



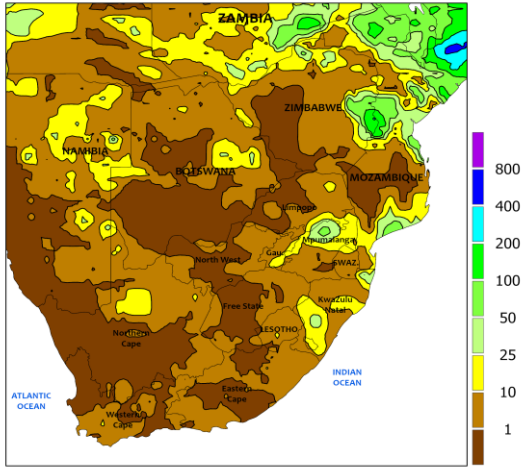
Weather Report

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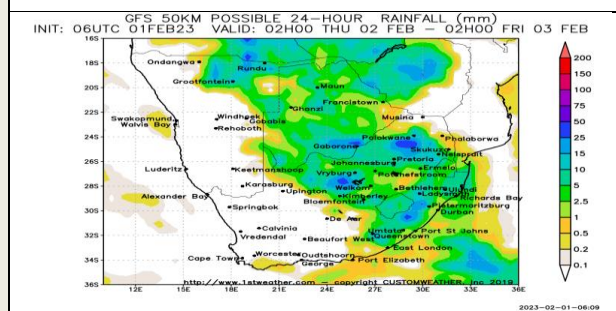
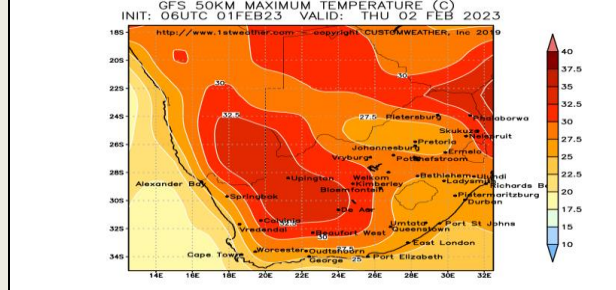
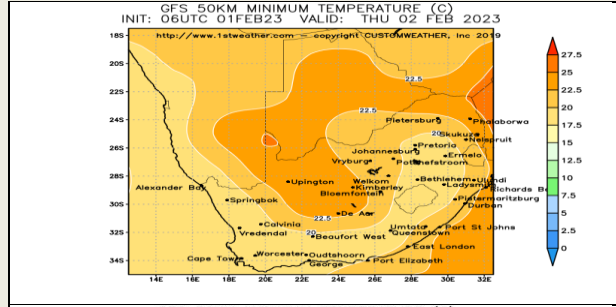
South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : Eastern South Africa will have a few opportunities for erratic rainfall this week. The rain will be beneficial for late-season development while maturation and harvesting advances around the rain. The remaining locations in South Africa will receive little to no rain. Maturation and harvesting will advance swiftly. However, the environment will remain less than favorable to poor for any crops that are still developing. Eastern South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine this week. The first round of rain will occur Tuesday into Thursday. Scattered showers will also evolve over the weekend. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 0.25-1.50" and locally greater amounts. Central and western South Africa will trend drier than normal this week. Light showers will occasionally reach North West and Free State, though resulting rainfall will be lost to evaporation or too light to impact long-term soil conditions. Other locations will receive little to no rain. Rain potentials will gradually increase for much of South Africa March 19 – 25. Rainfall will be enough to marginally bolster soil moisture in much of crop country.

