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Month of March never ceases to surprise us

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During the second half of the period, a significant increase in temperatures and a change in agrometeorological conditions are expected. In the last days of March, the forecast values of the mean daily temperatures in most of the field areas will reach and exceed the biological minimum required for the resumption and activation of the vegetation processes in the autumn-sown crops.

At the end of the month, the tillering stage will prevail in the winter cereals. Exceptions will be observed in individual locations in the Upper Thracian Lowland (Pazardzhik, Plovdiv), where wheat and barley entered the beginning of the stem elongation stage during the second ten-day period of March, earlier than the usual dates.

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