

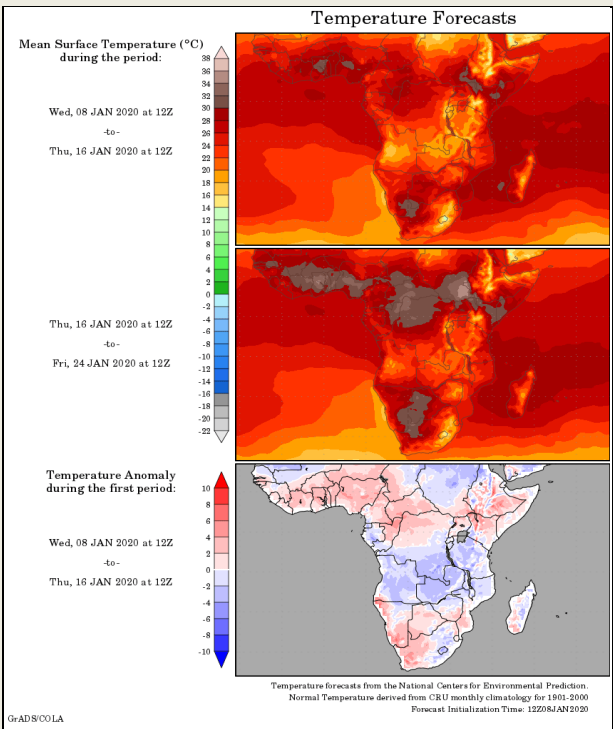
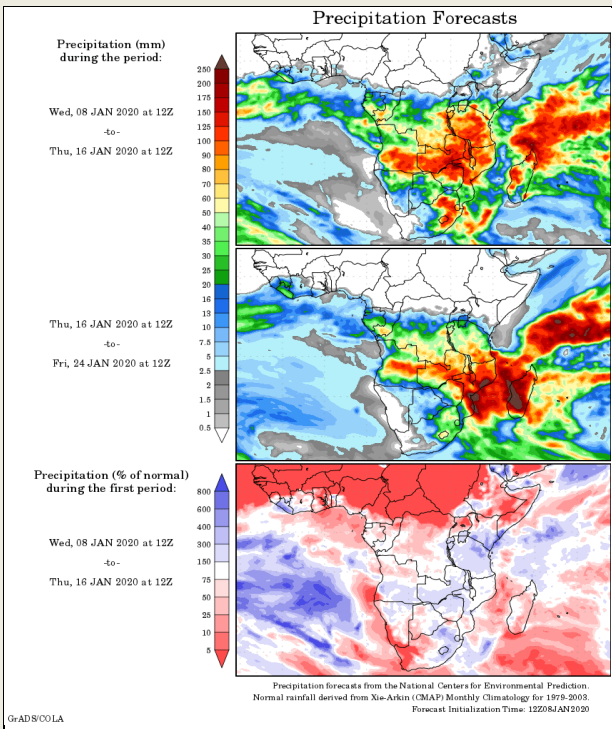
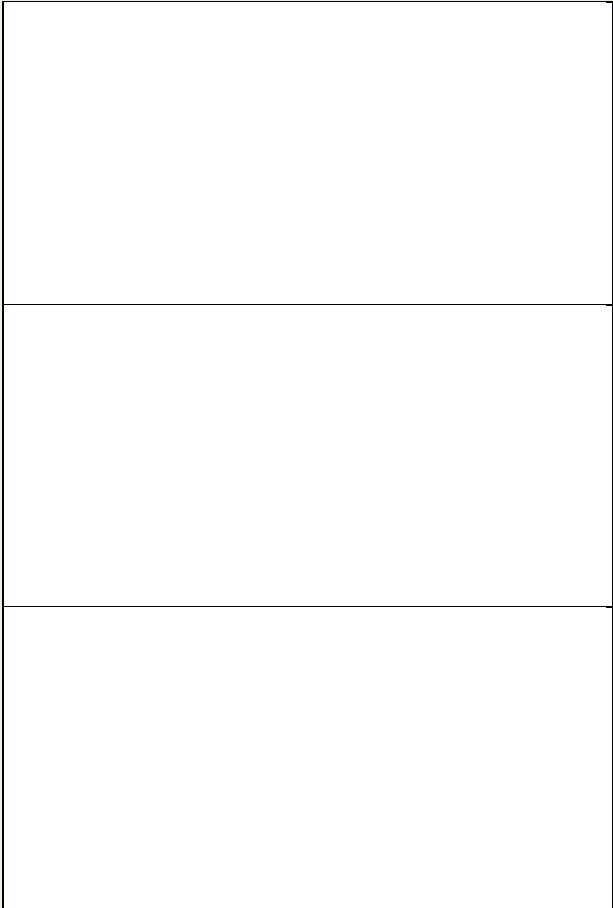
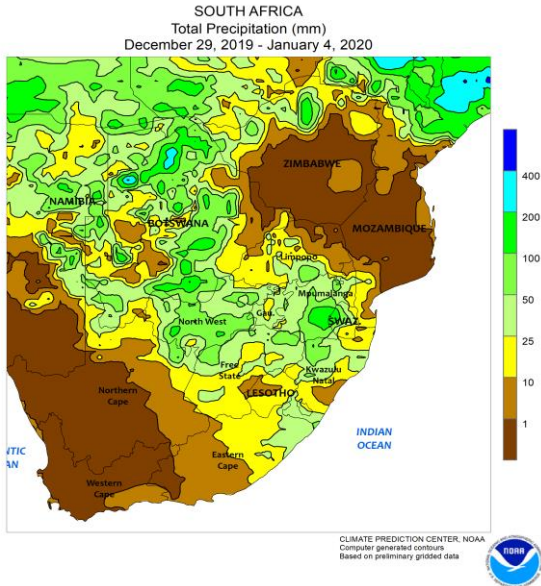


