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# RMD – Shortened USDA Weekly Weather/Crop Conditions Report: 2 Oct 25

September 21 – 27, provided by USDA/WAOB

## **International Weather and Crop Summary**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**EUROPE:** Soaking rains in central Europe contrast with worsening drought in Greece and the Balkans.

**WESTERN FSU:** Sunny, cooler weather aided fieldwork but worsened short-term drought.

**MIDDLE EAST:** Dry, cool conditions in Turkey supported seasonal fieldwork, but limited soil moisture hinders winter grain establishment.

**SOUTH ASIA:** Monsoon rains persisted across most areas, but Pakistan and NW India saw little due to Southwest Monsoon withdrawal.

**EAST ASIA:** Widespread showers hit most regions except northern China/Mongolia; Typhoon Ragasa dumped torrents on southern coast.

**SOUTHEAST ASIA:** Monsoon rains plus Typhoons Ragasa and Bualoi brought heavy downpours to Philippines, Vietnam, and Laos.

**AUSTRALIA:** Sunny skies with variable temps boosted vegetative-to-filling stages of winter crops.

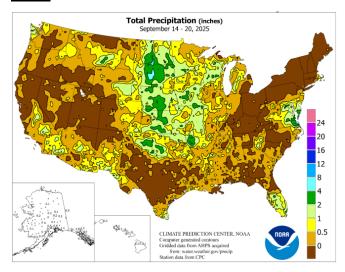
**MEXICO:** Frequent showers sustained good outlooks for immature summer crops in southern plateau corn belt and key areas.

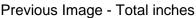
**CANADIAN PRAIRIES:** Warm, dry weather advanced small grains and oilseeds harvest toward completion.

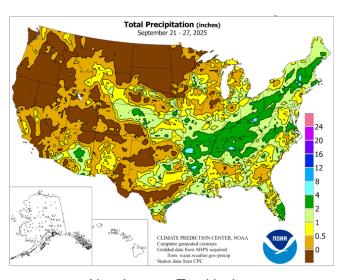
**SOUTHEASTERN CANADA:** SW Ontario rains slowed fieldwork but eased drought before main winter wheat planting.



## **USA**







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# **U.S. Weather Highlights**

**Temperatures:** Mostly above normal nationwide, with northern Great Plains, upper Mississippi Valley, Great Lakes, and Ohio Valley averaging 4-8°F warmer.

**Rainfall:** Highly variable—dry in northern Great Plains, upper Mississippi Valley, and upper Great Lakes; above-normal in Ohio Valley and middle/lower Mississippi Valley (2-4x normal in spots); scattered in Kansas/Nebraska. Western U.S. mostly dry, except parts of California/Arizona exceeding 2x normal.

# U.S. Crop Progress (as of September 21, 2025)

**Corn** 95% dented (equal to last year, 1 pt behind 5-yr avg), 71% mature (2 pts behind last year, 3 pts behind avg). 18% harvested (2 pts behind last year, 1 pt behind avg). 66% good/excellent condition (unchanged); lowa: 71%.

**Soybeans** 79% dropping leaves (equal to last year, 2 pts ahead of avg). 19% harvested (5 pts behind last year, 1 pt behind avg). 62% good/excellent (up 1 pt from prior week).

**Cotton** 67% bolls opening (4 pts behind last year, 2 pts behind avg). 16% harvested (3 pts behind last year, equal to avg). 47% good/excellent (unchanged).

Winter Wheat 34% sown for 2026 (3 pts behind last year, 2 pts behind avg). 13% emerged (equal to last year, 1 pt ahead of avg).

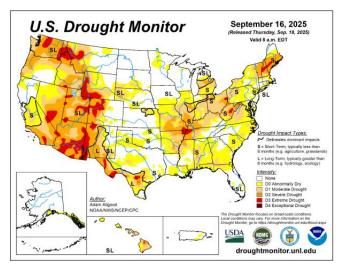
**Sorghum** 93% colouring (2 pts behind last year/avg). 61% mature (7 pts behind last year, 4 pts behind avg). 28% harvested (6 pts behind last year, 4 pts behind avg). 64% good/excellent (unchanged).

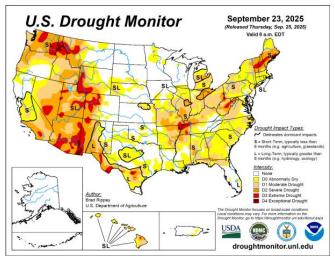
Rice 77% harvested (equal to last year, 10 pts ahead of avg). Louisiana: 98%; Texas: 97%.

