

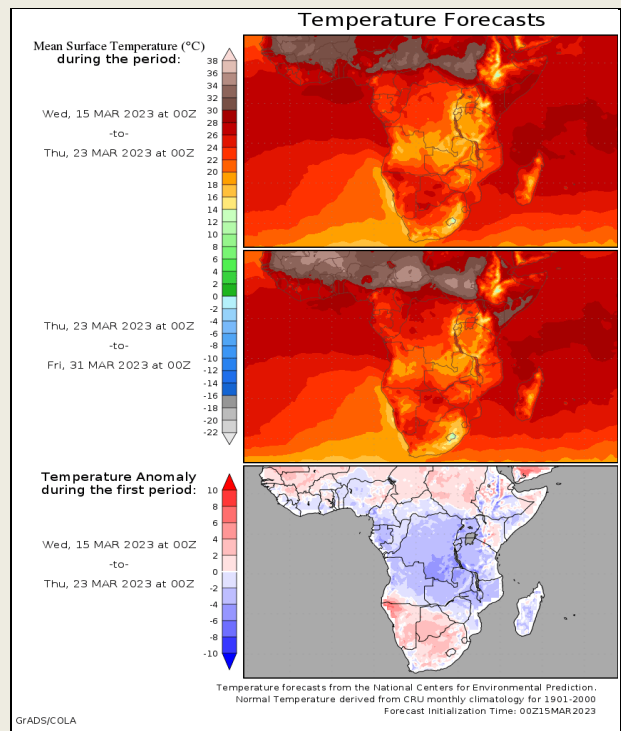
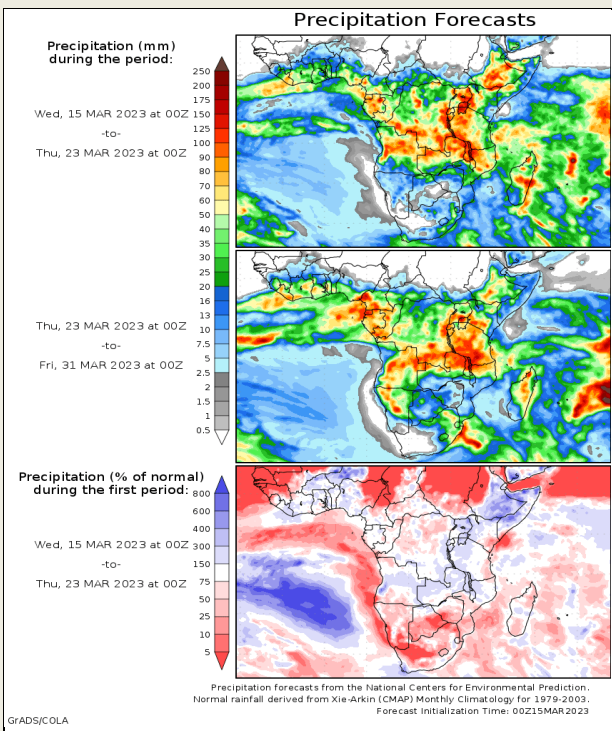
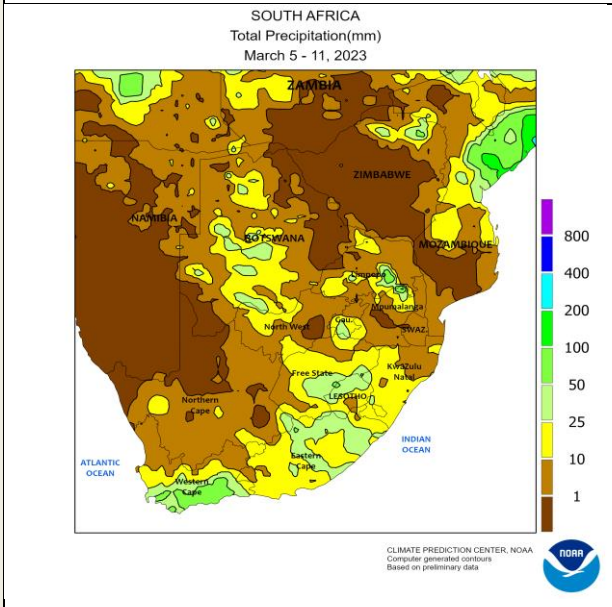
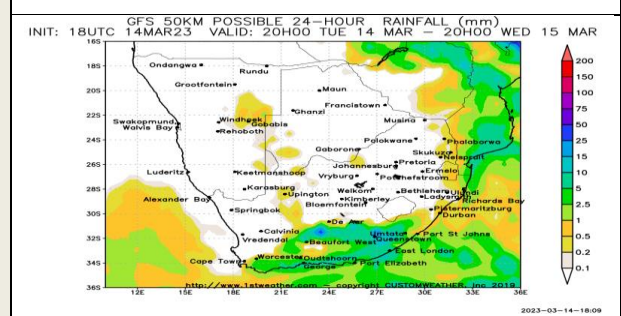
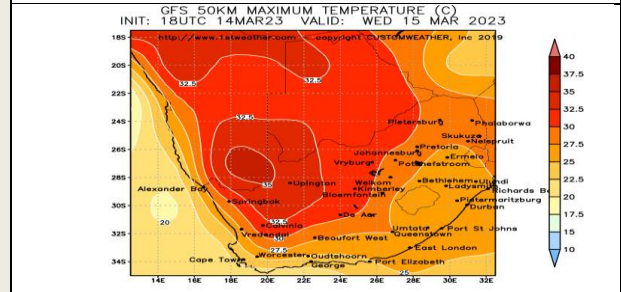
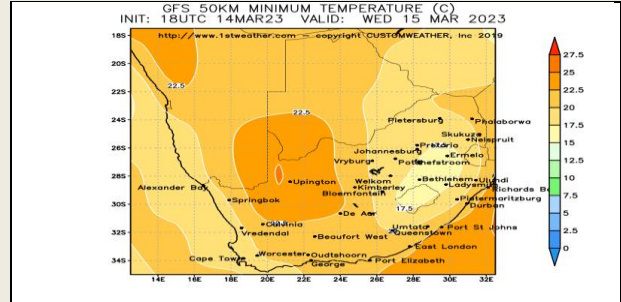


