



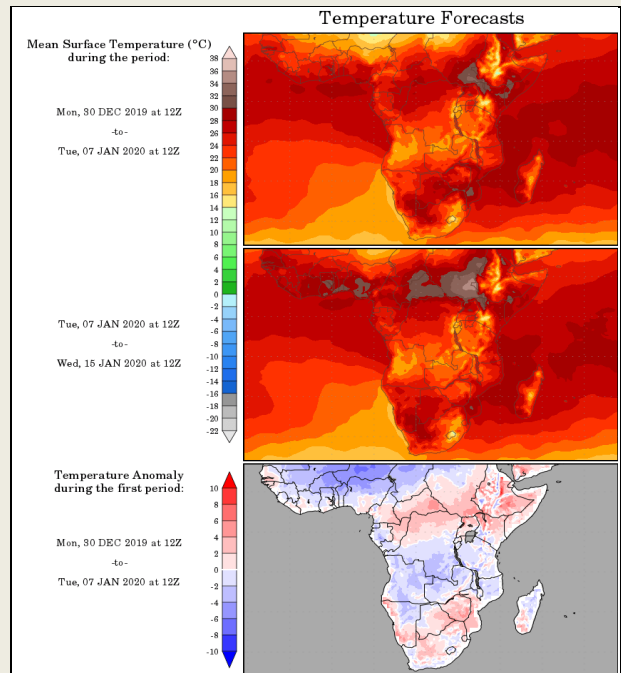
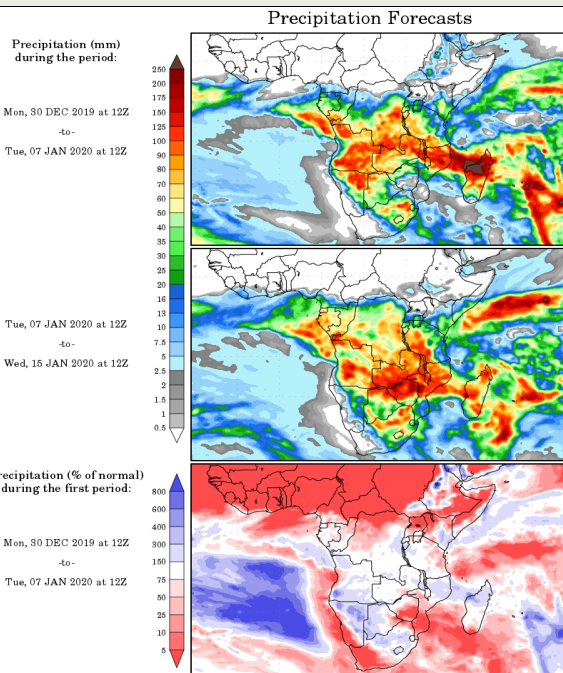
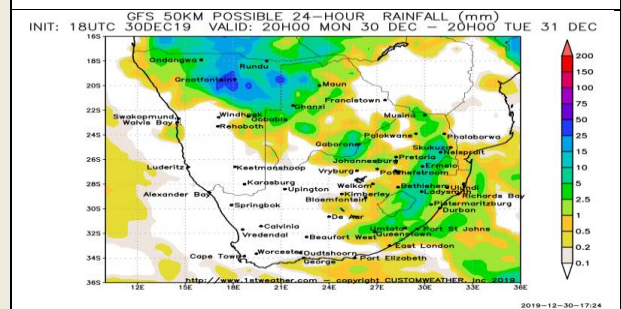
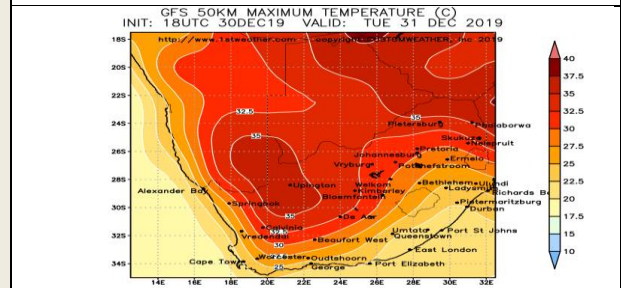
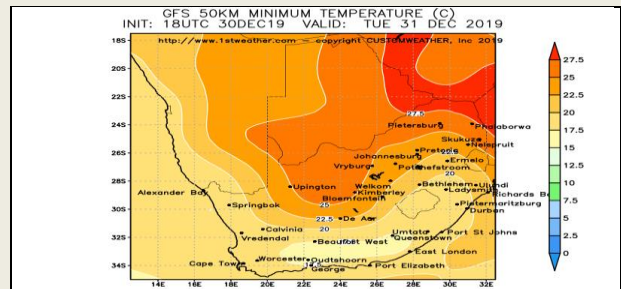
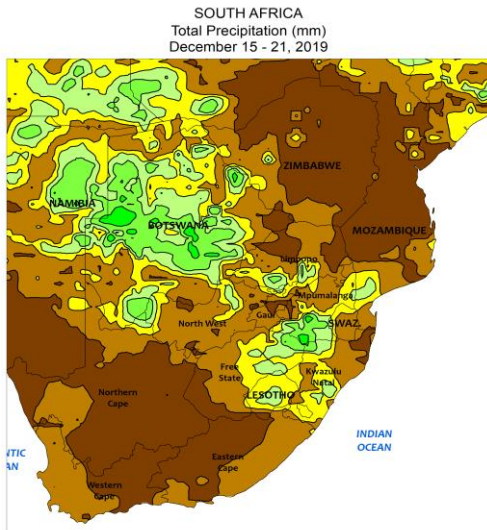
# **Weather Report**

