

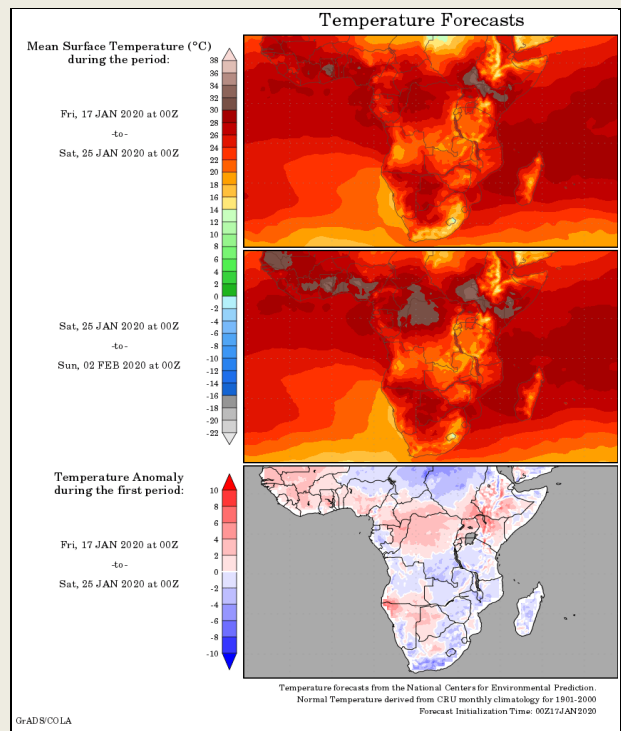
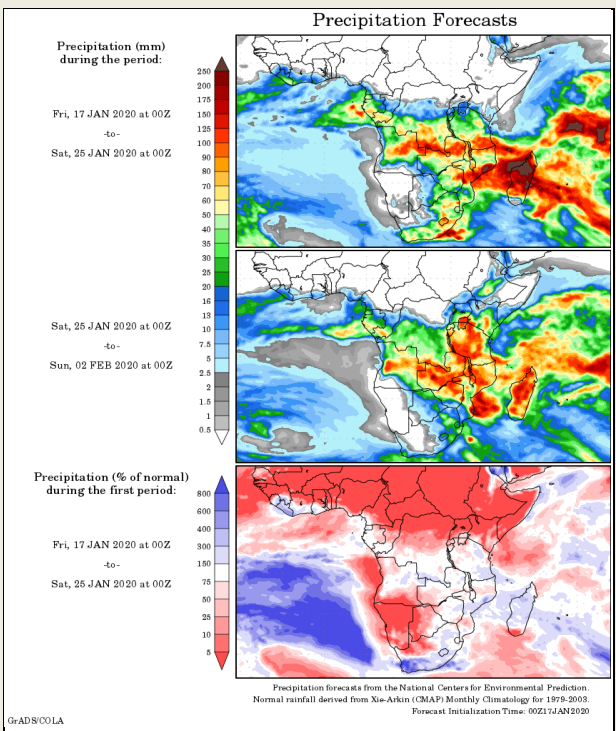
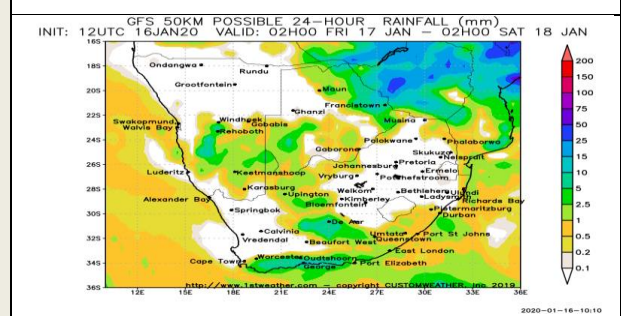
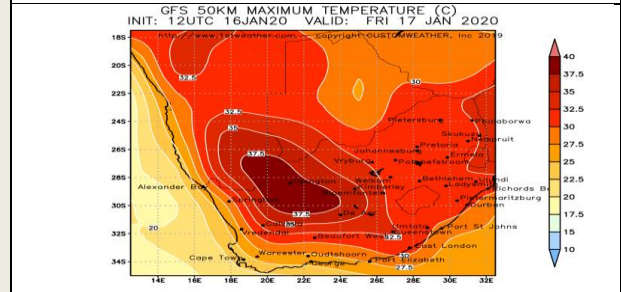
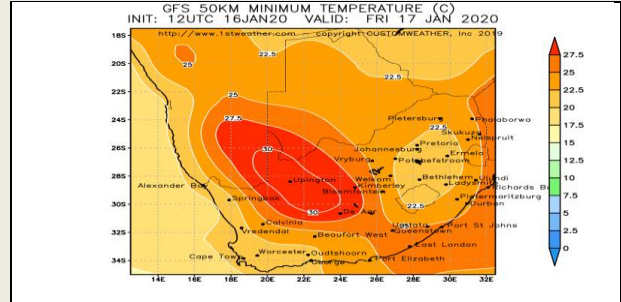
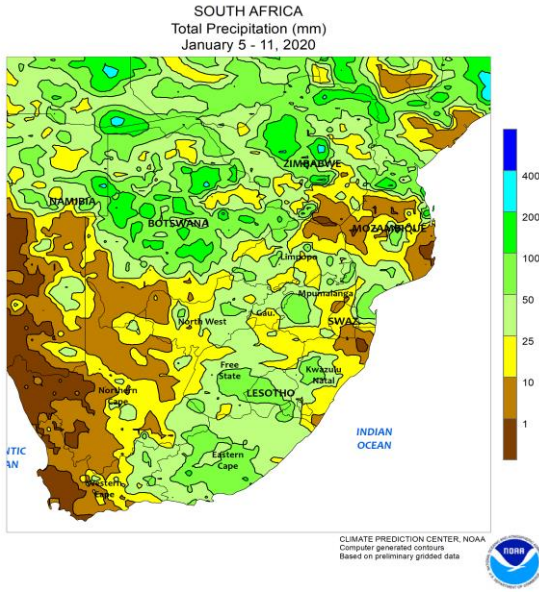


