

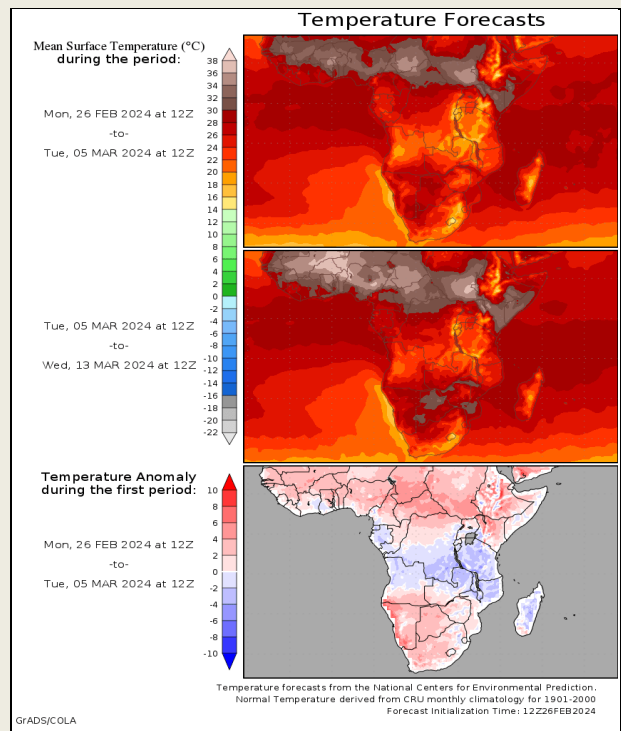
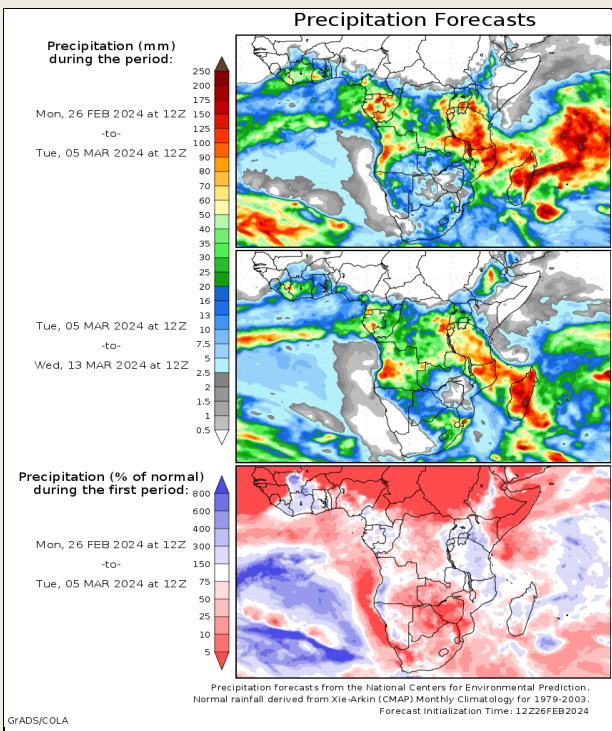
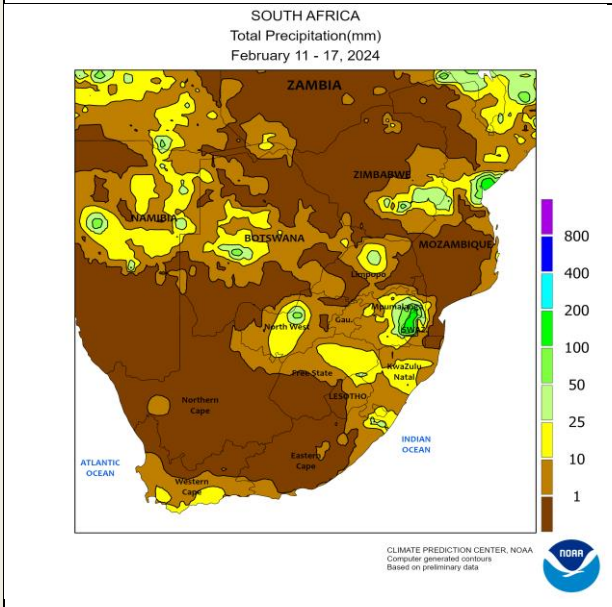
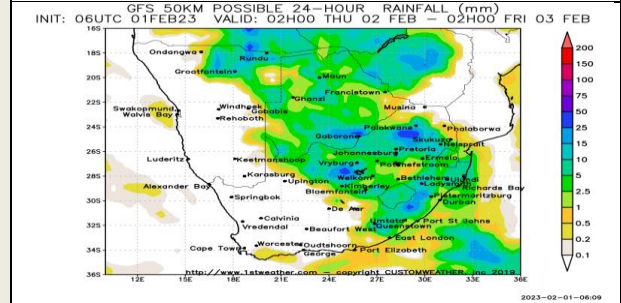
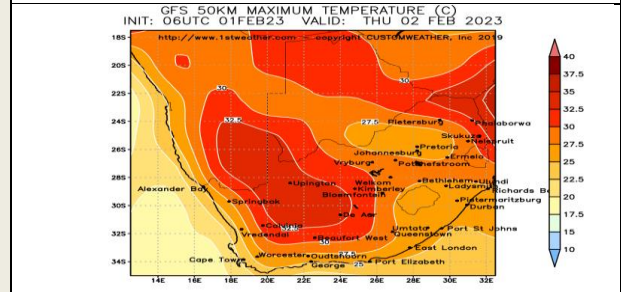
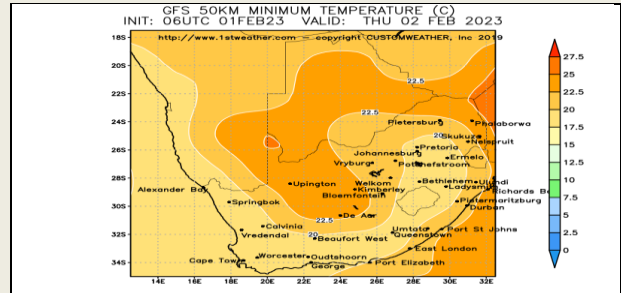


Weather Report

27 February 2024

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : South Africa's main production areas will see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine this week. Eastern South Africa will receive enough rain to keep soil moisture at adequate levels. The environment will remain favorable for late-season development. Central South Africa will only receive light amounts of rain that will be unable to significantly improve the moisture profile. Late-season development conditions will remain less than favorable to poor. Production potentials may be slightly lower than normal in Free State and North West due to the lack of rain and periods of warmer than normal weather in recent weeks. Eastern South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine this week. Light rain will initially evolve today and Tuesday. After a period of drier weather Wednesday into Friday, scattered showers will return over the weekend. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 0.50-2.00". Central and western South Africa will only have a few opportunities for spotty rain this week. Light rain will begin late Wednesday and Thursday as a disturbance tracks into the region. Scattered shower activity will persist Friday and this weekend. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 0.10-1.00" and locally greater amounts in Free State and North West.

