



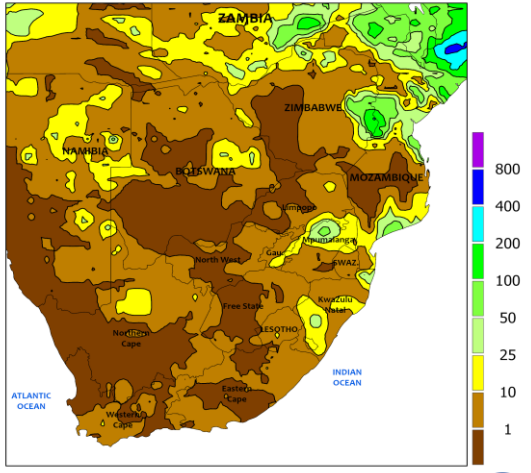
Weather Report

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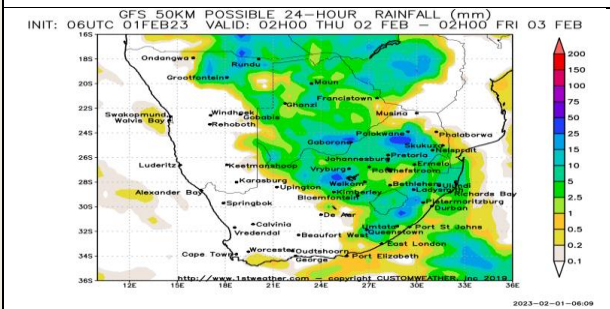
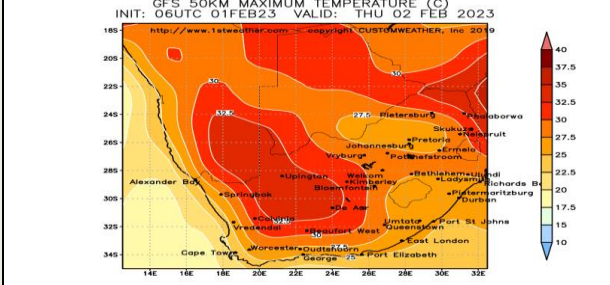
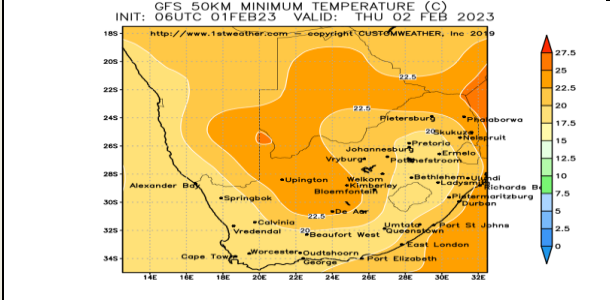
South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : Eastern South Africa will see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine through the middle of next week. Rainfall will help keep soil moisture near current levels. Late season development conditions will remain generally favorable. Maturation and early season harvesting may otherwise be sluggish in the wettest locations. The remaining production areas in South Africa will trend dry or mostly dry through the middle of next week. The lack of rain and warm weather will promote aggressive drying. Late-season development conditions will further deteriorate. Minor production losses will be possible in Free State and North West due to the lack of rain for the past several weeks. Maturation and early-season harvest conditions will otherwise be favorable. Eastern South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine through the middle of next week. The most widespread rain will occur Thursday with more rain occurring Friday and this weekend. Periods of light rain will also occur today and early next week. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 0.40-2.00" and locally greater amounts. Central and western South Africa will trend drier than normal through the middle of next week.

