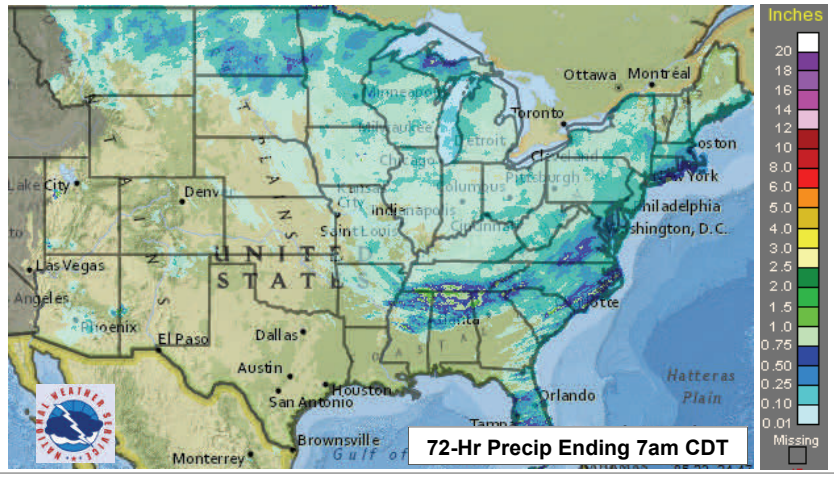
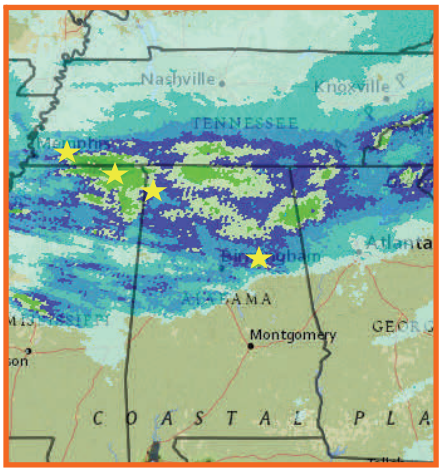
North America Weather Update

Updated: March 30, 2015

Late-Week Showers Favor S. Midwest, Delta Not Quite as Wet

Region	Past 72-Hr Amounts	Past 72-Hr Coverage	5-Day Forecast Amounts	5-Day Coverage
Delta/Midwest Winter Wheat	.10 to .25", locally 1.25"	15%	.25 to 1.25", locally 2.5"	80%
S. Plains Winter Wheat	Mostly Dry	Dry	.10 to .75", locally 1.25"	35%
Pacific NW Winter Wheat	.10 to .25", locally .65"	10%	.10 to .30", locally 1"	30%





72-hr Rainfall Totals: 4W Corinth, MS 2.43"; Cherokee, AL 1.71"; Collierville, TN 1.50"; Talladega, AL 1.02"

Delta/Midwest Soft Red Winter Wheat

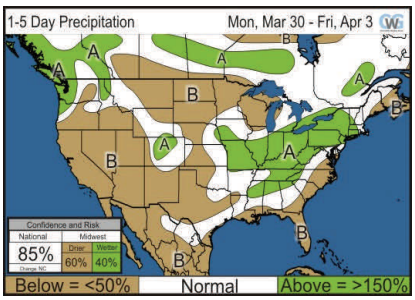
- Showers developed overnight in S. TN/N. MS but were otherwise very light (mainly <.10" in N. & E. Mid-west) over weekend
- A few showers around Great Lakes today, with best chances tracking from W. Midwest on Wed. into S. Midwest/Delta by Thu./Fri.
- Delays to early corn seeding still relatively brief this week, but more frequent and occasionally heavier rains start next week in Delta/OH Valley and continue into 16-30 day
- Low-lying areas of flooding may return for wheat near OH River and into KY/TN/AR toward mid-April

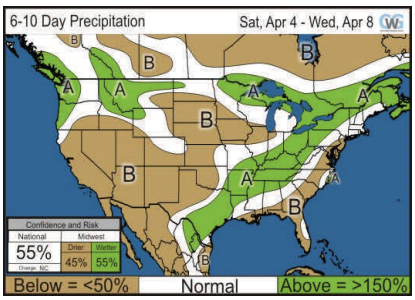
S. Plains Hard Red Winter Wheat

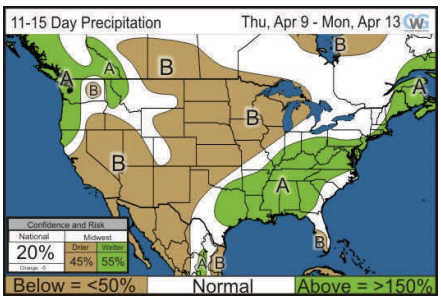
- Dry weekend, with best chance for showers in eastern NE/KS/OK and foothills of Rockies at mid-week
- Patchy showers in C. & SE belt also possible next Mon./Tue.; some GFS ensembles slightly wetter, but odds remain against any broad relief
- Warmer than normal pattern to draw down moisture further, particularly at mid-week and early next week (mid 80s to low 90s)
- 16-30 day supports showers in far S. & far W. belt, but much of W. OK/ KS/NE at risk for increase in minor stress

Pacific Northwest Winter Wheat

- Showers mostly limited to higher elevations over the weekend
- Light showers at mid-week may provide slight benefit (mainly OR)
- Better chances early next week and again in 11-15 day; amounts remain light, but enough to keep wheat conditions stable
- Warm/drier 16-30 day pattern could start to draw moisture down
- Expected timely uptick in May showers would be needed to meet crop needs in dryland areas during jointing/heading







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