



Satellite image with enhanced low ground and cloud-top temperatures for 6:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights – Tuesday - February 10, 2009

- In the *West*, snow is falling across parts of the *central and southern Rockies* and the *Intermountain region*, while *California* is in a lull between storms. In *California* and the *Great Basin*, a steady procession of storms will be needed during the next two months to avert a third consecutive year of drought.
- On the *Plains*, snowy, windy weather lingers across parts of the *Dakotas*. Meanwhile, mild, breezy conditions prevail on the *southern Plains*, following the much-needed rainfall of February 8-9. As of last Sunday, 60% of *Texas*' winter wheat crop was rated in very poor to poor condition, along with 87% of fall-seeded oats and 72% of the pastures and rangeland.
- In the *Corn Belt*, runoff from melting snow and recent rainfall is causing localized flooding. Currently, separate areas of rain are falling across the *upper Mississippi Valley* and the *Ohio Valley*.
- In the *South*, warm, dry weather prevails in the *southern Atlantic States*, while scattered showers and thunderstorms are spreading across areas *west of the Appalachians*.

Outlook: A series of *Pacific* storms will maintain unsettled conditions nearly nationwide for the remainder of the week. For today, snowy, windy conditions will linger across the *north-central U.S.*, while showers and thunderstorms will affect portions of the *Midwest, South, and East*. Later, another storm emerging from the *Intermountain West* will spark heavy rain, which could total 2 to 3 inches or more, from the *Mid-South into parts of the Midwest*. Additional precipitation will also fall during the second half of the week in *California* and parts of the *Southwest*. Generally warm weather across the *eastern half of the U.S.* will contrast with chilly conditions in the *West*. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for February 15-19 calls for below-normal temperatures in the *Mid-Atlantic and Western States*, while warmer-than-normal weather will prevail in the *upper Great Lakes region* and along and near the *Gulf Coast*. Meanwhile, drier-than-normal conditions on the *southern High Plains* will contrast with near- to above-normal precipitation elsewhere. Wet conditions will be most likely in *central and southern California*.

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