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South Africa - Weather

Many areas in eastern and central South Africa will continue to see the moisture profile improve in the coming weeks. Crop development conditions will be generally favorable from Natal and Mpumalanga into portions of Free State and North West. Moisture shortages may still persist in portions of Limpopo, Northern Cape, and western sections of Free State and North West in the coming weeks. These areas will receive enough rain to alleviate the dryness at times, though rain totals will be too light to completely fix the moisture deficits in many areas. Timely rain will still be needed in some of the driest areas later this month to maintain generally favorable crop conditions.

- o Northern Cape and western sections of Free State and North West irrigated crops will be in mostly good shape despite the drier periods
- o Rain-fed crops will receive enough rain to improve crop prospects as well, though dryness earlier in the growing season may have already hurt production potentials
- o Overall, crop prospects remain generally favorable for the main coarse grain, oilseed, and cotton areas outside some of the driest pockets

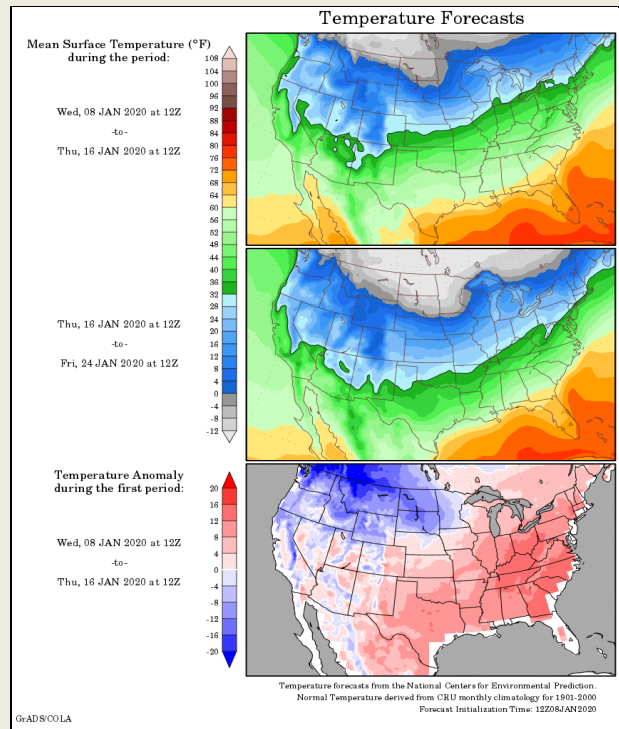
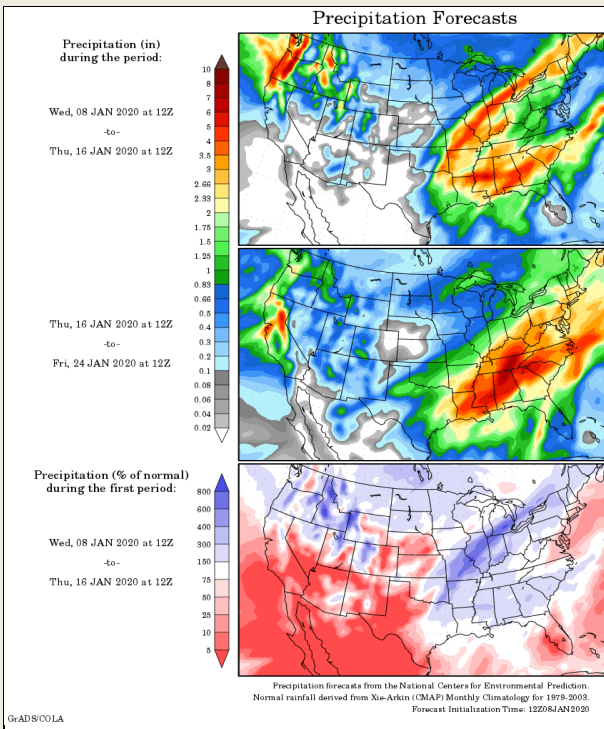
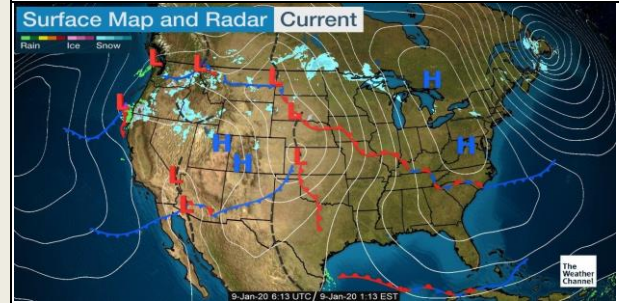
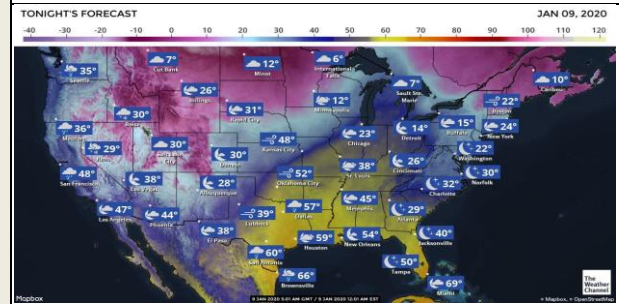
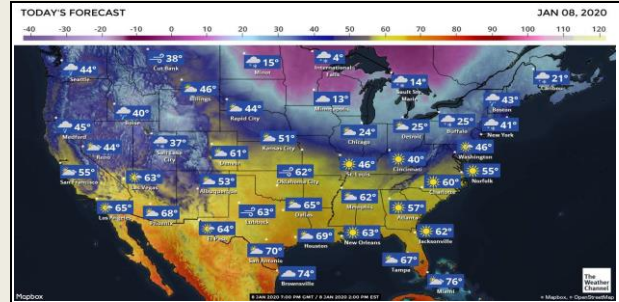
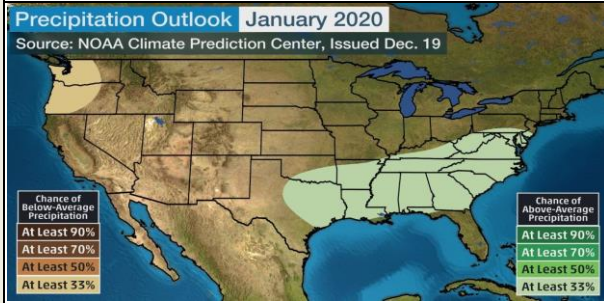


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST: The Midwest will see three organized storm systems during the next two weeks with the first bringing heavy rain and some flooding to areas from central Missouri to a large part of the eastern Corn Belt while a few more days of warmer than normal temperatures occur before cooler air arrives this weekend and temperatures become much colder than normal for a few days next week.

