



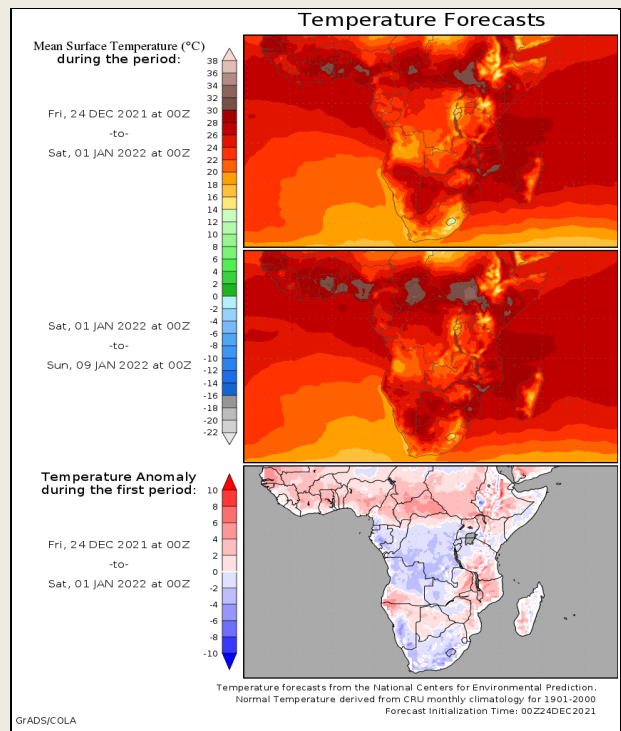
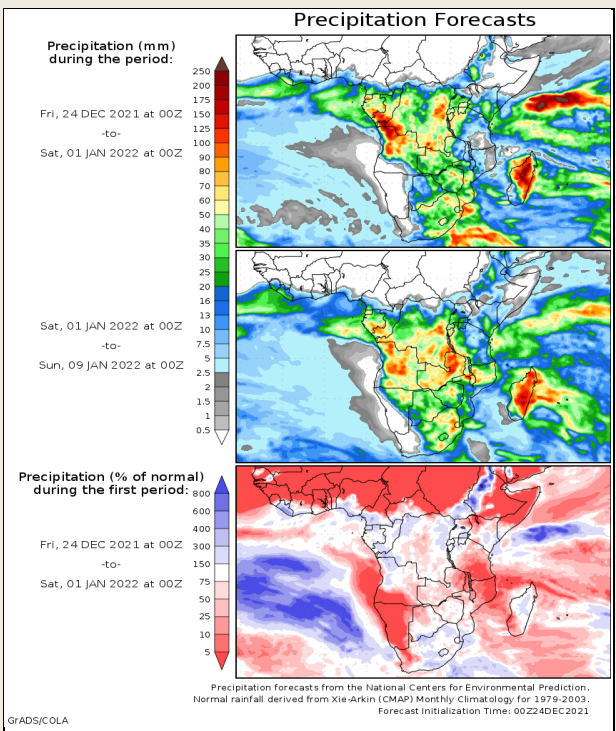
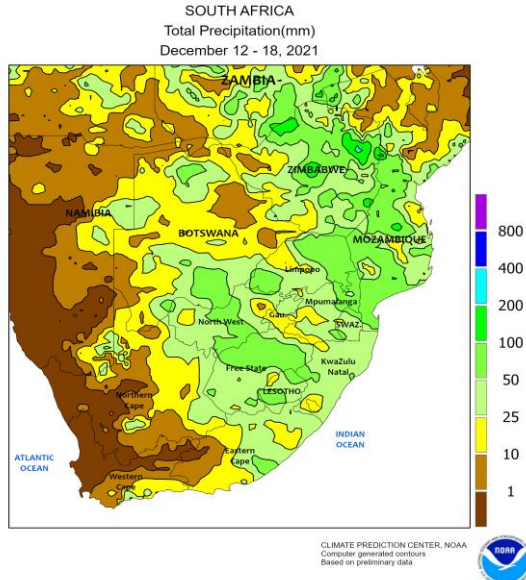
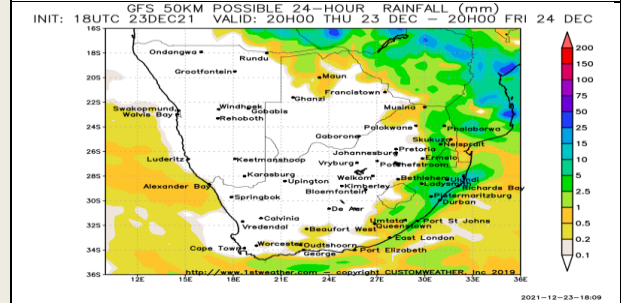
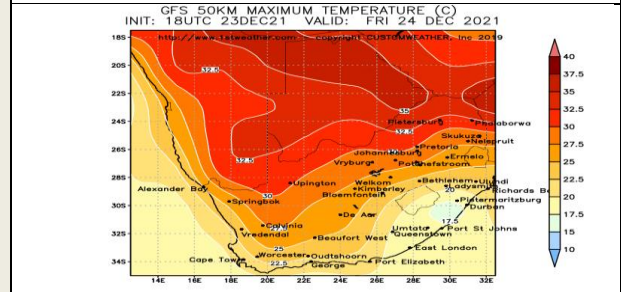
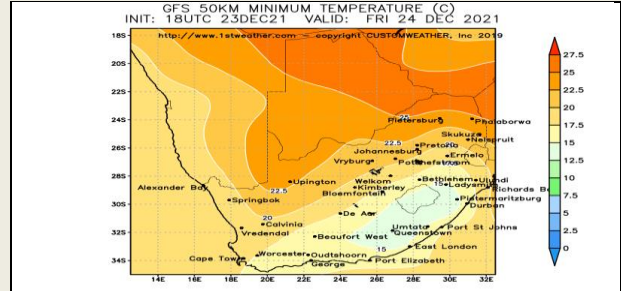
Weather Report

