

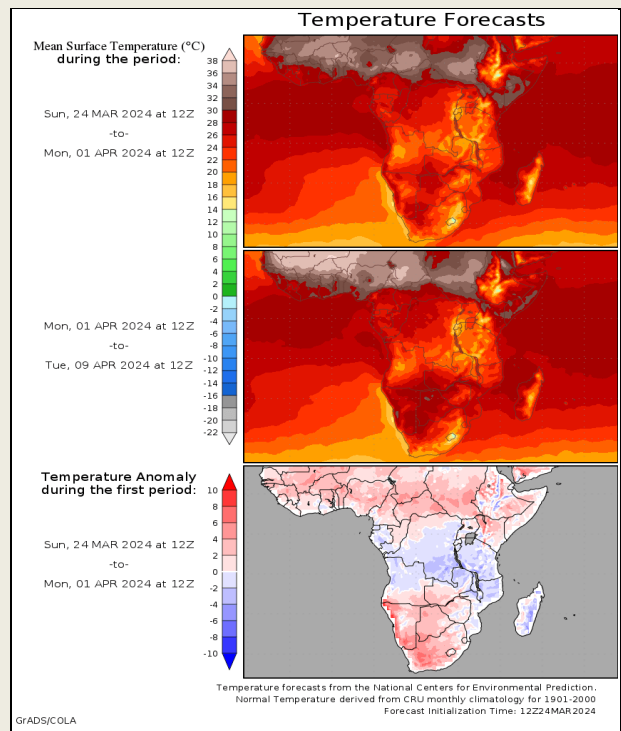
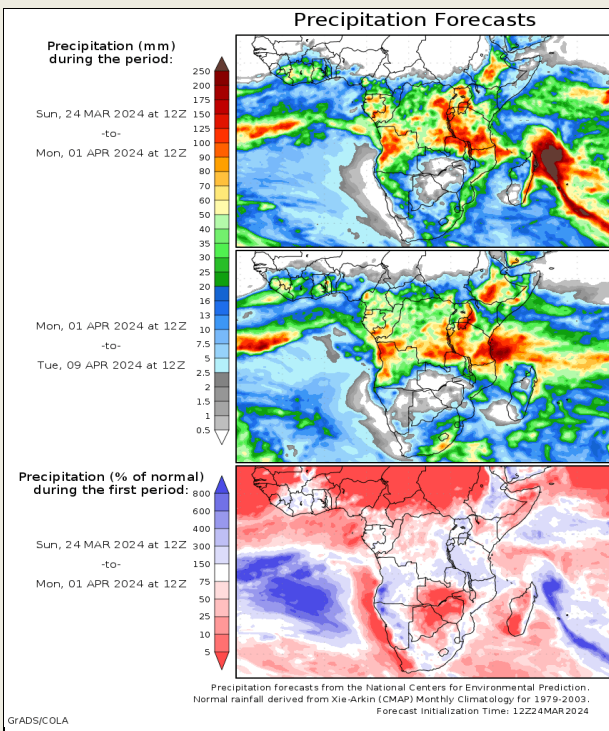
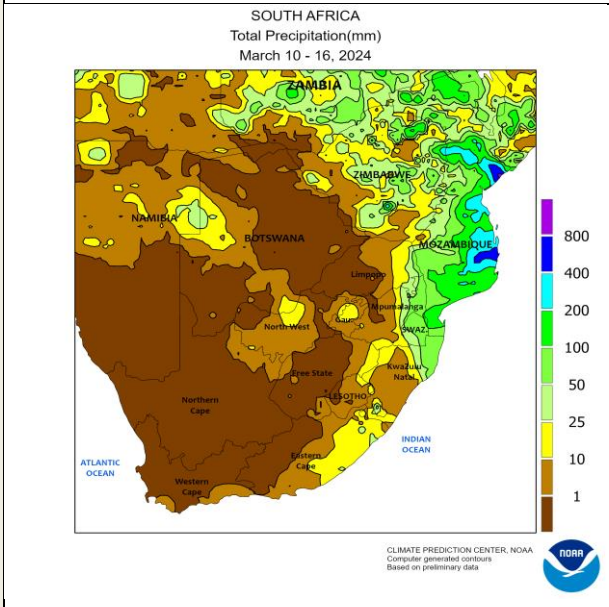
