

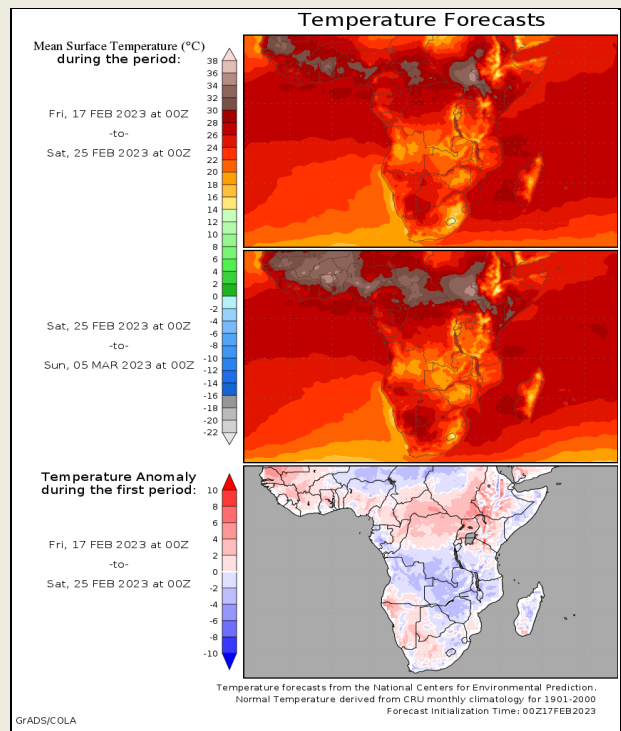
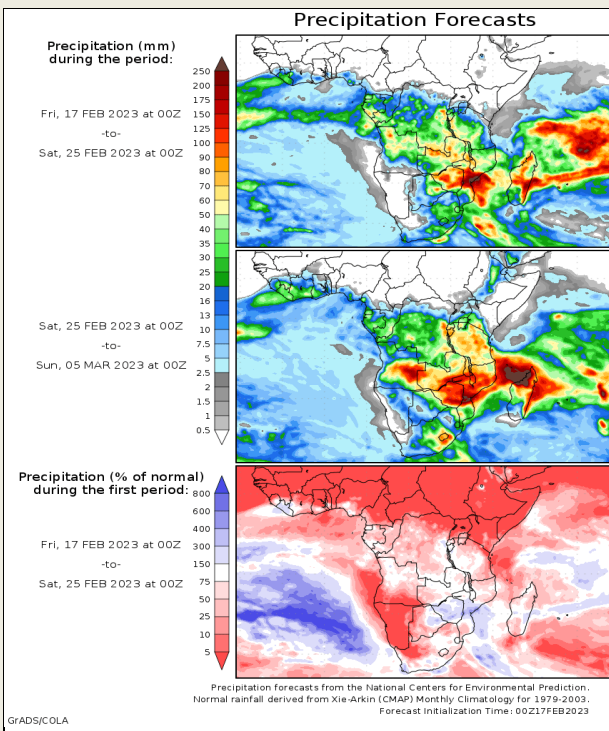
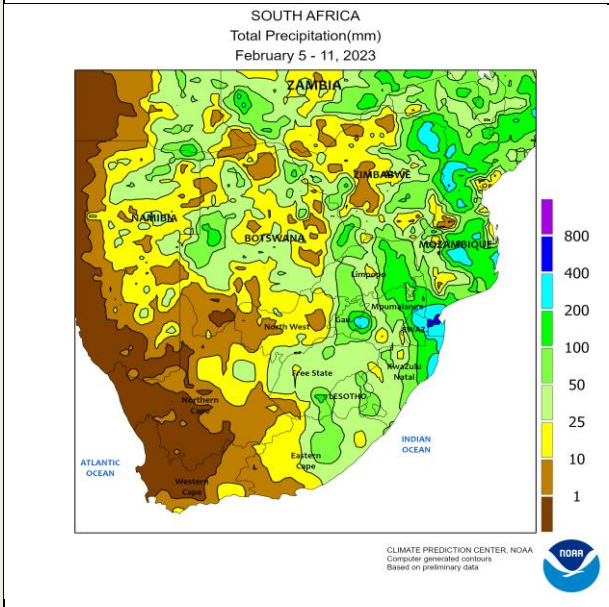
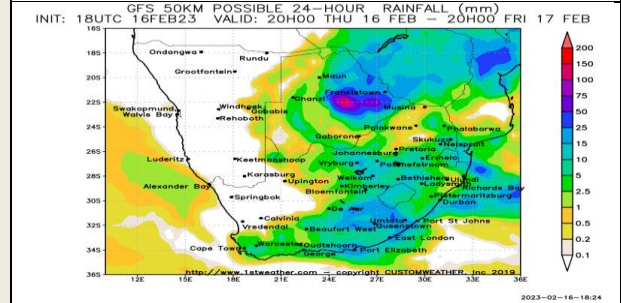
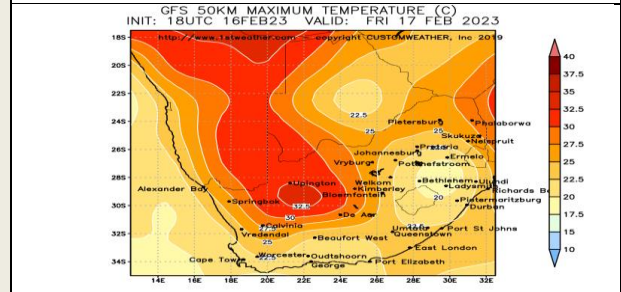
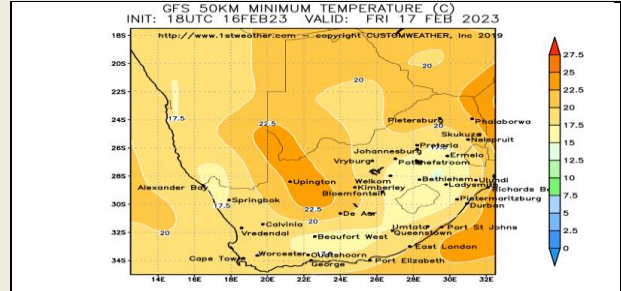


