	0	2	4	0	
	ALBUQUERQUE	80	50	88	39	65	13	0.00	-0.11	0.00	0.00	0	1.35	112	39	15	0	0	0	0	
TX	ELY	74	34	80	25	55	15	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.27	30	1.96	79	60	15	0	2	0	0	
	LAS VEGAS	93	69	96	68	81	18	0.00	-0.07	0.00	0.00	0	0.74	42	25	9	7	0	0	0	
	RENO	75	46	82	42	60	12	0.00	-0.13	0.00	0.00	0	1.66	54	54	14	0	0	0	0	
UT	WINNEMUCCA	74	36	82	25	55	11	0.00	-0.21	0.00	0.06	8	1.74	71	58	12	0	2	0	0	
	ALBANY	48	28	68	19	38	-1	1.03	0.33	0.67	2.79	99	6.68	87	83	40	0	6	3	1	
	BINGHAMTON	46	26	70	15	36	1	1.49	0.77	0.75	5.35	196	10.04	129	90	47	0	6	5	2	
VA	BUFFALO	43	26	56	22	35	-3	1.36	0.72	0.91	4.66	179	9.91	117	86	49	0	6	2	1	
	ROCHESTER	46	27	67	21	36	-2	1.21	0.65	0.79	4.03	179	10.03	145	87	44	0	6	3	1	
	SYRACUSE	47	27	67	20	37	0	1.36													