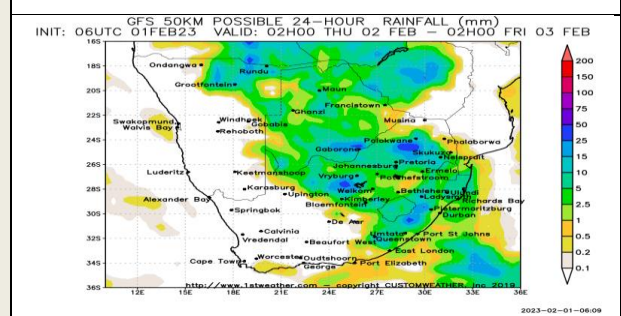
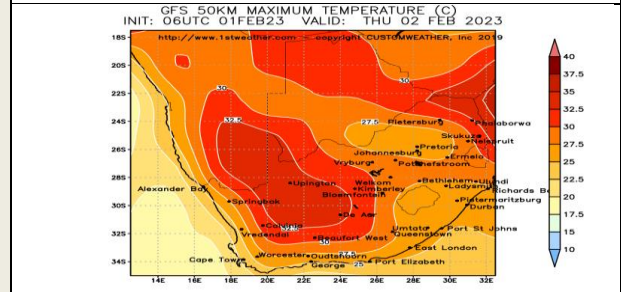
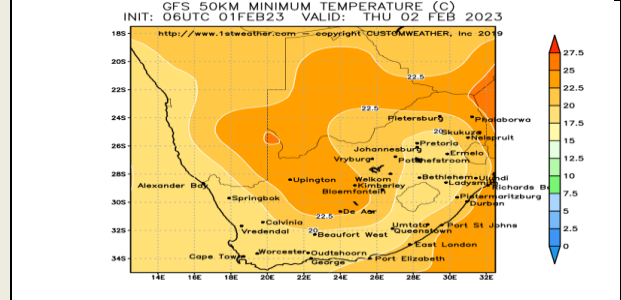


