

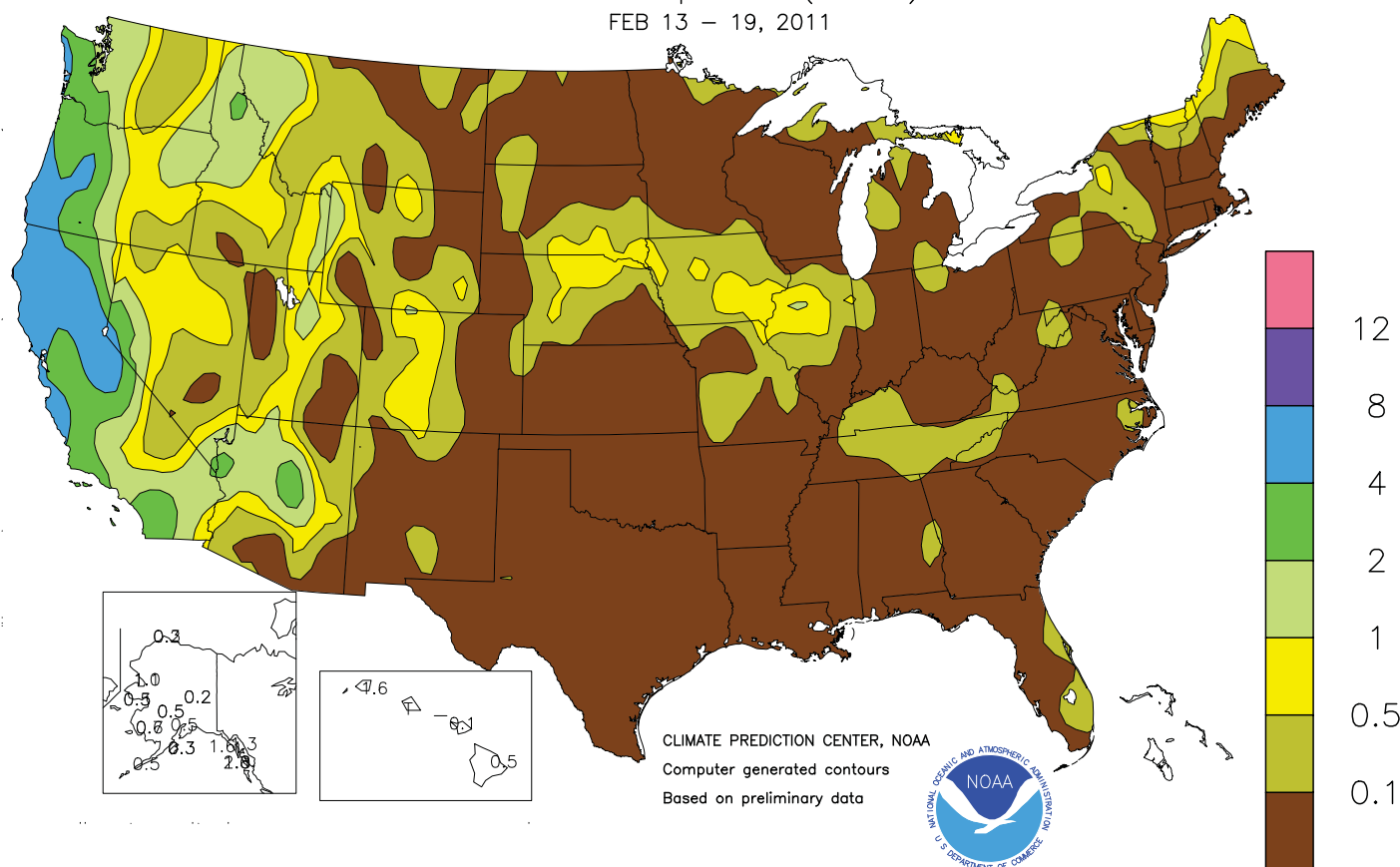
# WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN

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Total Precipitation (Inches)

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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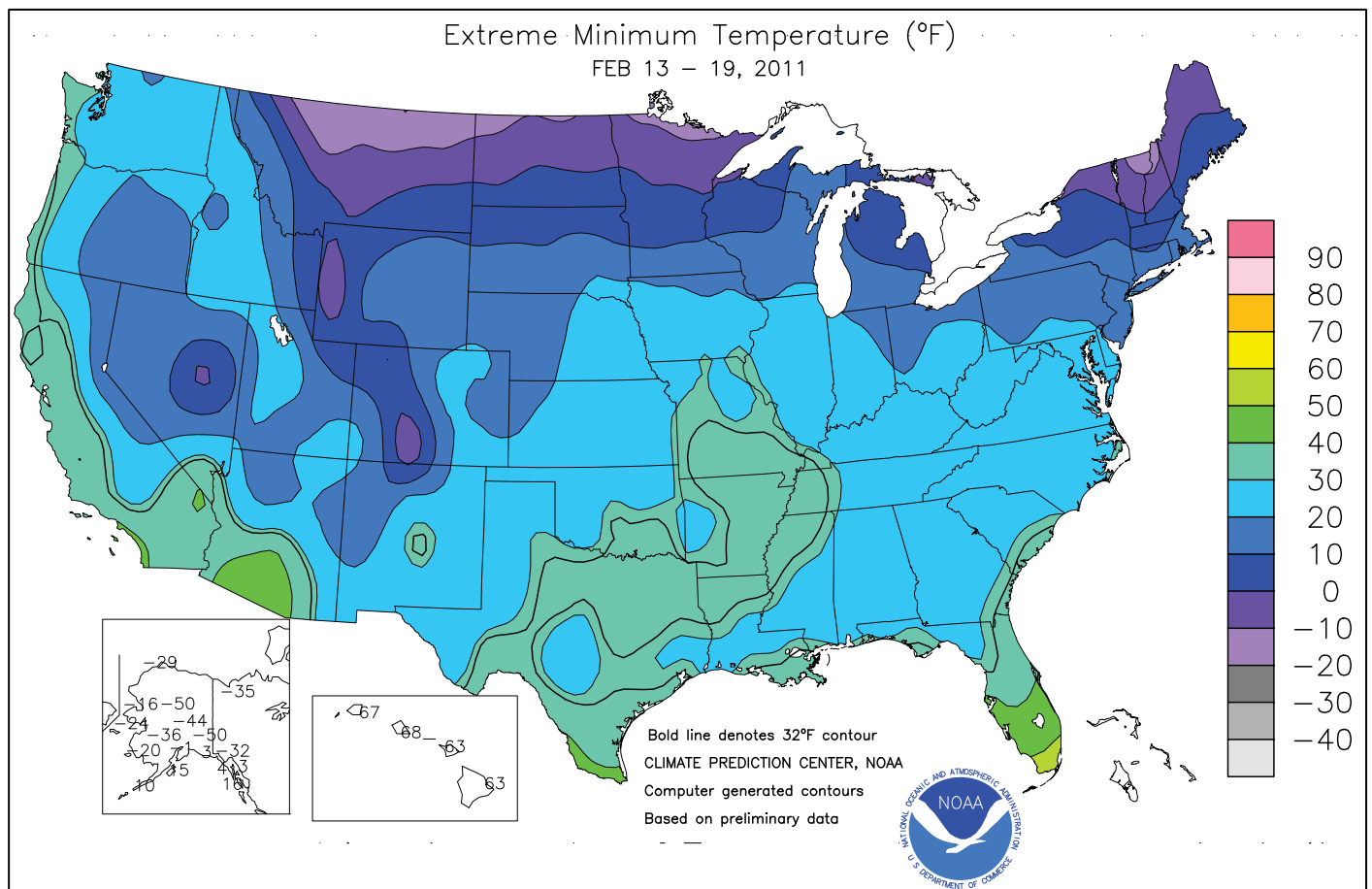
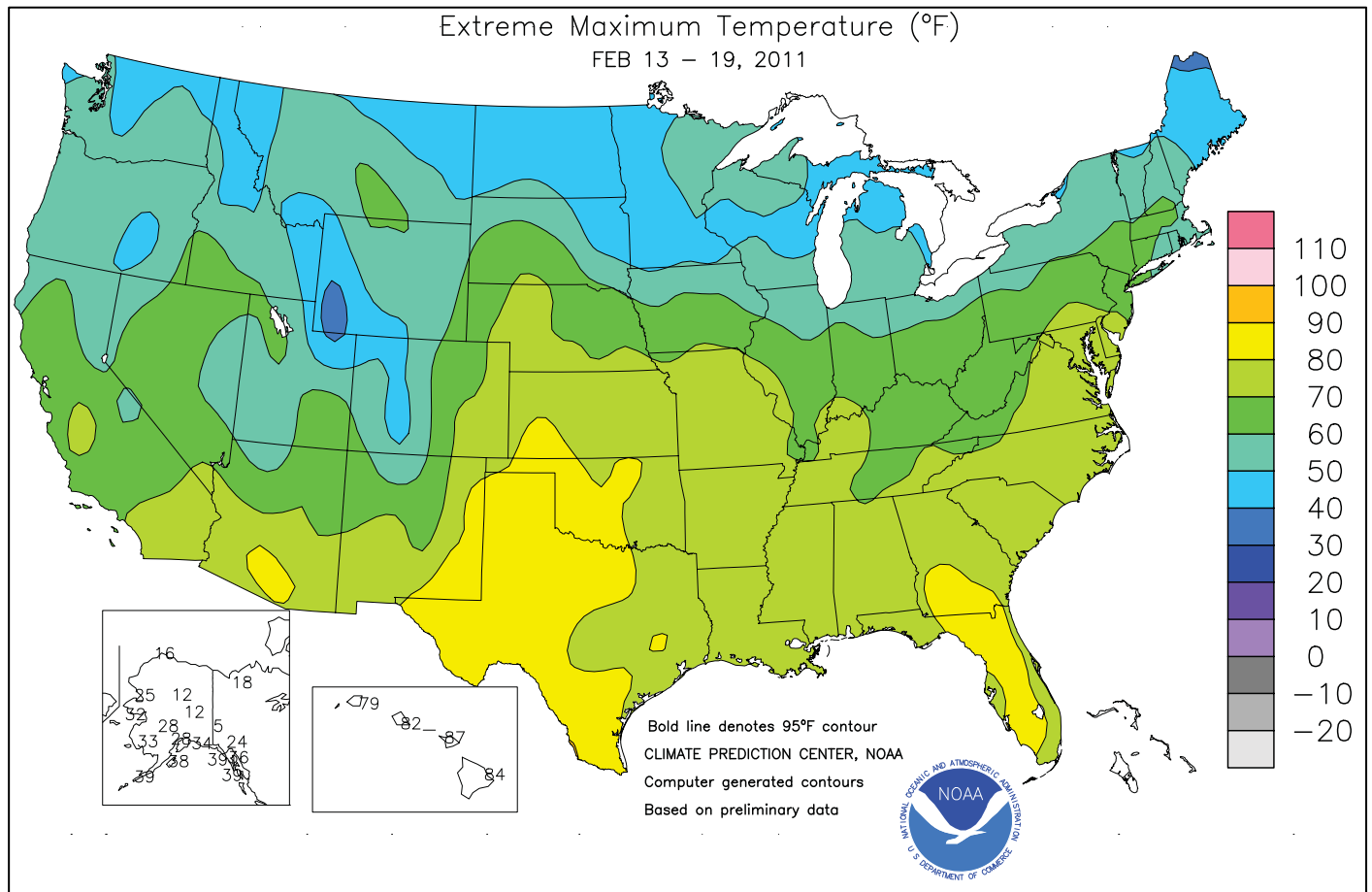
Highlights provided by USDA/WAOB

The West's first significant storminess since late-December 2010 resulted in highly beneficial snowfall in key watershed areas of **California** and the **Northwest**. Toward week's end, much-needed moisture also spread into the **Southwest**. Meanwhile on the **central and southern Plains**, dry weather and a rapid warming trend further stressed pastures, winter grains, and livestock. At the height of the warm spell, several brush and grass fires—including a 16,000-acre complex in **Lipscomb County, TX**—affected the **southern Plains**. Farther

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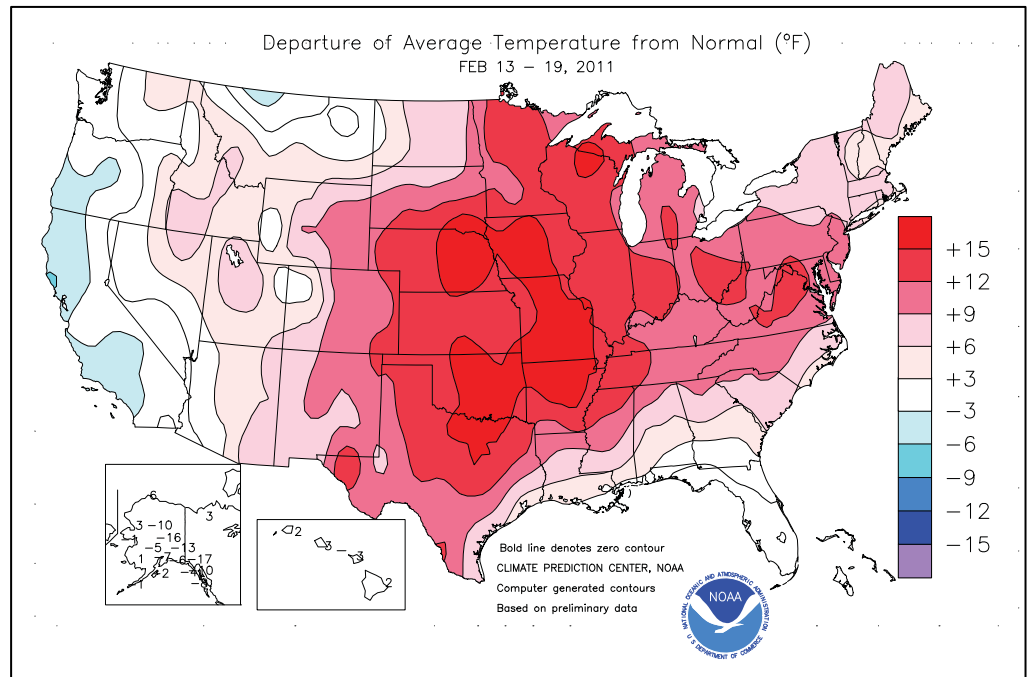


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north, widespread precipitation accompanied a late-week return to cold weather across the **northern Plains** and the **Midwest**. Elsewhere, warm, dry weather also prevailed for much of the week across the **South**. The **Southern** warmth promoted fieldwork and early-season growth of pastures and winter grains, although drought remained a concern. In fact, late-week warmth and winds helped to trigger an explosion of wildfires from the **interior Southeast into the southern Mid-Atlantic States**. Cold air quickly retreated, pushing weekly temperatures 10 to 20°F above normal across much of the **Plains, Midwestern, and Mid-Atlantic States**. Temperatures peaked at 80°F or higher throughout the **southern High Plains** on February 16-17. In addition, the **central and southern Plains** witnessed a dramatic temperature rise—as much as 80 to 110°F in a 6-day period from February 10-16. In contrast, near-to below-normal temperatures returned to the **Pacific Coast States**, following last week's warmth.

Early in the week, warm, breezy weather arrived across the **West and North**. On February 13, **Imperial, NE** (72°F), posted a daily-record high, while **Pierre, SD**, recorded a wind gust to 66 mph. The following day, record highs for February 14 reached 58°F in both **Helena, MT**, and **Salt Lake City, UT**. **Helena** and **Salt Lake City** (both 58°F) also collected daily-record highs on February 15, along with locations such as **Douglas, AZ**, and **Childress, TX** (both 79°F). **North Platte, NE** (67 and 71°F), tallied consecutive daily-record highs on February 15-16, just days after noting a daily-record low (-18°F on February 9). Similarly in **Oklahoma**, **Tulsa's** daily-record high (79°F on February 17) occurred a week after a daily-record low (-12°F on February 10). Farther north, **Hibbing, MN** (60°F on February 16), eclipsed its monthly record high of 57°F, previously established on February 24, 1976. Consecutive daily-record highs were observed in several locations, including **Wichita Falls, TX** (82 and 84°F on February 16-17, respectively), and **Harrisburg, PA** (67 and 69°F on February 17-18, respectively). Daily-record highs reached 87°F (on February 16) in **Childress, TX**, and 78°F in **Raleigh-Durham, NC**. On February 19, **Mobile, AL**, and **Columbus, GA** (both 80°F), notched daily-record highs. In contrast, frigid weather returned to parts of **Montana**, where **Turner** (-24°F) registered its lowest temperature on record for February 19. Late in the week, high winds returned to many areas, including the **Midwest, Northeast, and Southwest**. On February 19, wind gusts were clocked to 77 mph in **Albuquerque, NM**, and 74 mph in **Worcester, MA**. The winds helped to spread mid- to late-week wildfires in several regions. For example, wildfires in **Lipscomb County, TX**, charred nearly 16,000 acres, while more than 6,000 acres burned northwest of **Harrisonburg, VA**.

