

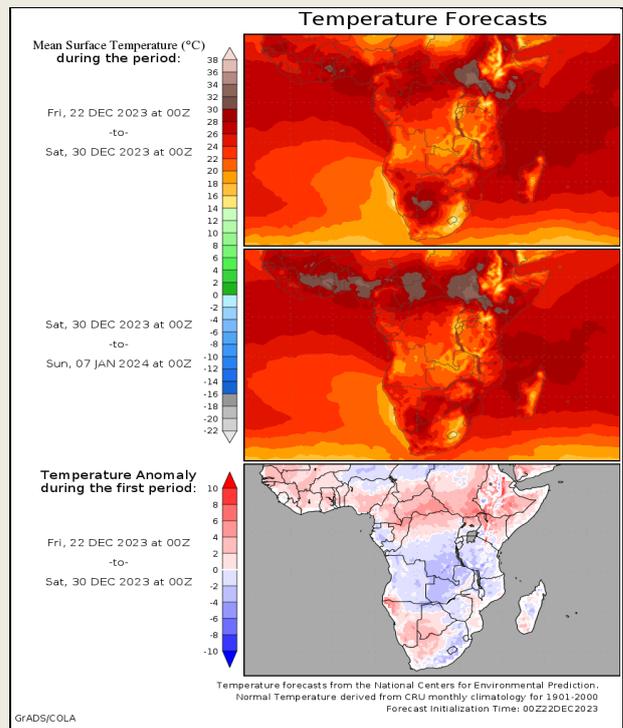
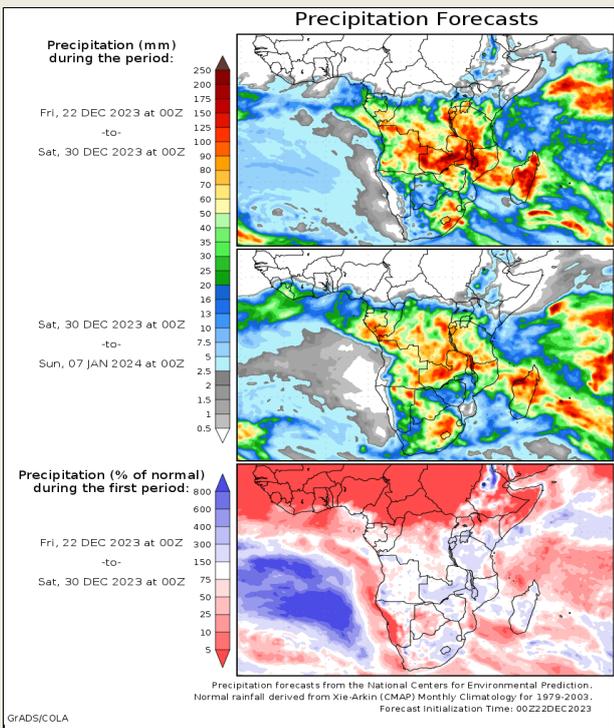
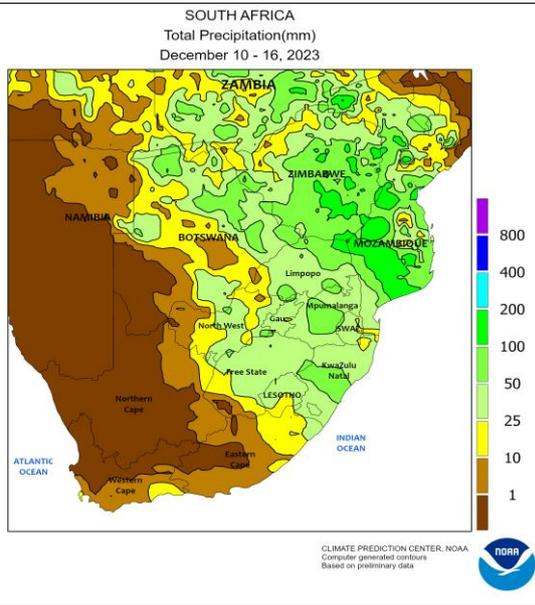
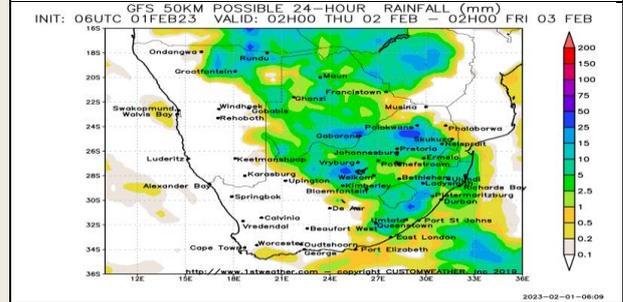
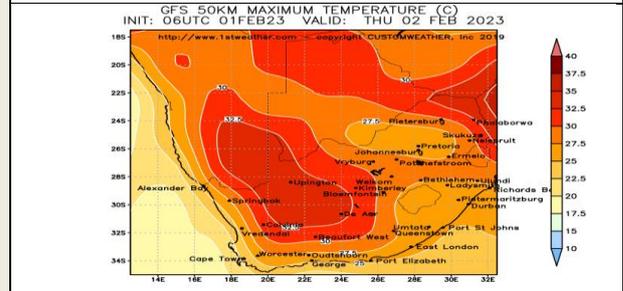
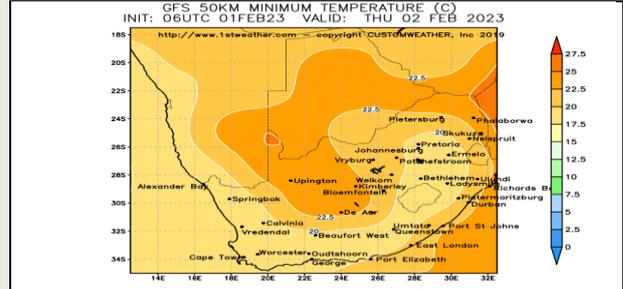