Weather Report

25 March 2024

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : South Africa's production areas will see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine this week. Eastern South Africa will receive enough rain to maintain favorable lateseason development. Central South Africa will not receive enough rain to significantly improve the moisture profile and late-season development conditions will remain less than favorable. Yields are still expected to be slightly lower than early estimates due to the lack of rain for Free State, North West, and neighboring locations in recent weeks. Maturation and harvesting will likely advance swiftly around the rain. Eastern and central South Africa will see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine this week. A few light showers will initially evolve today and Tuesday. More widespread rain will evolve Wednesday into Friday as a disturbance tracks into the country. Another disturbance will promote rain over the weekend. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 0.50-3.00" in eastern South Africa. Central South Africa will receive 0.25-1.50" of rain and locally greater amounts. Western South Africa will trend drier than normal this week. Other than a few spotty showers, the region will trend mostly dry. Any rain that does occur will be lost to evaporation.

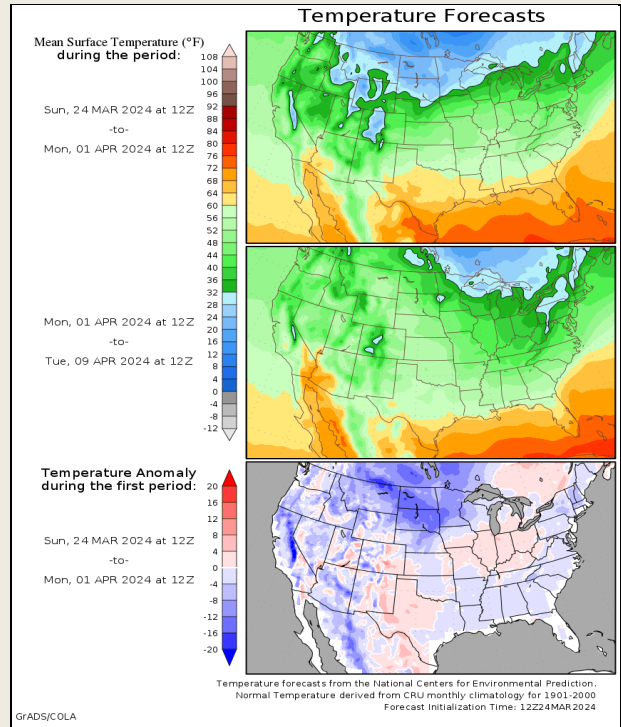
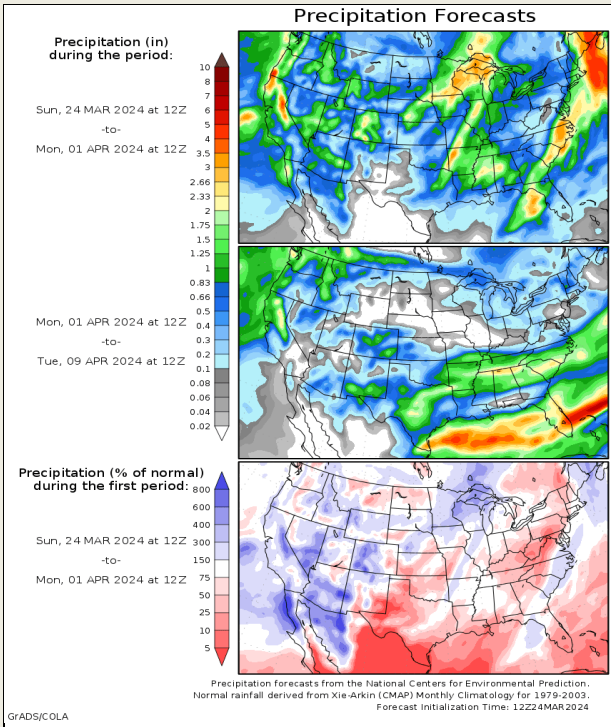
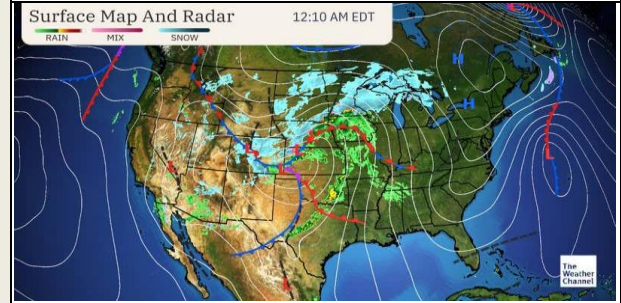
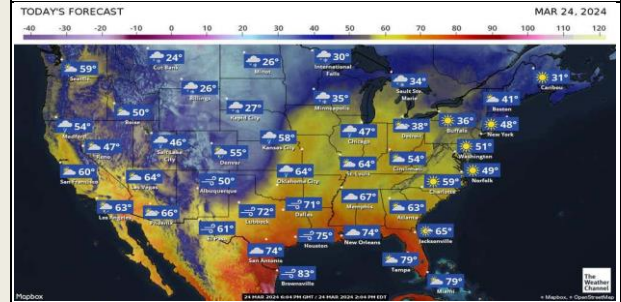
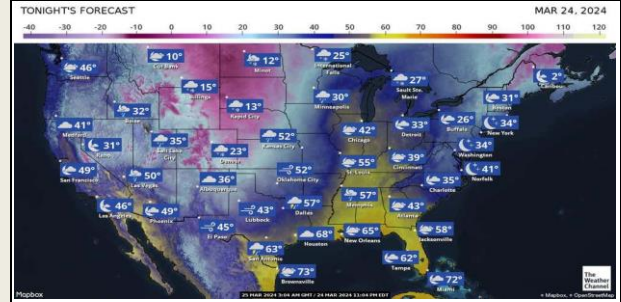


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : Precipitation during most of the next two weeks should be light and infrequent enough that fieldwork advances well in much of the region around a significant storm system expected to bring widespread precipitation to the region beginning in the west Saturday and spreading to the Ohio River Basin Mar. 26-27. Soil moisture is still low in many areas from eastern South Dakota to Iowa and eastern Nebraska and significant precipitation will be needed before the summer crop planting season.

