



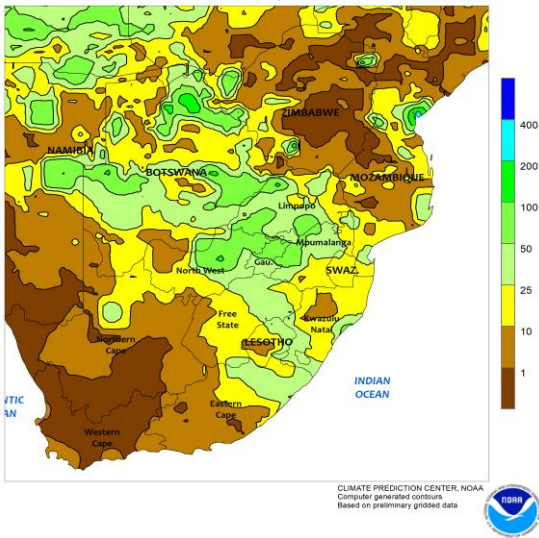
Weather Report
17 December 2019

South Africa - Weather

Less rain in South Africa this week will provide an opportunity for fieldwork to advance across the region. Recent moisture that occurred significantly in some parts of the nation will be soaking down deeply into the soil during this drier period making room for more precipitation during the second half of this week and into the last days of this month. Summer crop conditions will be variable with some in ideal shape while others (especially in the west) will need more significant rain to support dryland crops.

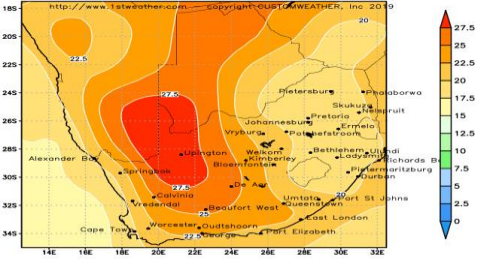
Much of the precipitation is expected to be infrequent and light enough that it will be tough to increase soil moisture in more than a few areas later this week into early next week. Greater rain will be needed to counter evaporation and support better long term crop development.

SOUTH AFRICA
Total Precipitation (mm)
December 1 - 7, 2019

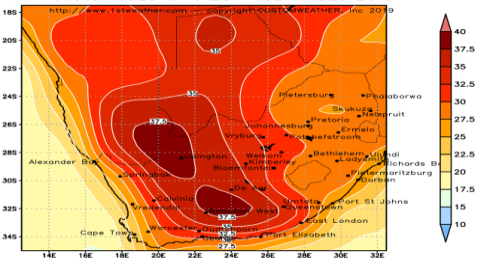


CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER, NOAA
Computer generated contours
Based on preliminary gridded data

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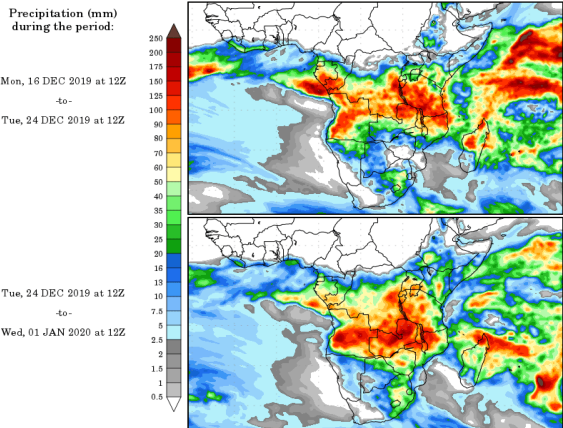
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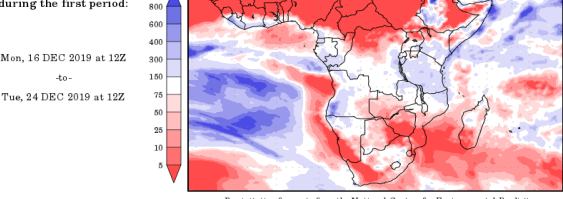
GFS 50KM POSSIBLE 24-HOUR RAINFALL (mm)
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Precipitation (mm) during the period:



