



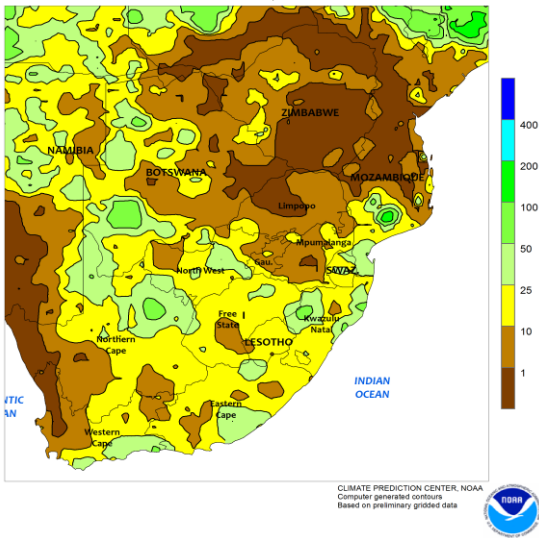
# **Weather Report**

## **24 March 2021**

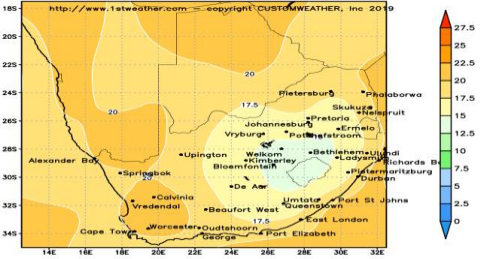
# South Africa - Weather

South Africa's coarse grain and oilseed areas will have several opportunities for rain during the coming week. The precipitation will be beneficial for late-season development. However, maturation may be sluggish during the wettest periods. No significant quality declines are expected and yields are still slated to be large. Eastern and central South Africa will see alternating periods of rain and sunshine during the coming week. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will initially evolve today into Thursday. Light rain will continue in eastern South Africa Friday and Saturday while central South Africa is mostly dry. More widespread rain will return later this weekend and early next week. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.50-2.00" with local amounts of 3.00" or slightly more from Natal and Mpumalanga into North West and portions of eastern and northern Free State. Limpopo will also only receive 0.25-1.00" of rain and locally greater amounts. Western Cape, Eastern Cape, and the remaining portions of Northern Cape will only have a few opportunities for light rain during the coming week. A few locations will receive up to 0.75" of rain by next Tuesday morning, though most areas will not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. Light rain will occasionally be scattered across eastern South Africa March 31 – April 6.

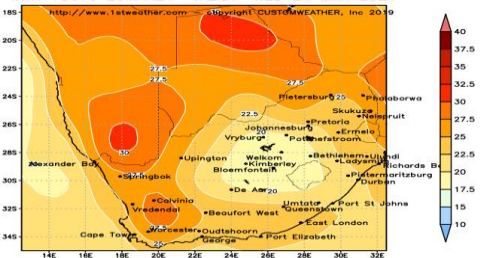
SOUTH AFRICA  
Total Precipitation (mm)  
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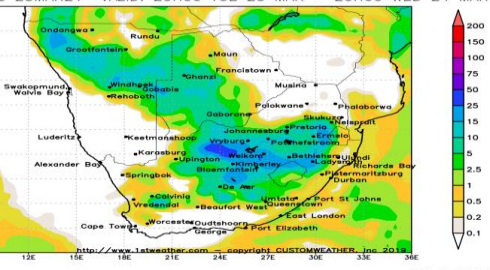
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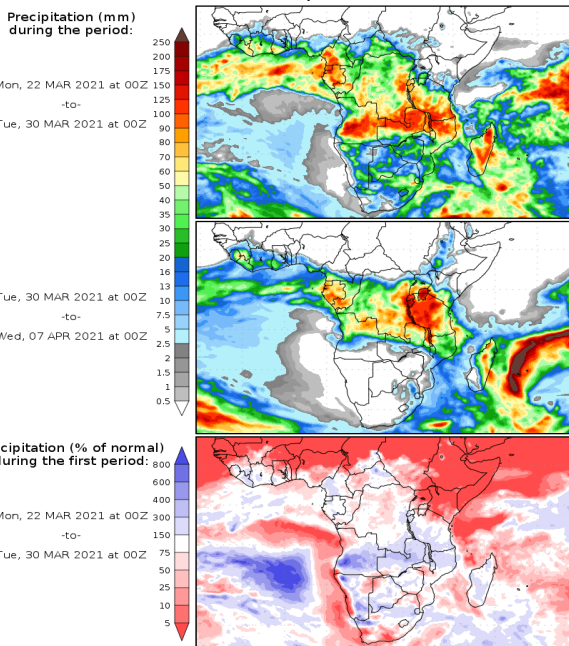
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GFS 50KM POSSIBLE 24-HOUR RAINFALL (mm)  
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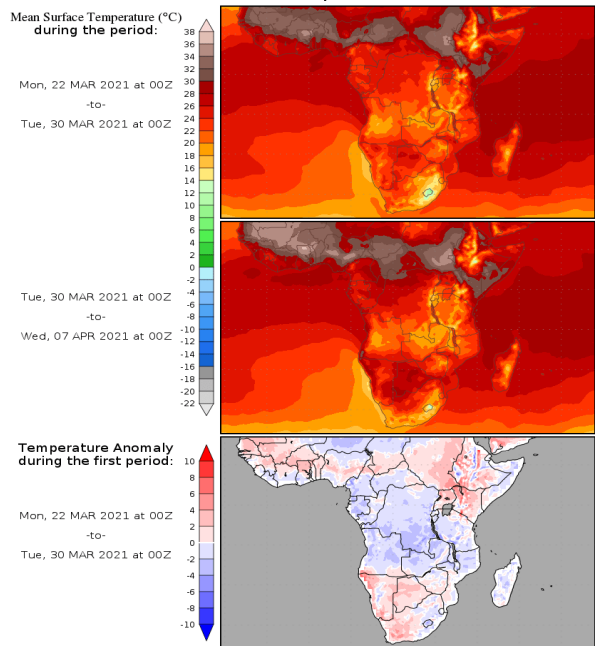
## Precipitation Forecasts



Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction. Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003. Forecast Initialization Time: 00Z22MAR2021

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## Temperature Forecasts



Temperature forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction. Normal Temperature derived from CRU monthly climatology for 1901-2000. Forecast Initialization Time: 00Z22MAR2021

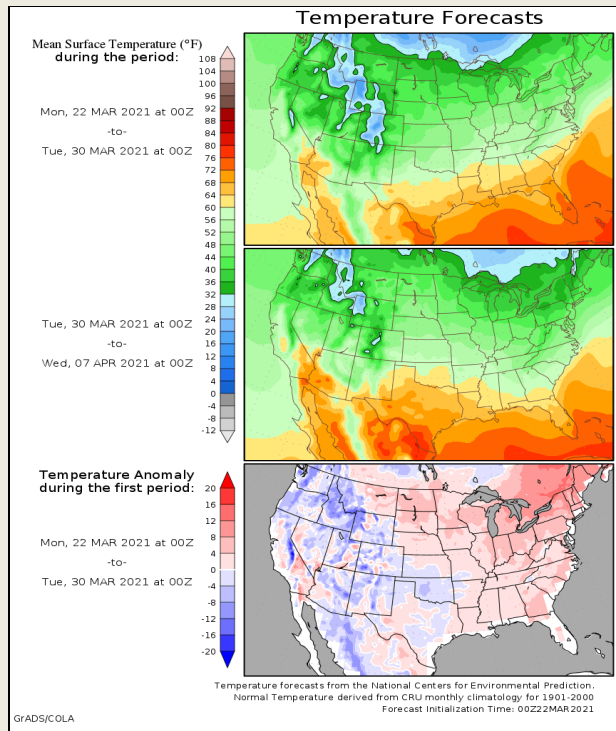
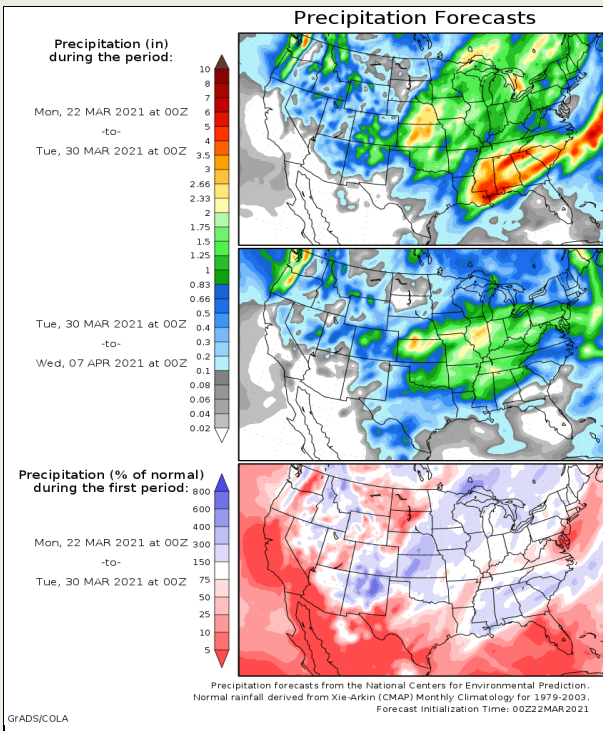
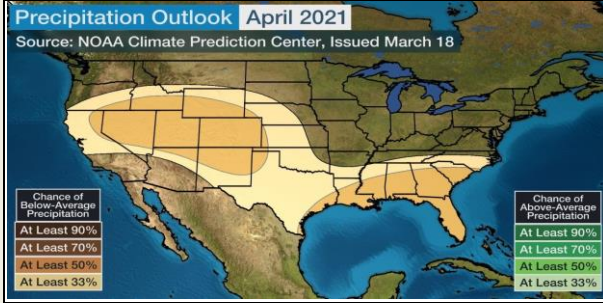
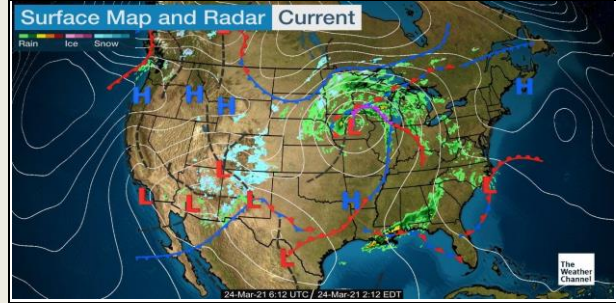
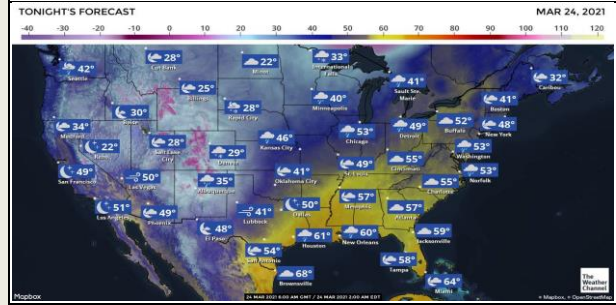
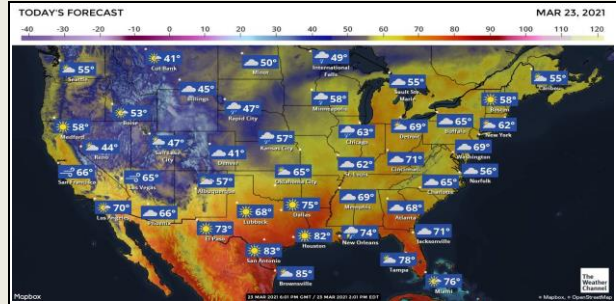
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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST:** Rain returned to some central and southern parts of the western Corn Belt Monday into this morning while other areas were mostly dry with warm temperatures from eastern Kansas to the eastern Corn Belt. An active weather pattern will continue through the end of the month and much of the Midwest will be left with wet soils and poor conditions for early-season fieldwork with exceptions in the far northwest where little precipitation is expected. April 1-6 will be drier across the Midwest and fieldwork should gradually increase.

**U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST:** Much of the Delta and the Southeast were warm and dry Monday and fieldwork should have increased before rain returned to most of the Delta Monday night into this morning. The Delta and a large part of the Southeast will see regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms through April 1 and fieldwork will be sluggish in many areas. A period of drier weather will occur April 2-6 and fieldwork should steadily increase around the one round of organized rain advertised for April 3-5.

