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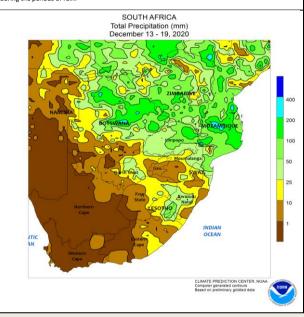
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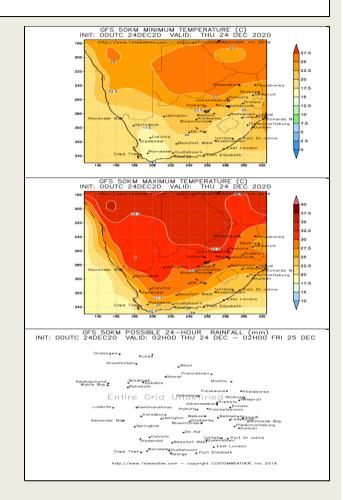
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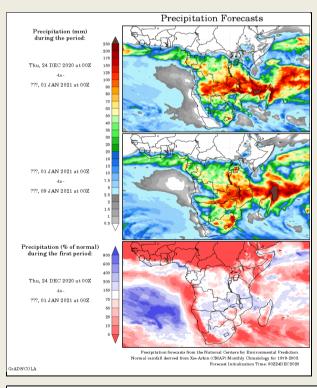
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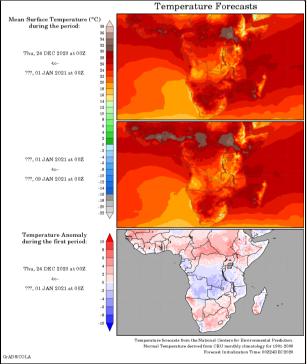
The eastern coarse grain and oilseed areas in South Africa will continue to see a good mix of rain and sunshine through the middle of next week. The rain will help keep soil moisture rated favorably in most locations. Establishment and development will advance under generally favorable conditions. Late-season planting and general fieldwork may otherwise be sluggish during the wettest periods. Western sections of Free State and North West into eastern Northern Cape will also have opportunities for erratic rainfall later this weekend into early next week. Recent rainfall and additional precipitation later in the forecast period will continue to promote generally favorable crop development conditions. Portions of Free State and Northern Cape will still be a little too dry to support ideal growth during the next few days.

Dry or mostly dry weather will support a good environment for late-season winter wheat harvesting in Western Cape during the coming week. Northern Cape, Free State, and North West may otherwise see the harvest advance slowly at times during the periods of rain.









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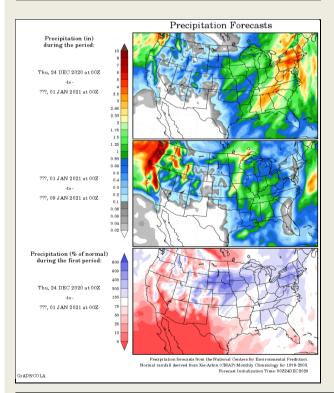
U.S. MIDWEST: Blizzard conditions with strong winds and heavy snow in the northwest part of the region today will lead to travel delays and livestock stress. An arctic air mass will be shifting into the region with this system and this will lead to wind chills as low as the negative teens in the northwest and possibly the -20s at times, especially late today. The

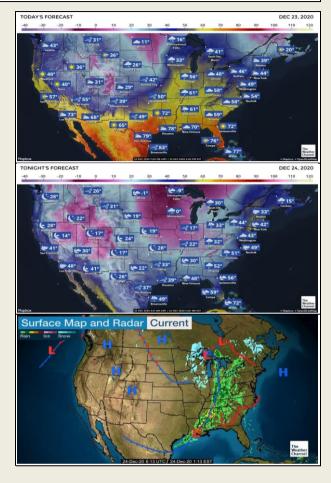
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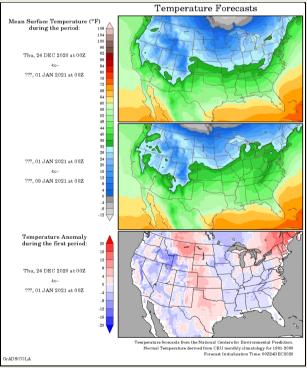
U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST: Occasional precipitation events the next two weeks will likely continue to keep the soil a little too wet for optimum late season fieldwork progress. Some progress will occur though between the precipitation events.











