

# Crop Outlook Improving

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Crop conditions will improve this month in the Volga Federal District, where rain has hampered harvesting and winter sowing since September, the Federal Hydrometeorology Service said on its web site Tuesday.

The Volga will get as much as 35 percent less rain than the monthly norm, the Southern Federal District will get 25 percent less, and the North Caucasus — 15 percent less, it said.

Weather conditions for the start of the wintering of grain plantings this month will be "mainly satisfactory" in European Russia, most grain-growing areas of the Urals Federal District and in western Siberia, the service said.

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