Following a 6-week lull, mid-February storms added



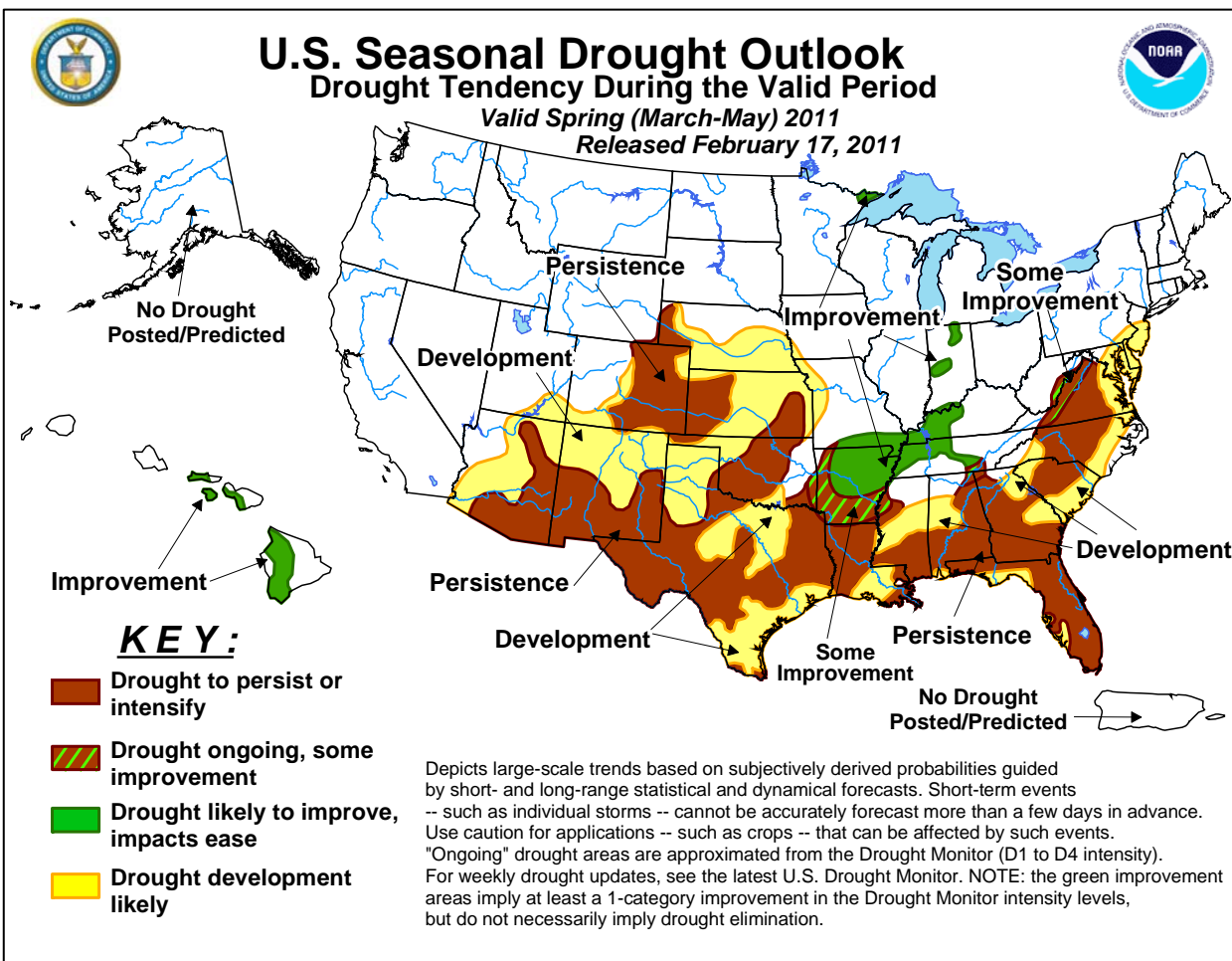
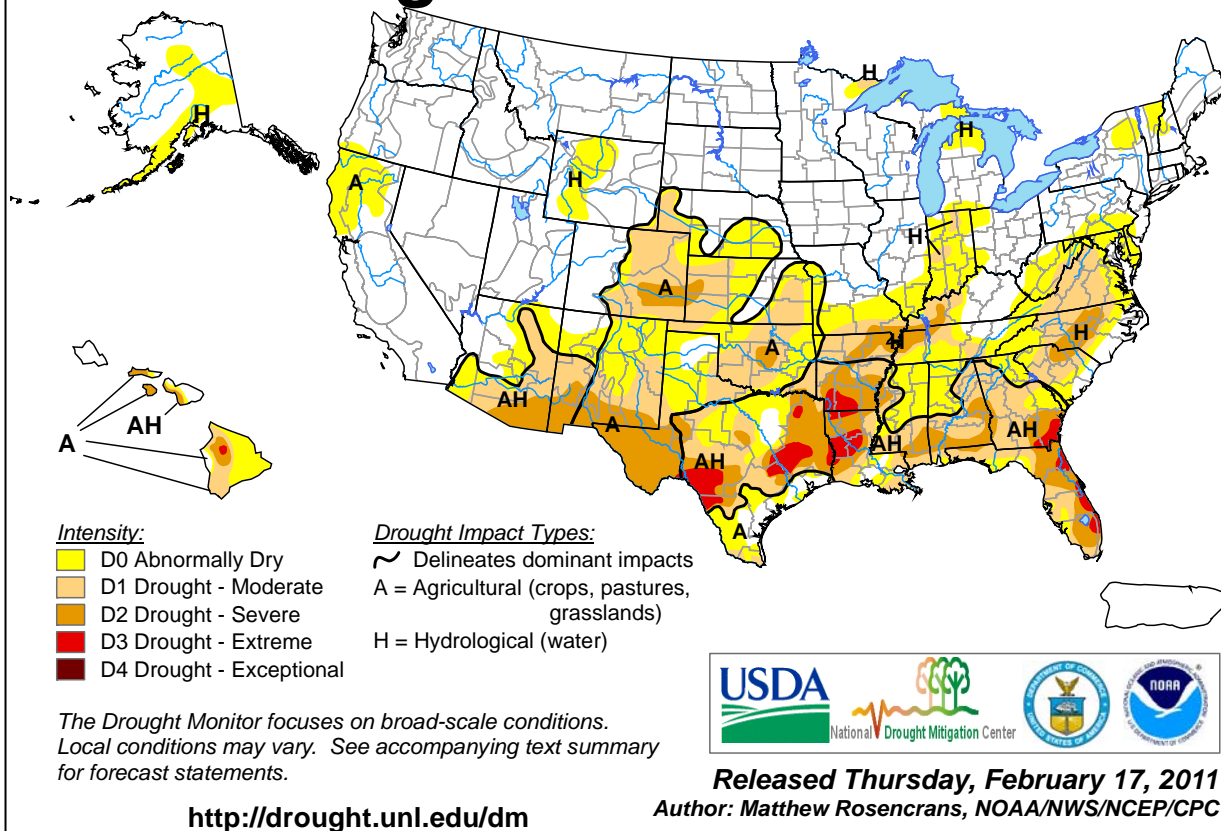
approximately 5 inches of liquid to the **Sierra Nevada** snow pack. At lower elevations, daily-record rainfall totals for February 15 included 2.65 inches in **Mt. Shasta City, CA**, and 0.84 inch in **Pendleton, OR**. **Ely, NV**, received daily-record snowfall totals on February 16 and 19 (4.6 and 4.9 inches, respectively). Elsewhere in **Nevada**, **Reno** (6.9 inches on February 18) also received a daily-record snowfall. **Reno's** 4-day (February 16-19) total reached 13.2 inches. Toward week's end, heavy precipitation spread southward across the **West**. **Santa Maria, CA** (1.77 inches) netted a daily-record rainfall total for February 18. Farther inland, **Kingman, AZ**, was pounded by a 1.50-inch rainfall on February 19. **Flagstaff, AZ**, received 17.9 inches of snow from February 18-20. **Flagstaff's** only other measurable snowfall since the beginning of the year was a 1.2-inch accumulation on January 31. Meanwhile in **Utah's Wasatch Range**, February 18-21 snowfall topped 3 feet in several locations, including **Alta**. By late February 19, the first snowflakes of a major winter storm reached the **north-central U.S.** The following day, February 20, snowfall in **South Dakota** included 16.0 inches in **Aberdeen** and 11.8 inches in **Pierre**.

Cold weather lingered for much of the week across **interior Alaska**, while mild, stormy weather developed farther west. **Fairbanks** (-44°F on February 15) noted its lowest temperature since January 11, 2009. In **western Alaska**, weekly snowfall totaled 13.6 inches in **Kotzebue** and 12.2 inches in **Nome**. Additional snowfall in those two locations on February 20 reached 7.1 and 6.4 inches, respectively. Meanwhile in **Juneau**, the weekly snowfall of 18.8 inches was aided by a daily-record sum of 9.3 inches on February 19. Farther south, significant **Hawaiian** rainfall was mostly confined to the **western half of the state**. Some of the heaviest rain fell on February 19-20, when 24-hour totals on **Oahu** reached 3.82 inches in **Luluku** and 3.47 inches at the **Wilson Tunnel**. Warm, mostly dry weather prevailed farther east, where **Kahului, Maui** (86°F), posted a daily-record high for February 16.

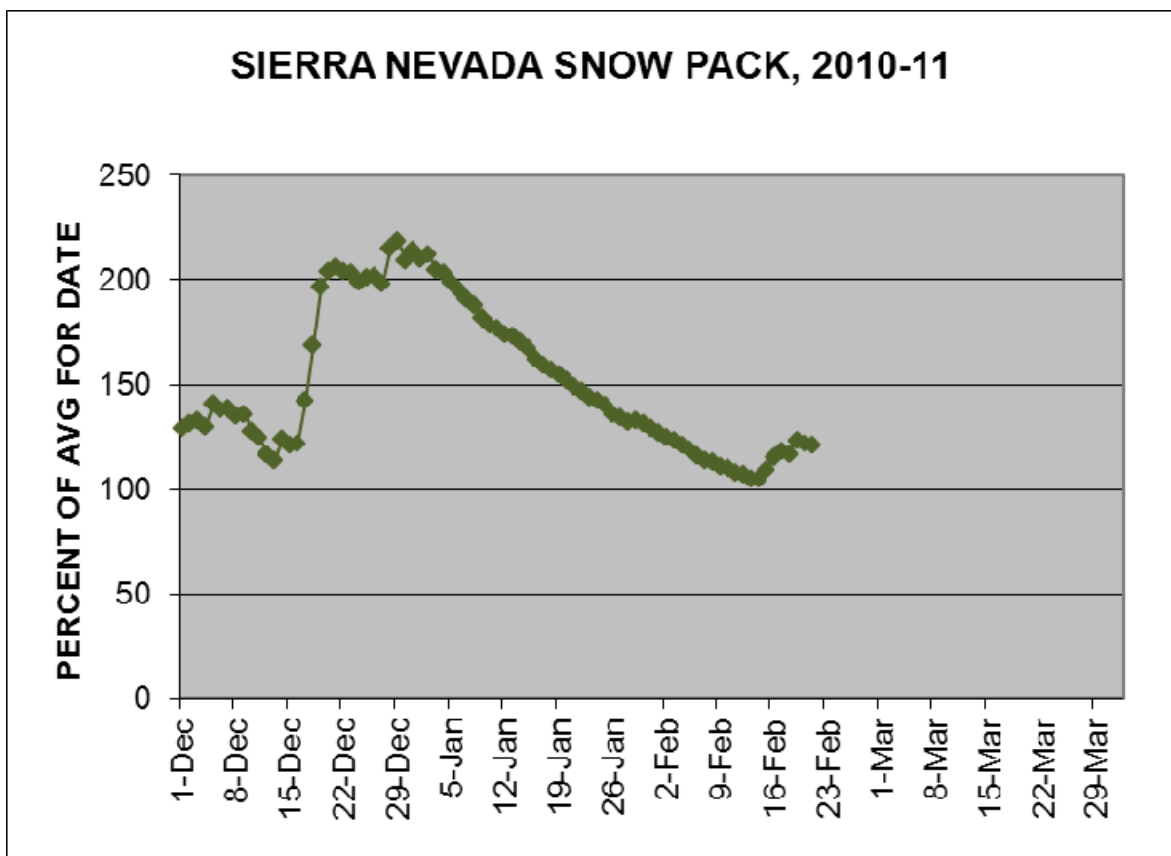
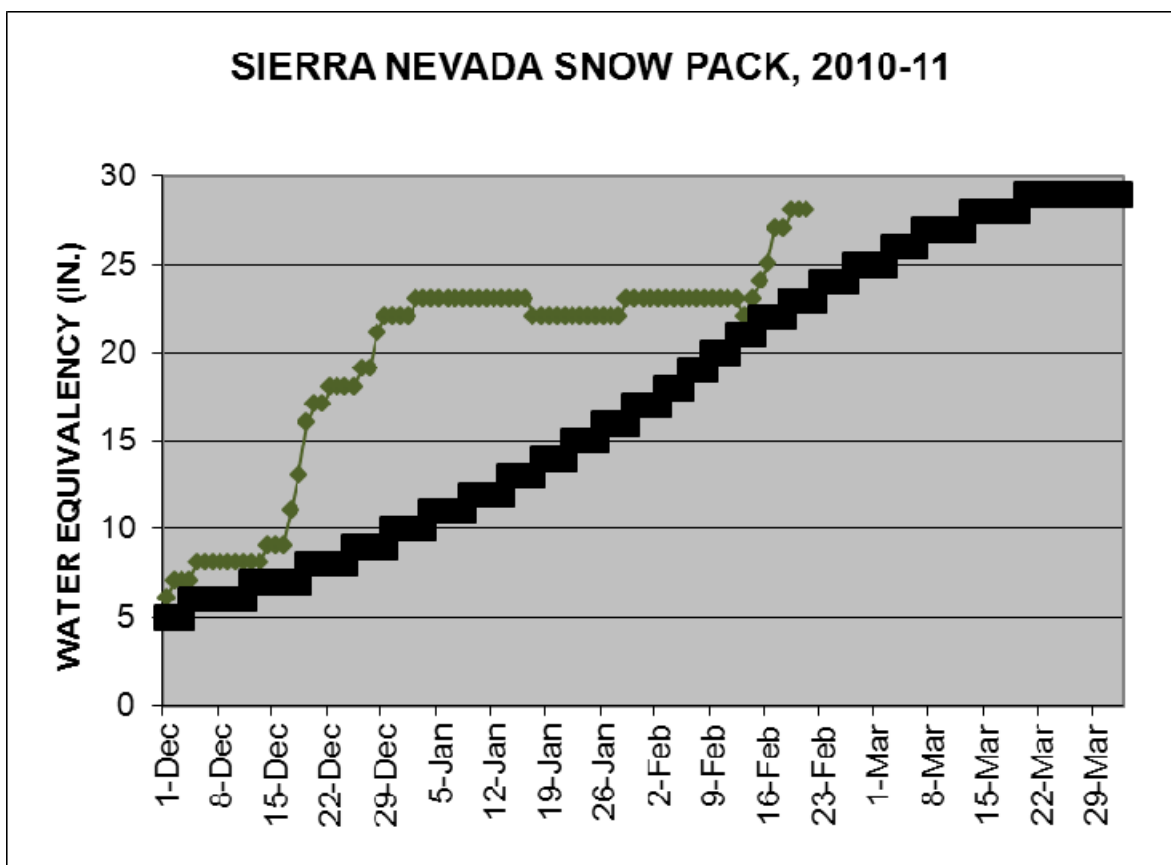
# U.S. Drought Monitor

February 15, 2011

Valid 8 a.m. EDT





**Daily Sierra Nevada Snow Pack vs. Normal, 2010-11***Source: California Department of Water Resources*

# Agricultural Weather Data Compiled by USDA's Stoneville Field Office

Weather Data for the Week Ending February 19, 2011

Data Provided by the Mississippi State Delta Research and Extension Center (DREC)  
and the University of Missouri Commercial Agriculture Program.

