



Weather Report

17 December 2020

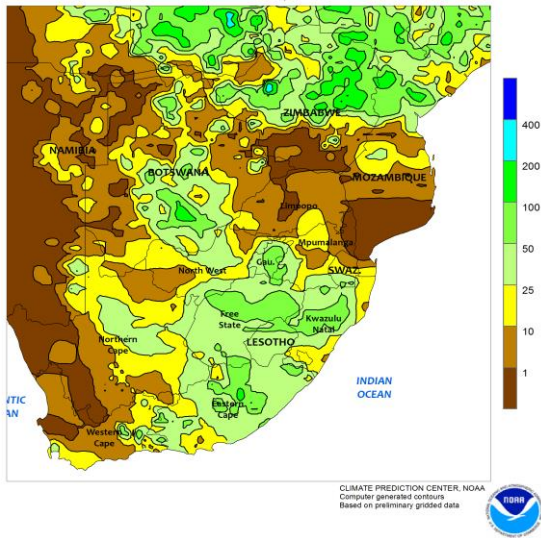
South Africa - Weather

Eastern South Africa's main coarse grain and oilseed areas will continue to see erratic rainfall through early next week before a boost in precipitation occurs from west to east across the nation's summer crop areas during mid- to late-week next week. The rain next week will help bolster soil moisture in most locations, although the precipitation that occurs prior to that time will not likely counter evaporation very well and many areas of net drying will result.

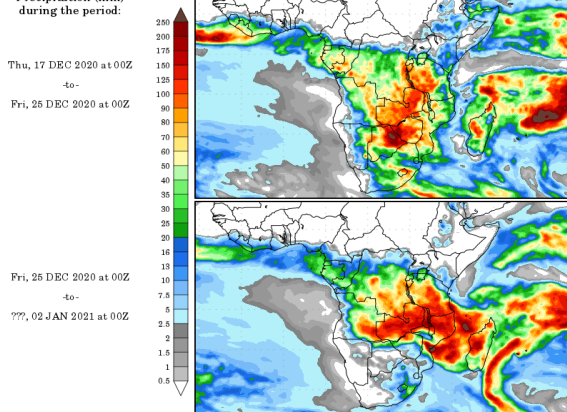
Next week's rain in western sections of Free State and North West into Northern Cape will help alleviate some of the dryness in unirrigated fields and support a better environment for crop development. Irrigated crop prospects in the west are mostly favorable. However, the rain-fed crops will need more rain later this month and into January to further bolster soil moisture and support ideal development conditions.

Western Cape's winter wheat areas will not receive much rain during the coming week. Any harvesting not yet complete will advance swiftly. Northern Cape, Free State, and North West will otherwise receive enough rain to slow or delay harvesting

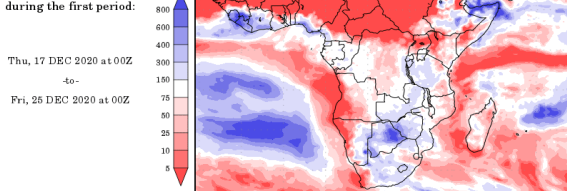
SOUTH AFRICA
Total Precipitation (mm)
December 6 - 12, 2020



Precipitation (mm)
during the period:



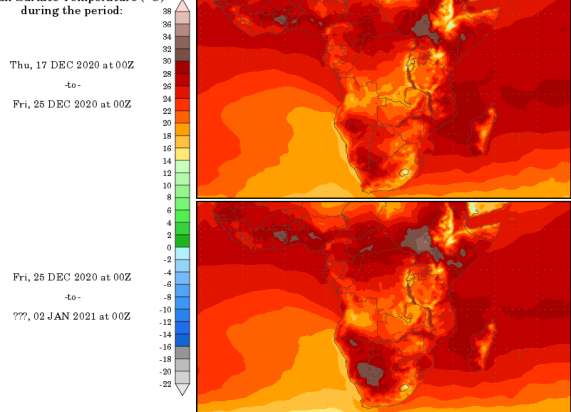
Precipitation (% of normal)
during the first period:



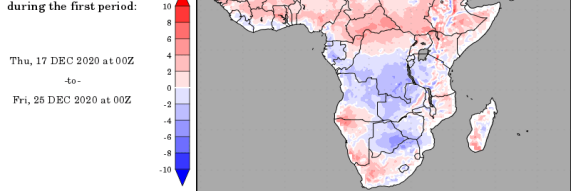
Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAF) Monthly Climatology for 1978-2008.
Forecast Initialization Time: 00Z17DEC2020

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Mean Surface Temperature (°C)
during the period:



Temperature Anomaly
during the first period:



Temperature forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal Temperature derived from CRU monthly climatology for 1901-2000
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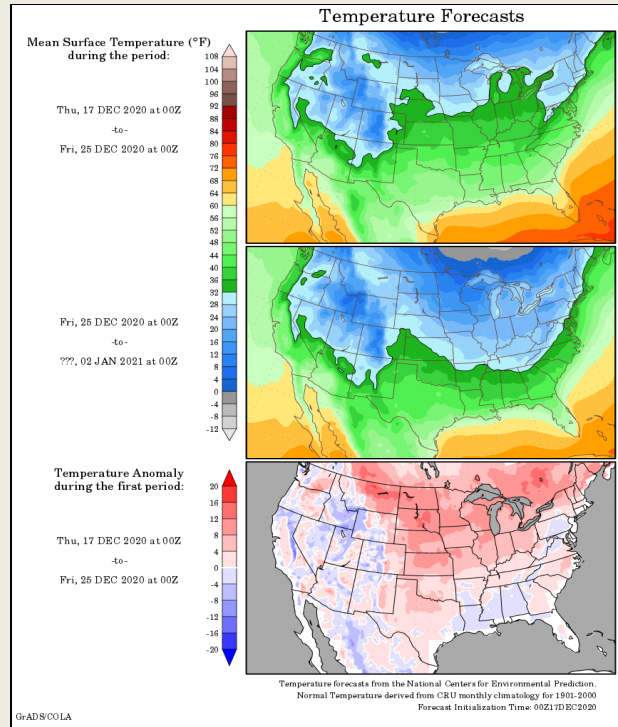
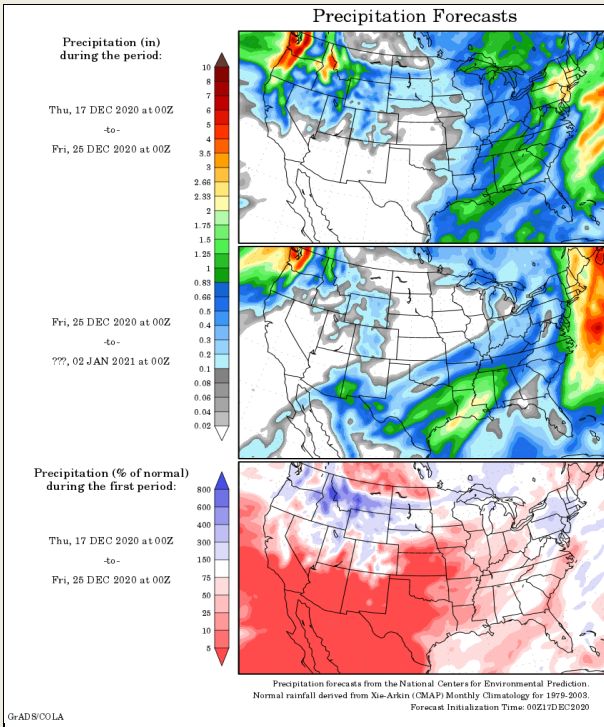
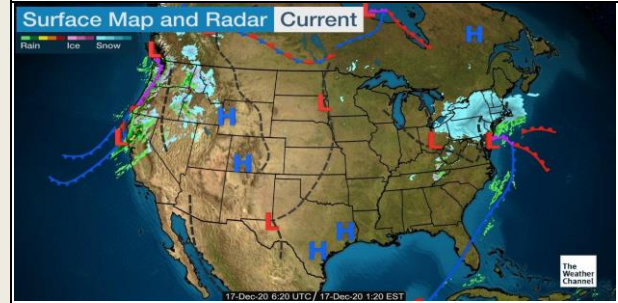
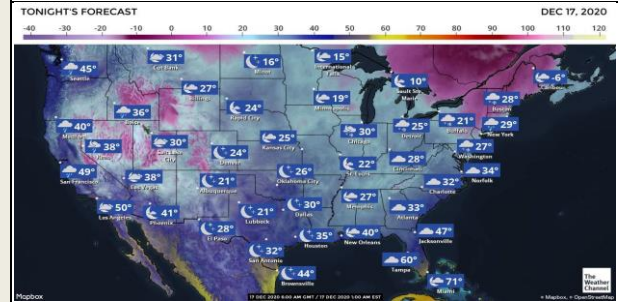
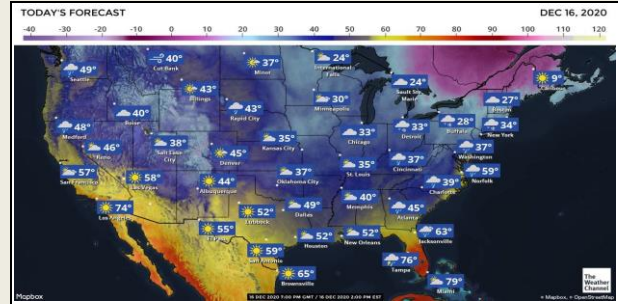
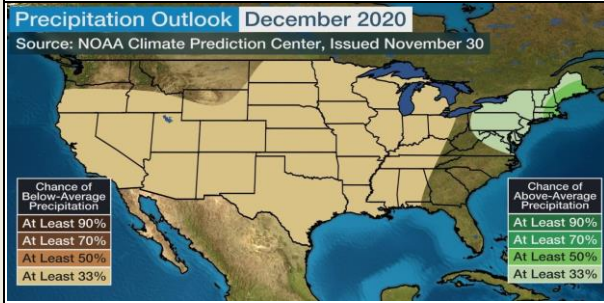
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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST: There will still be no big precipitation events through the first week of the outlook; though, some minor precipitation today in the southeast and late Friday into Saturday may cause some delays of late season farming activity.