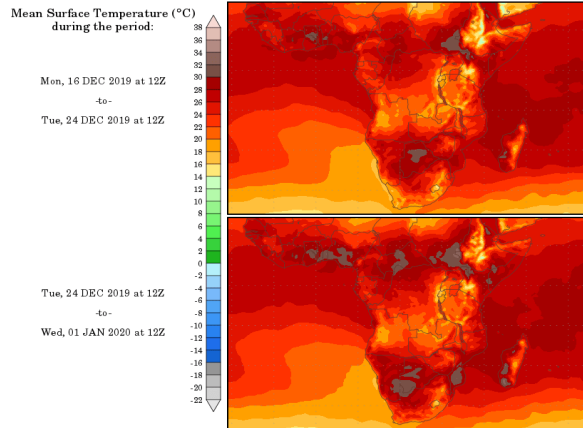
Precipitation (% of normal) during the first period:



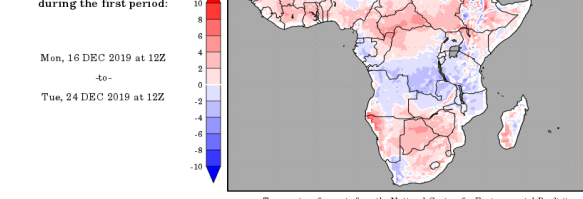
Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMA) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003.
Forecast Initialization Time: 12Z14DEC2019

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Mean Surface Temperature (C) during the period:



Temperature Anomaly during the first period:



Temperature forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal Temperature derived from CRU monthly climatology for 1901-2000
Forecast Initialization Time: 12Z14DEC2019