## **31 December 2019**

# South Africa - Weather

The moisture profile will continue to increase for portions of eastern and central South Africa during the next two weeks

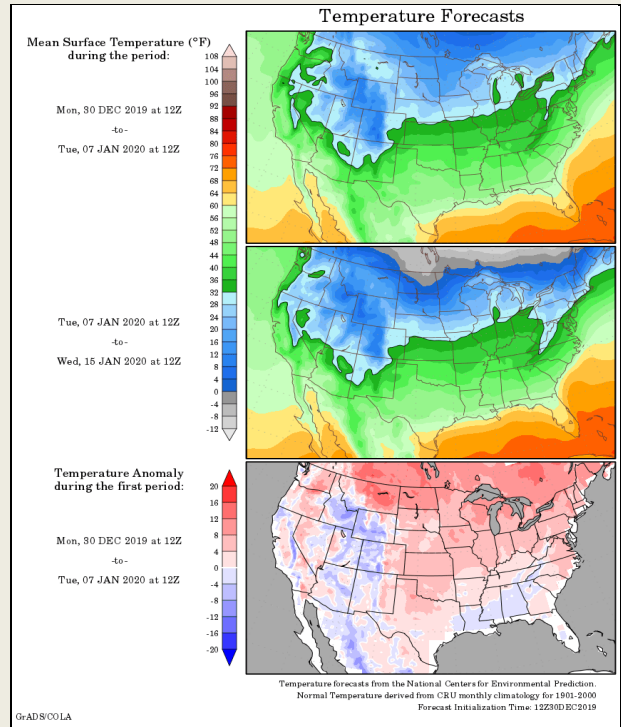
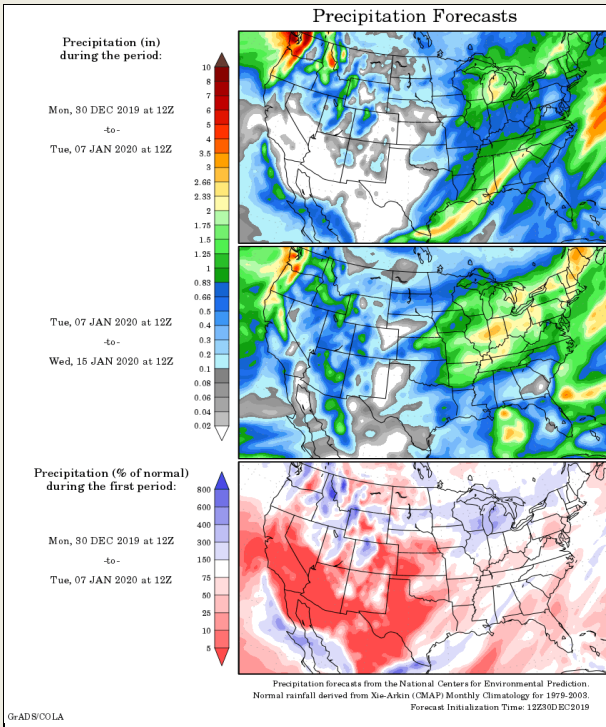
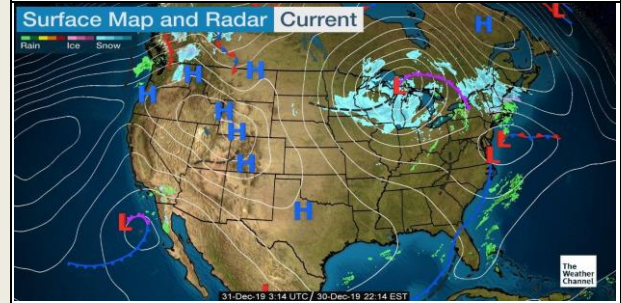
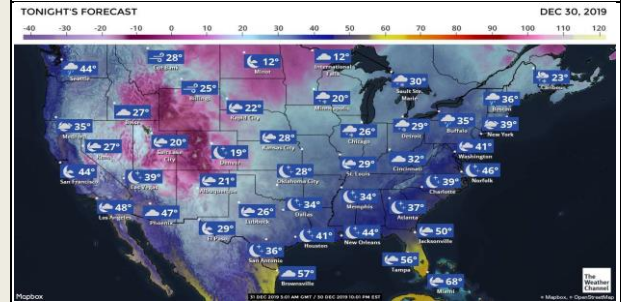
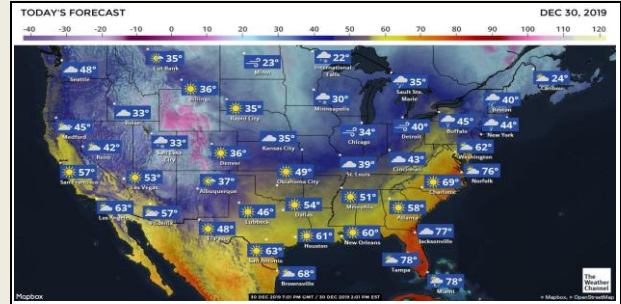
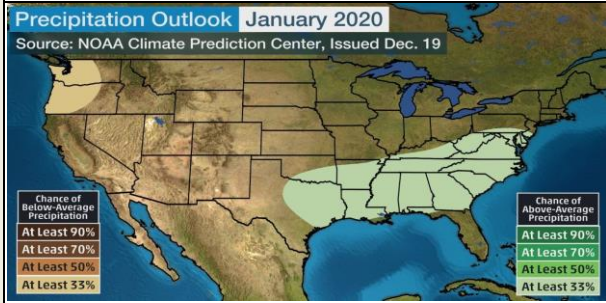
- o Development will gradually improve for areas that are struggling with dryness
- o However, rainfall will be unable to completely restore soil moisture to normal in a large portion of the production region
- o Development conditions will be generally favorable, though additional rain will still be needed later in January
- o Portions of Northern Cape and western sections of both Free State and North West will be among the areas that need routinely occurring precipitation to support crops in the best way possible
- o Several crops are irrigated and the periods of light rain will be beneficial
- o Rain-fed crops will need to see more frequent and more significant rain later in January to support better development
- o Crop stress is expected at times Overall, crop prospects remain generally favorable for the coarse grain, oilseed, and cotton outside some of the driest areas



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# United States of America - Weather

