

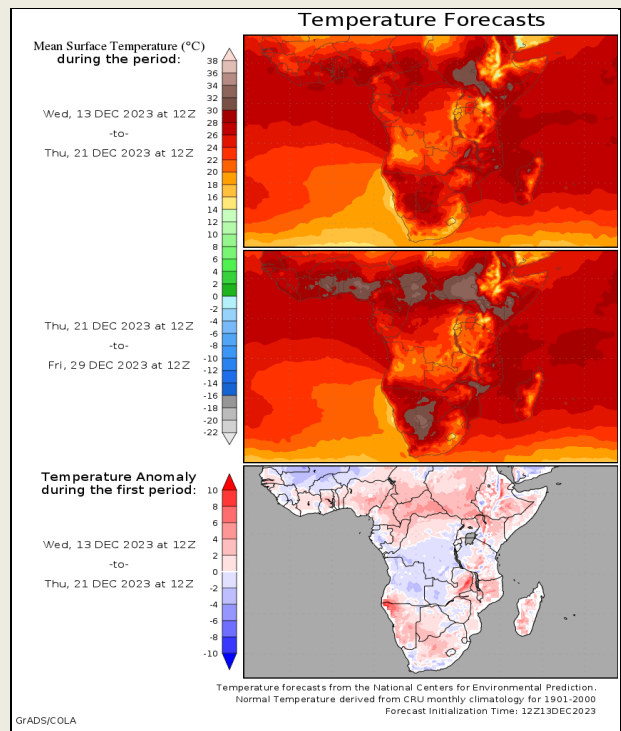
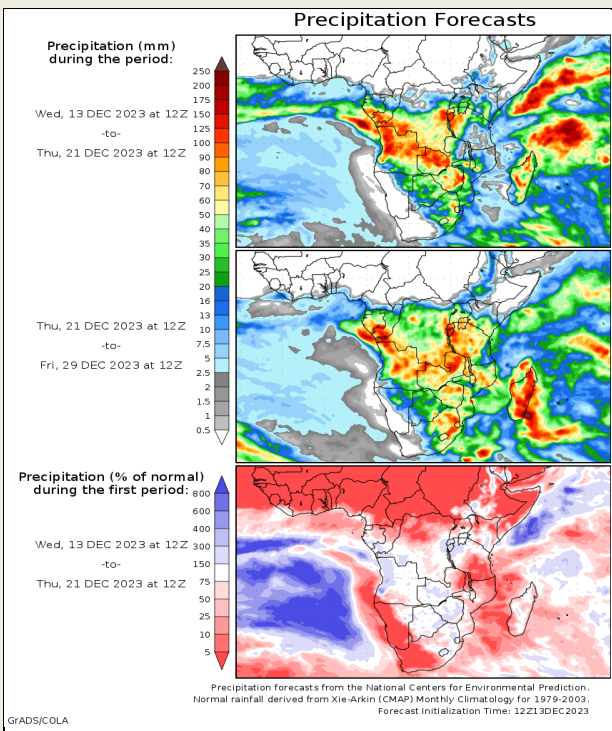
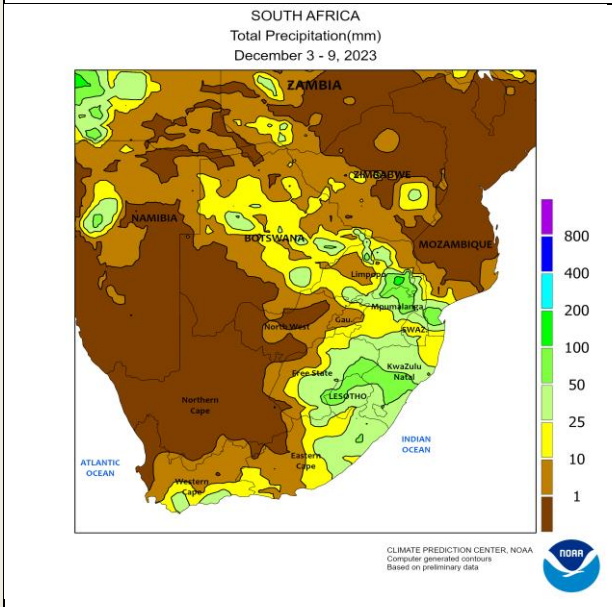
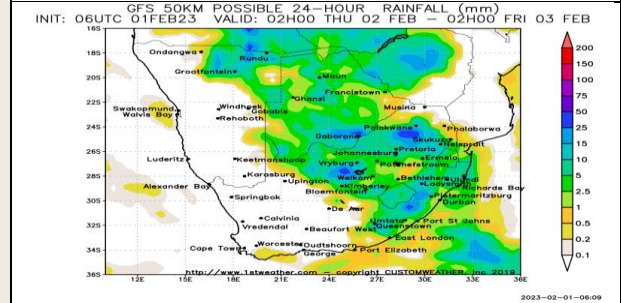
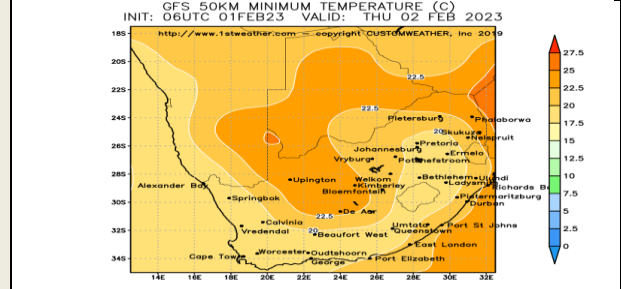


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South Africa - Weather

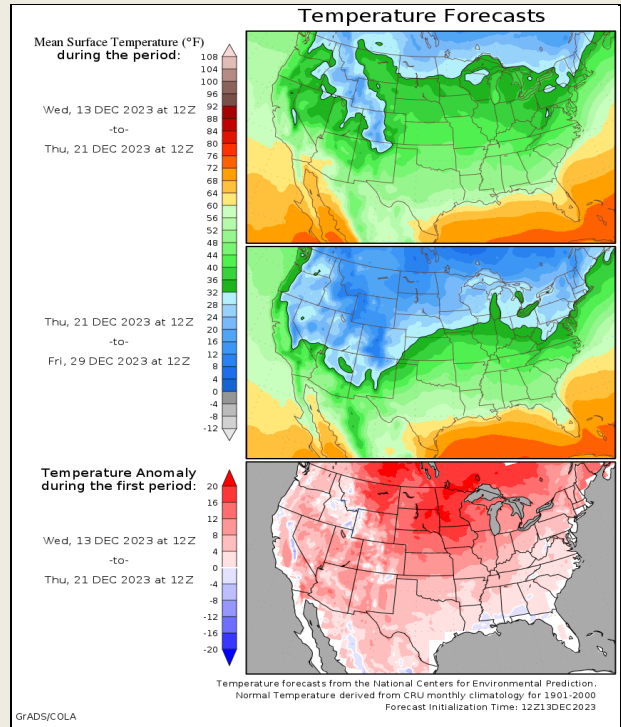
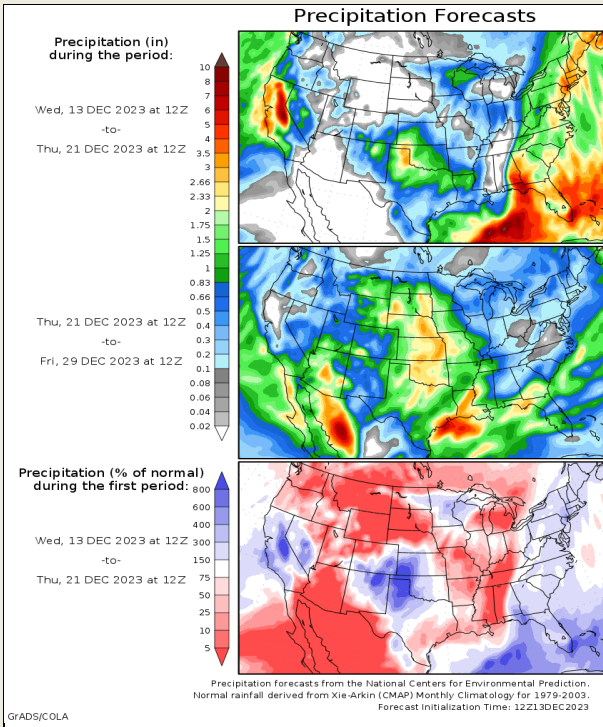
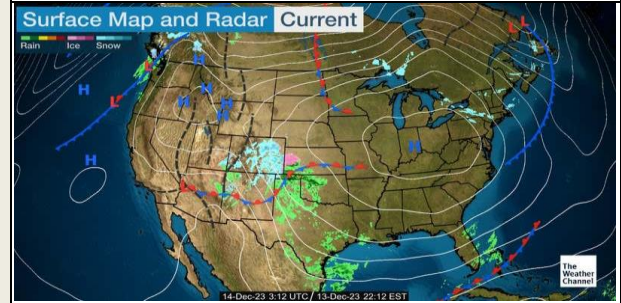
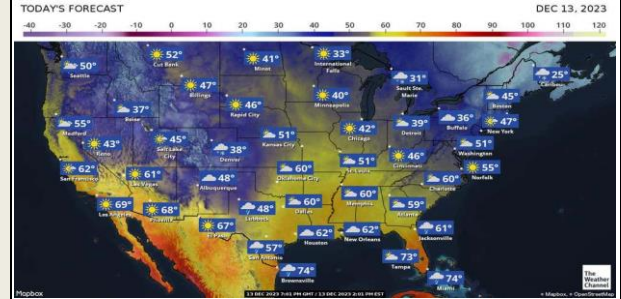
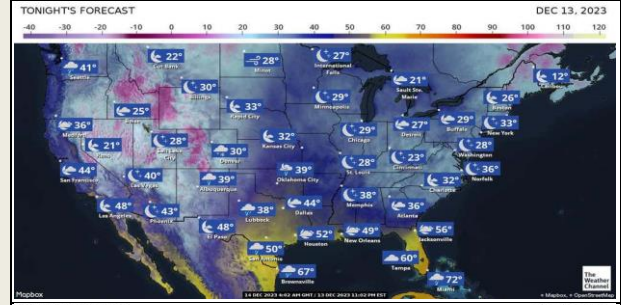
SOUTH AFRICA : The main production areas in South Africa will continue to see a good mix of rain and sunshine through the middle of next week. Rainfall will be enough to keep or bolster soil moisture to adequate or excessive levels for most locations outside the driest pockets in North West and western Free State. Crop establishment and development conditions will remain generally favorable. Eastern and central South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine through the middle of next week. Light rain will be scattered across a few locations today. A disturbance will promote more widespread rain Thursday and Friday. Light rain will persist in a few locations over the weekend and the first part of next week. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 0.40-3.00" and locally greater amounts in eastern South Africa. 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 through the middle of next week. Periods of light precipitation will occur in southern Western Cape, though resulting rainfall will be too light to impact long-term soil conditions. Much of South Africa will have opportunities for rain December 21 - 27. Rainfall will be greatest in eastern South Africa.



