

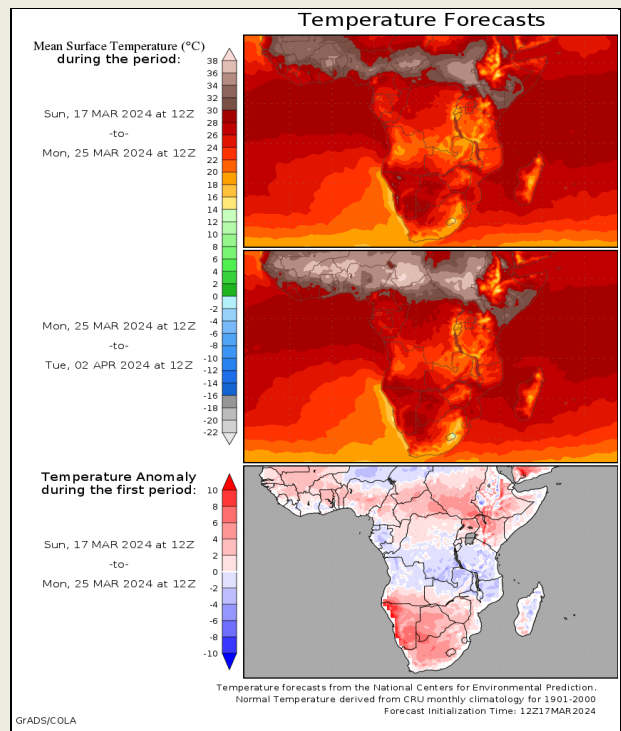
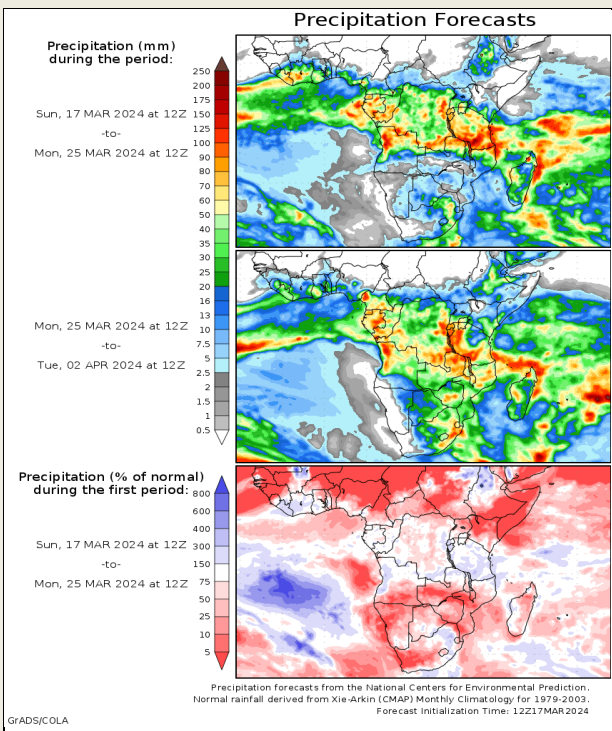
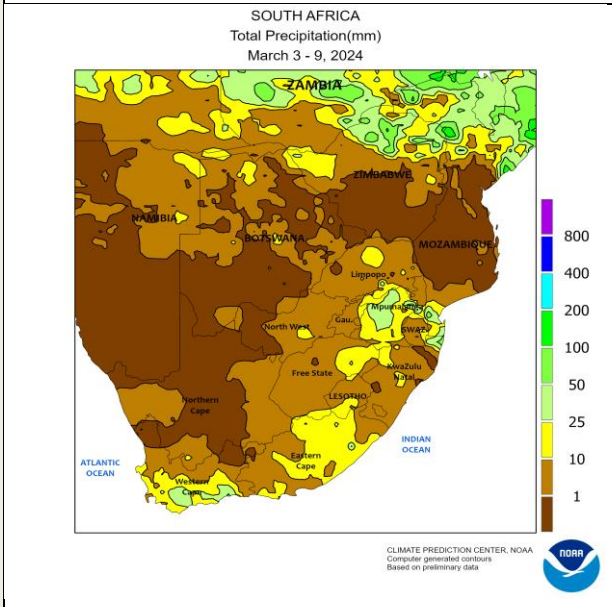
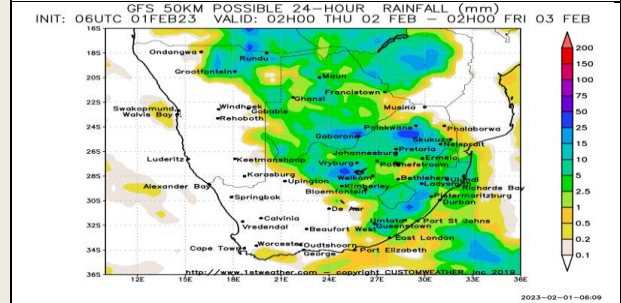
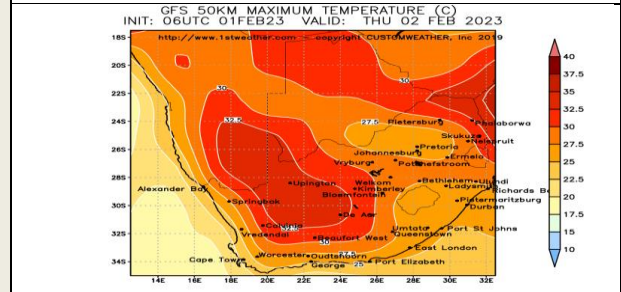
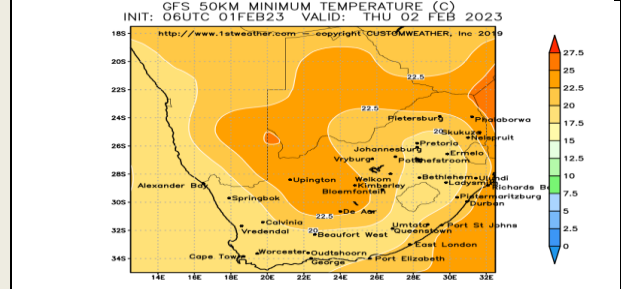