# **Weather Report**

## **15 March 2023**

# South Africa - Weather

**SOUTH AFRICA :** Drier-than-normal weather will persist for much of South Africa during the coming week. Natal and neighboring areas will see periodic rainfall that will limit drying. The remaining production areas will otherwise dry down in the coming days. There will be enough moisture in the soil to maintain aggressive growth in most locations. However, central South Africa may need timely rain late this month into early April to maintain favorable development conditions for the later planted crops. Early-season maturation conditions will be mostly good due to the lack of rain and warm weather. • Eastern South Africa will see a mix of rain and sunshine during the coming week o The most widespread precipitation will evolve this weekend and early next week as a weak frontal boundary advances over the region o Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 0.10-0.50" with portions of Natal receiving 1.00" or slightly more of rain • The remaining production areas will be drier biased during the coming week in part due to Tropical Cyclone Freddy tracking near the country o Any rain that does occur will be lost to evaporation • South Africa will only have a few opportunities for rain March 17 – 23 o Rainfall will likely be greatest in the eastern production areas

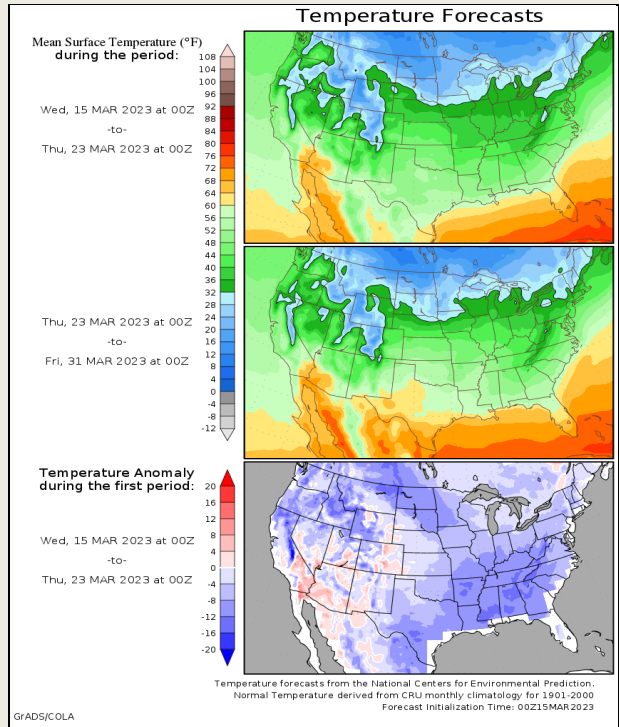
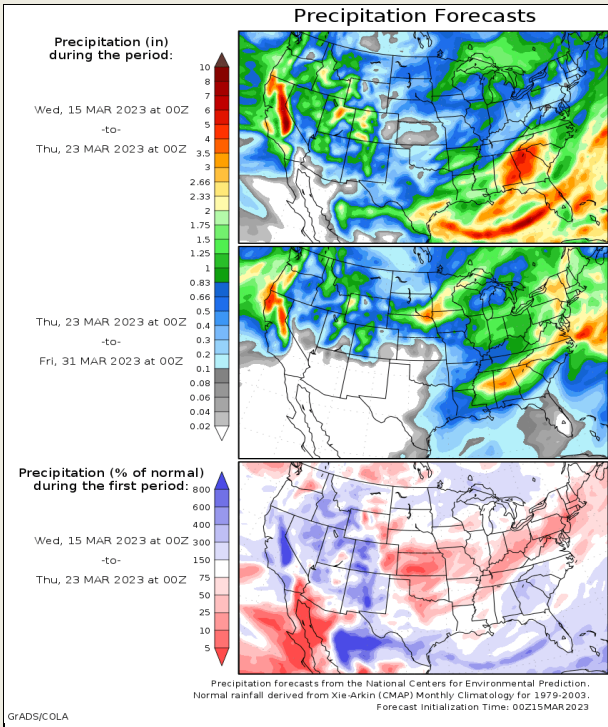
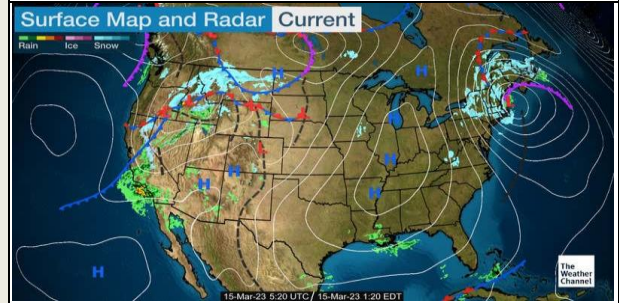
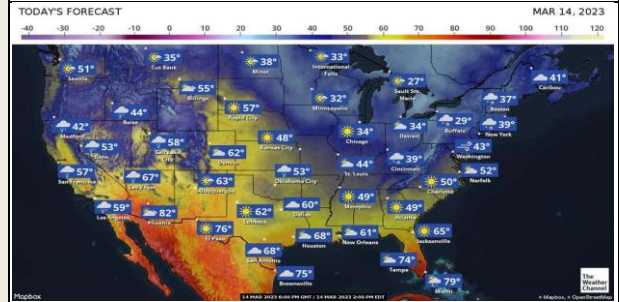
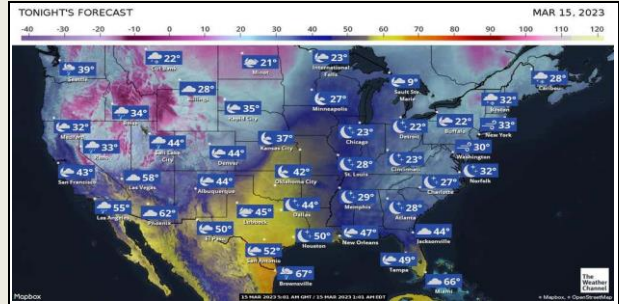
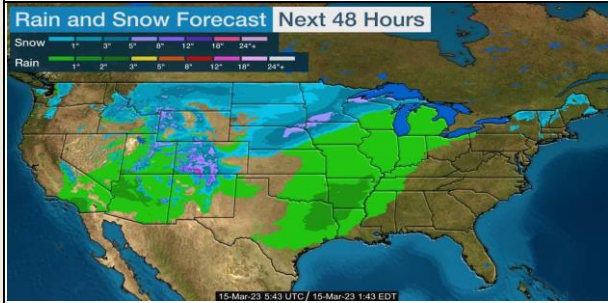
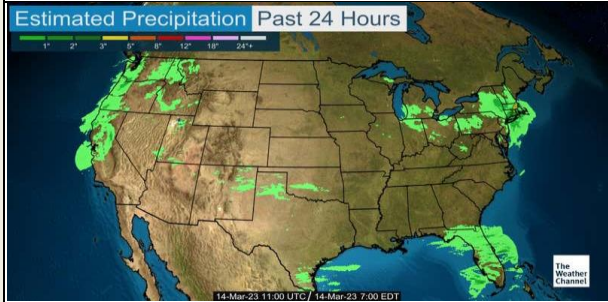


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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST :** A frequent succession of disturbances will cross the Midwest during the next ten days keeping soil moisture high in much of the region and leaving many areas vulnerable to flooding if a heavy rain event were to occur soon. o The driest areas in and near northeastern Nebraska and northwestern Iowa should receive enough precipitation to induce beneficial increases in soil moisture. o A large area of significant snow today into Friday will cause travel delays from eastern South Dakota to central and northern Iowa and southern Wisconsin and nearby Illinois to northern Iowa and Michigan.

