

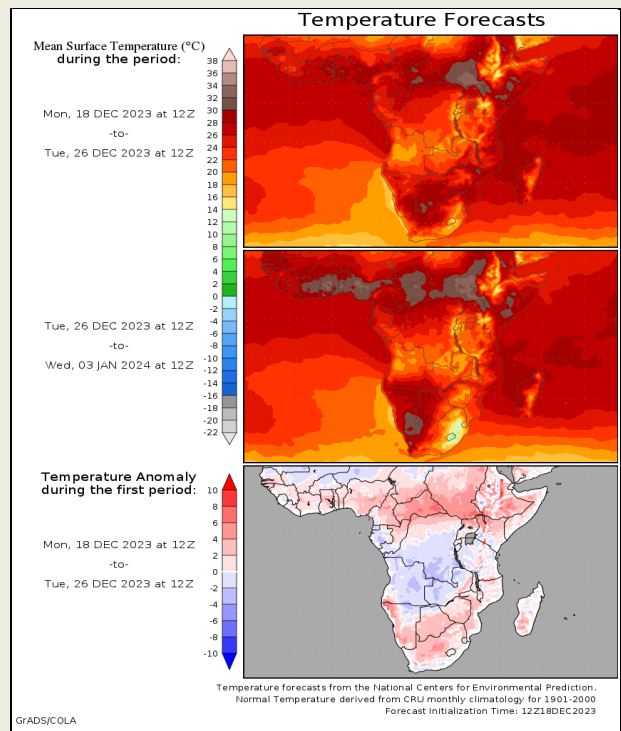
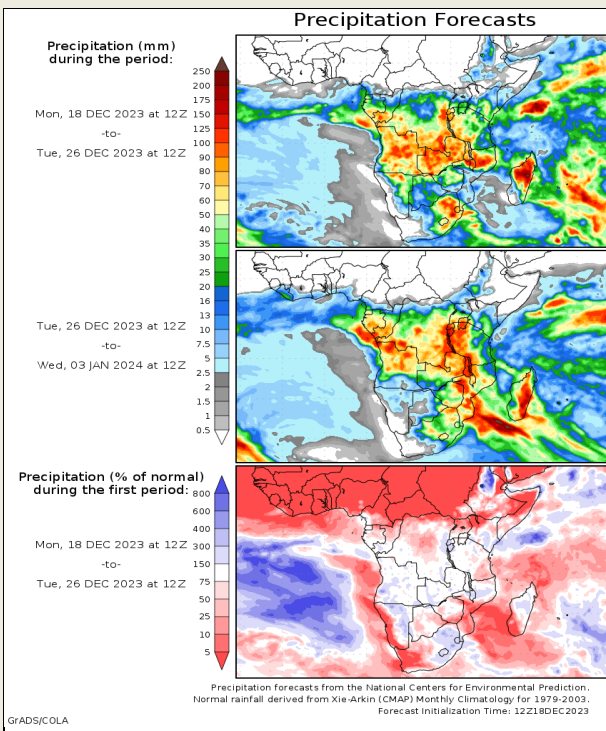
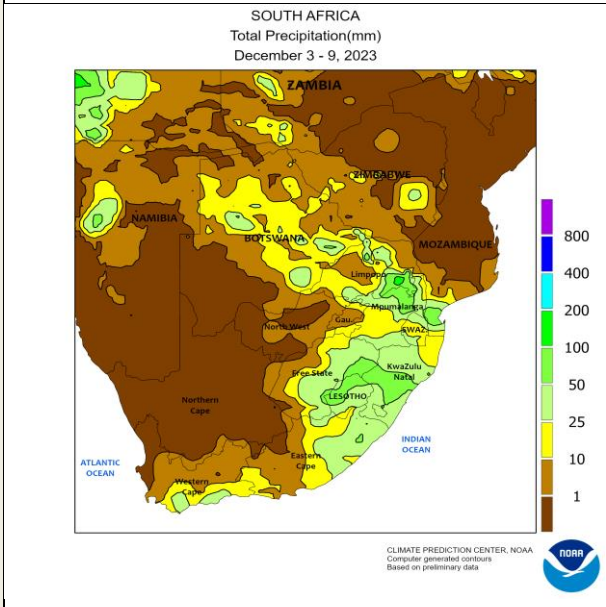
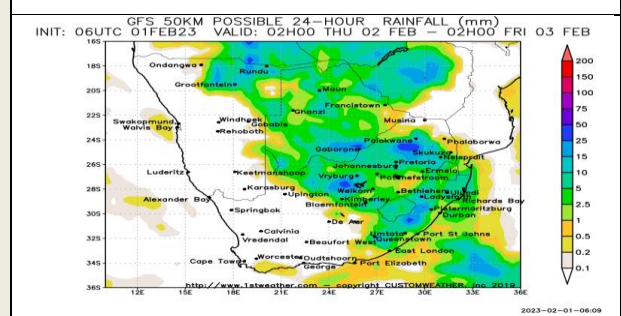
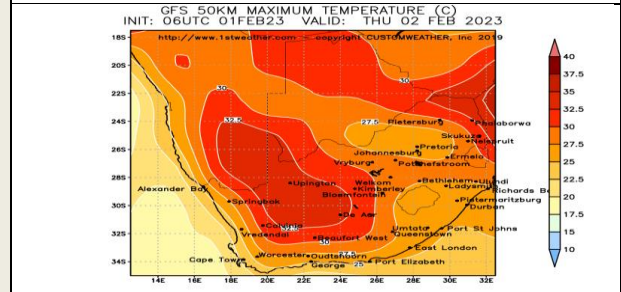
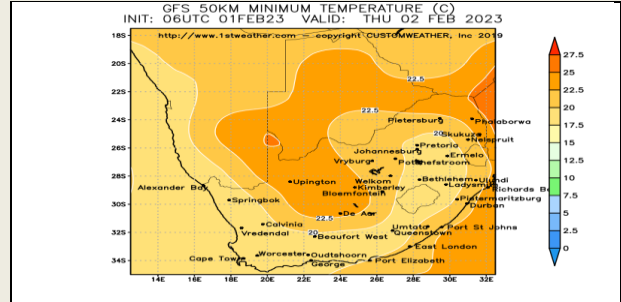


Weather Report

19 December 2023

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : South Africa's main production areas will see a good mix of rain and sunshine this week. Rainfall will be enough to keep or bolster soil moisture in much of crop country with exceptions for western fringes of North West and Free State. The environment will remain generally favorable for crop establishment and growth, though central South Africa may need a little more rain late this month and early January. Eastern and central South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine this week. Scattered showers will evolve in eastern South Africa through Thursday. A disturbance will promote more widespread rain Friday and this weekend. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 0.50-3.00" with local amounts of 5.00" or more in Natal and Mpumalanga. 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. Periods of light precipitation will occur in eastern Northern Cape, though resulting rainfall will be too light to impact long-term soil conditions. Much of eastern and central South Africa will have opportunities for rain December 26 – January 1. Western South Africa will be drier biased, but will still have opportunities for light rain.