Weather Data for the Week Ending March 28, 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	TEMP. °F		PRECIP.		
																	90 AND ABOVE	32 AND BELOW	.01 INCH OR MORE	.50 INCH OR MORE	
OK	TOLEDO	54	30	78	19	42	-1	1.05	0.45	0.98	5.02	215	7.06	101	85	40	0	4	2	1	
	YOUNGSTOWN	54	27	77	17	40	0	1.57	0.84	1.09	4.11	143	7.81	92	94	43	0	5	4	1	
	OKLAHOMA CITY	79	51	91	44	65	11	0.01	-0.61	0.01	0.84	37	2.28	45	74	25	2	0	1	0	
OR	TULSA	77	52	92	43	65	10	0.00	-0.75	0.00	1.33	48	3.00	50	65	27	2	0	0	0	
	ASTORIA	53	36	59	32	45	-2	1.03	-0.70	0.74	9.96	138	20.46	93	95	56	0	3	3	1	
	BURNS	64	25	71	14	44	4	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.44	51	2.28	72	80	18	0	5	0	0	
PA	EUGENE	59	34	64	29	47	-1	0.13	-0.88	0.13	1.88	44	11.11	74	97	47	0	2	1	0	
	MEDFORD	70	40	79	35	55	6	0.18	-0.22	0.13	0.76	46	5.19	82	87	24	0	0	2	0	
	PENDLETON	59	35	68	26	47	1	0.10	-0.20	0.10	0.62	51	1.03	26	86	33	0	3	1	0	
	PORTLAND	60	40	68	32	50	0	0.37	-0.50	0.30	5.27	145	13.05	105	87	40	0	1	2	0	
	SALEM	60	36	66	31	48	-1	0.33	-0.59	0.23	3.25	81	10.57	72	93	43	0	1	2	0	
	ALLENTOWN	58	33	76	25	46	2	1.26	0.44	0.65	5.60	170	8.87	94	90	38	0	5	4	1	
	ERIE	48	28	70	21	38	-1	0.78	0.08	0.70	3.69	132	8.64	99	86	43	0	5	3	1	
	MIDDLETOWN	62	36	80	30	49	4	1.21	0.35	0.43	4.92	148	8.82	98	86	35	0	4	4	0	
	PHILADELPHIA	62	39	78	33	51	4	0.42	-0.47	0.26	2.21	61	6.13	64	76	35	0	0	2	0	
	PITTSBURGH	59	33	84	21	46	3	3.30	2.60	1.70	6.51	229	11.04	131	86	37	0	4	4	2	
RI	WILKES-BARRE	53	31	72	20	42	1	1.67	1.02	0.85	4.98	200	7.83	109	84	40	0	5	4	2	
	WILLIAMSPORT	56	31	77	24	43	1	1.54	0.81	0.76	4.57	163	7.54	93	89	36	0	4	4	2	
	PROVIDENCE	50	34	63	28	42	0	1.77	0.61	0.97	5.79	131	10.97	92	85	43	0	3	3	2	
SC	CHARLESTON	78	54	90	45	66	5	0.00	-0.76	0.00	0.50	16	5.40	57	84	36	1	0	0	0	
	COLUMBIA	79	53	88	45	66	7	0.00	-0.75	0.00	0.87	26	6.22	61	75	28	0	0	0	0	
	FLORENCE	78	49	91	36	64	5	0.00	-0.72	0.00	0.71	24	5.37	59	85	30	1	0	0	0	
SD	GREENVILLE	74	46	85	36	60	5	0.00	-0.97	0.00	3.04	74	8.33	69	78	32	0	0	0	0	
	ABERDEEN	53	22	73	17	38	3	0.04	-0.19	0.04	0.39	49	1.35	69	87	38	0	7	1	0	
	HURON	59	26	80	18	42	5	0.02	-0.29	0.02	0.62	62	1.22	52	79	32	0	5	1	0	
TN	RAPID CITY	64	32	82	20	48	10	0.02	-0.24	0.02	0.44	56	0.81	51	76	29	0	3	1	0	
	SIOUX FALLS	57	25	80	18	41	2	0.00	-0.45	0.00	0.92	67	1.25	44	78	31	0	5	0	0	
	BRISTOL	71	40	83	32	56	6	0.15	-0.73	0.15	2.39	67	9.78	88	78	33	0	1	1	0	
TX	CHATTANOOGA	75	50	87	40	63	7	0.00	-1.17	0.00	3.39	70	9.88	66	72	33	0	0	0	0	
	KNOXVILLE	73	48	84	38	60	7	0.18	-0.91	0.18	3.94	89	12.31	88	69	34	0	0	1	0	
	MEMPHIS	75	52	86	43	64	6	0.07	-1.20	0.07	4.32	83	8.96	64	68	31	0	0	1	0	
	NASHVILLE	75	48	88	37	62	8	0.00	-0.99	0.00	1.74	42	8.14	64	71	32	0	0	0	0	
	ABILENE	82	55	98	47	69	8	0.00	-0.39	0.00	2.81	179	4.92	124	75	36	3	0	0	0	
	AMARILLO	78	44	99	34	61	8	0.00	-0.32	0.00	0.66	58	1.19	50	60	16	2	0	0	0	
	AUSTIN	87	62	93	58	75	10	0.00	-0.70	0.00	1.55	59	3.83	53	85	31	2	0	0	0	
	BEAUMONT	80	59	84	56	70	5	0.00	-0.87	0.00	3.03	93	8.96	76	95	50	0	0	0	0	
	BROWNSVILLE	87	66	89	63	77	4	0.00	-0.39	0.00	0.00	0	0.26	7	90	45	0	0	0	0	
	CORPUS CHRISTI	85	62	87	57	74	4	0.03	-0.48	0.03	0.67	31	1.78	37	97	50	0	0	1	0	
UT	DEL RIO	87	62	96	53	74	6	0.00	-0.30	0.00	0.00	0	0.50	21	76	30	4	0	0	0	
	EL PASO	88	53	96	43	71	9	0.00	-0.04	0.00	0.01	5	1.68	163	32	9	4	0	0	0	
	FORT WORTH	80	60	95	51	70	9	0.01	-0.74	0.01	3.13	104	15.76	190	74	37	1	0	1	0	
	GALVESTON	77	66	79	63	71	4	0.00	-0.68	0.00	2.02	73	8.65	94	96	66	0	0	0	0	
	HOUSTON	84	61	86	58	72	7	0.00	-0.80	0.00	3.35	105	7.92	80	96	43	0	0	0	0	
	LUBBOCK	83	50	98	44	66	11	0.00	-0.27	0.00	0.00	0	1.71	75	56	19	3	0	0	0	
	MIDLAND	84	56	99	47	70	9	0.00	-0.17	0.00	0.94	157	2.93	159	57	19	4	0	0	0	
	SAN ANGELO	84	55	98	45	69	8	0.01	-0.32	0.01	0.85	63	1.80	52	78	30	4	0	1	0	
	SAN ANTONIO	87	62	92	56	74	9	0.00	-0.56	0.00	0.47	22	2.13	36	84	32	2	0	0	0	
	VICTORIA	83	59	86	56	71	5	0.00	-0.75	0.00	2.61	95	4.15	56	99	45	0	0	0	0	
VA	WACO	83	58	92	52	71	10	0.00	-0.69	0.00	0.81	28	3.04	37	82	37	1	0	0	0	
	WICHITA FALLS	83	53	98	47	68	10	0.00	-0.47	0.00	0.33	18	2.79	63	76	29	3	0	0	0	
	SALT LAKE CITY	73	47	83	37	60	12	0.00	-0.44	0.00	1.31	84	2.81	65	60	21	0	0	0	0	
WV	LYNCHBURG	70	39	87	32	54	5	0.37	-0.48	0.34	3.14	92	9.13	93	82	28	0	1	2	0	
	NORFOLK	67	43	84	34	55	2	0.43	-0.40	0.43	1.88	56	7.71	81	87	44	0	0	1	0	
	RICHMOND	70	39	85	31	54	3	0.39	-0.50	0.39	1.38	37	8.26	87	89	34	0	1	1	0	
	ROANOKE	70	38	86	33	54	3	0.20	-0.59	0.13	1.95	61	6.81	73	71	29	0	0	2	0	
	WASH/DULLES	67	37	86	27	52	5	0.31	-0.49	0.24	2.96	93	8.49	97	79	32	0	3	2	0	
	BURLINGTON	40	25	58	18	33	-3	0.30	-0.22	0.14	1.93	95	5.39	91	85	46	0	7	3	0	
	OLYMPIA	55	32	60	26	43	-2	1.27	0.06	1.14	9.18	176	18.26	101	98	50	0	4	2	1	
	QUILLAYUTE	51	35	55	29	43	-2	0.00	-2.61	0.00	0.00	0	10.81	32	99	56	0	1	0	0	
	SEATTLE-TACOMA	53	38	58	35	46	-3	1.06	0.16	1.03	6.57	172	14.09	105	89	50	0	0	2	1	
	SPOKANE	53	33	57	28	44	1	0.26	-0.15	0.26	1.54	92	3.78	74	80	34	0	4	1	0	
WI	YAKIMA	60	30	67	22	45	0	0.00	-0.13	0.00	0.44	74	1.99	77	81	26	0	5	0	0	
	EAU CLAIRE	51	25	70	13	38	3	0.13	-0.41	0.13	1.52	89	3.13	81	78	37	0	6	1	0	
	GREEN BAY	44	27	63	22	35	0	0.14	-0.34	0.14	2.04	119	5.77	133	82	50	0	6	1	0	
WY	LA CROSSE	55	30	72	19	42	3	0.00	-0.53	0.00	2.13	121	4.49	107	73	34	0	5	0	0	
	MADISON	53	28	71	17	41	3	0.30	-0.27	0.30	3.47	176	6.05	122	76	37	0	6	1	0	
	MILWAUKEE	52	29	71	22	40	1	0.18	-0.37	0.18	3.01	156	5.25	97	74	42	0	6	1	0	
	BECKLEY	65	36	82	25	51	5	0.66	-0.25	0.51	2.42	66	8.70	87	74	36	0	4	2	1	
	CHARLESTON	69	38	88	27	53	4	0.91	0.03	0.47	3.33										

International Weather and Crop Summary

March 22 – 28, 2026

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

HIGHLIGHTS

EUROPE: Widespread rain and mountain snow across northwestern and southeastern Europe contrasted with dry weather in southwestern and northeastern portions of the continent.

WESTERN FSU: Unseasonably warm and dry weather encouraged winter crop green up and vegetative development.

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

NORTHWEST AFRICA: Drier and cooler weather favored reproductive to filling winter grains.

AUSTRALIA: Mostly dry weather in eastern Australia favored cotton and sorghum harvesting, while Tropical Cyclone Narelle transcribed northern and western portions of the continent.

EAST ASIA: Southern China saw another round of beneficial rainfall that supported winter rapeseed and spring rice.

