

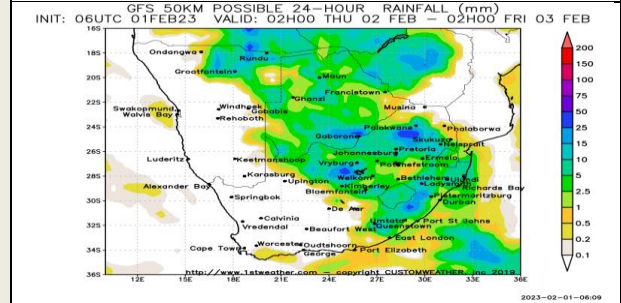
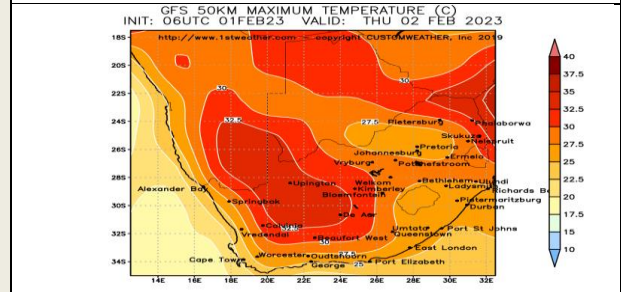
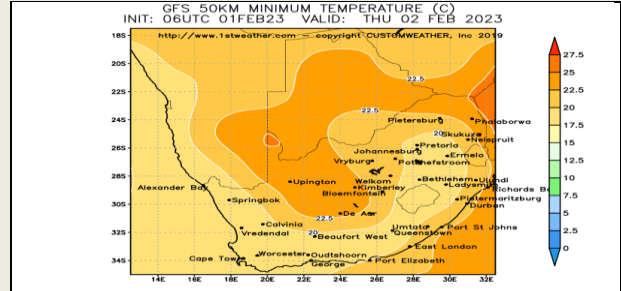


Weather Report

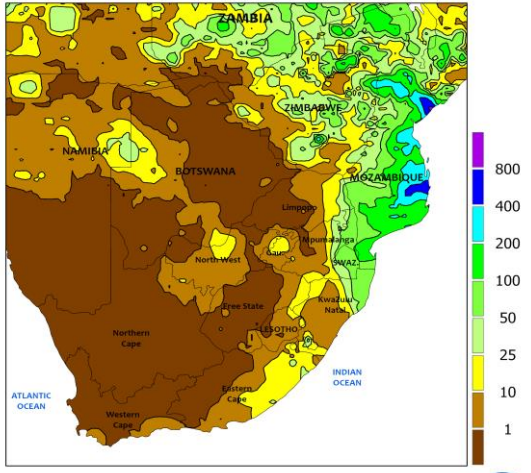
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South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : South Africa will see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine this week. The rain will be beneficial for late-season development, though much of Free State and North West will remain too dry to support ideal conditions. Production losses are still expected in Free State and North West due to dryness earlier in the growing season. Maturation and early-season harvesting will advance swiftly around the rain. South Africa will have several opportunities for rain this week. Light rain will be scattered across a few locations today. A band of scattered showers will track from west to east Tuesday into Thursday. Light and erratic rain will continue for a few locations Friday and this weekend. Moisture totals by next Monday morning will range from 0.50-2.00" with local amounts of 3.00" or more in Natal and Mpumalanga. However, Limpopo, eastern North West, and western sections of Western Cape and Northern Cape will only receive 0.10-0.50" of rain. Much of South Africa will have opportunities for rain April 2 - 8. Rainfall will be greatest in eastern South Africa.