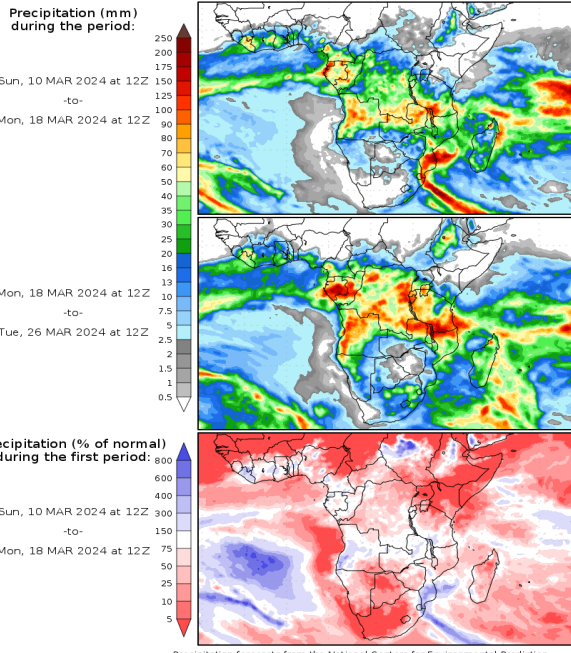
SOUTH AFRICA
Total Precipitation(mm)
February 25 - March 2, 2024



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

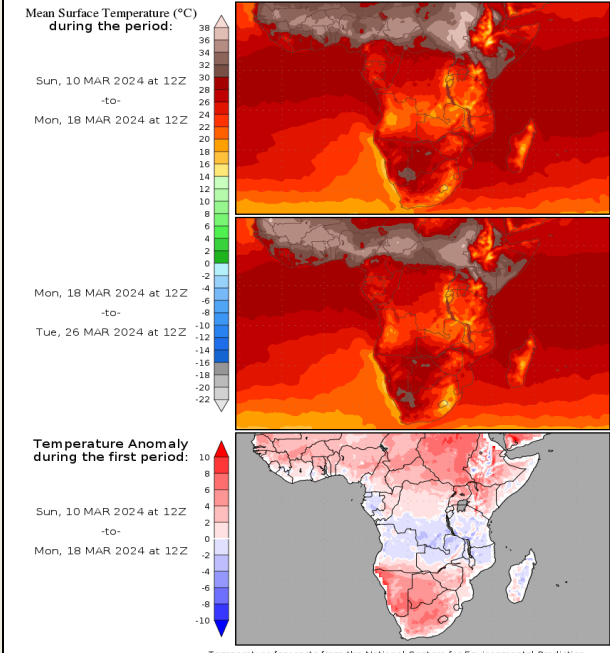


Precipitation Forecasts



Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003.
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Temperature Forecasts



