

# Weather Report 15 December 2020



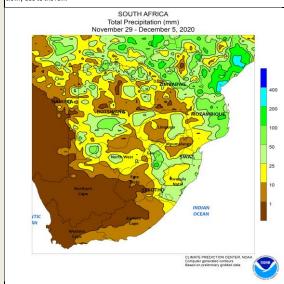
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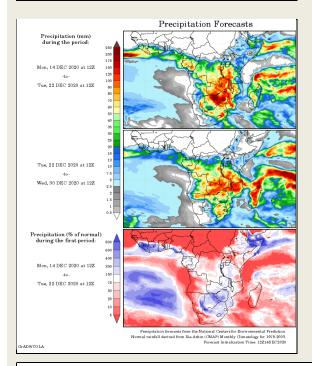
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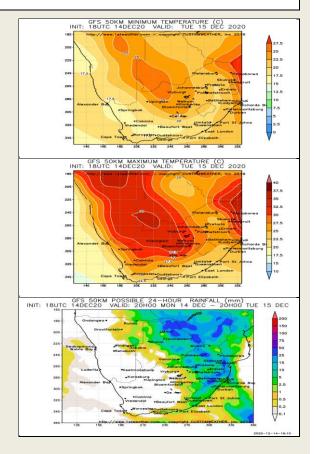
#### **South Africa - Weather**

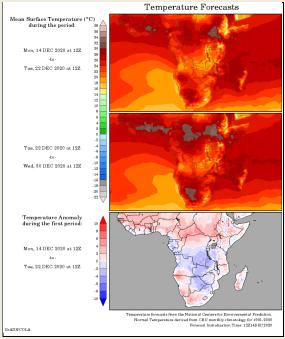
Several waves of erratic rainfall are slated for the eastern half of South Africa this week. The rain will gradually bolster soil moisture in most locations. Establishment and growth conditions will either improve or remain favorable in most locations. However, portions of Limpopo and eastern North West will need additional rain to completely fix the moisture deficits. Late-season planting and general fieldwork may otherwise advance slowly during the wettest periods.

Western sections of Free State and North West into eastern Northern Cape will only have a few opportunities for erratic rainfall this week. Although the rain will be welcome, most locations will not receive enough to significantly bolster soil moisture. Establishment and growth will remain sluggish in the driest fields despite the periods of light rain. More significant precipitation will be needed later this month into January to support ideal crop conditions. Winter wheat harvesting will advance swiftly in much of Western Cape, Northern Cape, and western sections of Free State and North West this week due to the lack of rain. Eastern sections of Free State and North West will likely see the harvest advance slowly due to the rain.









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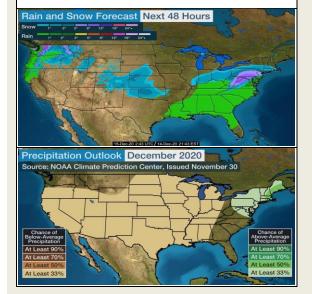


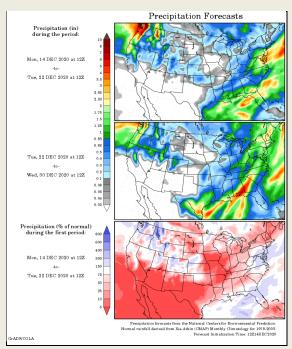
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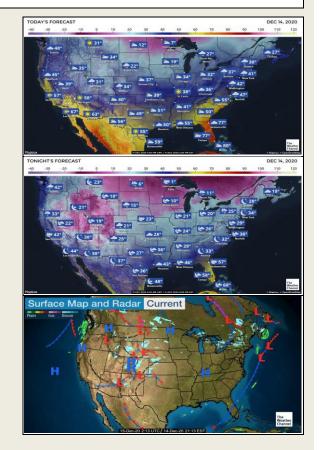
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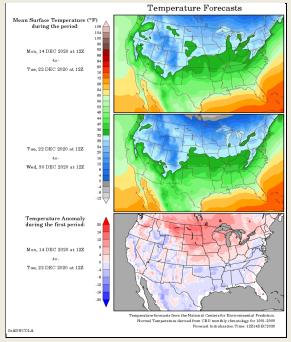
#### **United States of America - Weather**

U.S. MIDWEST: Weekend snowfall in parts of western and northern Corn Belt slowed travel and may have stressed livestock in a few areas. Late season farming activity was winding down and the snow brought fieldwork to an end in some areas. The moisture was most welcome in western lowa and parts of Nebraska where the soil has been and continues a little dry. Weather conditions over the next couple of weeks will be a little more active and farming activity will be kept a little sluggish U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST: Some farming activity occurred in the southeastern states during the weekend due to drier biased conditions, but some fields were still a little wet from previous precipitation. A new wave of precipitation moved through the Delta during the weekend and arrived in the southeastern states overnight limiting fieldwork early this week. Fieldwork this week will occur around periods of precipitation.