# **Weather Report**

## **17 February 2023**

# South Africa - Weather

**SOUTH AFRICA :** The main coarse grain and oilseed production areas in South Africa will continue to receive rain on a frequent basis through the middle of next week. Soil moisture will increase or remain at adequate to excessive levels in most locations. The environment will remain favorable for aggressive crop growth. Production potentials remain favorable this season. Eastern and central South Africa will see several waves of rain through the middle of next week. A series of disturbances will generate scattered showers and thunderstorms through the end of the weekend before drier weather evolves early next week. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 0.75-4.00" with local amounts over 6.00" in Mpumalanga, Limpopo, and neighboring areas. Western South Africa will also have a few opportunities for rain during the coming week. Much of the precipitation will occur Thursday into Saturday. Portions of eastern Northern Cape and eastern Western Cape will receive 0.10-0.75" and locally greater amounts by next Wednesday morning. Most other areas will not receive enough rain to counter evaporation.



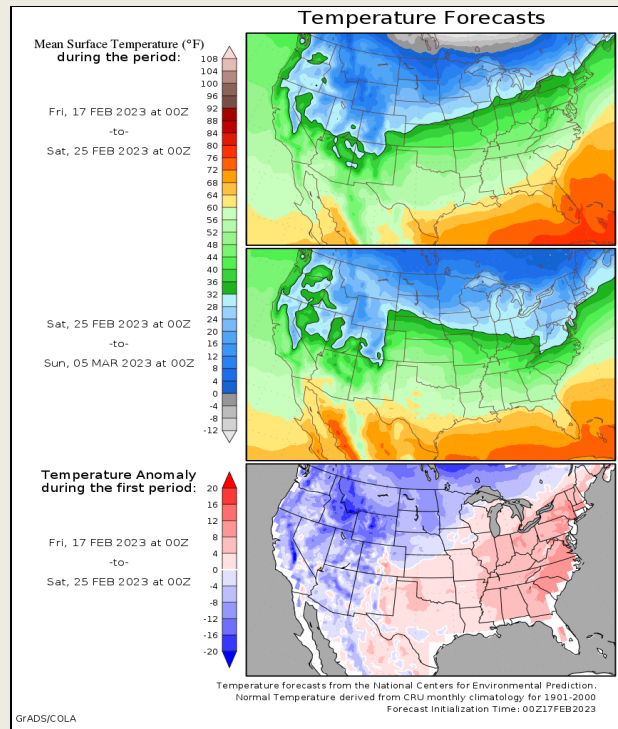
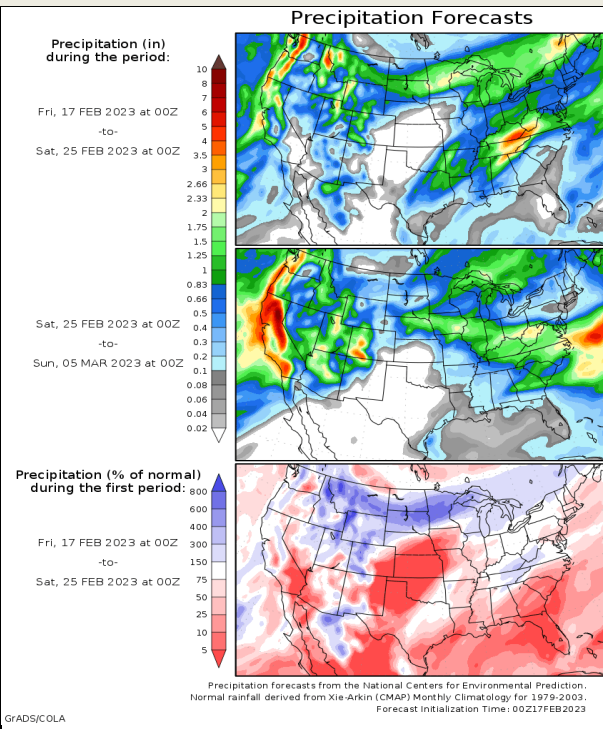
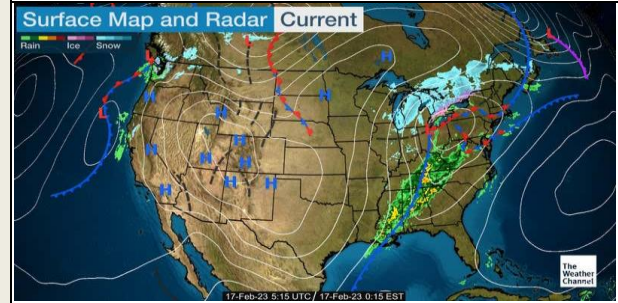
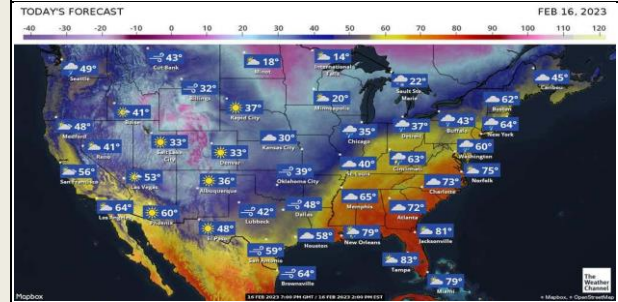
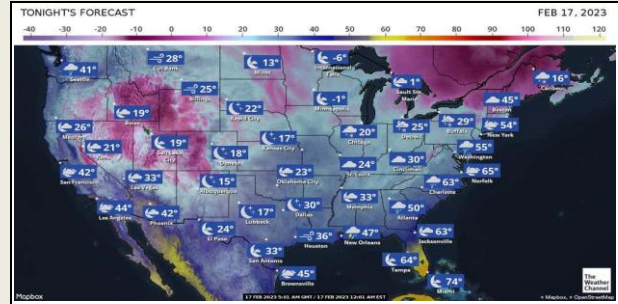
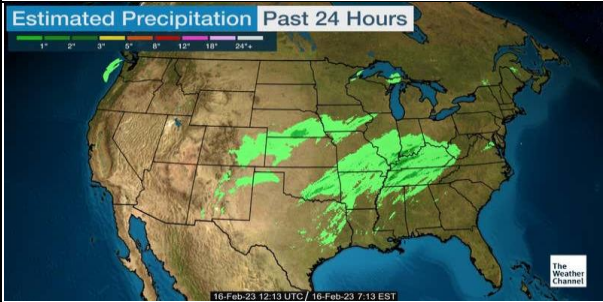
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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST :** The Midwest will see several rounds of precipitation during the next two weeks that will saturate the soil in many southern and eastern areas while improvements in soil moisture in the driest in and around northeastern Nebraska and northwestern Iowa will be limited due to the precipitation in that region being mostly light. A band of heavy snow will occur from east-central and southeastern Nebraska and nearby Kansas to northern Illinois southern into eastern Wisconsin and west-central Michigan today and travel delays are likely.