**Weather Report**  
**17 January 2020**

# South Africa - Weather

The eastern half of South Africa will generally receive enough rain in the coming weeks to keep soil moisture near current levels or bolster soil moisture

- o Crop development conditions will be generally favorable for Natal, Mpumalanga, and eastern sections of Free State and North West
- o Portions of Limpopo will continue to struggle with dryness at times
- o Several production areas will not receive enough rain to completely reverse the moisture deficits
- o Crop development conditions will be mostly favorable, though growth may be sluggish in the driest areas
- o No significant crop stress is expected
- o Timely rain will still be needed in February
- o Western sections of Free State and North West into Northern Cape will slowly dry down in the coming weeks

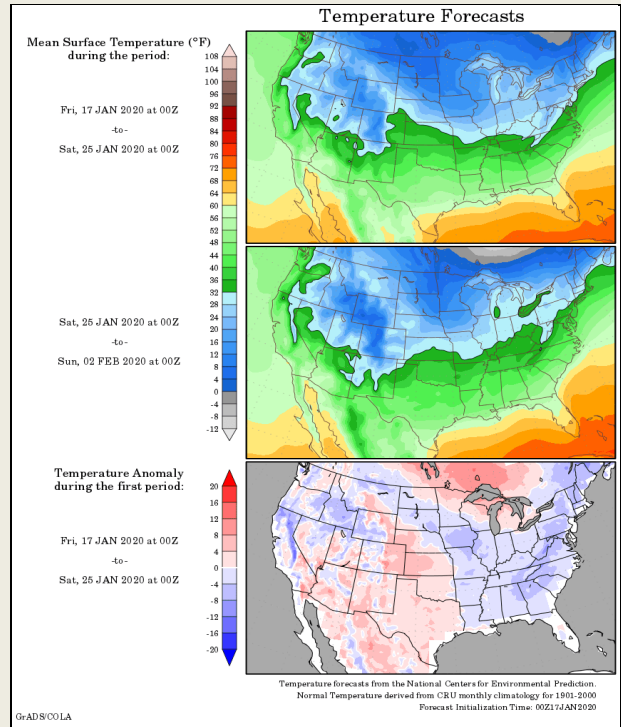
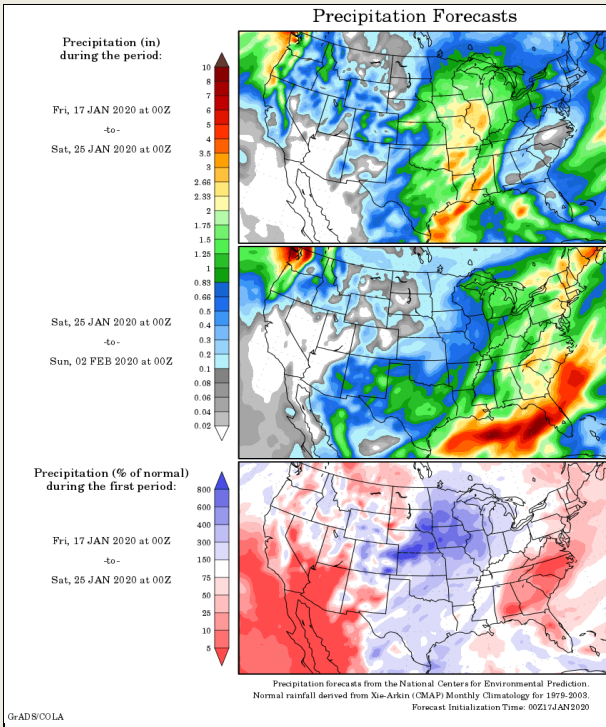
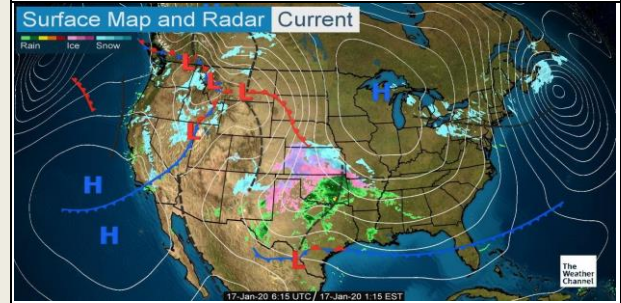
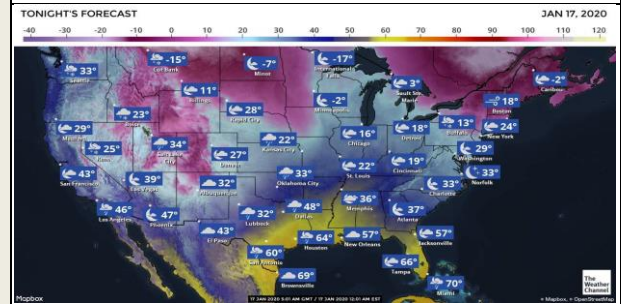
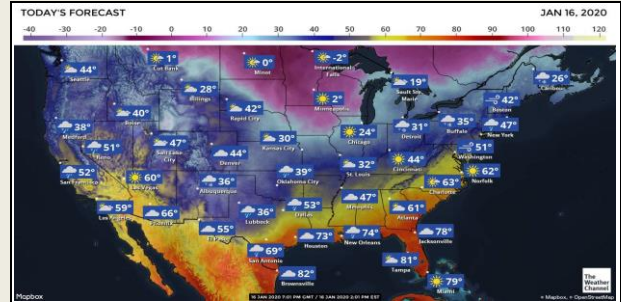
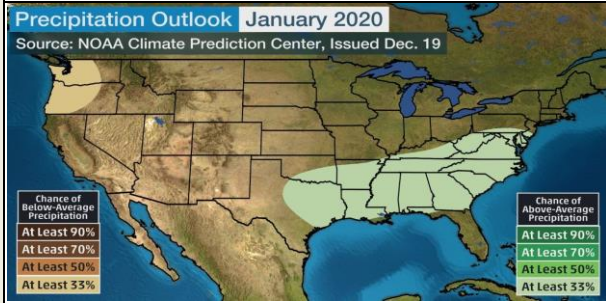


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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST:** A strong storm system will move across the Midwest tonight into Saturday bringing enough rain to increase flooding in portions of the lower and eastern Midwest before a welcome period of drier weather occurs Sunday into Jan. 30 allowing flood conditions to improve. Outside of another storm system occurring Jan. 23-24, little additional precipitation is expected Sunday through Jan. 30 and flood conditions will steadily improve.