STATES AND STATIONS		TEMPERATURE °F						PRECIPITATION						4-INCH SOIL TEMP.		NUMBER OF DAYS				
														°F		TEMP. °F		PRECIP		
		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 DEC01	PCT. NORMAL SINCE DEC01	TOTAL IN., SINCE JAN01	PCT. NORMAL SINCE JAN01	AVERAGE MAXIMUM	AVERAGE MINIMUM	90 AND ABOVE	32 AND BELOW	.01 INCH OR MORE	.50 INCH OR MORE
MISSISSIPPI		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ND	TUNICA 1W	70	48	78	36	59	-	0.00	-	0.00	3.81	-	2.51	53	48	0	0	0	0	
	LYON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	VANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	PERTHSHIRE	69	47	77	33	58	-	0.00	-	0.00	4.50	-	3.98	57	47	0	0	0	0	
	SCOTT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	SANDY RIDGE	69	49	76	39	59	-	0.00	-	0.00	4.04	-	3.02	57	42	0	0	0	0	
NE	VERONA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SD	STONEVILLE x	68	44	72	33	56	9	0.00	-1.09	0.00	4.96	36	4.10	49	61	45	0	0	0	
	INDIANOLA 1S*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	INVERNESS 5E	70	48	77	35	59	-	0.00	-	0.00	5.46	-	3.91	55	48	0	0	0	0	
	SIDON	71	49	79	35	60	-	0.00	-	0.00	4.95	-	3.51	-	-	0	0	0	0	
	NORTH ISSAQUENA	69	49	76	38	59	-	0.00	-	0.00	7.23	-	5.32	55	50	0	0	0	0	
	SILVER CITY	70	48	78	36	59	-	0.00	-	0.00	9.48	-	5.28	55	41	0	0	0	0	
	ONWARD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	MAYDAY	71	49	79	37	60	-	0.00	-	0.00	8.69	-	5.79	53	41	0	0	0	0	
MISSOURI																				
NW	CORNING	57	35	72	31	45	14	0.09	-0.17	0.09	0.47	19	0.43	31	-	-	0	4	1	0
	ALBANY	55	33	72	28	44	13	0.05	-0.33	0.04	0.61	21	0.37	23	37	33	0	4	2	0
	ST. JOSEPH	56	37	72	32	46	13	0.00	-0.27	0.00	0.65	24	0.44	31	-	-	0	0	0	0
NC	LINNEUS	53	34	71	28	44	12	0.01	-0.41	0.01	0.95	29	0.40	22	36	32	0	2	1	0
	BRUNSWICK	53	34	71	27	43	10	0.02	-0.42	0.02	1.08	28	0.35	16	37	34	0	3	1	0
NE	NOVELTY	52	34	69	31	43	11	0.13	-0.25	0.13	1.47	37	0.47	23	36	32	0	2	1	0
	MONROE CITY	56	35	72	29	45	12	0.23	-0.31	0.23	1.73	36	0.63	24	36	32	0	3	1	0
WC	GREEN RIDGE	56	38	72	33	47	13	0.12	-0.20	0.12	1.29	27	0.44	17	43	37	0	0	1	0
C	AUXVASSE	58	38	74	32	47	14	0.18	-0.28	0.18	2.86	51	0.84	27	36	34	0	1	1	0
	COL-SANBORN FLD	60	41	75	34	50	14	0.39	-0.10	0.39	3.04	55	1.00	31	45	39	0	0	1	0
	WILLIAMSBURG	60	39	76	32	49	15	0.04	-0.46	0.04	2.94	47	0.55	16	40	36	0	0	1	0
	COL-JEFFERS F&G	60	40	74	33	49	14	0.12	-0.38	0.12	2.56	47	0.48	15	41	37	0	0	1	0
	COL SOUTH FARMS	59	39	75	32	49	14	0.13	-0.37	0.13	3.04	55	0.62	19	-	-	0	0	1	0
	COL-BF	59	37	73	29	47	12	0.10	-0.40	0.10	2.09	38	0.55	17	41	36	0	2	1	0
	VERSAILLES	61	42	75	35	51	14	0.31	-0.22	0.31	2.61	47	0.92	30	47	40	0	0	1	0
EC	VANDALIA	56	35	71	29	45	13	0.06	-0.47	0.06	2.31	41	0.49	16	41	33	0	3	1	0
SW	LAMAR	60	42	71	33	51	13	0.00	-0.60	0.00	1.06	18	0.32	10	46	40	0	0	0	0
SC	COOK STATION	64	35	74	27	51	13	0.87	0.14	0.87	3.84	53	2.60	63	46	39	0	3	1	1
	MOUNTAIN GROVE	64	44	72	36	52	16	0.02	-0.85	0.02	1.57	20	1.00	23	47	39	0	0	1	0
SE	DELTA	59	40	67	32	50	11	0.00	-1.06	0.00	3.01	31	1.67	30	47	40	0	2	0	0
	CHARLESTON	60	42	70	32	51	11	0.03	-1.33	0.03	4.34	44	1.77	29	49	40	0	1	1	0
	GLENNONVILLE	61	43	69	33	52	12	0.00	-1.10	0.00	3.35	36	1.46	27	51	44	0	0	0	0
	CLARKTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	PORTAGEVILLE DC	62	44	70	35	53	12	0.00	-1.50	0.00	4.83	45	2.00	32	54	43	0	0	0	0
	PORTAGEVILLE LF	62	44	71	33	53	12	0.00	-1.46	0.00	4.62	44	1.74	28	52	42	0	0	0	0
	STEELE	63	43	69	35	53	12	0.04	-1.34	0.04	4.15	37	1.66	26	53	44	0	0	1	0
	CARDWELL	63	43	70	33	53	12	0.00	-1.28	0.00	4.00	37	1.73	28	53	43	0	0	0	0

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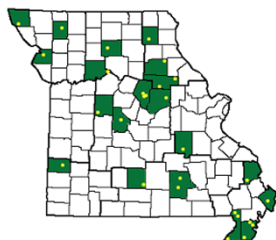
Mississippi: ND = Northern Delta; NE = Northeastern Mississippi; EC = East Central Mississippi; SD = Southern Delta.

Missouri: NW = Northwest; NC = North Central; NE = Northeast; WC = West Central; C = Central; EC = East Central; SW = Southwest; SE = Southeast;

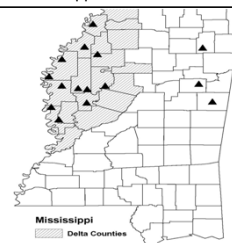
SC = South Central. (Col=Columbia, Col-Jeffers F&G=Columbia Jefferson Farm and Gardens, Col-BF=Bradford Farm)

**Weather and Crop Summary for the Mississippi Delta:** A spring-like weather pattern boosted high temperatures to near 80°F late in the week. Stoneville's weekly average temperature was 9°F above normal. Dry weather led to increased field preparations, but rainfall deficits remained serious.

Missouri Weather Stations



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Note: For information on the weather stations in Missouri, please visit:

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/stations/index.htm>

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## National Weather Data for Selected Cities

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AL	BIRMINGHAM	71	42	76	28	57	11	0.00	-0.97	0.00	6.79	54	5.42	66	85	31	0	1	0	0
	HUNTSVILLE	67	41	69	27	54	10	0.00	-1.18	0.00	9.08	64	6.85	79	73	47	0	1	0	0
	MOBILE	73	42	80	28	58	5	0.00	-1.19	0.00	7.47	55	6.08	67	95	49	0	1	0	0
	MONTGOMERY	74	39	79	27	56	6	0.00	-1.33	0.00	6.52	48	5.49	64	89	34	0	1	0	0
AK	ANCHORAGE	20	4	28	-1	12	-7	0.50	0.32	0.50	2.07	95	1.34	120	69	58	0	7	1	1
	BARROW	-1	-18	16	-29	-10	6	0.25	0.22	0.09	0.65	210	0.51	268	86	72	0	7	5	0
	FAIRBANKS	-7	-33	12	-44	-20	-16	0.17	0.09	0.15	0.90	59	0.63	81	***	***	0	7	3	0
	JUNEAU	25	13	36	3	19	-10	1.33	0.34	0.58	12.20	95	10.35	138	85	68	0	7	4	2
	KODIAK	33	23	38	15	28	-2	0.33	-1.08	0.17	14.06	71	10.93	89	63	51	0	7	2	0
	NOME	14	-5	32	-24	5	-1	0.32	0.14	0.14	3.21	132	1.75	122	86	79	0	7	3	0
	FLAGSTAFF	49	24	62	17	37	5	2.36	1.73	2.32	5.82	104	2.42	64	78	32	0	7	2	1
	PHOENIX	76	50	81	46	63	5	0.27	0.10	0.27	1.38	64	0.31	25	35	22	0	0	1	0
	PRESCOTT	59	32	67	21	45	5	0.85	0.40	0.85	3.86	96	0.85	31	61	23	0	4	1	1
	TUCSON	78	45	82	41	62	7	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.86	34	0.40	26	32	16	0	0	0	0
	FORT SMITH	71	44	76	28	57	14	0.00	-0.61	0.00	4.81	66	2.67	68	87	46	0	1	0	0
	LITTLE ROCK	70	49	73	39	60	15	0.00	-0.80	0.00	5.99	57	3.91	68	78	49	0	0	0	0
CA	BAKERSFIELD	65	41	68	34	53	0	0.15	-0.13	0.08	6.37	237	0.55	28	72	52	0	0	3	0
	FRESNO	61	44	72	38	52	1	1.02	0.51	0.48	8.66	178	2.74	78	80	61	0	0	4	0
	LOS ANGELES	62	50	68	43	56	-2	0.85	0.08	0.50	11.45	167	2.62	52	80	60	0	0	4	1
	REDDING	51	37	65	33	44	-5	4.00	2.65	1.91	14.12	94	5.44	53	90	71	0	0	6	3
	SACRAMENTO	56	42	66	34	49	-2	3.00	2.12	0.99	10.23	117	4.68	74	95	59	0	0	6	3
	SAN DIEGO	65	53	69	49	59	0	1.20	0.70	0.56	6.50	131	1.50	41	75	53	0	0	4	1
	SAN FRANCISCO	54	44	61	39	49	-3	3.84	2.84	1.02	10.78	106	4.78	66	89	73	0	0	6	4
	STOCKTON	58	39	69	34	49	-2	1.84	1.24	0.73	6.85	110	2.62	60	91	72	0	0	6	1
CO	ALAMOSA	52	14	56	-3	33	11	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.82	126	0.44	138	78	35	0	7	1	0
	CO SPRINGS	59	30	71	21	44	12	0.03	-0.04	0.03	0.32	39	0.25	63	57	17	0	6	1	0
	DENVER INTL	61	29	67	22	45	14	0.00	-0.02	0.00	1.25	223	1.03	412	60	18	0	5	0	0
	GRAND JUNCTION	54	25	60	17	39	5	0.12	0.02	0.07	1.12	82	0.48	57	78	47	0	7	2	0
	PUEBLO	65	26	72	19	45	11	0.10	0.06	0.10	1.16	145	0.72	176	65	34	0	6	1	0
	BRIDGEPORT	47	25	57	17	36	4	0.01	-0.68	0.01	10.19	112	6.10	108	63	47	0	4	1	0
	HARTFORD	48	22	62	10	35	6	0.04	-0.66	0.04	12.73	135	6.58	113	69	43	0	6	1	0
	WASHINGTON	62	39	77	32	51	13	0.00	-0.61	0.00	4.98	63	3.20	66	59	22	0	2	0	0
DE	WILMINGTON	56	33	70	23	44	10	0.00	-0.66	0.00	6.72	78	4.31	83	71	28	0	4	0	0
	DAYTONA BEACH	71	46	79	32	59	-1	0.05	-0.60	0.04	5.84	77	5.46	112	97	49	0	1	2	0
	JACKSONVILLE	72	44	81	31	58	3	0.00	-0.75	0.00	11.12	131	10.78	185	95	43	0	1	0	0
	KEY WEST	74	62	78	58	68	-3	0.00	-0.36	0.00	3.22	59	2.64	80	86	59	0	0	0	0
	MIAMI	77	60	80	52	68	-1	0.15	-0.37	0.09	3.99	73	2.78	85	78	43	0	0	2	0
	ORLANDO	77	49	84	37	63	1	0.00	-0.55	0.00	6.96	112	6.18	159	89	36	0	0	0	0
	PENSACOLA	69	44	77	33	57	2	0.02	-1.09	0.01	8.53	69	7.05	84	94	51	0	0	2	0
	TALLAHASSEE	74	34	80	25	54	0	0.00	-1.09	0.00	8.53	69	7.05	85	92	37	0	2	0	0
	TAMPA	73	50	77	41	61	-1	0.00	-0.66	0.00	7.47	119	6.92	175	88	42	0	0	0	0
	WEST PALM BEACH	76	57	80	49	67	0	0.16	-0.43	0.16	3.95	45	2.65	47	78	49	0	0	1	0
	ATHENS	69	39	75	29	54	8	0.00	-1.07	0.00	8.75	78	6.83	90	78	38	0	1	0	0
	ATLANTA	68	43	75	35	56	10	0.00	-1.13	0.00	7.21	60	5.59	69	75	41	0	0	0	0
	AUGUSTA	72	35	80	23	54	6	0.00	-0.99	0.00	6.84	66	5.68	79	88	35	0	4	0	0
	COLUMBUS	71	40	80	29	56	6	0.00	-1.07	0.00	8.28	69	6.72	88	87	32	0	1	0	0
	MACON	70	36	80	25	53	4	0.00	-1.10	0.00	7.89	66	6.81	85	91	38	0	3	0	0
	SAVANNAH	71	42	79	31	57	5	0.00	-0.70	0.00	7.57	86	5.94	99	88	34	0	1	0	0
HI	HILO	82	65	84	63	74	3	0.46	-1.63	0.31	11.86	46	4.73	30	86	74	0	0	2	0
	HONOLULU	81	71	82	68	76	3	0.01	-0.57	0.01	16.35	229	4.61	107	83	76	0	0	1	0
	KAHULUI	84	65	87	63	75	3	0.14	-0.42	0.14	9.88	116	6.26	115	88	79	0	0	1	0
	LIHUE	78	69	79	67	73	1	1.58	0.80	0.96	17.33	149	7.33	107	93	90	0	0	4	1
ID	BOISE	52	35	64	24	43	6	0.32	0.04	0.13	5.04	143	1.79	84	67	46	0	3	4	0
	LEWISTON	48	33	59	27	40	2	1.42	1.20	0.72	4.36	155	2.66	150	84	68	0	4	5	1
	POCATELLO	44	26	52	18	35	5	0.26	0.03	0.15	3.57	125	1.60	91	77	51	0	6	2	0
	CHICAGO/O'HARE	45	32	56	23	39	12	0.00	-0.39	0.00	6.04	115	3.70	132	79	60	0	4	0	0
	MOLINE	49	32	63	26	40	13	0.00	-0.35	0.00	3.99	85	2.31	93	78	63	0	4	0	0
	PEORIA	50	33	64	27	42	14	0.00	-0.39	0.00	5.39	111	1.62	66	82	57	0	4	0	0
	ROCKFORD	44	31	52	24	38	14	0.00	-0.31	0.00	3.20	74	1.47	66	77	56	0	5	0	0
	SPRINGFIELD	54	36	68	29	45	15	0.00	-0.42	0.00	3.12	60	1.45	55	83	51	0	3	0	0
IN	EVANSVILLE	61	35	72	23	48	13	0.00	-0.75	0.00	4.32	51	2.52	52	75	50	0	4	0	0
	FORT WAYNE	47	29	58	16	38	11	0.00	-0.47	0.00	3.75	62	2.67	81	81	57	0	5	0	0
	INDIANAPOLIS	54	34	65	26	44	13	0.00	-0.57	0.00	4.84	69	2.98	75	74	48	0	3	0	0
	SOUTH BEND	46	30	56	18	38	11	0.02	-0.45	0.01	5.06	76	3.43	97	73	58	0	4	2	0
IA	BURLINGTON	51	33	67	29	42	14	0.03	-0.33	0.02	1.40	33	0.58	27	89	58	0	5	2	0
	CEDAR RAPIDS	46	29	63	24	37	13	0.00	-0.25	0.00	1.38	43	0.42	24	91	66	0	6	0	0

