

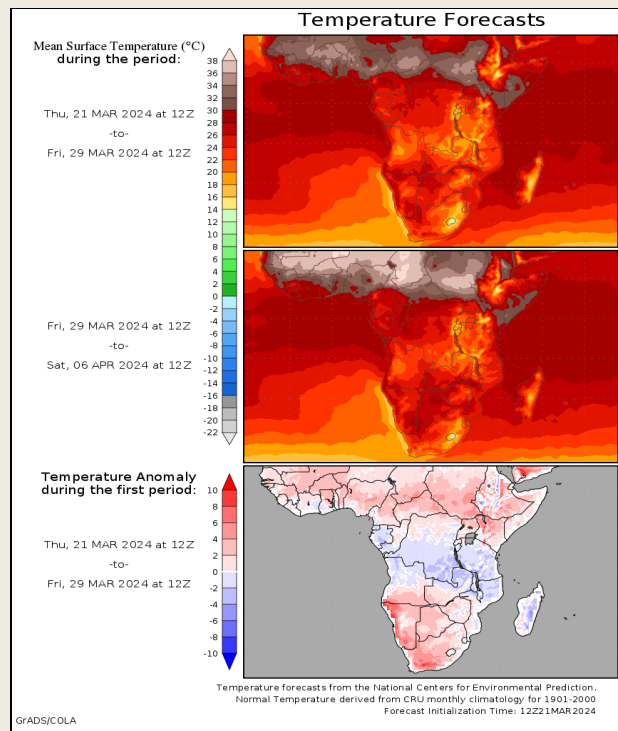
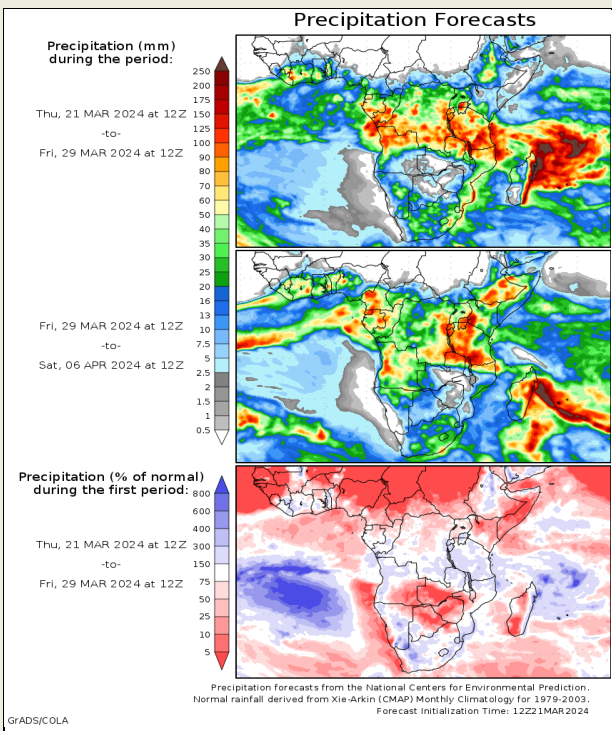
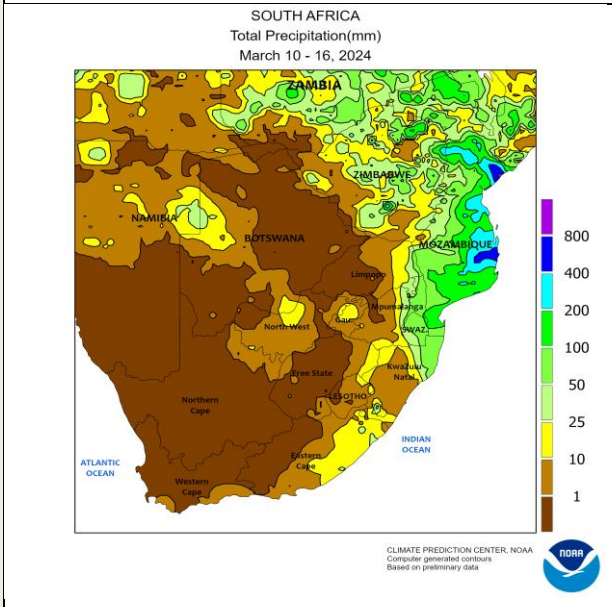
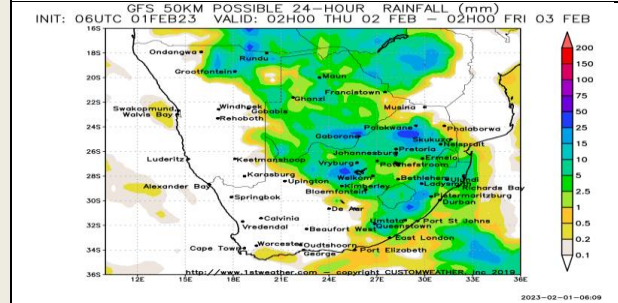
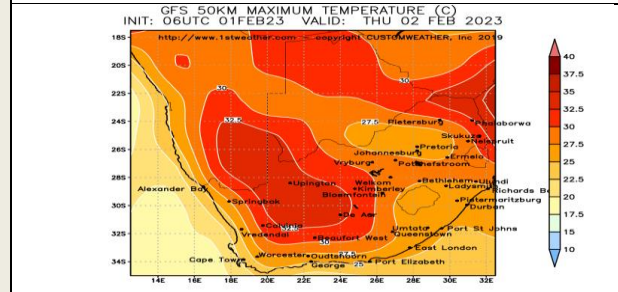
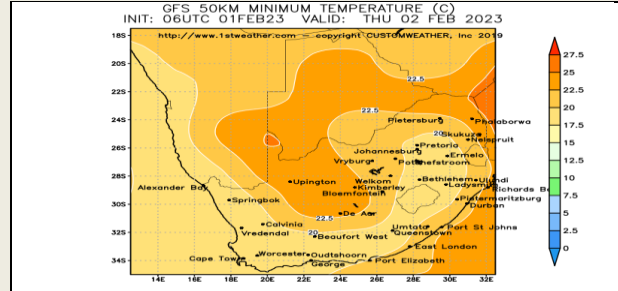


