



Weather Report
14 January 2020

South Africa - Weather

Eastern and central South Africa will continue to see several waves of erratic rain during the next two weeks.

Eastern South Africa will receive enough rain in the coming weeks to either bolster soil moisture or keep soil moisture near current levels
o Crop development conditions will be generally favorable for Natal and Mpumalanga

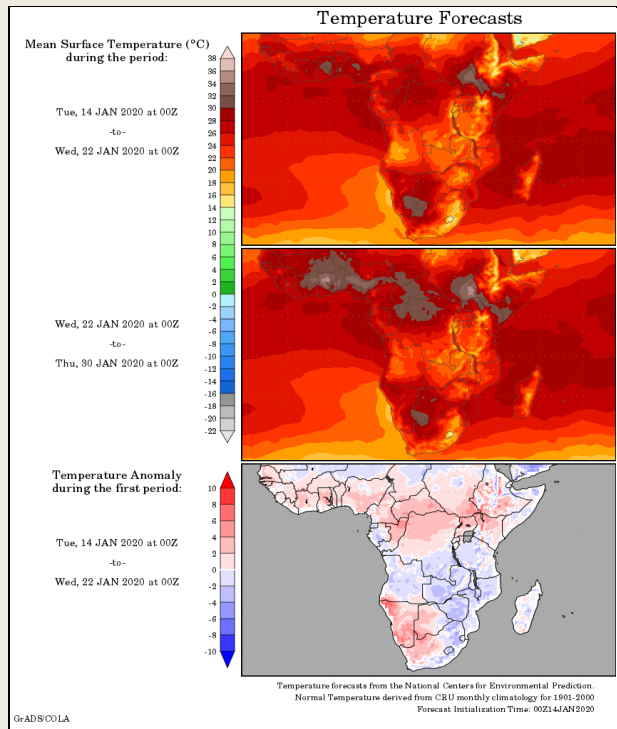
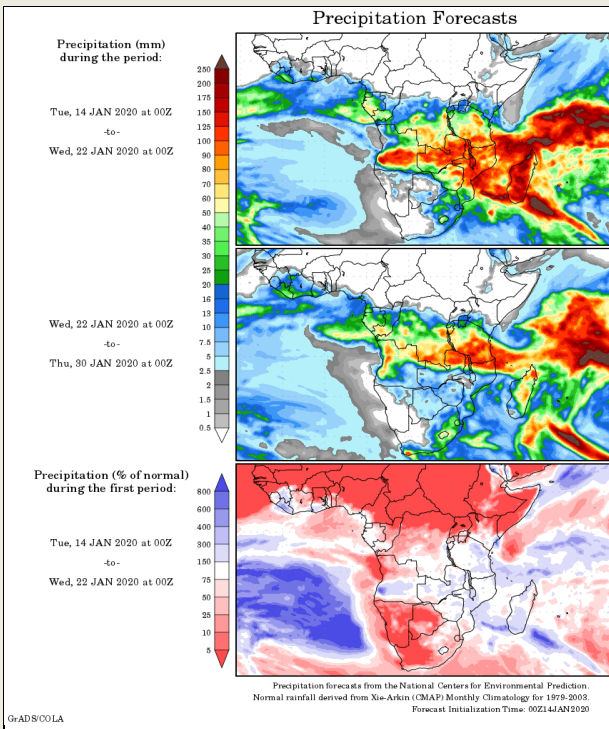
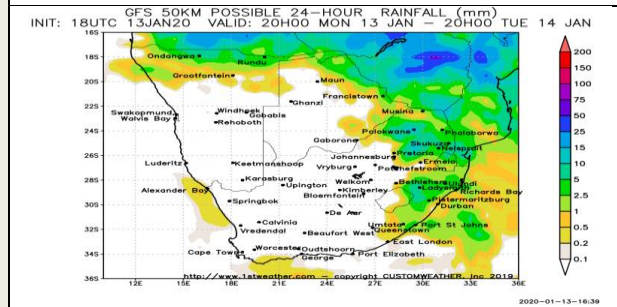
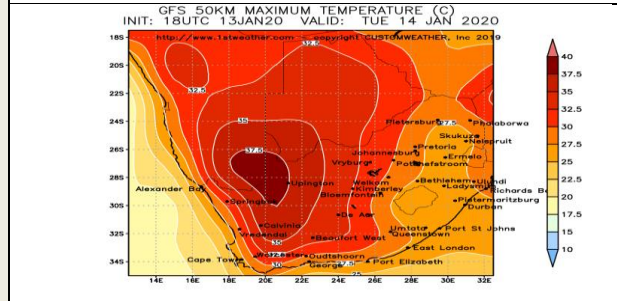
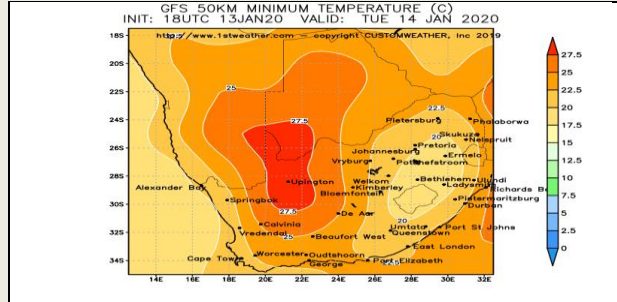
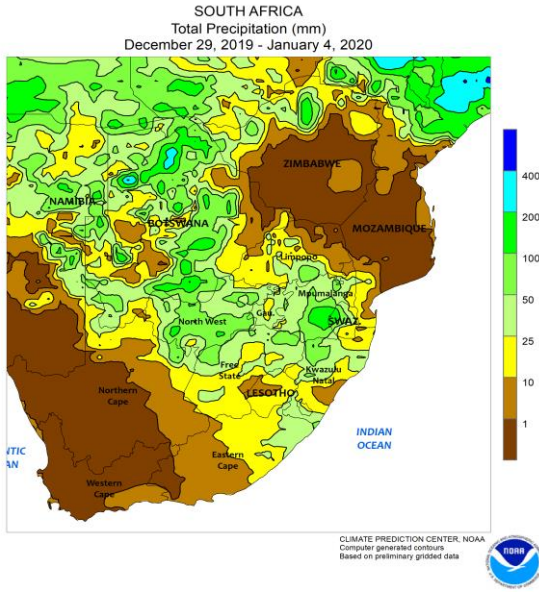
o Portions of Limpopo will still struggle with dryness at times