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KY	WICHITA	65	37	78	25	51	15	0.00	-0.21	0.00	0.92	35	0.80	63	81	54	0	3	0	0
	JACKSON	61	37	70	28	49	11	0.01	-0.89	0.01	6.58	65	3.61	61	67	27	0	2	1	0
	LEXINGTON	58	36	66	27	47	11	0.00	-0.78	0.00	6.48	69	3.99	75	64	42	0	4	0	0
	LOUISVILLE	62	38	71	30	50	13	0.00	-0.78	0.00	4.55	51	2.89	55	65	30	0	1	0	0
LA	PADUCAH	61	42	70	31	51	13	0.01	-0.98	0.01	4.95	47	2.73	45	74	43	0	1	1	0
	BATON ROUGE	74	43	80	29	59	6	0.00	-1.26	0.00	11.59	77	7.00	71	99	42	0	1	0	0
	LAKE CHARLES	72	46	77	29	59	5	0.00	-0.77	0.00	9.74	78	6.46	81	97	58	0	1	0	0
	NEW ORLEANS	73	48	80	35	60	5	0.00	-1.37	0.00	7.72	52	5.55	57	88	51	0	0	0	0
ME	SHREVEPORT	74	51	80	38	62	11	0.00	-1.05	0.00	6.90	57	6.49	87	88	50	0	0	0	0
	CARIBOU	27	10	41	-8	19	6	0.79	0.31	0.50	8.40	111	3.20	73	89	63	0	7	2	1
MD	PORTLAND	43	17	56	7	30	5	0.00	-0.75	0.00	8.46	81	4.43	71	76	39	0	6	0	0
	BALTIMORE	61	34	74	24	47	12	0.00	-0.72	0.00	5.66	65	3.70	69	57	28	0	3	0	0
MA	BOSTON	48	27	60	17	37	6	0.05	-0.75	0.05	10.10	102	6.49	105	64	38	0	4	1	0
	WORCESTER	44	21	57	12	32	6	0.13	-0.59	0.13	11.67	118	6.59	108	74	35	0	6	1	0
MI	ALPENA	42	16	52	3	29	10	0.04	-0.26	0.02	3.15	71	1.82	70	88	51	0	7	3	0
	GRAND RAPIDS	47	29	56	16	38	13	0.06	-0.30	0.05	4.05	70	2.27	74	74	54	0	3	2	0
	HOUGHTON LAKE	40	18	47	1	29	9	0.15	-0.13	0.08	3.53	85	2.41	100	87	65	0	6	4	0
	LANSING	46	28	56	13	37	13	0.00	-0.35	0.00	2.79	59	1.14	44	74	56	0	6	0	0
MN	MUSKEGON	43	27	53	14	35	10	0.03	-0.34	0.01	6.16	104	4.29	130	78	61	0	4	3	0
	TRAVERSE CITY	44	25	52	12	34	12	0.03	-0.40	0.03	4.45	63	2.23	51	85	52	0	5	1	0
	DULUTH	37	19	52	-2	28	13	0.00	-0.17	0.00	3.32	127	1.24	74	83	64	0	7	0	0
	INT'L FALLS	34	13	48	-17	23	12	0.07	-0.07	0.03	3.13	158	1.56	122	85	59	0	7	3	0
MS	MINNEAPOLIS	41	25	52	10	33	13	0.01	-0.16	0.01	3.83	152	1.04	68	79	63	0	7	1	0
	ROCHESTER	38	25	44	13	32	14	0.00	-0.17	0.00	4.67	192	0.99	70	88	71	0	7	0	0
	ST. CLOUD	37	20	47	6	28	12	0.00	-0.12	0.00	3.48	192	1.03	92	90	61	0	7	0	0
	JACKSON	73	44	78	29	58	9	0.00	-1.09	0.00	9.80	70	5.92	68	93	43	0	1	0	0
MO	MERIDIAN	72	39	78	24	55	5	0.00	-1.28	0.00	7.13	48	6.02	64	95	48	0	2	0	0
	TUPELO	70	44	74	30	57	13	0.00	-1.12	0.00	6.60	47	4.37	54	83	50	0	1	0	0
	COLUMBIA	58	39	74	30	48	15	0.03	-0.51	0.03	4.15	75	1.87	61	77	49	0	1	1	0
	KANSAS CITY	57	37	74	28	47	14	0.00	-0.30	0.00	2.49	71	1.97	106	84	49	0	1	0	0
MT	SAINT LOUIS	63	40	76	33	51	16	0.01	-0.53	0.01	3.74	59	2.44	70	69	49	0	0	1	0
	SPRINGFIELD	62	43	72	28	53	16	0.05	-0.49	0.02	2.40	36	1.66	47	75	56	0	1	3	0
	BILLINGS	44	25	62	2	34	4	0.04	-0.07	0.02	1.54	85	0.59	52	75	39	0	4	2	0
	BUTTE	39	19	48	9	29	7	0.07	-0.02	0.03	1.24	95	0.60	78	79	37	0	7	3	0
NE	CUT BANK	28	10	54	-15	19	-5	0.04	-0.02	0.04	0.11	13	0.10	19	86	57	0	7	1	0
	GLASGOW	27	9	44	-12	18	-1	0.13	0.07	0.11	3.66	421	2.20	440	85	72	0	7	2	0
	GREAT FALLS	33	15	57	-16	24	-2	0.77	0.66	0.31	3.44	212	1.88	198	87	53	0	4	4	0
	HAVRE	27	12	46	-10	20	-2	0.09	0.02	0.04	2.36	207	1.33	211	82	72	0	7	4	0
NV	MISSOULA	40	25	52	16	33	4	0.82	0.65	0.38	4.72	176	3.44	225	91	73	0	6	6	0
	GRAND ISLAND	60	30	70	24	45	17	0.00	-0.13	0.00	1.84	124	1.60	195	78	41	0	5	0	0
	LINCOLN	60	29	71	22	45	17	0.00	-0.12	0.00	1.46	82	1.22	131	85	45	0	5	0	0
	NORFOLK	57	29	68	21	43	17	0.00	-0.15	0.00	2.12	134	1.70	183	81	48	0	7	0	0
NH	NORTH PLATTE	60	22	71	16	41	12	0.00	-0.10	0.00	1.69	167	1.25	205	86	21	0	7	0	0
	OMAHA	56	32	68	27	44	16	0.00	-0.16	0.00	1.90	91	1.36	116	86	57	0	3	0	0
	SCOTTSBLUFF	60	25	70	18	42	12	0.00	-0.12	0.00	1.55	110	0.62	73	76	32	0	7	0	0
	VALENTINE	55	26	71	17	41	14	0.00	-0.10	0.00	1.74	205	0.88	169	75	38	0	5	0	0
NJ	ELY	44	22	56	-1	33	3	1.29	1.12	0.62	4.90	295	1.56	134	69	53	0	6	3	1
	LAS VEGAS	66	45	71	41	55	3	0.05	-0.12	0.05	1.83	131	0.06	6	42	29	0	0	1	0
	RENO	48	29	63	20	39	1	1.12	0.87	0.49	2.61	100	1.22	71	72	52	0	6	4	0
	WINNEMUCCA	50	27	63	21	39	3	0.76	0.62	0.35	2.64	131	1.05	87	75	40	0	6	4	0
NM	CONCORD	43	13	58	2	28	5	0.00	-0.56	0.00	8.53	114	4.95	109	82	36	0	7	0	0
	NEWARK	55	33	71	25	44	11	0.00	-0.69	0.00	9.63	101	5.75	97	51	32	0	4	0	0
NY	ALBUQUERQUE	66	36	70	26	51	10	0.00	-0.09	0.00	1.18	98	0.11	15	42	13	0	2	0	0
	ALBANY	45	20	60	9	32	7	0.01	-0.51	0.01	7.53	115	4.58	117	73	45	0	6	1	0
NC	BINGHAMTON	43	22	58	11	33	10	0.14	-0.47	0.06	5.96	82	3.92	93	66	53	0	5	4	0
	BUFFALO	44	23	54	11	34	8	0.16	-0.42	0.08	5.76	67	3.04	63	85	49	0	5	3	0
	ROCHESTER	44	21	55	12	33	8	0.12	-0.38	0.04	5.45	85	2.81	76	76	52	0	6	4	0
	SYRACUSE	43	20	55	9	31	7	0.25	-0.25	0.15	7.58	106	5.16	129	85	54	0	6	4	0
ND	ASHEVILLE	63	33	71	24	48	9	0.00	-0.93	0.00	5.33	53	4.07	62	70	31	0	4	0	0
	CHARLOTTE	68	39	78	26	54	9	0.00	-0.85	0.00	5.55	59	3.81	60	63	24	0	1	0	0
	GREENSBORO	65	37	75	25	51	10	0.00	-0.74	0.00	4.19	48	1.99	36	65	26	0	2	0	0
	HATTERAS	59	46	64	36	53	7	0.00	-0.92	0.00	12.57	96	9.10	106	82	51	0	0	0	0
OH	RALEIGH	67	38	78	25	53	10	0.00	-0.83	0.00	5.39	58	3.00	48	64	29	0	2	0	0
	WILMINGTON	66	40	75	27	53	5	0.00	-0.88	0.00	10.17	95	6.54	94	89	32	0	2	0	0
	BISMARCK	33	15	49	3	24	6	0.01	-0.10	0.01	2.86	240	1.46	195	86	76	0	6	1	0
	DICKINSON	30	15	44	-4	23	2	0.02	-0.08	0.02	1.46	146	1.24	188	84	66	0	6	1	0
OH	FARGO	32	20	44	3	26	12	0.00	-0.12	0.00	2.71	163	0.96	88	85	66	0	6	0	0
	GRAND FORKS	29	16	47	-4	23	10	0.02	-0.12											



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OK	TOLEDO	47	29	55	12	38	11	0.75	0.28	0.75	5.39	93	3.95	125	71	55	0	4	1	1
	YOUNGSTOWN	48	29	60	15	38	11	0.04	-0.43	0.04	7.30	111	3.49	96	73	49	0	5	1	0
	OKLAHOMA CITY	74	44	80	32	59	17	0.00	-0.35	0.00	0.49	12	0.36	17	86	29	0	1	0	0
OR	TULSA	69	43	79	29	56	14	0.00	-0.45	0.00	2.70	53	2.15	81	80	55	0	2	0	0
	ASTORIA	47	36	53	31	42	-2	3.05	1.09	0.78	28.65	112	17.28	114	94	83	0	1	7	2
	BURNS	38	20	45	8	29	-1	0.68	0.42	0.28	5.00	158	1.36	73	84	71	0	7	4	0
	EUGENE	47	35	57	29	41	-2	2.60	1.03	1.41	11.65	57	4.87	40	95	84	0	2	5	2
	MEDFORD	49	34	59	27	42	-1	1.03	0.51	0.91	7.07	104	2.76	71	92	60	0	3	4	1
	PENDLETON	48	33	61	29	40	2	0.91	0.62	0.82	5.47	146	2.34	104	85	71	0	4	3	1
	PORTLAND	48	37	55	33	43	0	1.34	0.30	0.56	15.22	111	6.87	86	91	83	0	0	7	1
	SALEM	48	37	56	32	42	-1	1.58	0.30	0.60	15.50	98	5.55	59	91	81	0	2	6	1
	ALLENTOWN	49	25	67	14	37	7	0.07	-0.58	0.07	7.30	84	4.38	82	69	42	0	5	1	0
	ERIE	48	29	59	13	38	10	0.03	-0.52	0.02	6.78	88	4.54	114	68	50	0	4	2	0
	MIDDLETOWN	54	29	69	20	42	11	0.00	-0.72	0.00	5.34	67	3.37	71	74	30	0	4	0	0
	PHILADELPHIA	57	34	69	26	46	12	0.00	-0.63	0.00	7.61	88	4.37	82	51	33	0	4	0	0
	PITTSBURGH	52	30	66	20	41	11	0.00	-0.56	0.00	4.83	68	3.27	77	66	33	0	5	0	0
	WILKES-BARRE	47	25	63	18	36	7	0.01	-0.49	0.01	5.50	86	3.05	79	71	34	0	5	1	0
	WILLIAMSPORT	49	25	66	13	37	9	0.00	-0.63	0.00	6.99	93	2.96	64	74	49	0	6	0	0
RI	PROVIDENCE	47	25	60	17	36	5	0.00	-0.83	0.00	9.96	92	5.92	88	64	43	0	5	0	0
	BEAUFORT	70	44	79	33	57	7	0.01	-0.73	0.01	5.61	60	4.61	74	86	33	0	0	1	0
	CHARLESTON	71	43	79	33	57	7	0.00	-0.72	0.00	7.44	79	4.96	81	89	32	0	0	0	0
SC	COLUMBIA	71	40	80	28	56	9	0.00	-0.92	0.00	6.49	61	5.09	70	80	40	0	2	0	0
	GREENVILLE	69	41	78	26	55	11	0.01	-1.01	0.01	6.47	59	5.31	75	67	25	0	1	1	0
	ABERDEEN	34	19	46	6	27	8	0.00	-0.09	0.00	3.25	295	1.48	206	88	73	0	7	0	0
	HURON	39	25	47	13	32	11	0.00	-0.11	0.00	3.17	281	1.79	242	84	63	0	5	0	0
	RAPID CITY	53	24	67	12	39	12	0.01	-0.09	0.01	1.32	133	0.71	120	75	32	0	6	1	0
	SIOUX FALLS	43	26	50	18	35	14	0.00	-0.09	0.00	2.92	232	1.38	186	87	62	0	6	0	0
TN	BRISTOL	63	30	71	21	46	8	0.22	-0.61	0.22	5.24	58	2.68	47	77	25	0	6	1	0
	CHATTANOOGA	67	40	72	26	53	10	0.01	-1.15	0.01	6.91	52	5.48	64	75	40	0	1	1	0
	KNOXVILLE	65	38	73	29	52	11	0.05	-0.91	0.05	6.35	55	4.15	58	79	29	0	2	1	0
	MEMPHIS	70	50	73	40	60	15	0.00	-1.06	0.00	5.54	44	3.02	43	69	41	0	0	0	0
	NASHVILLE	64	40	69	31	52	11	0.06	-0.82	0.06	5.63	52	3.76	60	76	39	0	1	1	0
	ABILENE	77	47	84	38	62	14	0.00	-0.27	0.00	2.73	95	1.53	96	77	46	0	0	0	0
TX	AMARILLO	71	34	81	30	53	13	0.00	-0.11	0.00	0.74	49	0.52	57	67	19	0	4	0	0
	AUSTIN	77	53	81	29	65	11	1.39	0.90	1.38	6.36	115	5.56	180	84	67	0	1	2	1
	BEAUMONT	72	48	77	27	60	5	0.00	-0.79	0.00	8.37	62	3.36	41	99	59	0	1	0	0
	BROWNSVILLE	79	61	83	42	70	8	0.00	-0.30	0.00	2.50	74	2.49	111	88	56	0	0	0	0
	CORPUS CHRISTI	76	55	79	34	65	6	0.00	-0.46	0.00	4.74	104	4.12	147	96	67	0	0	0	0
	DEL RIO	78	52	82	35	65	9	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.26	14	0.24	21	80	59	0	0	0	0
	EL PASO	76	39	80	26	58	8	0.00	-0.08	0.00	0.28	19	0.12	18	31	11	0	1	0	0
	FORT WORTH	76	53	82	34	65	16	0.00	-0.58	0.00	4.44	77	2.39	74	84	47	0	0	0	0
	GALVESTON	66	52	69	40	59	1	0.01	-0.60	0.01	6.67	70	4.54	76	97	74	0	0	1	0
	HOUSTON	75	51	80	30	63	8	0.00	-0.72	0.00	8.76	93	5.72	100	94	61	0	1	0	0
	LUBBOCK	76	36	85	26	56	13	0.00	-0.17	0.00	0.49	31	0.49	53	65	26	0	2	0	0
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	ROANOKE	65	39	72	30	52	13	0.00	-0.74	0.00	3.13	39	1.14	22	43	26	0	1	0	0
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# National Agricultural Summary

February 14 – 20, 2011

Weekly National Agricultural Summary provided by USDA/NASS

Temperatures west of the Rocky Mountains were at or below normal during the week, while mild weather across much of the remainder of the nation pushed readings well above average. Most notably, weekly temperatures averaged as much as 20°F above normal across portions of the Corn Belt and Great Plains. Precipitation was scarce for most areas from Texas to the East Coast. Conversely, portions of California received more than 5 inches of precipitation from a series of storms.

Precipitation was minimal and temperatures were near normal in Florida during the week. Producers in northern areas of the state were busy readying fields for spring planting. Winter wheat was reported in mostly good condition. Producers in Palm Beach County prepared rice fields for planting. Sugarcane was still being harvested in southern portions of Florida. Cabbage supplies were light. White mold was evident in cabbage fields in Putnam County. Moderate to severe drought conditions persisted in the citrus-producing region. The harvest of early and midseason oranges, as well as grapefruit, continued.

