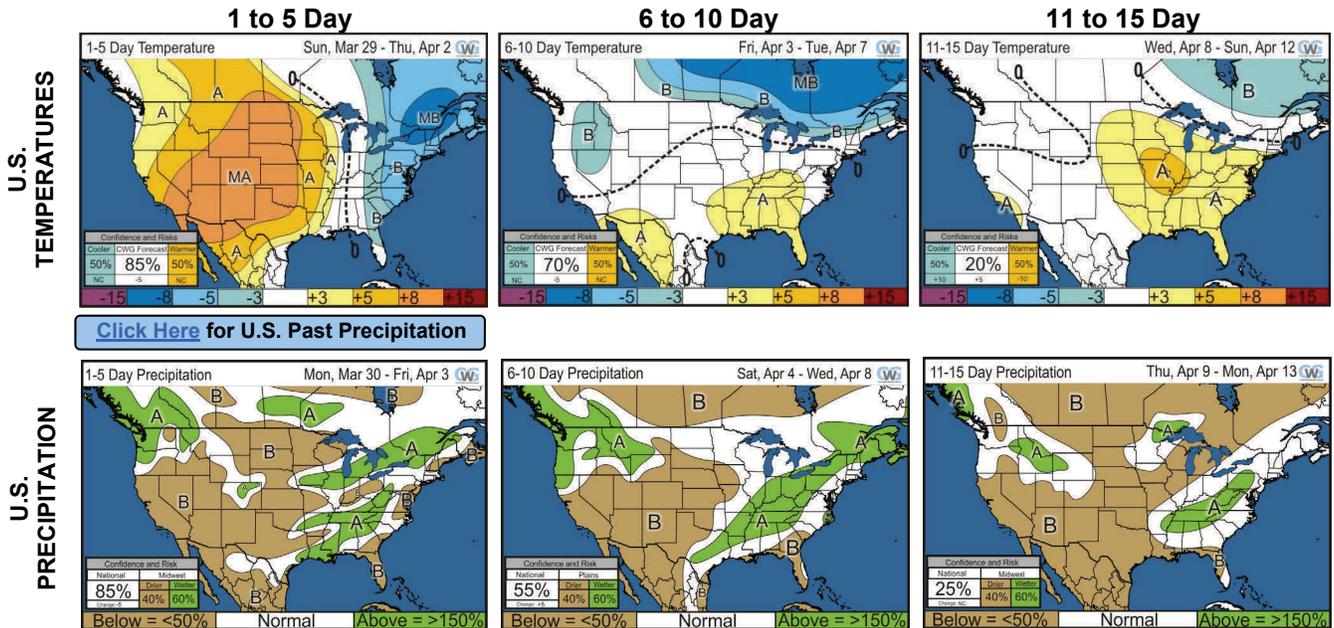




Weekend Ag QUICKsheet

Sunday March 29, 2015

Delta Showers at Mid-Week, Bigger Rains Still Next Week Arg. Rains Limited Next 10 Days, Aiding Corn/Soy Harvest



In the **U.S.**, showers exited the Carolinas early in the weekend, with activity otherwise quite light (mostly well under .25") in the northern Delta and northwest Midwest that heads east in the next day. Better rains arrive from Wednesday into Friday. Favored areas should include the central/northeast Midwest and much of the Delta, with even broader rains from the Delta into the OH Valley early and again late next week. The rains will aid Midwest pre-planting moisture in all but a few far western areas. Flooding risks should remain localized, but locally heavy totals occur for soft wheat areas near and south of the OH River next week. This will also slow early corn seeding in the Delta after more limited interruptions currently and much of this week. While not completely dry, guidance still is not supportive of notable relief for Plains winter wheat. Cold air currently is not strong enough to threaten damage in soft wheat, and 80s to low 90s in the S. Plains at mid-week and early next week will draw down moisture further. Chances for beneficial light follow-up showers in Pacific Northwest wheat have improved.

In **South America**, weekend showers favored 1/2 of safrinha corn areas in central/northwest Brazil (.50 to 2", locally 4"). Rains in central/southern areas today then contract north and benefit coffee. Showers expand into central Brazil next week, keeping safrinha corn in good shape. Soybean harvest sees only brief delays, as the main harvest areas in the south see the most limited rains over the next 2 weeks. Near to above normal rains in the 16 to 30 day would ensure favorable early safrinha corn pollination but are not enough to impair sugarcane harvest. Argentina corn/soy areas have been dry this weekend and remain drier than normal for the next 10 days, as rains in the 6 to 10 day still look light and scattered. This should allow harvest progress to get back to a more normal pace. More extensive rains in the 11 to 15 day could lead to another harvest setback, but the latest 16 to 30 day has reverted back to just normal rains and lessens the potential for prolonged harvest delays.

Region	Past 48-Hr Amounts	Past 48-Hr Coverage	5-Day Forecast Amounts	5-Day Coverage
Delta/Midwest Winter Wheat	<.15"	15%	.25 to 1", locally 2.5"	70%
S. Plains Winter Wheat	Mostly Dry	Dry	.10 to .75"	25%
Pacific NW Winter Wheat	.10 to .25", locally .65"	10%	.10 to .30", locally 1"	30%

International Overview

- China Rains to Cover Entire Wheat Belt by Mid-week, Improving Spring Growth**
 After a dry week, rains expand across the area starting Tuesday, with much of the region to pick up .25 to 1.5" (locally 2.5"). The timely rains ease dryness in the northwest and keep moisture favorable elsewhere.
- Rainy Pattern in Place Next 10 Days Across Europe/FSU, Benefiting Early Wheat Growth**
 Weekend rains (.25 to 1", locally 2") favored eastern Europe, Ukraine, and South Russia. A series of shower systems push across the entire continent and replenish low soil moisture, with only minor flood risks.