



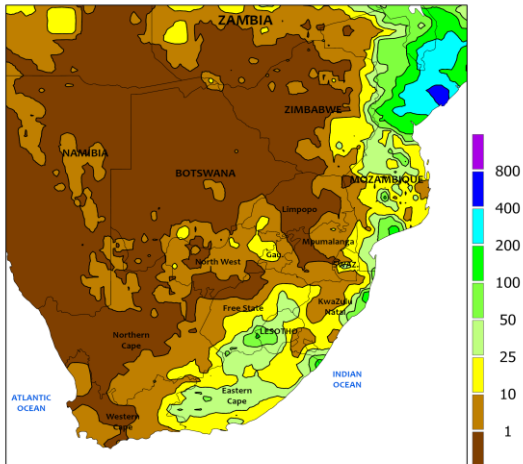
# **Weather Report**

## **23 March 2023**

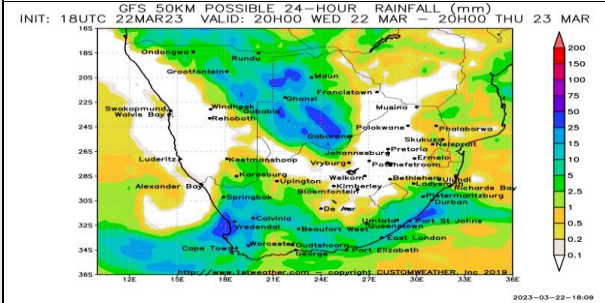
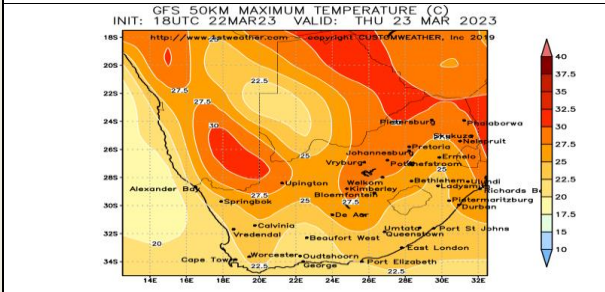
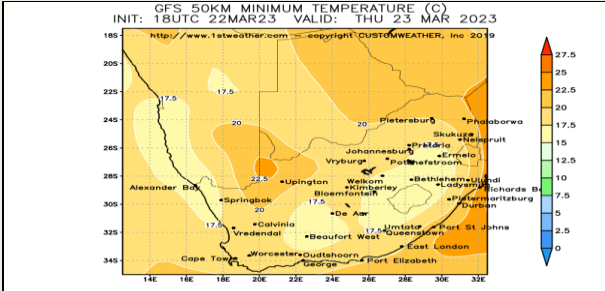
# South Africa - Weather

**SOUTH AFRICA:** The main production areas in South Africa will continue to have opportunities for erratic rainfall during the coming week. The rain will be beneficial to maintain good late-season development conditions. Maturation and early-season harvesting will also advance swiftly around the rain. Alternating periods of erratic rain and sunshine will evolve for South Africa during the coming week. A series of disturbances will generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms through this weekend. Light rain will continue for a few locations early next week. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.25-1.00" in most locations. Portions of Natal, eastern fringes of Eastern Cape, and Western Cape will receive 2.00" or more of moisture. Much of South Africa will again see a mix of rain and sunshine March 29 – April 4.

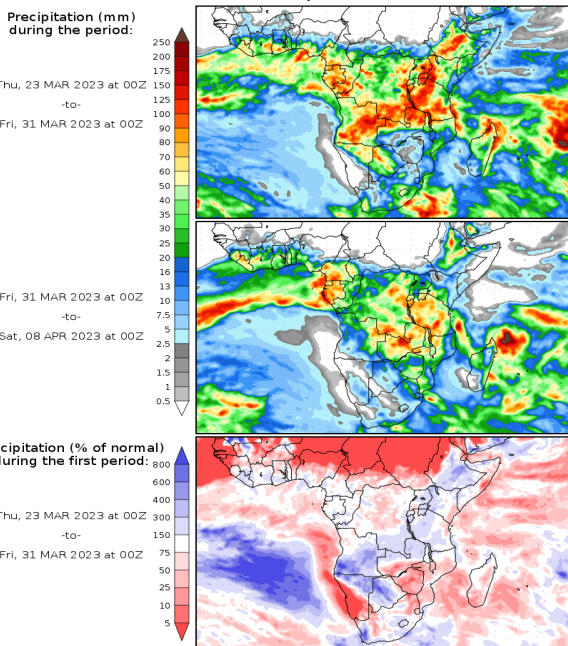
**SOUTH AFRICA**  
Total Precipitation(mm)  
March 12 - 18, 2023



CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER, NOAA  
Computer generated contours  
Based on preliminary data



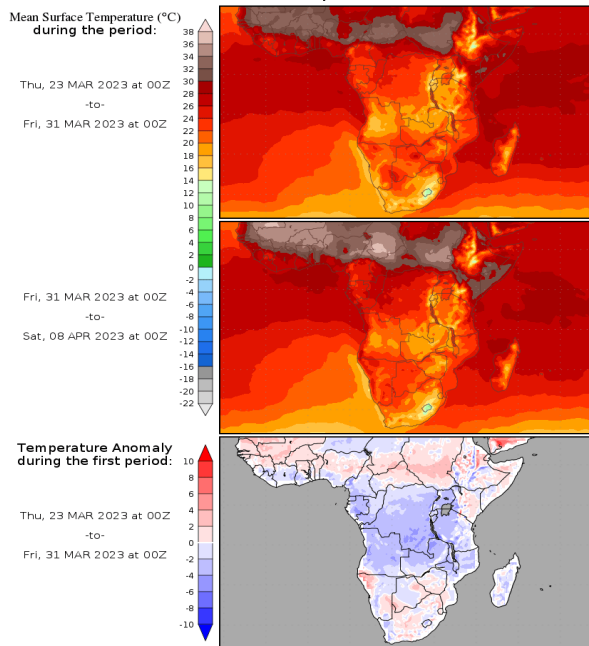
## Precipitation Forecasts



Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.  
Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003.  
Forecast Initialization Time: 00Z23MAR2023