Rainfall was limited in Texas during the week, with trace amounts falling in some central areas of the state. On the Plains, winter wheat stands were growing well with a boost from warmer weather; however, increased soil moisture was needed to sustain crop development. Elsewhere, small grain crops in the Blacklands

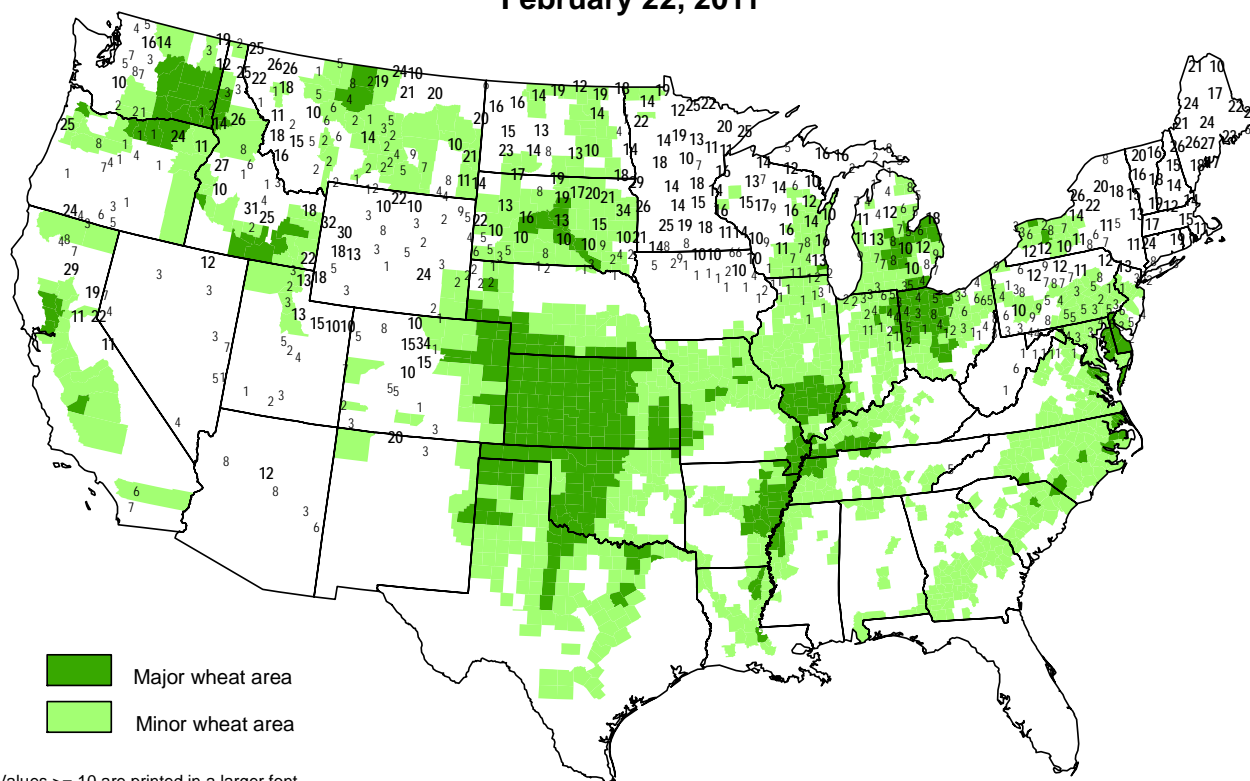
and Cross Timbers benefited from increased moisture from melting ice and snow. Sub-freezing temperatures in portions of the Trans-Pecos region resulted in damage to winter wheat stands. Producers throughout much of the state remained busy completing fieldwork in preparation for spring row crop and vegetable planting.

In Arizona, temperatures were mostly above normal during the week. Precipitation was widespread, ranging from a trace to more than 2 inches. Alfalfa producers in portions of the state continued harvesting; however, condition ratings were mostly poor to fair. Vegetable producers shipped a variety of crops, including broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, citrus, lettuce, and spinach.

A series of storm systems during the week helped bring California's year-to-date precipitation totals to near normal. Reports of small hail and locally heavy precipitation were received in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada. Where conditions allowed, producers prepared fields for spring planting, while aerial herbicide applications were made to small grain fields. Citrus harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley. Budding was ongoing in peach and plum orchards, with blooming evident in many early-variety trees. Almond producers made bloom sprays to some trees. Winter vegetable harvesting continued in Fresno, Merced, and Tulare Counties.

## Snow Depth (inches)

February 22, 2011



Values  $\geq 10$  are printed in a larger font.

Snow depth reports obtained from the NWS Cooperative Observer Network.

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## International Weather and Crop Summary

February 13-19, 2011

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

**EUROPE:** Wet weather returned to western Europe, while a late-season cold snap overspread northeastern growing areas.

**WESTERN FSU:** Bitter cold persisted, although most dormant winter crops remained adequately protected by a moderate to deep snowpack.

**MIDDLE EAST:** Rain and mountain snow returned, providing an additional boost to soil moisture and irrigation reserves.

**NORTHWEST AFRICA:** Locally heavy showers benefited jointing winter grains.

**SOUTH ASIA:** Showers and warm weather aided winter wheat and rapeseed development in northern India.

**EAST ASIA:** Light showers eased short-term dryness in key wheat producing areas.

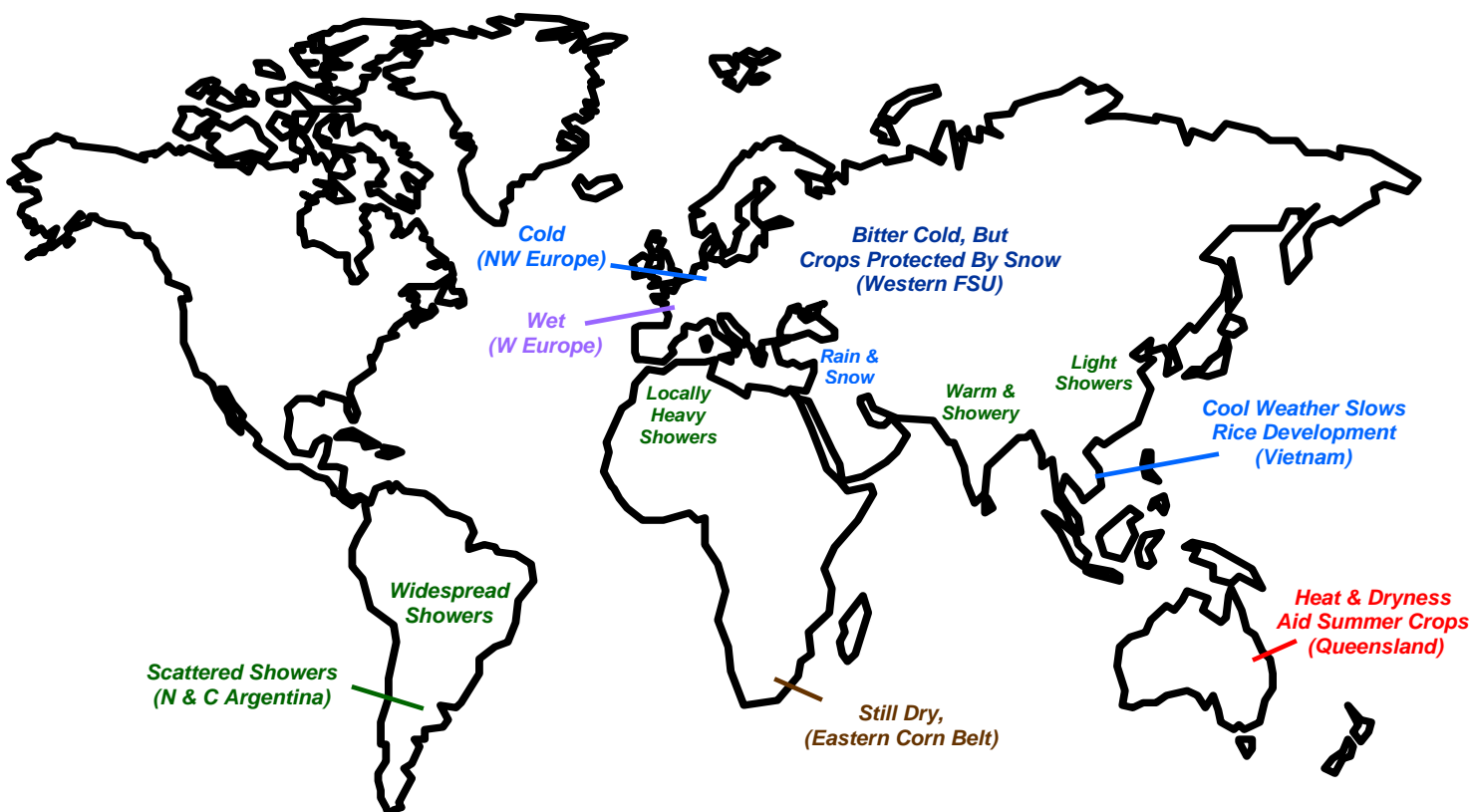
**SOUTHEAST ASIA:** Cool weather returned to Vietnam, slowing rice development.

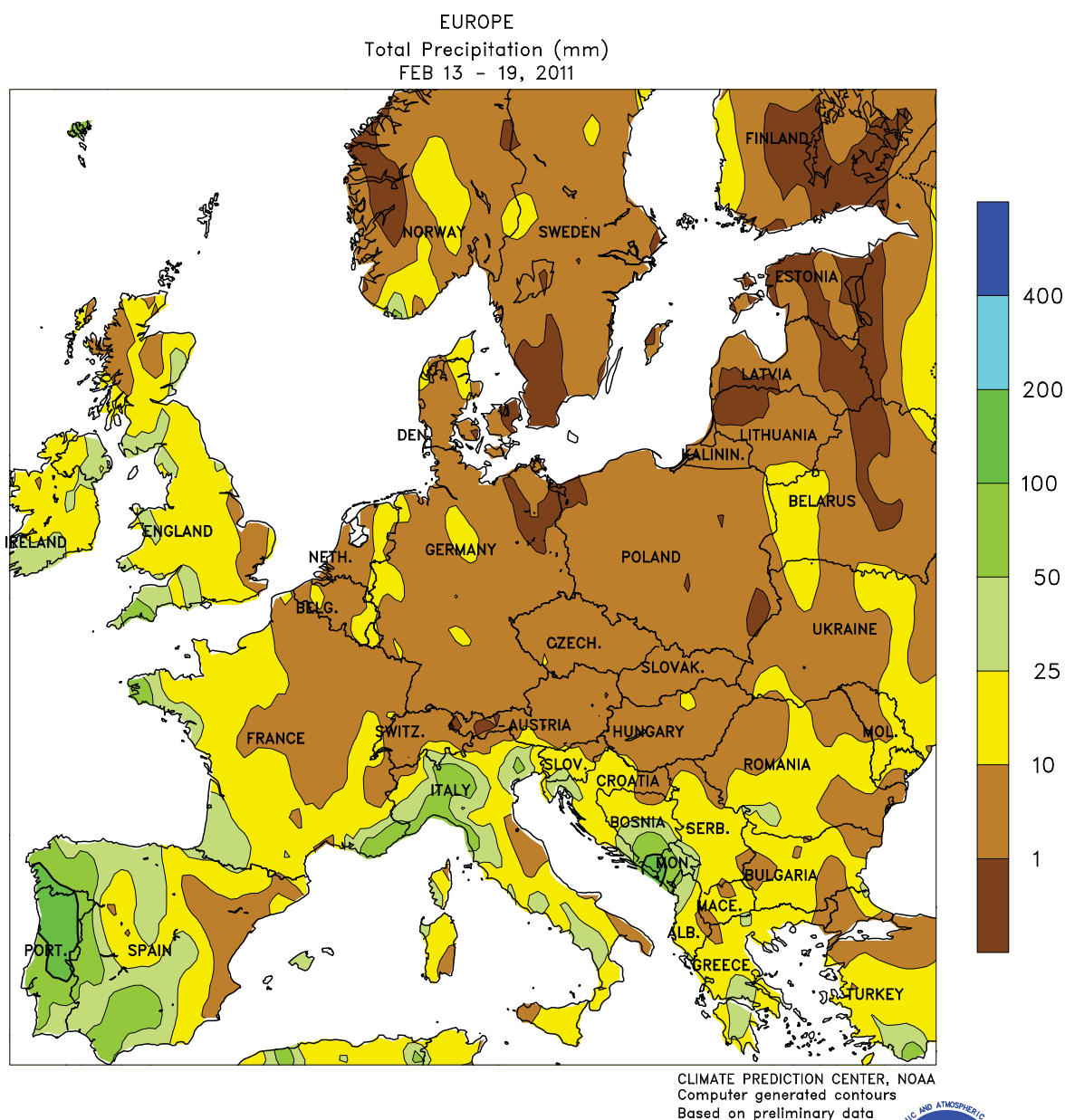
**AUSTRALIA:** Hot, mostly dry weather favored summer crop development and early harvesting in interior central and southern Queensland.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Dry weather continued for a third week in eastern sections of the corn belt, reducing moisture for filling summer crops.

**ARGENTINA:** Scattered showers overspread key farming areas of central and northern Argentina.

**BRAZIL:** Widespread, locally heavy rain maintained generally favorable levels of moisture for soybeans and other crops.

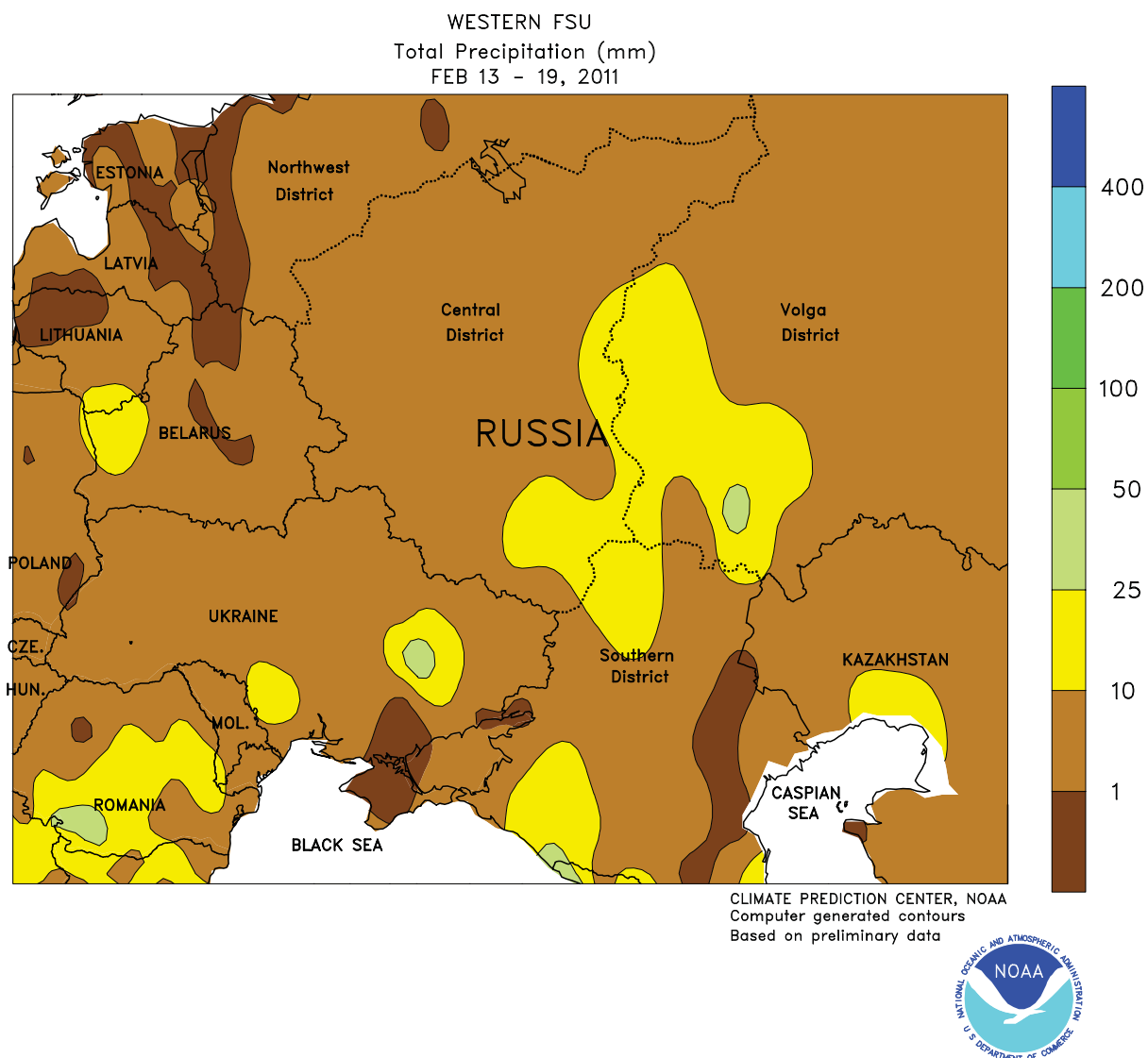




### EUROPE

Wet weather returned to western and southern growing areas, while a late-season cold snap settled over northeastern Europe. A dome of high pressure expanded westward out of Russia, pushing unseasonably cold weather into Poland and the Baltic States. Low temperatures tumbled below  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  in Poland, and plunged into the  $-20\text{s}$  (degrees C) in Lithuania and Latvia; despite the bitter cold, recent snowfall (5-15 cm) protected dormant winter crops from winterkill. The area of high pressure not only brought cold weather to northeastern crop

regions, but also prevented Atlantic storms from progressing out of western Europe. Consequently, widespread rain (10-100 mm, locally more) from Spain into the United Kingdom boosted soil moisture reserves for greening winter crops. Moderate to heavy showers (10-60 mm) were also reported in the Mediterranean region, favoring jointing winter wheat but hampering citrus harvesting. Daytime highs in western and southern Europe continued to surpass  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , encouraging additional greening of winter grains and oilseeds.