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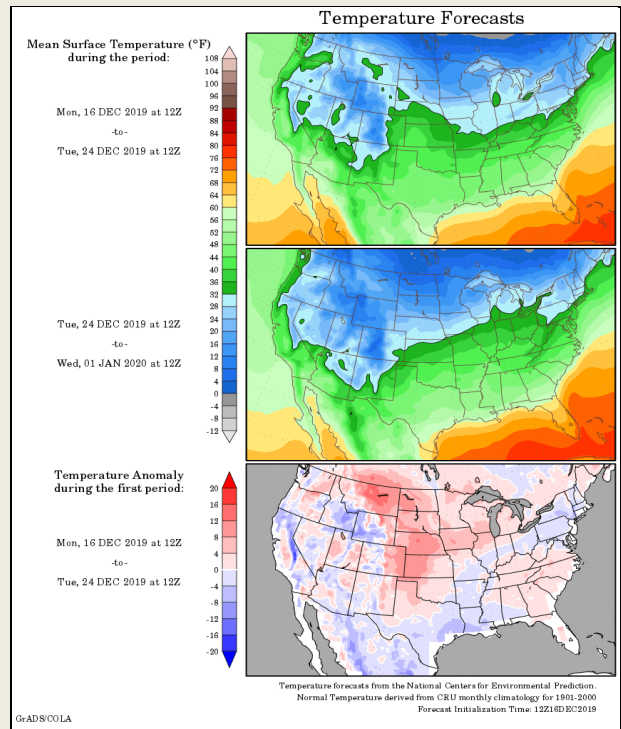
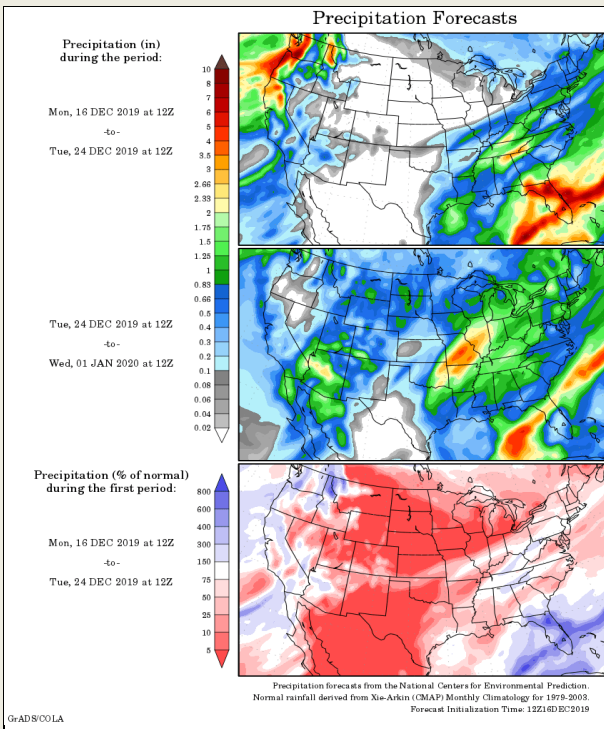
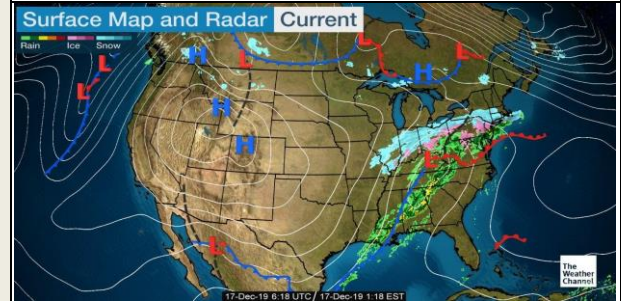
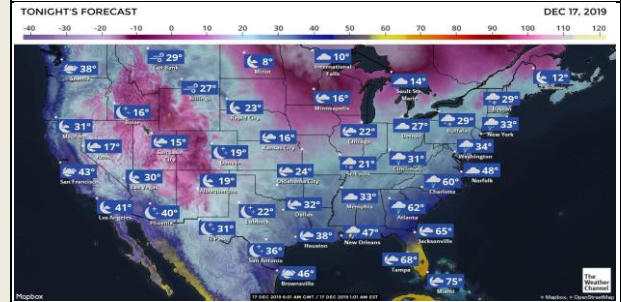
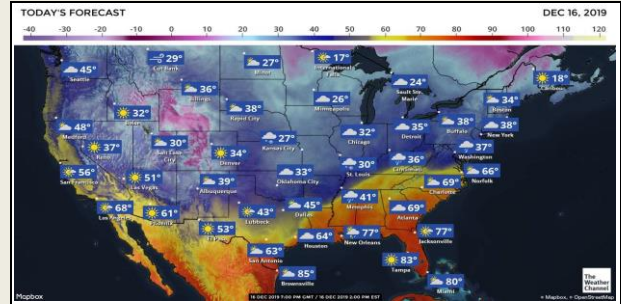
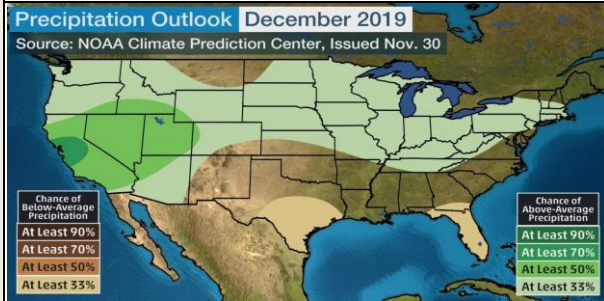
United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST: The Midwest will see occasional rounds of precipitation through the next two weeks that will slow late harvesting at times, but harvesting should advance in most areas with the poorest conditions for fieldwork in snow-covered areas in the Upper Midwest.

o Temperatures should remain cold enough that little snow melt occurs and some harvesting should advance on the frozen soil.

U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST: The Delta and the Southeast will see a mix of rain and sunshine during the next two weeks that should allow for late harvesting to advance at a slowed pace around the occasional rounds of rain expected.

o The Delta will be driest overall and should see the best conditions for fieldwork.