# **Weather Report**

## **22 March 2024**

# South Africa - Weather

**SOUTH AFRICA :** Rain will often be scattered across South Africa during the coming week. The rain will be welcome for any crops that are still in the development stages. However, the precipitation will be too late in the season to significantly improve production potentials for central South Africa. Maturation and harvesting will likely advance around the rain, though minor delays are possible. South Africa will have several opportunities for rain during the coming week o Disturbances tracking near or into the country will promote erratic rainfall on a near daily basis o Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 0.50-3.00" and locally greater amounts in Natal and Mpumalanga o Portions of Limpopo and western sections of Northern Cape and Western Cape will also only receive 0.10-0.50" of rain o Much of South Africa will have opportunities for rain March 29 – April 4 o Rainfall will be greatest in eastern and central South Africa



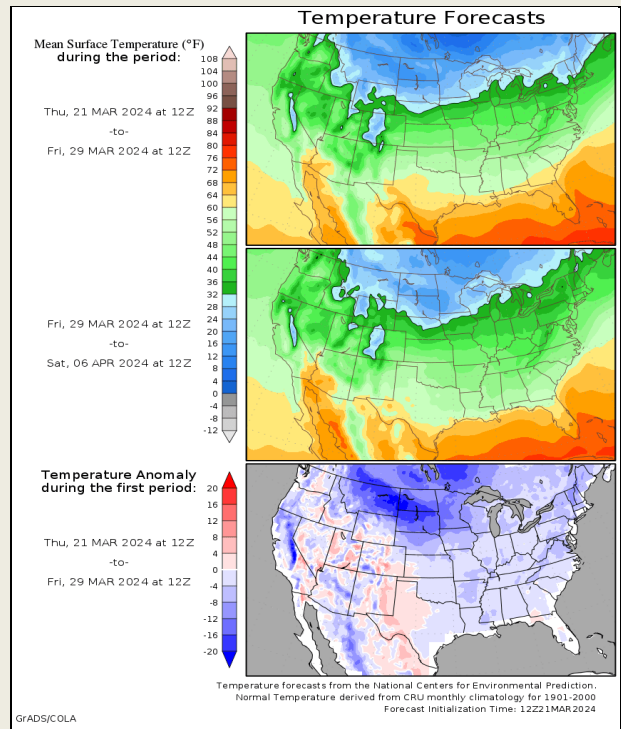
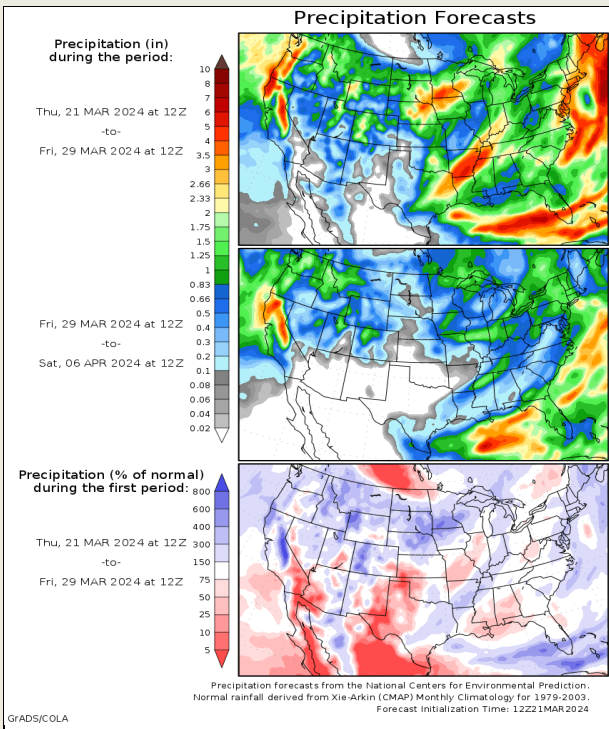
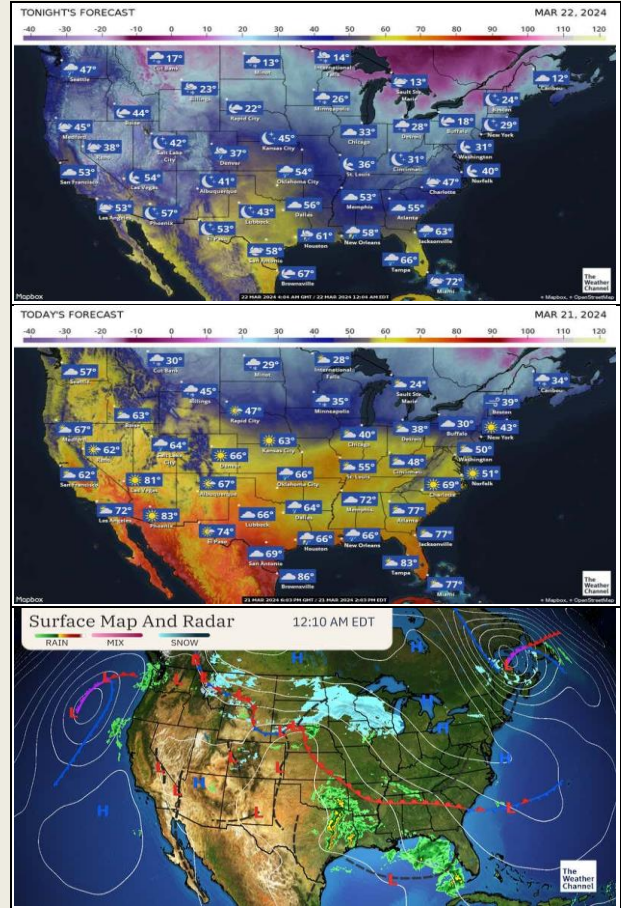
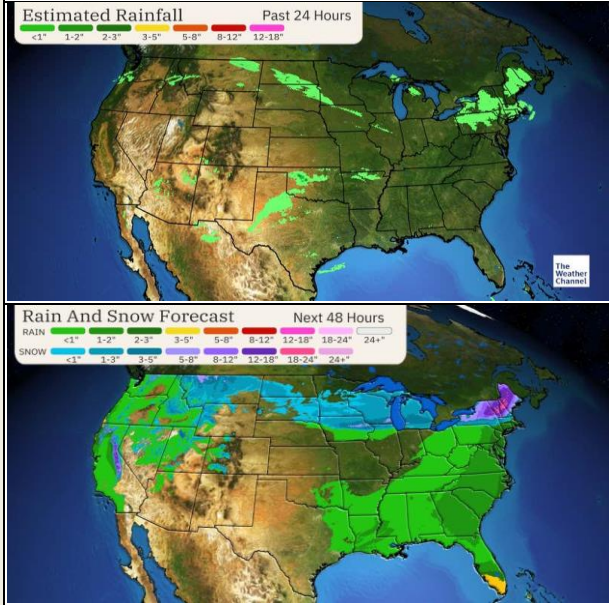
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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST :** The Midwest will see regular rounds of rain and snow during the next two weeks with the moisture welcome in many western areas and while fieldwork will be slowed at times much of the precipitation through the next ten days should not be great enough to cause excessively muddy conditions in most areas. Soil moisture is low in many areas from eastern South Dakota to Iowa and eastern Nebraska and significant precipitation is needed before the summer crop planting season.