Weather Report

22 December 2023

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : Frequent rainfall will persist for the main production areas in South Africa during the coming week. Rainfall will be enough to keep soil moisture at adequate to excessive levels with exceptions for portions of western Free State and North West. The environment will remain generally favorable for aggressive coarse grain, oilseed, sugarcane, cotton, and other crop establishment and growth. • Eastern and central South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the coming week o Light rain will evolve in a few locations today o Disturbances will promote more widespread rain on a frequent basis for the remainder of the coming week o Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 1.50-5.00" and locally greater amounts in Natal, Mpumalanga, and eastern sections of Eastern Cape o Limpopo, Free State, North West, and most other areas in Eastern Cape will receive 0.75-2.50" of rain and locally greater amounts

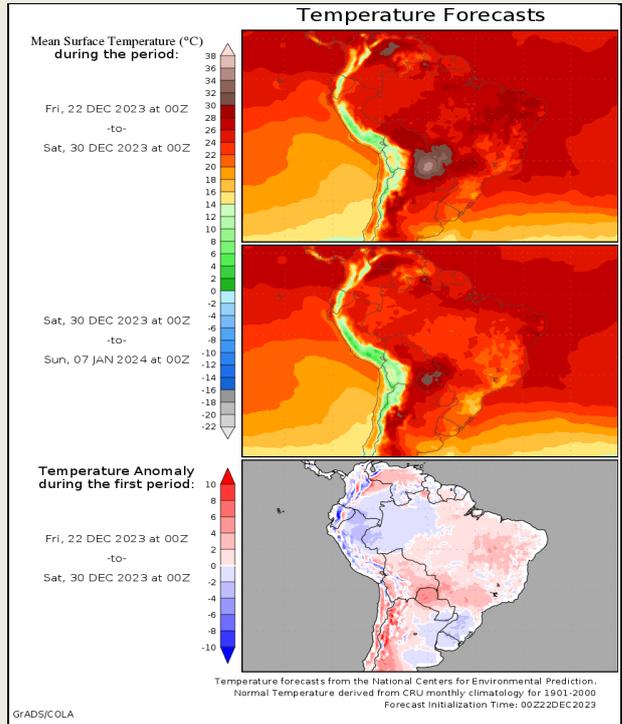
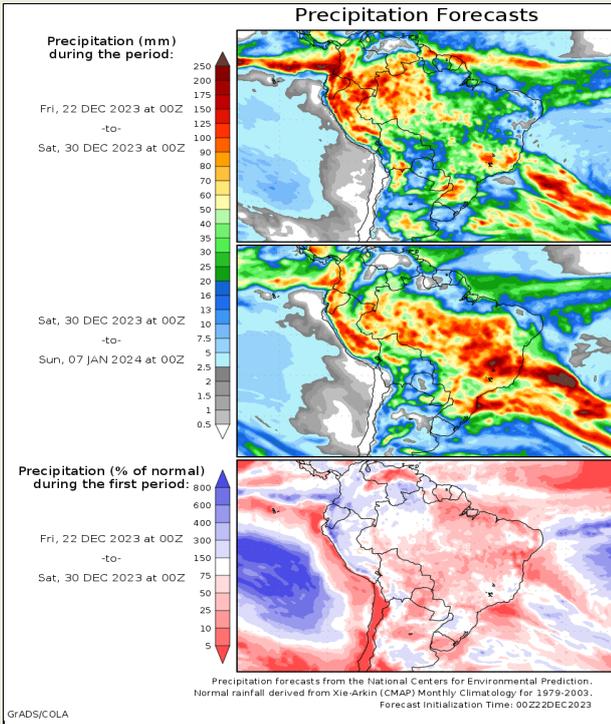
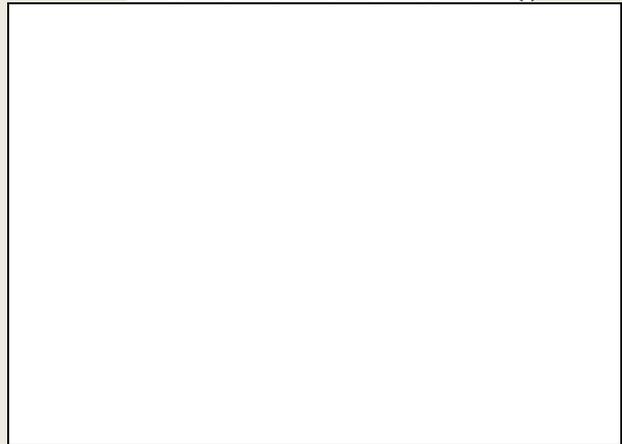
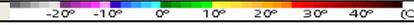