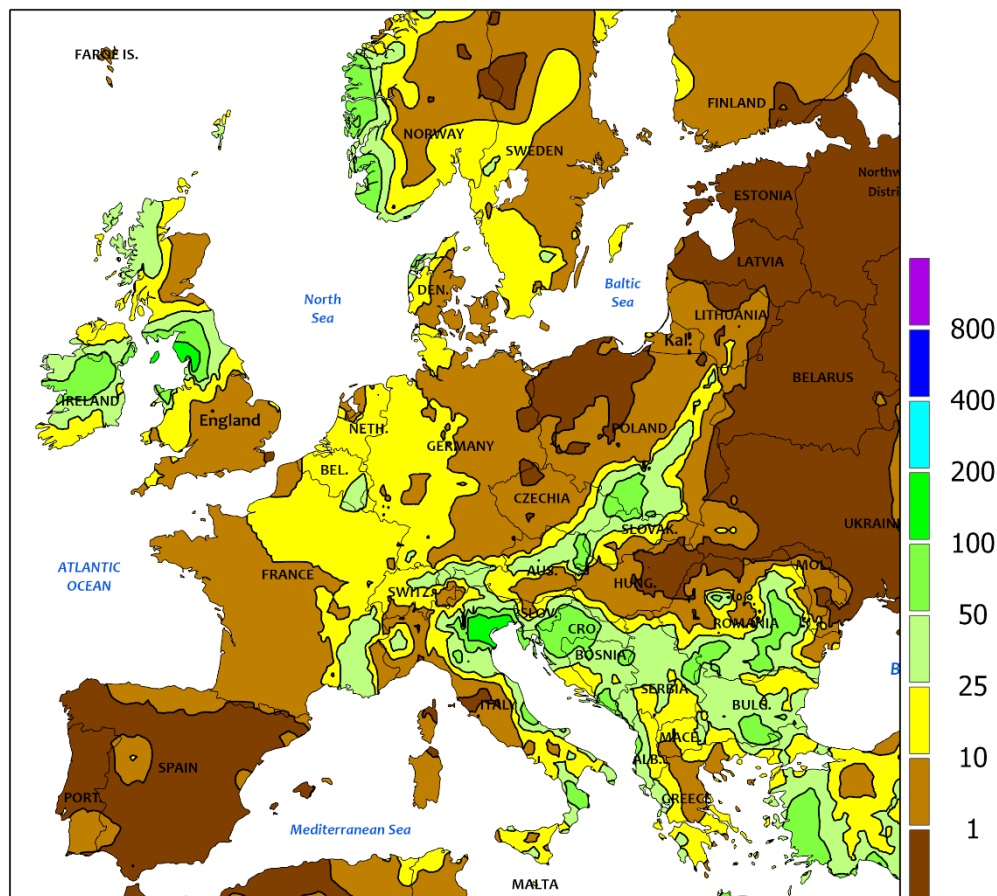
SOUTH AFRICA: Beneficial showers persisted across much of South Africa's corn belt, though growing rainfall variability left parts of Free State under increasing moisture stress.

ARGENTINA: Most of the eastern region experienced continued rainfall, but pockets of dryness lingered across section of Buenos Aires.

BRAZIL: Moisture finally returned to southern Brazil, offering a brief but welcome improvement to previously dry areas.



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

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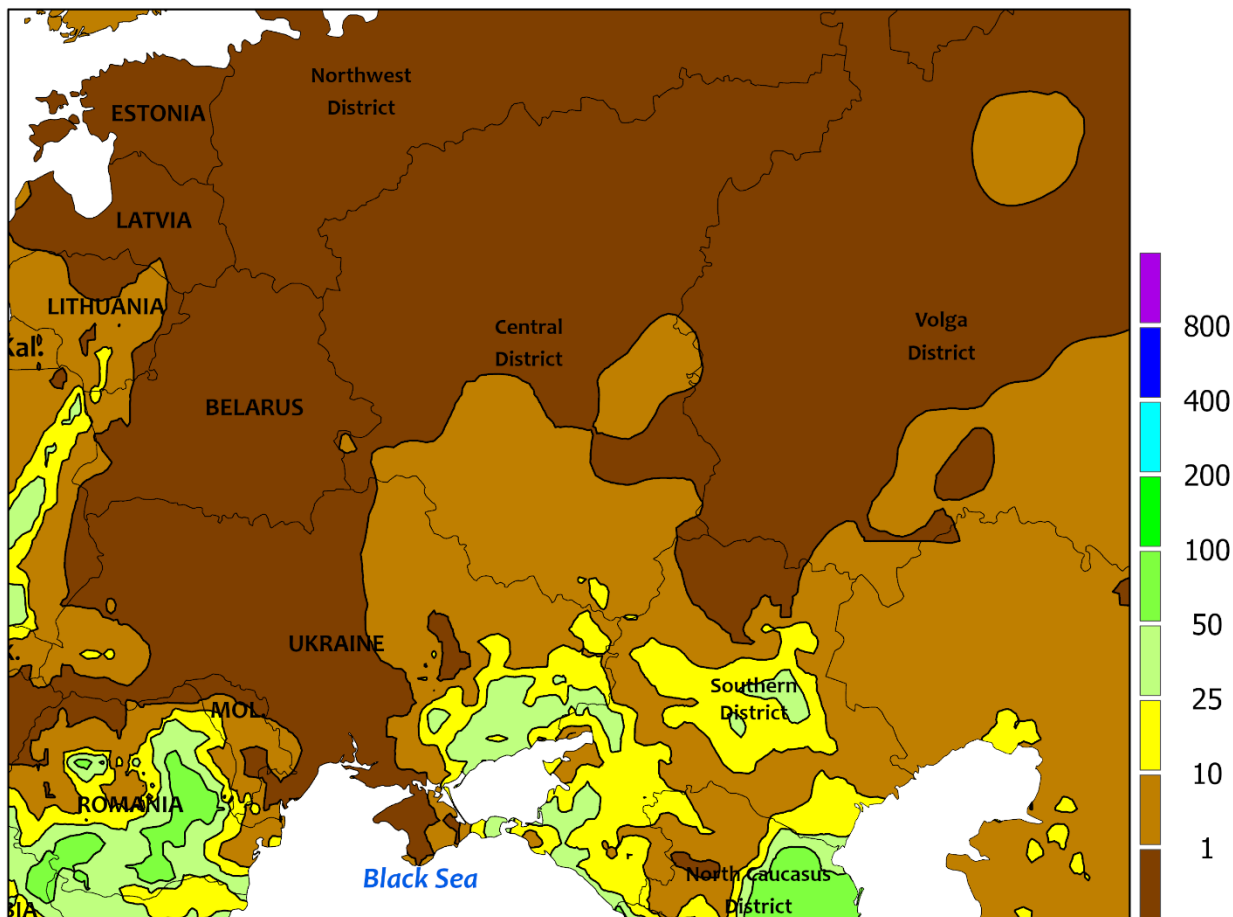
EUROPE