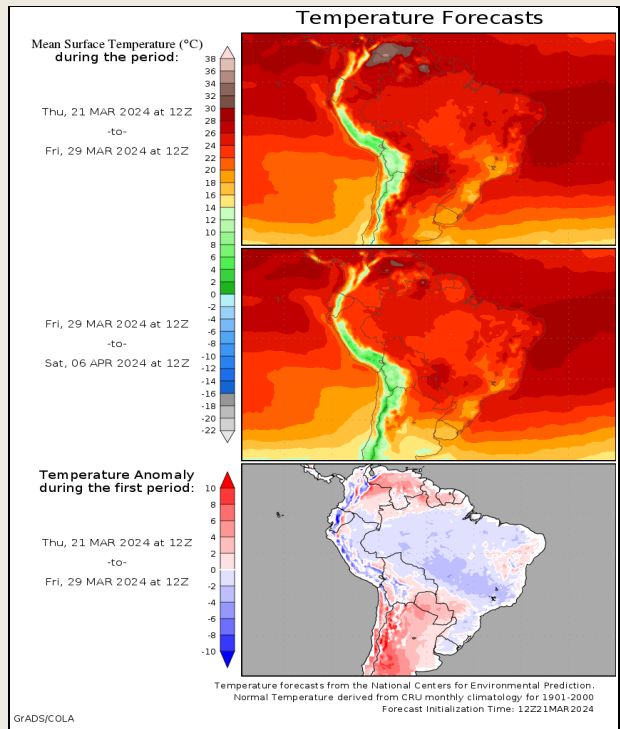
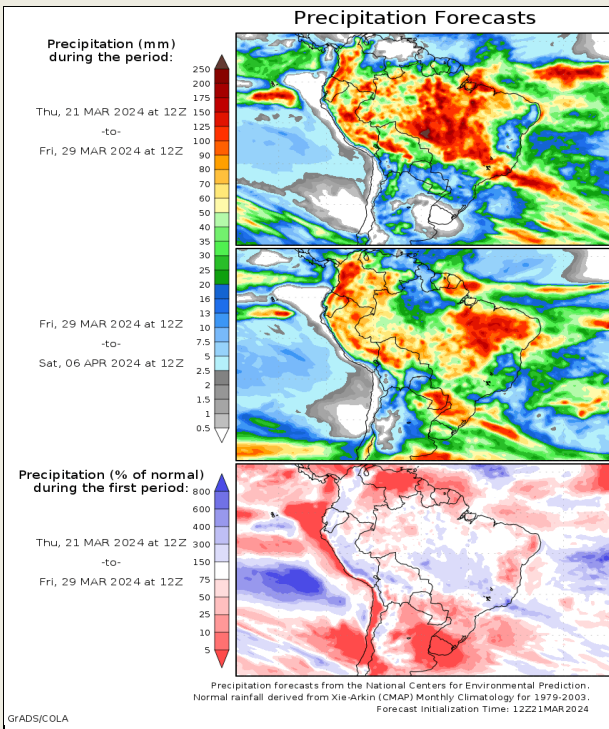
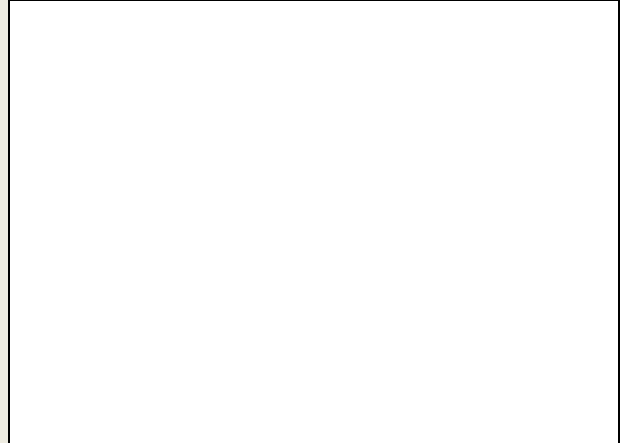
**U.S. DELTA :** The Delta and the Southeast will see a mix of rain and sunshine during the next two weeks that will keep the soil moist with breaks between rounds of rain not likely long enough to allow for aggressive fieldwork in large parts of the region. The northern Delta will be driest through this weekend and fieldwork should advance well there.