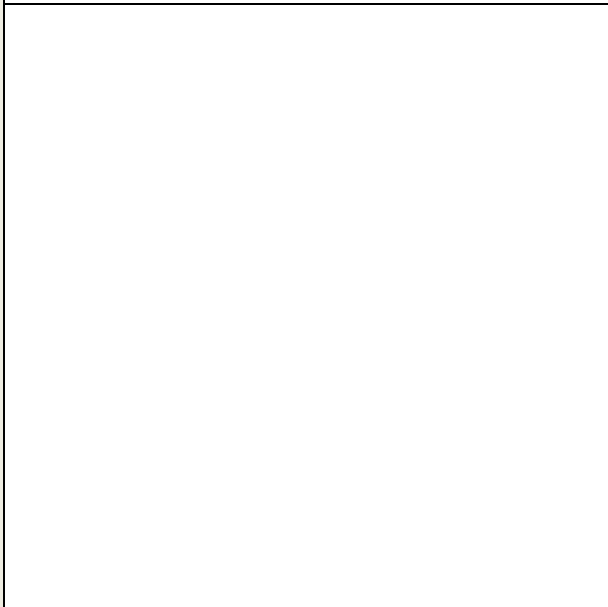
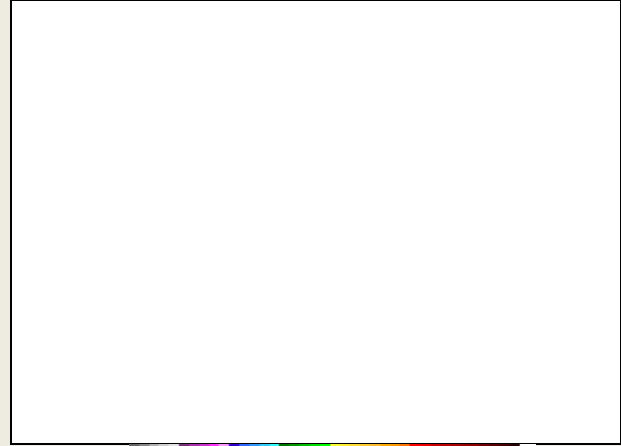
U.S. DELTA : The Delta and the Southeast will see a mix of rain and sunshine during the next two weeks that will keep the soil moist while causing some interruptions to fieldwork. Widespread soakings of rain are not expected and fieldwork should advance between precipitation events.



