

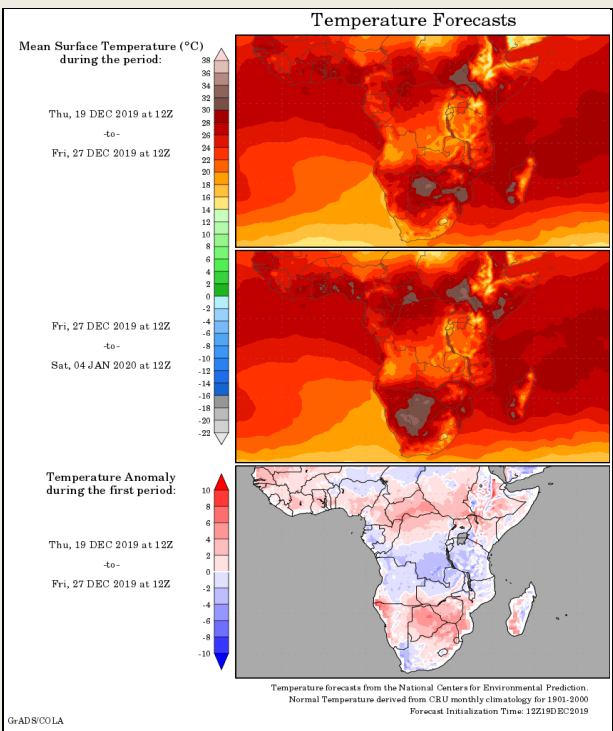
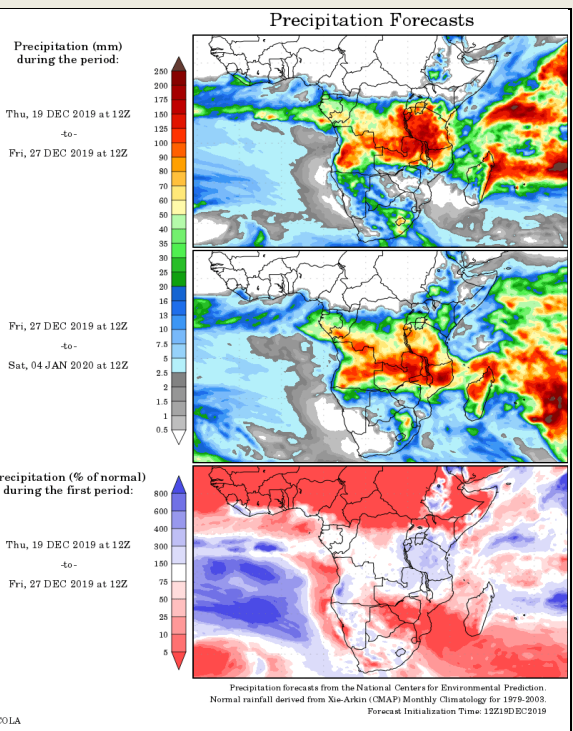
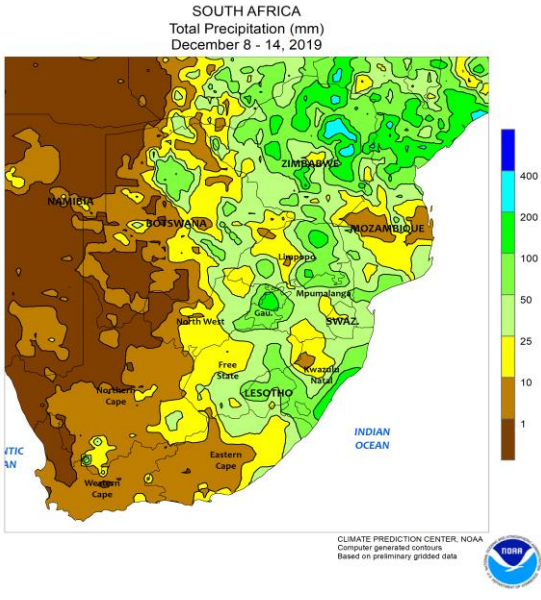
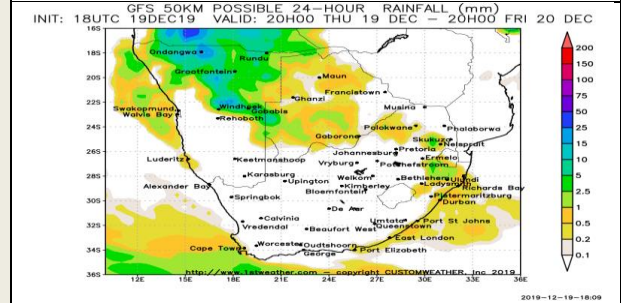
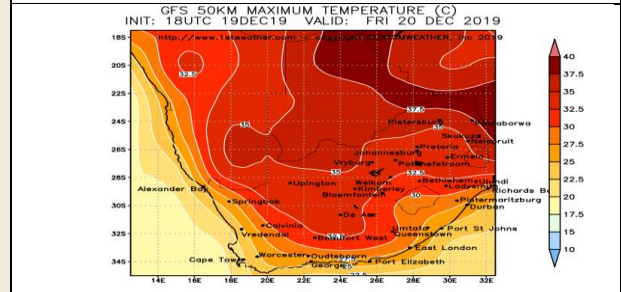
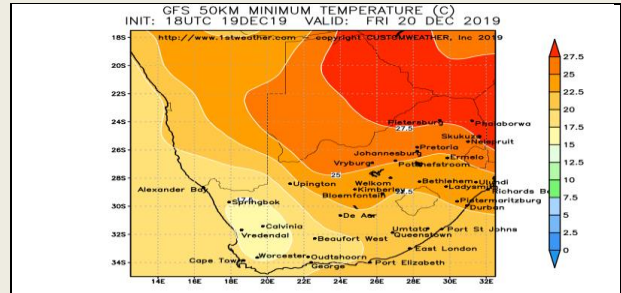