## South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** A much drier weather pattern will occur through Friday of next week in Rio Grande do Sul after some northern and eastern areas receive some mostly light rain and conditions for fieldwork as well as for maturing rice will steadily improve. Rain and delays to fieldwork will return Mar. 30-Apr. 4 and rice will be threatened by additional quality declines or damage if drier weather does not return soon. Outside of portions of northeastern Brazil and western into southern Rio Grande do Sul, much of Brazil and Paraguay will receive rain today into Friday with the moisture important in Safrinha corn areas from central and southern Mato Grosso do Sul into central and northern Paraguay.

**ARGENTINA:** Shower activity will diminish today and outside of some showers in west-central and southern areas next week, little rain is expected through Mar. 29 and the wettest areas in eastern Argentina will see improving conditions for fieldwork while the rice crop benefits from the drier weather as well. The soil is moist enough to support crop development in much of the country when drying occurs through March 29. Exceptions extend from San Luis to northern Cordoba to a large part of Santiago del Estero where soil moisture is short to adequate and until rain returns, some crops may be stressed as the soil dries down.

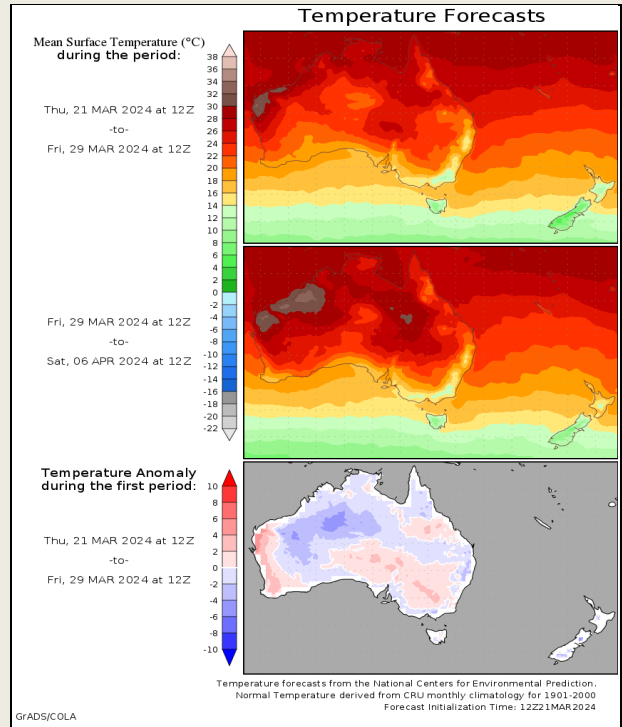
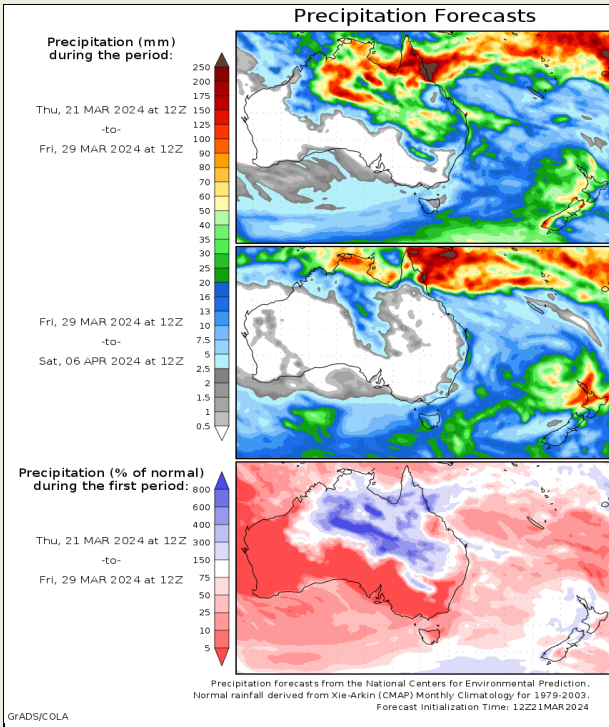
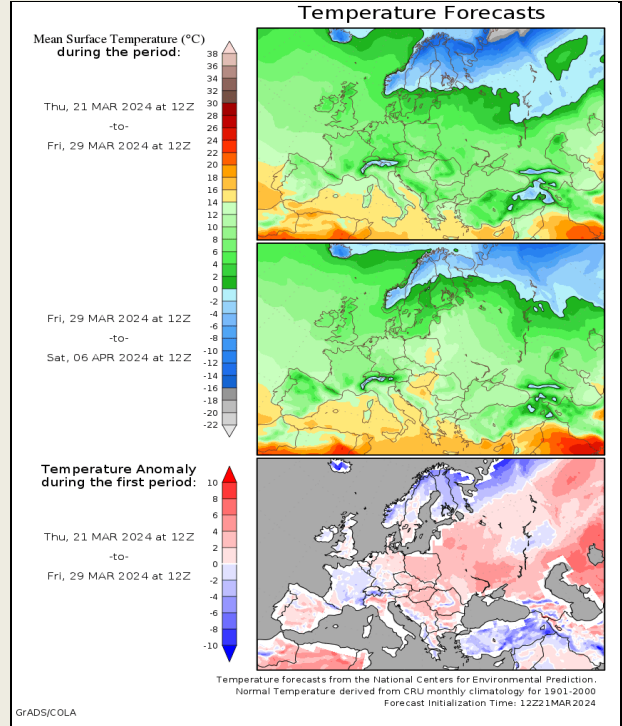
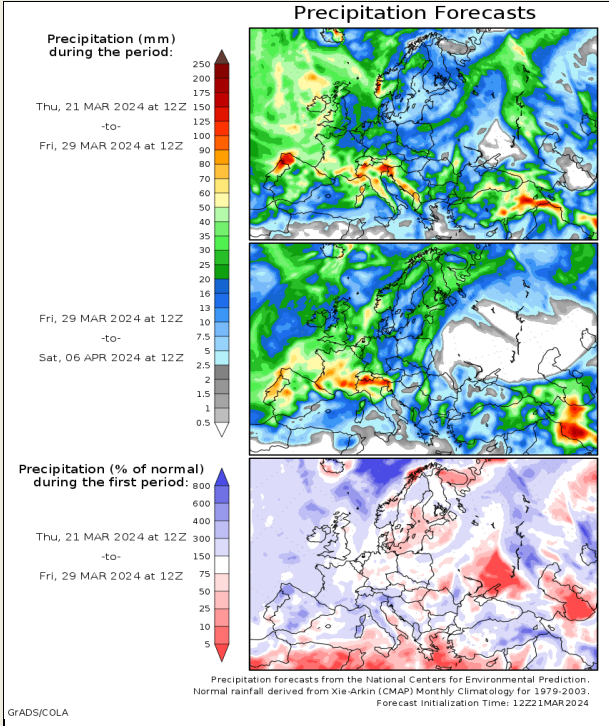




# Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

**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 :** Additional showers and thunderstorms in New South Wales today and Tuesday will provide some more beneficial moisture to unirrigated fields. A cold front will also move through Tuesday leading to some cooler conditions with slightly lower evaporation rates. Drier-biased conditions later in the week will raise the need for more rain again, especially in Queensland; though, rain will likely return to New South Wales in the upcoming weekend. Drier biased conditions will be good for early summer crop maturation and harvest progress.



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