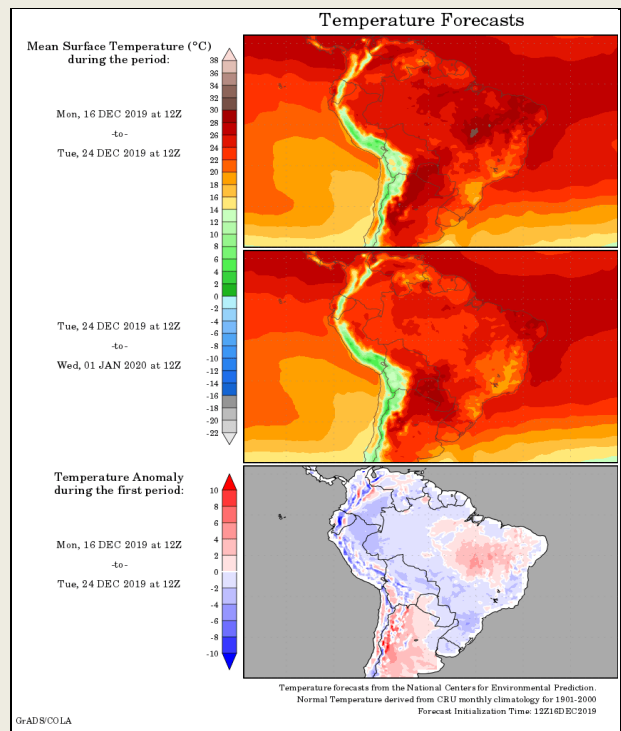
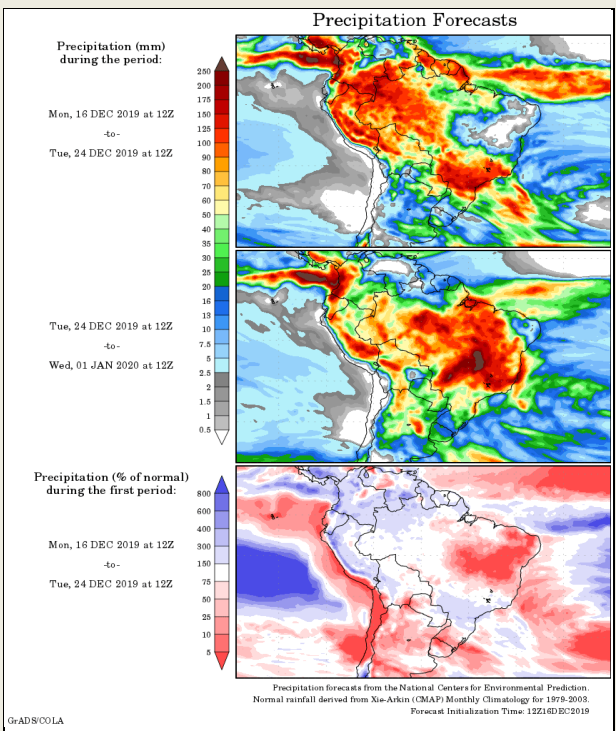
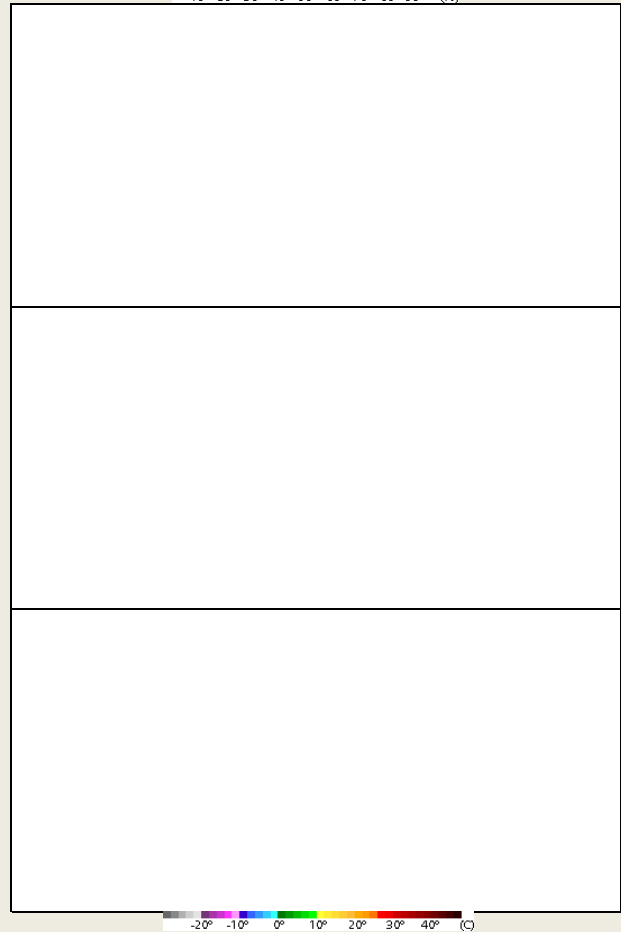
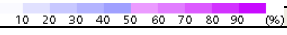
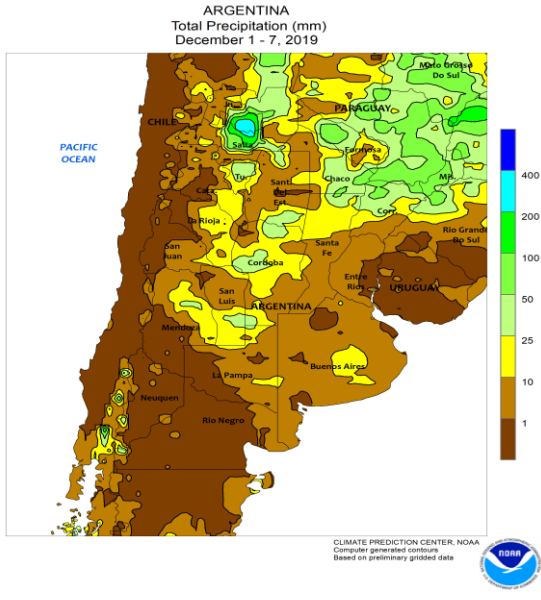
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South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Much of Brazil and Paraguay will continue to see regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms through the next week and high production potentials for at least two more weeks with continued exceptions in northeastern Brazil while a close watch will be made on Rio Grande do Sul where only one round of rain will occur through at least the next ten days.

