

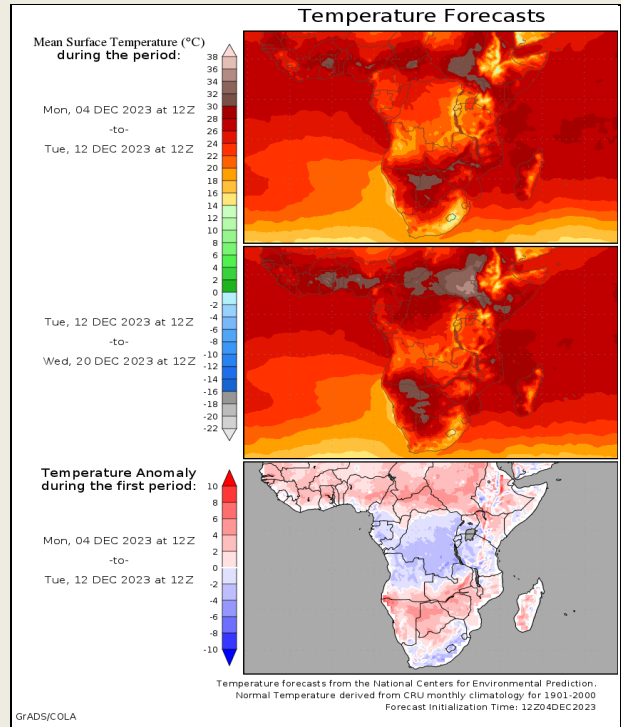
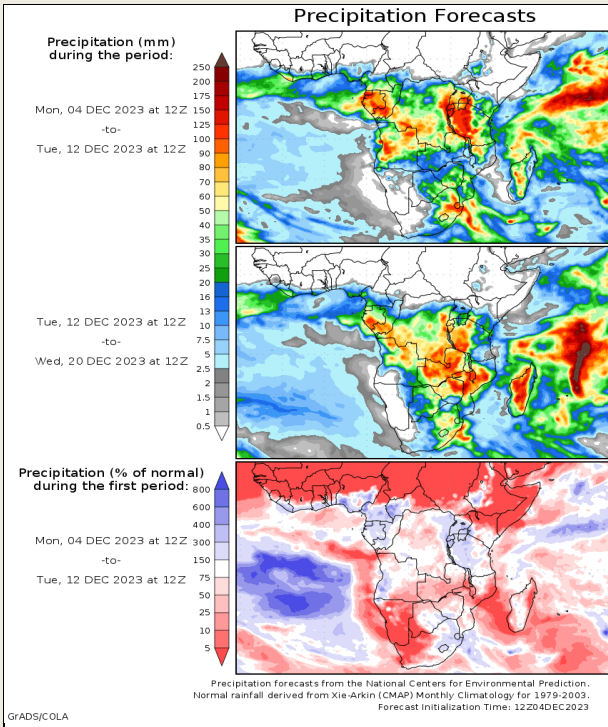
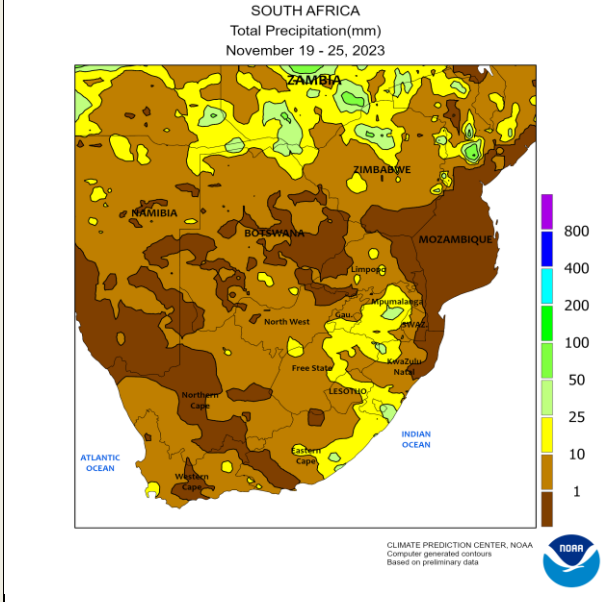
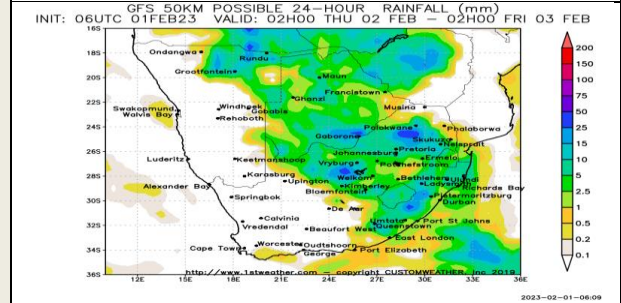
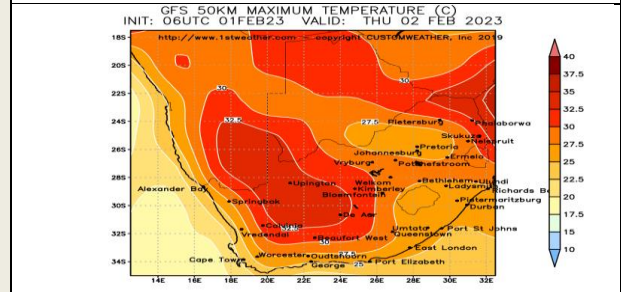
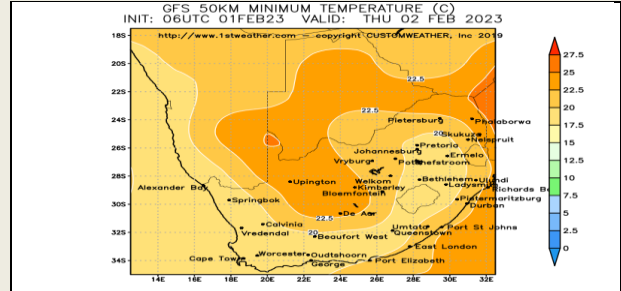


Weather Report

05 December 2023

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : The main production areas in South Africa will see a good mix of rain and sunshine this week. Eastern South Africa will receive the greatest amount of rain that will gradually bolster soil moisture. Crop establishment and development conditions will remain generally favorable. Additional rain will be needed in future weeks to fully restore soil moisture to normal and support long term crop development. The environment will still improve for establishment and early-season growth. Eastern and central South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine this week. Light rain will initially be scattered across a few locations today. A disturbance will promote more widespread rain Tuesday into Friday. Scattered showers will persist over the weekend when another disturbance enters the country. Natal, Mpumalanga, southern Limpopo, and eastern Free State will receive 1.50-5.00" of rain and locally greater amounts by next Monday morning. Other areas will receive 0.50-3.00" of rain. Western South Africa will trend drier than normal this week. Most locations will be dry or not receive enough rain to counter evaporation. Eastern and central South Africa will again have several opportunities for erratic rainfall December 12 – 18. Western South Africa will again be drier than normal.