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United States of America - Weather

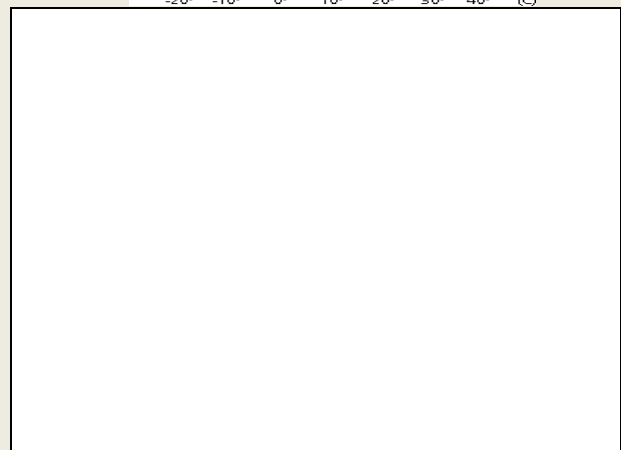
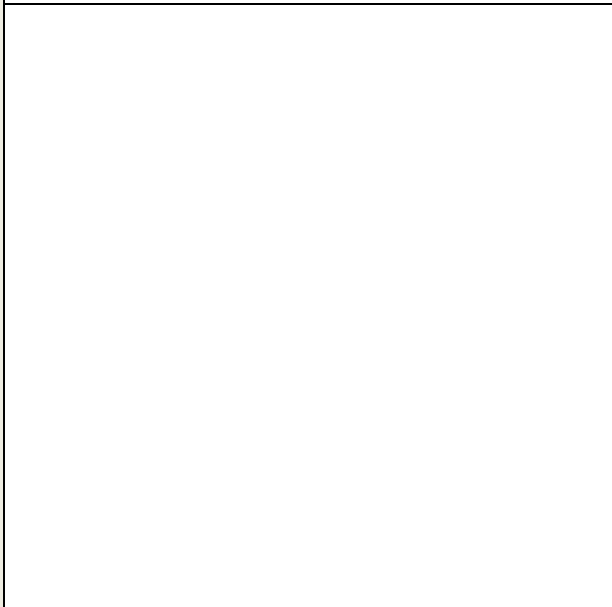
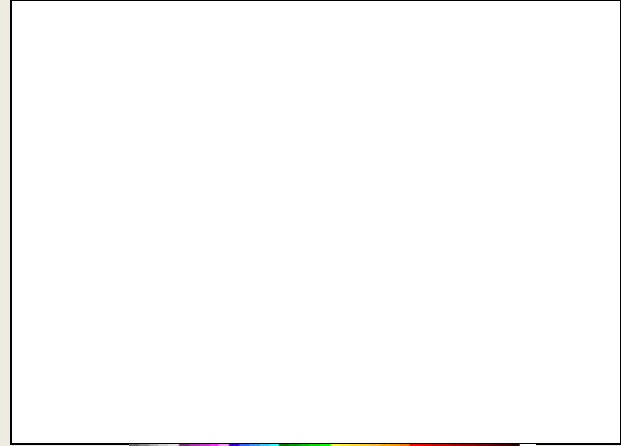
U.S. MIDWEST : A quiet and mostly dry weather pattern will be in place through the next ten days to two weeks and late-season fieldwork should advance well in much of the region with no outbreaks of arctic air expected through the period. ☐ Temperatures will be much warmer than normal to unseasonably 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.



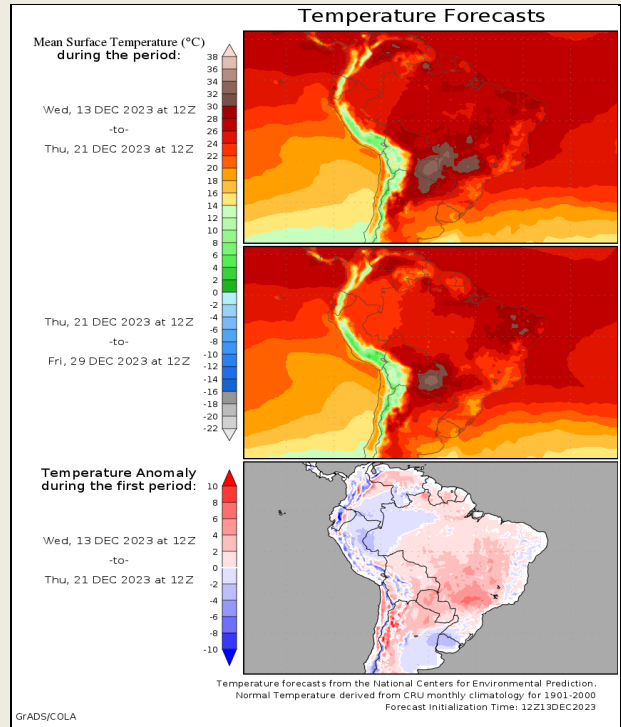
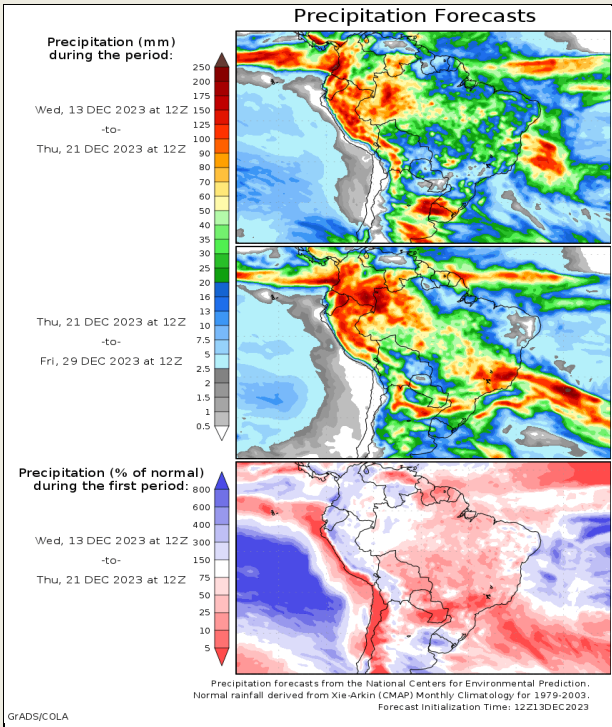