**U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST:** The Delta and the Southeast will see additional rounds of showers and thunderstorms through Saturday with most of the rain not likely heavy enough to cause much new flooding. The Sunday through Jan. 30 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.

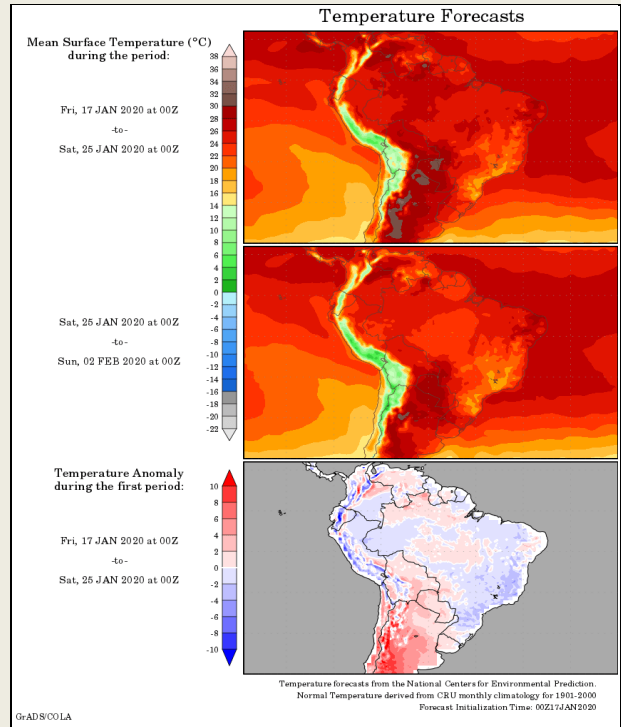
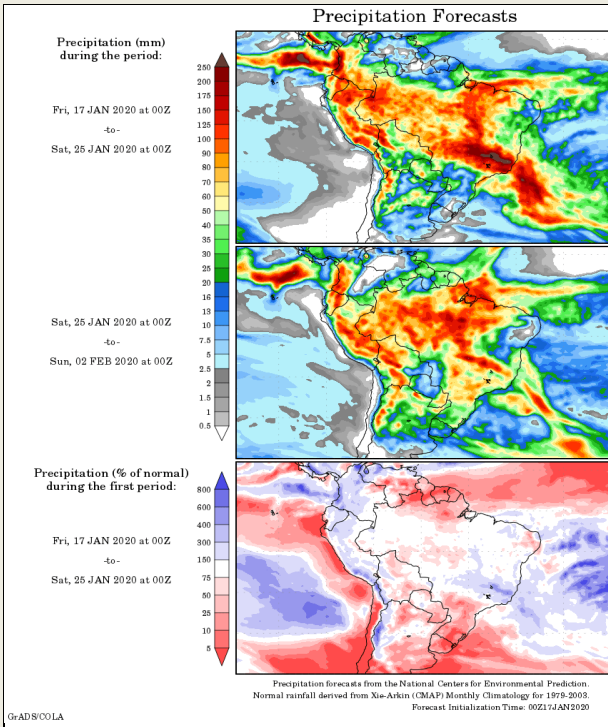
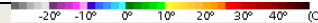
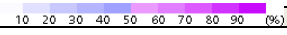
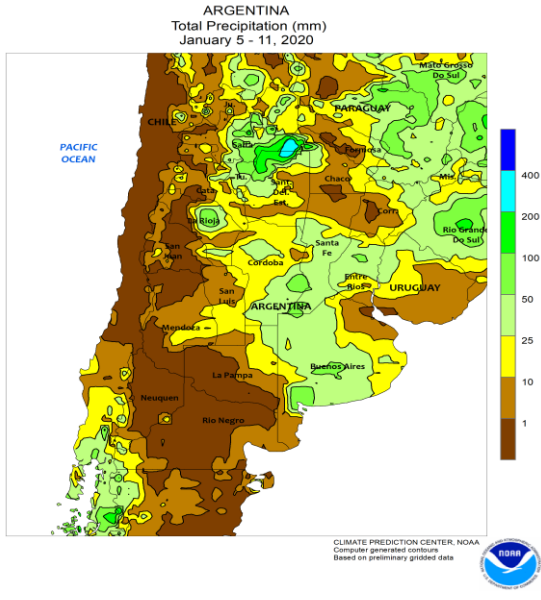


