

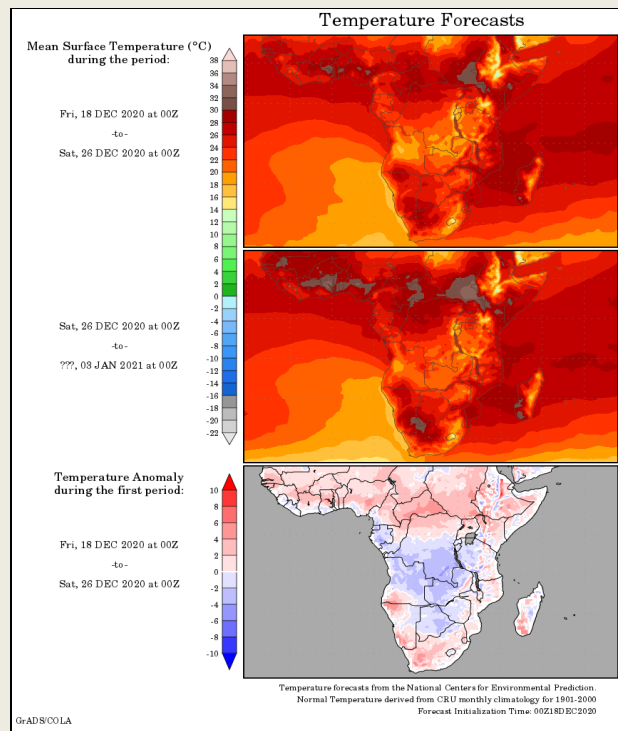
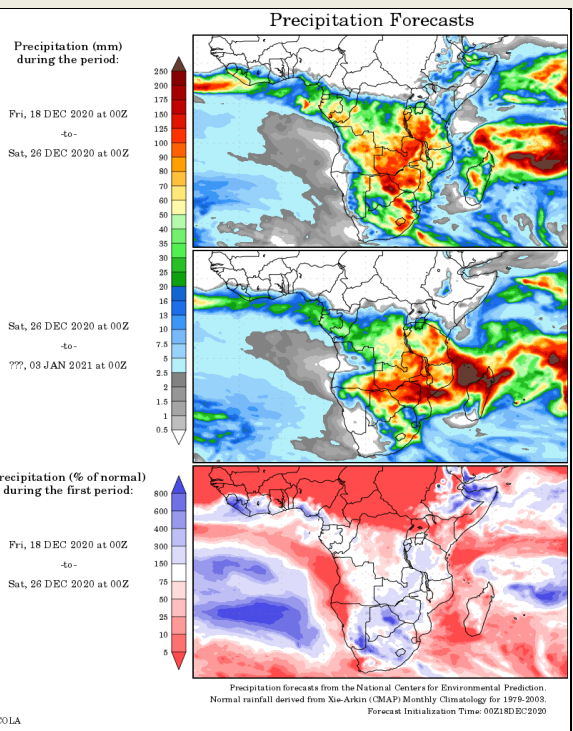
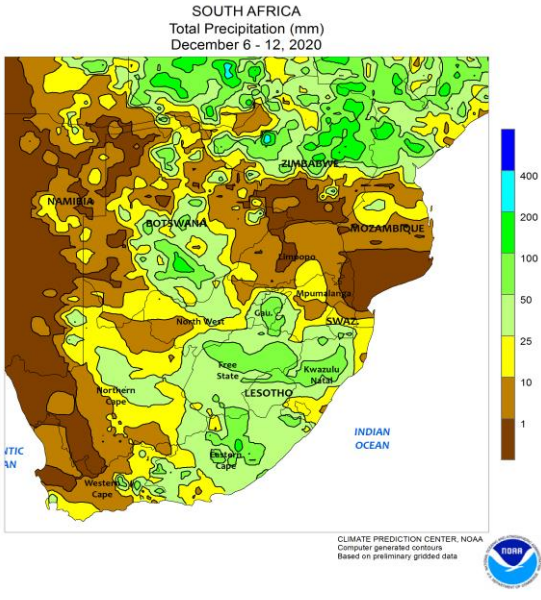
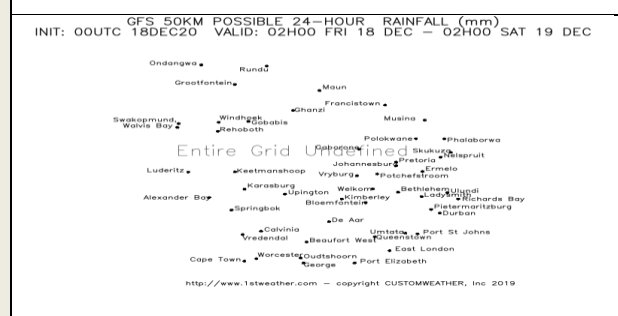
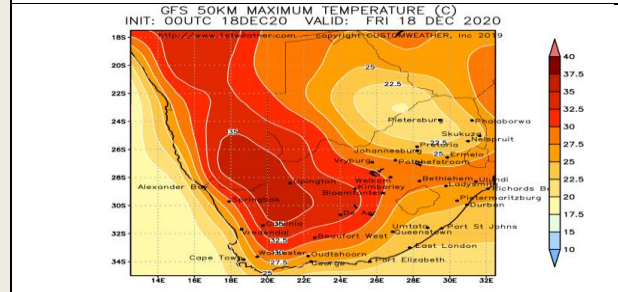
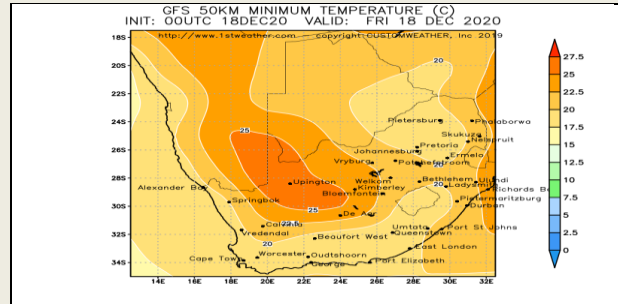