U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST: Late season fieldwork will still advance around occasional precipitation the next two weeks in both regions.

- A few light, insignificant rain showers are expected in the east today
- Conditions will be dry Thursday
- Some rain showers and a few thunderstorms will occur late Friday through Saturday
- o Moisture totals will vary from a trace to 0.25 inch
- o Locally more than 0.35 inch possible in the south
- o Some rain may linger in the southeast part of the Delta into Sunday
- Conditions will likely be mostly dry Monday and Tuesday



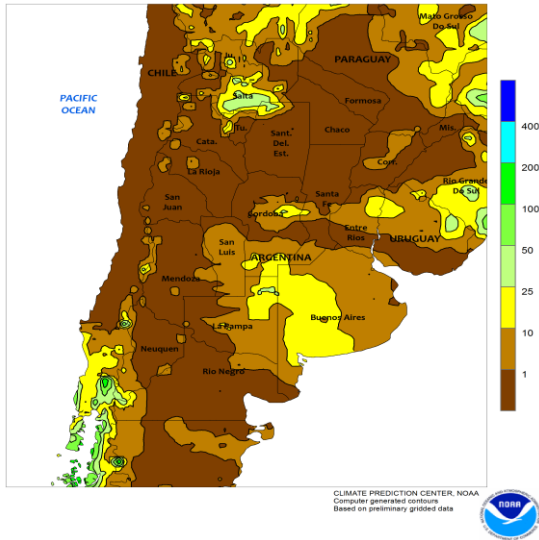
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South America - Weather