**U.S. DELTA :** The Delta and the Southeast will receive regular rounds of precipitation during the next ten days that will slow fieldwork, but precipitation will be lightest in the south where some early-season fieldwork should advance. o Most of the rain should not be heavy enough to cause widespread flooding, but some local flooding is likely Wednesday into Friday when some areas from the central and northern Delta to central Georgia see heavy rain.

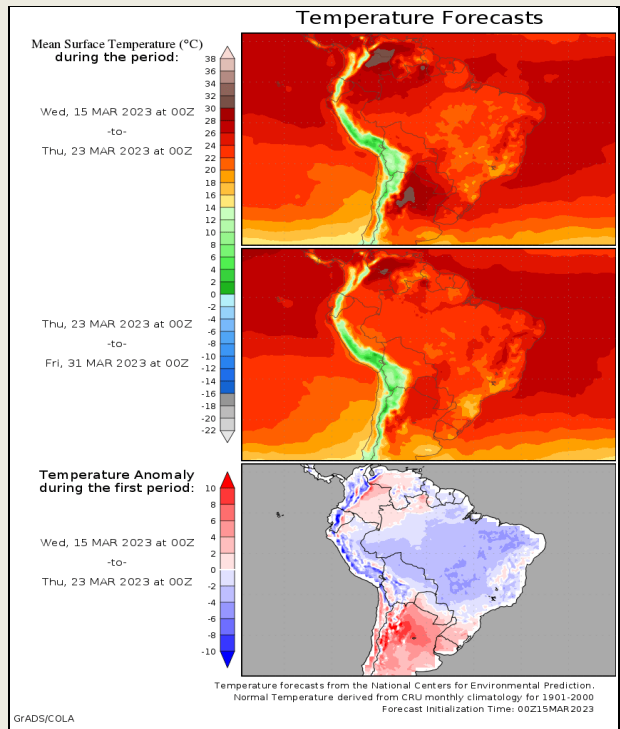
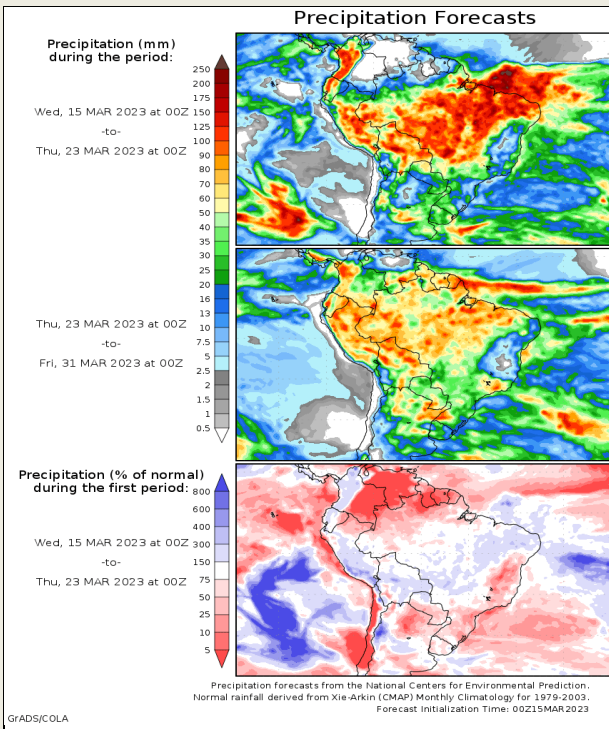
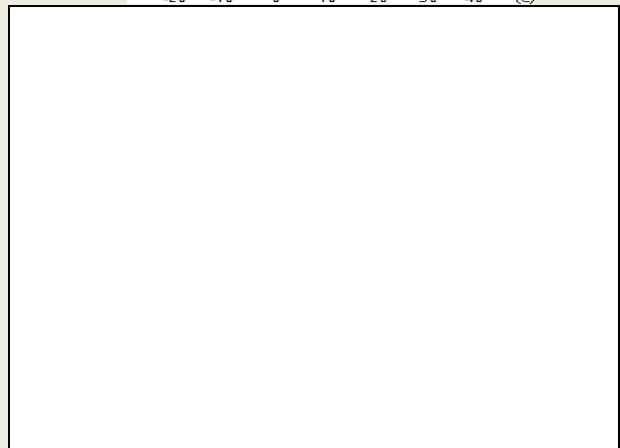
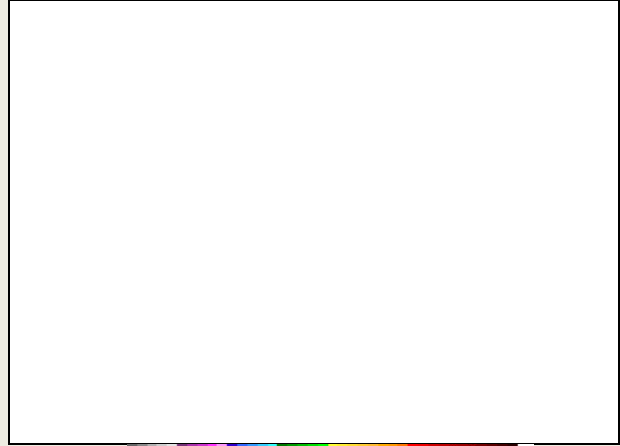