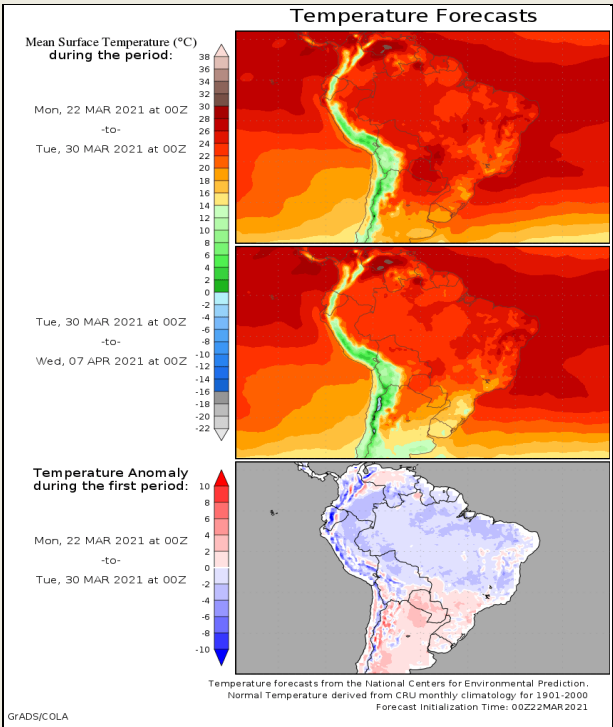
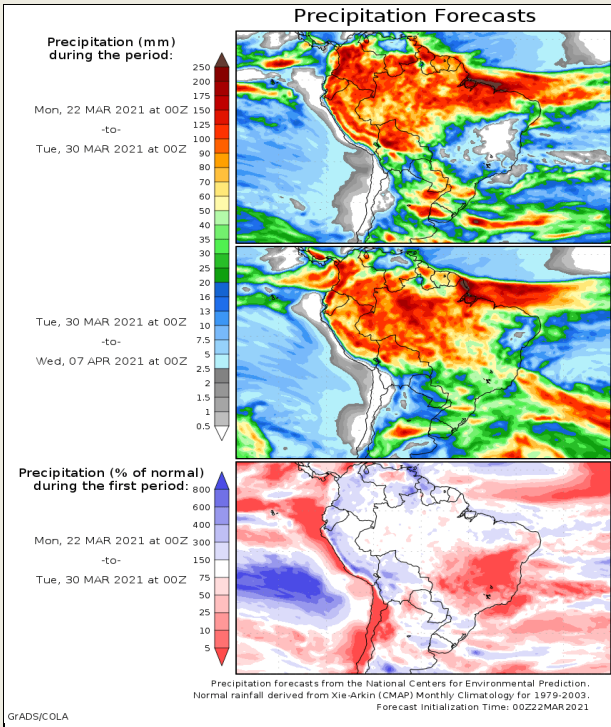
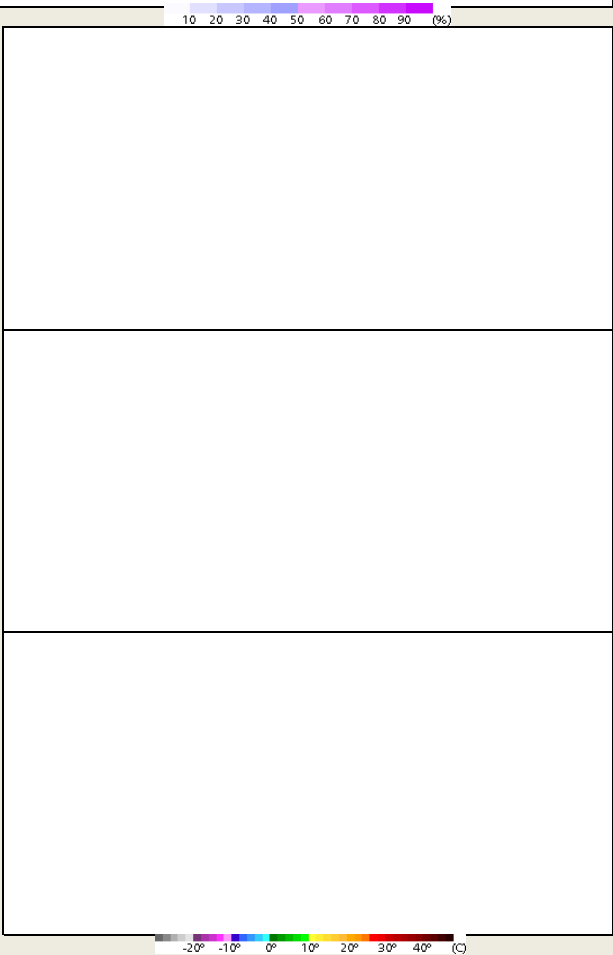
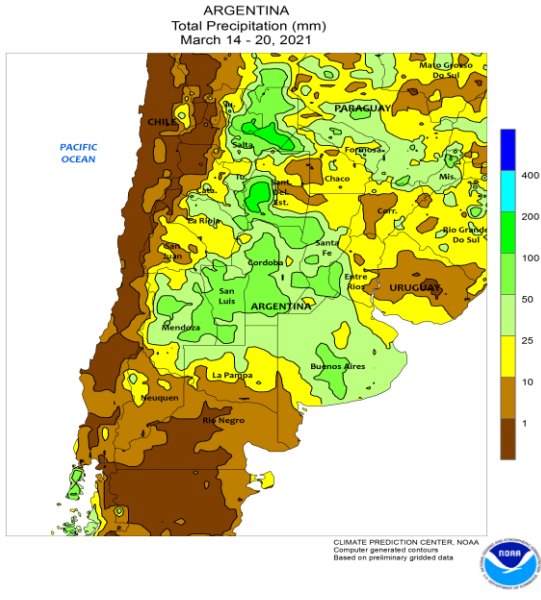