# **Weather Report**

## **20 December 2019**

# South Africa - Weather

- o Late season winter wheat harvesting may be sluggish at times in Free State
- o Any harvesting not yet complete in Western Cape will advance swiftly
- o The eastern half of South Africa will have enough moisture to maintain generally favorable conditions for summer crop growth in the coming weeks
- o Several areas may still trend a little dry at times to support ideal conditions, most notably in Limpopo
- o Timely rain will still be needed later in the growing season to maintain aggressive growth in most locations
- o Overall, crop prospects remain generally favorable for the coarse grain, oilseed, and cotton
- o Northern Cape into western sections of Free State and North West will otherwise be too dry to support ideal crop development
- o The periods of rain will only alleviate a minor amount of dryness
- o Both rain-fed and irrigated areas would benefit from a soaking of rain



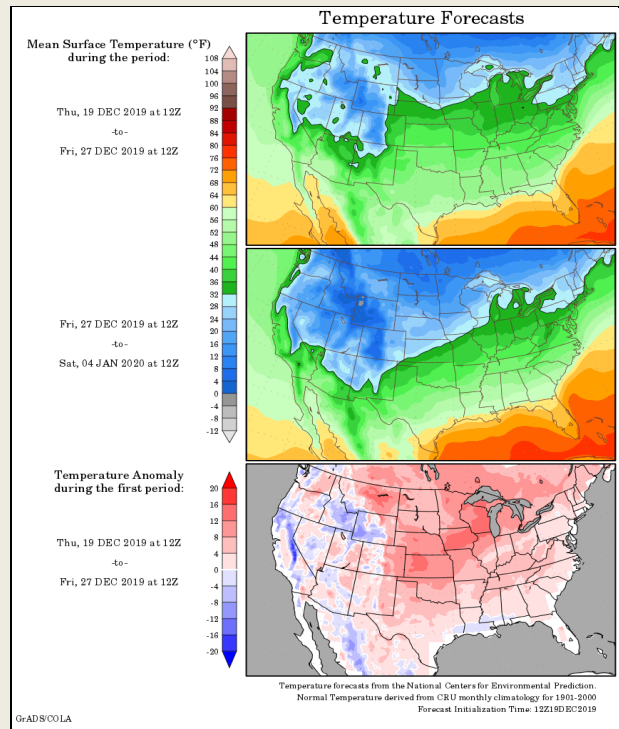
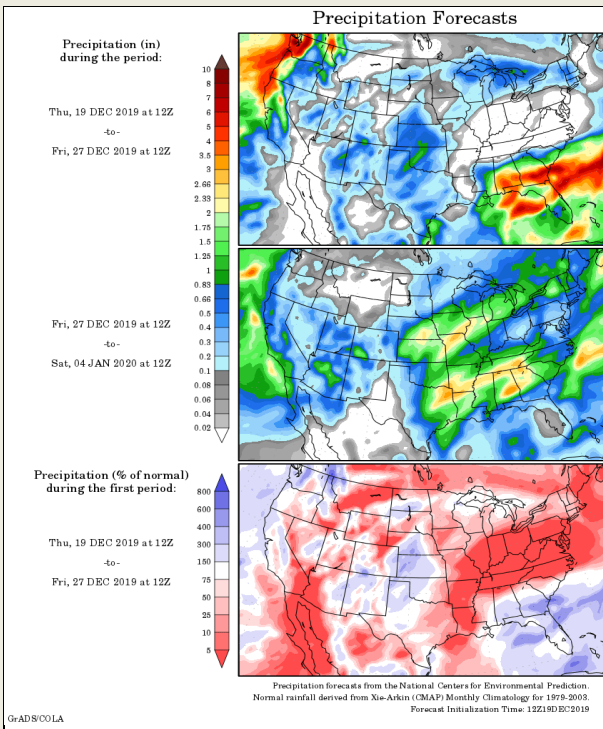
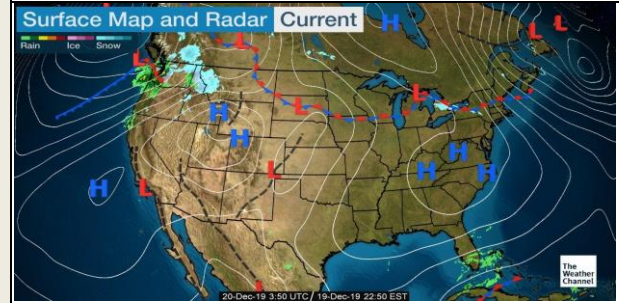