o However, there will generally be enough rain to support mostly favorable development

o Central South Africa will rapidly dry down during the next two weeks

o Crop development conditions will initially be favorable for portions of North West and eastern Free State during the next few days

o Unirrigated areas of Northern Cape and western Free State are generally too dry for ideal development

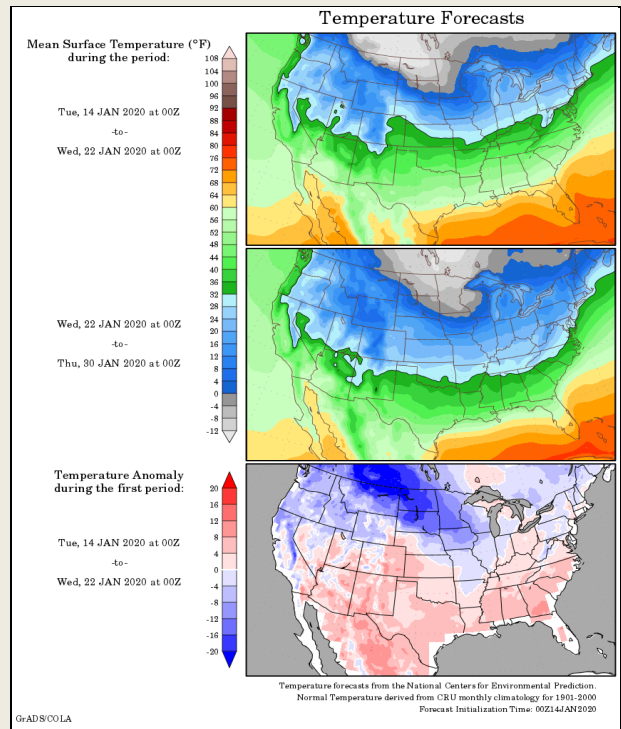
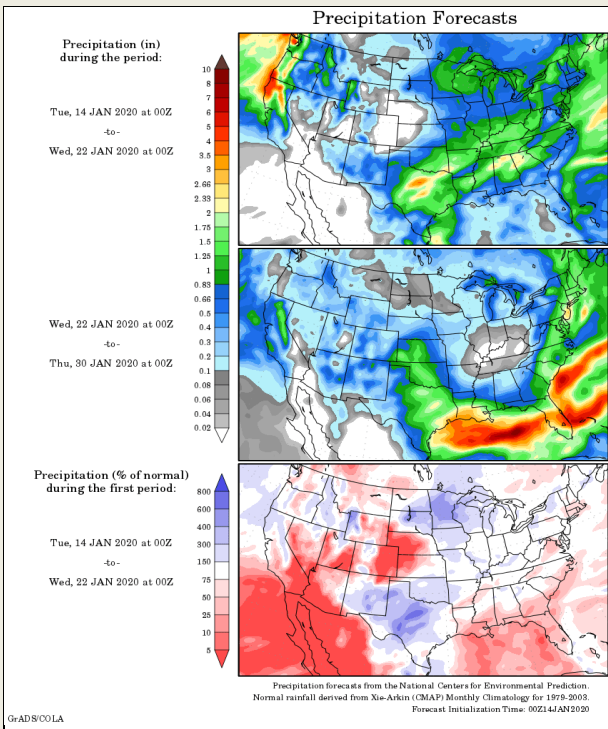
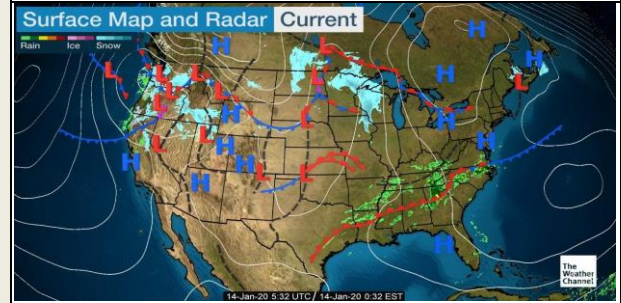
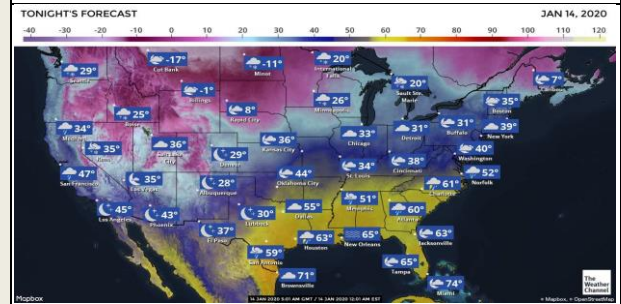
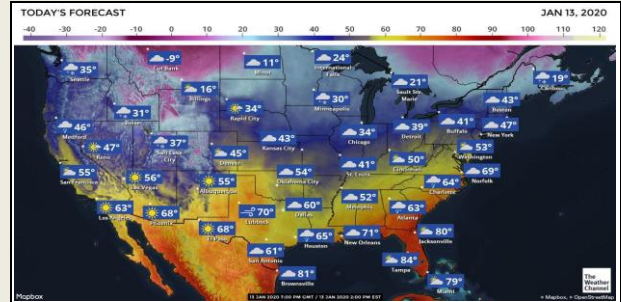
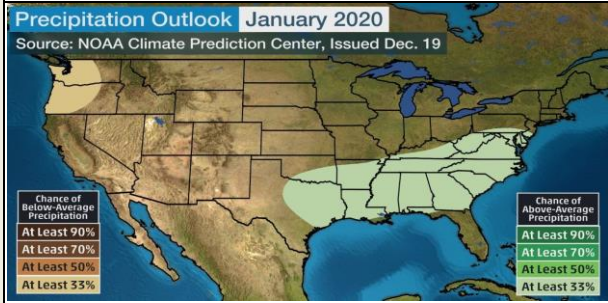


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST: A strong winter storm system brought heavy rain and some flooding to portions of the lower and eastern Midwest during the weekend while snow fell from the west-central and southwestern Corn Belt to eastern Wisconsin. Another strong storm system will move across the Midwest Thursday into Saturday bringing enough rain to cause increase flooding in the lower and eastern Midwest before a welcome period of drier weather occurs Sunday into Jan. 27 allowing flood conditions to improve. Temperatures will be too cold northwestern Corn Belt through the next ten days to allow for significant snow melt.

U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST: Moderate to heavy rain and some flooding occurred in the Delta and a large part of the Southeast during the weekend. The Delta and the Southeast will see regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms through Saturday and flooding will increase in many areas. Sunday through Jan. 27 period will be drier and flood conditions will improve, but an extended period of drying will be needed to allow the soil to dry down enough to absorb another significant rain event without causing another round of flooding.