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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  
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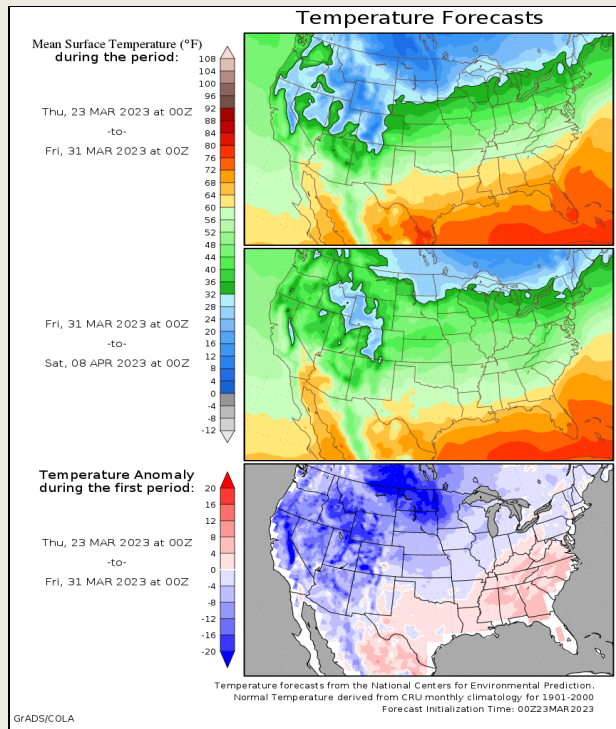
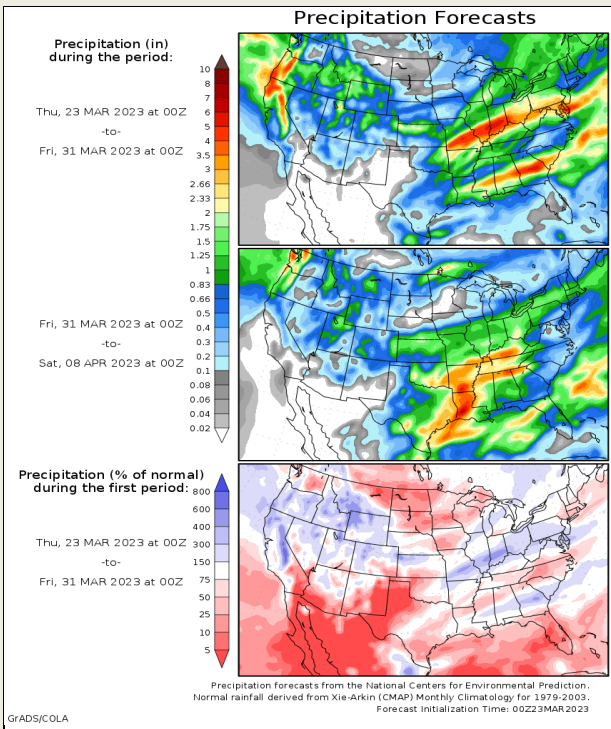
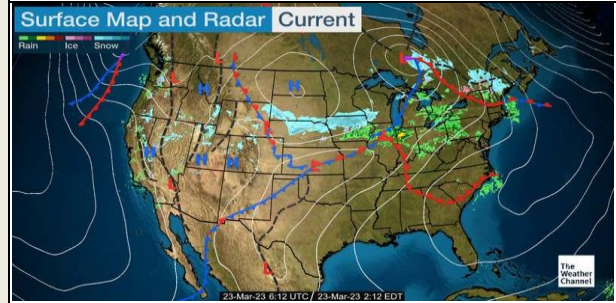
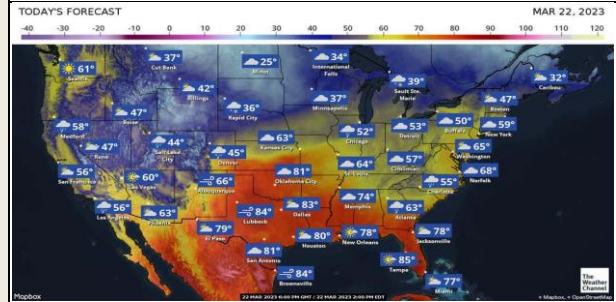
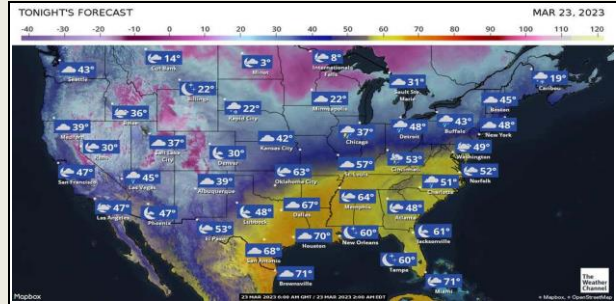
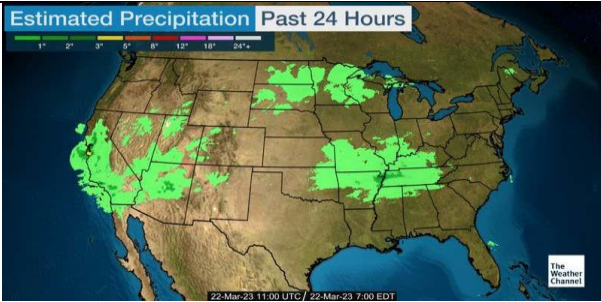
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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST :** Heavy rain and some flooding are likely from east-central and southeastern Missouri to southern Ohio and Kentucky Thursday into Friday. Additional precipitation events before and after the heavy rain are expected and a period of warmer and drier weather will be needed in April to improve conditions for fieldwork. Most of the remainder of the Midwest will also see regular rounds of precipitation through the first days of April with most of the precipitation not likely heavy enough to raise serious concerns over flooding or prolonged delays to fieldwork.

**U.S. DELTA :** Many areas from the Delta through Georgia will see regular rounds of rain into the first days of April and fieldwork will be slowed, but some fieldwork may be accomplished between rounds of rain as most of the precipitation should not be heavy. Rain in southeastern Alabama, southern Georgia, and northern Florida will be lighter than what areas to the north receive and fieldwork should advance with mostly temporary interruptions from rain. The Carolinas and southern Virginia will be drier than areas to west and will see better conditions for fieldwork.