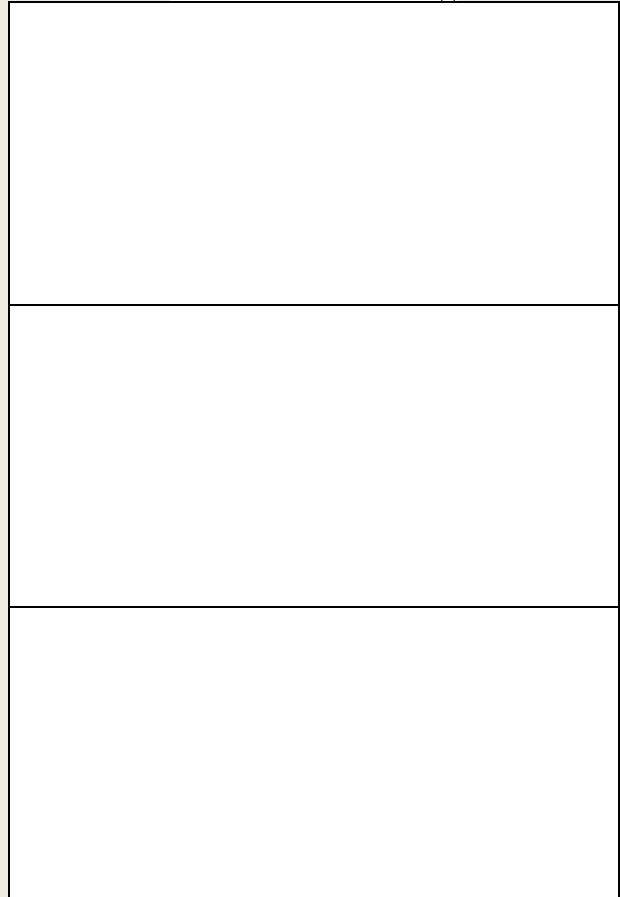
BRAZIL: Net drying is expected north of a line from central Mato Grosso do Sul through central Mato Grosso. There will be some erratic showers and thunderstorms in this area; though, resulting rainfall will not be enough to counter evaporation. Recent rainfall has much of the region sufficiently moist to carry crops through the next few days of drying, but greater rain will be very important next week. Net drying is also likely to continue in northeastern Bahia and eastern Piaui. One of the areas that needs rain most significantly is southern Goias, eastern Mato Grosso do Sul and northern Sao Paulo.

ARGENTINA: Significant rain is still expected in portions of central and southern Argentina Friday and early Saturday; however, some areas will not receive enough moisture to counter evaporation for more than a few days leading to more drying next week and additional crop stress. The rain event will be extremely important due to recent dryness and the likelihood that the following week will be dry as well. The GFS model run was much too wet Tuesday and is much drier today, but the European Model decrease in rainfall was more subtle and our official outlook has not changed greatly from that of Tuesday.

ARGENTINA
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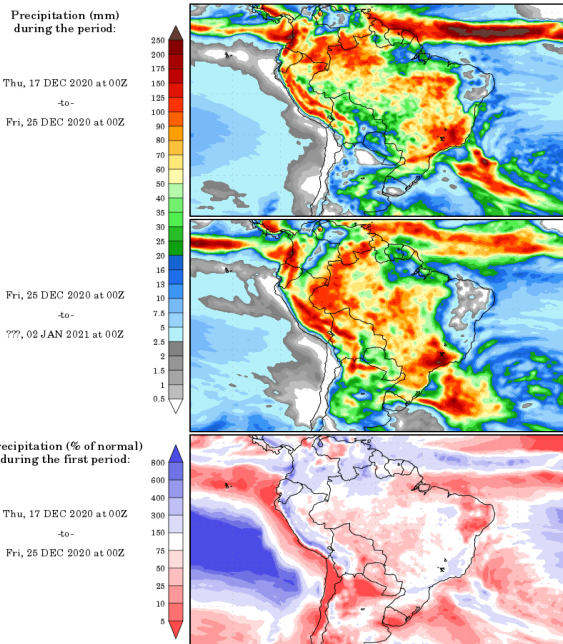