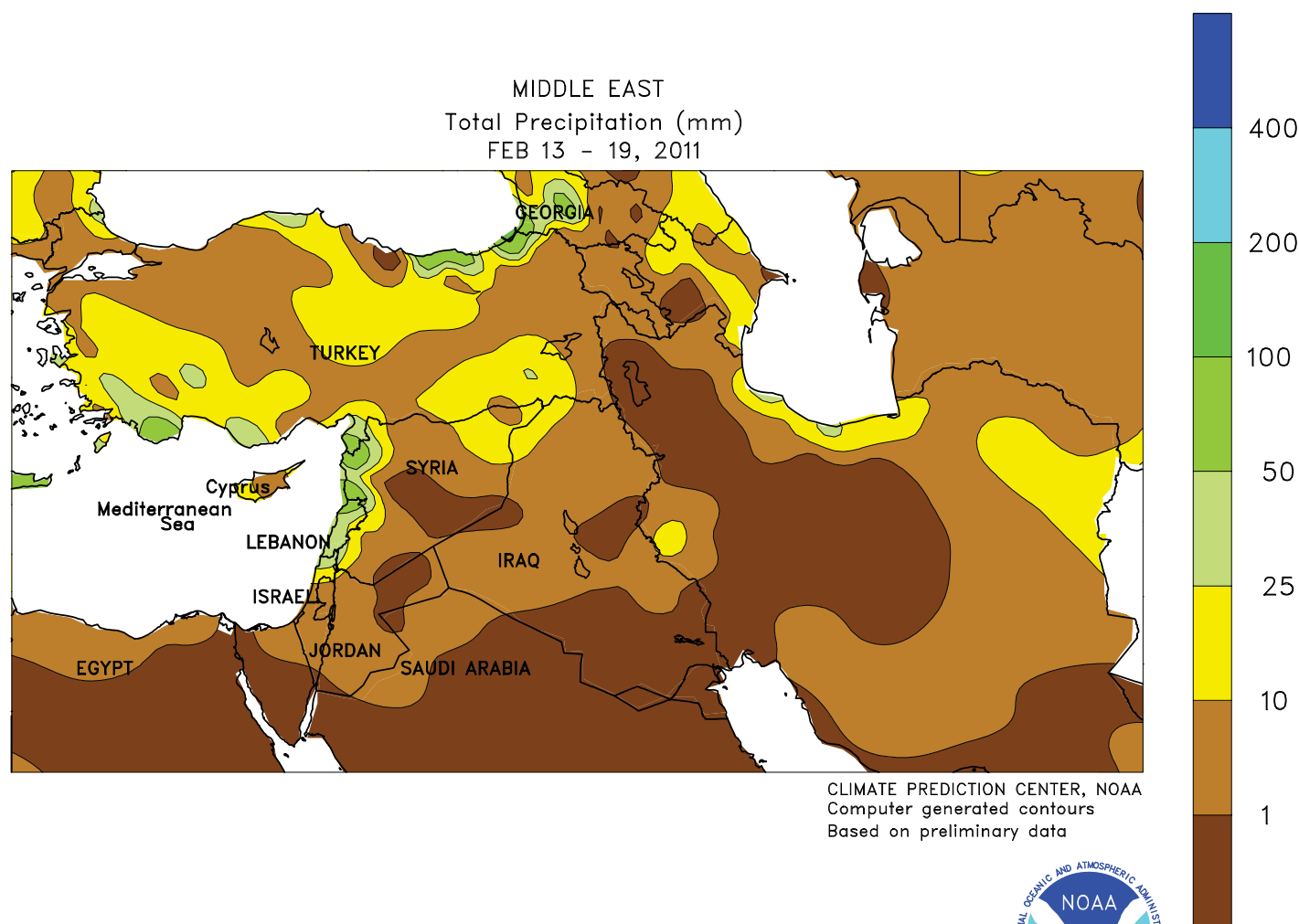


#### WESTERN FSU

An arctic air mass brought late-season bitter cold to much of the region. Temperatures averaged more than 10°C below normal from eastern Belarus and northeastern Ukraine into central Russia. Nighttime lows routinely dropped below -20°C, although 30 cm or more of snow cover afforded dormant winter crops adequate protection from winterkill in

Russia and eastern Belarus. In addition, a slow-moving storm generated snow (5-25 mm liquid equivalent) from central and southern Ukraine into southern and central Russia. The snowfall was especially timely in southern Ukraine (2-10 cm), where exposed winter crops were afforded some protection from potential burnback and winterkill.

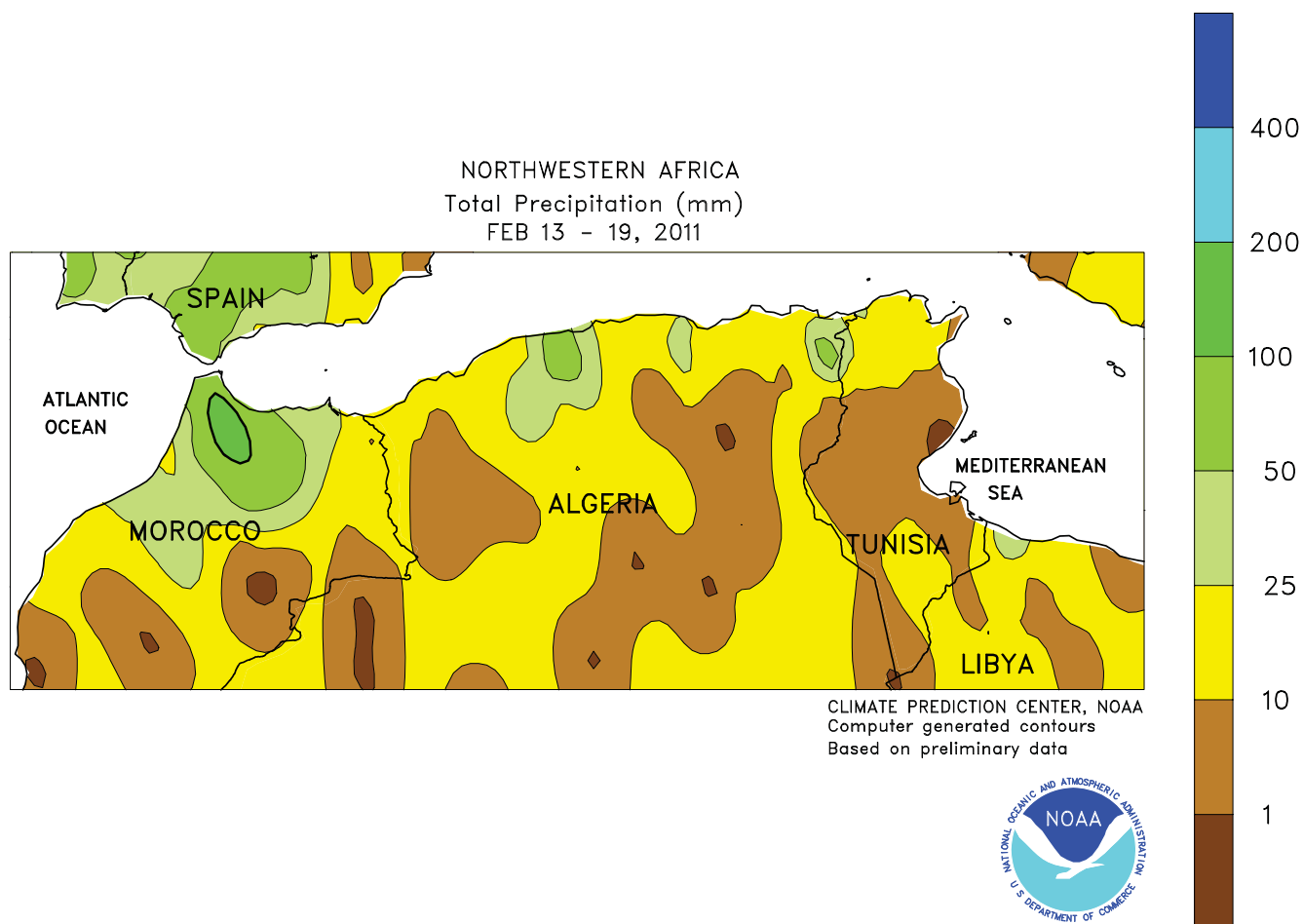




#### MIDDLE EAST

Wet weather returned to western growing areas, while dry conditions prevailed in western Iran. A strong Mediterranean storm produced widespread rain and mountain snow (10-50 mm, locally more) from western Turkey and the eastern Mediterranean coast into northeastern Syria and northwestern Iraq. The precipitation further eased long-term deficits and improved prospects for greening winter crops. Farther east, a departing storm system dropped 5 to 25 mm of rain from the

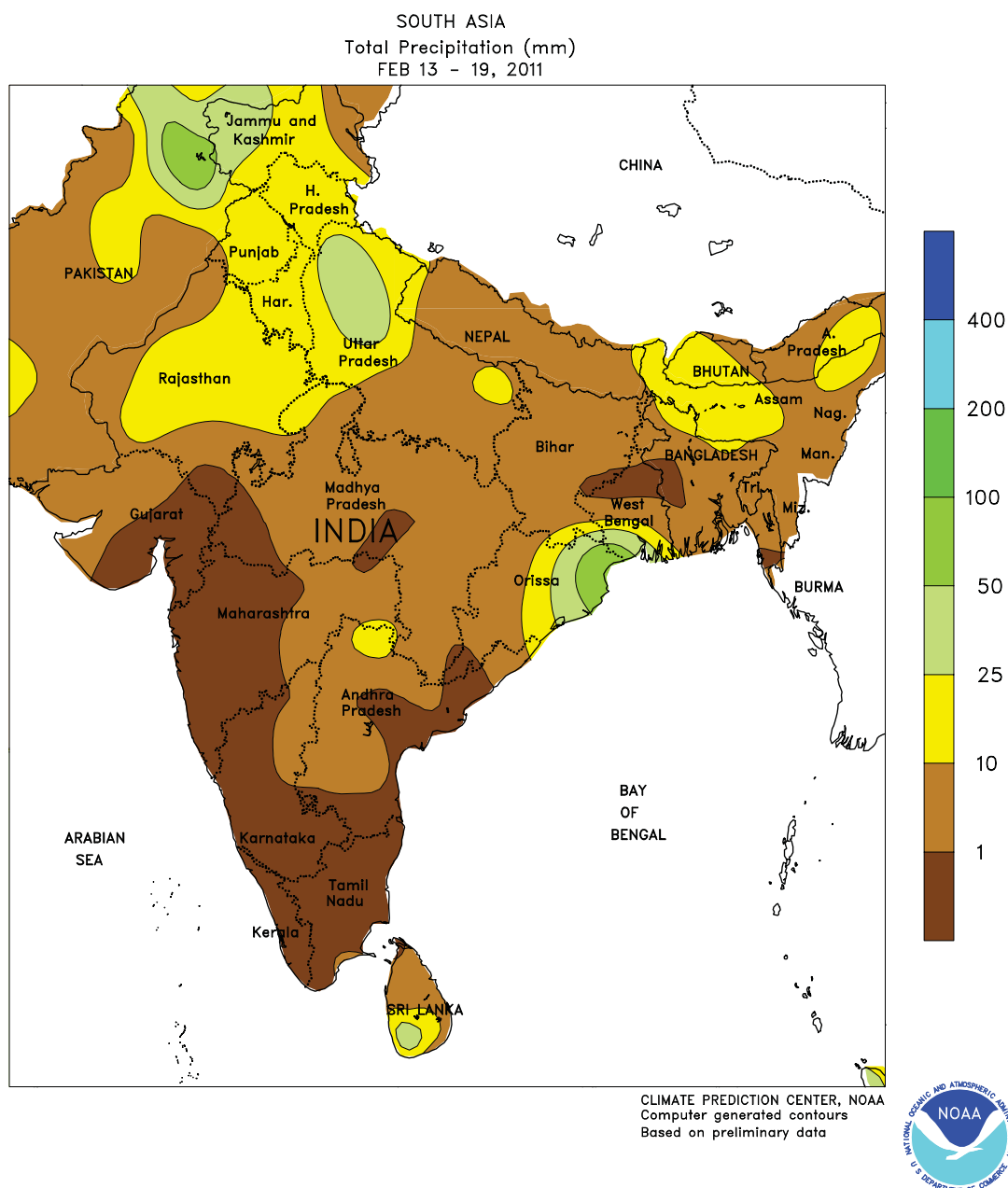
Caspian Sea coast into northeastern Iran, boosting soil moisture for spring growth. Dry weather prevailed in western and northwestern Iran, where despite recent beneficial rain and snow, long-term precipitation deficits persist due to a drier-than-normal autumn. Temperatures averaged 1 to 3°C above normal over most winter grain districts, with crops breaking out of dormancy from western and southern Turkey into northern Iraq.



#### NORTHWESTERN AFRICA

Wet weather returned to the region, boosting soil moisture for winter crop growth. After last week's respite, 10 to more than 100 mm of rain maintained favorable prospects for jointing winter wheat and barley from northern Morocco into Tunisia.

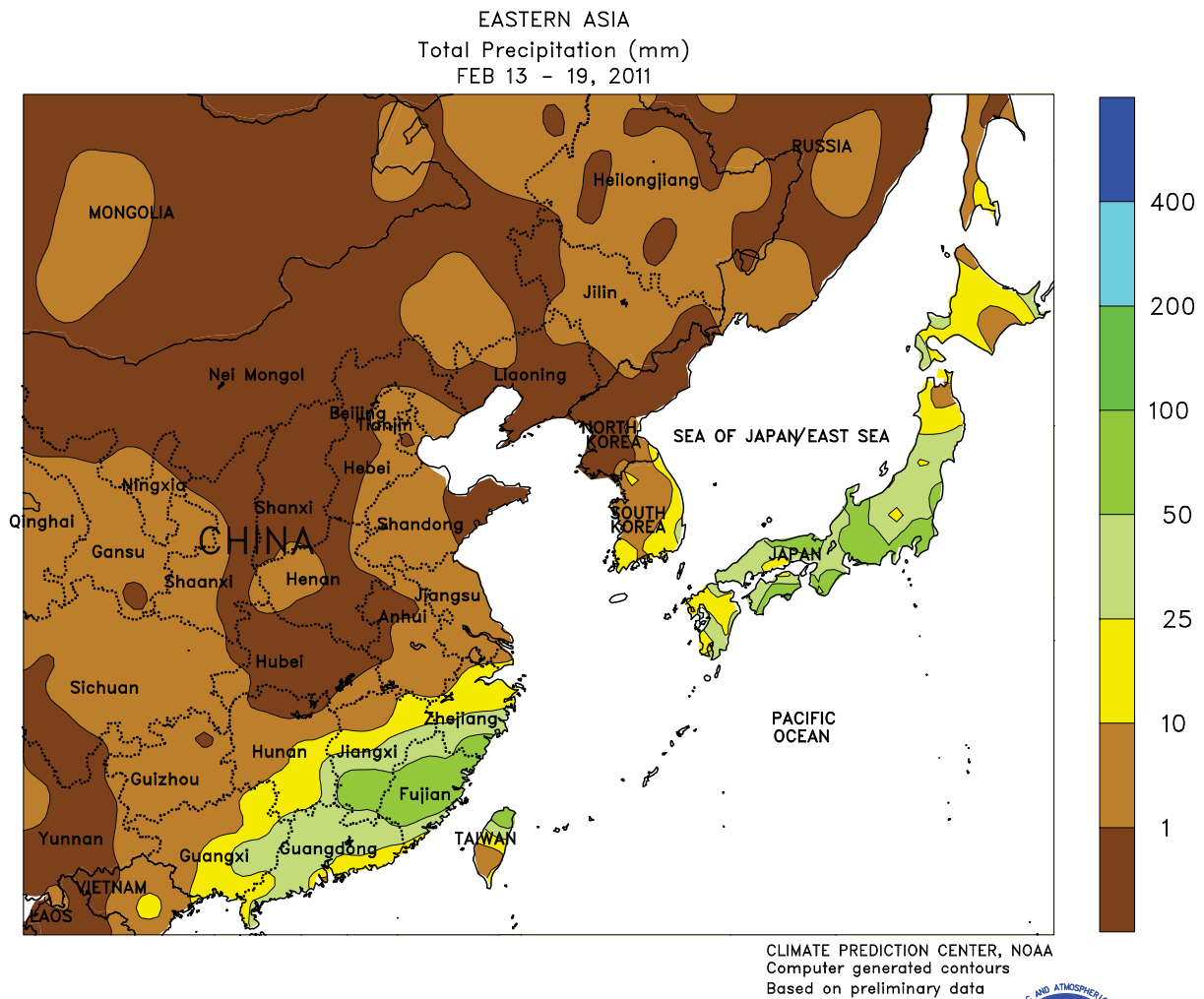
Precipitation was somewhat lighter (less than 10 mm) in southern Morocco, but here too moisture remained favorable for winter grains. Temperatures averaged near normal over most growing districts, with no hard freezes or untimely heat reported.