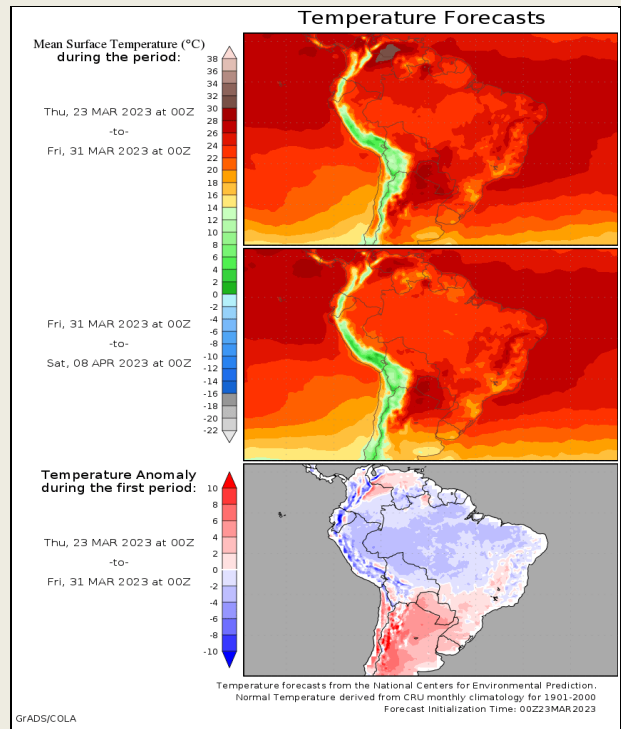
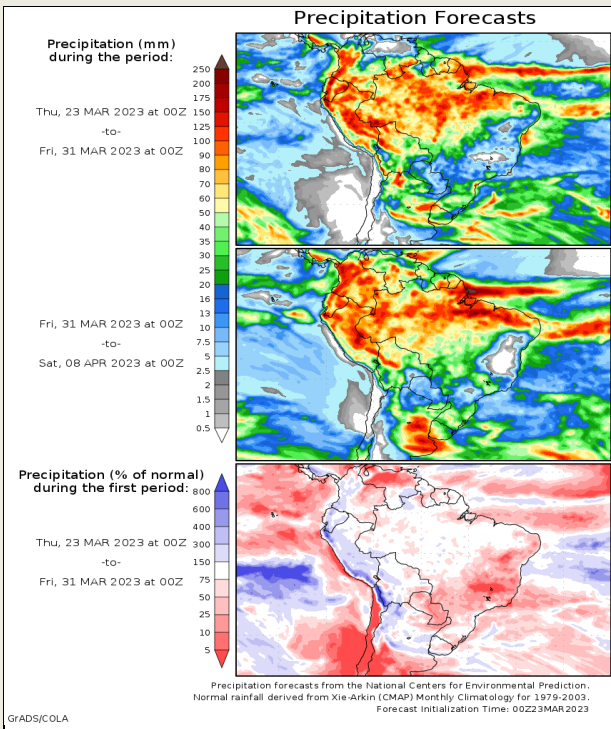
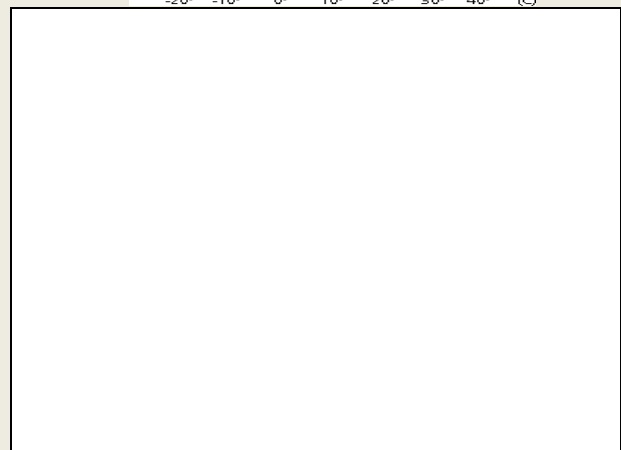
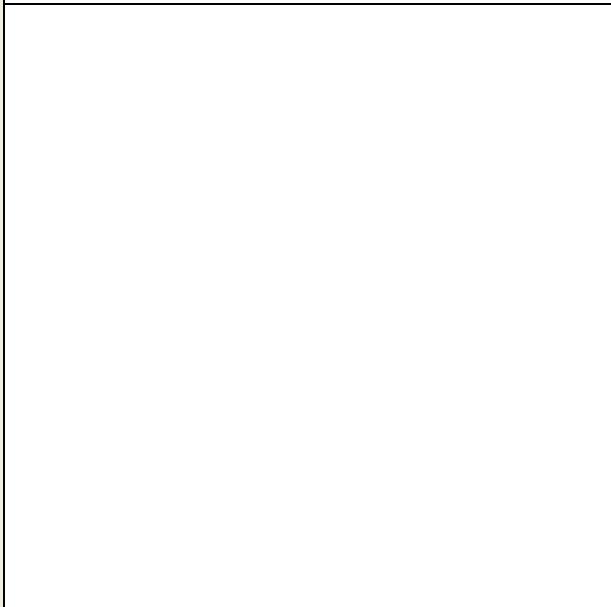
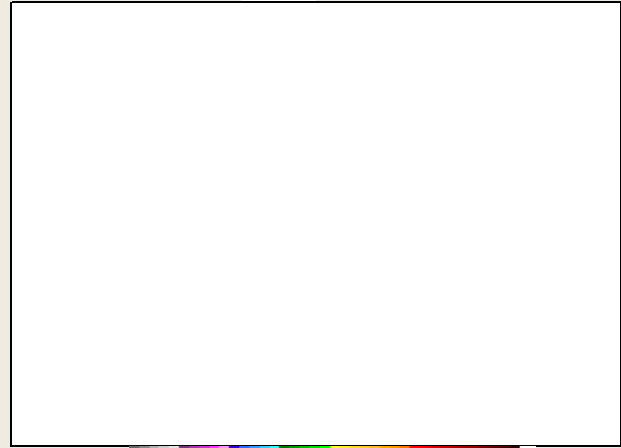


