

# Southern Europe on fire alert

Searing heat and drought across southern Europe and North Africa, which already are being blamed for wildfires and a rash of health problems, are threatening to decimate agricultural output. Parched conditions now stretch from Algeria to the French capital, Paris

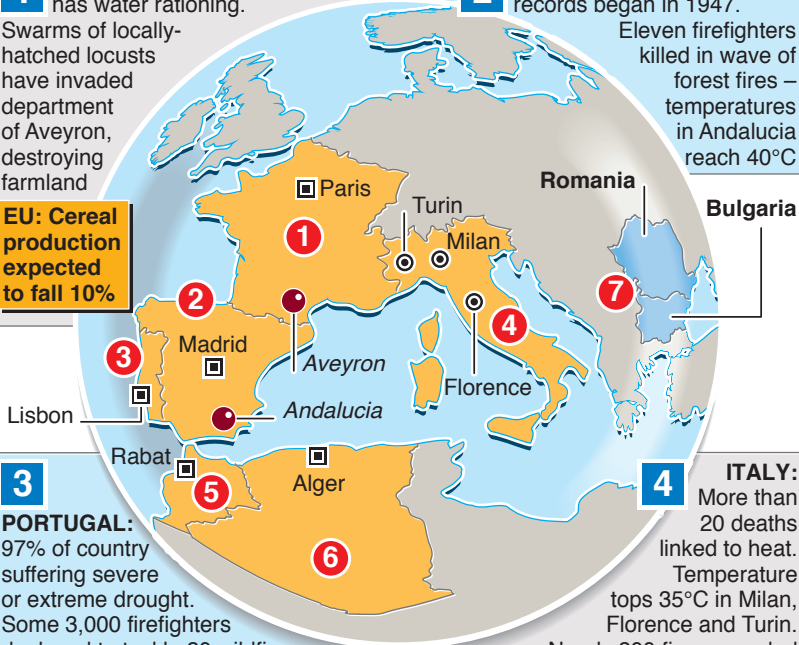
**1 FRANCE:** More than half country has water rationing.

Swarms of locally-hatched locusts have invaded department of Aveyron, destroying farmland

**2 SPAIN:** Worst drought since records began in 1947.

Eleven firefighters killed in wave of forest fires – temperatures in Andalusia reach 40°C

**EU:** Cereal production expected to fall 10%



**3 PORTUGAL:** 97% of country suffering severe or extreme drought. Some 3,000 firefighters deployed to tackle 20 wildfires. \$42 million in disaster funds earmarked by Agriculture Ministry

**5 MOROCCO:** Harvest has slumped by 57% to 3.6m tonnes. Agriculture accounts for 14% of country's \$49-billion economy and employs 40% of 10-million workforce

**6 ALGERIA:** Temperatures of 50°C have claimed more than a dozen lives. Forest fires across swathes of country. Harvest estimate down 37.5% to 2.5m tonnes

**7 BALKANS:** Severe flooding in **Romania** and **Bulgaria**. At least 27 people killed in Romania and 10,000 homes destroyed