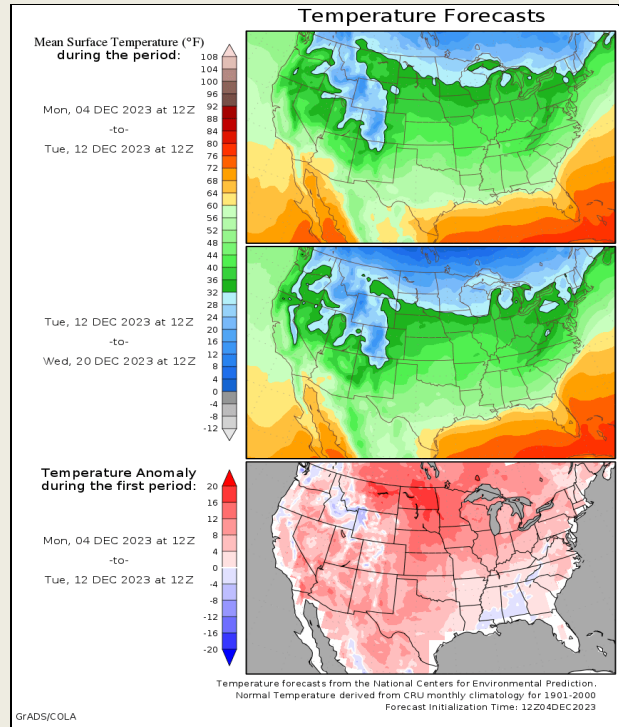
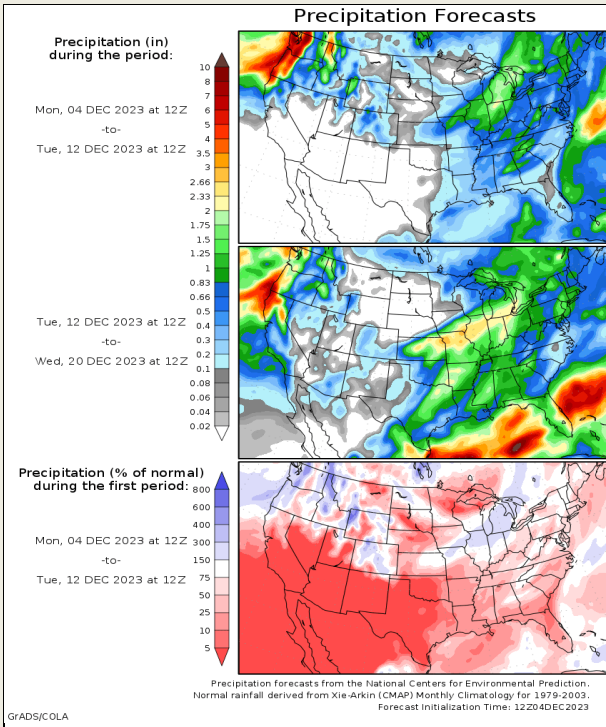
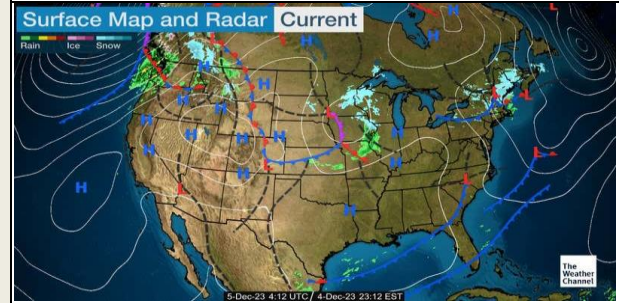
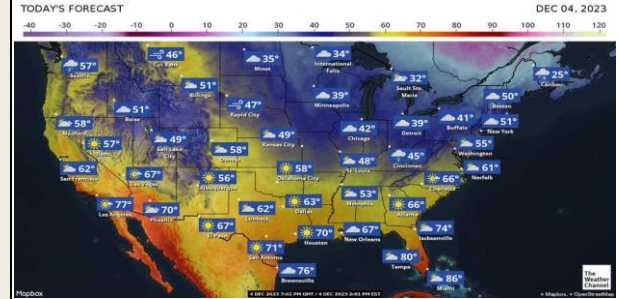
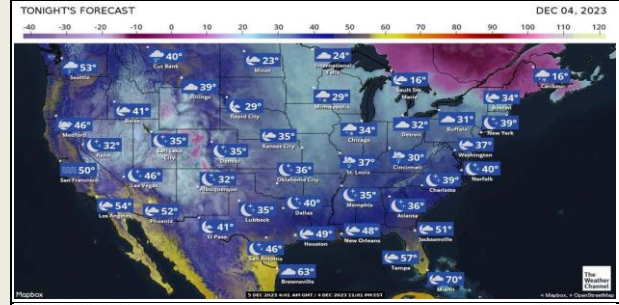


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : Late-harvesting from Michigan to Ohio will be slowed by light precipitation into Tuesday and another round of precipitation Friday into Sunday before a period of drier weather Dec. 11-18 allows fieldwork to increase. Harvesting is mostly completed elsewhere in the Midwest and the infrequent rounds of precipitation most areas see will benefit winter crops and induce relief from drought.