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## South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** Paraguay and much of Brazil outside of some northeastern 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. Fieldwork will continue to advance around the showers and thunderstorms, but delays to soybean harvesting and Safrinha corn planting will extend deeper into the month which could reduce Safrinha corn production as yields are typically greatest if the crop is planted before the end of February.

**ARGENTINA:** Much of Argentina will see warm to hot and dry weather through this weekend causing rising levels of crop stress and declines in yield potentials with exceptions in some southern areas where significant rain is expected. o Much of the significant rain will be confined to La Pampa into southern Buenos Aires. • Rain has been increased again since Wednesday's forecast for the remainder of Argentina where two rounds of nearly widespread rain are expected Monday through Mar. 20 with some additional showers Mar. 17-22.

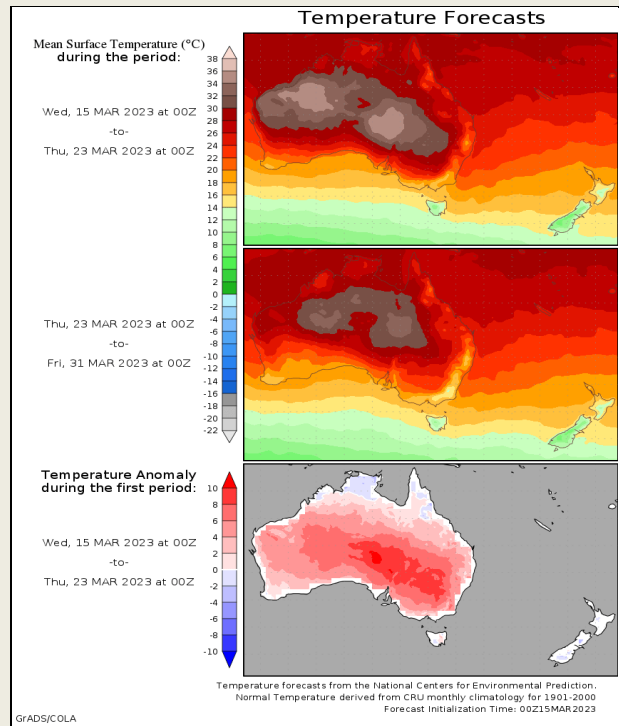
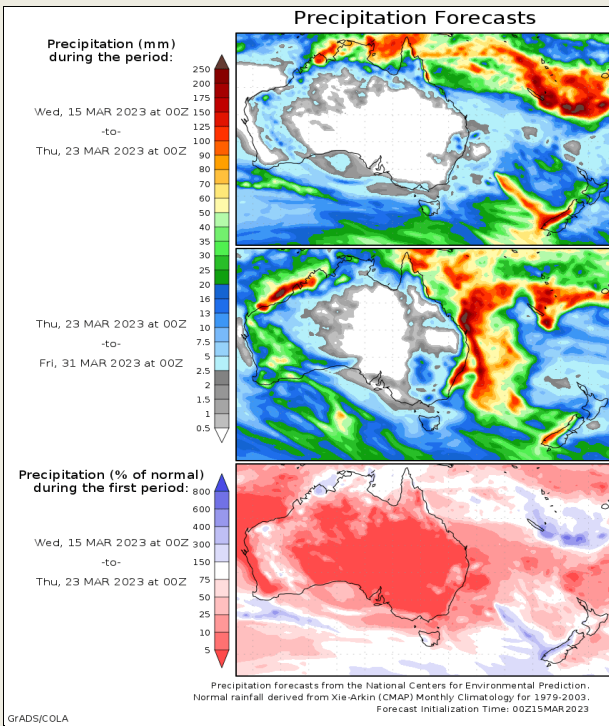
