

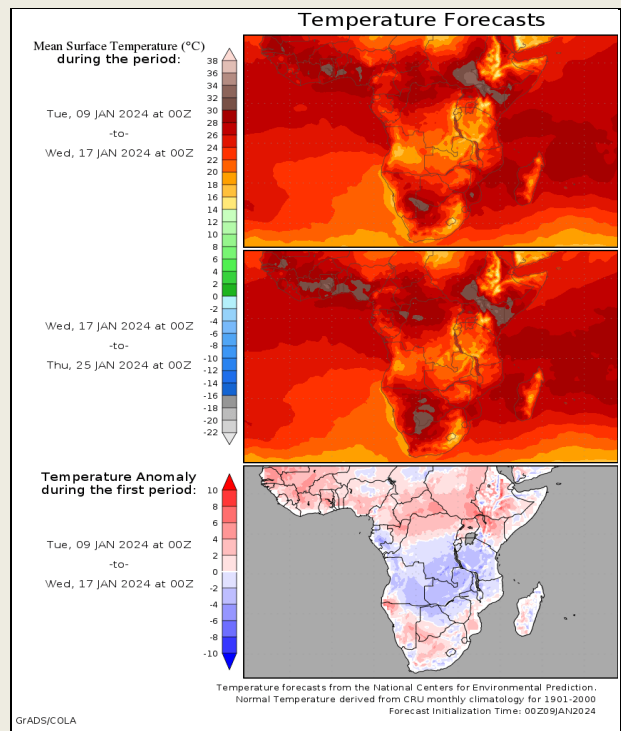
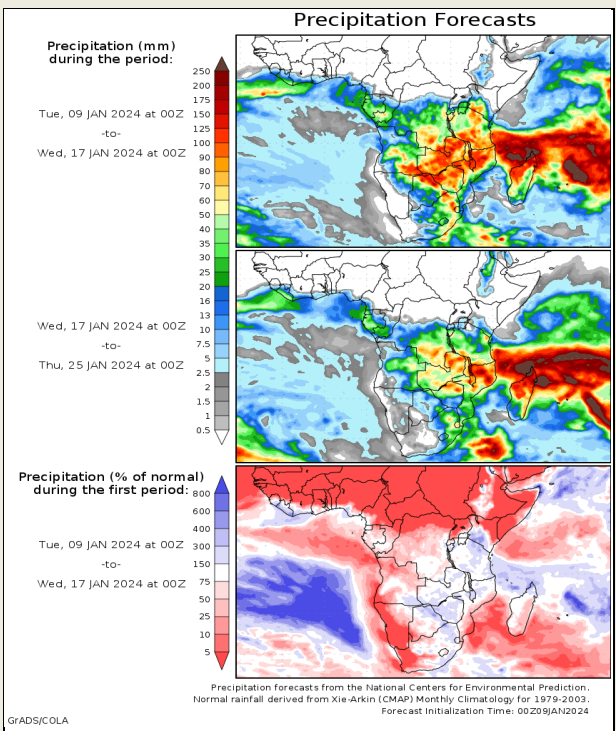
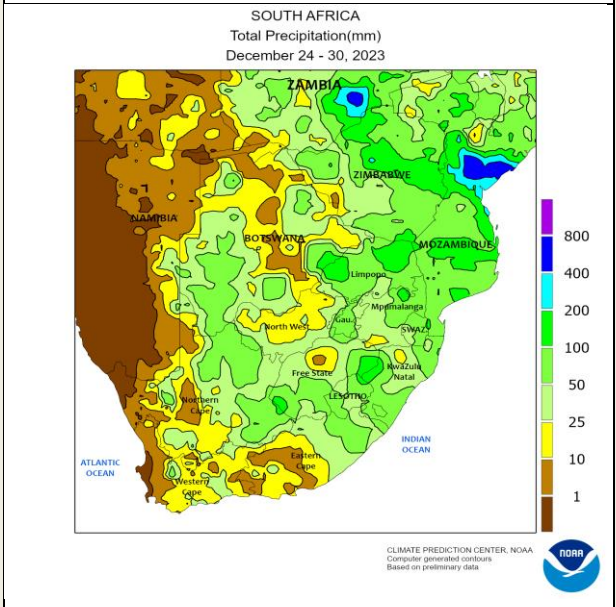
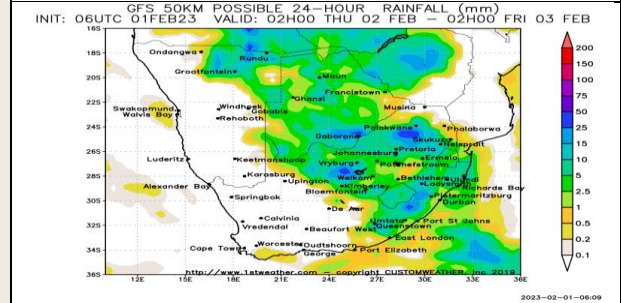
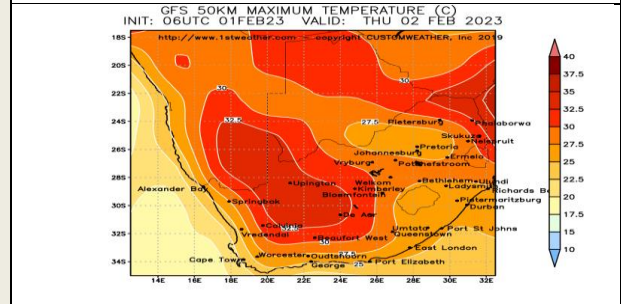
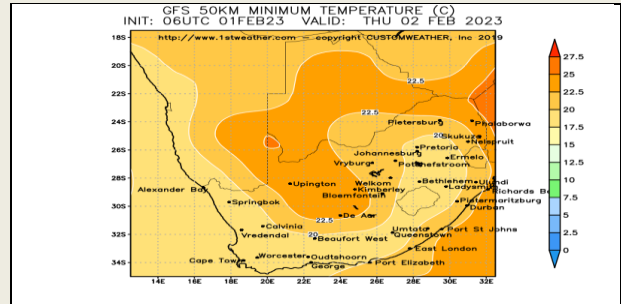