Weather Report

18 March 2024

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : The main production areas in South Africa will see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine through the middle of next week. Natal, Mpumalanga, and neighboring locations will receive the greatest amount of rain that will help improve soil moisture. Other locations will only receive light amounts of rain that will be too light to impact long-term soil conditions. Late-season development conditions will remain favorable for much of eastern South Africa where soil moisture is rated adequately. Central South Africa will remain too dry to support ideal late-season growth. Concerns for production losses remain high in Free State and North West due to the ongoing dryness. Eastern and central South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine through the middle of next week. The first round of rain will occur today into Thursday as a disturbance tracks over the country. Light and erratic rain will also occur this weekend and early next week. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 0.50-2.00" and local amounts over 3.00" in Natal, Mpumalanga, eastern fringes of Eastern Cape, and neighboring locations. Pockets in eastern Mpumalanga and northeastern Natal could receive more than 5.00" of moisture. Other locations will receive 0.10-0.75" of rain and locally greater amounts.

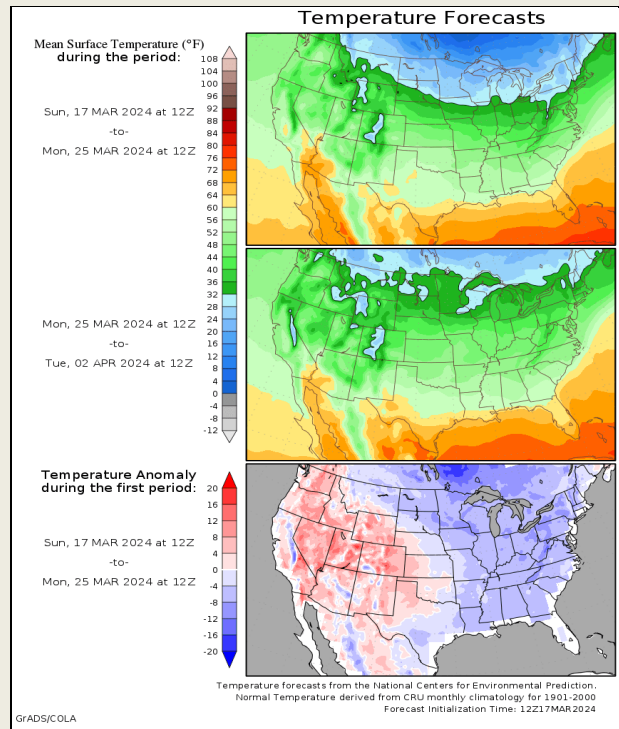
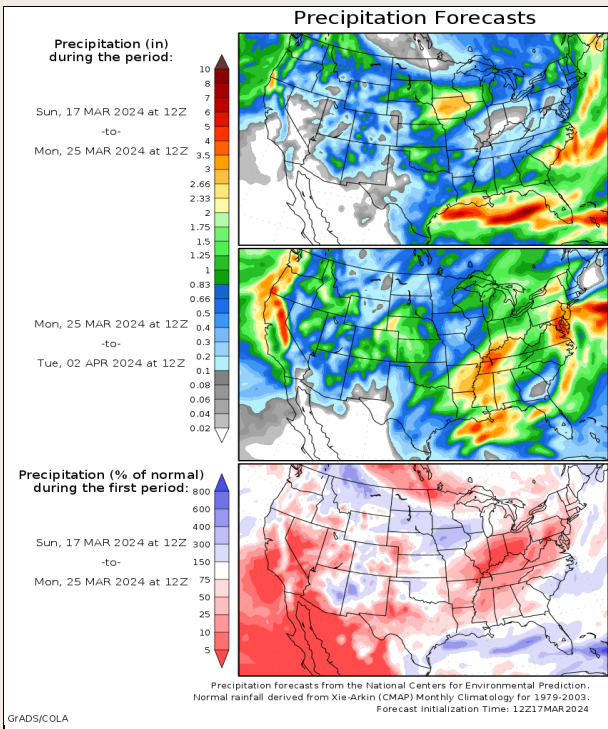
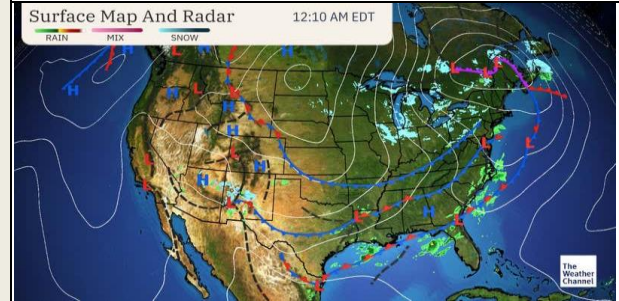
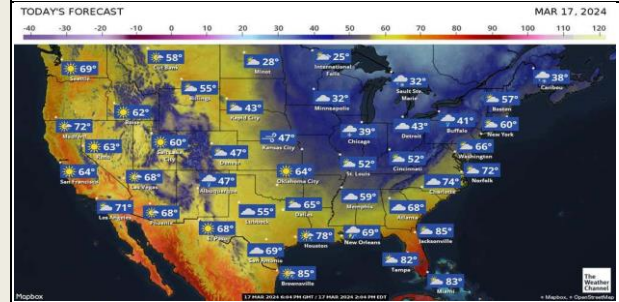
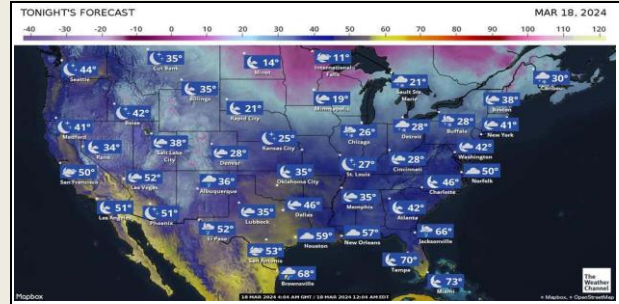
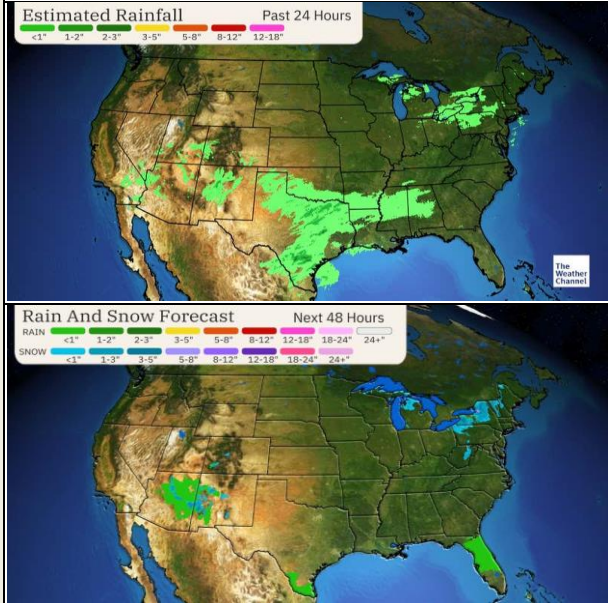