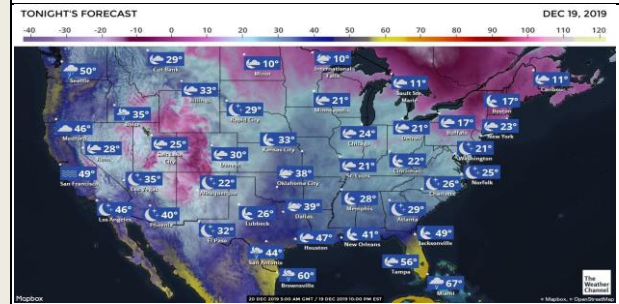
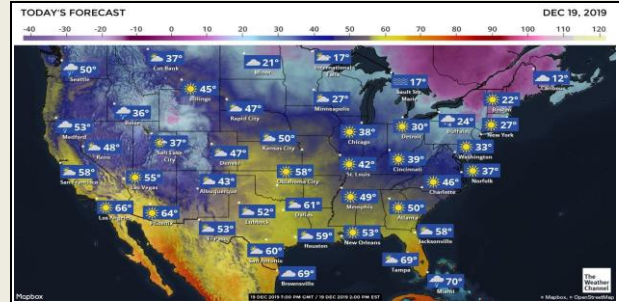
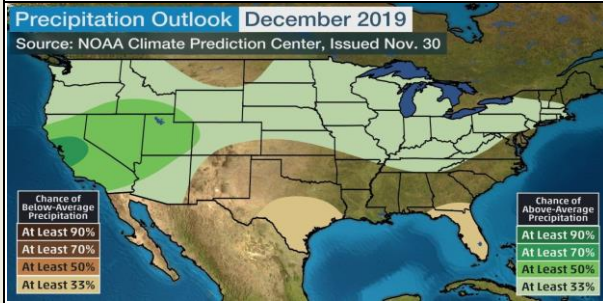
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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST:** Late season farming activity might advance a little better in the absence of significant precipitation during the coming week, but snow cover and melting snow will be the biggest issue limiting field access for a while longer. By the time the snow has melted in the lower Midwest and the ground has had a chance to dry down, next week's storm system will arrive setting back the drying trend and further delaying farming activity.

**U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST:** Too much rain in the southeastern states and a few areas in the Delta over the past week has resulted in saturated soil. Late season farming activity has been on hold. Brief periods of drying will occur along with some temporary warming, but additional precipitation will impact parts of the region from the Florida into Alabama and Georgia a little too often limiting field progress at times.