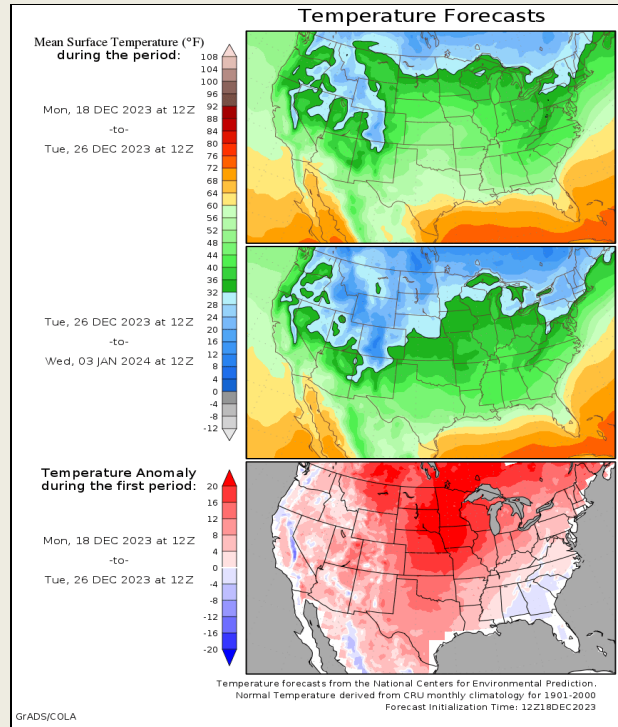
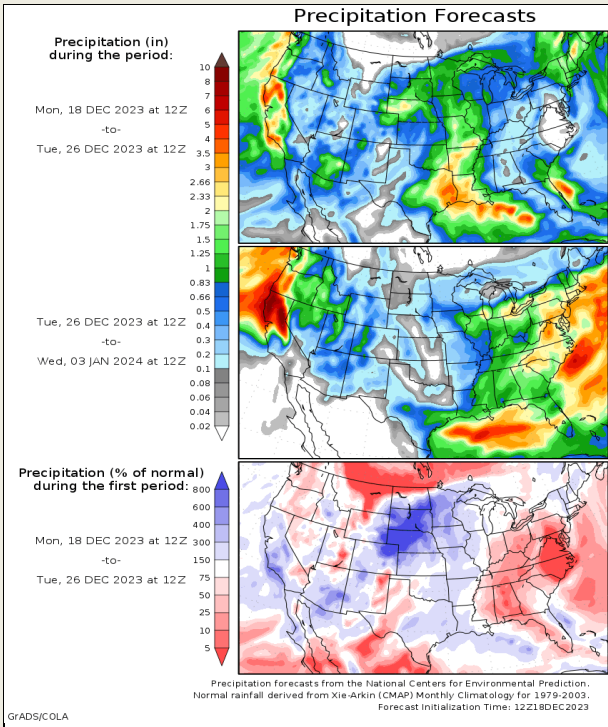
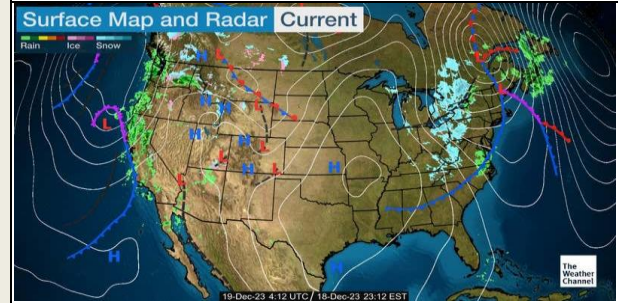
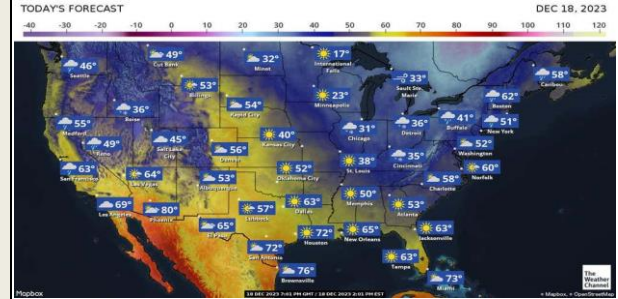
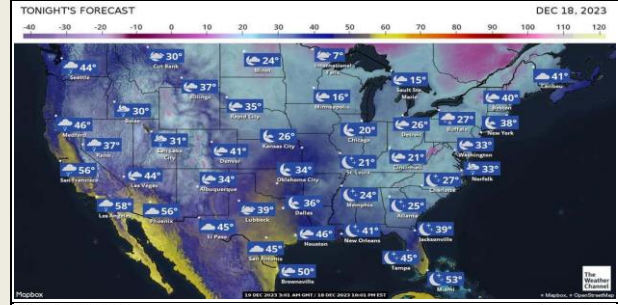


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : Quiet weather will be most common through the next two weeks with a notable exception Sunday into early next week when widespread rain and some snow impacts the region. o Snow will also fall today from Michigan to eastern Indiana and Ohio with eastern Kansas to Ohio seeing rain Wednesday night into Friday.