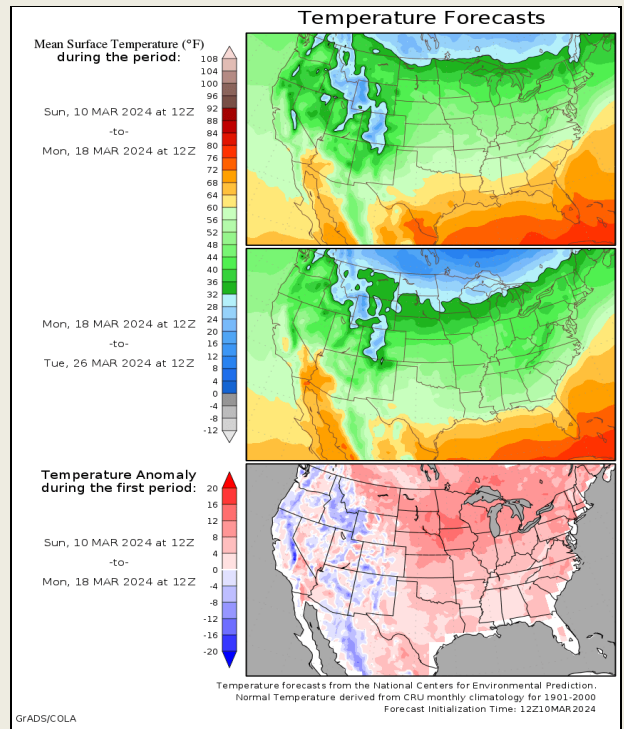
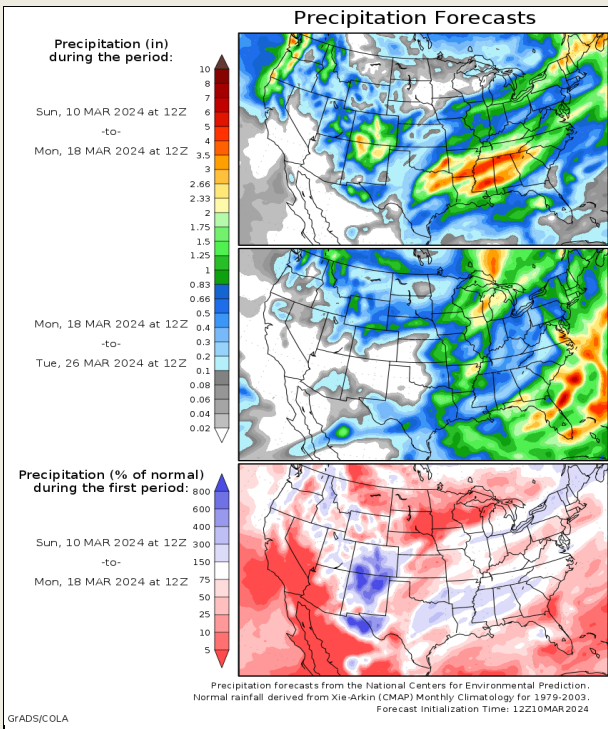
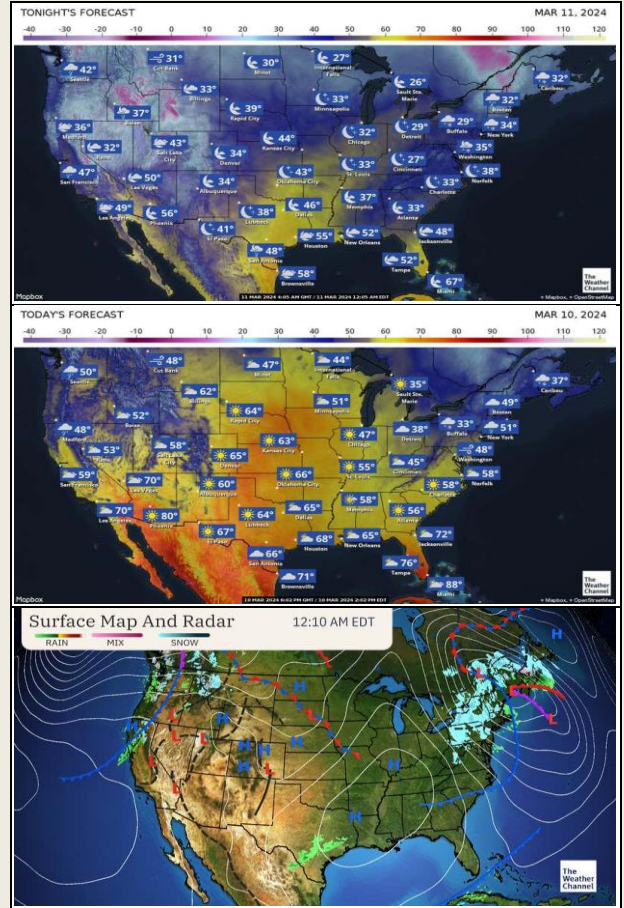
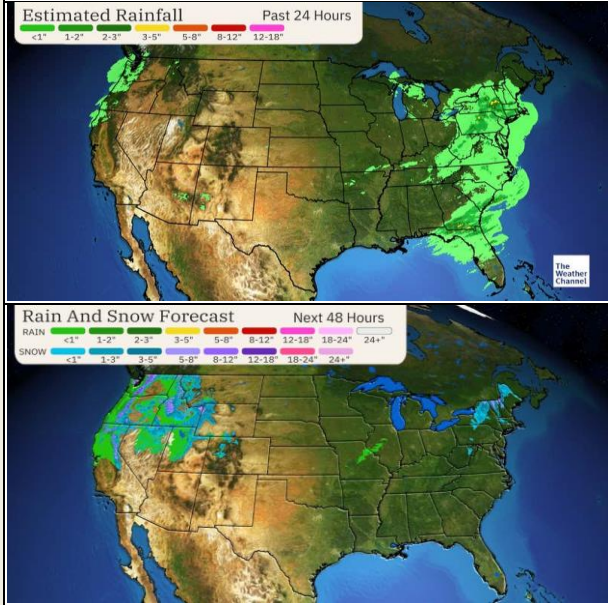
Temperature forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal Temperature derived from CRU monthly climatology for 1901-2000
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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : The Midwest will see two more rounds of well-organized precipitation during the next ten days that will keep the soil moist in much of the eastern Corn Belt and Wisconsin while some southwestern areas see increases in soil moisture. The remainder of the western Corn Belt will little significant precipitation and with soil moisture low in many areas from eastern South Dakota to Iowa and eastern Nebraska greater precipitation will be needed before the summer crop planting season.