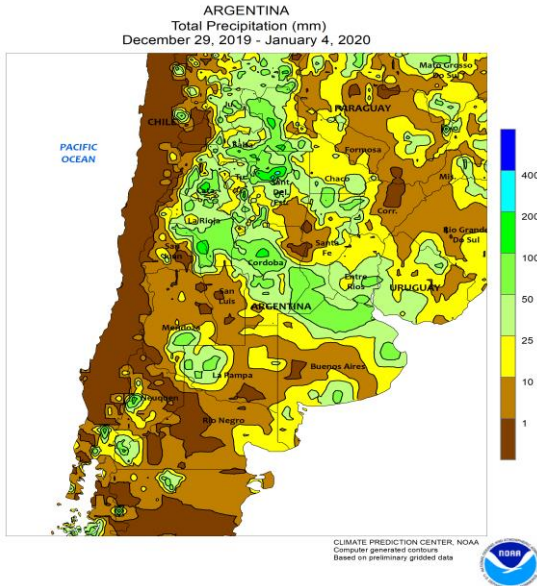


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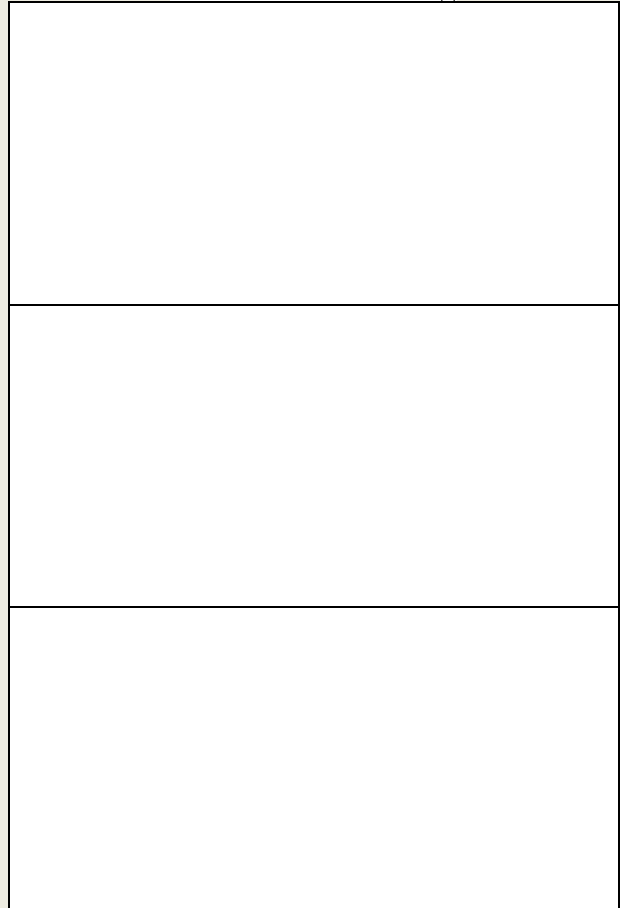
South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Significant and beneficial rain fell on the driest areas from Rio Grande do Sul to southwestern Parana and portions of southern Paraguay during the weekend. Rio Grande do Sul will see another round of showers and thunderstorms Wednesday into Thursday and as long as rain falls as advertised soil moisture will be increased enough to support the needs of crops during a period of drier weather expected Friday through Jan. 27. Meanwhile, most of the remainder of Brazil and Paraguay will see regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms through the next two weeks that should bring enough rain to favorably support crop development.