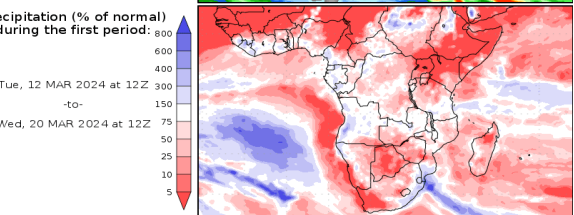
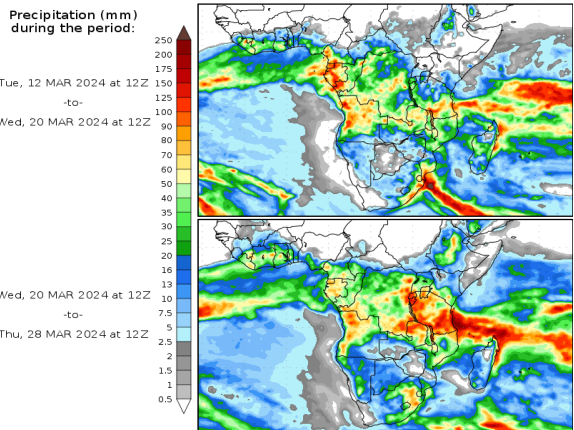
SOUTH AFRICA
Total Precipitation(mm)
February 25 - March 2, 2024



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



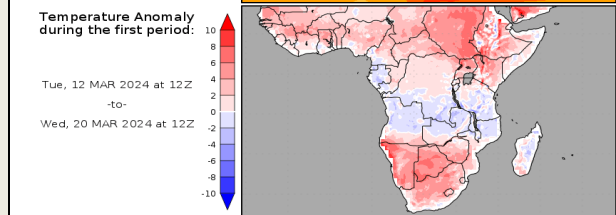
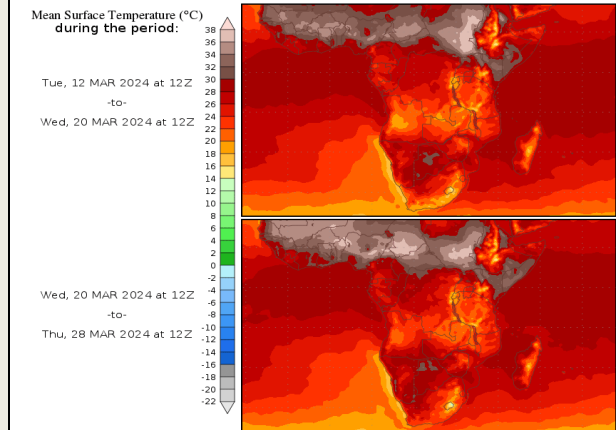
Precipitation Forecasts



Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003.
Forecast Initialization Time: 12Z12MAR2024