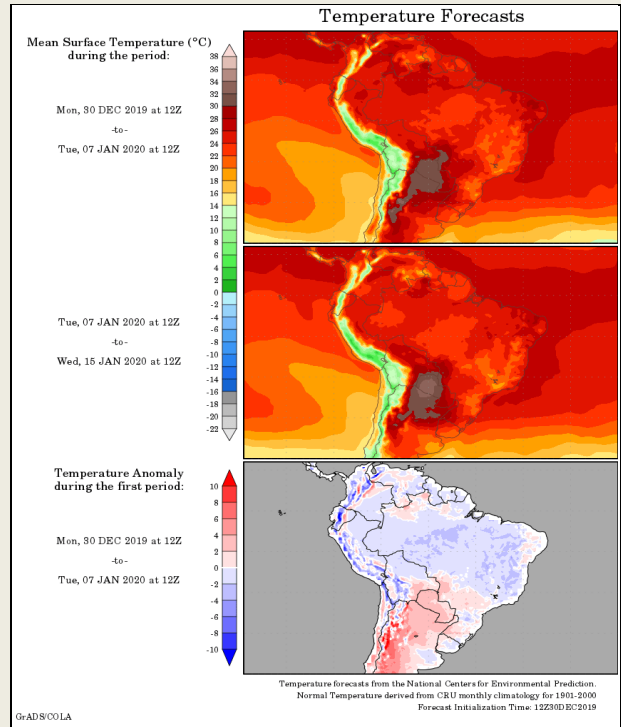
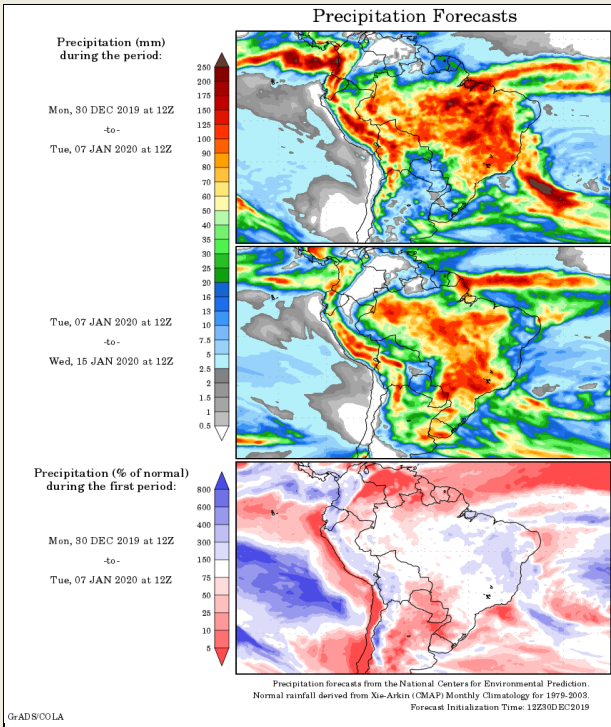
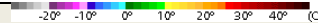
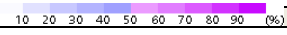
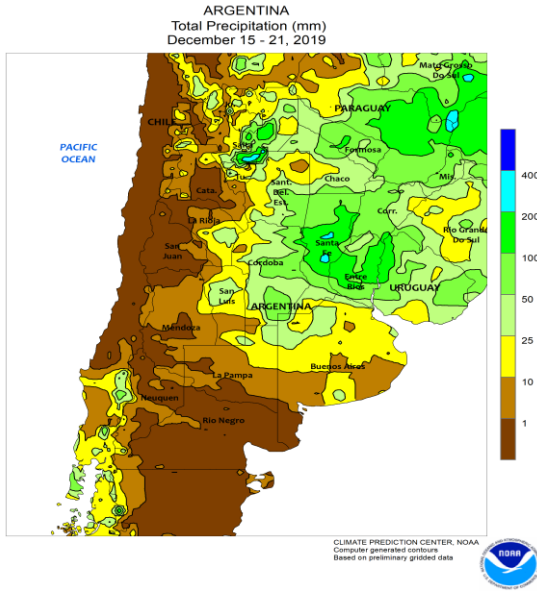
**U.S. MIDWEST:** A strong storm system will bring widespread precipitation to the Midwest Friday into Sunday before a quieter weather pattern begins Monday and continues through January 9.  
 o Today will be mostly dry before precipitation increases Friday and is widespread by Sunday with some heavy snow and travel delays in the northwest while rain is most common elsewhere.  
**U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST:** The Delta and the Southeast will see only two rounds of precipitation during the next two weeks and fieldwork should advance around the precipitation.  
 o The first round of precipitation will occur Saturday into Sunday with the Delta through northern Georgia seeing 0.40-1.30" of rain and locally more while lighter rain falls on the remainder of the Southeast.