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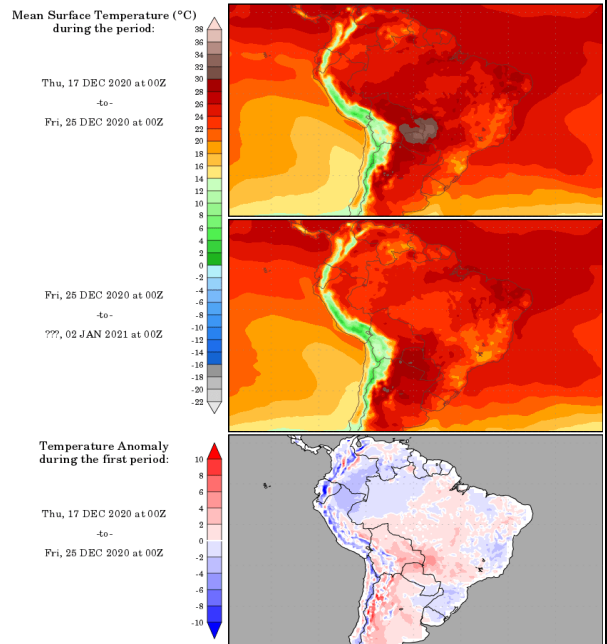
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Precipitation Forecasts