U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST: Little to no significant precipitation is expected through Thursday before a strong storm system brings moderate to heavy rain and some flooding to areas from the Delta through Alabama and into northern Georgia Thursday night into Saturday. Wet weather will continue Sunday through into Thursday of next week and although rain is not likely to be as heavy as what occurs this week, enough rain should fall to prolong flooding and worsen flood conditions in some areas.

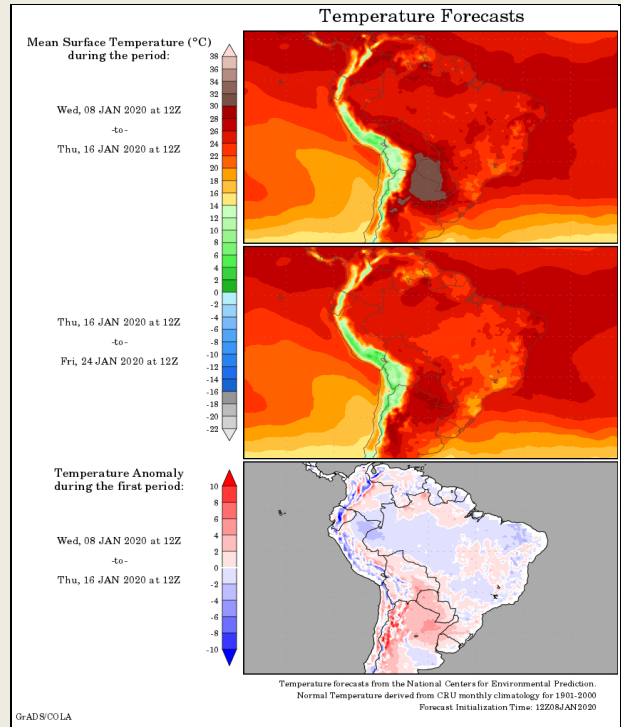
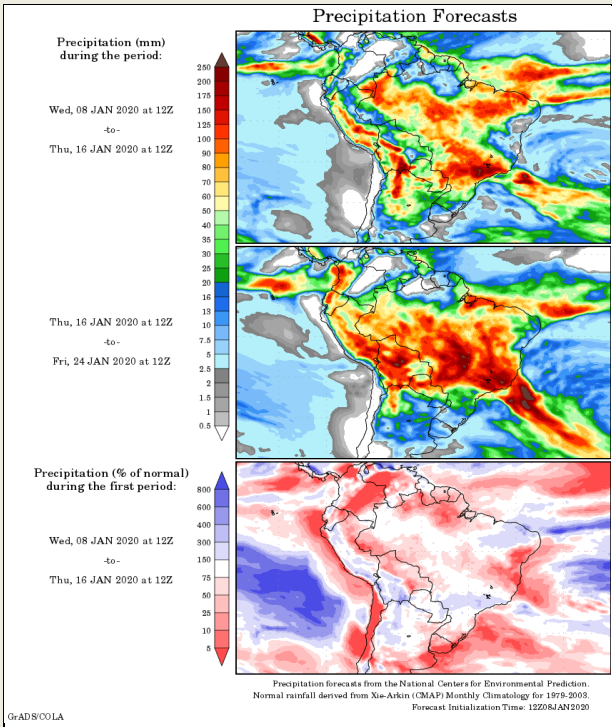
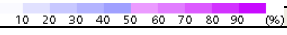
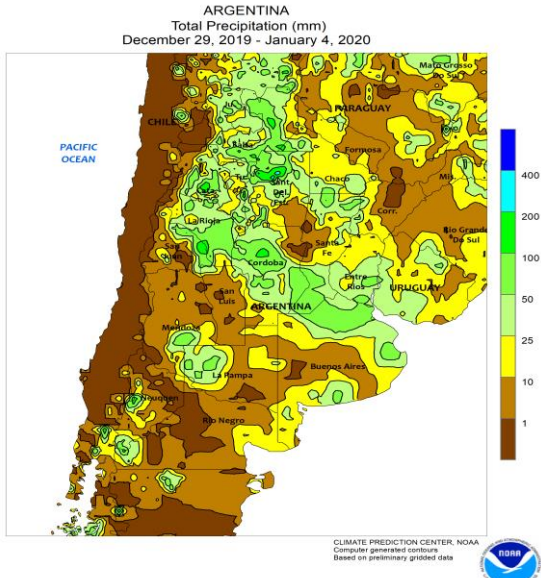