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# South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** Much of Brazil and Paraguay were dry Monday and fieldwork should have advanced well with unwelcome rain in parts of Mato Grosso while southern Parana and a few nearby areas also received rain. Western Mato Grosso will see regular rain through the next week that will cause further delays to soybean harvesting and planting of second season corn while eastern Mato Grosso into Goias will see a week of mostly dry weather before showers increase Mar. 31-April 6. Paraguay and southern Brazil will see regular rounds of rain through next Tuesday and beneficial increases in soil moisture will occur in the drier areas before drier weather returns Mar. 31-April 6 and conditions for fieldwork improve.

**ARGENTINA:** Moderate to heavy rain is expected in much of Argentina Wednesday into Saturday and nearly all areas will be left with enough soil moisture to support the needs of crops when drier weather occurs Sunday through April 6. As long as timely rain falls in April conditions for crops should be favorable with the pocket in and near far southern Santa Fe needing an increase in rain soon to prevent dryness from causing rising levels of crop stress.

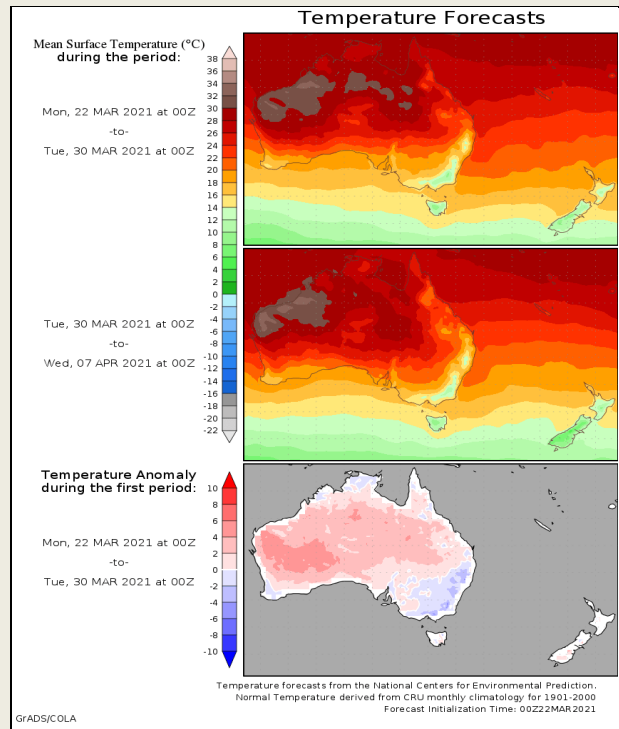
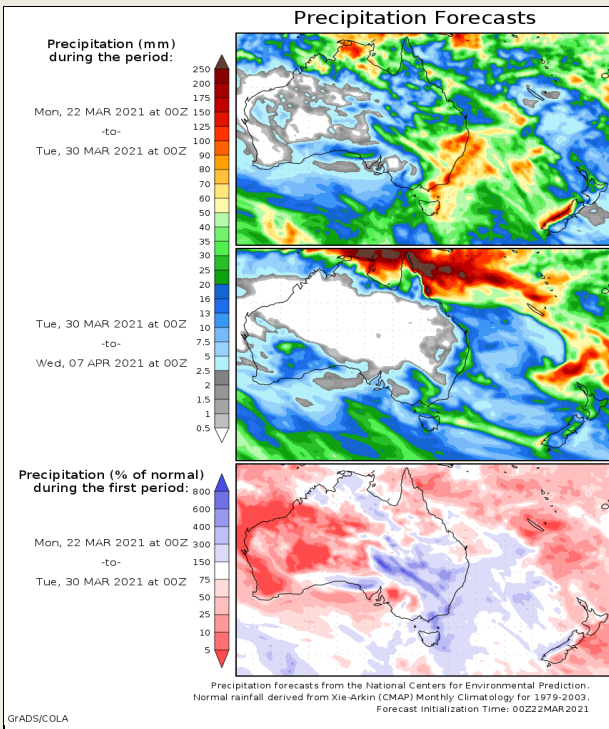
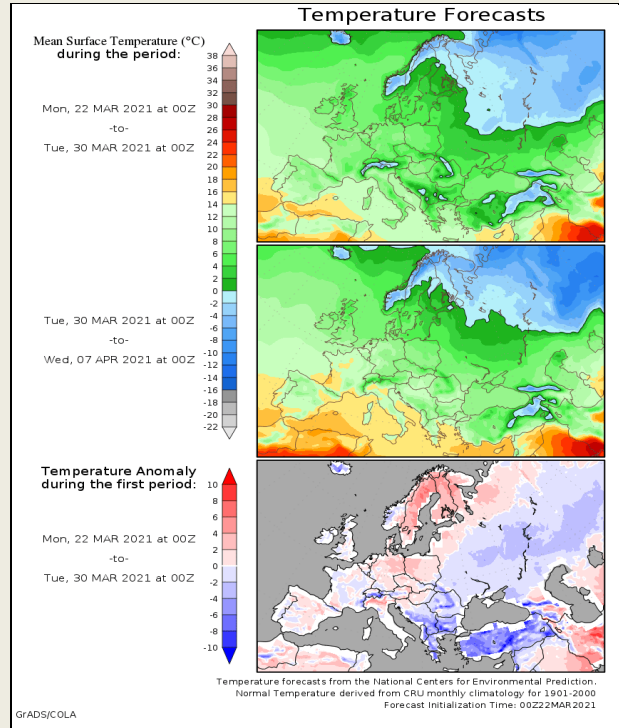