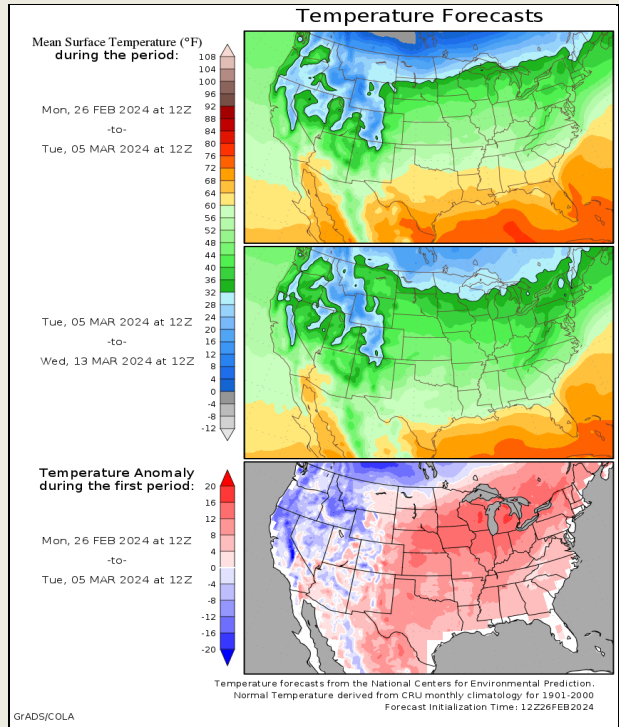
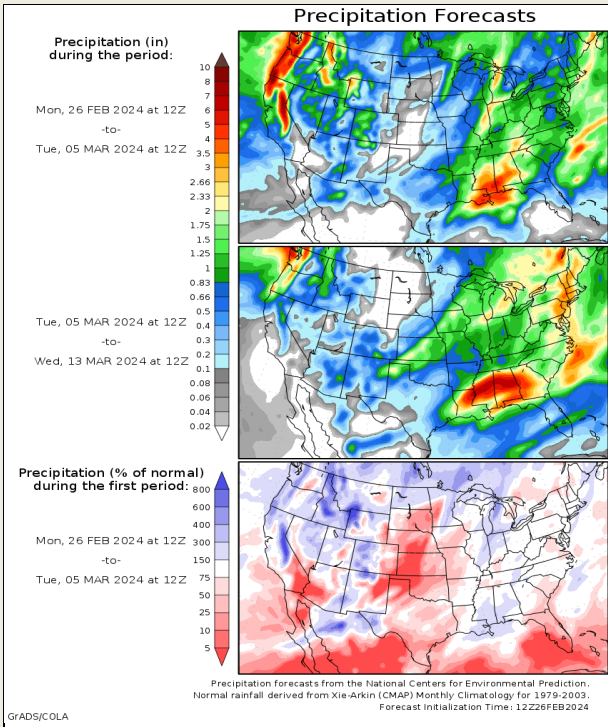
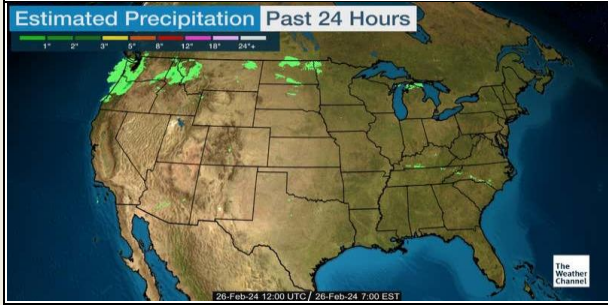
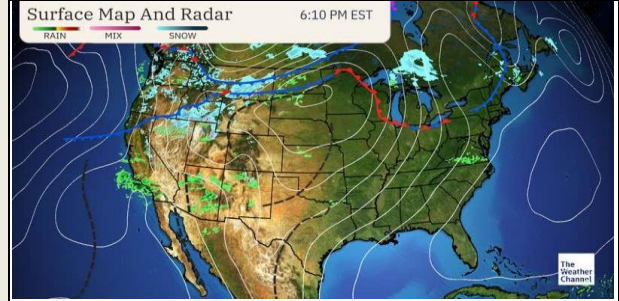
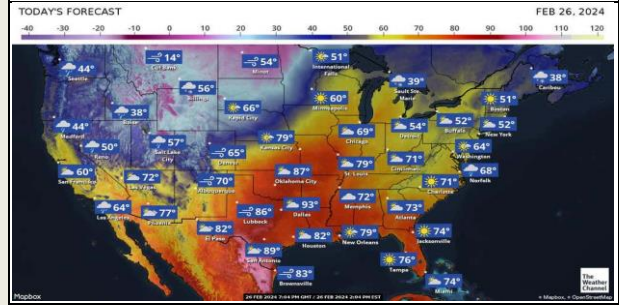
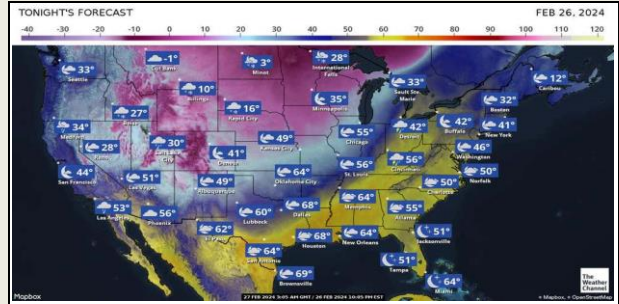


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : Two rounds of precipitation will occur through early next week with some increases in soil moisture likely in the east while temperatures will be too warm to prevent net drying in much of the region and fieldwork should advance well. Little precipitation is expected Mar. 6-11 and the lingering dry pockets in the west will need significant precipitation in the following weeks to restore the soil moisture before the summer crop planting season.