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# South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** Paraguay into southern Parana, Santa Catarina, and Rio Grande do Sul will continue to dry down during the next ten days and the region will need a boost in rain soon to ensure crops do not become stressed by a lack of soil moisture.  
 o Most of this region still has enough soil moisture to support the needs of crops during the next ten days while drying takes place, but without rain parts of Paraguay and Rio Grande do Sul have low enough soil moisture that some crop stress may occur before the middle of January.  
**ARGENTINA:** A critical increase in rain occurred during the weekend across key crop areas from Cordoba into Buenos Aires, but rain was not great enough in all areas to induce a lasting increase in soil moisture and with more than a week of drying expected to begin Tuesday, crop stress may become serious if rain does not return in the second week of January. However, some areas in northwestern Buenos Aires and southeastern Cordoba received significant rain earlier last week and those areas will not see stress return quite so quickly

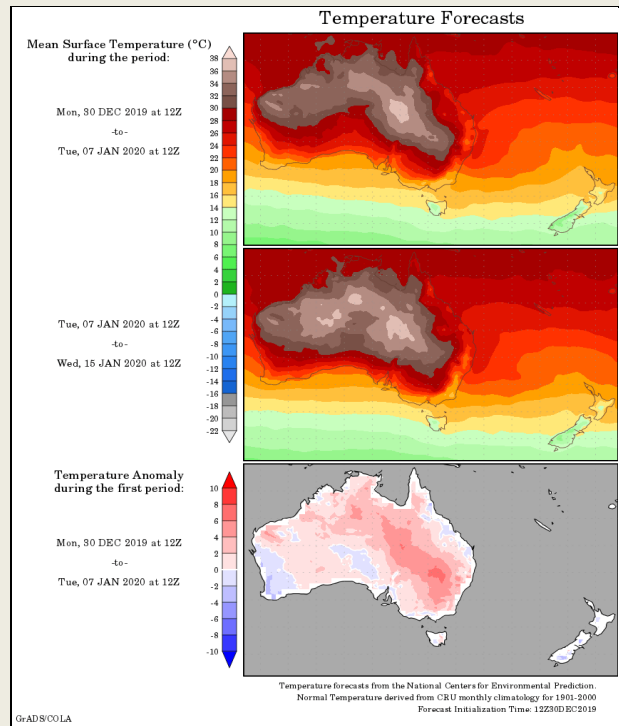