A strong cold front swept southeastward across the continent before a vigorous storm system developed over southeastern Europe at week's end. The front triggered rain and snow showers across central and northern England (10-65 mm), northern France* (5-25 mm), and much of Germany (5-20 mm), maintaining favorable soil moisture for vegetative winter crops. A large storm system developed along the front as it reached southeastern Europe during the latter half of the week, resulting in widespread moderate to heavy rain and mountain snow (10-150 mm, locally more) from northern and eastern Italy into the western and southern Balkans, with a secondary area of moderate to heavy precipitation (15-60 mm) in southwestern Poland. Consequently, soil moisture supplies remained favorable for spring growth in these locales. Cooler weather arrived behind the front, with

near- to below-normal temperatures (up to 3°C below normal in south-central Europe) slowing the recent rapid winter crop development pace. Meanwhile, dry but turning cooler weather in Spain favored the development of vegetative winter grains and encouraged summer crop sowing and other seasonal fieldwork. Likewise, dry but very warm conditions (up to 5°C above normal) in northeastern Europe promoted a rapid pace of winter crop development and spring grain sowing. However, soil moisture has become limited due to increasingly dry conditions over the past 60 days (less than 50 percent of normal) from central and southern Poland northeastward into the Baltic States.

**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
Total Precipitation(mm)
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Data availability may be affected by the current geopolitical situation in Ukraine

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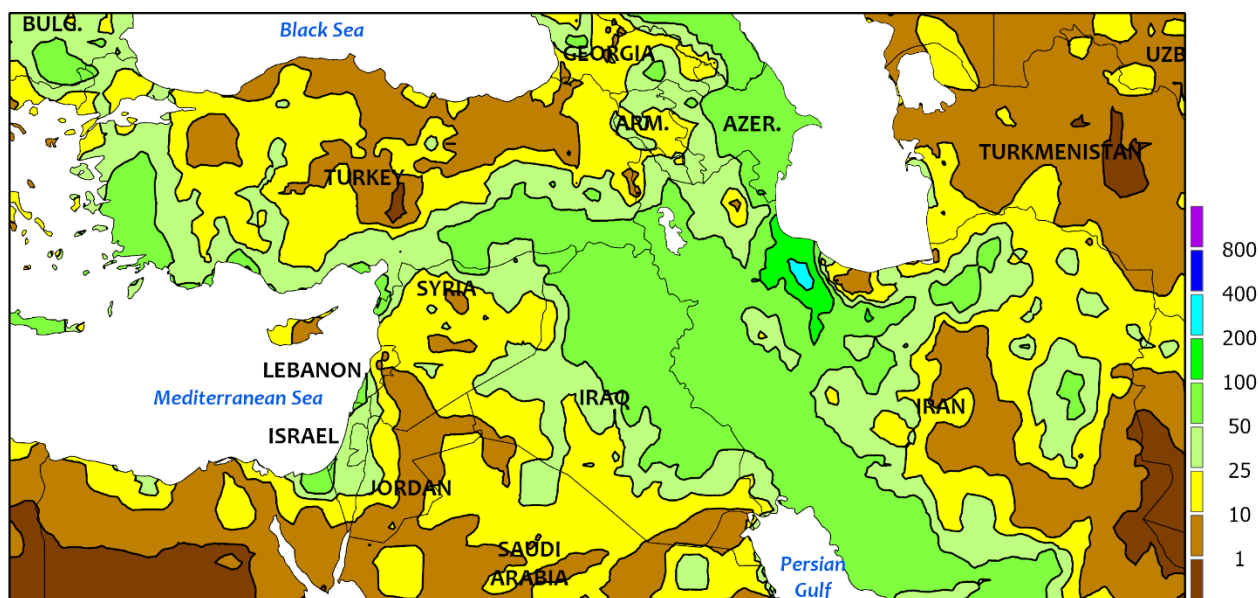


WESTERN FSU

Continued sunny and warm weather ushered northern winter crops out of dormancy and encouraged vegetative development farther south. Temperatures for the week averaged 3 to 6°C above normal save for a pocket of near-normal temperatures in the Central District,

which was coincident with a lingering but diminishing snowpack. Soil moisture remained favorable overall, though acute dryness has developed over the past 30 days (10-50 percent of normal) in southern and western portions of the region.

MIDDLE EAST
Total Precipitation(mm)
March 22 - 28, 2026



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

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MIDDLE EAST

For the second consecutive week, a slow-moving Mediterranean storm system brought moderate to heavy rain and high-elevation snow to much of the region. The storm approached the eastern Mediterranean Coast early in the monitoring period and drifted eastward into central Iraq before recurving northeastward toward the Caspian Sea by week's end. In Turkey, weekly precipitation totals (rain and snow, liquid equivalent) varied from 10 to 30 mm on the Anatolian Plateau to more than 50 mm across the Aegean and GAP Regions in western and southeastern Turkey, respectively. Moderate to heavy rain (10-120 mm) was noted along the eastern and southeastern Mediterranean Coast, while satellite-derived precipitation estimates indicated very heavy precipitation — 100 mm

