

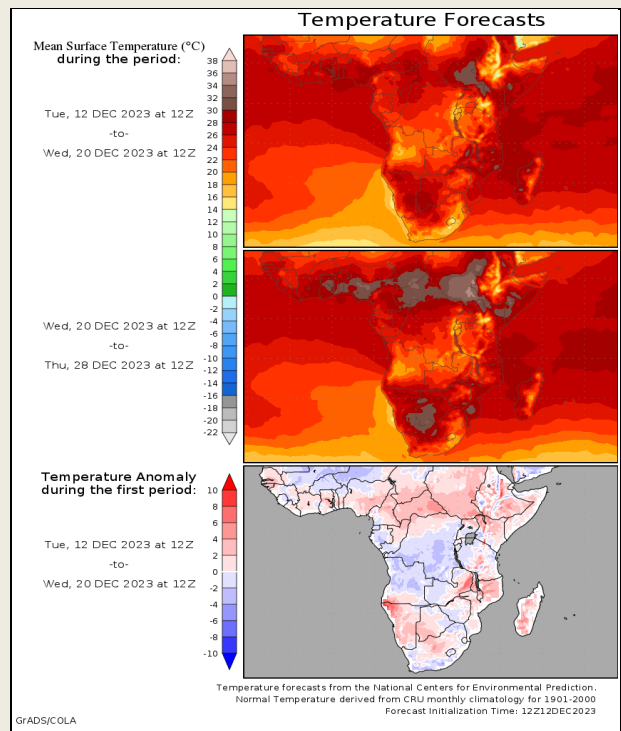
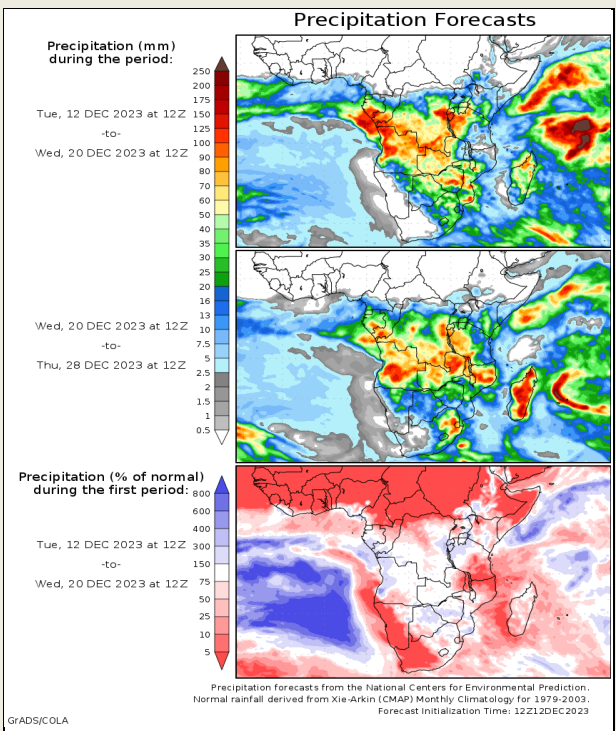
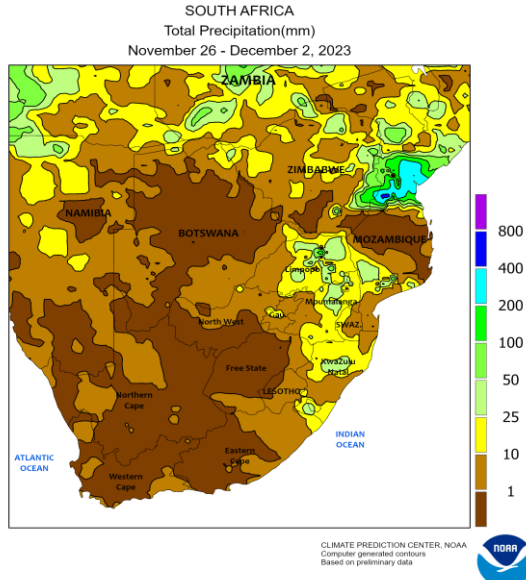
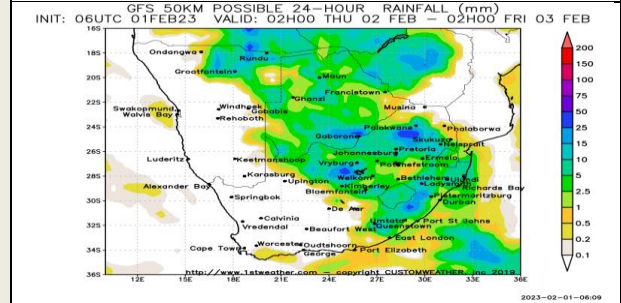
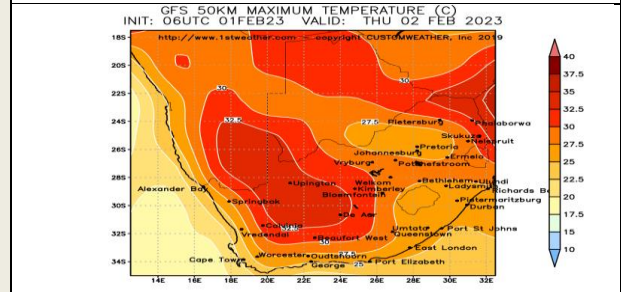
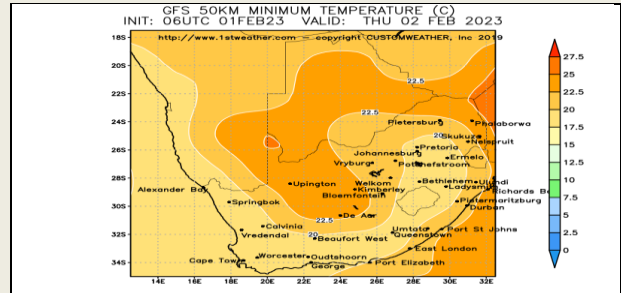