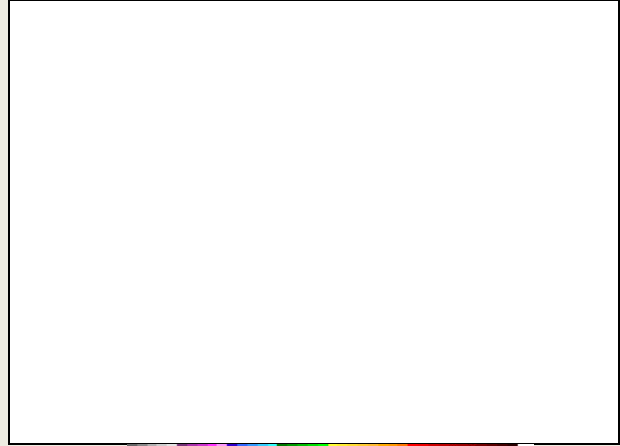
U.S. DELTA : The Delta and the Southeast will see regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms Tuesday through the following Tuesday and the expected rain will restore some of the soil moisture lost to evaporation in recent days while fieldwork will be slowed. Early indications suggest rain should not 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: Brazil and Paraguay will see a good mix of rain and sunshine through the next two weeks with fieldwork likely to advance between rounds of rain while enough rain should fall to maintain favorable conditions for most summer crops as well as being important for Safrinha crops. Regular rain will need to continue through late this month in Safrinha crop areas to ensure soil moisture is adequate to support crop development during the dry season.