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : The Midwest will see three rounds of well-organized precipitation 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. The northwestern Corn Belt will see little precipitation through the middle of next week while some beneficial precipitation will fall on the 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.

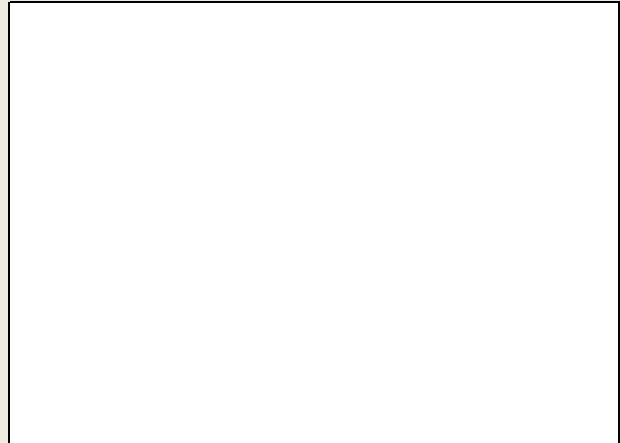
U.S. DELTA : Mostly dry weather will continue in the Delta and the Southeast today and fieldwork should steadily increase and may become aggressive in some areas before of nearly widespread rain falls Thursday into Sunday stalling fieldwork once again. Some poorly drained areas along with some areas that received heavy rain during past weekend may not see much fieldwork before rain returns Thursday into Sunday.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Rio Grande do Sul will see frequent and sometimes heavy rain Friday through Thursday of next week and some of the rice crop is likely to be damaged by the wet conditions while some flooding is likely as well. o Today into Thursday will be dry most often and where conditions permit, aggressive harvesting of the rice crop should occur in advance of the rain. o Mar. 22-24 will be drier and rice harvesting and other fieldwork should gradually resume before another round of rain impacts the region Mar. 25-27.