**U.S. DELTA :** Today's forecast includes less rain overall for the Delta and the Southeast during the next two weeks with little rain starting this weekend from Georgia and northern Florida to southern Virginia while other areas see little rain Feb. 24-Mar. 2. Additional rain today from the far southern Delta to western Alabama and west-central and northern Georgia will cause some local flooding with the Delta to northern Alabama seeing additional rain Tuesday into next Thursday.

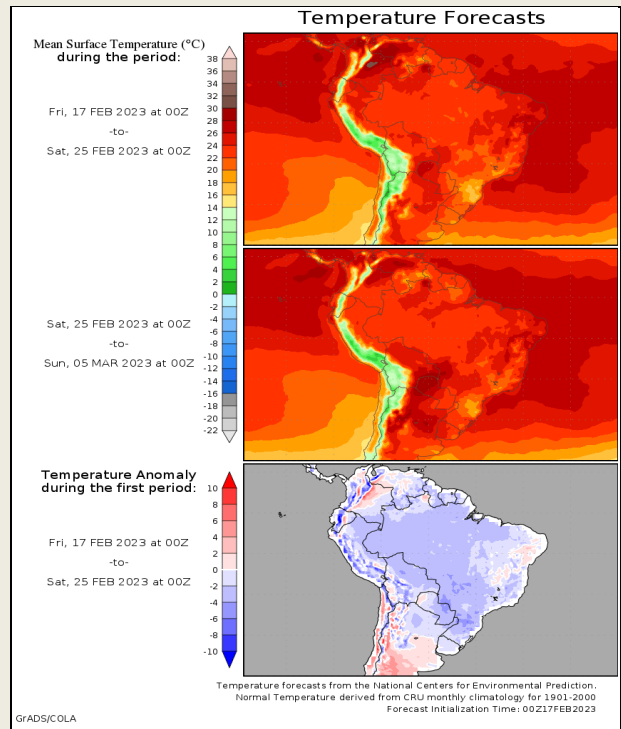
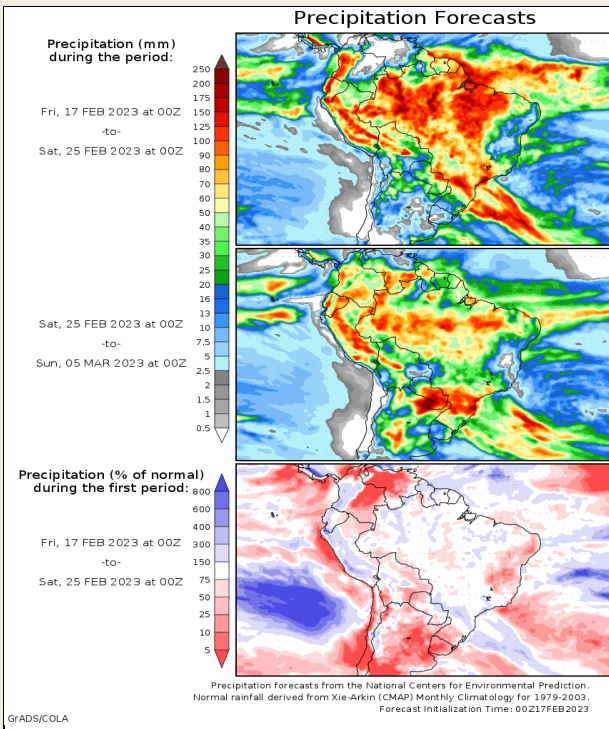
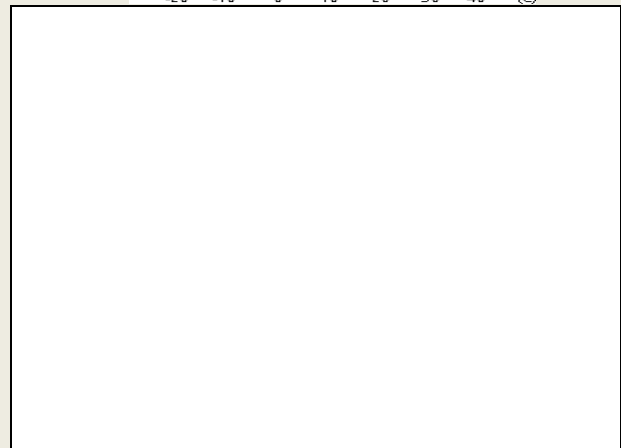
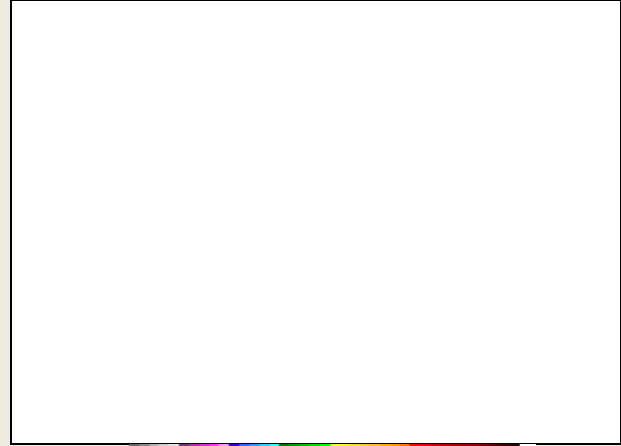