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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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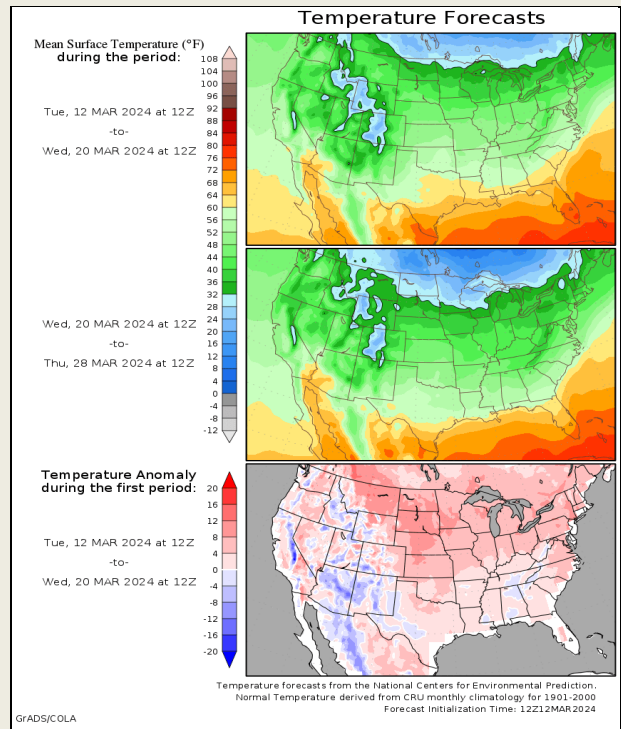
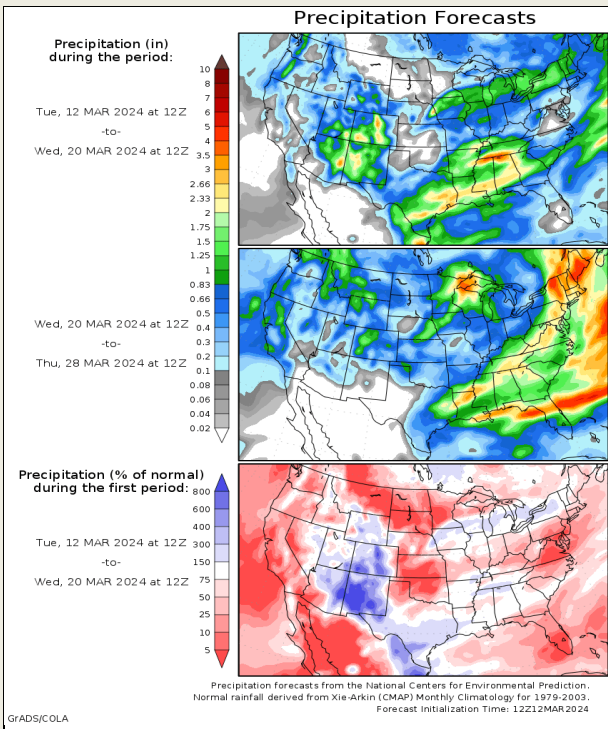
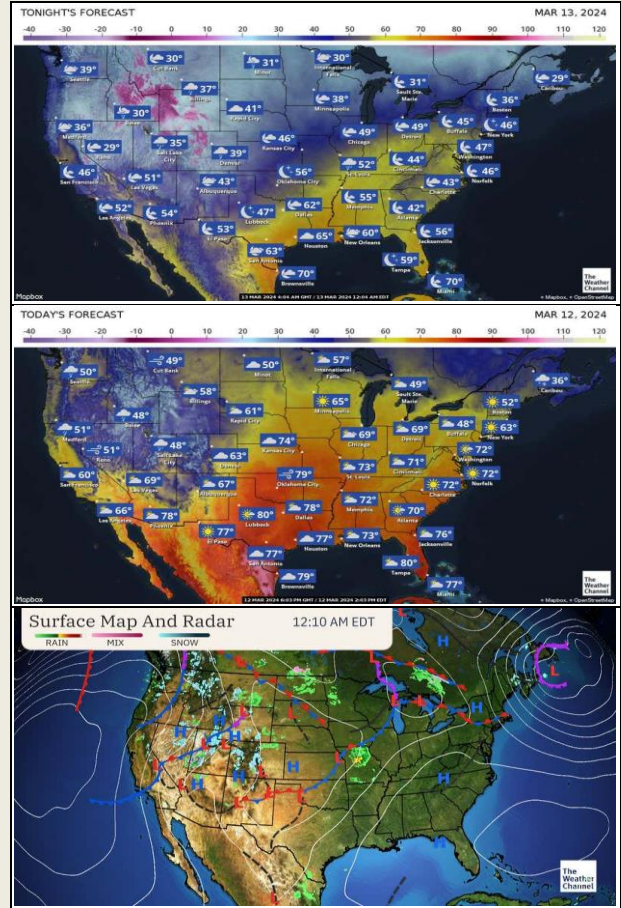
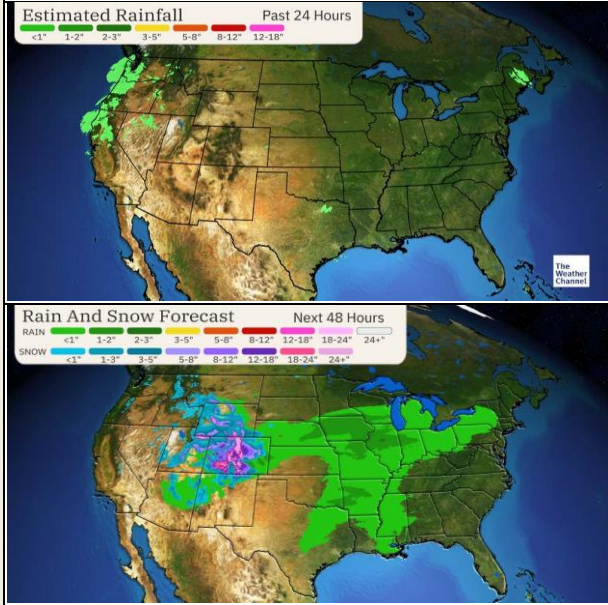
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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : Two rounds of well-organized precipitation will occur during the next two weeks with the precipitation not likely heavy enough to cause lasting delays to fieldwork while the soil should be kept moist in much of the eastern Corn Belt and Wisconsin. o The northwestern Corn Belt will see little precipitation while some beneficial precipitation will fall on the west-central and southwestern Corn Belt. ☒ Soil moisture low in many areas from eastern South Dakota to Iowa and eastern Nebraska and additional precipitation will be needed before the summer crop planting season.