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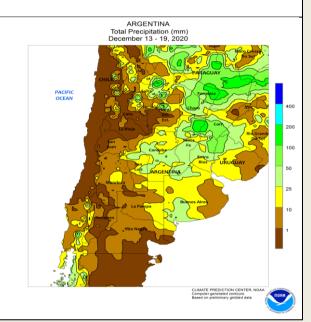
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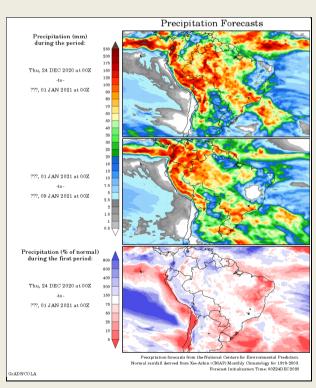
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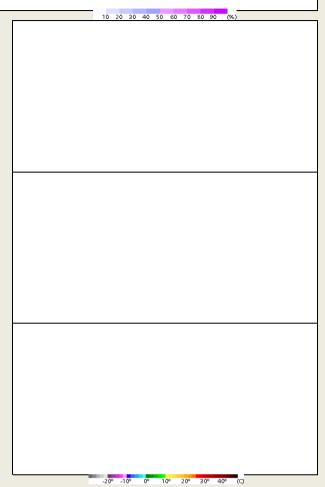
BRAZIL: Rain in the first week of the outlook will be most significant from Mato Grosso and Tocantins through Sao Paulo, southern Minas Gerais, and Rio de Janeiro and the rain may be great enough for some localized pockets of flooding. Rio Grande do Sul and Bahia will be driest and not receive much moisture through Tuesday; though, rain will likely increase in Rio Grande do Sul early in the second week of the outlook due to a frontal boundary that will be coming out of Argentina.

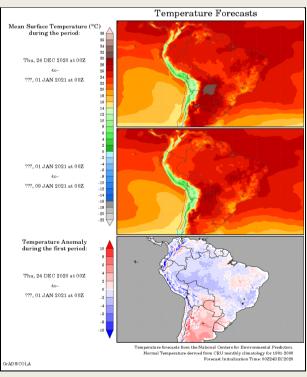
ARGENTINA: Recent forecast model runs have suggested a more unsettled weather pattern will impact Argentina starting this weekend and continuing next week and into the following weekend.

Generalized rainfall of significance is not very likely, but enough shower activity will occur to keep relative humidity higher than previously expected and temperatures slightly lower. The precipitation, even though sporadic, will help to slow the drying trend and some areas will get enough moisture to temporarily improve topsoil moisture. Today's forecast is far from ideal, but it is just wet enough to provide a little more hope that crops will remain viable for a longer period of time. The precipitation will also be helpful in emerging and establishing recently planted crops in many areas. Much more rain will still be needed, however.









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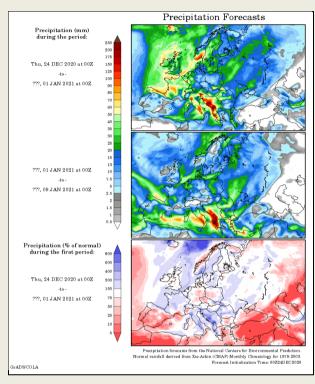
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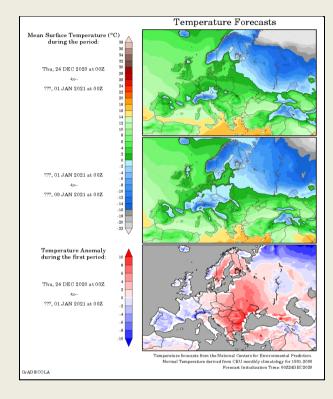
EUROPE: Wet conditions will occur over the European Continent this coming week. Nearly all locations will receive precipitation at one time or another. The wettest conditions will occur from the U.K. into France and the northern coast of Spain through Italy and into the eastern Adriatic Sea Nations. Meanwhile, restricted precipitation will occur over central and southern Spain into southern Portugal most often.

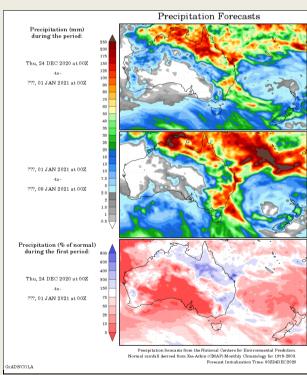
AUSTRALIA: Restricted precipitation will return to Victoria, interior New South Wales and southeastern Queensland most often during the coming week. Restricted rain will prevail in Western Australia as well this week.

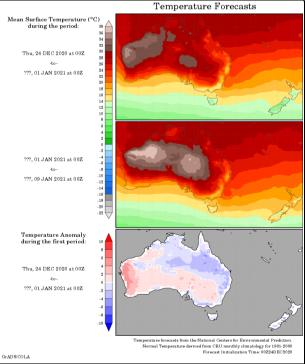
Recent rain has bolstered soil moisture conditions in New South Wales, but interior minor production areas will dry down quickly again without follow up rain. In the meantime, southeastern Queensland areas bordering

New South Wales have missed out on a lot of the recent moisture and pockets of drying will continue.









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