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## South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** Paraguay and much of Brazil outside of some northeastern and far southern areas will see regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms through the next two weeks that will maintain favorable conditions for crop development while causing interruptions to fieldwork. Some fieldwork will advance around the rain, especially through Friday when rain is limited in northern Brazil, with additional stretches of drier weather needed soon to ensure soybeans are harvested in time to allow the Safrinha corn crop to be planted during the favorable period.

**ARGENTINA:** Additional rain will fall today from northern and to east-central Argentina and at least temporary improvements in crop and soil conditions will result. Crops should respond well to the moisture as well as to the cooler temperatures that will accompany the rain, but some crops have likely been damaged too severely by hot and dry weather this year for significant improvements in yields to occur. A drier weather pattern will resume Friday through Feb. 24 and despite cooler temperatures along with the recent and additional rain today, some crops will likely become stressed again as many areas did and will not receive enough rain to induce more than temporary increases in soil moisture.



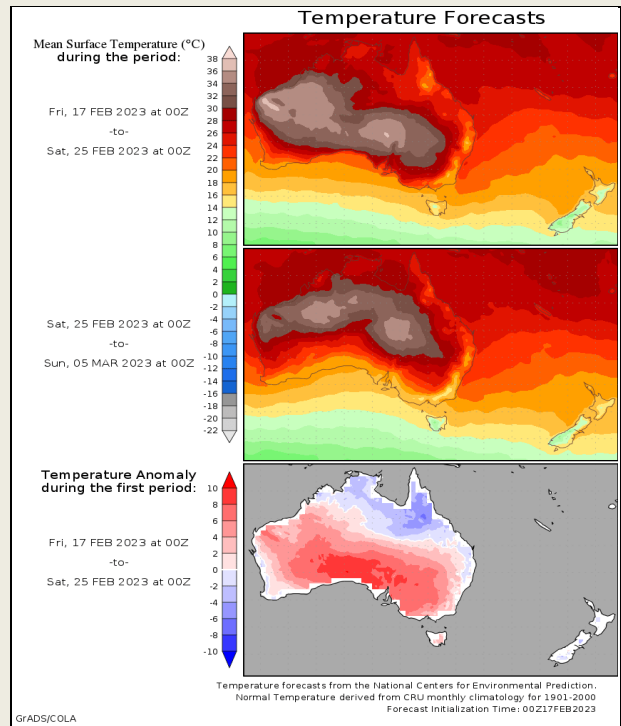
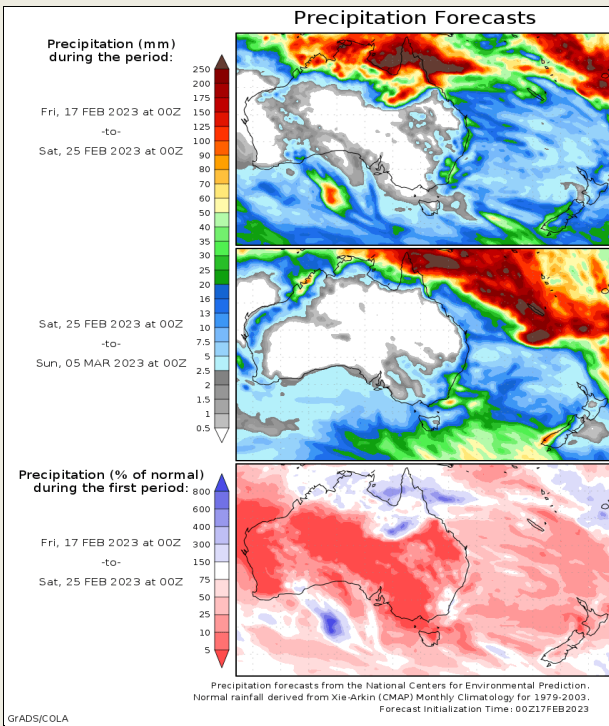
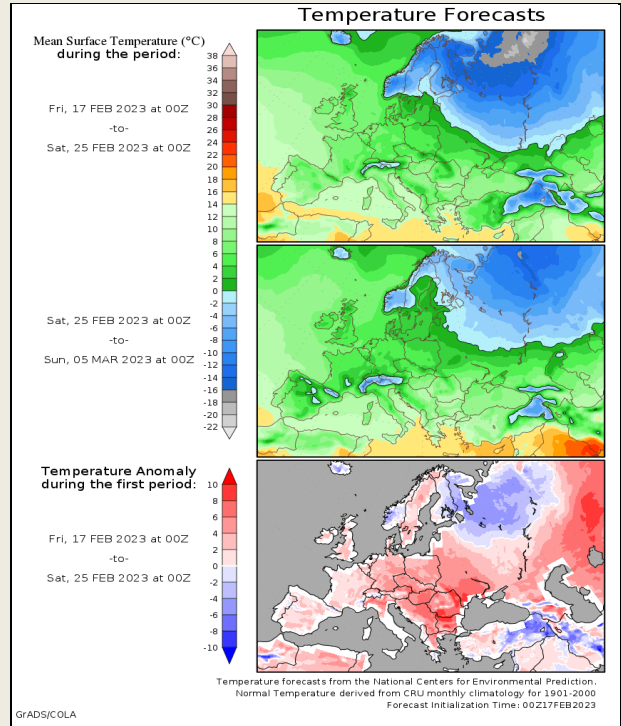
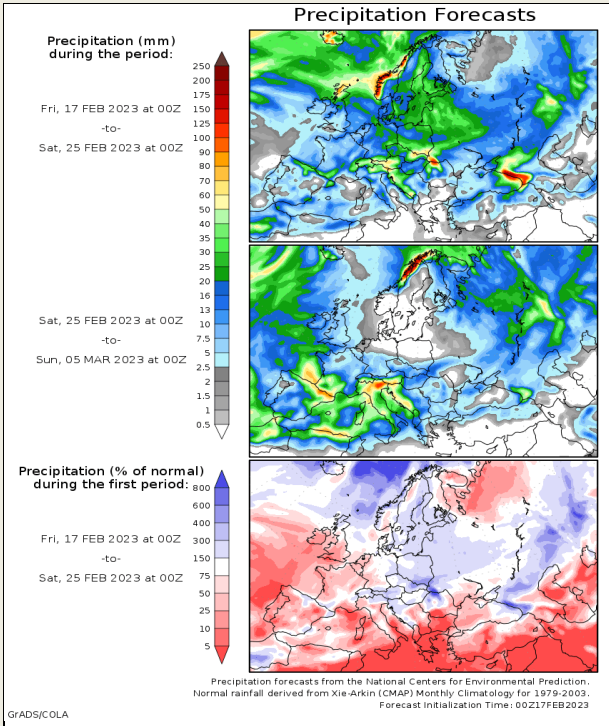
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## Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

**EUROPE:** The need for greater precipitation still continues to increase as spring gets closer. Precipitation will continue to be below average in a majority of the region through at least the next seven days with above to well above average temperatures. Greater precipitation is likely in the second week, particularly in southern areas.

**AUSTRALIA:** Rainfall in the next two weeks is not expected to be enough to counter evaporation in eastern Australia which will lead to more crop stress in unirrigated fields. Completely dry weather is not expected though too. There will be some erratic showers and thunderstorms.



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