**Other Crops Peanuts:** 17% harvested (7 pts ahead of last year, 4 pts ahead of avg); 55% good/excellent (unchanged); Virginia leads at 83%.

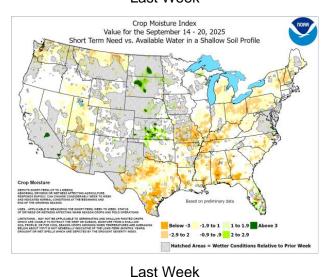
**Sugarbeets:** 15% harvested (equal to last year, 2 pts behind avg); behind avg in 3/4 estimating states.

**Sunflowers:** Colorado: 2% harvested (equal to last year, 1 pt ahead of avg); Kansas: 6% (4 pts behind last year, 1 pt behind avg).

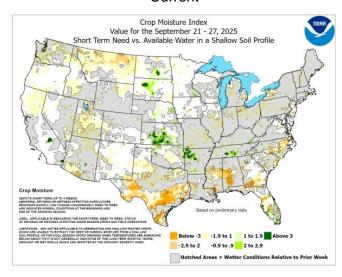




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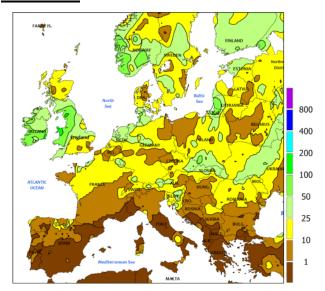


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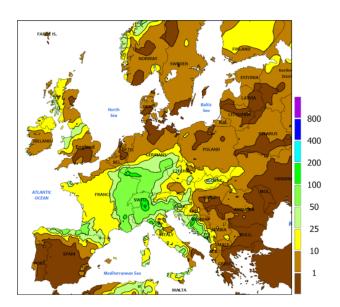


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#### **EUROPE**



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**Northern Europe:** High pressure brought sunny skies and cool temps (up to 3°C below normal), aiding summer crop harvest and winter sowing in croplands.

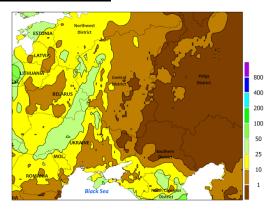
**Central Europe:** Blocked storm system delivered widespread moderate-heavy rain (10-100 mm, locally >200 mm; peak 262 mm in NW Italy) from E France to Italy, C/S Germany, W Balkans, and

SW Poland—boosting winter grain/oilseed moisture but causing localized flooding. (Note: France/Hungary station data missing/suspect; used radar/satellite.)

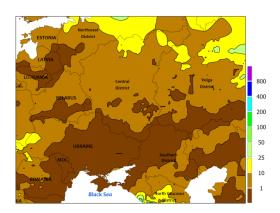
**Southeastern Europe:** Sunny skies and warmth (up to 5°C above normal) intensified drought in Hungary and lower Danube Valley, severely limiting soil moisture for winter crop emergence.

**Iberian Peninsula:** Dry weather slowed 2025-26 Water Year start; temps dropped sharply (3-6°C below normal) after prior heat. Hurricane Gabrielle remnants added heavy showers to N Portugal and W-central Spain post-monitoring.

## **WESTERN FSU**



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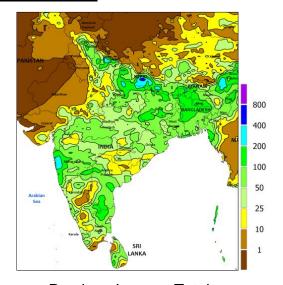
**Conditions:** Dry weather and variable temps intensified drought but accelerated fieldwork across the region.

**High Pressure:** Shifted east from N Europe to NW Russia, ensuring sunny skies throughout.

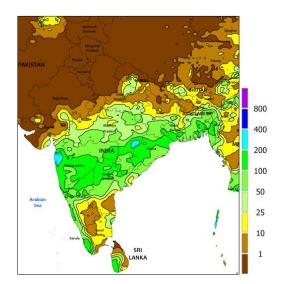
**Drought Impacts:** Short-term drought worsened in west-central Russia (Rostov northward); long-term drought lingered south from Moldova/southern Ukraine to southern Russia, despite prior beneficial showers.

**Temperatures:** Early unseasonable warmth (highs 20-30s°C) turned sharply colder by week's end, averaging near-normal. Hard freezes (≤-2°C) hit Belarus and western Russia's Central District, with minimal ag effects.