# **Weather Report**

## **09 January 2024**

# South Africa - Weather

**SOUTH AFRICA :** The main production areas in South Africa will see a good mix of rain and sunshine this week. Rainfall will be enough to keep soil moisture at adequate to excessive levels. Localized flooding will be possible in Natal and immediate neighboring areas, which may disrupt fieldwork and cause minor crop damage. Production losses should be minimal. The environment will otherwise remain favorable for aggressive growth. Eastern and central South Africa will have several opportunities for rain this week. The most widespread and significant rain will occur through Thursday. Scattered showers will persist Friday and this weekend, most notably for eastern South Africa. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 2.00-5.00" with local amounts of 7.00" or more in Natal, Mpumalanga, and eastern fringes of Eastern Cape and Free State. Other locations will receive 0.75-3.00" of rain. Western South Africa will have a few opportunities for erratic rain as well this week. Much of the rain will occur through mid-week. Eastern Northern Cape will receive 0.25-1.50" of rain and locally greater amounts by next Monday morning. Western Cape and other areas in Northern Cap



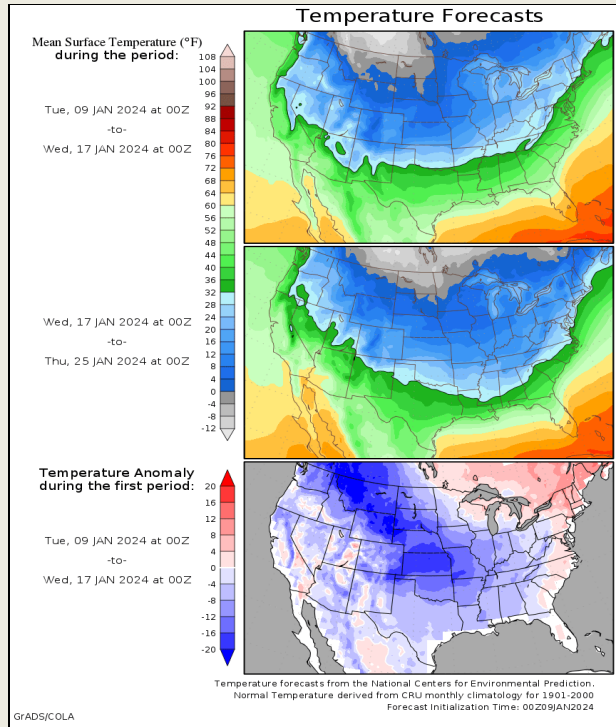
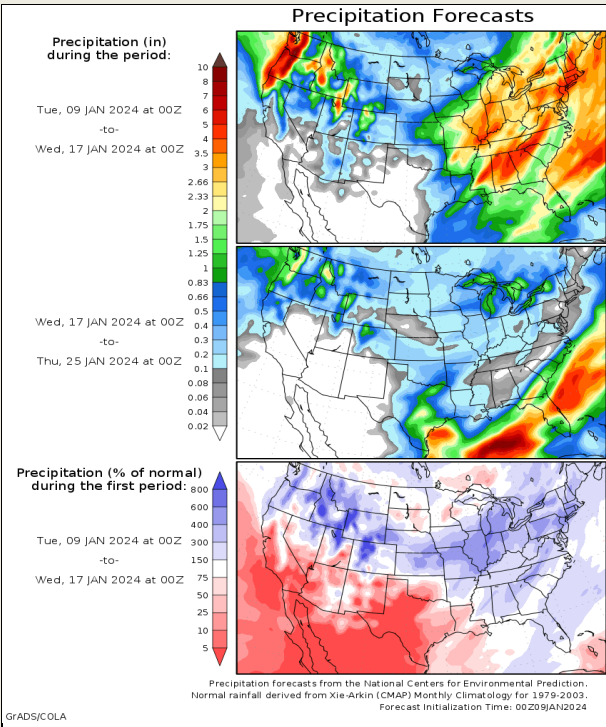
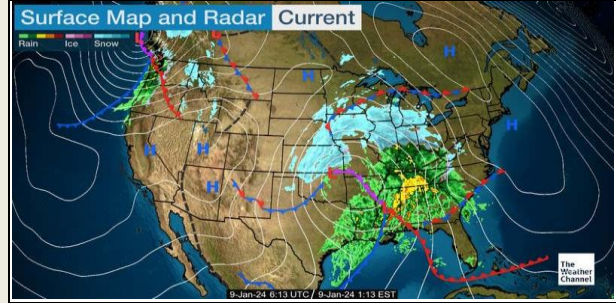
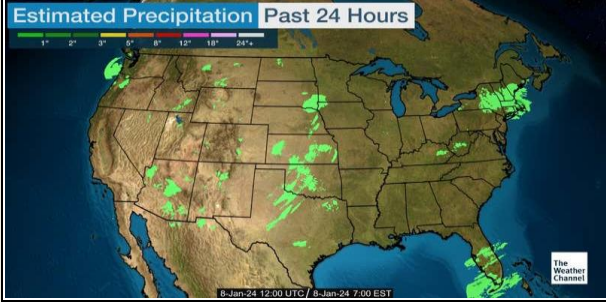
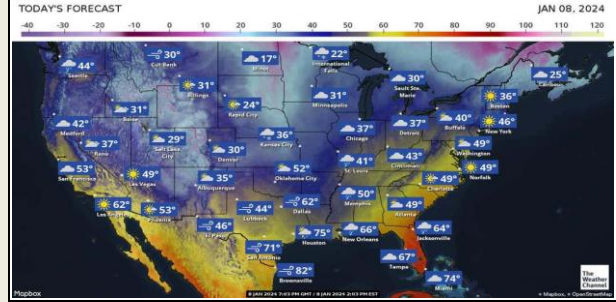
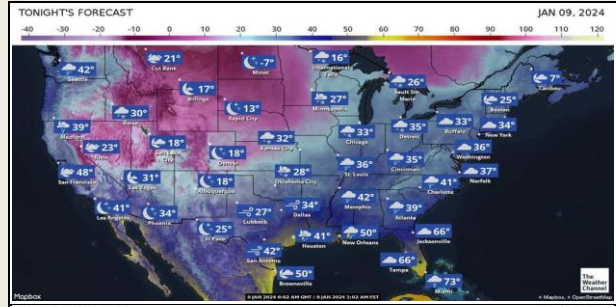
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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST :** A mostly light mix of rain and snow fell on much of the region from eastern Kansas to Wisconsin and the eastern Corn Belt during the weekend with a large part of the eastern Dakotas in to Minnesota seeing light precipitation as well. Two powerful winter storm systems will impact the Midwest today into Saturday with heavy snow and travel delays expected from each storm system before precipitation becomes less frequent and lighter Sunday through Jan. 22 while a surge of arctic air impacts the region Saturday into early next week