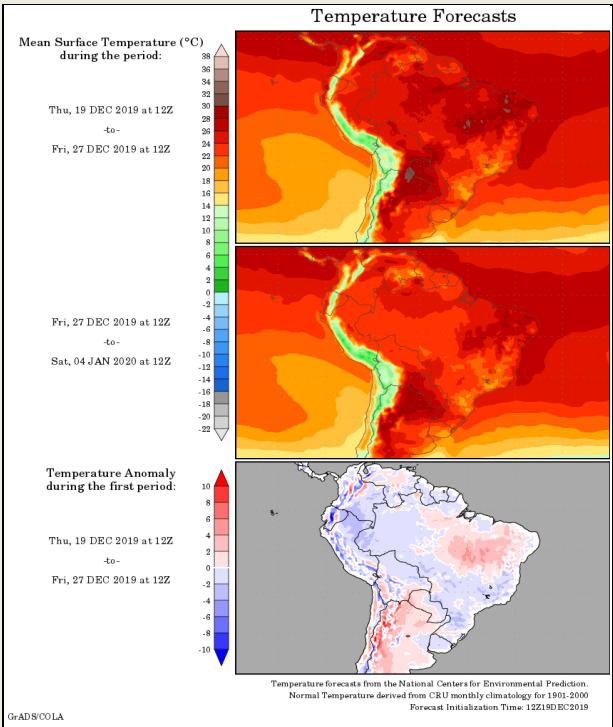
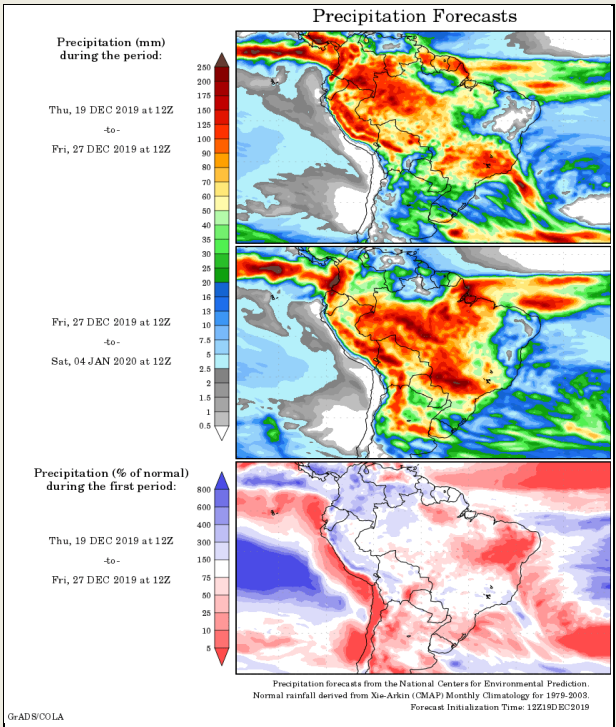
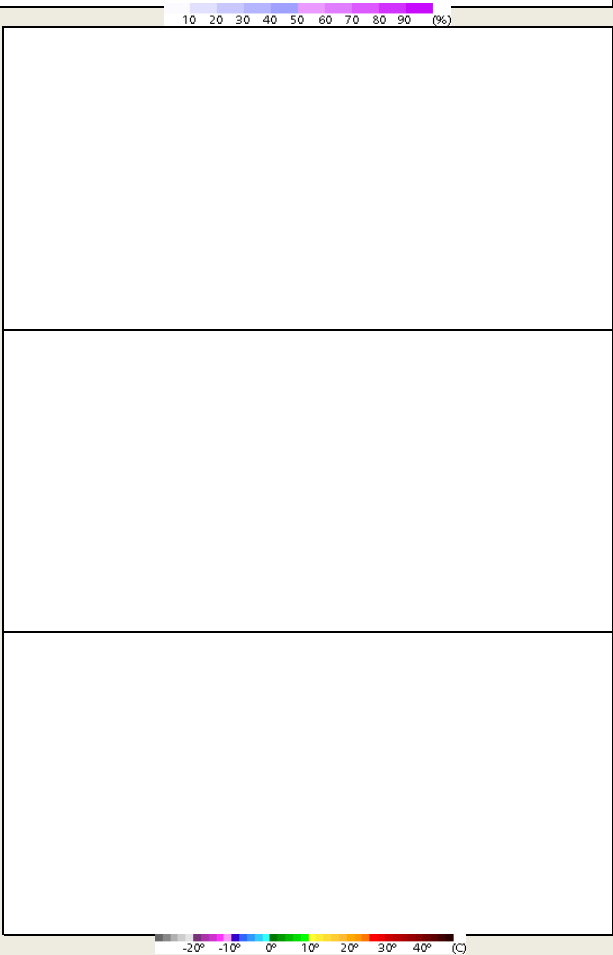
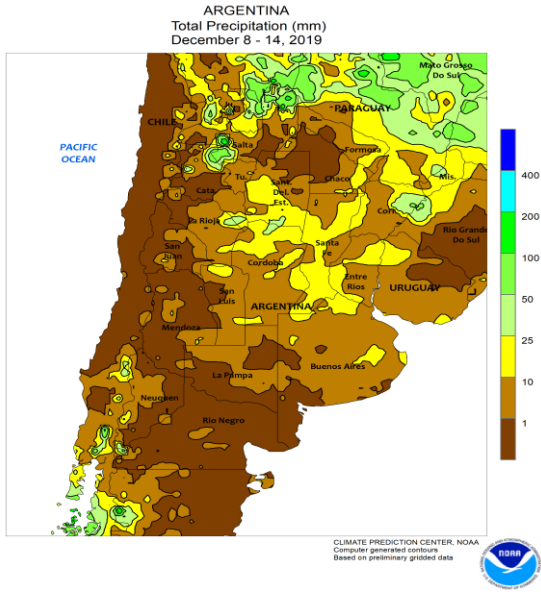