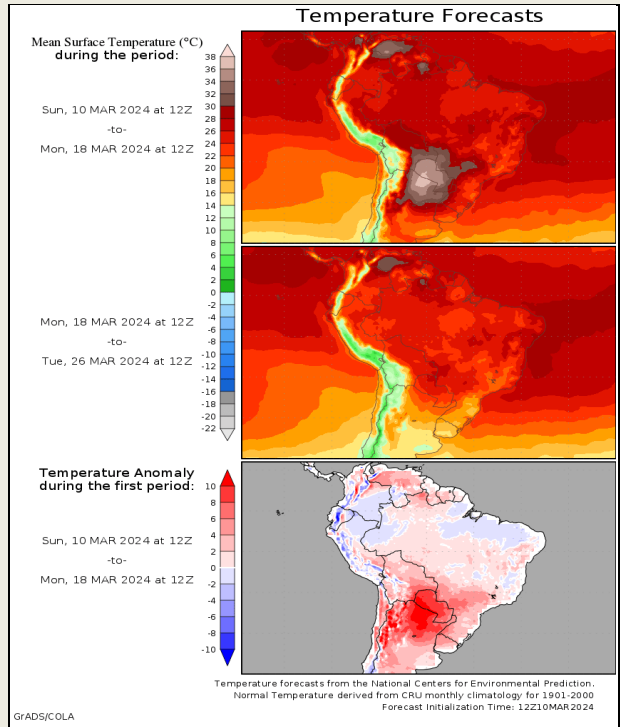
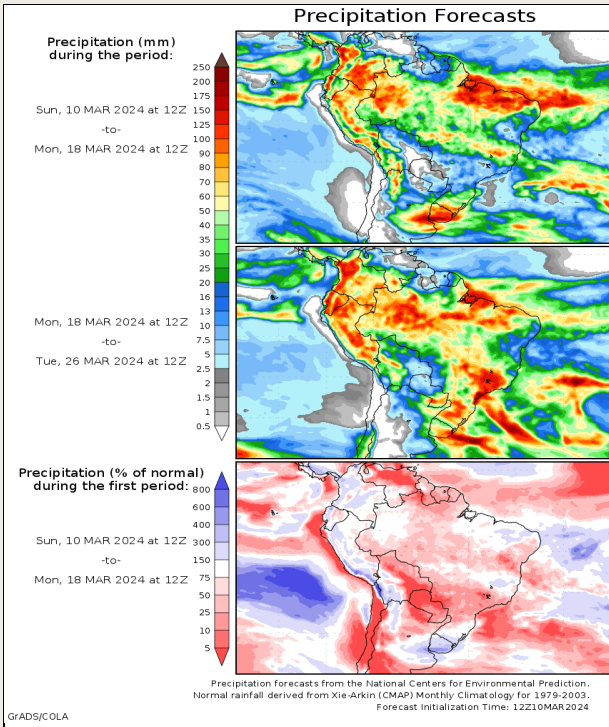
ARGENTINA: Most areas will be dry and will see favorable conditions for fieldwork today before regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms Thursday through Mar. 17 slow fieldwork in a large part of the country with northern Santa Fe to Entre Rios and Corrientes wettest and west-central and parts of southwestern Argentina driest. Enough rain should fall to favorably support crops in much of the country while a close watch will be made on the rainfall distribution from San Luis into La Pampa and central Cordoba where soil moisture is short in parts of the region and crop stress could increase if the region were to miss out on significant rain.