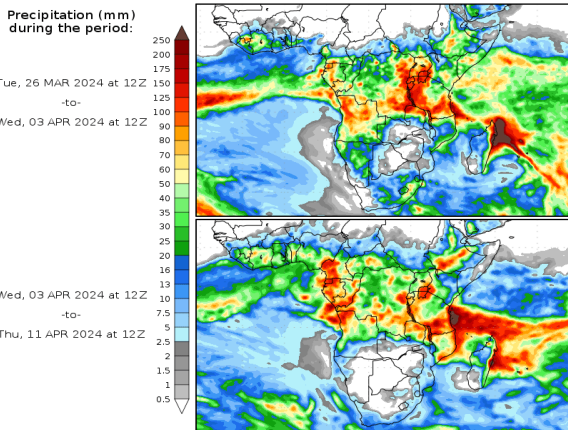


SOUTH AFRICA
Total Precipitation(mm)
March 10 - 16, 2024



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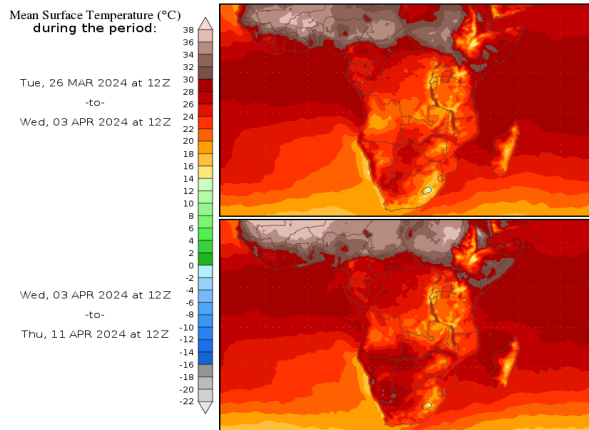
Precipitation Forecasts



Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003.
Forecast Initialization Time: 12Z26MAR2024