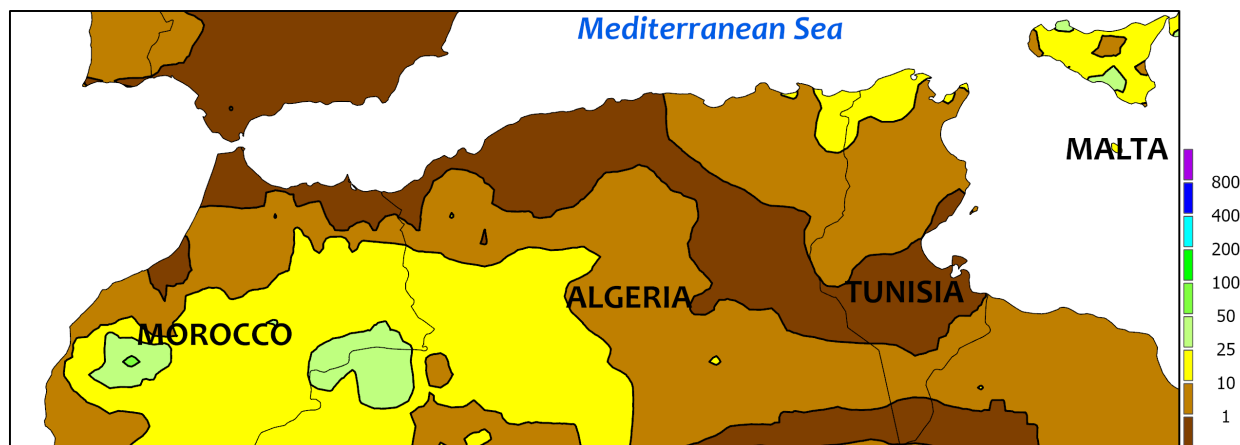
to locally more than 200 mm — from northern and eastern Iraq* into western Iran*. Somewhat lighter precipitation (10-25 mm, locally more) was estimated in northeastern Iran. Temperatures averaged near to below normal from western and southern Turkey into Israel, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. Conversely in Iran, anomalous warm (3-6°C above normal) was noted along the Caspian Sea Coast and up to 9°C above normal in neighboring portions of Turkmenistan. Overall, prospects for vegetative (north) to heading (south) winter grains remained favorable regionwide.

**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

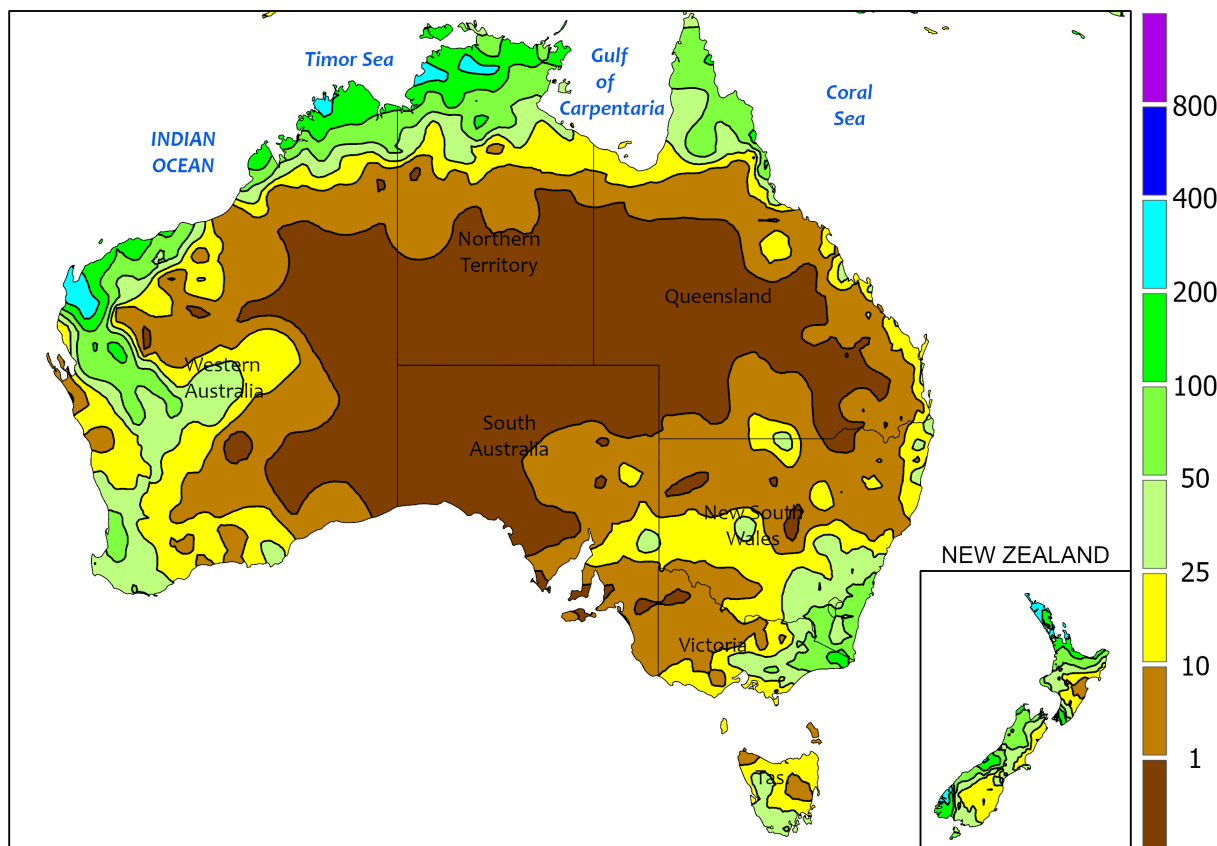
Drier but cooler weather settled over much of the region, though showers lingered in southwestern and northeastern growing areas. An upper-air low drifted eastward from southern Morocco in southern Algeria before dissipating, with most of the precipitation (10-50 mm) falling south of the Atlas Mountains. Otherwise, little to no rain fell from northern Morocco into north-central Algeria, promoting seasonal fieldwork and the development of reproductive to filling winter wheat and barley. Meanwhile, a second upper-air low dropped

southward from the central Mediterranean Sea into Tunisia, producing 10 to 35 mm of rain in northeastern Algeria and northwestern Tunisia. Temperatures averaged 2 to 4°C below normal over most of the region, with abnormal warmth (up to 2°C above normal) confined to the Moroccan Atlantic Coast. The latest satellite-derived Vegetation Health Index continued to indicate good to excellent conditions for winter grains currently progressing through the key yield formation stages of development.

