

# Rainfall slows global crop activity

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rainfall is delaying fall field work, winter grain planting and slowing early growth in several parts of the world, according to a weekly report issued by the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility of the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Agriculture. Harvest activity in the United States and Canada continued in mostly fair weather.

Highlights of the report follow.  
 — USSR. Heavy rain probably delayed soil preparation and interrupted winter grain sowing in some parts of west European USSR. More rain than is normal for the entire month of August fell last week, damaging maturing corn in parts of central European USSR. In the east, above-normal temperatures and only modest rainfall aided spring grain harvesting. Widespread rains likely interrupted the spring grain harvest in the eastern New Lands, while dry conditions helped accelerate the harvest in the west.  
 — United States. Fair weather helped harvest and fall field work, especially in the Pacific Northwest and Great Plains. Beneficial rain fell over much of the eastern half of the country, but locally heavier

totals interrupted the harvest and caused some flooding in the Texas coastal region and across central Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

— Europe. Continued moderate rain probably delayed the winter grain harvest in central Europe. Dry weather and near-normal temperatures benefited maturing spring grains in England and final winter grain harvesting in France. In eastern Europe, above-normal rain and below-normal temperatures likely delayed harvest efforts and possibly reduced the quality of unharvested grain. The moisture should help winter grains which will be sown shortly, however.

— Canada. Crop harvests progressed well, especially in the western Prairies. High humidity and showers in eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba slowed harvest work somewhat in eastern crop areas, possibly reducing grain quality overall. Weekly rainfall amounts were light except in extreme northern crop areas of Alberta and Saskatchewan and southwestern Manitoba.

— Mexico. Dry conditions persisted in northeastern Mexico which probably will reduce fruit size in unirrigated orchards. Wet

weather continued over southern citrus areas. Moderate rainfall aided maturing corn in the southern plateau, and mostly dry weather aided the cotton harvest to the north.

— Australia. Light showers fell only on southern coastal areas and eastern Queensland as dry weather prevailed in major wheat areas. The rainfall in eastern wheat regions generally improved topsoil moisture, short from dry August weather. Conditions are still favorable for early vegetative growth in all five wheat-producing states. In September, spring growth will become more active as temperatures rise, and early maturing wheat will enter the critical heading stage in the north.

— South America. Beneficial rain fell on Brazil's wheat areas. Dry weather further north continued to pose problems for frost damaged coffee trees. Virtually no rain fell in Argentina's major wheat areas, but below-normal temperatures kept crop growth at a minimum. Spring rains will be needed for adequate crop moisture as warmer weather accelerates growth.

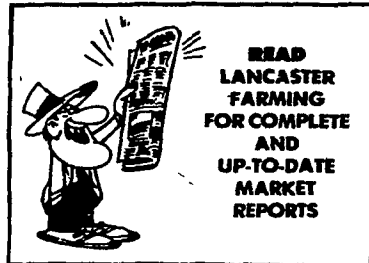
— Eastern Asia. Continued

heavy rains probably hampered flood recovery efforts in the Sichuan Province. Drier weather in central China helped maturing early soybeans and cotton as well as the corn harvest. Rain along the south coastal areas hampered the harvest of intermediate rice and filling of late-maturing rice. Rain in the Manchurian Valley may have delayed the cotton harvest and maintained unfavorably wet conditions for soybean development. Winter wheat planting will begin shortly in Henan, Shandong and surrounding Provinces.

— Southeast Asia. Substantial rain fell in much of eastern Thailand, while below-normal amounts were recorded in the

northern highlands and Central Plains. Heavy rainfall in Burma's southeast coastal area aggravated flooding in rice areas. Sugarcane in western Thailand benefited from dry weather.

— South Asia. Soil moisture supplies in Gujarat and north central India should be adequate for rice and groundnuts growth. A return of dry weather last week stressed cotton now in the flowering stage in the north. Unfavorable dryness also stressed cotton and rice in Rajasthan and central India. Moderate rain over the south peninsula and east coastal areas aided rice growth, while conditions were too wet over Assam.



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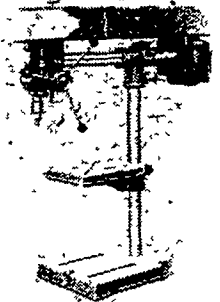
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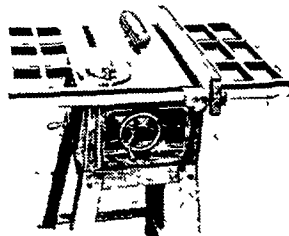
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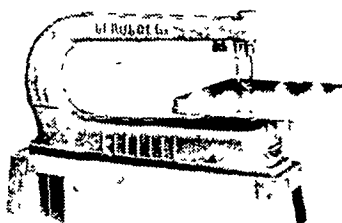
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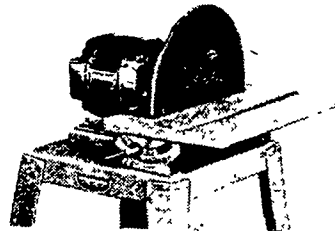
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