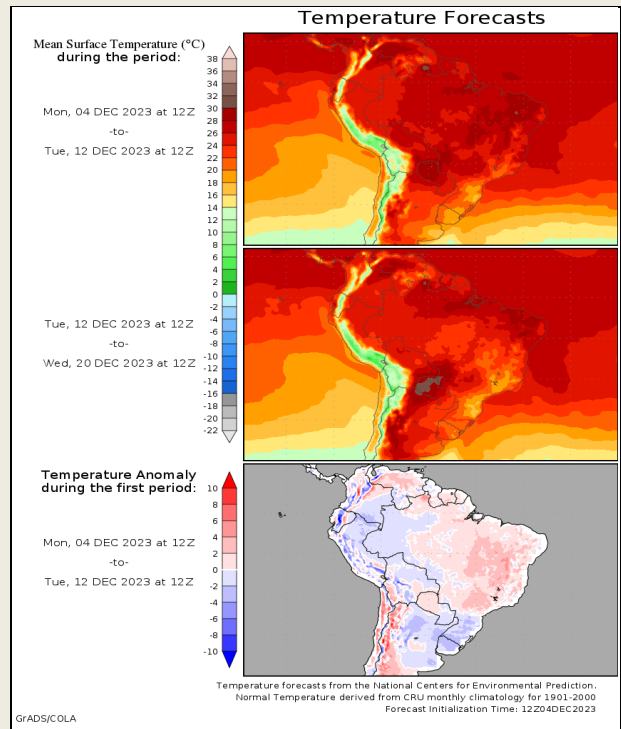
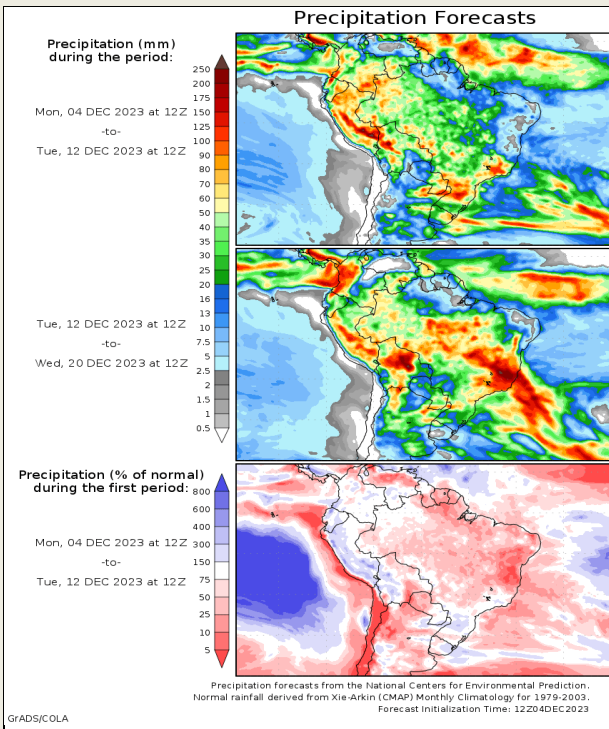
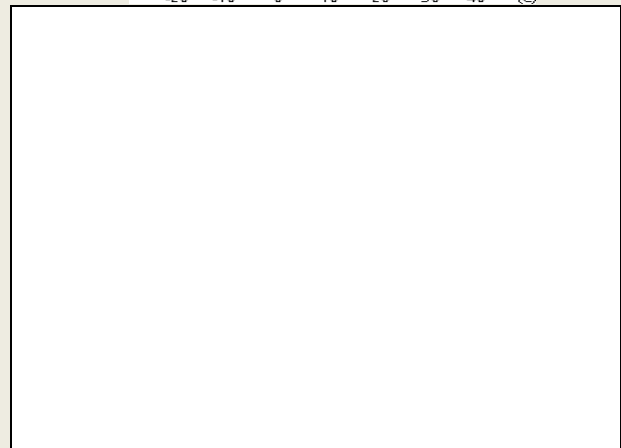
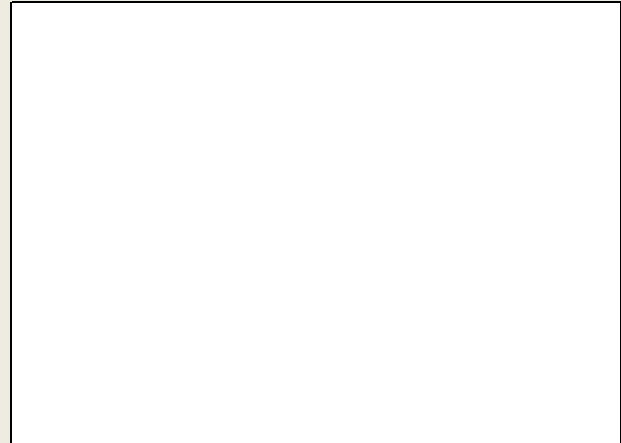
U.S. DELTA : The Delta and the Southeast will be dry through much of the next two weeks and most harvesting should soon be completed around one round of rain advertised for Saturday into Sunday. Some cotton discolored by rain during the past weekend should be bleached white in the mostly dry weather expected this week.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: The driest areas in northwestern Brazil will see regular rounds of showers through the next two weeks and continued improvements in soil moisture and conditions for crops are expected with regular rain expected in Goias as well. Bahia into north-central and northeastern Minas Gerais and