Weather Report

18 December 2020

South Africa - Weather

Alternating periods of erratic rainfall and sunshine will continue for eastern South Africa during the coming week. The rain will help bolster soil moisture in most locations, though portions of Limpopo and northeastern Mpumalanga may still have a shortage of moisture by the end of next week. Establishment and growth conditions will remain generally favorable, even in the drier pockets. Planting and general fieldwork will also advance between rain events. Western sections of Free State and North West into Northern Cape will also receive much-needed rain, but not until next week. The rain will help alleviate some of the dryness, but will not fully restore soil moisture. Crop growth will still improve once the rain occurs. However, additional precipitation will be needed to further bolster soil moisture and support ideal coarse grain and oilseed 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 may otherwise see the harvest advance slowly during the periods of rain.



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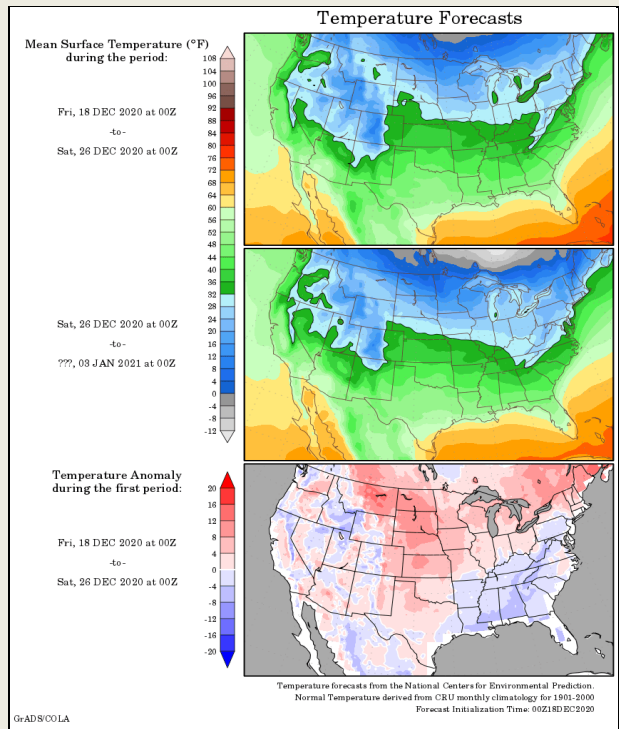
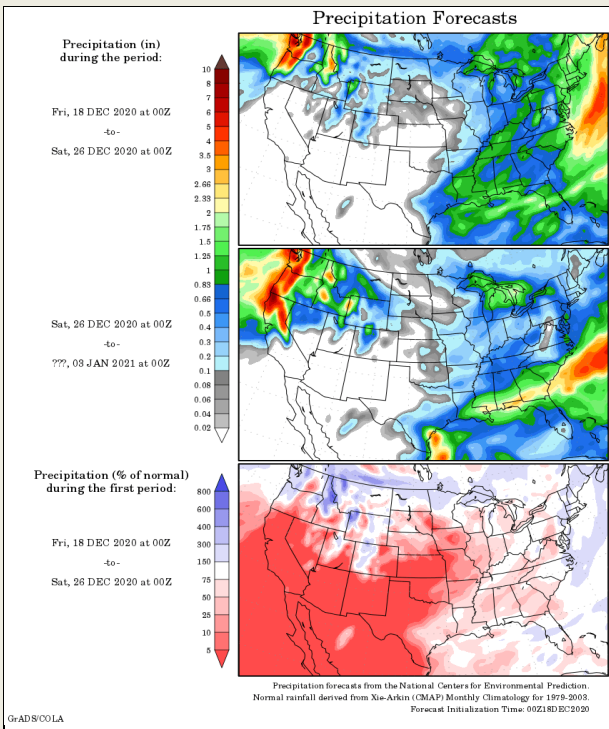
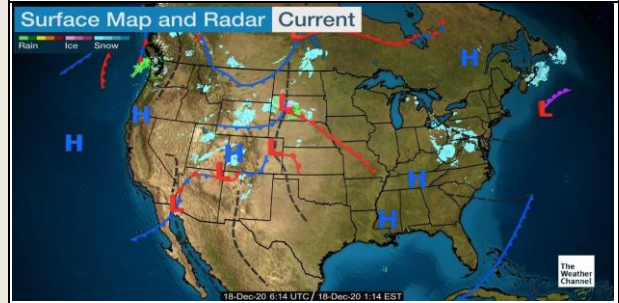
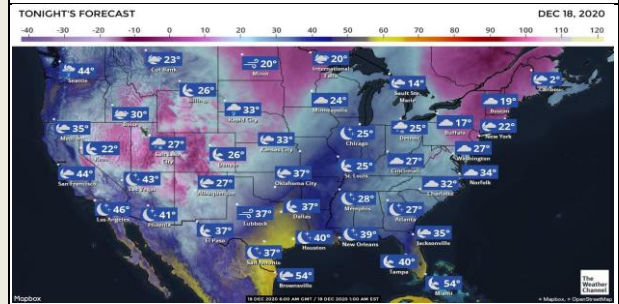
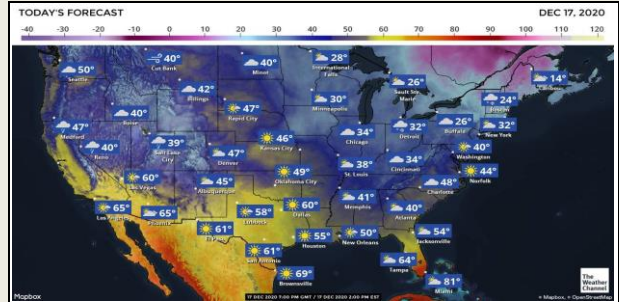
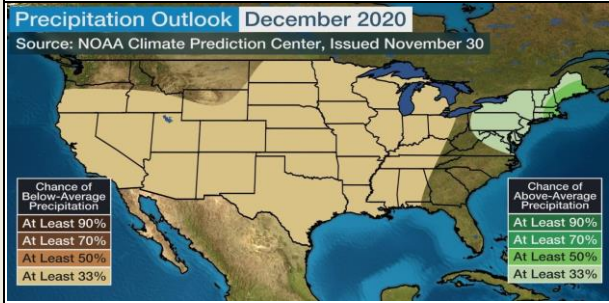
United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST: Occasional precipitation in the first week of the outlook will lead to some delays of late season farming activity. Much of the precipitation is likely to be minor.

