

Cold in Florida causes minor crop damage

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Cold temperatures caused only minor damage in Florida crop areas during the week of Dec. 6, according to a weekly report issued by the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility of the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Agriculture. Needed rain fell in southwestern Spain and limited areas of northwestern Africa where winter grain planting has been stalled due to dryness. Corn planting is more than 90 percent complete in South Africa's Maize Triangle.

Highlights of the report follow.
 —United States. Very mild temperatures continued over the Rockies and western Great Plains, but unseasonable cold with sub-freezing temperatures spread over the Southeast states and into central Florida. In most cases, damage in Florida was confined to

leaf burn in the vegetable and citrus areas.

Limited precipitation permitted the harvest to progress in most cotton areas. Beneficial rain fell over much of the West Coast. Early season snow has provided welcome moisture over much of the Northeast, but halted all field work.

—USSR. Heavy precipitation spread from the northeast Ukraine into the western Urals and Volga-Vyatsk. Temperatures were below normal in the Northwest, near normal in the southeast and above normal in the east. Winter grains remain dormant in most areas and snow cover increased in northern and western areas.

—Europe. Some beneficial rains improved topsoil moisture and encouraged winter grain planting in southwestern Spain.

Widespread precipitation benefited winter grain areas of Europe. Below-normal temperatures over northern Europe accompanied an unusual snowstorm in southern England.

—Australia. Scattered light showers caused no problems for the wheat harvest which is underway in all major crop areas. The harvest was estimated at 30 percent complete in early December, the dry weather has favored a rapid harvest pace.

—South America. Mostly dry weather in Rio Grande do Sul aided late soybean plantings. Locally heavy rains may have been excessive for newly emerged crops in northern Parana. In Argentina, scattered showers further improved planting and early growth conditions for corn, soybeans and other crops in northern Buenos

Aires and La Pampa, Cordoba and southern Santa Fe. Dry weather in much of southern Buenos Aires and La Pampa aided maturation and harvesting of the wheat crop.

—Eastern Asia. Generally dry weather prevailed in most of the region aiding the late-rice harvest in South Coastal areas. Temperatures were slightly above normal.

—South Asia. A late season tropical storm dumped heavy rains on parts of West Bengal, Bangladesh and Assam. While the rain delayed completion of the winter rice harvest, the moisture helped relieve dry conditions which had prevailed since October.

—Northwestern Africa. Light

scattered showers fell on winter grain areas of western Morocco, but were inadequate to eliminate the dryness or permit extensive winter grain planting. Crop areas of western Algeria remained dry.

—South Africa. Widespread showers improved soil moisture supplies, in the Maize Triangle where corn planting is more than 90 percent complete, about a week behind last year. Moisture is sufficient in nearly all areas for emergence and early crop growth. As the crop advances through vegetative and reproductive development in January and February, timely rains will be needed to sustain good growth conditions.

Pa. Ayrshire breeders plan mid-winter meeting

LITITZ — Anyone with an interest in Ayrshire cattle, is invited to the mid-winter meeting of the Pennsylvania Ayrshire Breeders Association.

The meeting will be held during the Farm Show on Tuesday, January 12 in room C on the second floor of the Farm Show building at 2 p.m.

Among the highlights of the meeting will be the announcement

of the outstanding FFA Ayrshire award. Ayrshire breeders are also expected to discuss a possible Pennsylvania location for the 1986 National Meeting and Sale. Judges for the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show are also expected to be named at that time.

Pa. Ayrshire memberships are available for \$10 from Secretary Milt Brubaker, 595 Snyder Hill Road, Lititz, Pa. 17543.

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