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South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Another day of drying occurred in Rio Grande do Sul Tuesday while light to locally moderate rain fell on many areas from other parts of southern Brazil to northcentral portions of the country. Rio Grande do Sul will see regular rounds of showers from Thursday through Sunday with another round of timely rain Wednesday into Thursday of next week and as long as rain falls as advertised crop stress will be eased and crops will have more time before serious stress were to evolve if follow-up rain does not occur soon. 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.

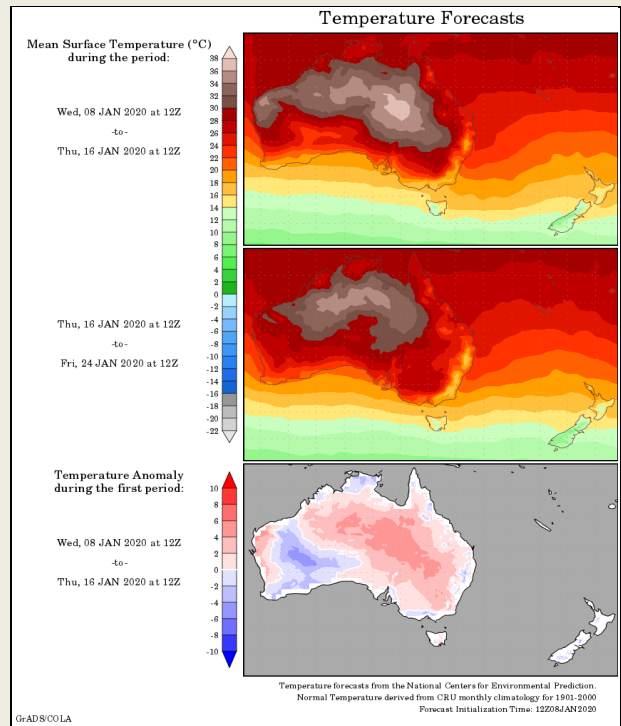
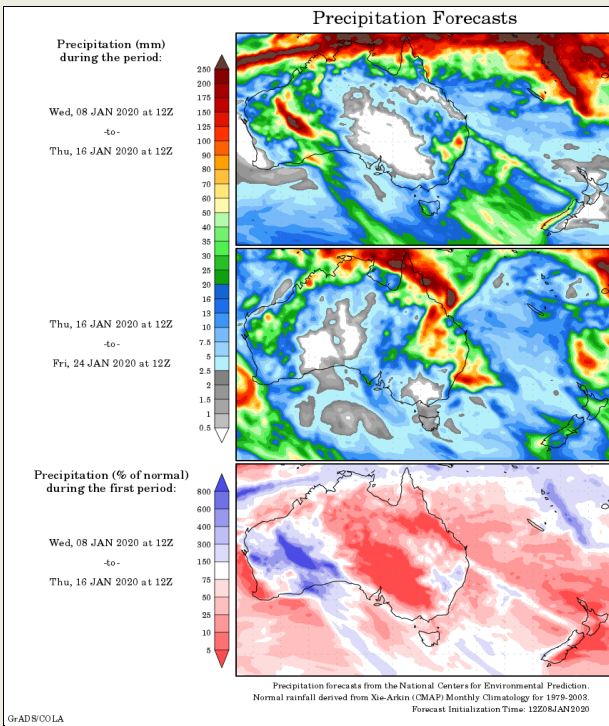
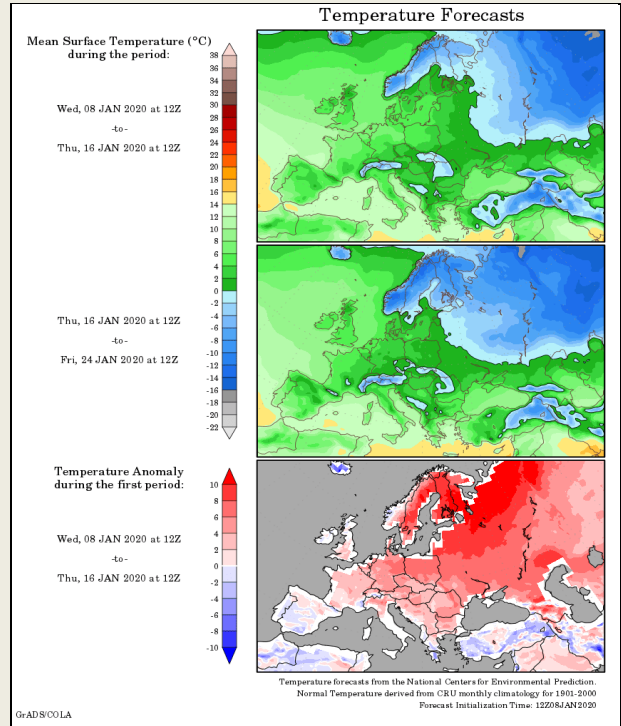
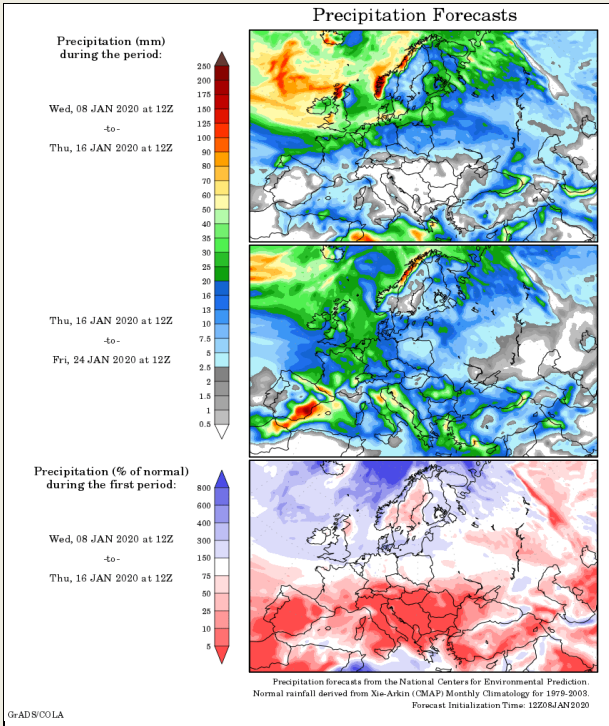
ARGENTINA: An increase in rain is still expected in southern Argentina Sunday into next Wednesday and as long as rain falls as advertised nearly all of the country will see favorable conditions for crops through the next two weeks. Rain Sunday into Wednesday of next week will be critical in southern Argentina where subsoil moisture is still low enough that crop stress would quickly increase if that rain event were to falter. That rain event will buy crops more time before stress increases, but with southern Argentina seeing drier weather return Jan. 16-22 another increase in rain will be needed soon.



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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: Tropical Systems will impact north Western Australia into the desert region of Western Australia and portions of west South Australia this week. The heavy rainfall will not have much impact if any on Australia's bottom line. Some experimental cotton and other crops are grown in the region, but the impact on those crops should be low.



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