



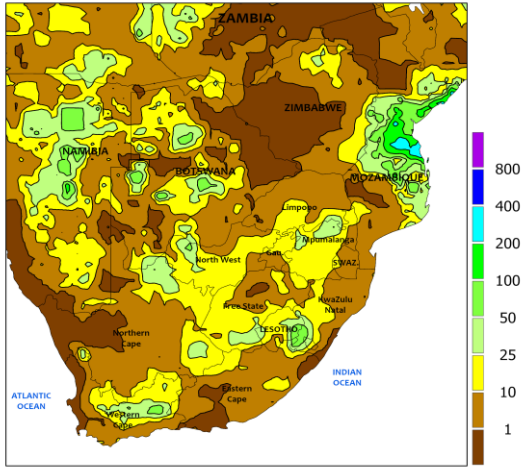
Weather Report

13 February 2024

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : Eastern South Africa will only have a few opportunities for spotty rainfall this week. Rain totals will help limit drying, though a net loss in moisture is expected for a large section of crop country. The region will still have enough moisture to support favorable crop development. Central and western South Africa will receive little to no rain this week. Central South Africa will become or remain too dry to support ideal crop development. The need for timely rain will be high later this month in order to limit production losses due to dryness. Eastern South Africa will have a few opportunities for spotty rainfall this week. Some of the most widespread rain will occur Friday and this weekend as a frontal boundary passes over the region. Other than a few isolated showers, the region will trend mostly dry through Thursday. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 0.25-1.50" and locally greater amounts. The remaining production areas in South Africa will be drier biased this week. Any rain that occurs will be lost to evaporation.

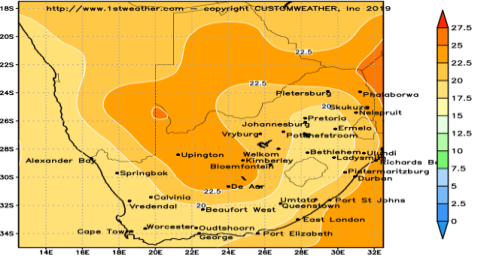
SOUTH AFRICA
Total Precipitation(mm)
January 28 - February 3, 2024



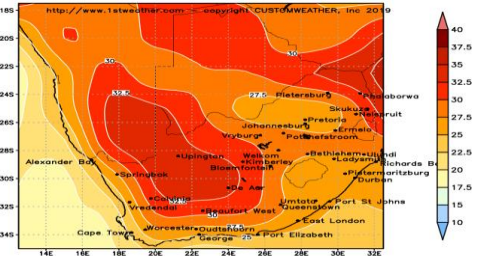
CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER, NOAA
Computer generated contours
Based on preliminary data



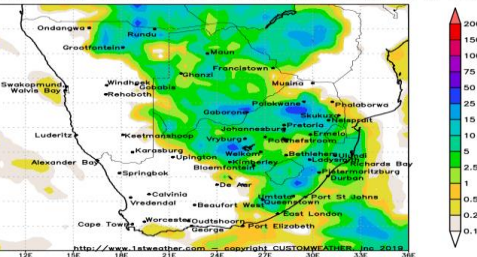
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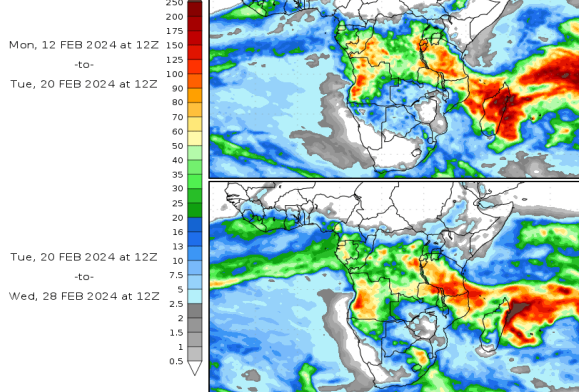


GFS 50KM POSSIBLE 24-HOUR RAINFALL (mm)
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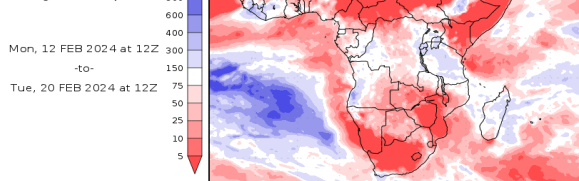


Precipitation Forecasts

Precipitation (mm)
during the period:



Precipitation (% of normal)
during the first period:

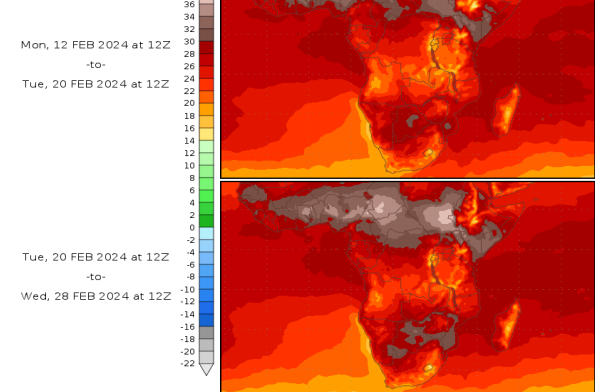


Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003.
Forecast Initialization Time: 12Z12FEB2024

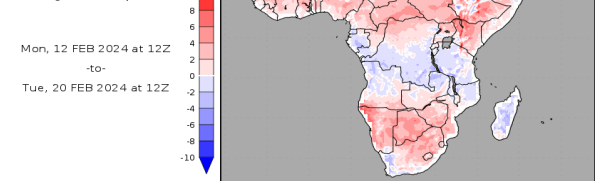
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Temperature Forecasts

Mean Surface Temperature (°C)
during the period:



Temperature Anomaly
during the first period:



Temperature forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal Temperature derived from CRU monthly climatology for 1901-2000.
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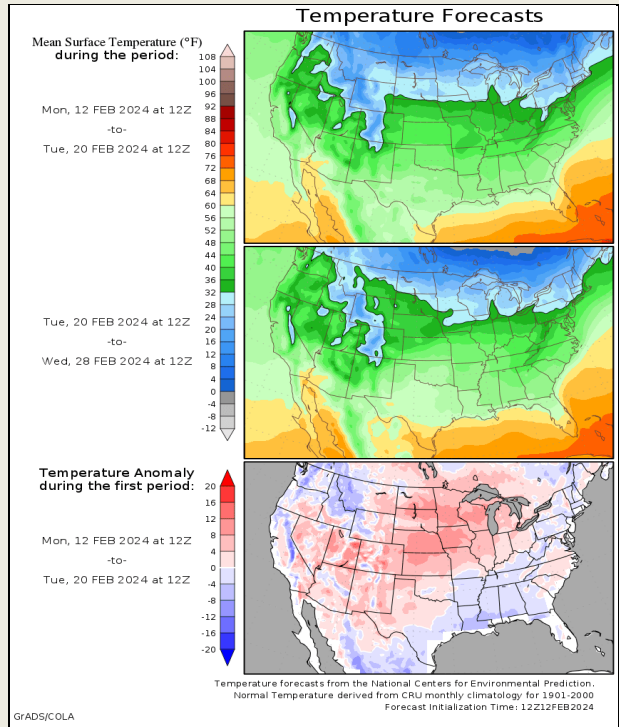
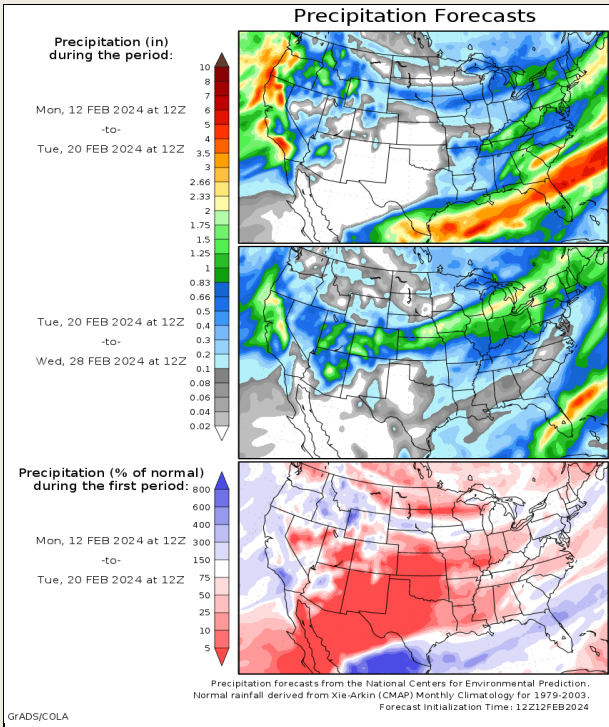
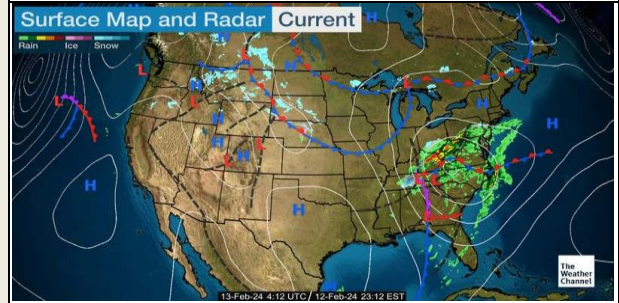
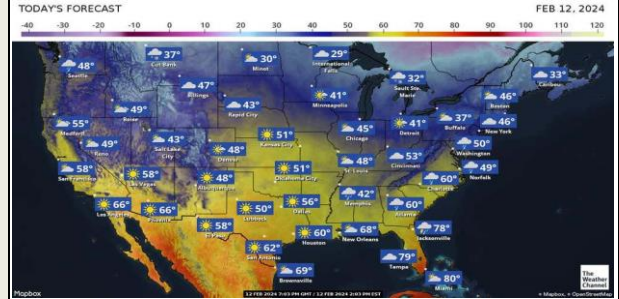
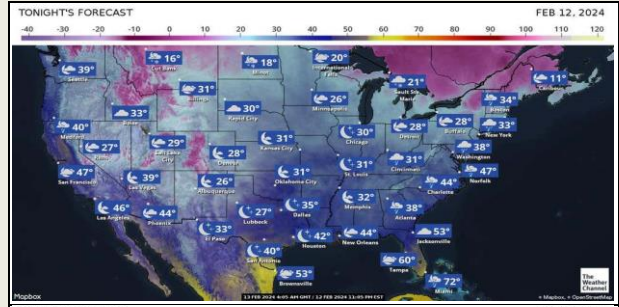
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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : The Midwest will see a relatively tranquil weather pattern through the next two weeks with no major winter storm system or significant outbreaks of arctic air expected. o Dry weather will be most common through the period with several rounds of mostly light precipitation expected. ☒ Temperatures will be much warmer through Thursday with Wednesday warmest when southwestern and south-central areas warm to the upper 50s and lower 60s while highs in the upper 30s to the middle 50s are most common elsewhere. o Friday into this weekend's temperatures will be not far from normal before some warming occurs next week.