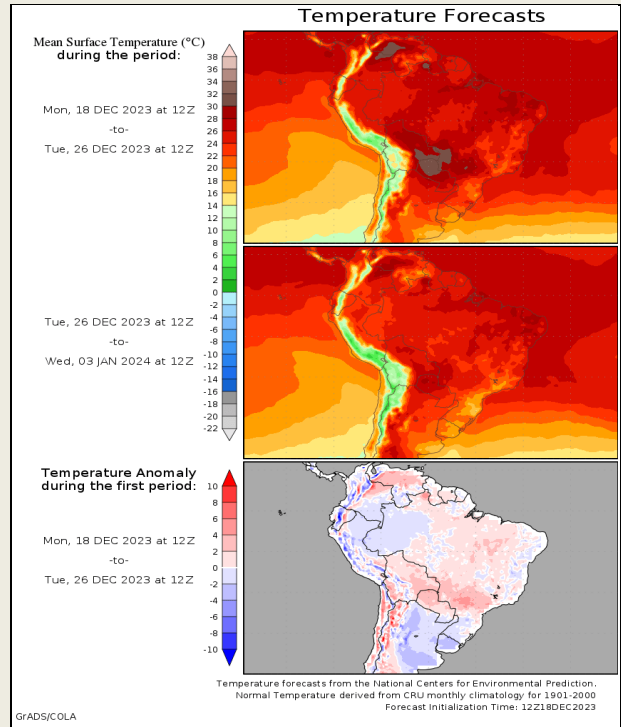
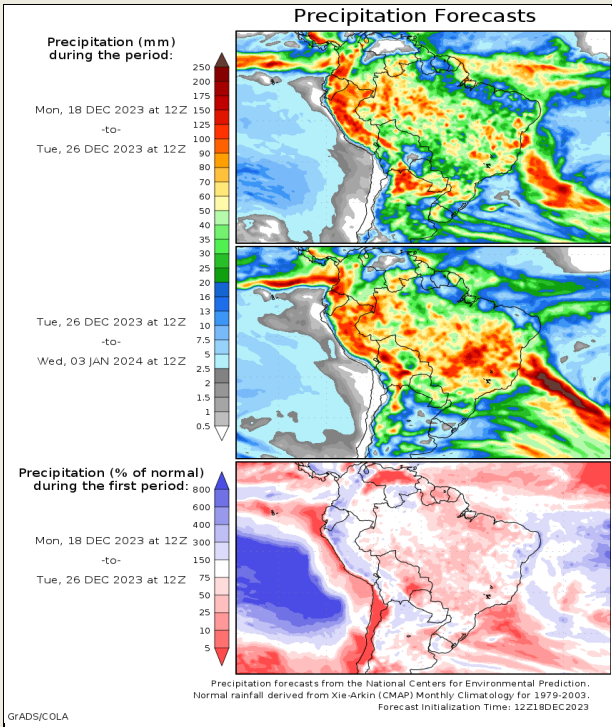
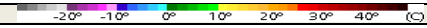
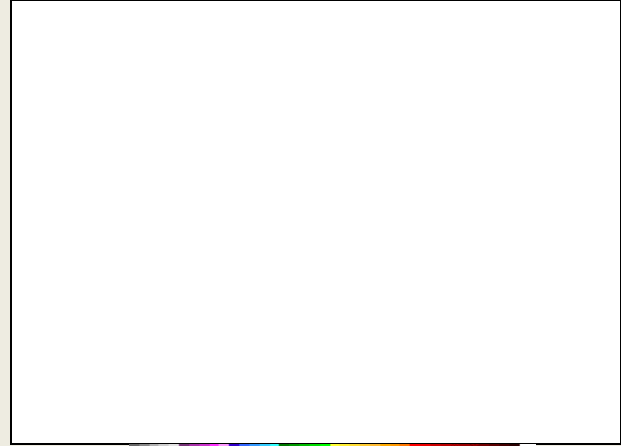
U.S. DELTA : The Delta and the Southeast will be dry through much of the next two weeks with a notable exception Sunday into Tuesday of next week when widespread and significant rain is expected to follow rain from the Delta into parts of western Alabama Friday into Saturday. o Flood conditions in the Southeast will quickly improve this week and a close watch will be made on rain Sunday into Tuesday as a few areas may receive enough precipitation to renew flooding.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: The anomalously dry weather pattern recently seen in much of Brazil will give way to an important increase in showers and thunderstorms beginning today before becoming more significant later this week and continuing into at least early January. Rain during the next two weeks may be less than usual in some areas, but the timing and amount of rain should maintain favorable conditions for most crops in central and southern Brazil and Paraguay.