AUSTRALIA

Total Precipitation(mm)

March 22 - 28, 2026



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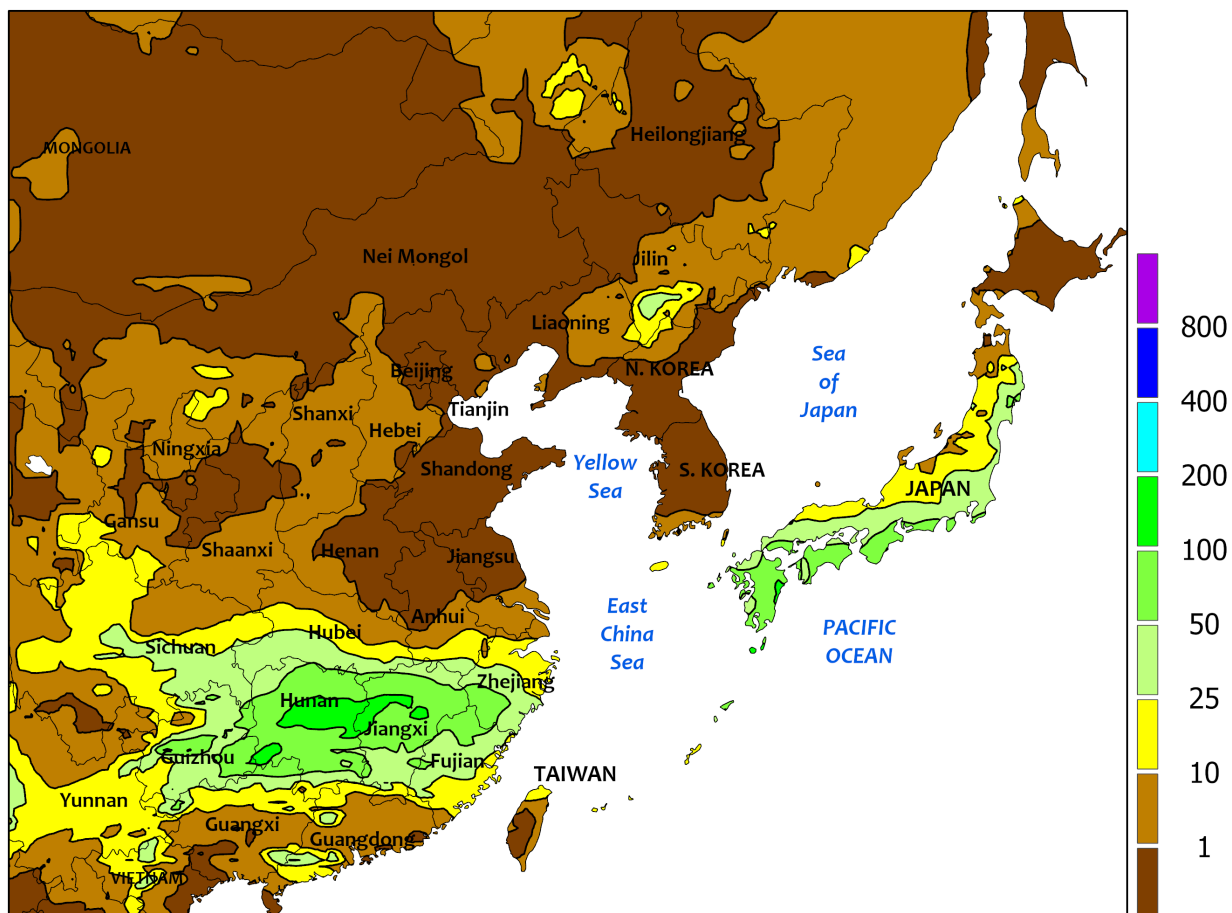


AUSTRALIA

Mostly dry weather in eastern Australia's summer crop areas juxtaposed with Tropical Cyclone Narelle's extended journey across northern and western portions of the continent. In southern Queensland and northern New South Wales, mostly dry conditions favored cotton and sorghum drydown and harvesting. However, a swath of moderate to heavy showers (5-30 mm) caused temporary fieldwork delays in southern New South Wales. Widespread moderate to heavy showers (10-150 mm) also fell along and east of the Great Dividing Range in southeastern New South Wales and eastern Victoria, well east of the region's primary croplands. Meanwhile, Tropical Cyclone

Narelle took a long and historic journey as it circumscribed northern and western portions of the continent with four separate landfalls. The initial landfall occurred in northeastern Queensland on March 20 before trekking westward across the Northern Territory from March 22 to 24. The storm again intensified as it emerged over the warm waters of the Indian Ocean and turned southward, making landfall on the North West Cape on March 27. Rainfall associated with the storm totaled 100 to 330 mm in northernmost reaches of the country, while residual moisture from the storm as it dissipated netted winter crop areas of Western Australia 10 to 100 mm farther south.

EASTERN ASIA
Total Precipitation(mm)
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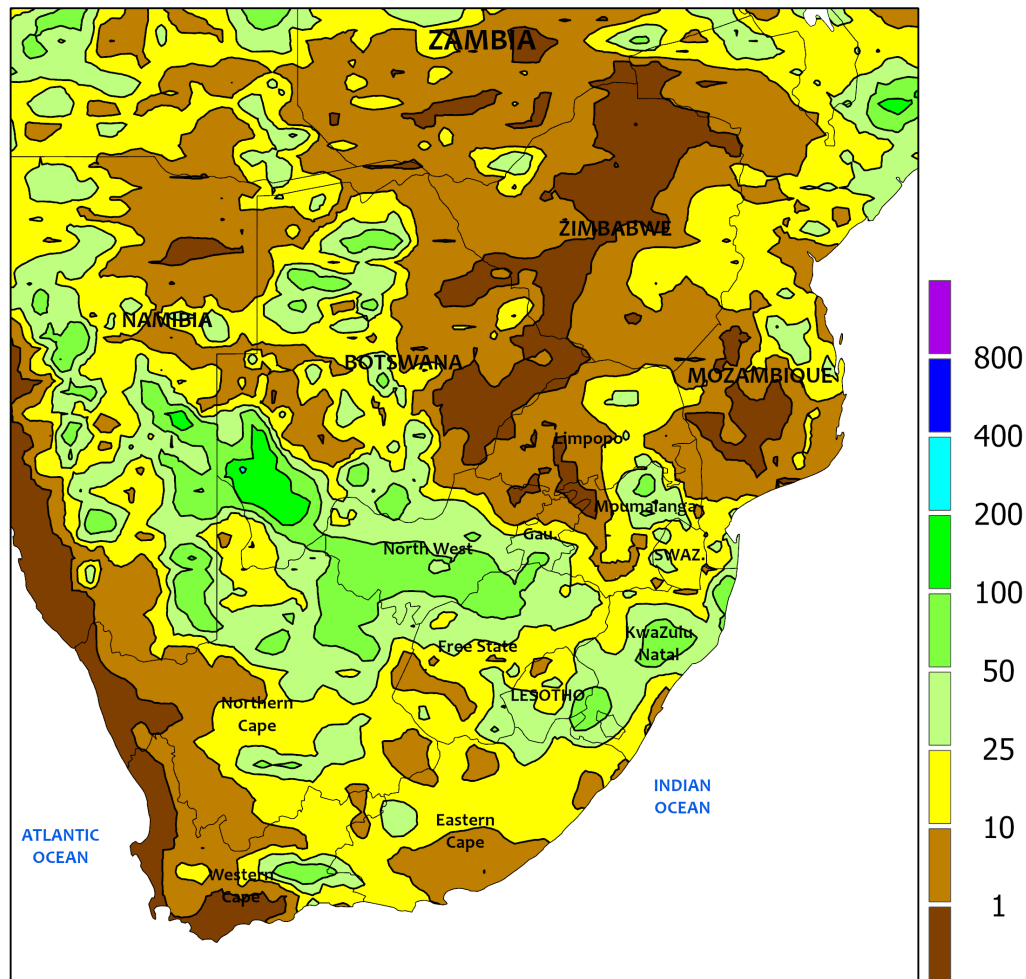