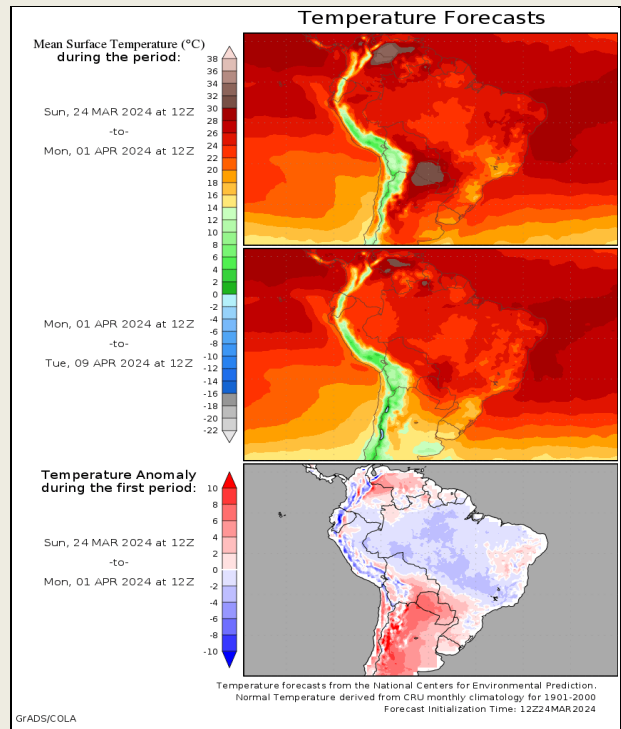
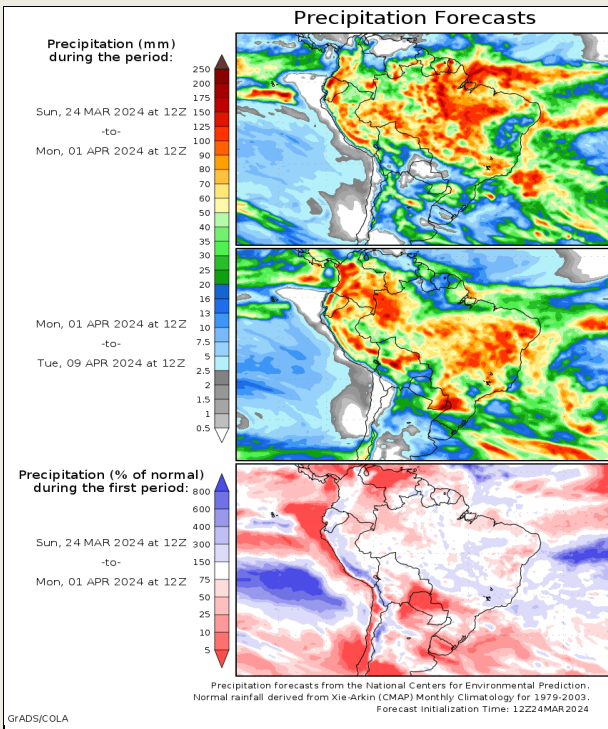
South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Rio Grande do Sul will see additional and sometimes heavy rain into Thursday and some additional damage to the rice crop is likely to result from the wet conditions while some flooding is likely as well. A much drier weather pattern will begin Friday and continue through the first of April and conditions for harvesting of rice and other fieldwork will steadily improve. Outside of far southern Brazil, periods of sunshine and rain will occur during the next week in Brazil and Paraguay allowing some fieldwork to advance while the rain that falls will be important in Safrinha crop areas.

ARGENTINA: Additional rain will impact areas from central and northern Santa Fe into Entre Rios, Corrientes, central and eastern Chaco, and Uruguay through Wednesday and the wet weather expected should cause additional damage some of the rice crop while some local flooding may occur as well. A drier weather pattern will occur Thursday through April 1 and conditions for rice as well as fieldwork should steadily improve around rain in parts of the region Mar. 25-28.