South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Much of Brazil and Paraguay will see warm to hot temperatures and little to no rain of significance through this weekend and crop stress will increase across northern Brazil where soil moisture is already short in many areas while most other areas have enough soil moisture to support crop development. ☒ The anomalously dry weather pattern expected into this weekend will give way to an important increase in showers and thunderstorms Monday through December 27.

ARGENTINA: Frequent rain through Monday along with additional rain in the north Tuesday into next Wednesday and in much of the country Dec. 22-23 will leave much of the country with increases in soil moisture and favorable conditions for crops into at least late this month. ◦ Fieldwork will be interrupted by the rain, but some fieldwork should advance between rounds of precipitation with the poorest conditions for farming activity in and near northern Santa Fe where some heavy rain is expected and local flooding may occur.



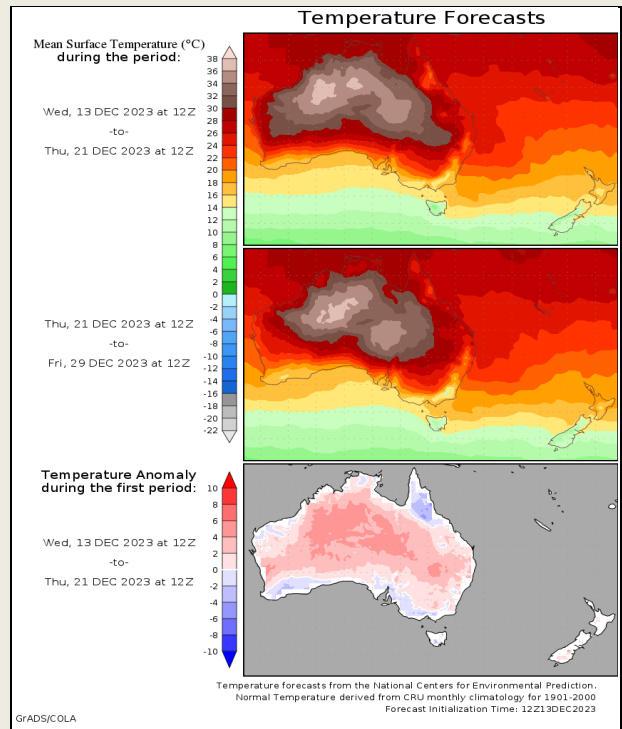
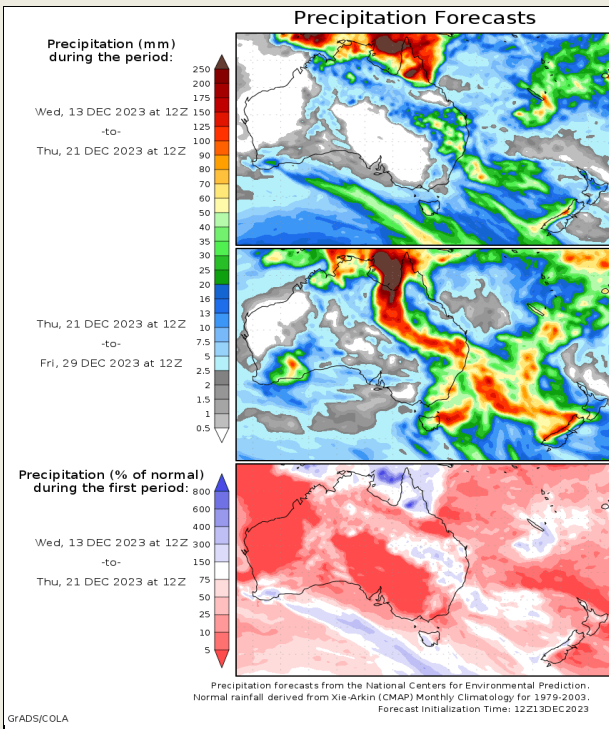
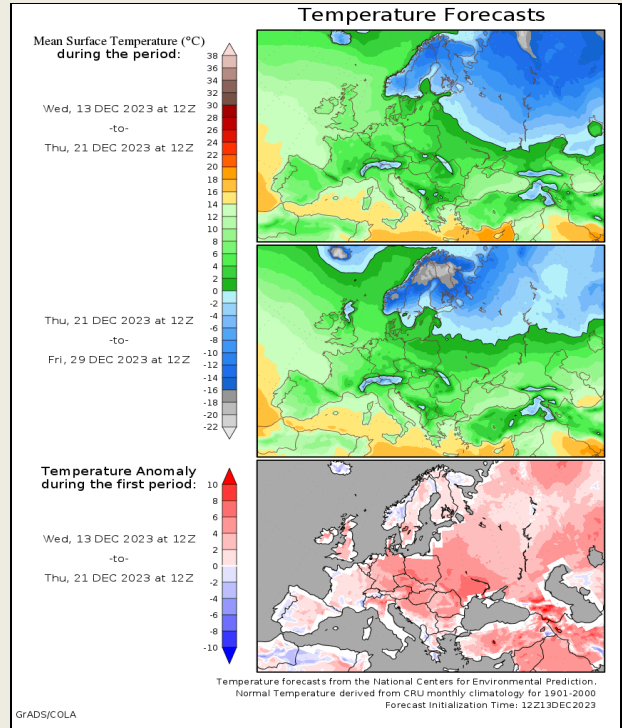
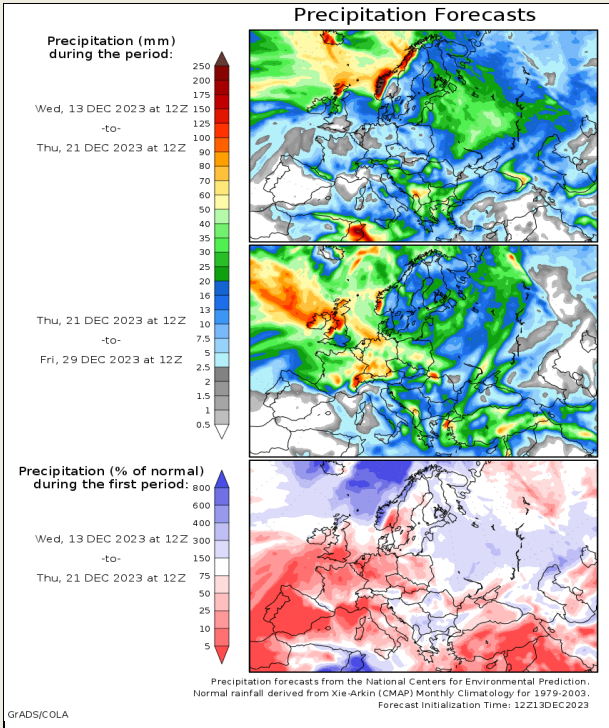
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Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

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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