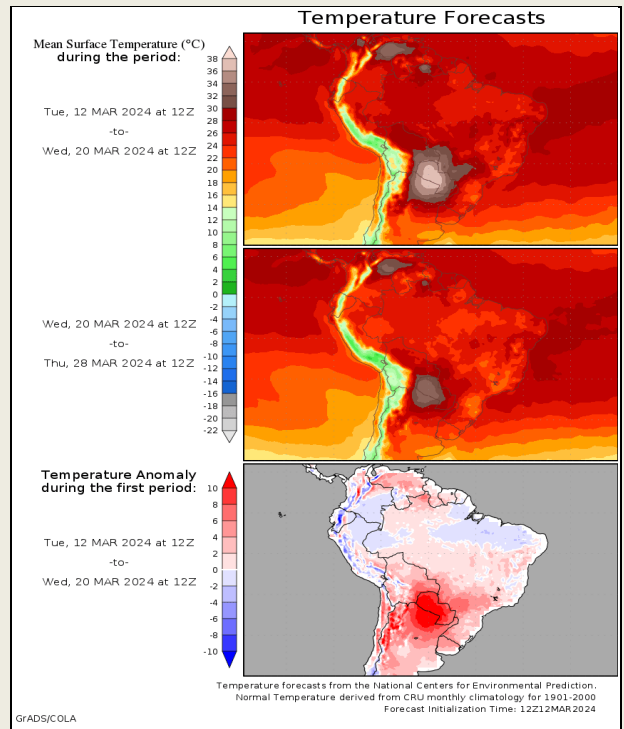
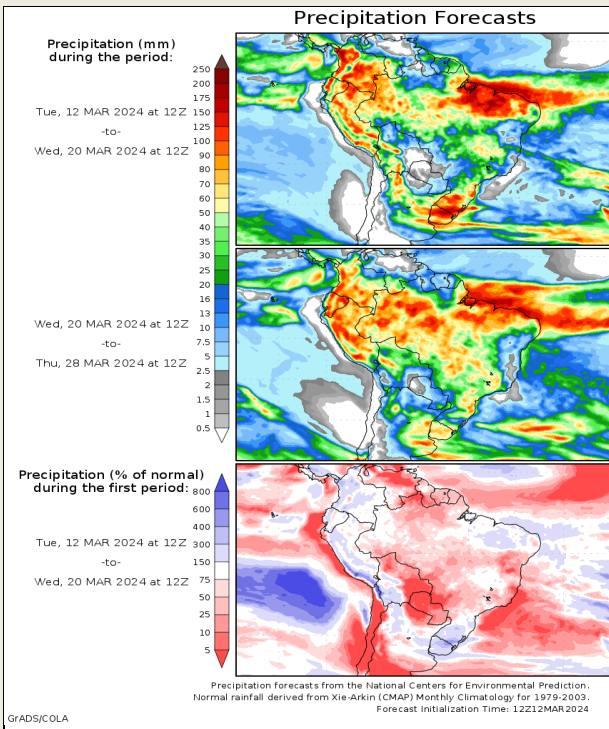
U.S. DELTA : Mostly dry weather will occur in the Delta and the Southeast into Wednesday and fieldwork should steadily increase and may become aggressive in some areas before another round of rain occurs Thursday into Sunday stalling fieldwork once again. o Some poorly drained areas along with some areas that received heavy rain during past weekend may not see much fieldwork before rain returns Thursday into Sunday and if rain were to fall too heavily during that period delays to fieldwork will be extended deeper into the month.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Central and northern Paraguay and Mato Grosso do Sul into northern Parana, western and central Sao Paulo, and west-central Minas Gerais will see little rain and favorable conditions for fieldwork through Tuesday of next week along with temperatures that are often warm to hot. Rain will increase Mar. 21-25 and stress to crops will be eased with additional rain needed into the end of the month so that soil moisture is great enough to support Safrinha crops during the coming dry season.