Conditions will be mostly dry today, Sunday, and Monday
 • Some rain and snow shower activity will occur late Friday through Saturday. Moisture totals will vary from. Little to none in the far northwest. 0.05 to 0.35 inch in most other areas. A few pockets of a dusting to 2 inches of snow accumulations will be possible in central production areas of the region. Some snow will occur in the north Tuesday

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

Conditions will be dry today and mostly dry Sunday through Tuesday
 • Some rain showers and a few thunderstorms will occur late Friday through Saturday
 o Moisture totals will vary mostly from 0.05 to 0.25 inch
 • Shower and thunderstorm activity is likely Wednesday



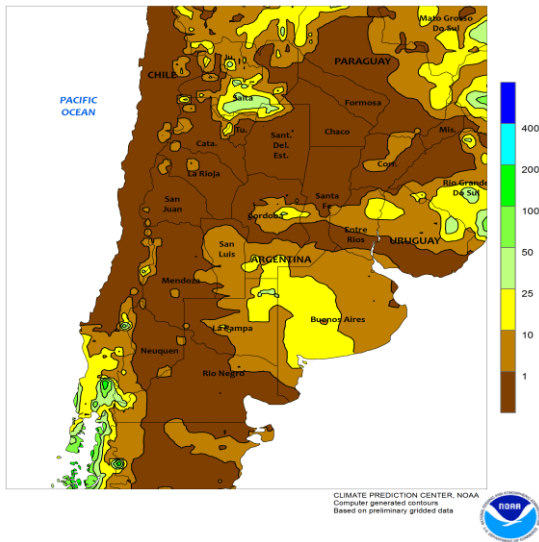
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South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Conditions will be favorable for crops in much of the region. There will be some pockets that are drier than preferred though, such as southern Rio Grande do Sul, northeastern Bahia, and some of western Mato Grosso do Sul. Rain will favor southern areas through Saturday and then will shift more into the north after than which will be timely for areas such as Mato Grosso, Goias, northern Mato Grosso do Sul, northern Minas Gerais, and southwestern Bahia. The very warm temperature regime and limited rainfall pattern through that period will quickly deplete topsoil moisture, but improved rainfall next week should return more favorable conditions.

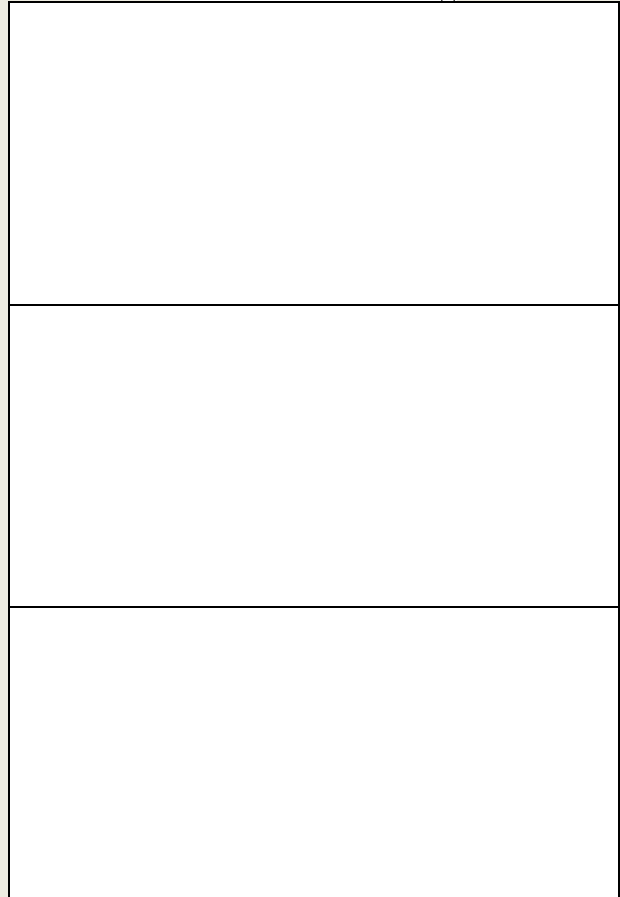
ARGENTINA: A significant and very important rain event is still expected to occur Friday. This will promote beneficial moisture in southwestern Buenos Aires and from northern La Pampa through Cordoba and into Corrientes. Some pockets of northeastern Buenos Aires and the far west will not likely receive enough moisture to counter evaporation for more than a few days though. This event will also mostly miss northwestern areas such as Chaco, Salta, northern Santiago del Estero, and at least part of Formosa. Much of the rain in the second week of the outlook is likely to be erratic leading to pockets of increasing crop stress, especially in areas that don't get much in the first week.