EASTERN ASIA

Beneficial rainfall persisted across east-central and parts of southern China, supporting winter rapeseed and spring rice. The Yangtze Valley and southeastern areas recorded 10 to 100 mm of rain, aiding reproductive rapeseed and newly sown early-crop rice. Temperatures averaged above normal — locally up to 8°C above normal — across the region, further promoting crop development. Daytime highs ranged from the

middle teens to lower 20s (degrees C) in the north, increasing to the lower 30s along the southern coastline of China. In Japan, rainfall generally totaled 10 to 50 mm, with some localized totals up to 100 mm, while temperatures averaged up to 3°C above normal. In contrast, the Korean Peninsula experienced drier conditions accompanied by above-normal temperatures, locally up to 5°C above normal.

SOUTH AFRICA
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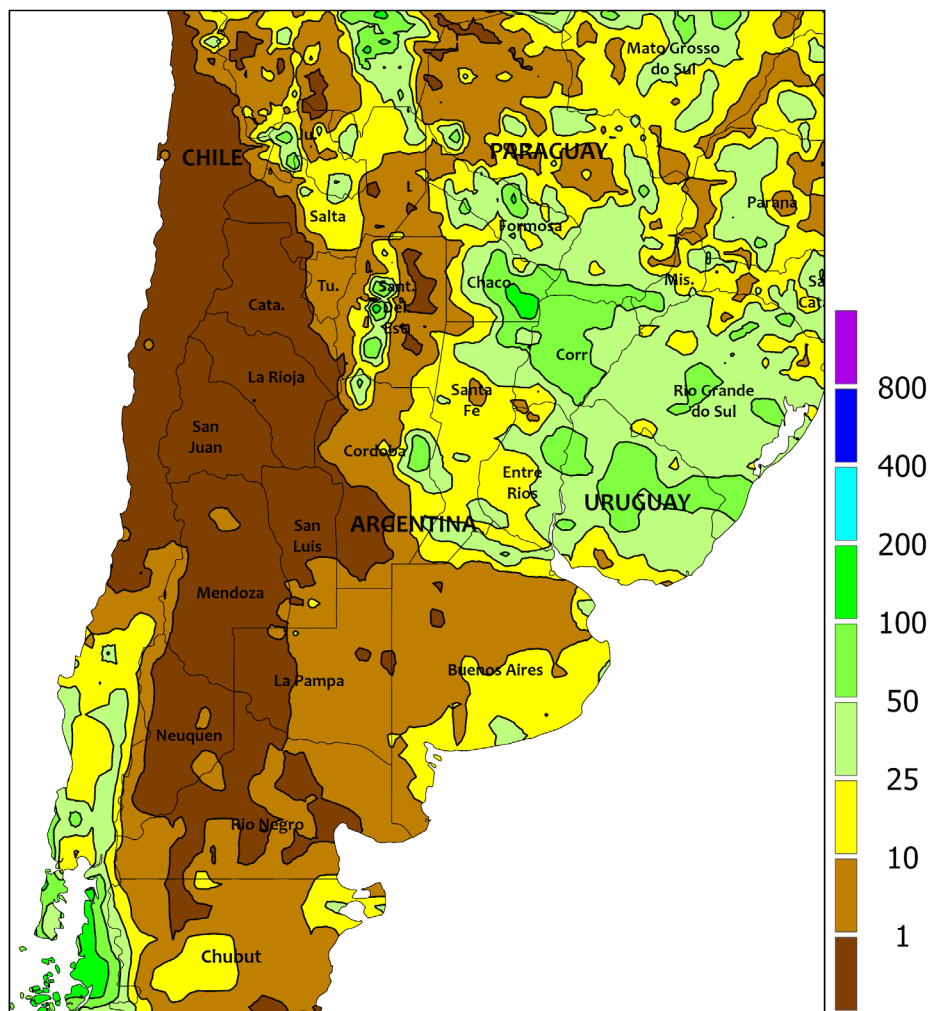
Beneficial showers continued across much of the corn belt, with 10 to 50 mm of rainfall covering a broad area from Limpopo down through KwaZulu-Natal and westward into central Northern Cape. While localized totals climbed up to 100 mm, particularly in North West, some areas still saw minimal rainfall (less than 10 mm). These drier areas, reinforced by a third consecutive week of limited rainfall, likely

stressed immature summer crops in parts of Free State, where moisture shortages were the primary concern rather than heat. Weekly temperatures averaged from near normal to as much as 3°C above normal, with daytime highs generally in the upper 20s to lower 30s (degrees C). Farther west toward the coastline, conditions were drier and hotter, with temperatures rising into the middle to upper 30s.