northern Espirito Santo will see infrequent and often light through early next week and conditions for crops will be mostly poor before showers increase Dec. 13-18. A close watch will be made on the showers advertised for Dec. 13-18 and early indications suggest enough rain should fall to improve conditions for crops.

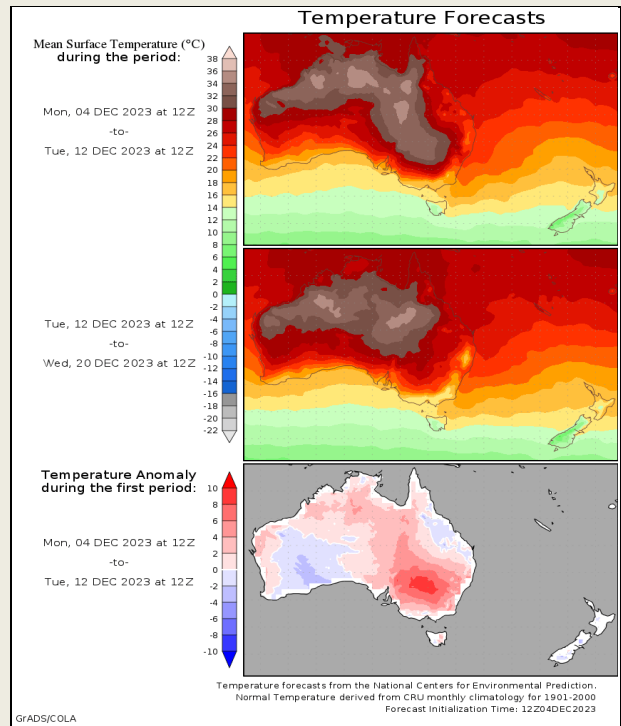
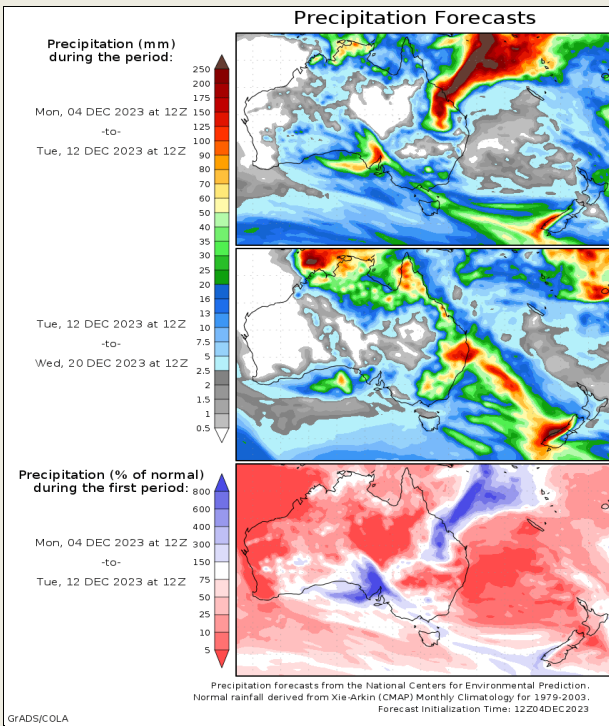
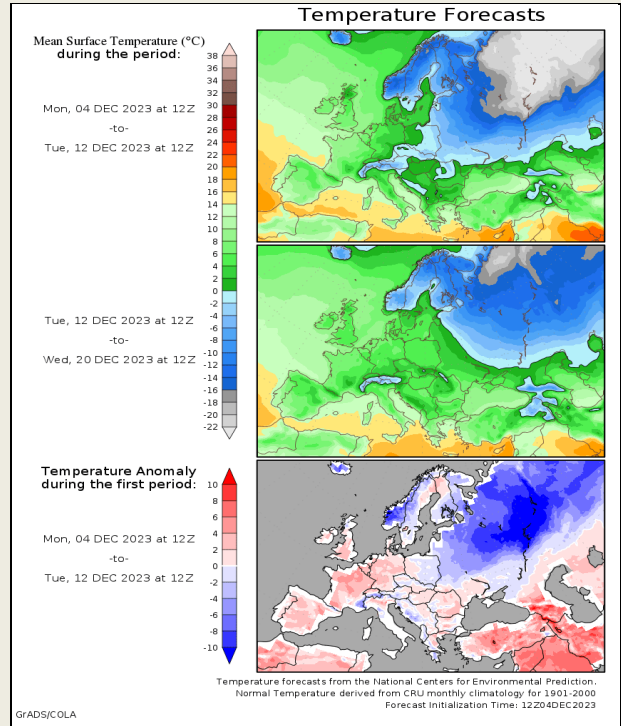
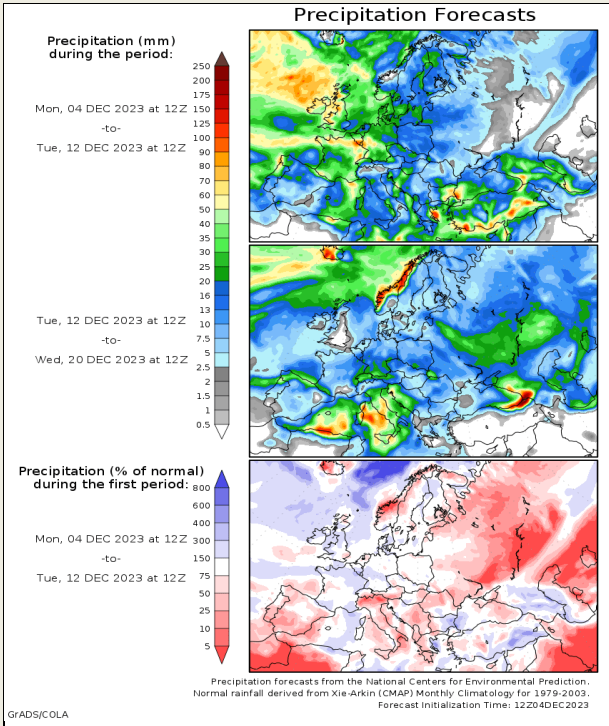
ARGENTINA: Argentina will see more sunshine than rain during the next two weeks and fieldwork should advance well around the rain while enough rain should fall to keep conditions for crops mostly favorable with a close watch on the rainfall distribution warranted for west-central and southwestern Argentina. Subsoil moisture is mostly short in Cordoba, San Luis, and La Pampa and timely rain advertised for Friday night into Saturday and Dec. 12-13 will be important in preventing the topsoil from drying out enough that crop stress quickly increases.



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 : Rain in the first week of the outlook is expected to be greatest in southeastern areas, such as Victoria, southeastern South Australia, and southeastern New South Wales, particularly after Wednesday. The rain could cause some fieldwork delays. This part of the region also has the greatest soil moisture; though, particularly hot temperatures this week will quickly evaporate moisture out of the topsoil. Some shower activity in Western Australia should not have much of impact on wheat maturation or harvesting.



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