ARGENTINA
Total Precipitation (mm)
December 6 - 12, 2020



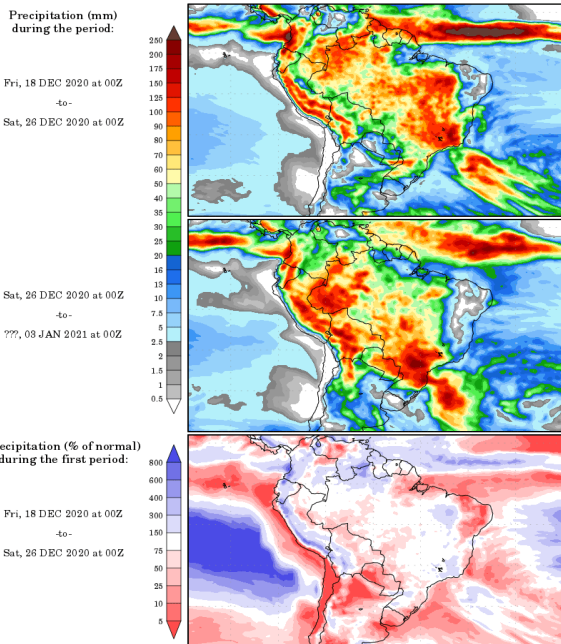
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Computer generated contour
Based on preliminary gridded data

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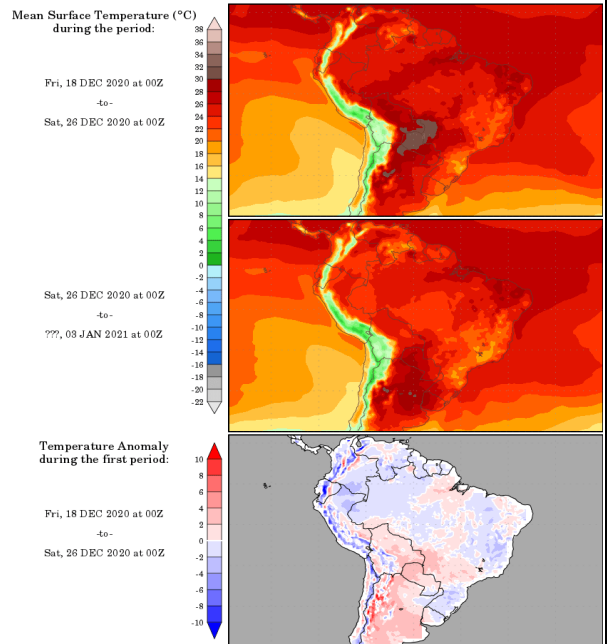
Precipitation Forecasts



Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAF) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2008.
Forecast Initialization Time: 00Z18DEC2020