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Temperature Forecasts



Temperature forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction.
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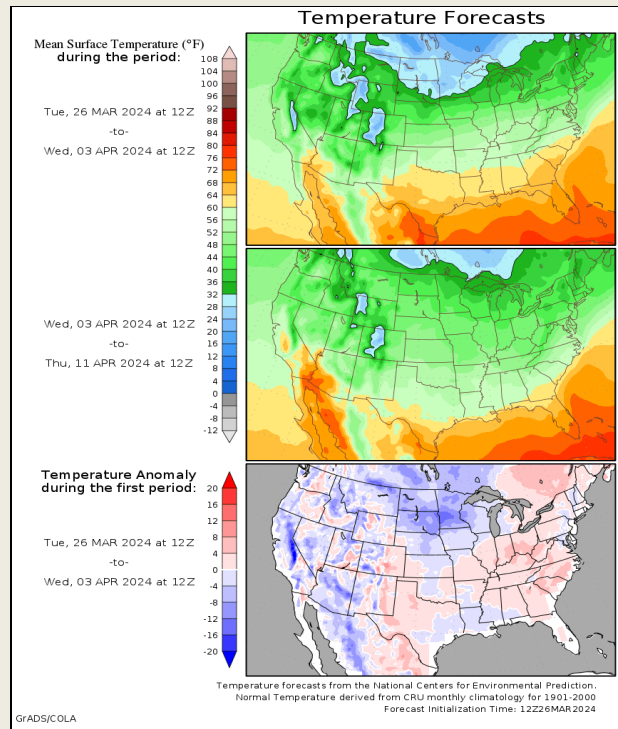
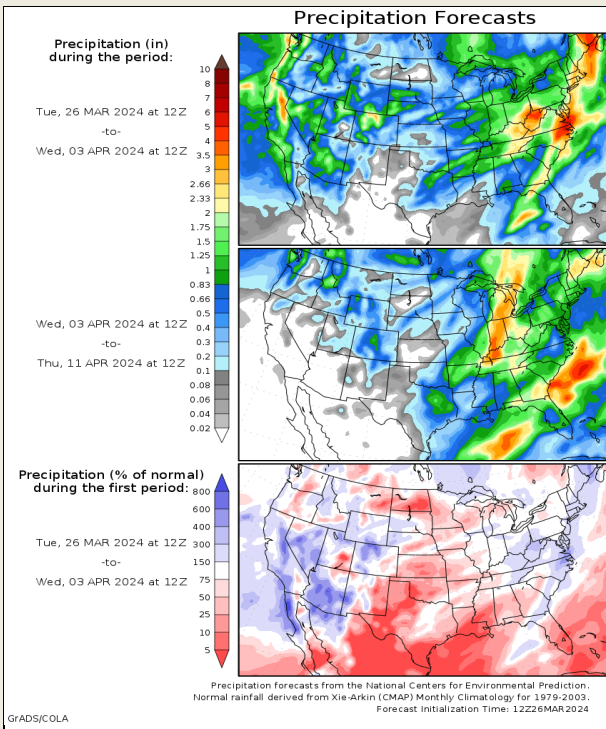
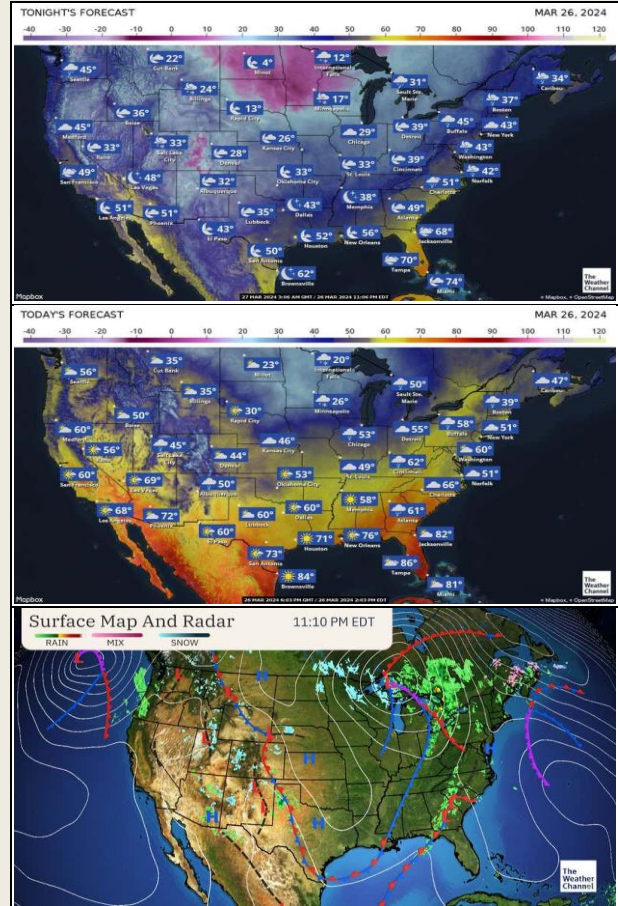
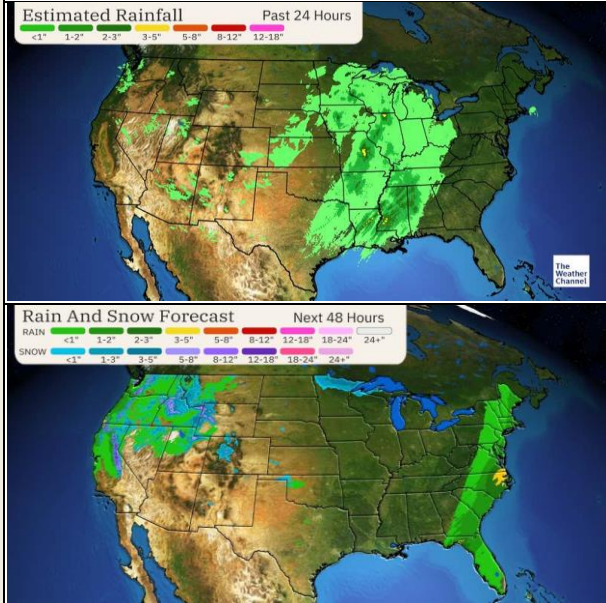
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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : The Midwest will see a few rounds of rain and snow during the next two weeks with the additional moisture welcome in many western areas and while fieldwork will be slowed at times much of the precipitation should not be great enough to cause excessively muddy conditions in most areas. o Soil moisture has not been fully restored in many areas from eastern South Dakota to Iowa and eastern Nebraska and precipitation during the next two weeks will be important.