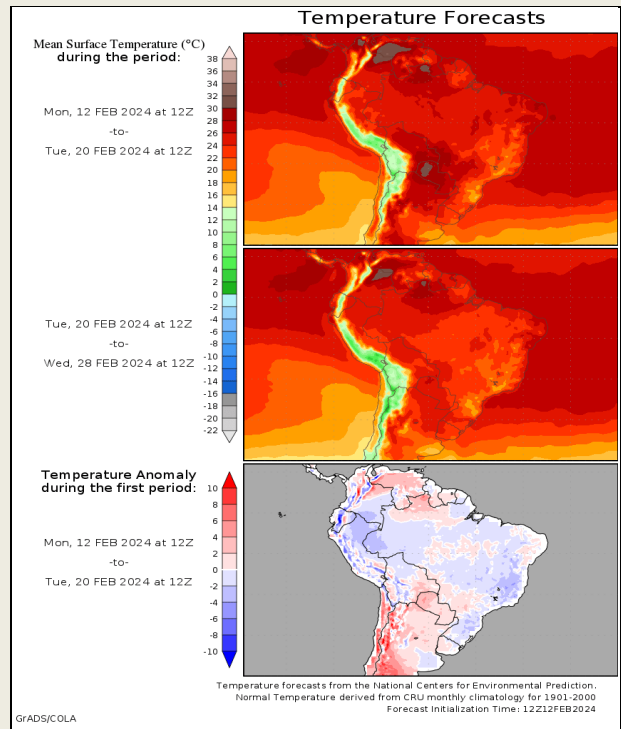
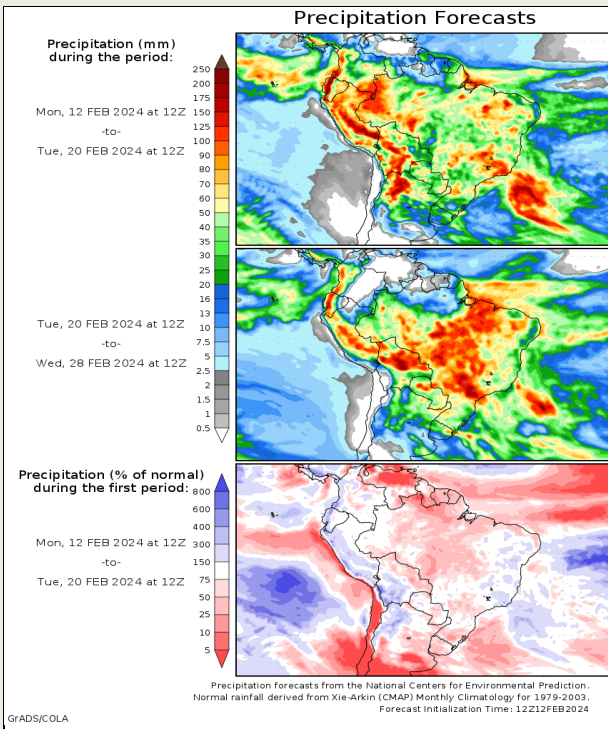
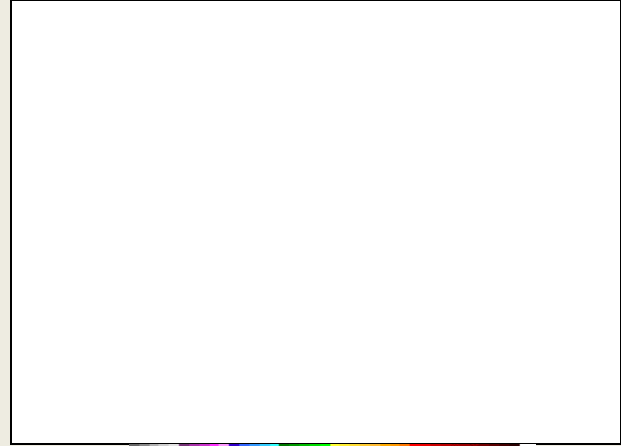
U.S. DELTA : Additional rain and some flooding will occur today in the northern Delta and the Southeast before a welcome period of drier weather Sunday through Feb. 26 allows for flood conditions and conditions for fieldwork to improve.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Mato Grosso to Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo will see little rain and improving to favorable conditions for fieldwork into Wednesday before regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms slow fieldwork across the region Thursday through Feb. 23. o Rain will increase in southern Minas Gerais Wednesday and in other areas starting Thursday and the precipitation will help to ensure Safrinha corn has adequate soil moisture during the dry season with drier weather needed soon to allow the crop to be planted during the optimal period.