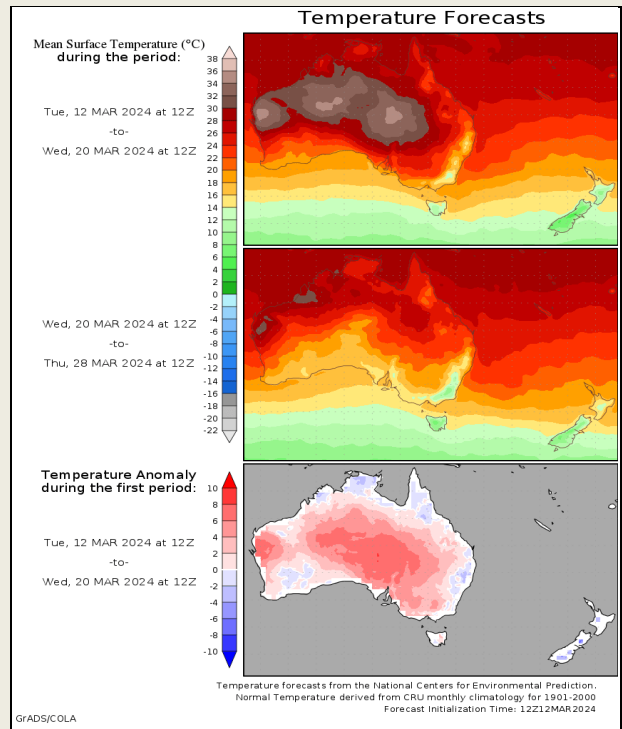
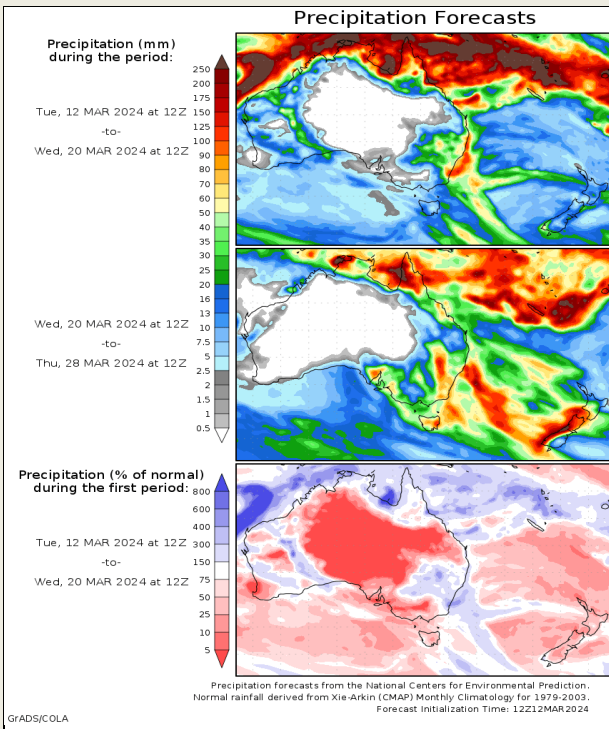
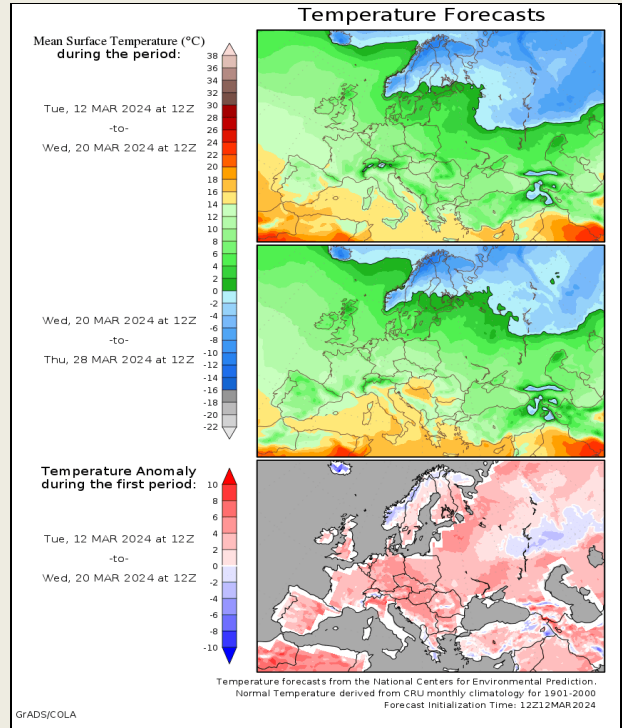
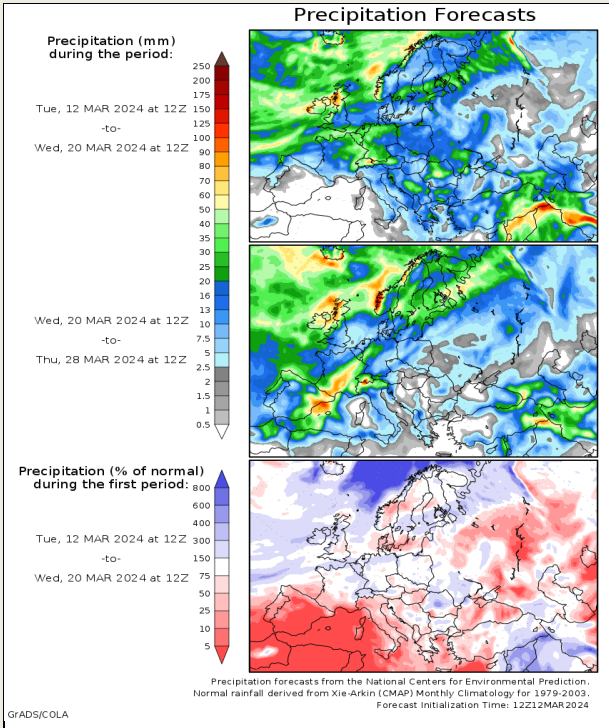
ARGENTINA: Regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms will occur through Mar. 20 and enough rain should fall to support most crops while fieldwork will be slowed at times with Entre Rios and nearby areas wettest with some fieldwork likely to advance around the rain. Shower activity will diminish in western, central, and southern Argentina Mar. 19-25 and fieldwork should increase while northeastern areas receive additional rain Mar. 19-20 before Mar. 21-25 is drier.



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 : Dry weather in the interior east has depleted soil moisture and dried up some of the grazing land, but sufficient grass remains to support livestock. Drying has also stressed late season summer crops in unirrigated areas and the need for rain is high. Early maturing summer crops are benefiting from the drier conditions and are being sped to maturity. Irrigated fields remain in good shape. Not much relief from the drying trend is expected for a while, although a frontal system moving through the east late Wednesday into Saturday will stimulate a few showers and thunderstorms. Most of the precipitation will be light.



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