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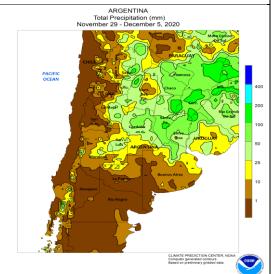


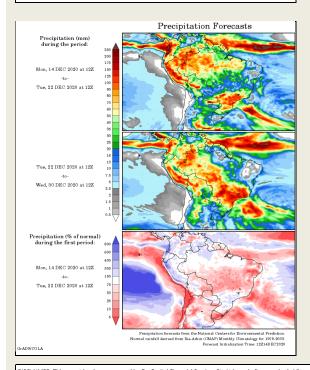
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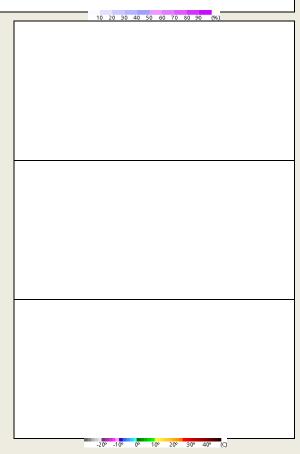
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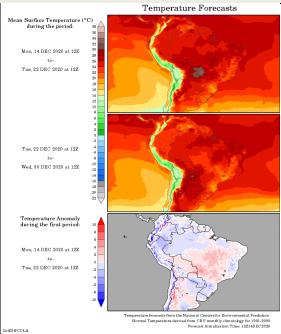
#### **South America - Weather**

BRAZIL: close watch on rainfall distributions is warranted in Brazil over the next two weeks. Most all crop areas will get rain at one time or another and plant development will advance well. There is some potential for dryness to prevail in southeastern Bolivia, northwestern Mato Grosso do Sul and southwestern Mato Grosso. This is not a major production region, but it may struggle for enough rain to counter evaporation. In the meantime, a new wave of significant rain from Paraguay and southern Mato Grosso do Sul into Santa Catarina, Parana and Sao Paulo will maintain highly favorable soil moisture for long term crop development. Rain developing later this month in Tocantins, Piaui and western Bahia will prove to be well timed and beneficial to cotton, corn and soybeans as well as other crops. Far southern Rio Grande do Sul and eastern Bahia will be among the driest areas. A close watch on rain distributions in Mato Grosso is warranted. ARGENTINA: As expected Argentina's warm to hot temperatures have put pressure on crops recently. Temperatures have been hot enough to evaporate beneficial moisture from the soil very quickly after falling which is raising crop moisture stress. Weekend rainfall was most significant in the northeast where crop conditions improved once again and have been best for the past few weeks.









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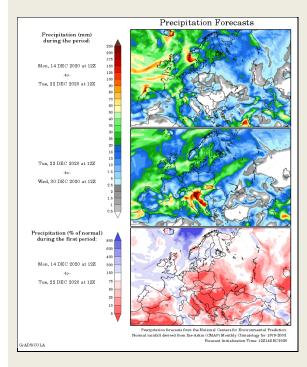
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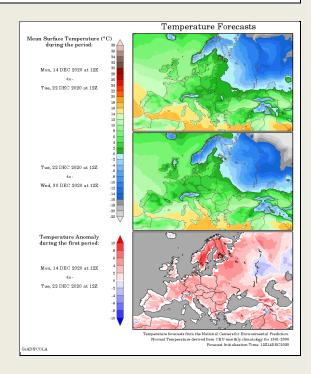
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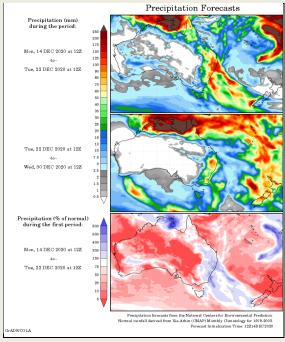
# **Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather**

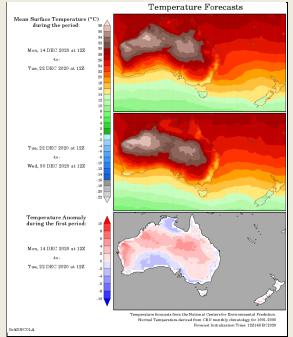
EUROPE: Rounds of precipitation will continue to increase over western and southern Europe during the coming week. In the meantime, restricted precipitation will occur over Poland, the Czech Republic and northeastern Germany. Moisture will be greatest in southern Europe through the middle of the week, but will increase over west-central and northwestern Europe Friday into Monday.

AUSTRALIA: Rain will continue over eastern Queensland and eastern New South Wales during the next ten days. Shower and thunderstorm activity will increase this week. Daily rounds of showers will impact at least a portion of areas within 150 miles of the eastern coast. The greatest rain will occur in eastern production areas just west of the Great Dividing Range into the eastern coast this week where totals will vary from 1.50 to 3.00 inches and local totals in excess of 5.00 inches. The greatest totals will occur in northeastern New South Wales









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