24 December 2021

South Africa - Weather

Eastern and central South Africa will continue to see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine during the coming week. Rainfall will be enough to bolster soil moisture in most locations. Flash flooding will be a concern in areas that are already excessively wet, though precipitation will be spread out enough to limit severe flooding. Late season planting and general fieldwork will remain sluggish due to additional rainfall. Many fields will also remain too wet for ideal establishment and growth. A period of drier weather will be needed in January to firm up the ground and support ideal crop conditions.

Temperatures will trend near to slightly below normal in much of South Africa through next Thursday. Seasonable to seasonably warm weather is slated for most locations December 31 – January 6. Daytime highs will peak to the 70s and 80s with many areas in southern, eastern, and central South Africa only warming to the upper 50s and 60s through Monday due to rain and cloudiness. Northern Cape into northeastern South Africa will also warm to the 90s at times, most notably next week. Low temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s with pockets in the 40s.

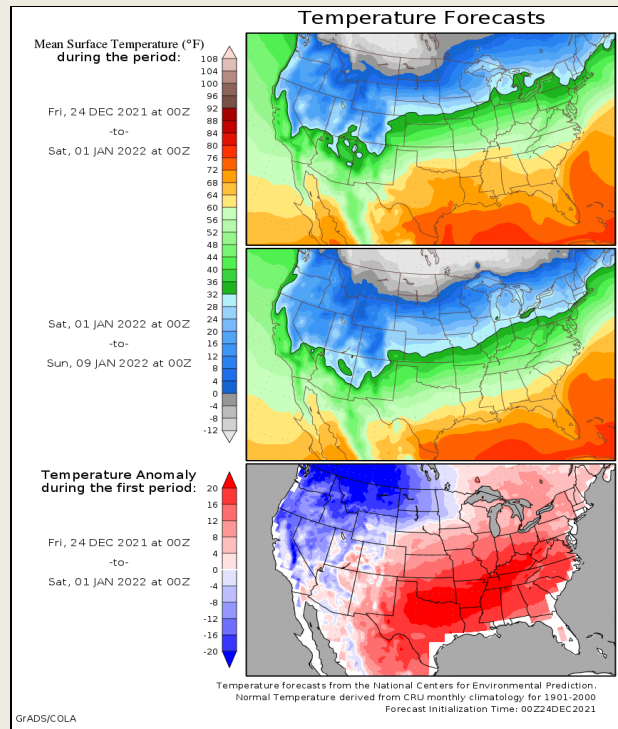
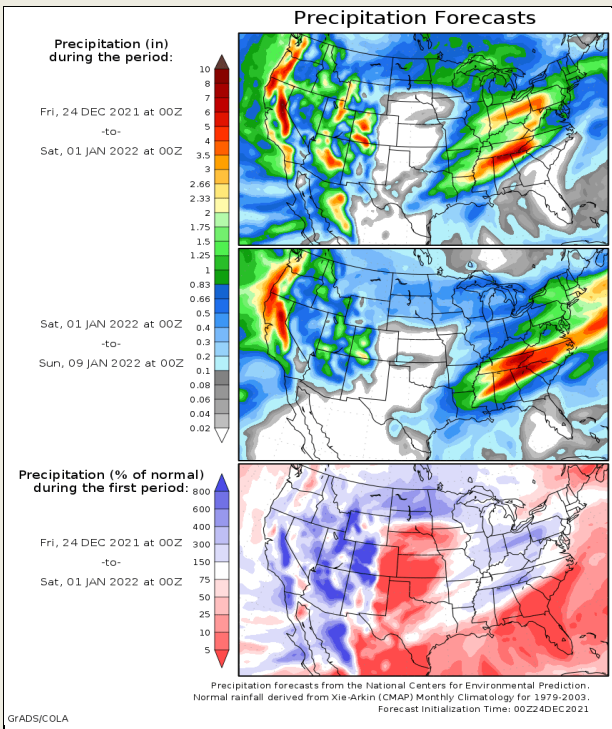