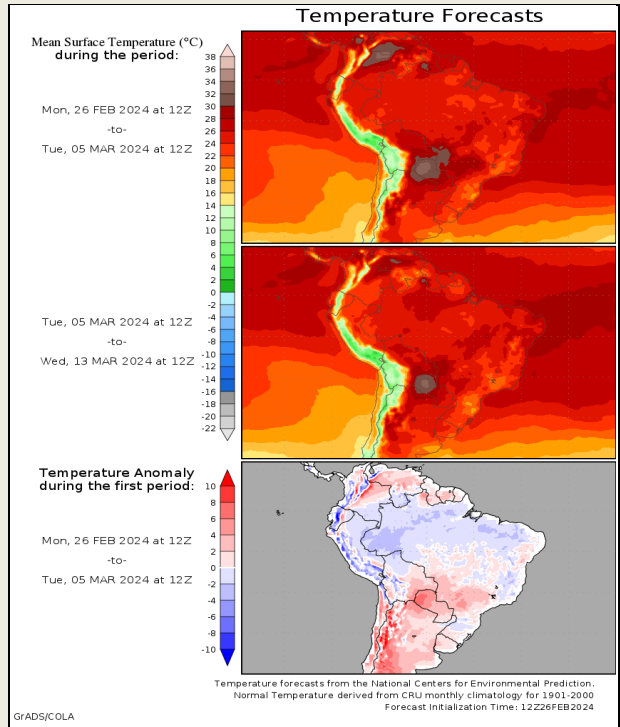
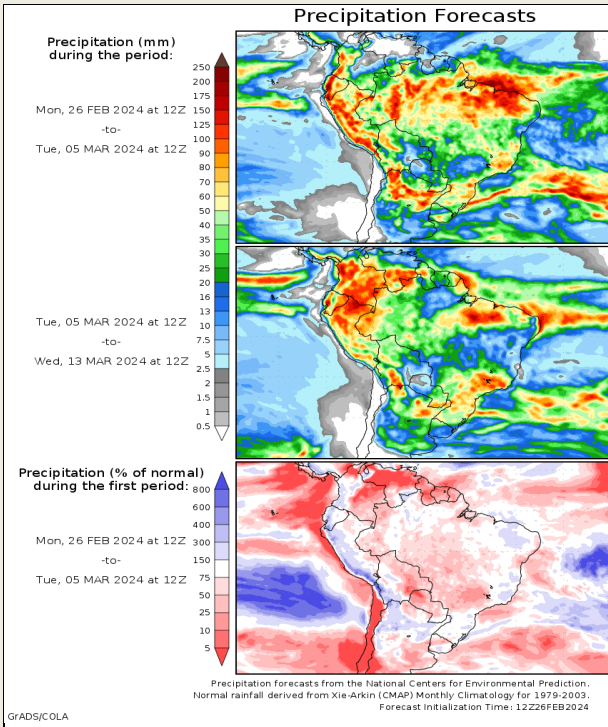
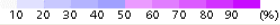
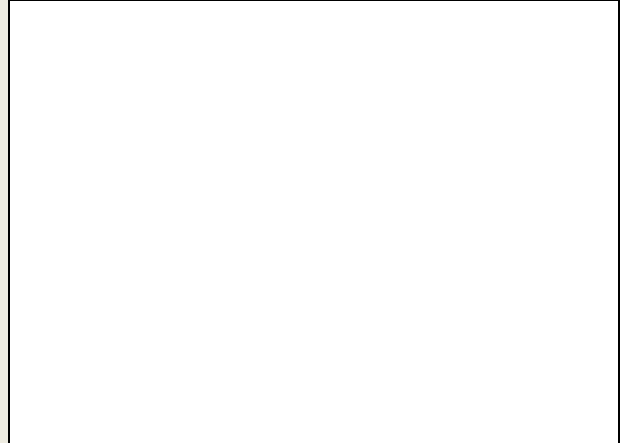
U.S. DELTA : The Delta and the Southeast will see regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms Tuesday through the following Tuesday and the expected rain will restore some of the soil moisture lost to evaporation in recent days while fieldwork will be slowed. Early indications suggest rain should not be heavy enough to cause lasting delays to fieldwork with the drier weather advertised for Mar. 6-11 important in preventing delays to fieldwork from becoming extended.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Much of Brazil and Paraguay will see a good mix of rain and sunshine during the next two weeks with breaks between rounds of rain likely adequate to