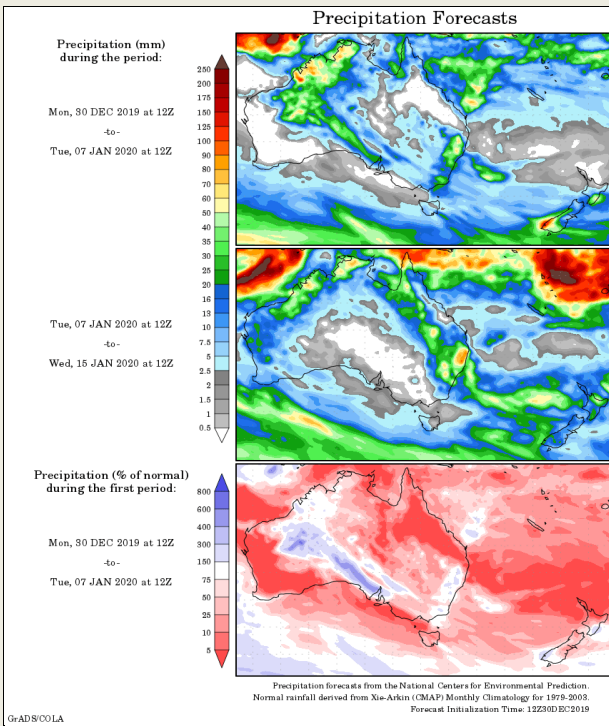
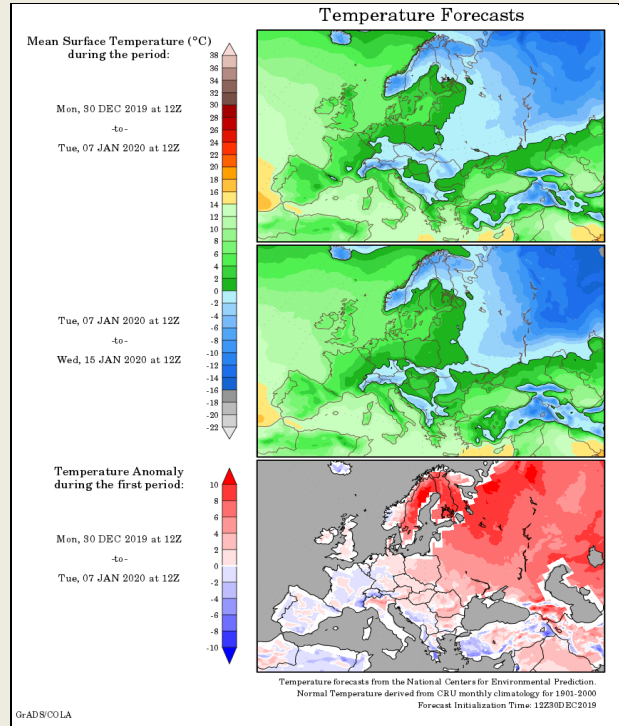
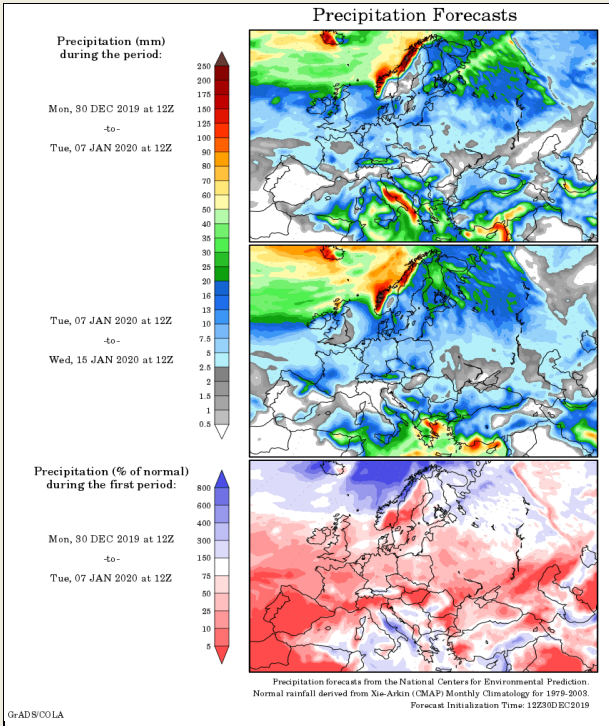


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# Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

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.

next ten days of excessive heat will be in interior parts of the nation and not in the key summer grain, oilseed, cotton or sugarcane areas. Temperatures will be near to above average in most crop areas, but no oppressive heat is expected except in western most parts of Queensland and western most New South Wales. Livestock stress will continue, but it will not be nearly as great as it has been. AUSTRALIA: Most of the Summer crops in eastern Australia are irrigated and as long as water supply holds out crops will perform favorably. Extreme heat like that of earlier this month was not good for irrigated crops and placed a huge demand on irrigation and if that happens too often crops will wither because of water rationing.



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