# **SOUTH ASIA**



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**Monsoon Retreat:** Southwest Monsoon pulled back into western Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, ushering in hot, dry conditions.

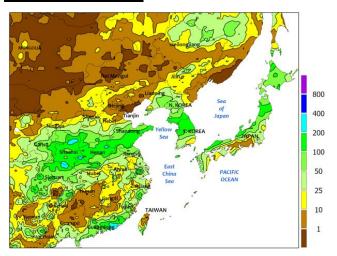
**Flood Relief:** Eases pressure on Pakistan's flooded riverways, especially Punjab, as northern India's overflowing dams/reservoirs push excess waters downstream, damaging riverside crops.

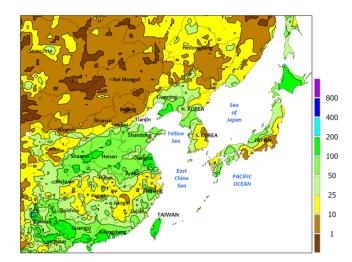
Rainfall Elsewhere: Monsoon rains averaged 25-200 mm across other areas.

## Temperatures:

- North: 1-4°C above normal; daytime highs mid-upper 30s°C, nighttime lows mid-upper 20s°C.
- Rest of region: Daytime highs lower 30s°C, nighttime lows lower 20s°C.

## **EASTERN ASIA**





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**Typhoon Ragasa:** Landfall in Guangdong midweek; >100 mm rain on southern coast and inland to Yunnan as it dissipated. Overall, E/S China averaged 10-100 mm.

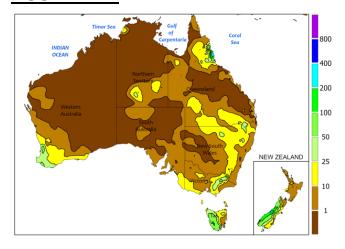
**Monsoon Withdrawal:** East Asian Summer Monsoon retreating, bringing dry conditions (little/no rain) to Mongolia and N China; scattered showers (<25 mm) in Heilongjiang.

**Other Rainfall:** Widespread showers (25-100 mm) across Korean Peninsula and Japan; some spots >100 mm.

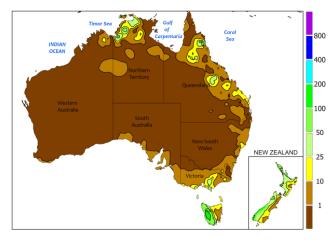
Temperatures: Most areas 1-5°C above normal, except E-central China (1-3°C below).

- North: Daytime highs lower-middle 20s°C; nighttime lows <10°C.</li>
- Elsewhere: Daytime highs upper 20s-middle 30s°C; nighttime lows teens-lower 20s°C.

## **AUSTRALIA**







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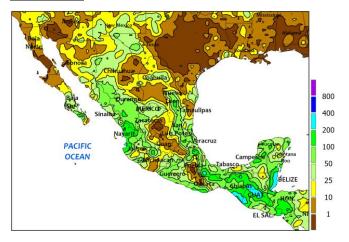
**Conditions:** Dry weather and highly variable temps across the continent.

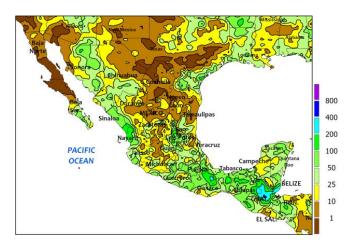
**High Pressure:** Broad system kept sunny skies in western, southern, and eastern areas; measurable rain limited to southeast coast locales.

**Temperatures:** Up to 4°C above normal in Western Australia. Early-week cold in New South Wales/Queensland (up to 2°C below normal) offset by late-week anomalous warmth in eastern Australia.

**Crops:** Winter wheat, barley, and rapeseed at filling stage in warmer western/northern areas; vegetative in cooler southeastern croplands.

## **MEXICO**





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**Wet Season:** Productive rains continued across much of the country, from drought-hit NW deserts to well-watered SE states.

**Heavy Rainfall:** Locally >200 mm in Oaxaca highlands and N Nayarit; 5-50 mm variable on southern plateau corn belt.

**Monsoon Influence:** Robust North American monsoon brought widespread rain to Sonora and into SW US, despite typical southward retreat and no tropical activity (Hurricane Narda offshore).

**Dry Spots:** Mostly dry in north-central/NE Mexico, with temps 2-4°C above normal.

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