ARGENTINA

Total Precipitation(mm)

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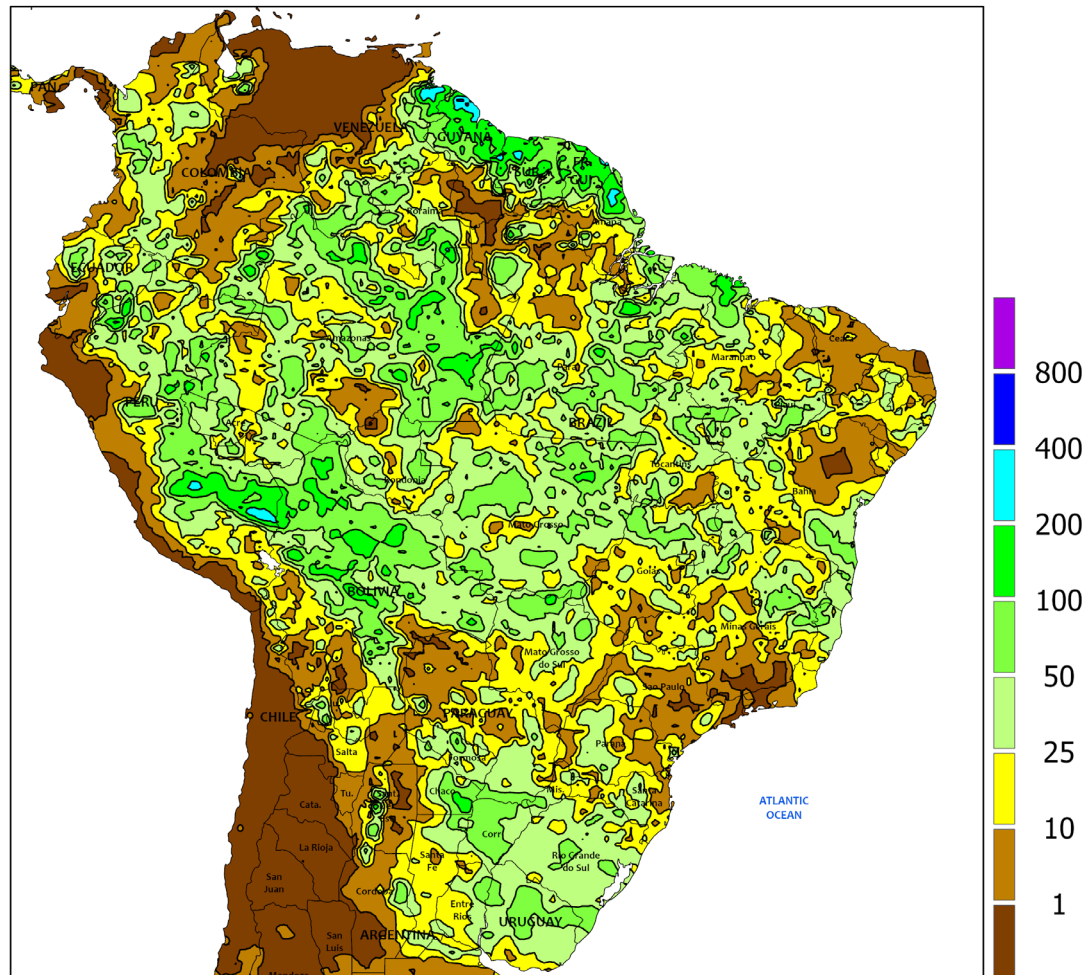
Showery weather continued across the north and much of the eastern farmlands, though pockets of dryness persisted in parts of Buenos Aires. Rainfall totaled 10 to 100 mm in most areas, with localized amounts reaching up to 150 mm in Chaco, while drier conditions dominated elsewhere. Temperatures were generally near to below normal (up to 2°C below normal), with daytime highs ranging from the upper 20s to lower 30s (degrees C) and occasionally rising into the middle 30s in the northeast. According

to the government's March 26 report, cotton was progressing well across major producing regions with adequate to optimal soil moisture, while corn and soybeans both showed good to very good conditions, with corn benefiting from improved moisture profiles and soybeans, particularly second-crop fields, continuing to recover and develop strongly following the recent rains. Sunflowers were 61 percent harvested, while cotton and corn were at 11 and 18 percent harvested, respectively.

BRAZIL

Total Precipitation(mm)

March 22 - 28, 2026



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BRAZIL

Showers returned to previously dry farming areas in southern Brazil, providing timely moisture for immature summer crops that had been stressed by recent unseasonable warmth and dryness. Rainfall totaled 10 to 50 mm across key farming areas in Paraná and Rio Grande do Sul, though coverage was uneven and some localized dry pockets remained. Elsewhere in the region, rainfall ranged from 10 to 100 mm, with additional areas of dryness persisting where showers were more limited in the east. Temperatures averaged near normal throughout most of the region, aside from the far south

where anomalies reached up to 3°C above normal, and daytime highs generally ranged from the lower to middle 30s (degrees C). According to Rio Grande do Sul's March 26 report, soybean crops in the grain-filling to maturation stages continued to show the effects of uneven rainfall, with recent showers helping later-planted fields but interrupting fieldwork. Well-watered areas supported stronger grain fill, while drier regions saw reduced development and lower grain weight. Corn likewise responded positively to recent rainfall, though wet conditions slowed harvest progress in parts of the state.

U.S. Prospective Planting Highlights

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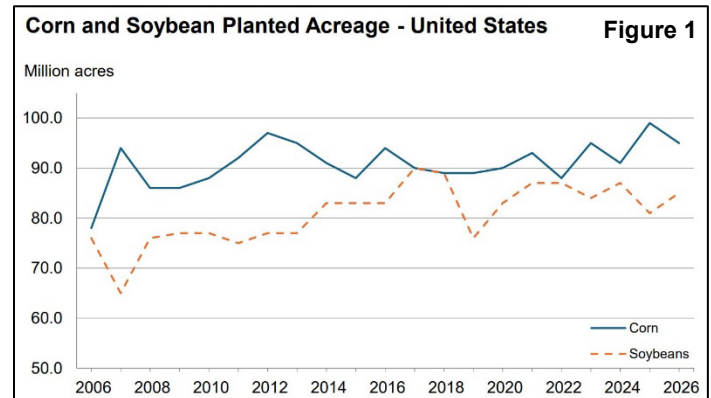
Corn planted area for all purposes in 2026 is estimated at 95.3 million acres (figure 1), down 3 percent or 3.45 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 37 of the 48 estimating states.

Soybean planted area for 2026 is estimated at 84.7 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is up or unchanged in 20 of the 29 estimating states.

All wheat planted area for 2026 is estimated at 43.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2025. If realized, this represents the lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919.

The 2026 winter wheat planted area, at 32.4 million acres, is down 2 percent from the previous estimate and down 2 percent from last year. Of this total, about 23.1 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.79 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.54 million acres are White Winter.

Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2026 is estimated at 9.42 million acres, down 6 percent from the 2025



estimate. Of this total, about 8.78 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat.

Durum planted area for 2026 is expected to total 1.95 million acres, down 11 percent from the previous year.

All cotton planted area for 2026 is estimated at 9.64 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Upland area is estimated at 9.51 million acres, up 4 percent from 2025. American Pima area is estimated at 130,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2025.

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