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# South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** A favorable weather pattern will prevail in most of the nation's key summer grain and oilseed production regions through the next two weeks. The favorable conditions will also benefit some rice, cotton and other soft agricultural commodity products produced in the region. Rio Grande do Sul will be closely monitored for relief to its drier bias which is expected, but it may not occur greatly until after Dec. 25 even though some showers will occur this Thursday and Friday. Northeastern Brazil dryness will be more of a festering issue with crop stress prevailing into the New Year for some areas.

**ARGENTINA:** Today's weather outlook is still mixed for Argentina with all areas in the nation getting some rain and experiencing some sunshine. Rainfall that is badly needed in the southwest will fall Thursday and it will bring at least some partial relief to persistent dryness. Follow up rain is expected periodically Dec. 25-27, but its distribution will still not be great enough for all of the worry over field and crop conditions to go away. Additional rain will still be needed. A close watch on the distribution of rain is warranted throughout the next two weeks. Central and especially northeastern Argentina will get rain often enough and significantly enough to maintain a favorable long term crop outlook.



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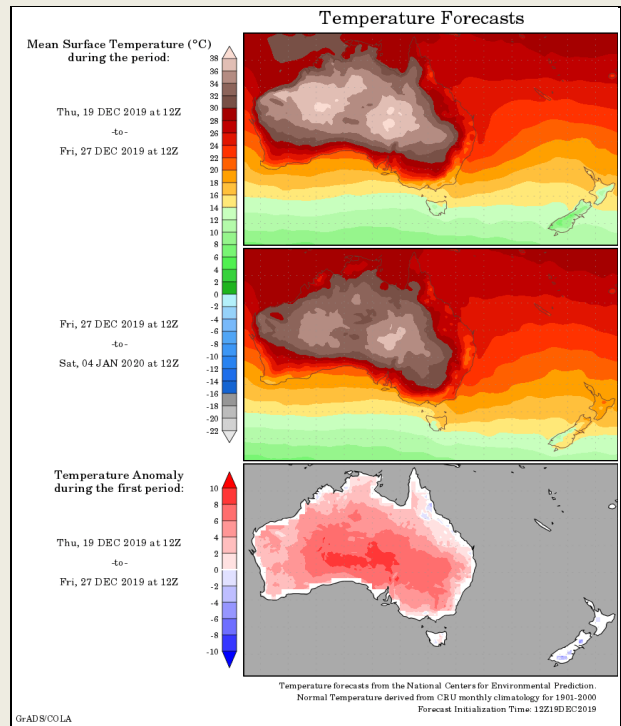
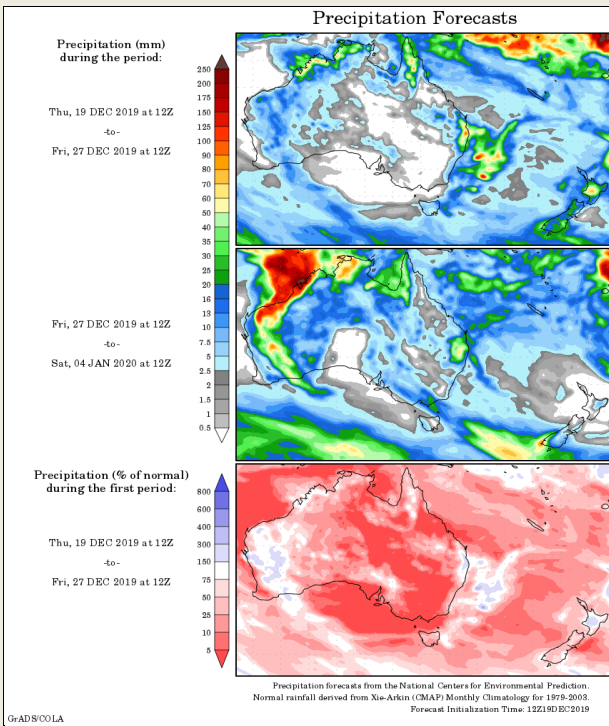
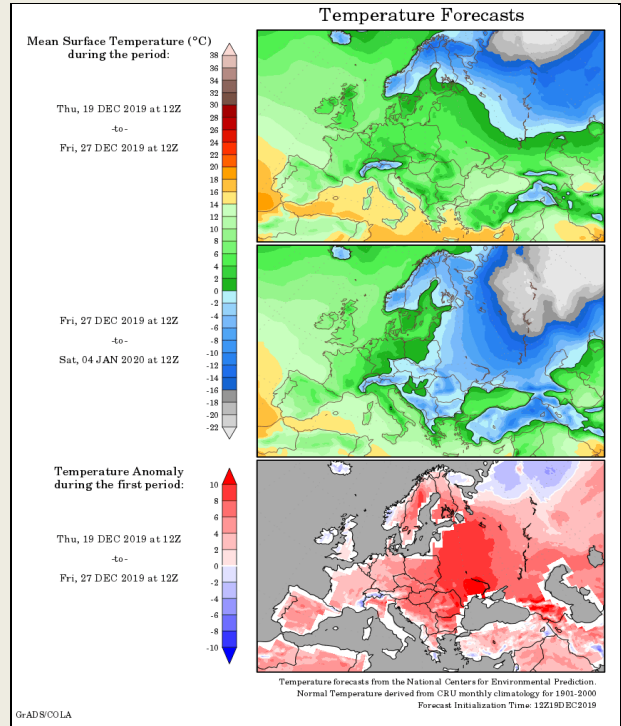
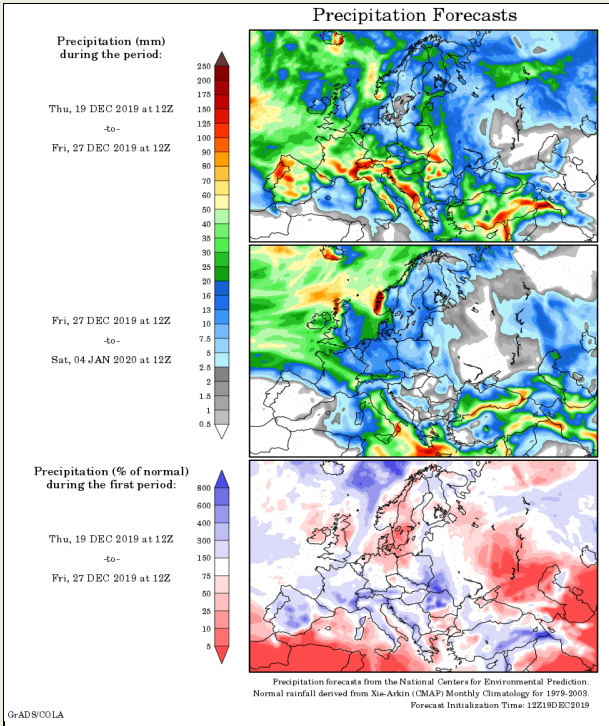


## Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

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

heat wave and lack of precipitation will enhance drought and stress on livestock and crops throughout Australia this week. Some increased moisture may return to east-central coastal areas next week, but heat will persist and a greater soaking of rain will still be needed.

o Highest temperatures will vary in the upper 90s and exceed 100 Fahrenheit up to 120 most often during the coming week. The only exception will be coastal locations and the southwest corner of the nation late this week into early next week where highs will be confined to the 70s and 80s most often.



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