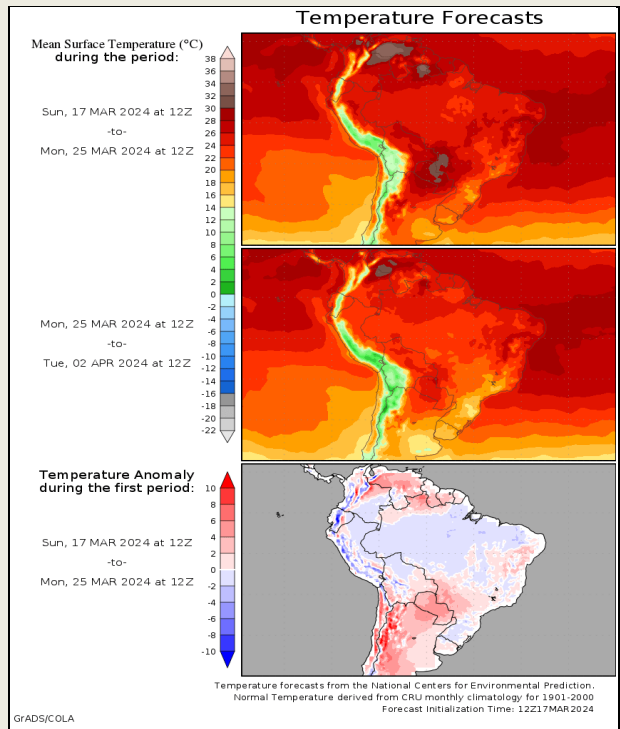
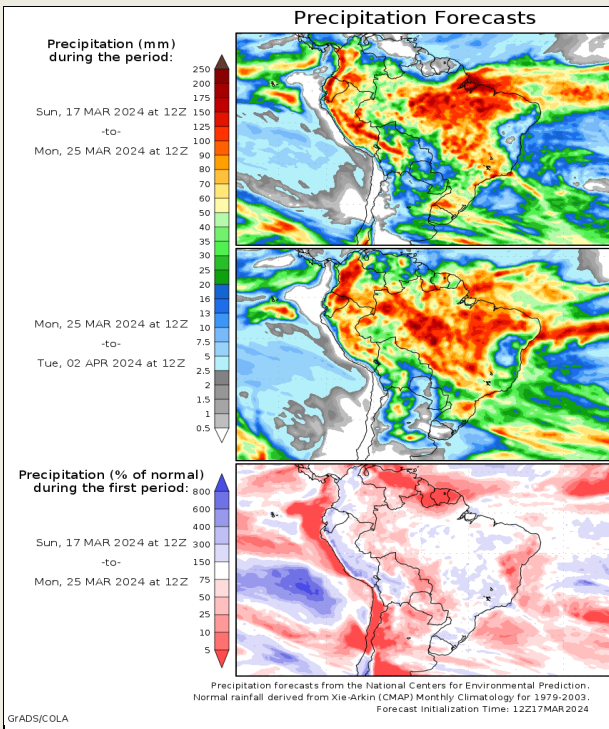
ARGENTINA: Frequent and often heavy rain will impact areas from northern Buenos Aires into Entre Rios, Corrientes, and Uruguay through the next week and the wet weather expected should damage some of the rice crop while some flooding is likely as well. o Drier weather will briefly occur Mar. 21-23 and conditions for rice and fieldwork will improve, but with additional rain likely Mar. 24-26 further damage to rice may occur.