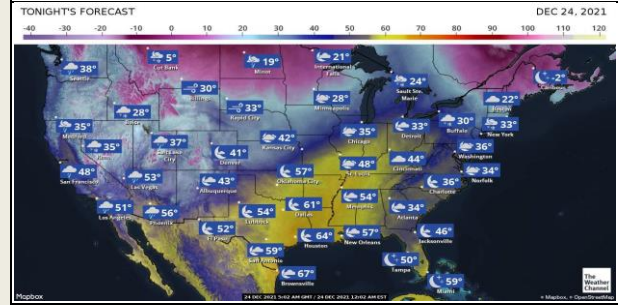
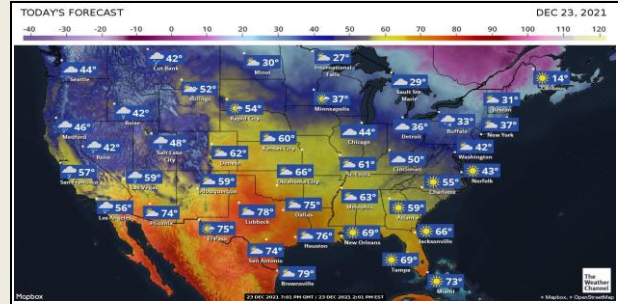


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST: The weather pattern will start to become more active in the first week of the outlook. This will involve a series of weather disturbances as a significant arctic air mass in the northern U.S. starts to interact more with the unusually warm air mass that has been dominant for a while in the Midwest. This interaction may still eventually lead to a particularly stronger storm system or two in the second week of the outlook as the cold air starts to push more into the region.

U.S. DELTA AND SOUTHEAST: No precipitation fell Wednesday or early today. Highest afternoon temperatures were in the 40s and 50s in the north and 60s in the south. Low temperatures this morning were mostly in the 20s and 30s. High temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s today, with some 40s in Virginia, followed by 60s and 70s Saturday through Wednesday, with some lower 80s mostly in the central and southern Delta. Morning low temperatures will be in the 30s in the Southeast Friday with a few upper 20s and in the upper 40s and 50s in the Delta. Lows Saturday through Wednesday will be in the 40s and 50s, with 60s occurring often from the Delta into southern Alabama.