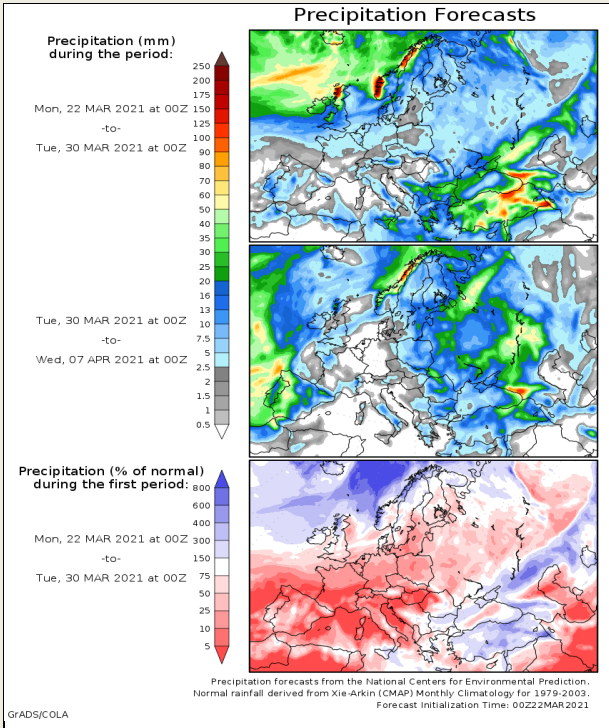


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# Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

**EUROPE:** Rounds of precipitation will impact southeastern Europe through Wednesday as well as far northern Europe this week to the next ten days. Rounds of light showers will return to northern areas today through early next week. Rounds of precipitation may return to Romania and Bulgaria and some surrounding Balkan Nations into the southwestern CIS early next week. Restricted precipitation will occur elsewhere, but soil moisture conditions will remain adequate. An increase in shower activity may occur in early April across Europe and the moisture will help bolster soil moisture conditions. Mild temperatures will occur most often this week.

**AUSTRALIA:** Additional rain will linger over eastern coastal areas from east-central to southeastern Australia today. Some rain will linger over interior eastern production areas of southeastern Queensland and northeastern New South Wales, but will be light most often. Otherwise, restricted precipitation will return to eastern Australia for at least the remainder of the coming ten days. The drier weather will be good for summer crop maturation and cotton quality and some early winter crop fieldwork.



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