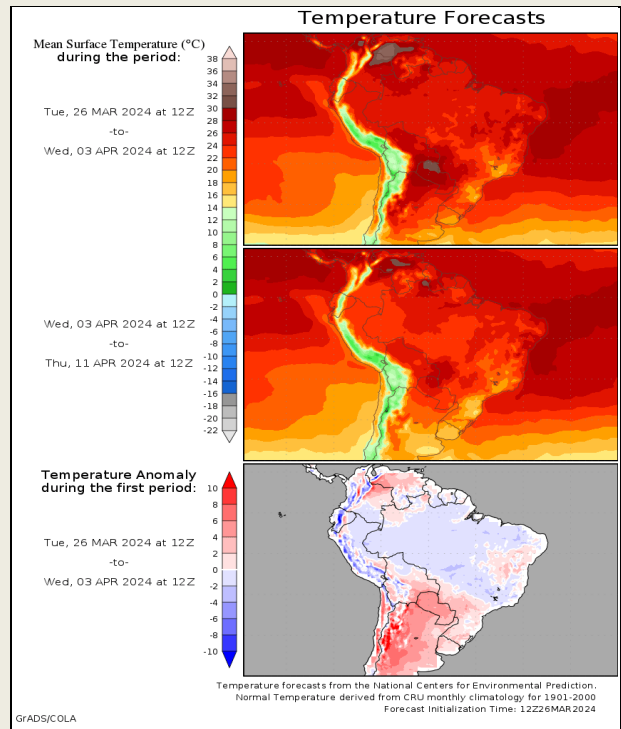
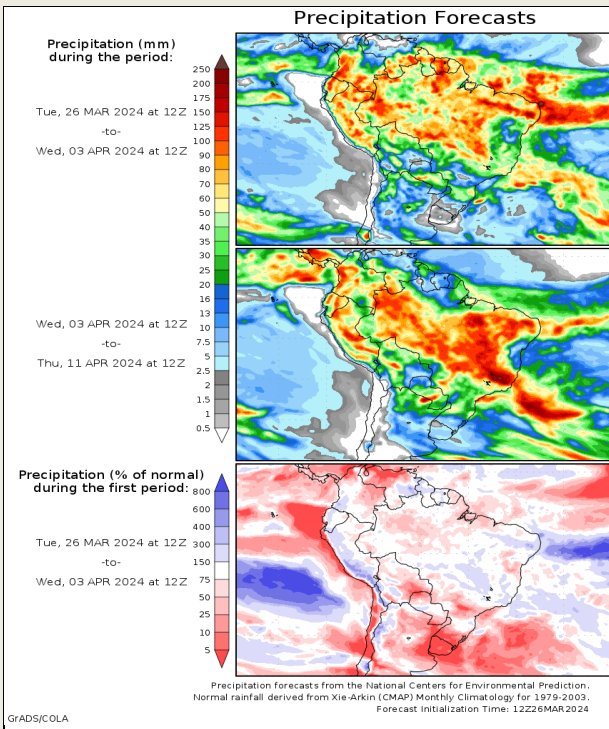
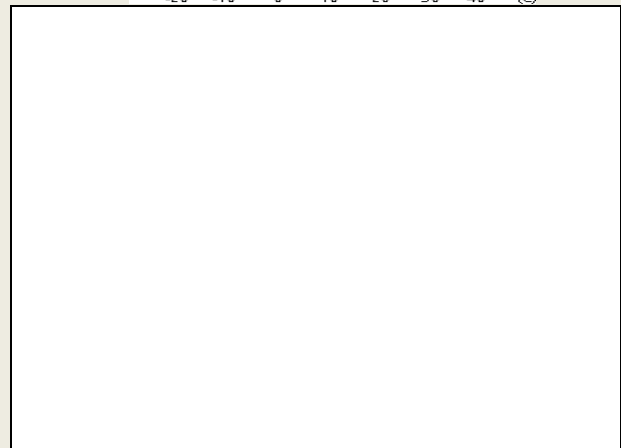
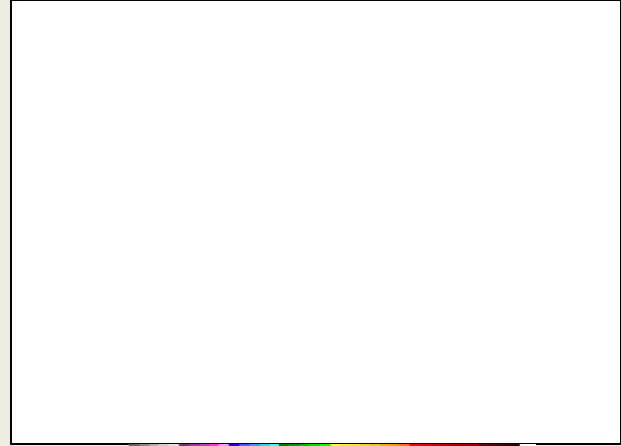
U.S. DELTA : The Delta and the Southeast will see another round of nearly widespread rain today into Wednesday with some strong to severe storms as well as some locally heavy rain and local flooding before a mix of rain and sunshine Thursday through Apr. 9 allows fieldwork to increase while soil conditions remain favorable. o Eastern North Carolina and nearby areas will receive additional rain Thursday.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Frequent rain will fall through Thursday from Mato Grosso and northern Mato Grosso do Sul into southern Goias where the increases in soil moisture that result from the rain will be important for Safrinha corn so that soil moisture is high enough to support crop development during the dry season. o Shower activity will diminish Friday through April 8, but regular rounds of showers will continue and the resulting rain will prevent the region from rapidly drying down leaving much of the Safrinha corn crop with high production potentials.