### SOUTH ASIA

Seasonably warm weather prevailed across winter wheat and rapeseed areas of northern India, with temperatures averaging between 15 and 20°C. The warmth further aided crop

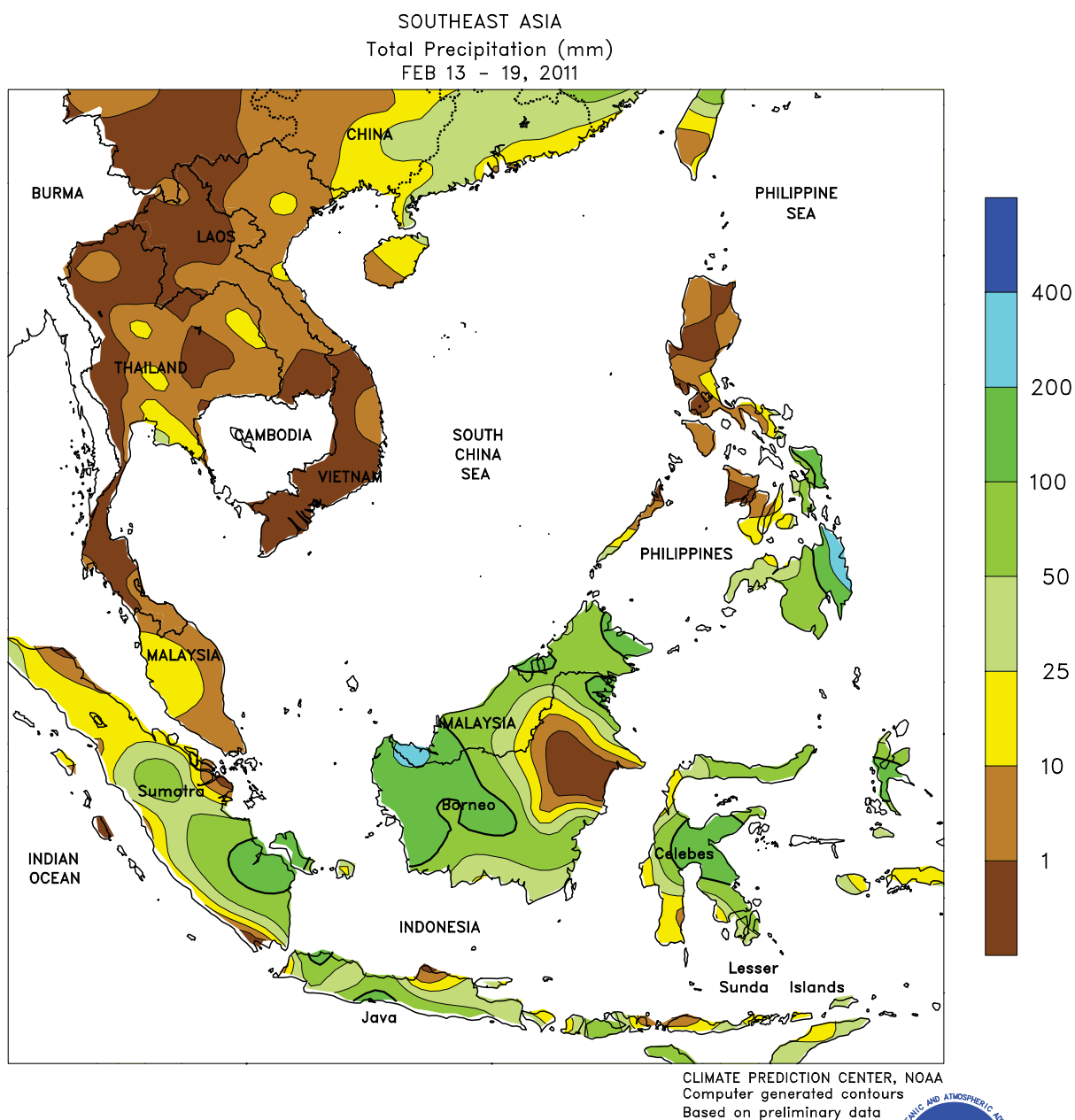
development that is running behind due to late planting. In addition, passing showers brought up to 25 mm of rain, providing beneficial moisture to crops in the area.



### EASTERN ASIA

Light showers eased short-term dryness in the Yellow River Basin as 1 to 10 mm of rain fell. Winter wheat remained dormant with low moisture requirements. Meanwhile, winter

rapeseed was likely beginning to break dormancy in the Yangtze Valley despite a blast of cold air that pushed temperatures 2 to 4°C below normal across the region.

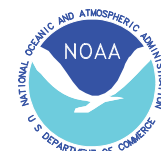
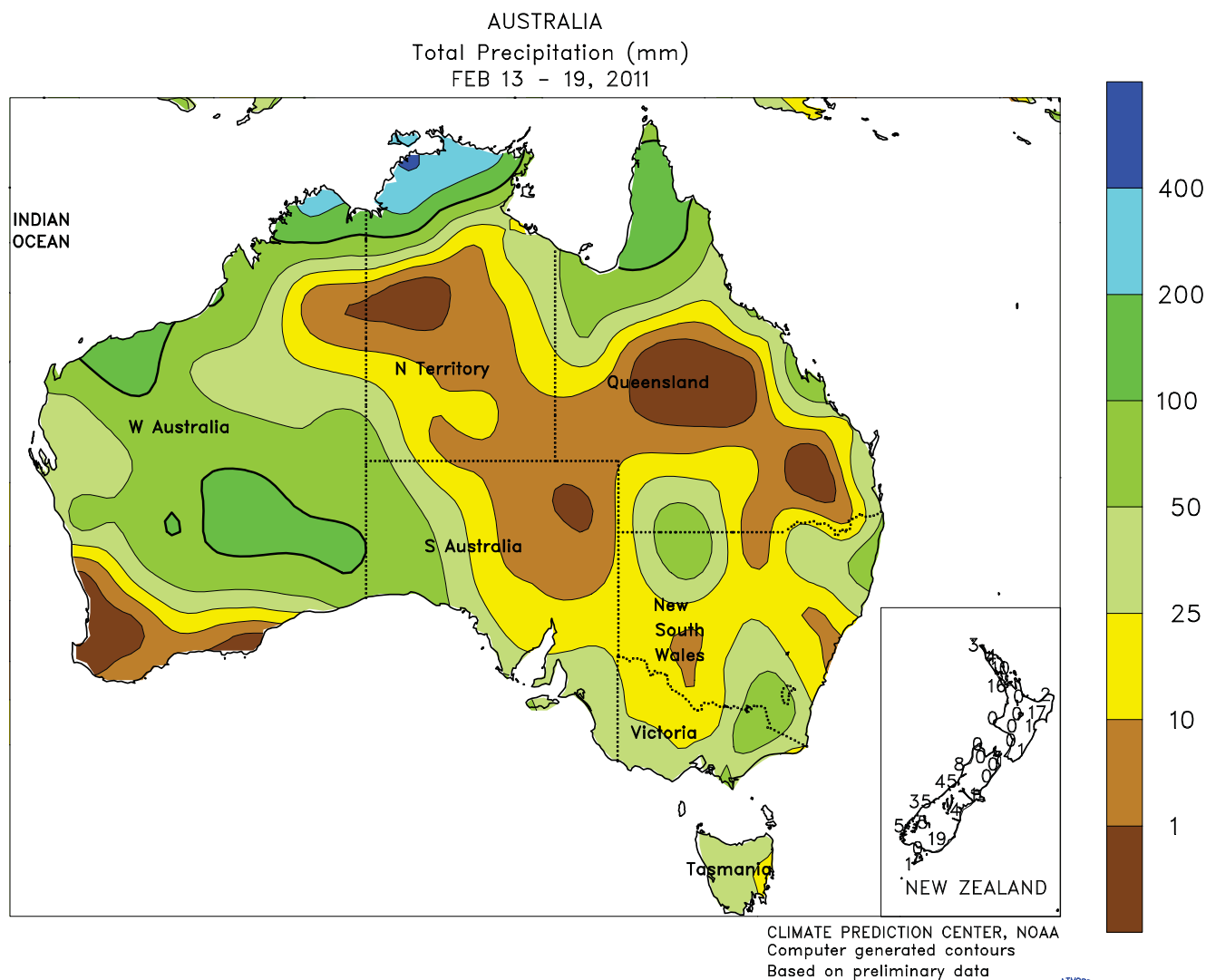


### SOUTHEAST ASIA

In Vietnam, light showers (1-10 mm) provided beneficial moisture to spring rice, although cooler-than-normal weather (temperatures averaging up to 3°C below normal) slowed development. Meanwhile in the Philippines, drier weather in Luzon eased wetness and allowed fieldwork to resume. Localized flooding

resumed, however, in parts of eastern Mindanao and the eastern Visayan Islands. Seasonable rainfall (25-100 mm) continued in Indonesia, benefiting reproductive rice in Java while causing only minor oil palm harvest delays. Similarly, rainfall caused minimal delays to oil palm harvesting in Malaysia.

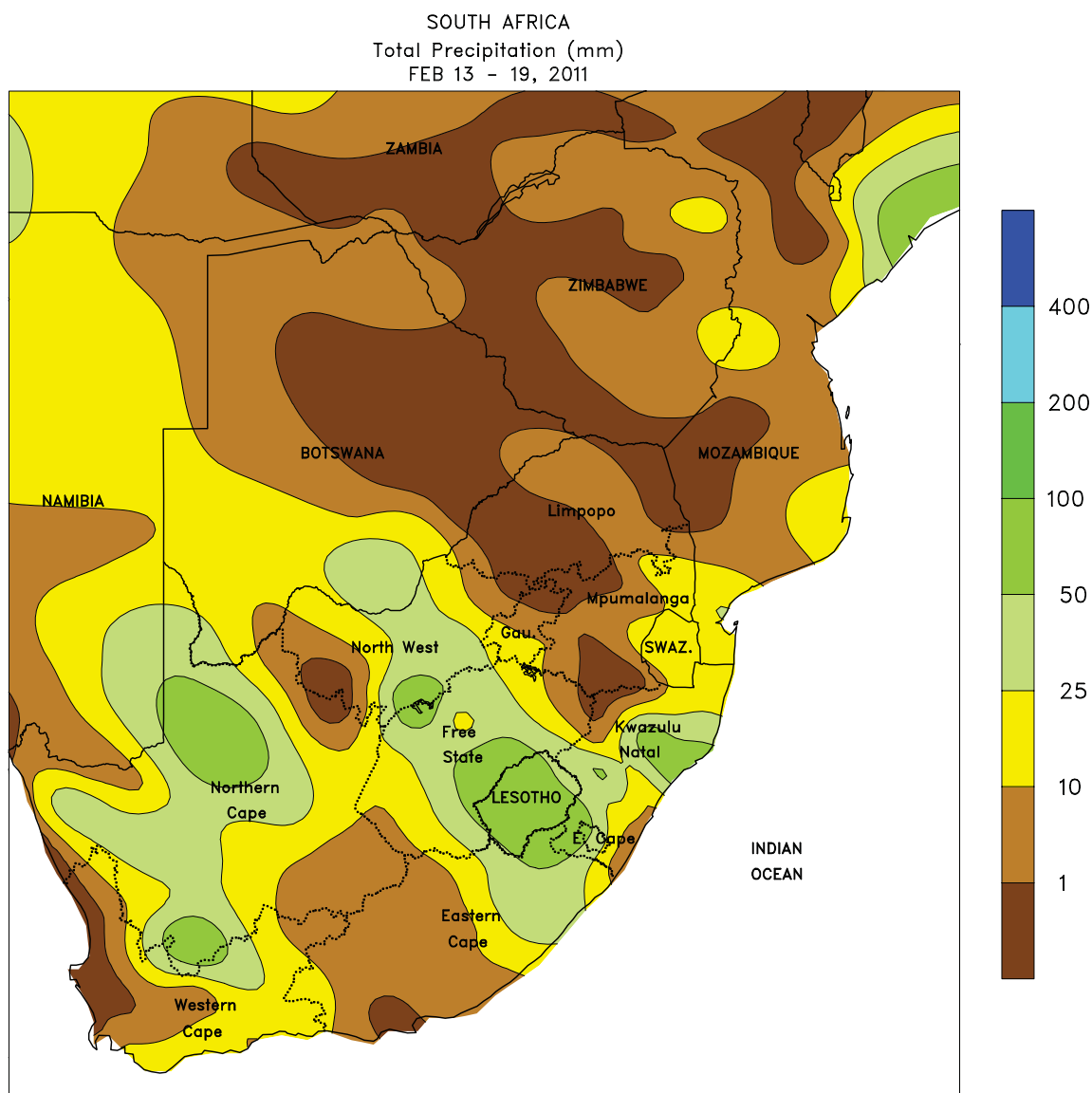




### AUSTRALIA

Locally heavy rain (10-50 mm or more) soaked summer crops along coastal sections of central and southern Queensland, while farther inland, hot, mostly dry weather favored cotton and sorghum development and aided early summer crop harvesting. Farther south, widespread showers (10-50 mm, locally more)

maintained abundant moisture supplies for reproductive summer crops in New South Wales and hampered final winter grain harvesting in Victoria and South Australia. Temperatures in major summer crop areas averaged about 1 to 2°C above normal with maximum temperatures in the middle to upper 30s.



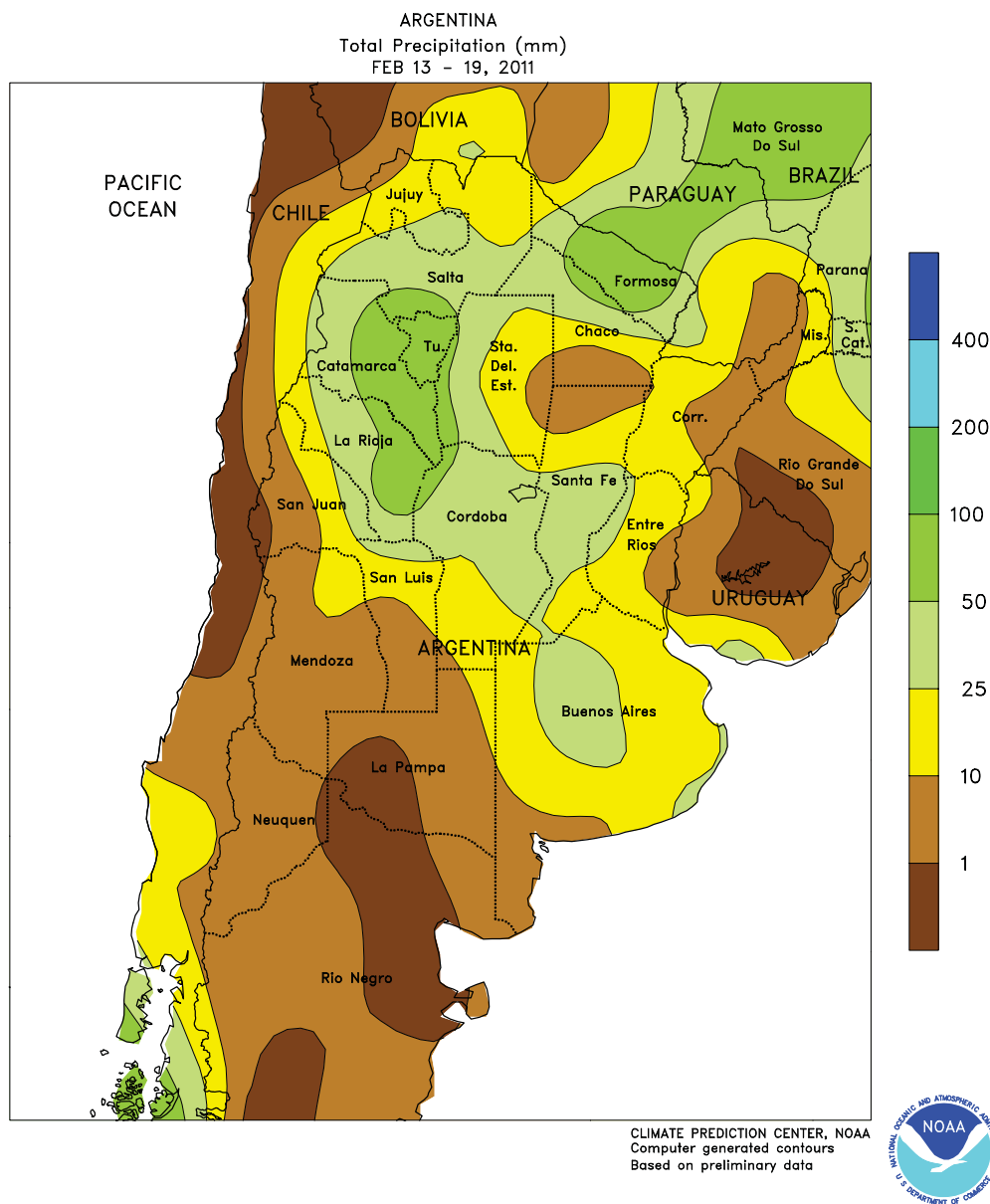
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### SOUTH AFRICA