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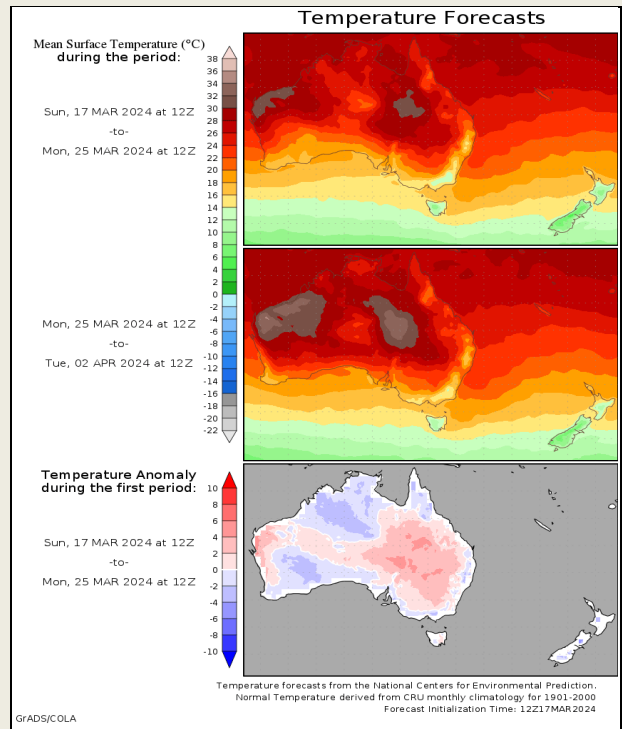
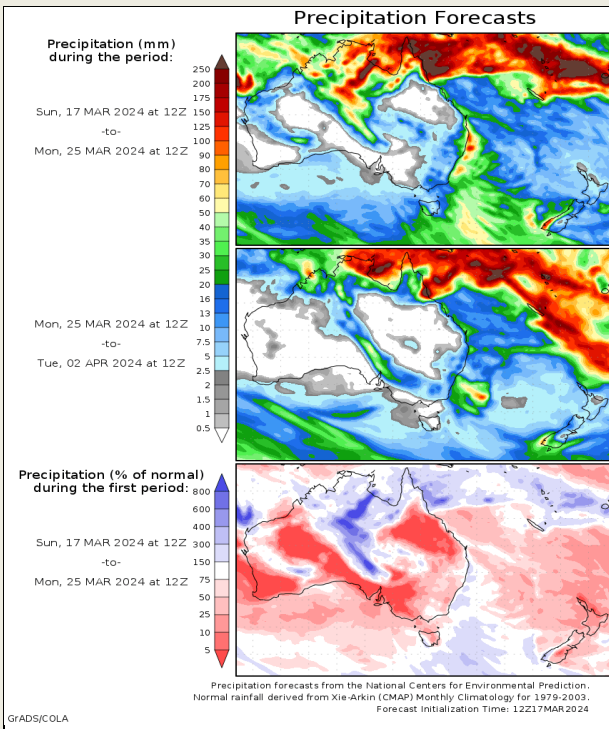
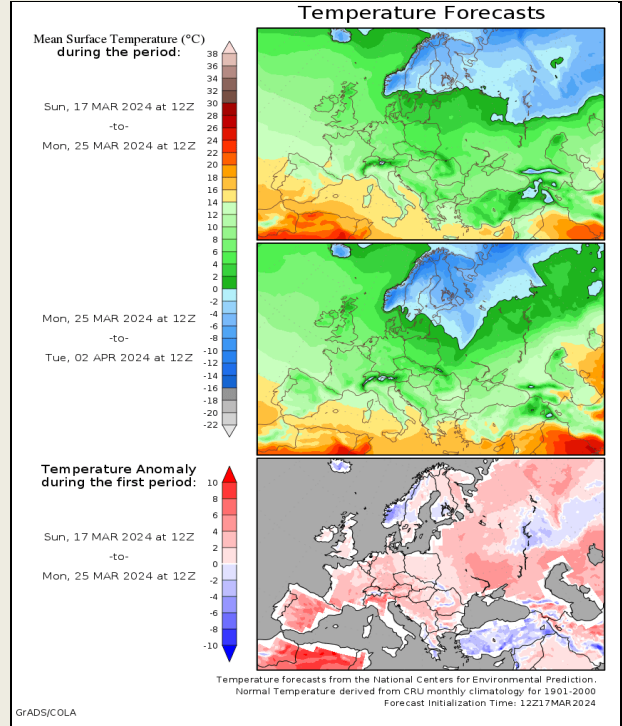
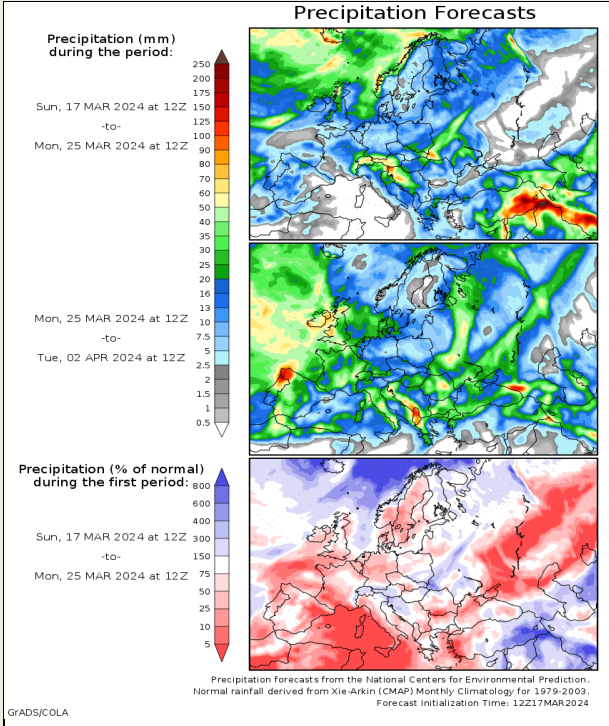
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Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

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 : Today's forecast is wetter in eastern Australia in the first week of the outlook; though, net drying remains possible in a majority of the key production region. The shower and thunderstorm activity is unlikely to counter evaporation outside of some localized pockets. The greatest rain will occur in northeastern New South Wales. Any rain will be beneficial, especially for unirrigated fields.



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