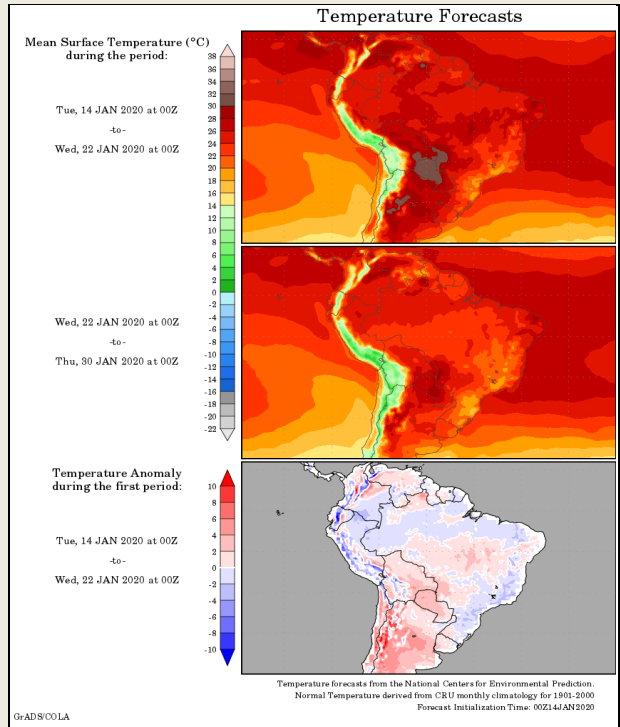
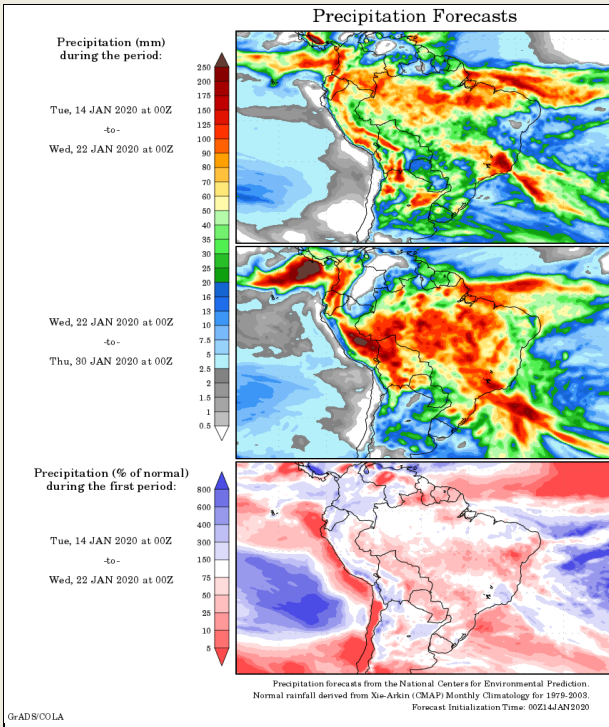
ARGENTINA: Much of La Pampa and Buenos Aires were dry during the weekend while most of the remainder of Argentina received rain with a mix of light to locally heavy amounts noted. Additional rain through Tuesday in the south and Thursday in the north should leave nearly all of the country with favorable soil conditions before southern Argentina sees at least a week to ten days of drying that may cause rising levels of crop stress by late this month.