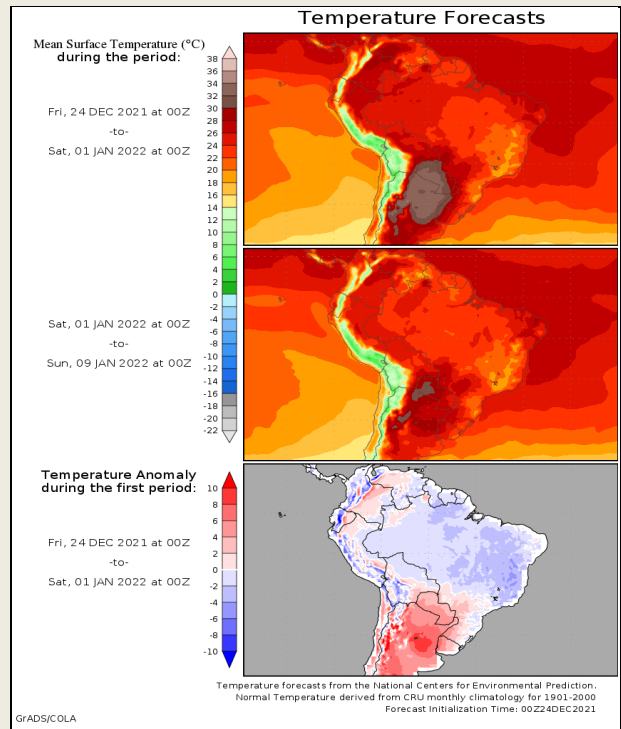
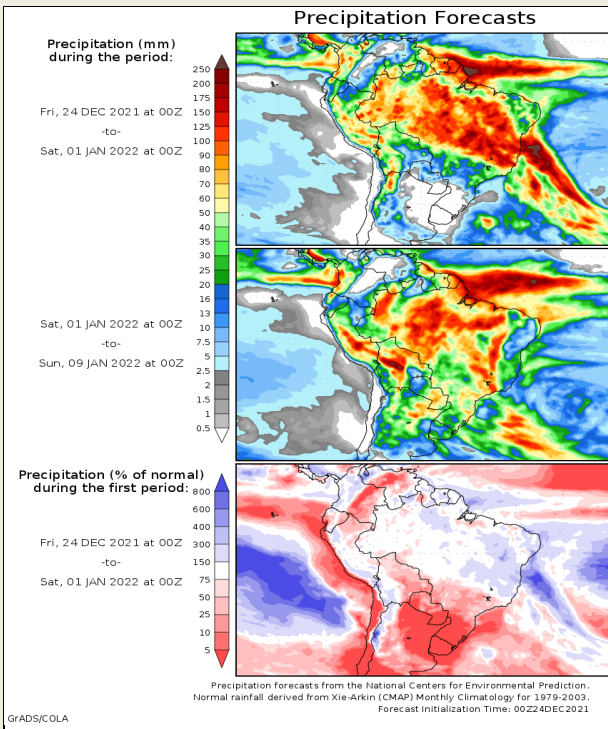
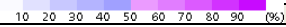
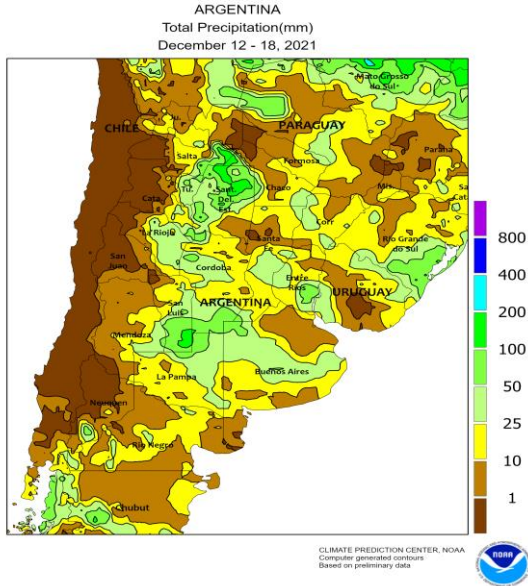
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South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Next drying will continue through the next ten days from non-coastal areas of Rio Grande do Sul through Sao Paulo and southern Mato Grosso do Sul leading to an expansion and worsening of crop moisture stress. Net drying is likely to continue in a majority of this area in the balance of the second week of the outlook as well. Crop stress will be greatest where soil moisture is lowest, such as areas in western Parana, southern Mato Grosso do Sul, Paraguay and eventually southward into western Rio Grande do Sul.