ARGENTINA: The driest areas in southern Argentina will see only one round of timely rain through the next ten days and that rain event is not likely to prevent crop stress from rising overall while that rain event in central and northern Argentina should maintain mostly favorable conditions for crops.

o Today into Tuesday will be mostly dry with a few light showers in the south Wednesday before rain increases Thursday into Friday.



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Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

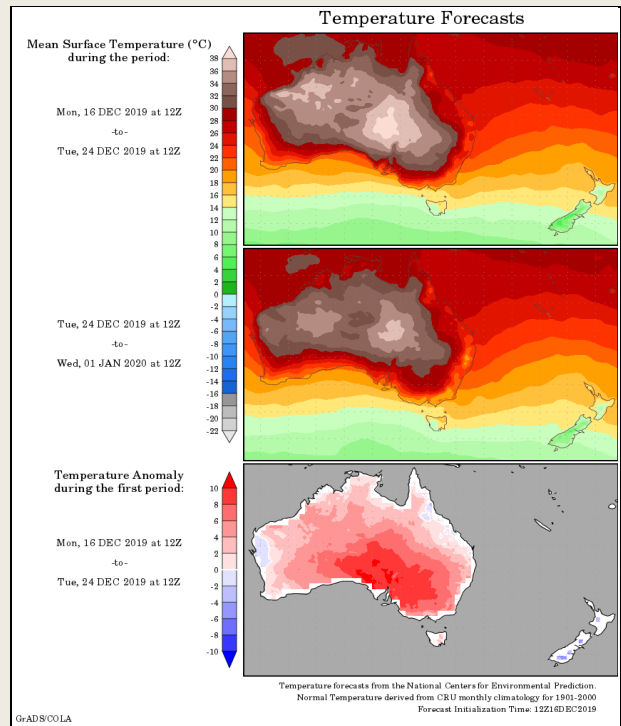
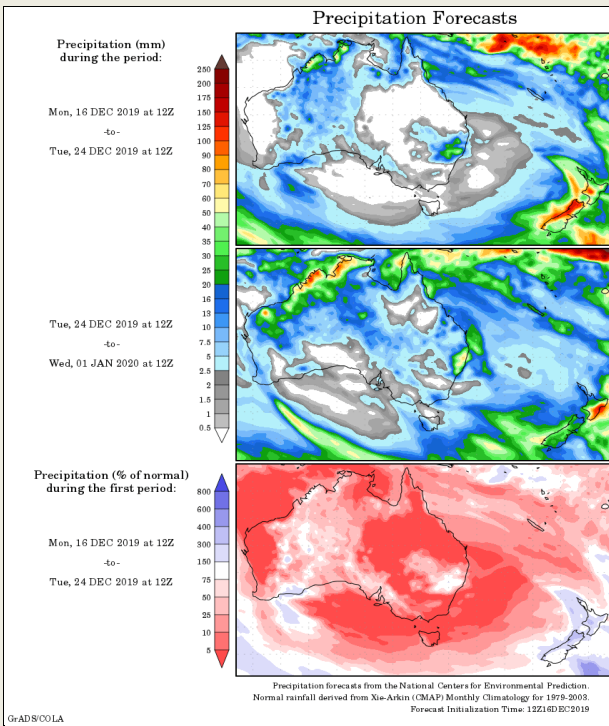
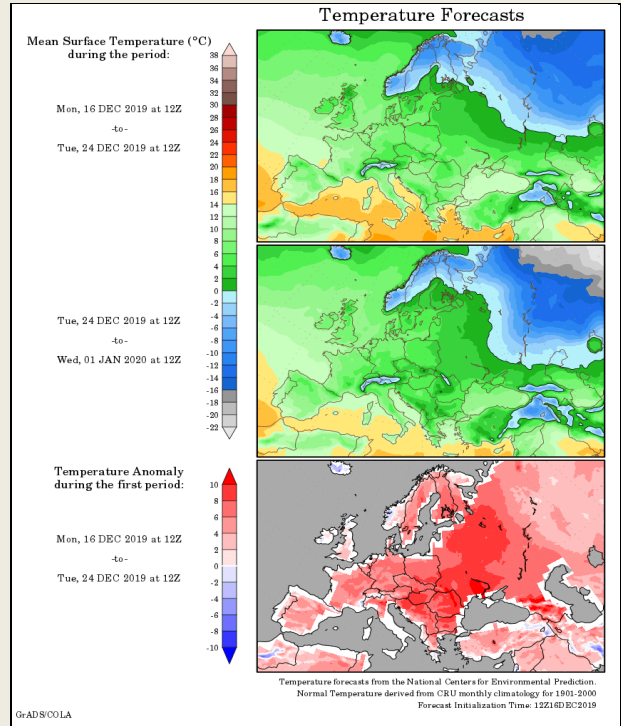
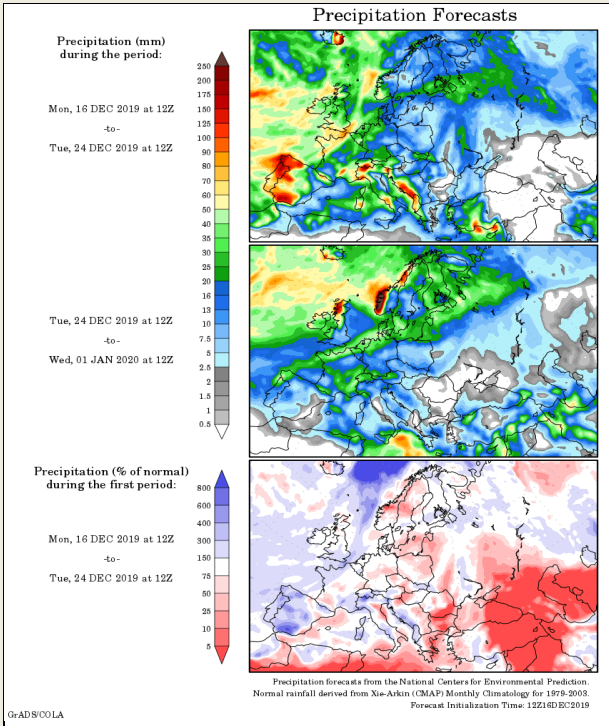
EUROPE: Frequent precipitation will continue over the Iberian Peninsula, France, the U.K. into the Netherlands as well as Italy, Switzerland and southwest Austria into Slovenia and the eastern Adriatic Sea Nations this week.

expected to continue over Australia for at least the next ten days to two weeks. Drought conditions will prevail over much of the nation and a soaking of rainfall is needed to help ease dryness and crop stress

o No rain will occur throughout interior eastern locations through Saturday.

o Increased shower and thunderstorm activity will occur in the southeast into northeast New South Wales and southeast Queensland Sunday through the middle of next week.

AUSTRALIA: drier bias pattern is



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