Weather Report

13 December 2023

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : South Africa's main production areas will see a good mix of erratic rain and sunshine this week. Rainfall will be enough to bolster or keep soil moisture at adequate to excessive levels in eastern South Africa. Central South Africa will also receive enough rain to improve the moisture profile, though the driest fields will need additional rain to completely fix the moisture deficits. Crop establishment and development conditions will be generally good. Eastern and central South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine this week. A disturbance will initially promote rain today with some light rain persisting Tuesday. Another disturbance will bring rain to the region Wednesday into Friday. Light rain will also be possible in a few locations over the weekend. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 0.50-4.00" with local amounts of 4.00" or slightly more. Drier pockets are also expected in Eastern Cape and western fringes of Free State and North West. Western South Africa will receive little to no rain this week. Any rain that occurs will be lost to evaporation or too light to impact long-term soil conditions. Much of South Africa will have opportunities for rain December 19 – 25. Rainfall will be enough to keep soil moisture at generally good levels in the main production areas.

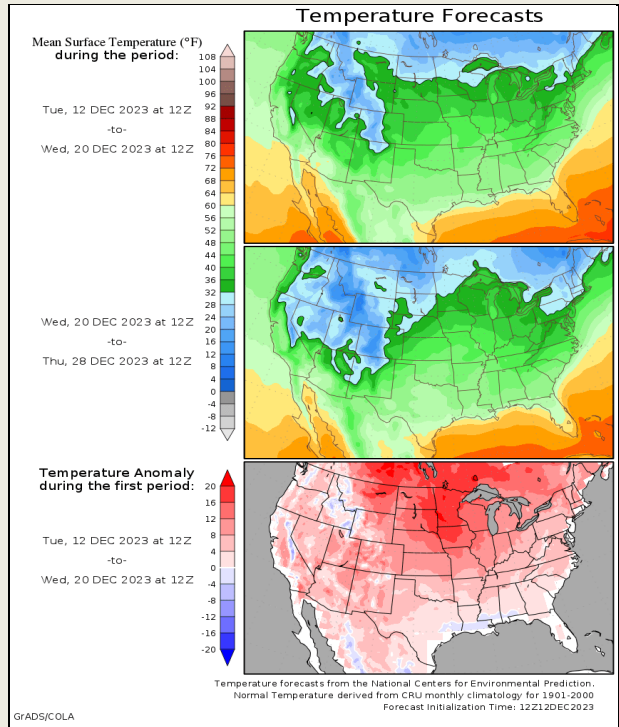
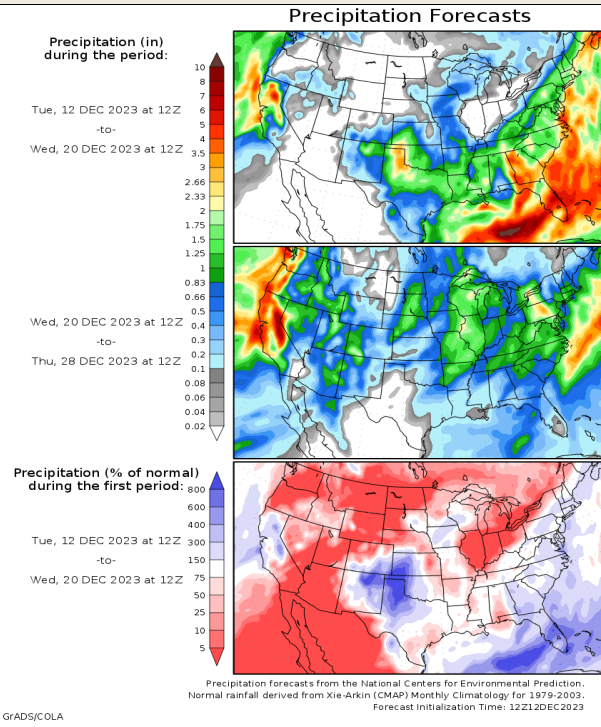
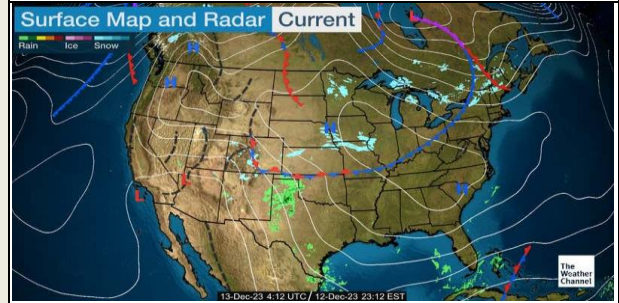
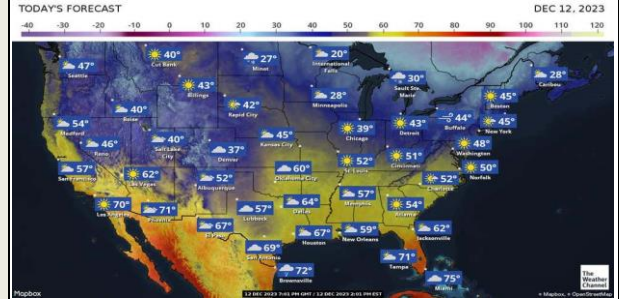
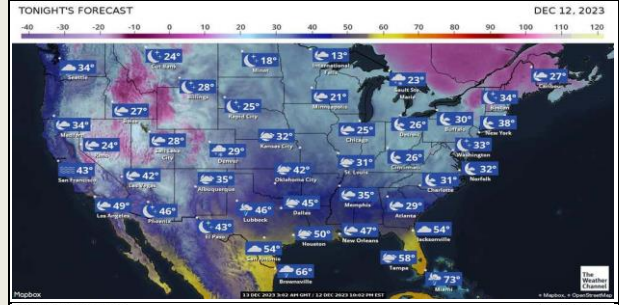


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : quiet and mostly dry weather pattern will be in place through the next ten days to two weeks and late-season fieldwork should advance well in much of the region with no outbreaks of arctic air expected through the period. ☐ Temperatures will be much warmer than normal to unseasonably warm most often through this weekend and highs in the 30s and 40s will be most common through Wednesday with upper 30s to the lower 50s most common Thursday into Sunday.