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Temperature Forecasts



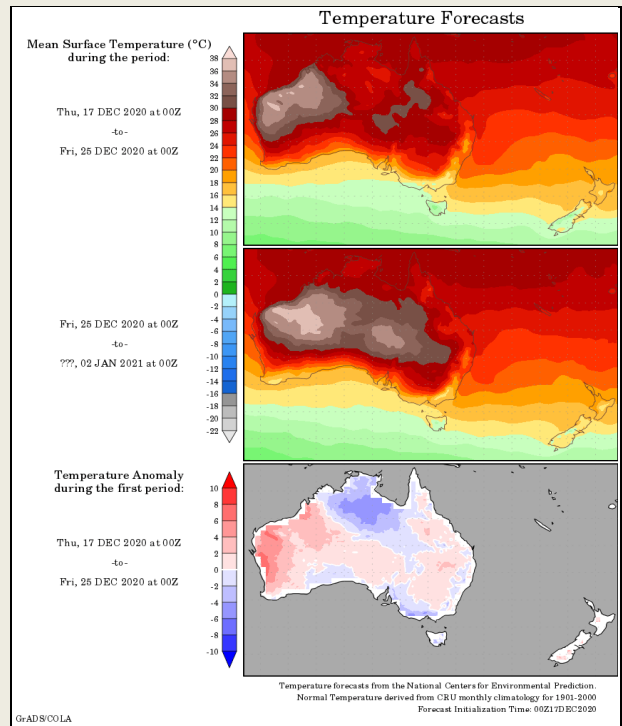
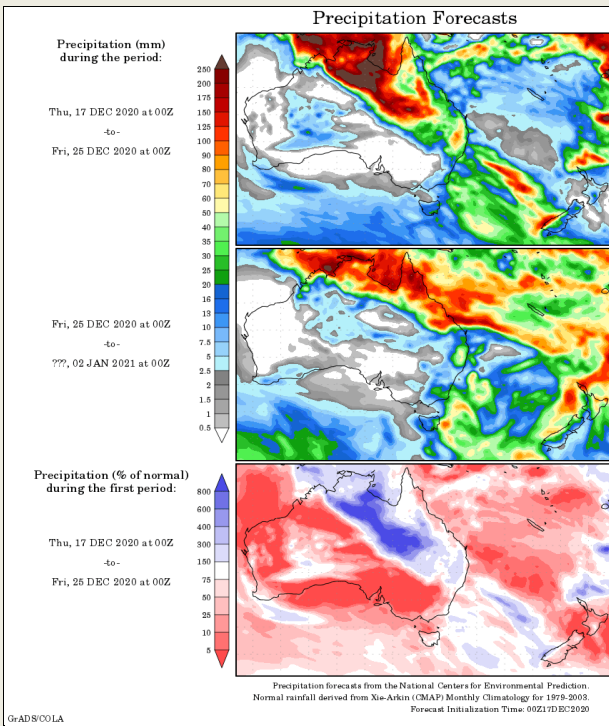
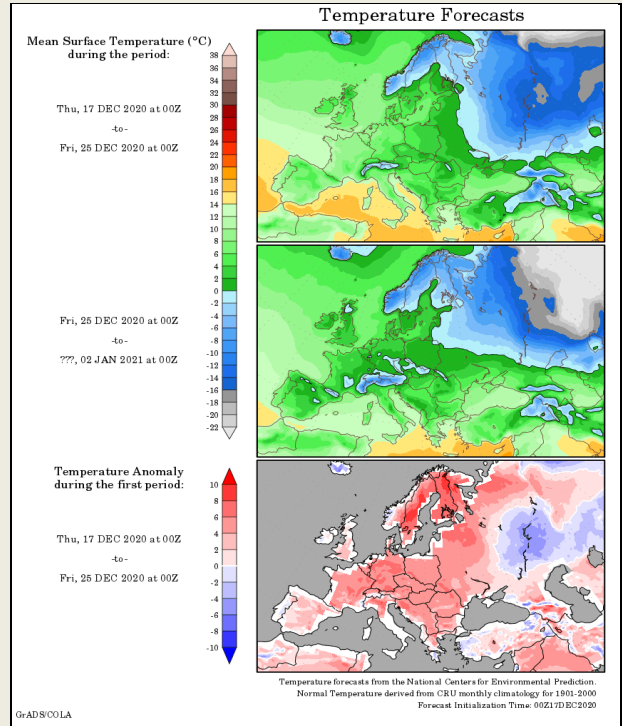
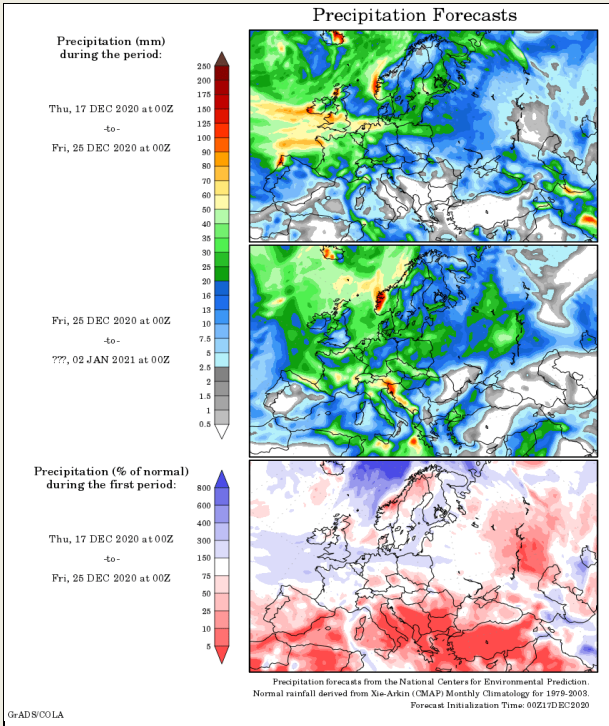
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Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

EUROPE: Wet conditions will continue over western and northern Europe during the coming week. The only exception will be eastern portions of Spain where restricted precipitation will prevail. Rounds of scattered precipitation will continue across western and northern Europe December 23-29. Precipitation chances will slowly increase over Eastern Europe during the second week of the outlook.

AUSTRALIA: Heavy rain will impact most "major" cotton production areas of southeastern Queensland and northeastern New South Wales in the coming week. A few northern areas of sorghum production areas in Queensland may miss out on the heavy rain, but at least some rain will occur. Meanwhile, interior minor production areas of western Queensland and southwestern New South Wales will be left mostly dry.



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