

Southern hemisphere gets rain

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As the United States grew warmer and dryer from lack of seasonal precipitation, heavy rains fell in many growing areas of the Southern Hemisphere, according to a weekly report issued Tuesday by the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility of the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Agriculture.

Highlights of the report follow.
--United States. Only the Southeast had below-normal temperatures last week as warmer conditions spread over nearly all of the country.

Wheat broke dormancy as far north as Montana creating an unhealthy situation should frigid weather suddenly return. Winter wheat fields in the central states remain too dry, but some rain was recorded in southeast and western regions.

--South Asia. A slow-moving westerly storm dropped abundant rain on northern India's winter grains, easing the need for irrigation water and improving conditions in unirrigated fields. Grains are in the moisture-sensitive heading stage.

--South Africa. Corn growing in

the Maize Triangle benefited from abundant moisture last week. Previously, some areas of southern and western Orange Free State were becoming too dry as the crop entered the moisture-sensitive reproductive stage.

--South America. Corn and soybeans in Argentina received heavy showers last week aiding the reproductive stages of the crops. In Brazil, scattered showers fell on the soybean crop which is flowering, with pods forming on early-seeded plants in northern crop areas.

Western USSR. Winter grains benefited from increased snowcover last week as above-normal precipitation was recorded over the western third of the winter wheat belt.

Snow is most needed in the northeastern Ukraine, northern North Caucasus, southern Black Soils and lower Volga Valley. Current above-normal temperatures pose no threat of winterkill.

--Eastern Asia. Despite light precipitation over most agricultural areas in China, winter grains remained dry, indicating

potential problems for unirrigated winter grain, fields when moisture needs increase with the onset of warmer spring weather.

Winter grains in southern coastal areas of South Korea benefited from abundant precipitations.

--Europe. Most regions have good soil moisture, but dryness is now developing in northern Italy and the southern three-fourths of Spain. Temperatures surged above normal over much of the west, encouraging winter grain growth, but eastern countries were cooler than normal.

--Northwestern Africa. Precipitation decreased substantially in all areas last week. Winter grains in Tunisia and Algeria have good soil moisture, but portions of Morocco remain too dry.

In southern Moroccan grain areas, plant stress will become critical where temperatures rise unless considerable rain is

received in the next few weeks.

--Australia. Northern Australian pasturelands and crop areas received significant rainfall while dry weather prevailed in the summer crop areas of southeastern Queensland and

southern Australia.

--Mexico. Light rains and cool temperatures slowed corn harvesting in portions of the Southern Plateau last week, while mild, dry weather over the West Coast favored vegetable development and harvest.

Penn Manor tobacco rap session

MILLERSVILLE — A tobacco rap session will be held this week at the Penn Manor High School.

The session is slated for Thursday, February 12 at 7.30 p m.

The meeting will be held at the High School Relocatable Building, currently located next to the tennis courts.

Guest speakers for the evening will include John Yocum from the Southern Field Research Lab and Steve Fisher from FMC.

Yocum will discuss blue mold, wild fire, etch virus, 36-inch rows

versus 40-inch rows, liquid nitrogen applications, new tobacco beds, sanitation problems, and chemicals for suckers, aphids, and other tobacco problems.

Fisher will present a program on the use of Furadan on tobacco. He will answer questions on what, when and where to apply the material.

For further information on the Penn Manor tobacco production meeting, contact Young Farmer Advisor Jeff Hart at the school in Millersville, or call 717/872-5431.

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12,000	10'0"	20'6"	1/4"	8,074	2,630.00
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15,000	10'6"	23'2"	5/16"	11,857	3,825.00
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