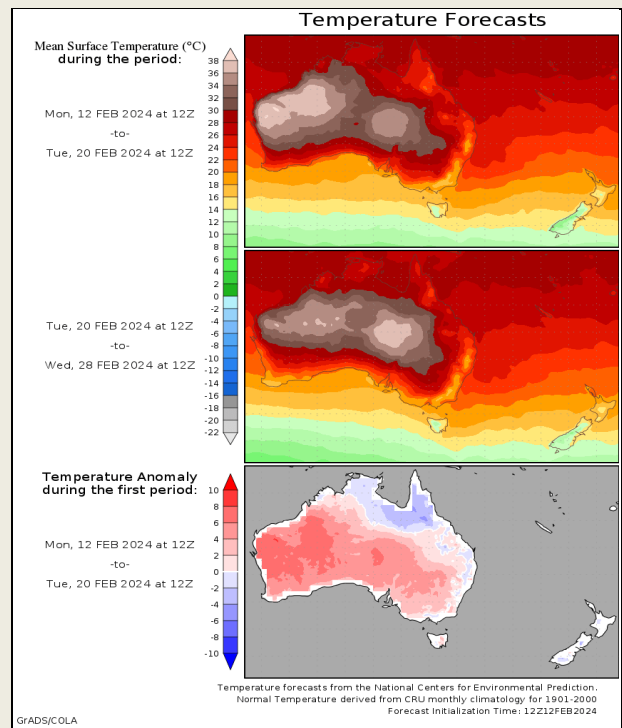
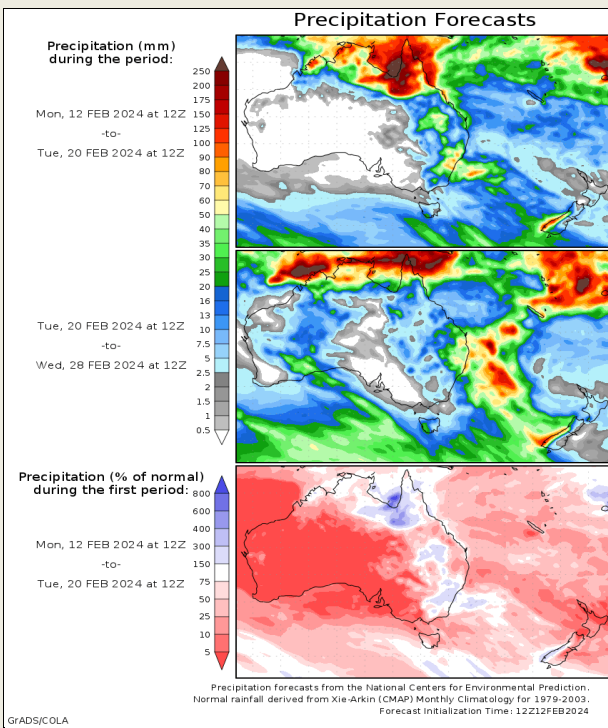
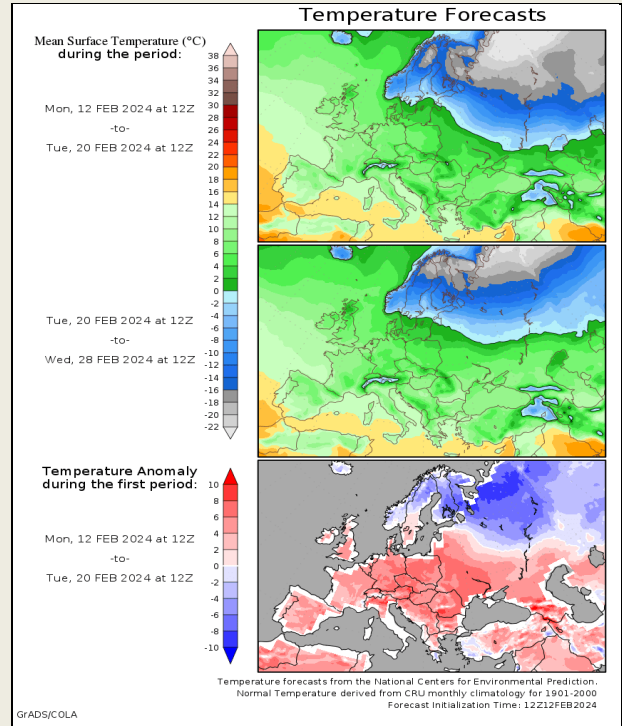
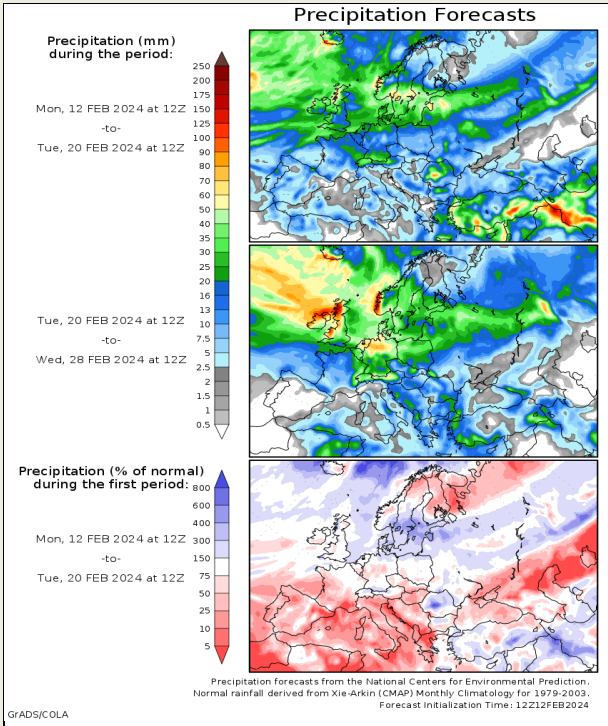
ARGENTINA : A lack of persistent heat along with soil moisture in place and a few rounds of rain should allow crops to develop favorably in much of Argentina during the next two weeks while breaks between rounds of rain allow fieldwork to advance. o The drier areas in northern Argentina will have opportunities for rain into Wednesday while the drier areas in western Argentina will benefit from rain Saturday into Monday.



Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

EUROPE : Rain and little snow will occur mainly in central and northeastern parts of the region most days through Sunday. Total moisture will vary from 0.10 to 0.75 inch in around 50% of the region, mainly in central and northeastern areas, locally more than 1.00 inch. Some shower activity will occur in Europe most days in the second week, Jan. 29 – Feb. 5. Near average total moisture is likely in northeastern areas and below average in the south and west.

AUSTRALIA : Net drying will occur in a majority of eastern Australia through Sunday; though, there will be some pockets that receive meaningful rainfall. Concern over dryness in unirrigated fields in eastern Australia is low for now, but rising and greater rain will be needed soon. Significant rain is expected in far northern Queensland, north of most key crop areas.



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