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## South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** Rain from much of Mato Grosso do Sul through Parana, Sao Paulo, and Minas Gerais during the next two weeks should be infrequent and light enough that soybean harvesting and Safrinha corn planting advances well. If seasonal rains come to an end normally this year, Safrinha corn yields should be diminished as a significant portion of the crop was or will be planted later than the end of February which is the end of the favorable planting period.

**ARGENTINA:** Central and northern Argentina will see frequent rain through the next ten days and significant improvements in soil moisture will result while some late-developing crops will benefit from the moisture as well while the rain will come too late for most crops. La Pampa to Buenos Aires will miss much of the rain through this weekend, but many areas received enough rain during the past weekend to support developing crops.

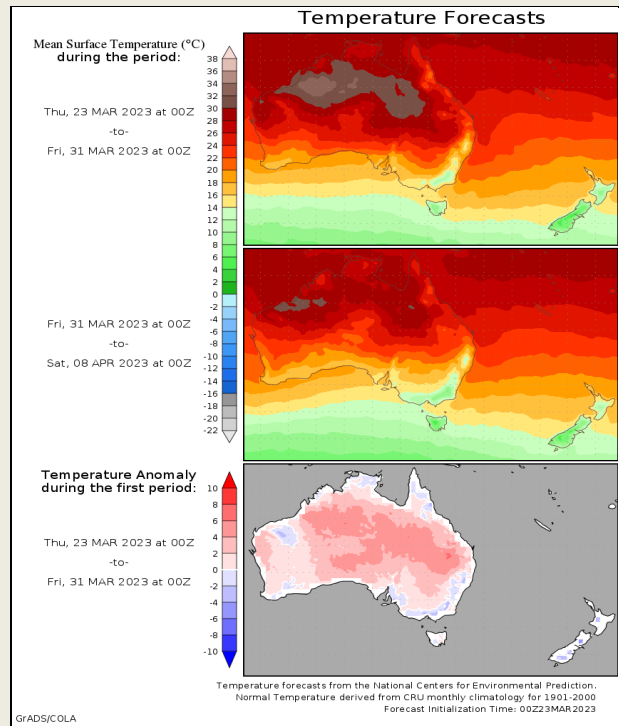