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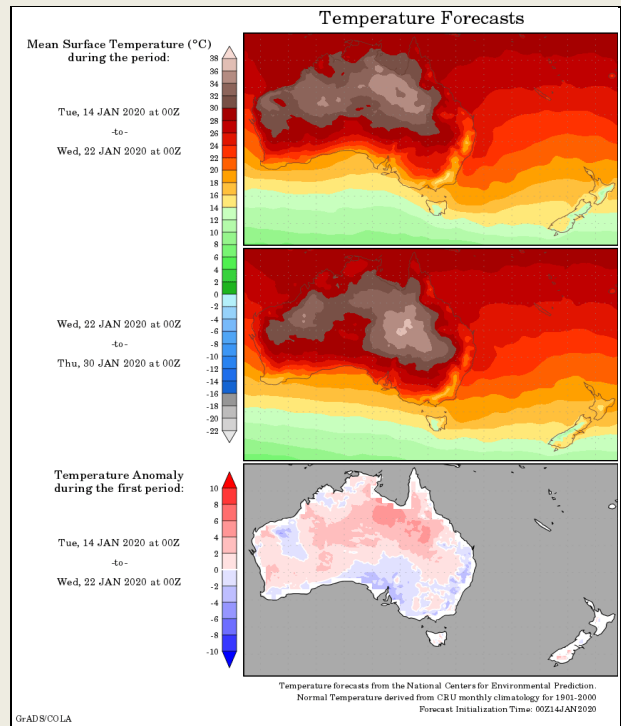
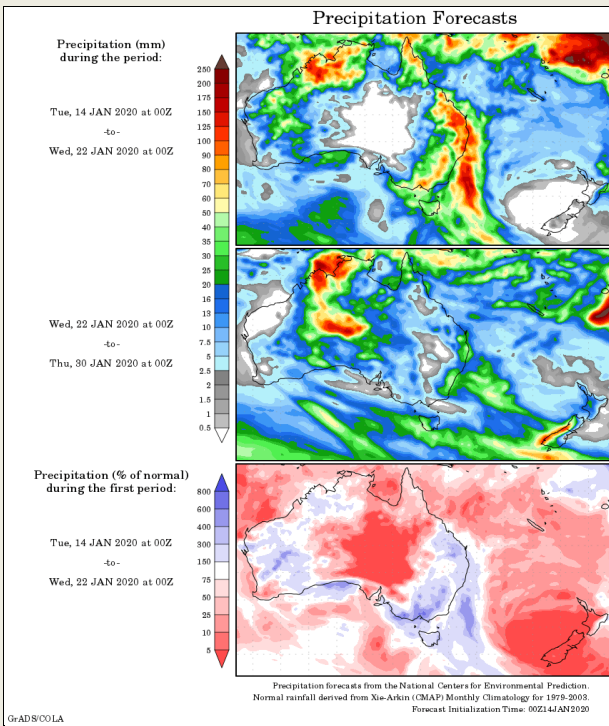
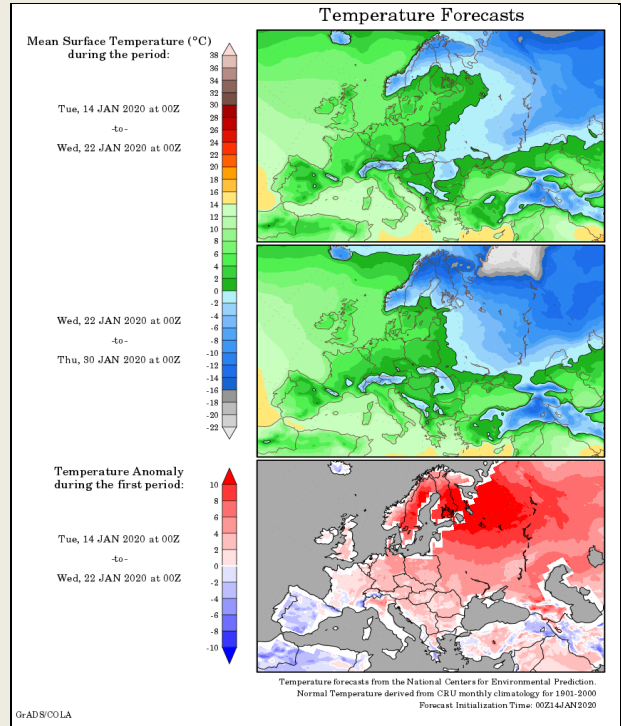
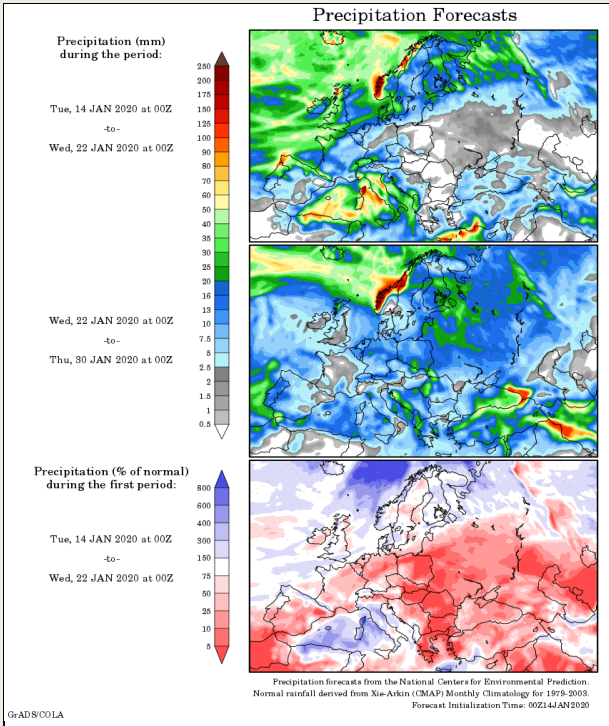
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Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

EUROPE: Drier than usual conditions are expected to impact Europe the next couple of weeks. The only exception will be northern Europe, specifically the U.K. and Scandinavia, where frequent rounds of precipitation will maintain wetter conditions. AUSTRALIA: Showers and thunderstorms are still expected to increase Wednesday through the remainder of the coming week and into early next week in eastern Australia. The moisture will benefit very dry areas and help put down some of the fires burning out of control. The moisture will moisten topsoil, but will not end drought and crops and soil will still need much more follow up rain.



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