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# South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** Beneficial rain fell from Rio Grande do Sul to southern Parana Wednesday where most areas received 0.31 to 0.71 inches with local totals of 0.87 to 1.81 inches in Rio Grande do Sul. After rain comes to an end in northern Rio Grande do Sul today the state will see little additional rain from Friday through Jan. 30 and as the soil dries down stress to crops may rise by late this month. Showers and thunderstorms will be infrequent and light through Sunday from central to eastern Bahia, northeastern Minas Gerais, and Espirito Santo before a needed increase in rain occurs Monday through the following weekend.

**ARGENTINA:** Rain shifted northward Wednesday and fell from Santiago del Estero to southern Corrientes and Entre Rios. Additional rain today in northern Argentina should leave nearly all of the country with favorable soil conditions before most of southern Argentina sees at least a week of drying that may cause rising levels of crop stress in some areas from interior northeastern La Pampa to central and southern Buenos Aires.



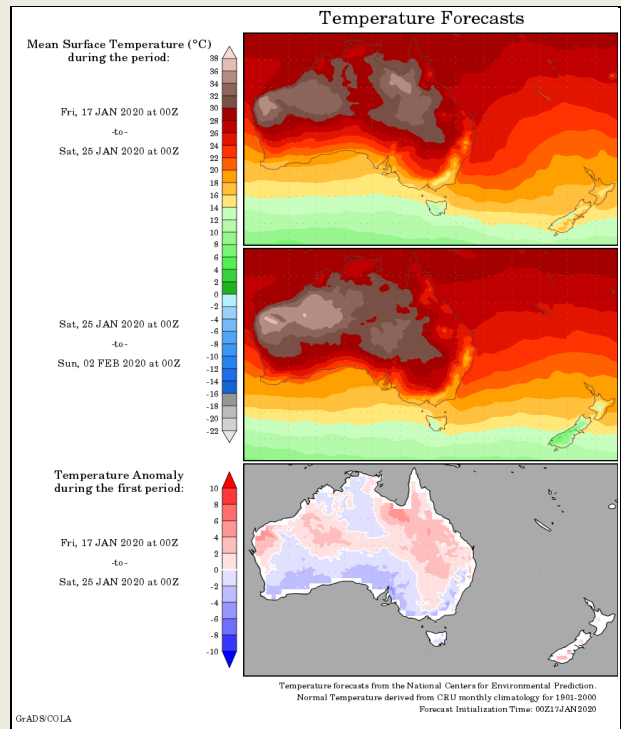