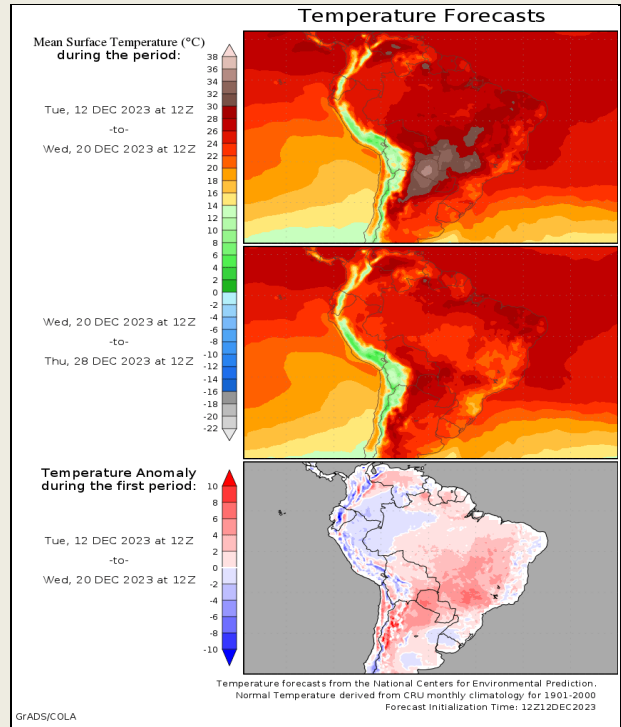
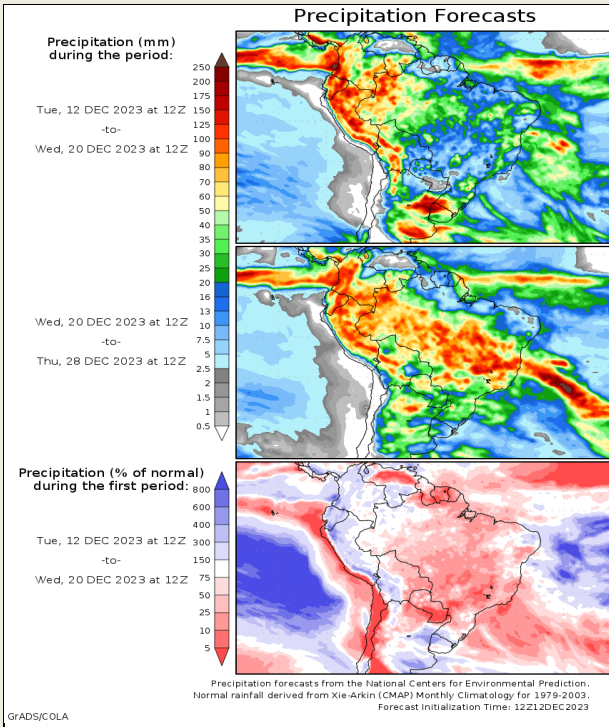
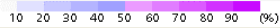
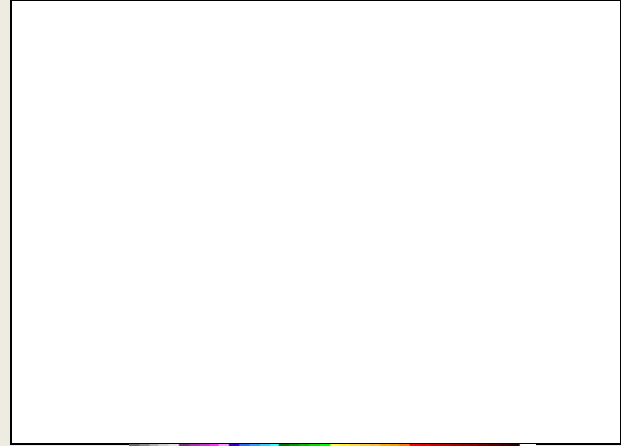
U.S. DELTA : The Delta and the Southeast will be dry through much of the next two weeks and most harvesting should soon be completed around a significant rain event from the southern Delta into a large part of the Southeast Saturday into next Monday.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: A mix of rain and sunshine is expected during the next two weeks and although warm to hot temperatures and drying is expected Thursday into Saturday, rain before and after that period should be adequate in keeping soil moisture high enough to support crop development in much of Brazil and Paraguay. Northwestern Brazil is not likely to see widespread soakings of rain and soil moisture should be low enough that timely rain will need to continue late this month ensure crop conditions are favorable.