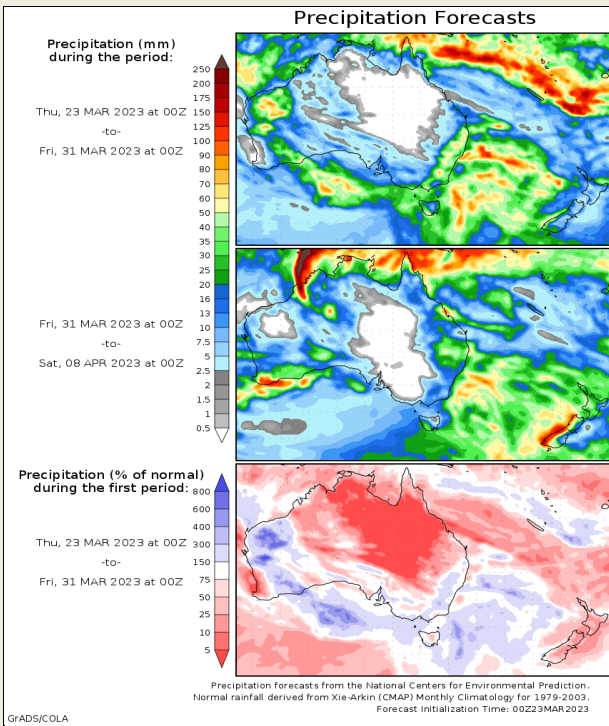
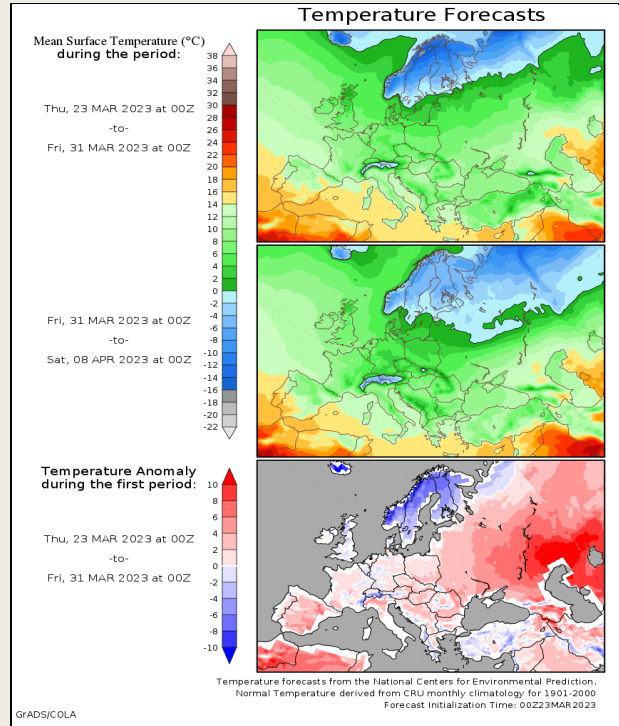
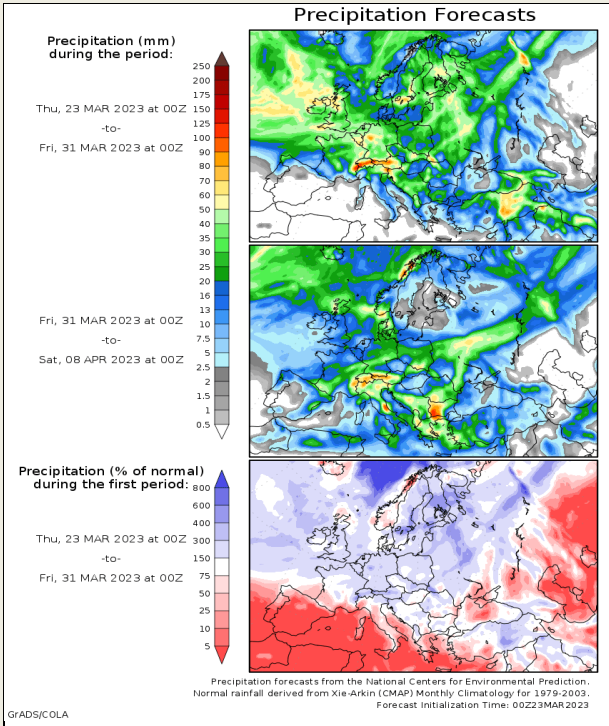


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# Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

**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 :** Improvement is still expected from rainfall in portions of New South Wales in the first week of the outlook. The greater rainfall will be beneficial, especially for unirrigated fields. Rain will be lighter in Queensland with net drying; however, topsoil moisture in Queensland was improved by a storm system earlier in the month. Unusual heat is expected during the next seven to ten days and any rain will help to counter this.



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