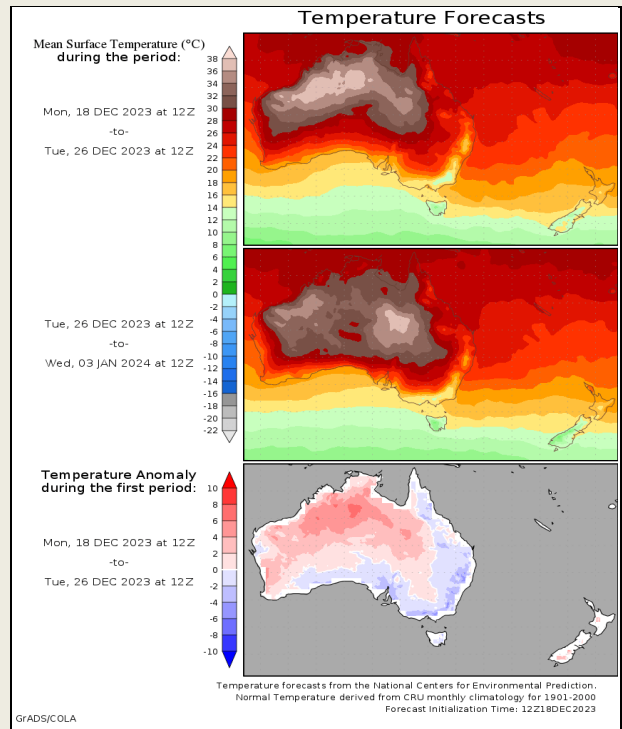
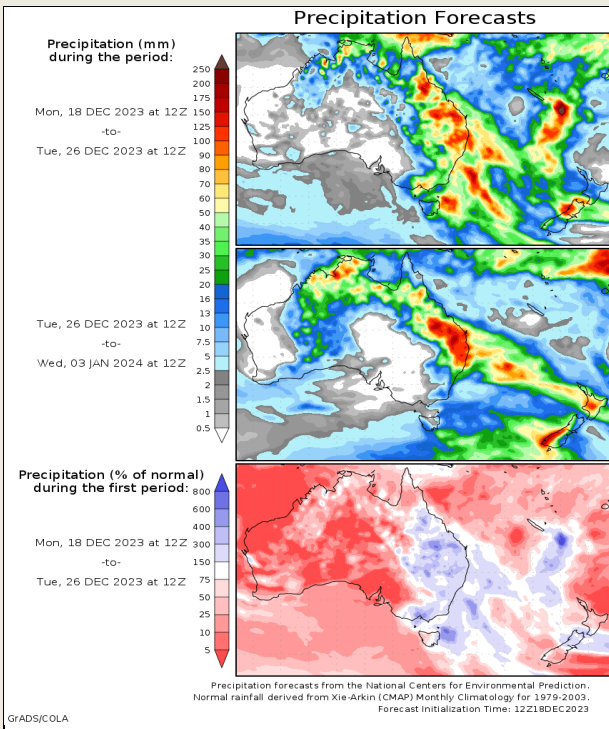
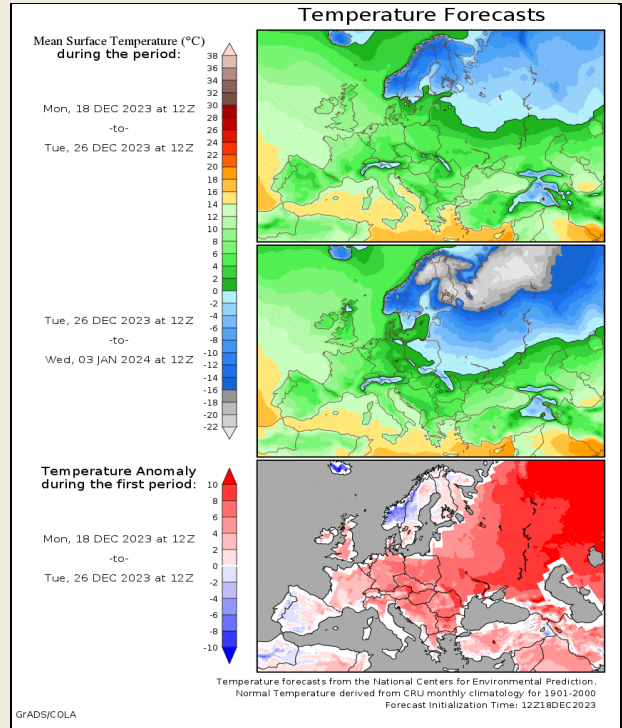
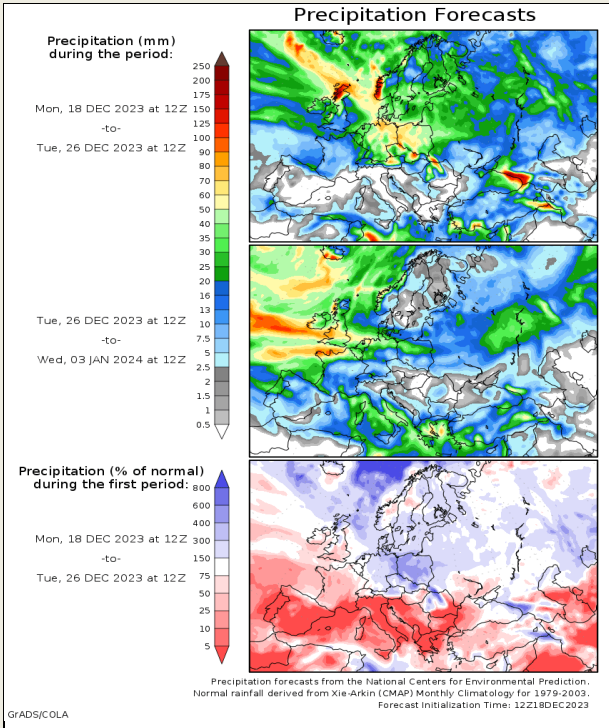
ARGENTINA: Two more rounds of nearly widespread rain will fall during the next week and fieldwork will be interrupted while nearly all of the country is left with favorable soil moisture for crop development. Rain will be lightest from San Luis into western Cordoba and southern Santiago del Estero and 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 : Beneficial rainfall will occur in Queensland and New South Wales in the next seven days which will help raise soil moisture for developing sorghum, cotton and other grains and oilseeds. Drier weather in southern areas will be good for crop maturation and harvest advancement. Flooding rain last week in northern sugarcane areas of Queensland may have induced some concern for the crop, but improving weather is expected this week. Other sugarcane areas are likely to receive significant rain in the next two weeks improving crop development potential after recent months of dry biased weather.



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