allow for fieldwork to advance while the rain maintains favorable conditions for summer crops as well as being important for Safrinha crops. o Rain will not be evenly distributed, however, with Mato Grosso do Sul into western Sao Paulo and western and central Parana driest where soil moisture is short in parts of the region and some crops may soon see rising levels of stress as the region dries down.

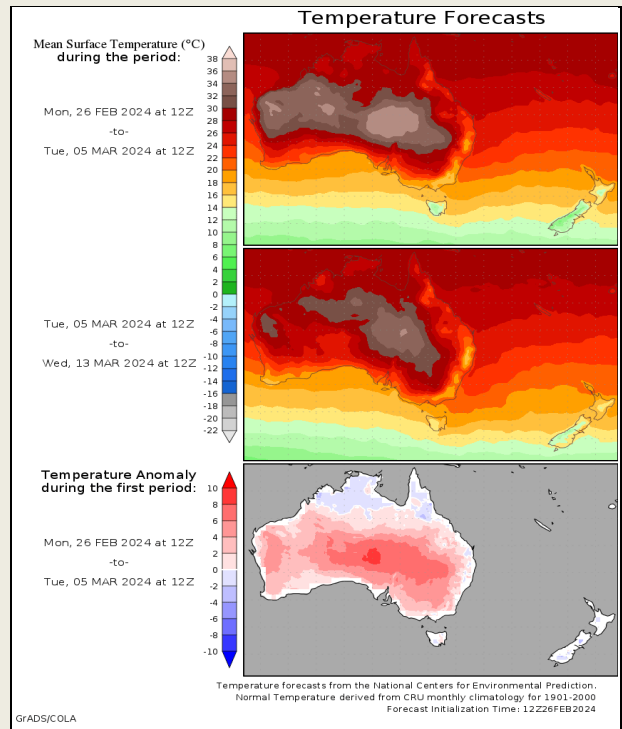
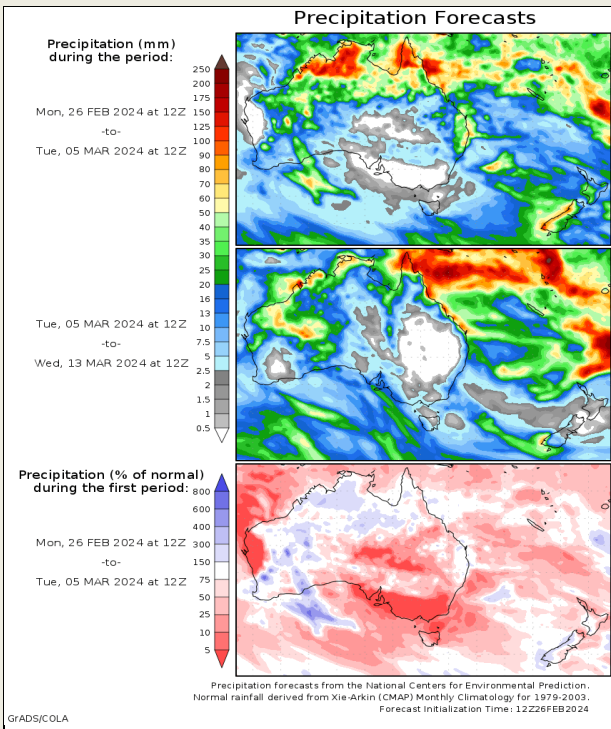
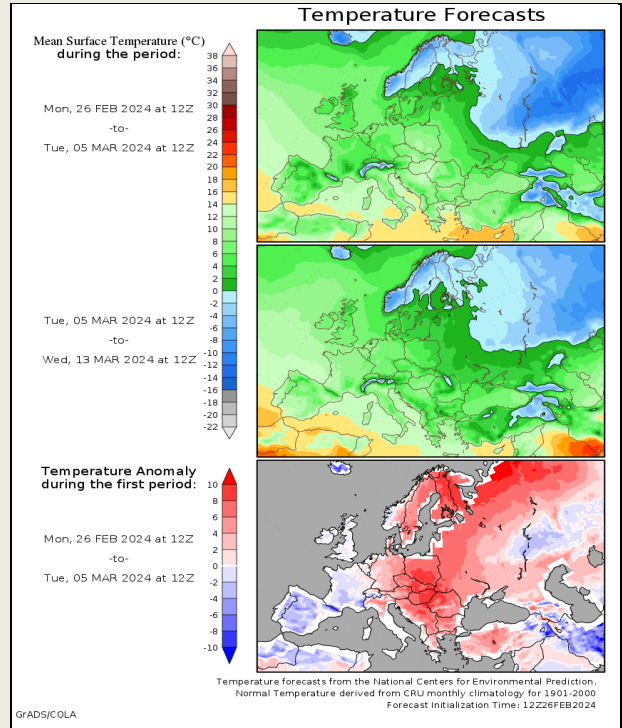
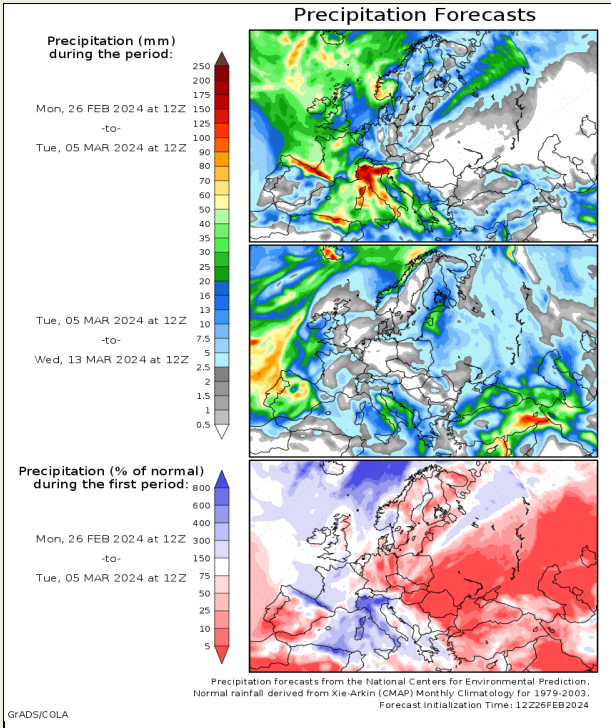
ARGENTINA: Argentina will see regular rounds of rain showers and thunderstorms through the next ten days and the resulting rain will maintain favorable crop conditions in much of the country while the rain will be timely in many areas in northern Argentina that have short soil moisture. o Southern Argentina will see the least rain, but much of the region has enough soil moisture to supportive of crop development through the period with timely rain advertised for Mar. 5-7 important in preventing the soil from becoming excessively dry in some areas.



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 : Relief from excessive heat and dryness in Western Australia occurred during the weekend as tropical cyclone Lincoln moved inland. The storm failed to produce much, if any, damaging weather. Net drying is expected in eastern Australia in the first week of the outlook. Temperatures will also become unusually hot in the east which will help raise crop stress in unirrigated fields. The dryness isn't a big concern; however, the need for greater rain will increase.



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