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South America - Weather

BRAZIL: More improvement will occur in the first week of the outlook in the area with the lowest soil moisture from Mato Grosso through Bahia and northern Minas Gerais. Enough rain will occur to increase topsoil moisture and reduce crop stress. The rain in northern Brazil will be greatest today through Saturday before becoming lighter with less coverage Sunday through Wednesday. The reduced rain will then occur through Dec. 28 before increasing again. As long as the drier periods of weather don't last long, crops should be mostly supported. Rain could be particularly heavy in Bahia, Minas Gerais, Goias, and Tocantins Dec. 30 – Jan. 4. Farther south, the weather pattern should be mostly favorable.

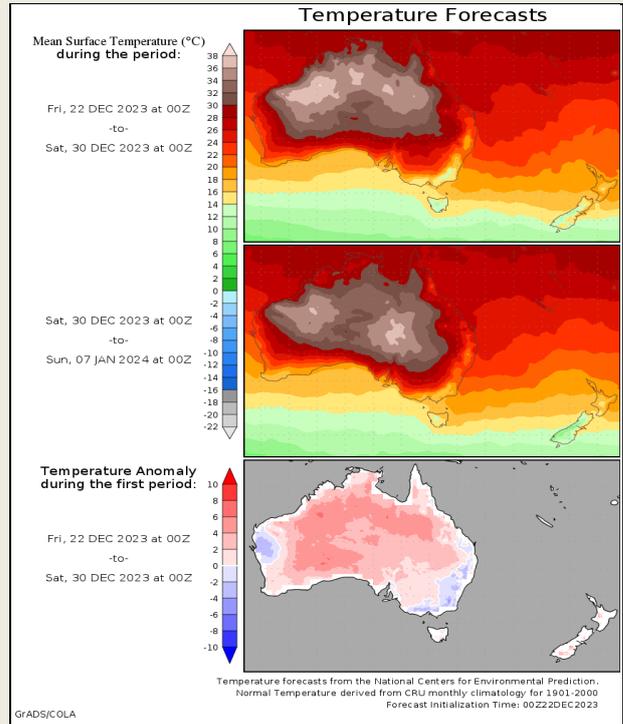
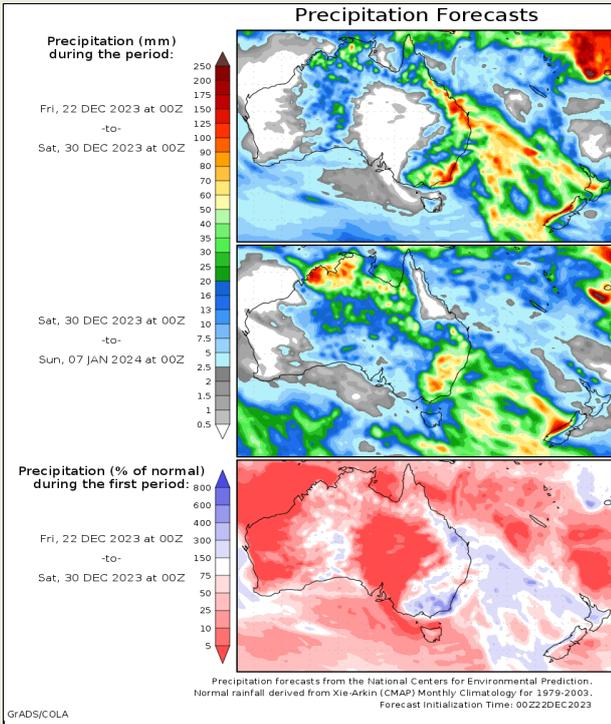
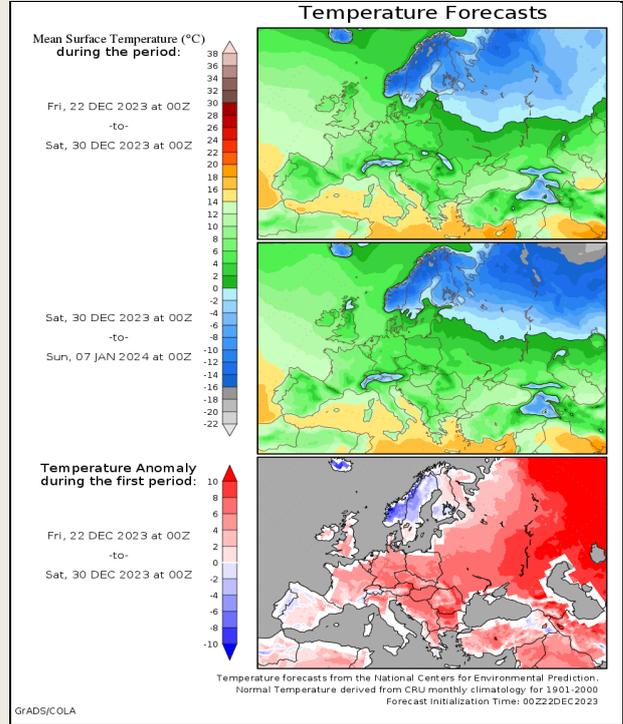
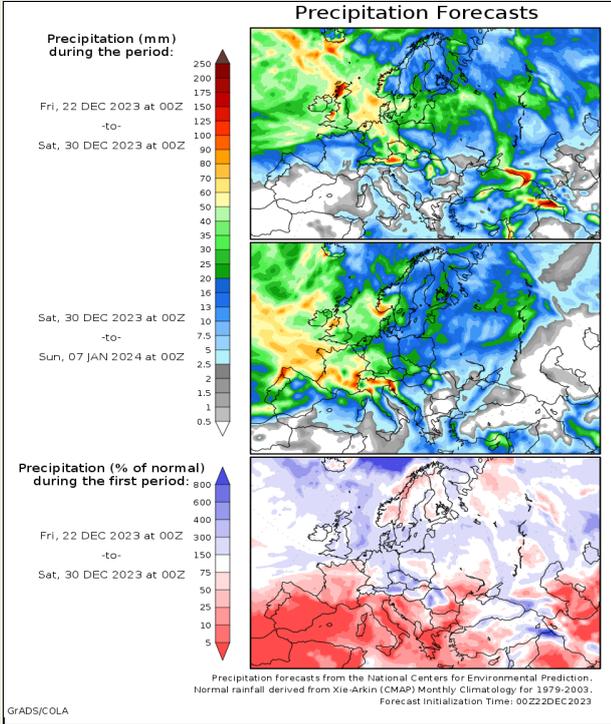
ARGENTINA: A mostly favorable mix of rain and sunshine is expected in the first week of the outlook. Some of the areas that receive the least amount of rain will be areas with the greatest soil moisture, and this drier bias will be good for better fieldwork advancement. There will be some pockets of heavy rain that occur mainly in the south and north, with central areas driest.



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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