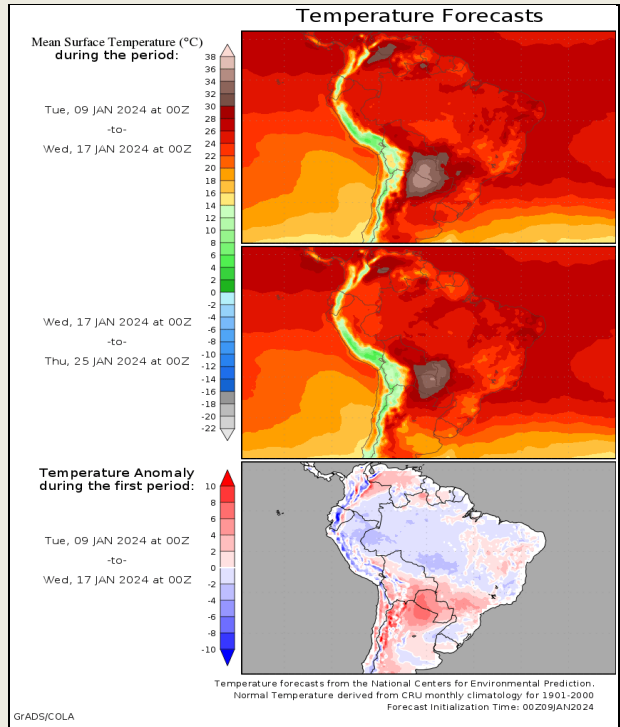
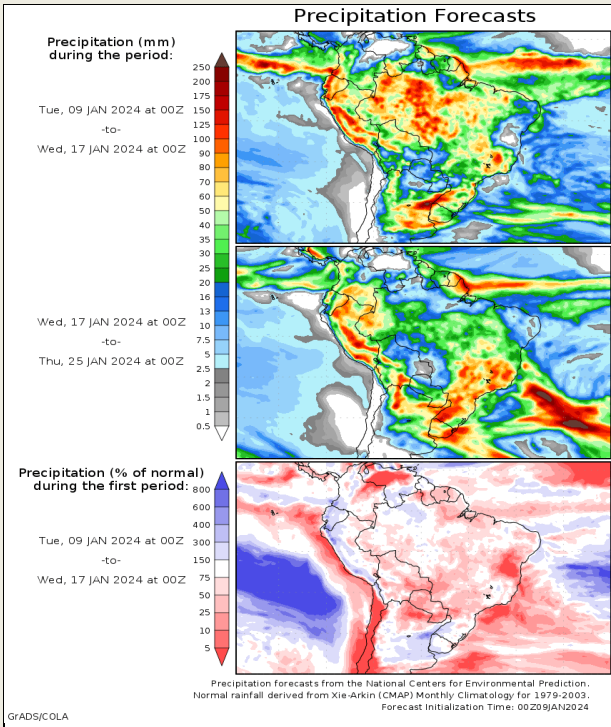
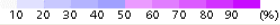
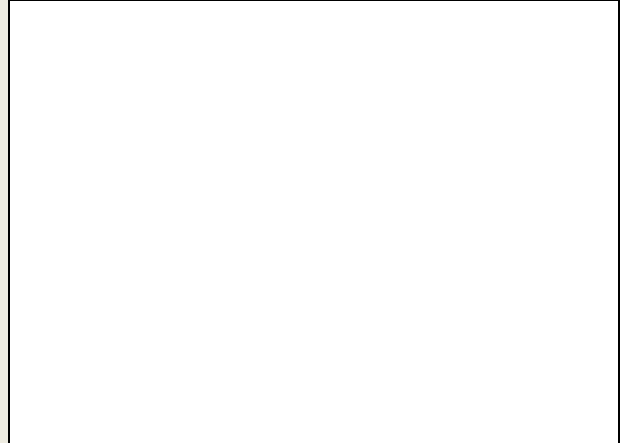
**U.S. DELTA :** Widespread rain fell on the Delta and the Southeast during the weekend inducing some improvements in drought conditions in the drier areas. The Delta and the Southeast will see a frequent succession of storm systems through the next week and significant relief from drought will occur in the drier areas while some areas see flooding as well with the heaviest rain occurring today into Tuesday.



