

## **Rainfall Low in South Russia**

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Rainfall in southern Russia, which includes the country's main sources of grain for export, will be below average next month.

Rain will come to about 80 percent of the average in the Rostov and Krasnodar regions in August, the Federal Hydrometeorology Service said Friday. Precipitation will be 70 percent of the norm in the North Caucasus Federal District, it said.

Temperatures will be close to normal, and rains will be 10 percent to 15 percent below average in central Russia, including the so-called Black Earth area, and in the grain-growing regions of Novosibirsk and Altai in western Siberia, the statement showed.

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