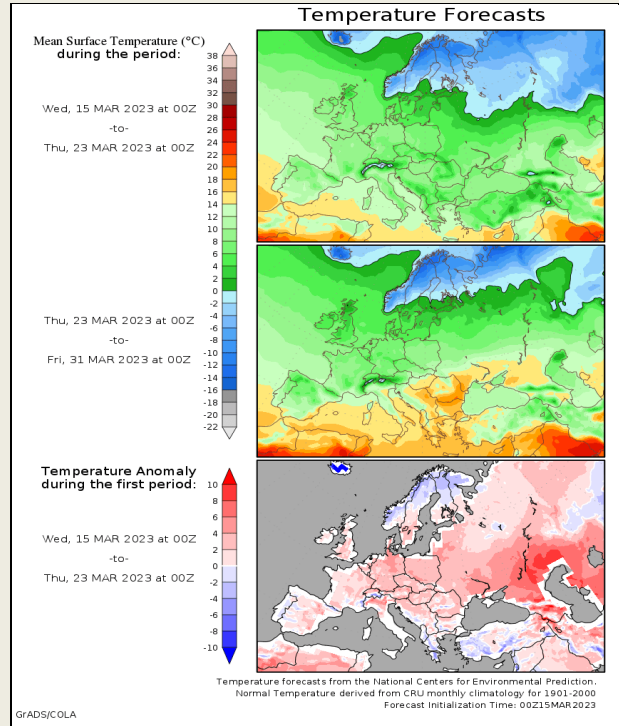
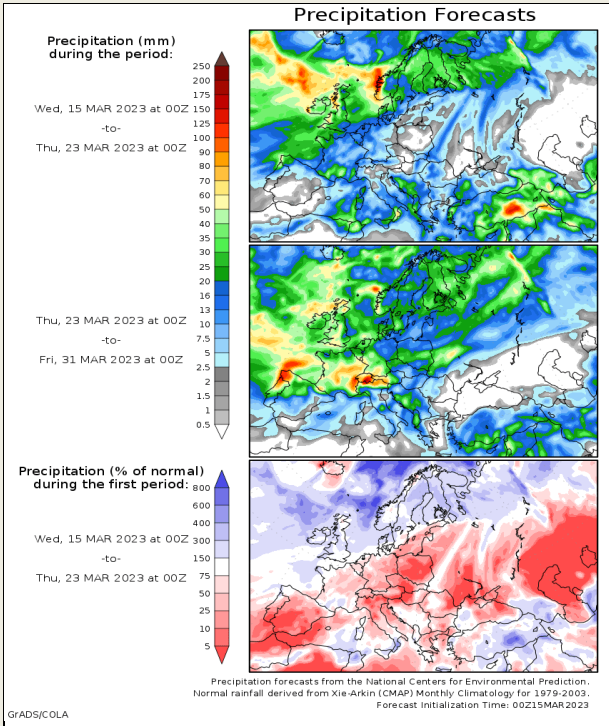


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## Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

**EUROPE :** Precipitation will significantly increase in northern production areas in the first week of the outlook. Southern production areas will trend drier. Rain and some snow will occur in parts of the region daily through Sunday. The precipitation will be greatest and most frequent in the north. Total moisture will vary from: 1.00 to 4.00 inches in the northern half of the region to 0.50 inch in the southern half, locally more than 1.00 inch. Frequent precipitation will occur in the second week, March 13 – 20. The precipitation will be near to above average in most of the region.

**AUSTRALIA :** An area of low pressure will still help generate needed rainfall in Queensland in the first week of the outlook. This rain may also reach down into far northeastern New South Wales as well. The rain will be good for increasing topsoil moisture. Net drying will then occur in the second week.



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