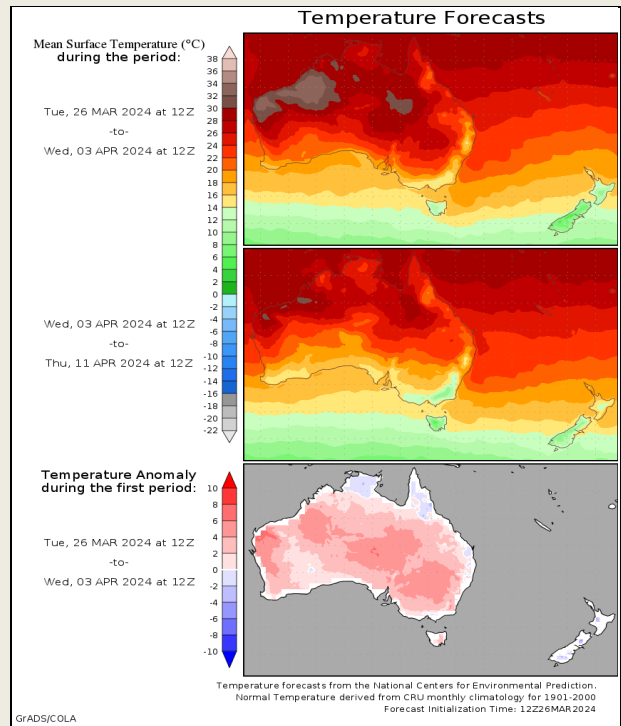
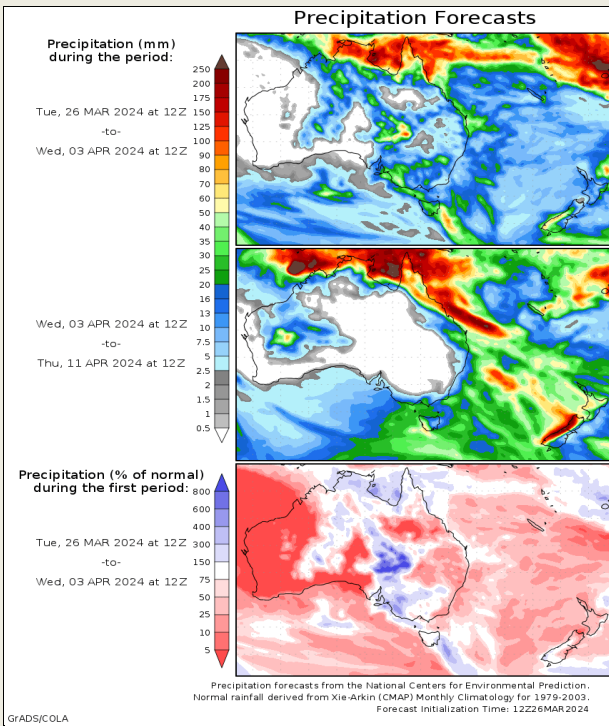
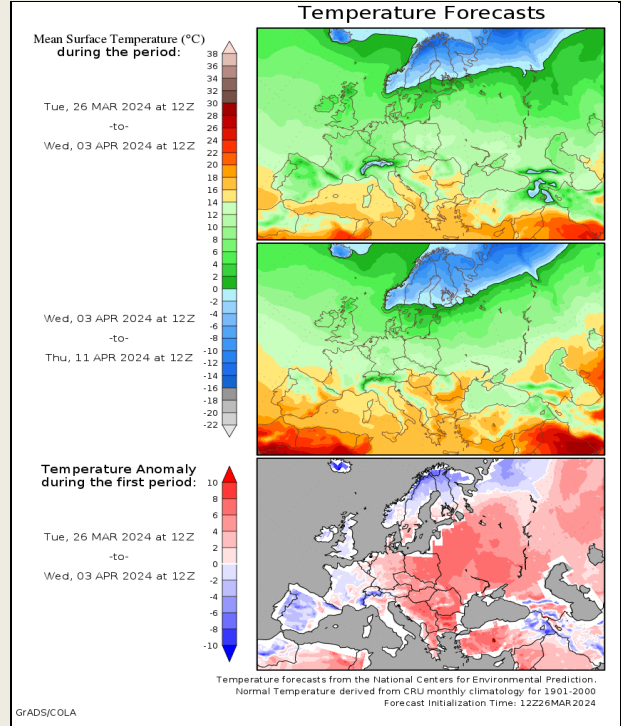
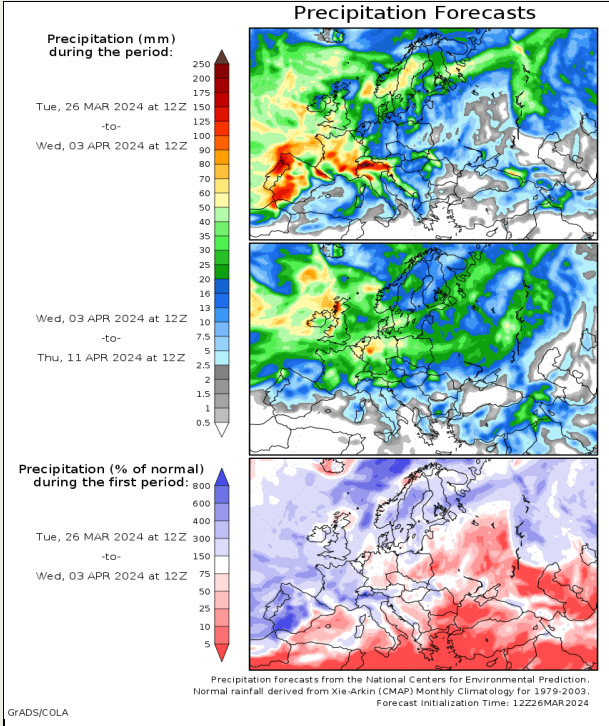
ARGENTINA : Argentina will see more sunshine than rain during the next weeks and fieldwork should advance well while soil moisture in place and occasional rounds of showers keep conditions for most crops favorable with some exceptions in the west where soil moisture is short and rain is needed to prevent rising levels of crop stress. o San Luis to northern Cordoba to southern Santiago del Estero as well as parts of Chaco, southern La Pampa, and southwestern Buenos Aires have marginal to short soil moisture until rain returns, some crops should be stressed as the soil continues to dry 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 : Showers will linger in Queensland today and then dry weather will impact summer crop areas of Queensland and New South Wales until next week. The weekend precipitation was ideal for Queensland with just enough falling to benefit dryland crops that were immature and stressed and yet not enough to seriously harm open boll cotton. Some delay in fieldwork occurred during the weekend; although, this week's drier weather will be ideal in promoting improved field access.



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