Concern also remains of too much rainfall occurring in Tocantins, the northern half of Goias, Bahia, and northern Minas Gerais through at least the first week of the outlook. Rain will be significant and will lead to areas of flooding and possibly some crop damage.

ARGENTINA: Very little rain is expected in at least the next seven to ten days. This will lead to increasing crop moisture stress, especially in areas with the lowest soil moisture, such as from La Rioja through northern Entre Rios and to the north. Rain that does occur will be limited mostly to the far west near the mountains. Above average temperatures will lead to high evaporation rates. The deterioration of crop conditions will be slower in the southwest due to more favorable topsoil and subsoil moisture.

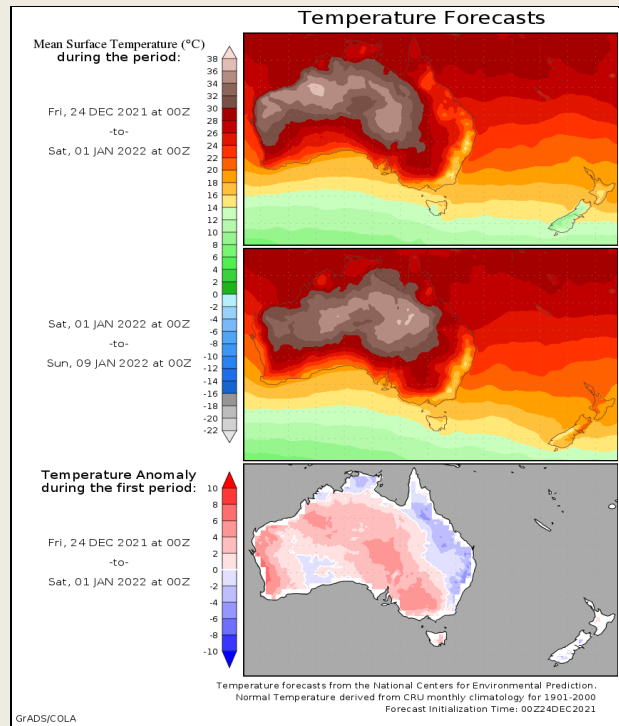
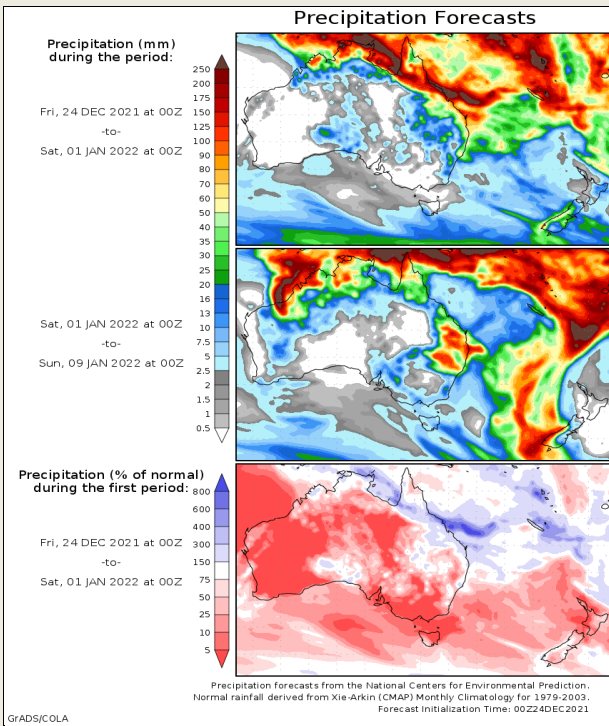
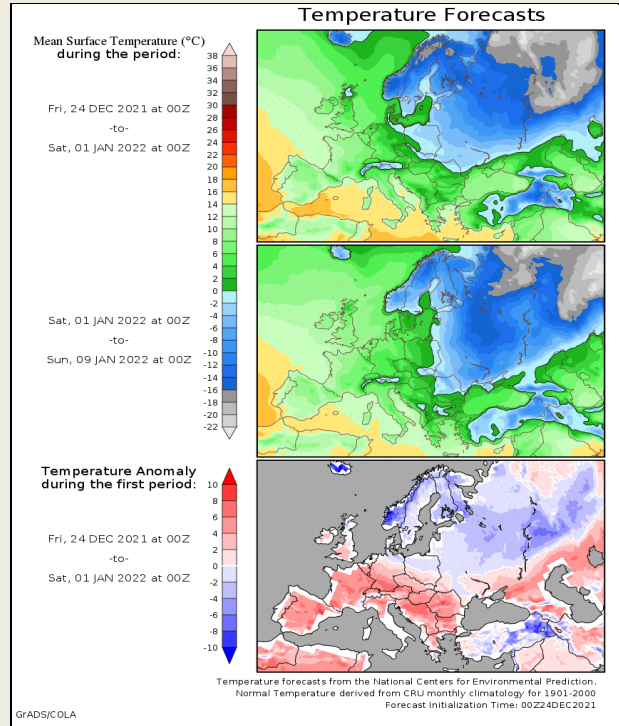