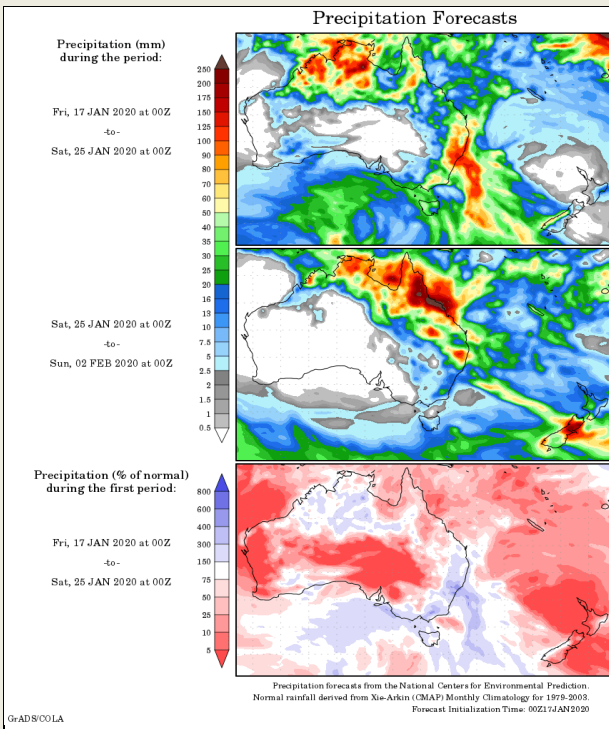
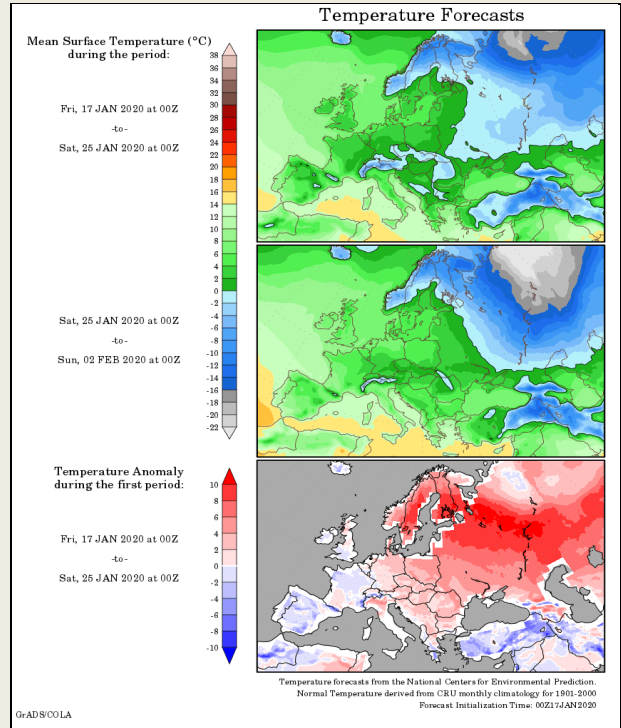
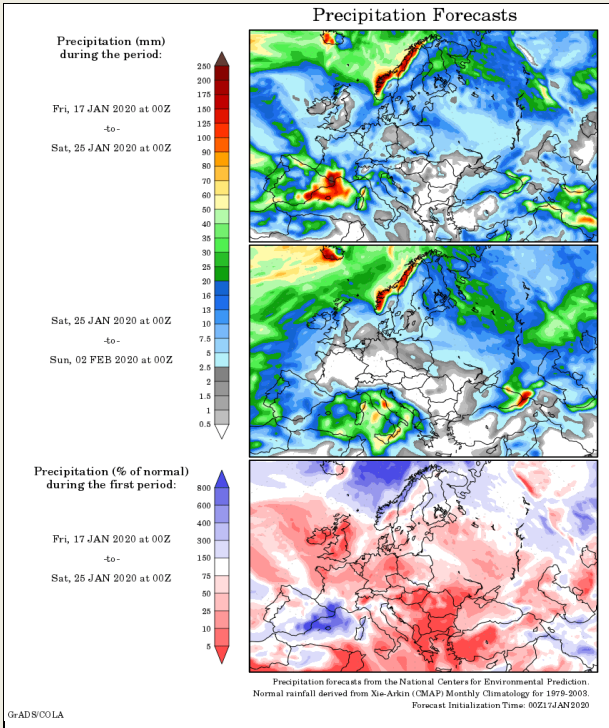
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# Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

EUROPE: Drier than usual conditions will prevail over Eastern Europe this week. Minimal to no moisture will occur from northeast Germany and Poland through Slovakia, Hungary and the Balkan Nations.

☒ Rounds of precipitation will continue to increase over the Iberian Peninsula and is expected to increase over south France as well.

AUSTRALIA: Showers and thunderstorms will increase this coming week. Widespread moisture will benefit very dry areas and help put down some of the fires burning out of control in eastern portions of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. 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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