Dry weather lingered over eastern sections of the corn belt for a third week, reducing moisture levels for filling summer crops. Virtually no rain fell from eastern Free State and northwestern KwaZulu-Natal northward through Limpopo, an area that included most of Gauteng and Mpumalanga. Despite the continuing dryness, however, average temperatures were near normal, with highs in the upper 20s and lower 30s (degrees C) in the main commercial production areas in and around southern Mpumalanga. In contrast, unseasonably heavy rain (25-50 mm or more) fell in the western farming areas of North West and Free State; similar amounts were scattered throughout eastern

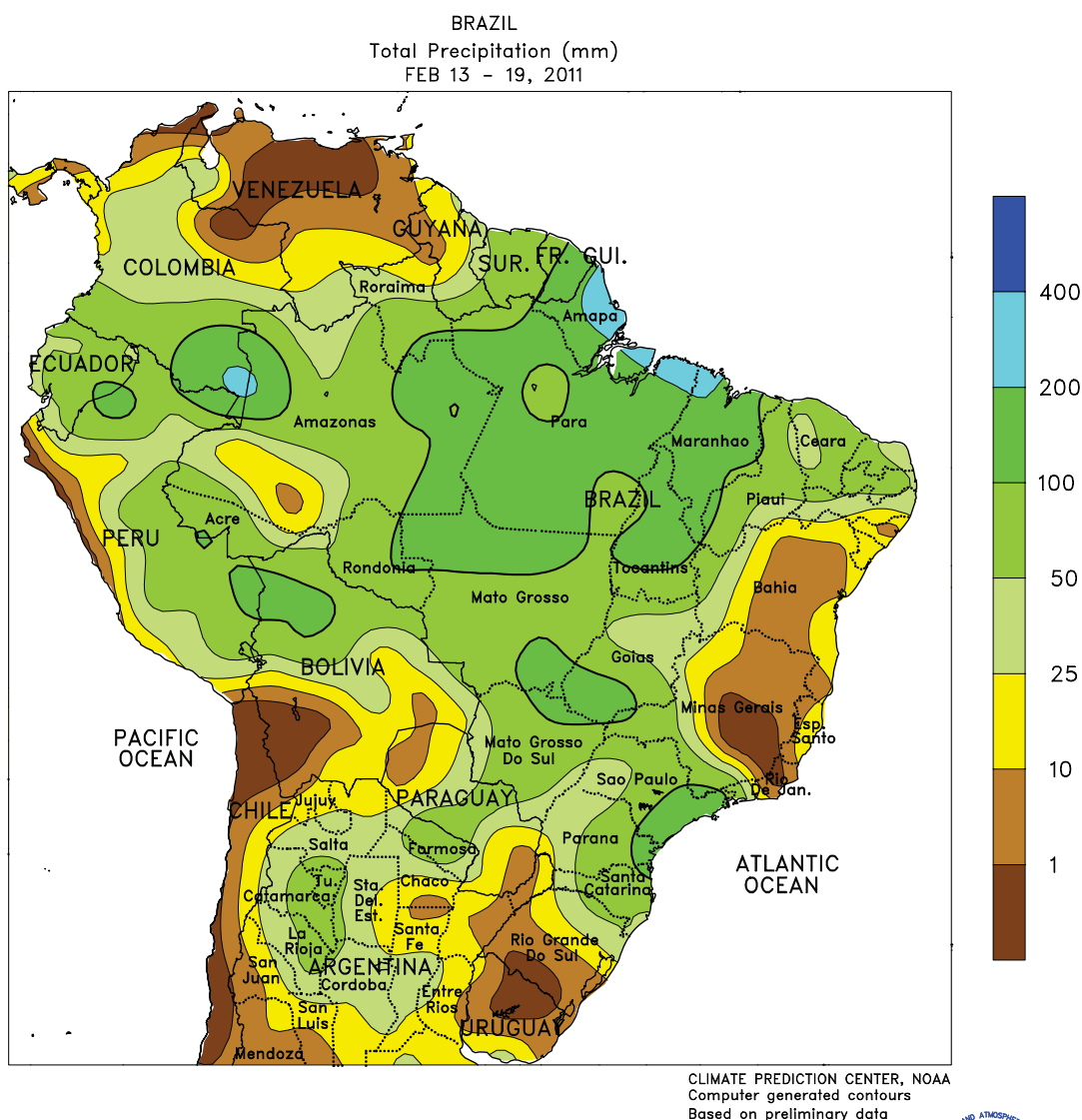
and southern sugarcane areas of KwaZulu-Natal and nearby locations in Eastern Cape. Temperatures averaged near to slightly above normal in these wetter eastern production areas, with highs in the western corn belt reaching the lower 30s. Drier weather prevailed in upper portions of the Orange River Valley (eastern sections of Northern Cape and southwestern Free State) but heavy rain (25-50 mm) lingered farther west, likely engendering additional problems with flooding. In Western Cape, mostly dry, occasionally hot weather (highs at or above 40°C) promoted rapid maturation of tree and vine crops while hastening harvest activities.



### ARGENTINA

Warm, showery weather overspread major production areas of central and northern Argentina, boosting moisture reserves for immature summer crops. Rainfall totaled 10 to 25 mm or more in the high-yielding corn and soybean areas stretching from southern Cordoba to northern Buenos Aires. The rain extended southward to southern Buenos Aires, although pockets of dryness lingered there and in La Pampa; highs in the lower and middle 30s (degrees C) exacerbated the effects of the continuing dryness on immature summer grains and

oilseeds. Farther north, moderate to heavy showers (25-50 mm or more) further improved the condition of pastures and summer row crops, including cotton in key production areas of Santiago del Estero and Chaco. Temperatures averaged 1°C above normal across the north, with highs mostly in the lower and middle 30s. According to Argentina's Ministry of Agriculture, sunflowers were 21 percent harvested compared with 16 percent last year. Harvesting of early planted soybeans and corn typically begins in early March.

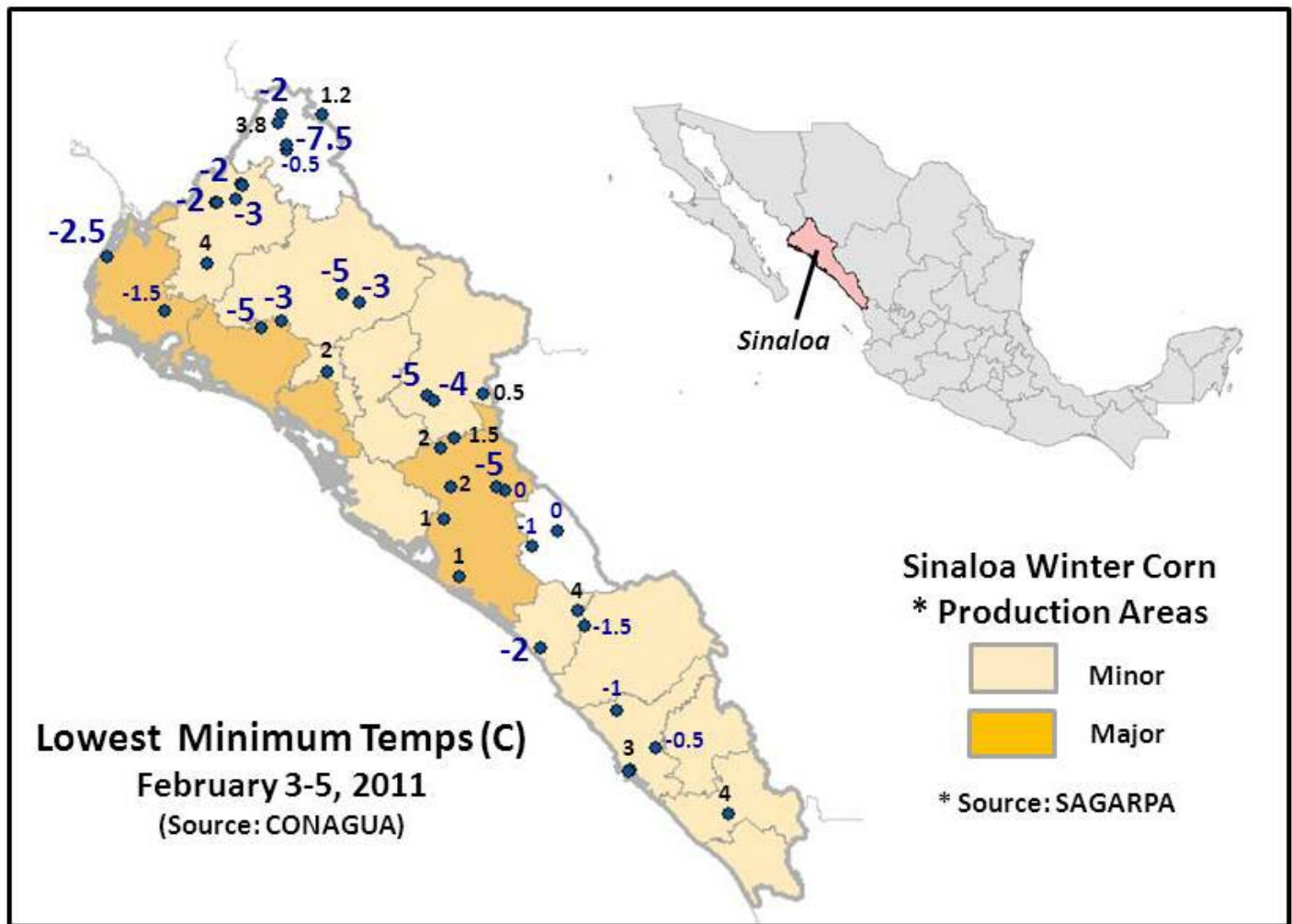


### BRAZIL

Widespread, locally heavy rain maintained generally favorable conditions for soybeans and other crops over much of the region. Rainfall increased from the previous week over the Center-West and Southeast Regions, with amounts totaling 50 to 100 mm or more from Mato Grosso southeastward through São Paulo. Although the frequency of the rain likely disrupted soybean harvesting, the moisture was overall beneficial for secondary crops (notably safrinha corn) as well as sugarcane and coffee in previously dry locations in São Paulo and southwestern Minas Gerais. Moderate to heavy rain (25-50 mm, locally exceeding 100 mm) also fell in the vicinity of western Bahia, boosting moisture for immature soybeans and

cotton. Temperatures averaged 1°C above normal throughout central Brazil, although highs in the lower and middle 30s (degrees C) supported summer crop growth in the absence of stressful heat. In southern Brazil, showers were less abundant than last week, with rainfall totaling below 25 mm in western and southern agricultural areas of Rio Grande do Sul. Western Rio Grande do Sul recorded several days of high temperatures in the middle 30s, although milder, wetter weather was returning to the region at the end of the week (additional information will appear in next week's *Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin*). Meanwhile, seasonably dry weather promoted harvesting of cocoa and sugarcane along the eastern coast.

## February Freeze Hits Mexican Crops



**Figure 1. Temperatures recorded during the February 3-5 cold snap in corn production areas of Sinaloa, Mexico.**

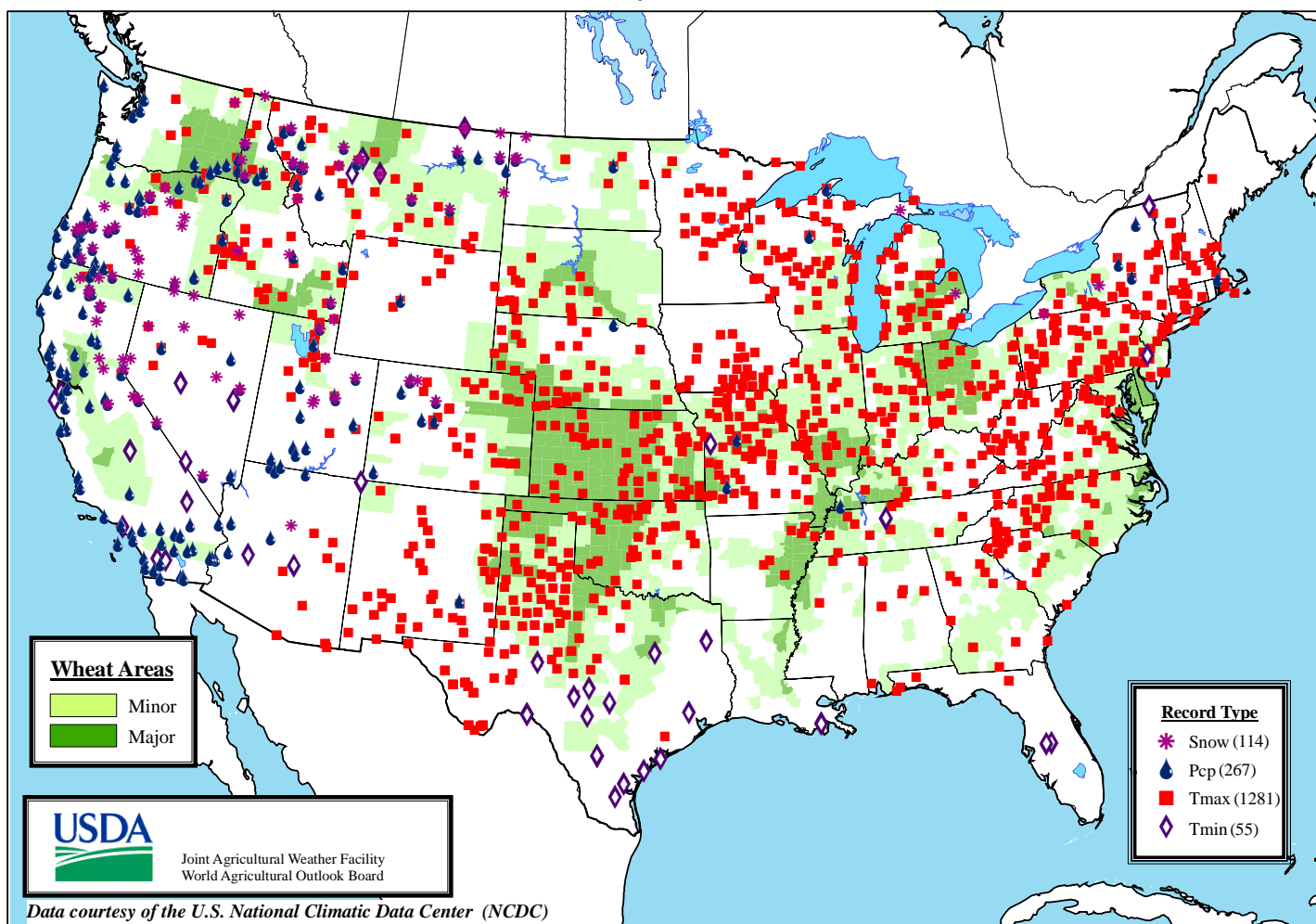
In the first week of February, unseasonably cold weather overspread northern Mexico, dropping temperatures to some of the lowest levels on record. In Sinaloa, an important state in terms of agricultural production, a killing freeze (temperatures at or below  $-2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) was recorded in several key farming districts, and frost was prevalent in many others (see Figure 1). According to the Government of Mexico, a significant portion of the state's winter corn crop was affected by the cold. Sinaloa traditionally accounts for 80 percent of the country's winter corn production, and most of the crop is usually planted by February, making a large portion of the crop vulnerable to freeze damage. Historically, over 20 percent of Mexico's entire corn crop is produced during the winter dry season, with the bulk of that harvest occurring in May and June. Reports out of Mexico indicated that reseedling of corn is underway.

As with winter corn, Sinaloa is a leading producer of other crops that likely suffered some degree of damage from the freeze. For example, a report from the attaché dated February 11 depicted widespread, significant damage to the state's tomato crop. According to statistics published by the government of Mexico, Sinaloa is the country's largest producer of red tomatoes, which are mostly grown during the winter; harvesting of the winter-grown portion of the crop in Sinaloa was likely underway at the time of the freeze, although the most active month for harvesting is traditionally March. Green tomatoes are mostly harvested January through March. Sinaloa also leads the nation in the production of peppers; harvesting of this highly freeze-sensitive crop runs from January to June. Cucumbers, squash, and other vegetables were also reportedly affected.



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