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Temperature Forecasts



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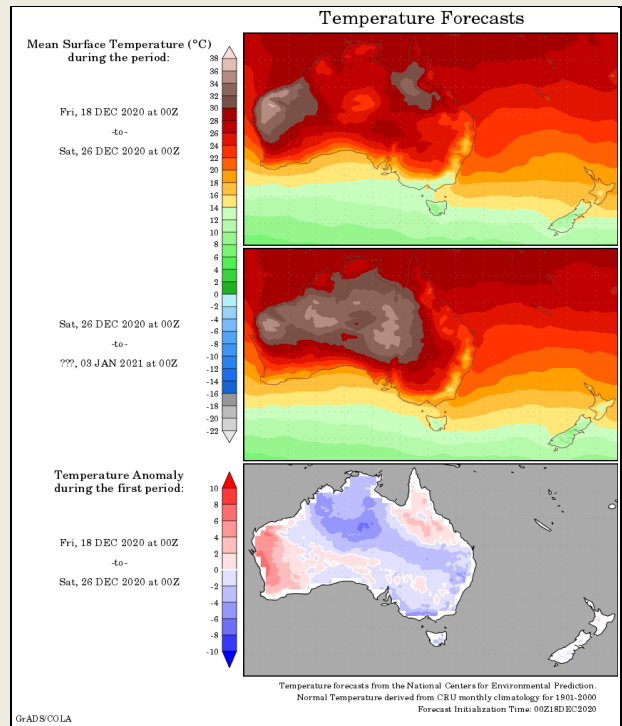
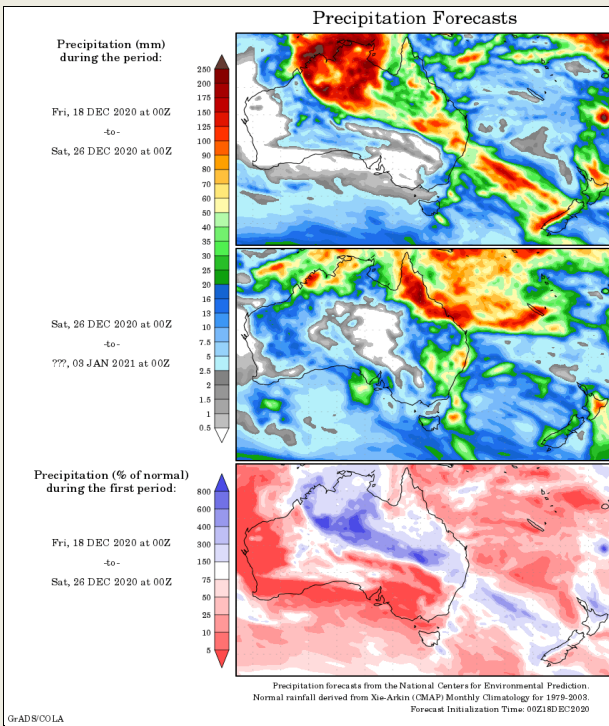
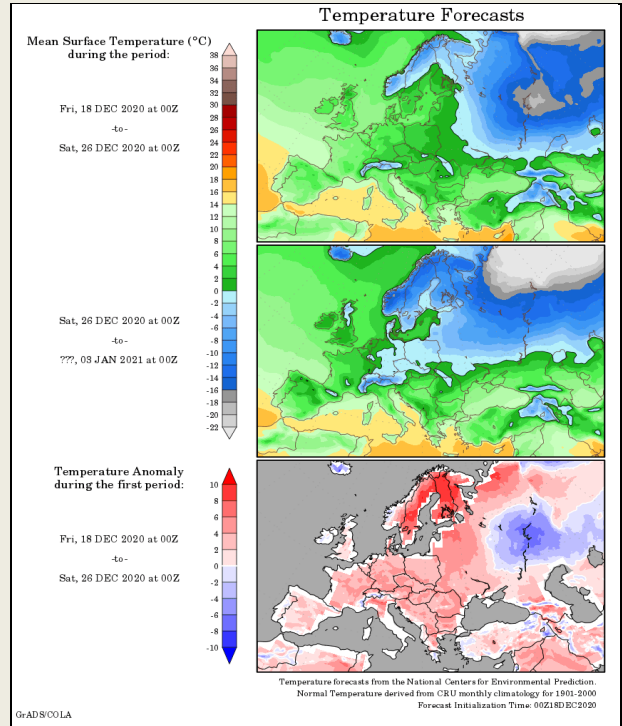
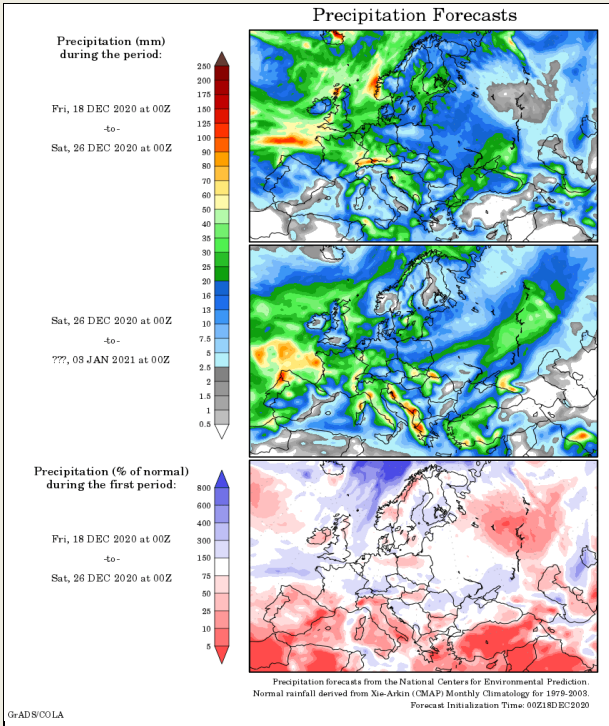
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Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

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 24-30. Precipitation chances will slowly increase over Eastern Europe during the second week of the outlook.

AUSTRALIA: Rain will continue to increase over Queensland and northern New South Wales during the coming week. Nearly all major cotton and sorghum production areas will receive beneficial rain to bolster soil moisture conditions and improve production potentials. With that said, heat and dry weather has put stress on the crop early this season and some of the crop may not recover well. Meanwhile, interior minor production areas of southwestern New South Wales and Victoria will be left mostly dry. Planting and replanting should occur immediately following the rain event.



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