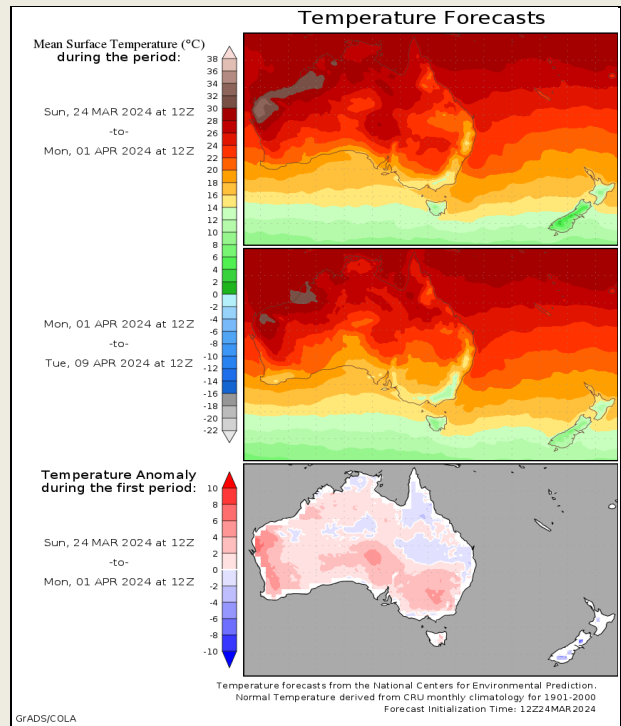
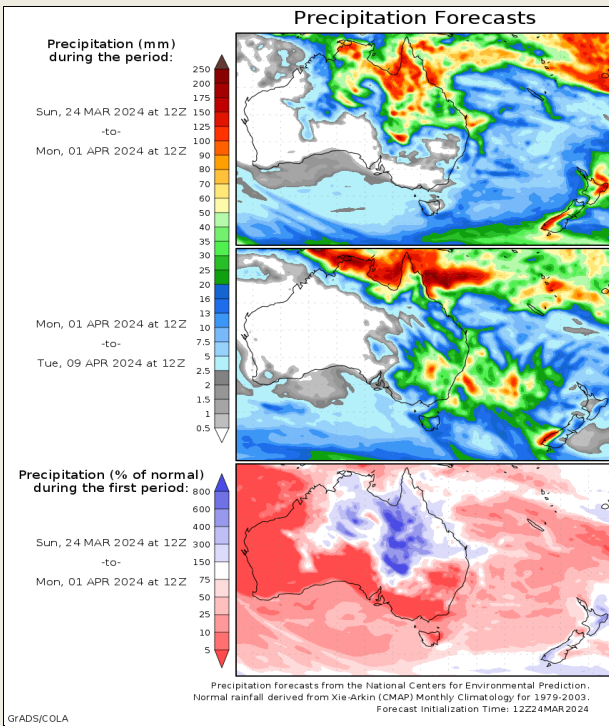
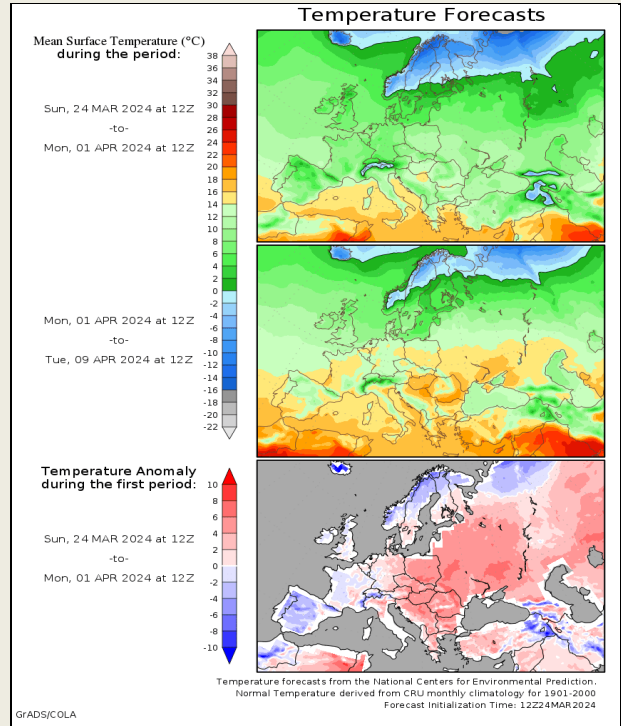
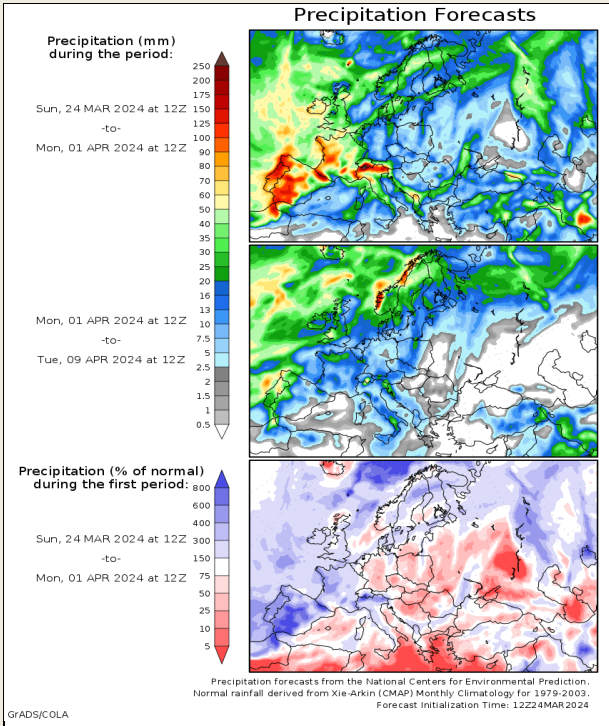
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Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

EUROPE : Rain and little snow will occur mainly in central and northeastern parts of the region most days through Sunday o 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 o 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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