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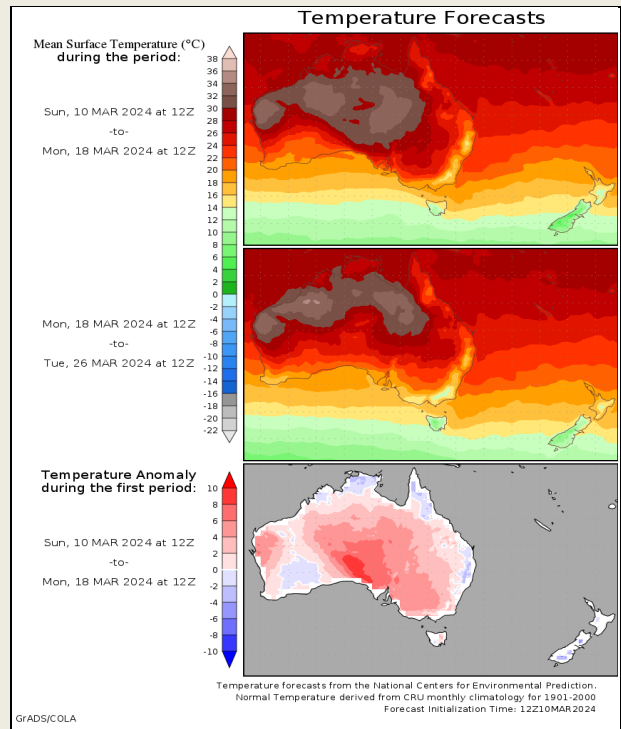
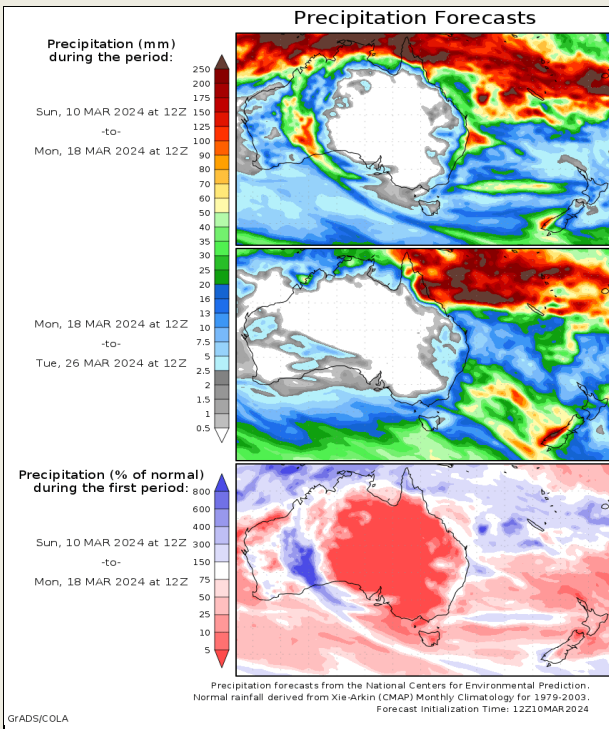
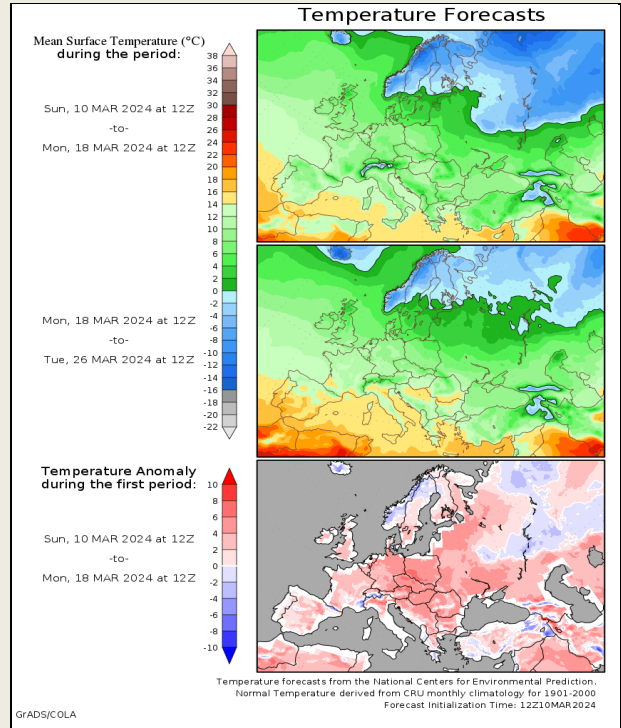
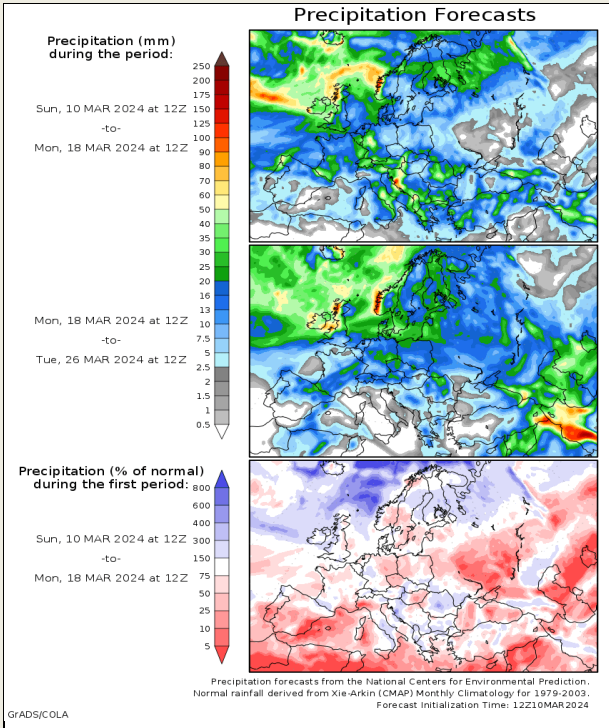
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 (%)



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 : A ridge of high pressure will cause dry weather in the key crop region of eastern Australia through the next seven days. The dryness and near to above average temperatures will lead to increases in crop stress, especially in unirrigated fields. The need for more rain will increase.



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