## South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** Beneficial rain fell on much of northern Brazil during the weekend with the rain most important in northeastern areas where little additional rain is expected through the next ten days while warm and dry weather was common from Mato Grosso do Sul into Paraguay. Much of Brazil and Paraguay will see regular rounds of rain and favorable conditions for crop development during the next two weeks while rain will fall frequently to slow fieldwork at times with periods of drying likely adequate to allow for some fieldwork to advance.

**ARGENTINA:** Much of Argentina received beneficial rain during the weekend that restored some of the topsoil moisture recently lost to evaporation with exceptions in western, central, and northern Santiago del Estero, Chaco, and northern Corrientes where conditions were mostly dry. Argentina will continue to see mostly favorable conditions for crop development through the next two weeks as regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms will occur through the next ten days in most areas with southeastern Argentina driest where greater rain will be needed later this month.

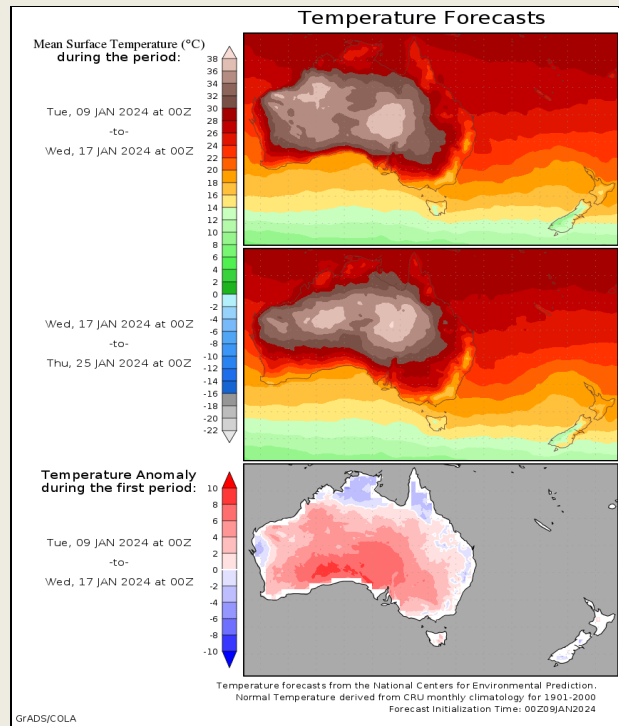
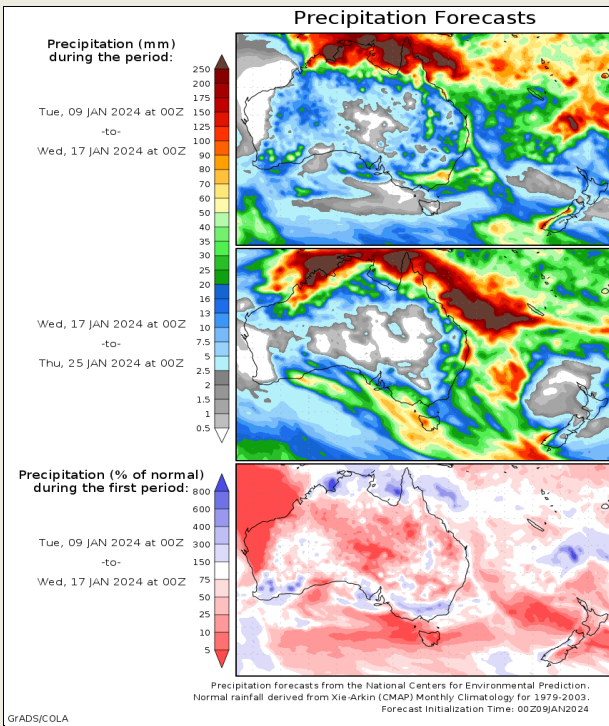
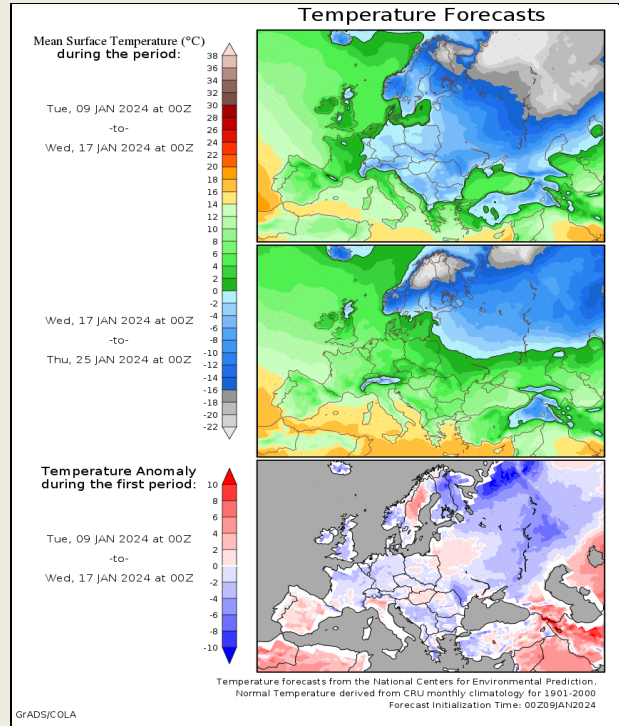
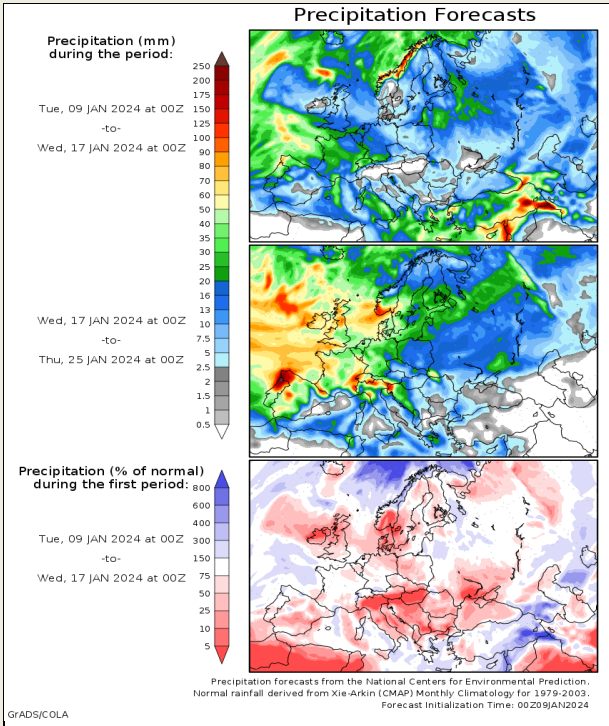




## Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

**EUROPE** : Colder, drier air in the first week of the outlook will lead to a general lack of much precipitation. Completely dry conditions are not expected, but shower activity will be more limited compared to the previous week. The colder air is partially the result of an ongoing Sudden Stratospheric Warming event; however, the coldest air will be located east of the region in Russia, at least in the next seven days. In the second week of the outlook, greater cooling could occur in northern or northeastern Europe

**AUSTRALIA** : Conditions in eastern Australia will be mostly favorable through the first week of the outlook. A favorable mix of rain and sunshine is expected; though, some pockets will be left a little drier than preferred, especially with the erratic nature of the rain. A general decrease in rain is also expected after Tuesday. Daily erratic shower and thunderstorm activity will occur in eastern areas through Thursday o Total moisture will vary mostly from 0.35 to 2.00 inches with a few greater amounts @ Drier conditions are then likely Friday through Sunday o A few more erratic showers and thunderstorms are expected @ Some erratic shower and thunderstorm activity will occur in the second week, Jan. 15 – 22 o The rainfall pattern is likely to be mostly typical with some locations receiving above average rain and some potentially below average



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