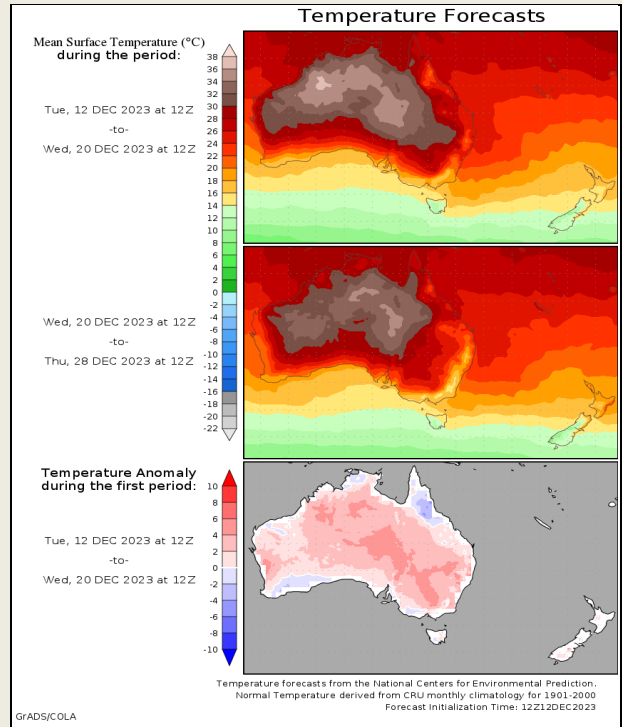
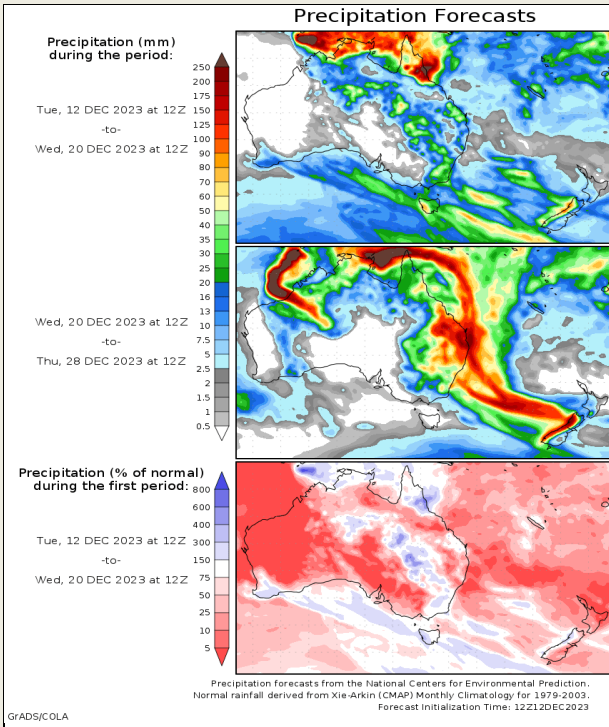
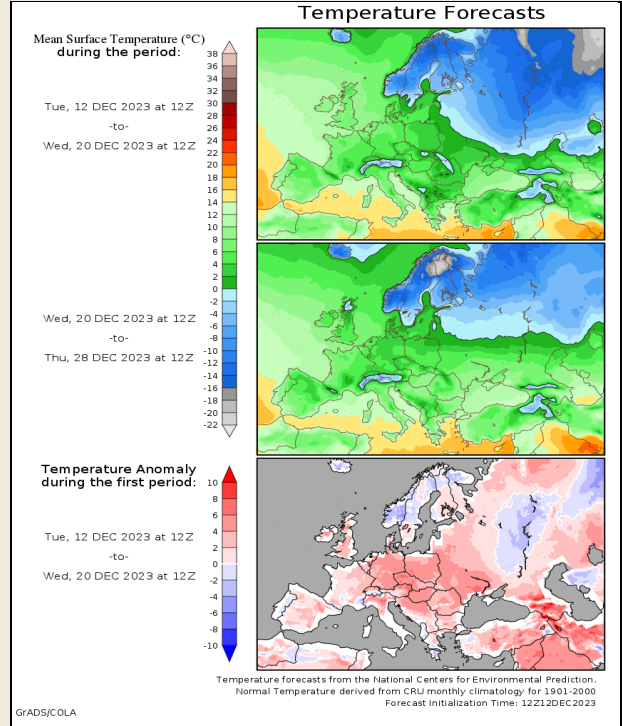
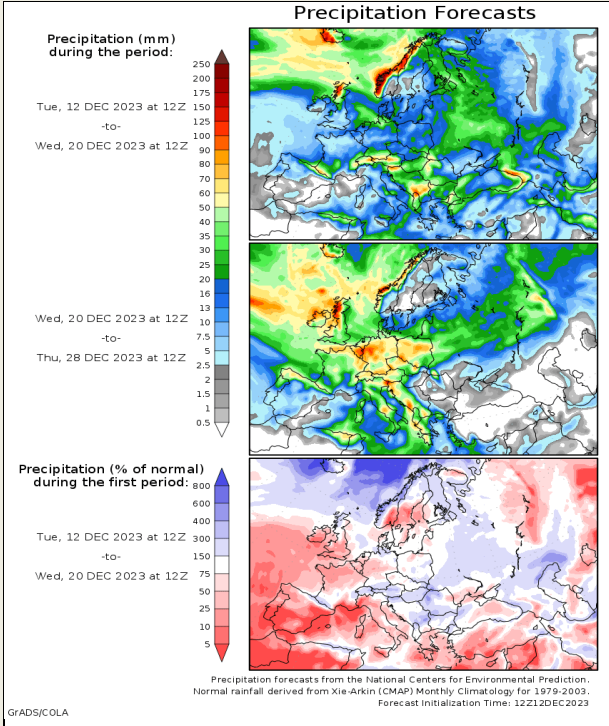
ARGENTINA: Argentina will see a period of wet weather Tuesday through next Monday and much of the country will be left with increases in soil moisture and favorable conditions for crops before drier weather Dec. 19-25 allows fieldwork to increase. Rain will be lightest from San Luis and nearby Cordoba to western Santiago del Estero and a close watch will be made on the rainfall distribution there.



Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

EUROPE : Waves of rain and some snow will impact the continent through the next seven days resulting in either a continuation of abundant to excessive soil moisture or a boost in topsoil moisture. Fieldwork will be restricted and cool temperatures may slow crop emergence and establishment in some areas. Rain in portions Spain and Portugal will ease long term dryness late next week, although frequent follow up rain must occur to make that relief significant. Eastern Spain will likely keep its drier bias. The second week of the forecast should bring a little drier weather, although not completely dry. Temperatures will warm back to a seasonable range after being cool during this first week.

AUSTRALIA : Showers this week are unlikely to counter evaporation and a net drying environment is most likely. Most of the expected precipitation will advance from west to east from South Australia to Queensland and New South Wales. The moisture will briefly disrupt fieldwork, but should not seriously harm unharvested winter grain quality further. Some quality declines may have come from the weekend heavier rain in South Australia and Victoria. Summer crop planting should continue around this week's showers, though greater rain is needed in parts of Queensland and New South Wales to support dryland crops.



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