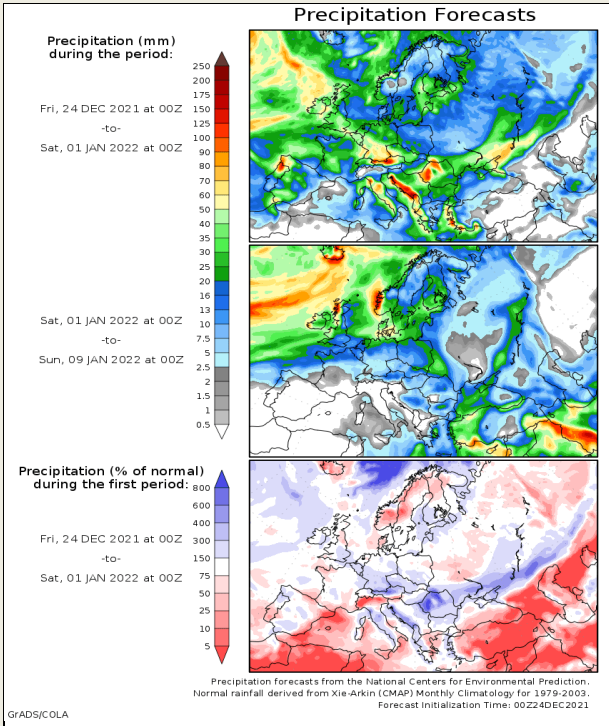


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Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

EUROPE: A restricted precipitation pattern will occur over Europe will occur today and Thursday allowing for fieldwork to occur favorably throughout the continent. Regular rounds of precipitation over Portugal into surrounding areas of western Spain will bolster soil moisture conditions.

AUSTRALIA: An increase in rain will occur over the northeastern half of New South Wales and southeastern Queensland this week. Regular rounds of rain showers and thunderstorms will disrupt fieldwork and conditions will become wet enough that quality declines in unharvested winter crops increase. The moisture will be favorable for summer crop development although conditions will become too wet for fieldwork.



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