



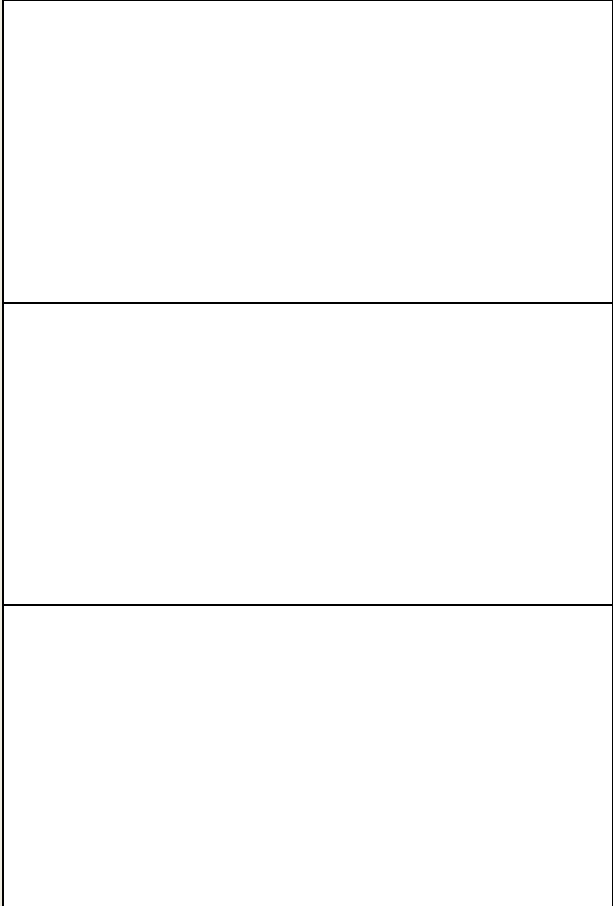
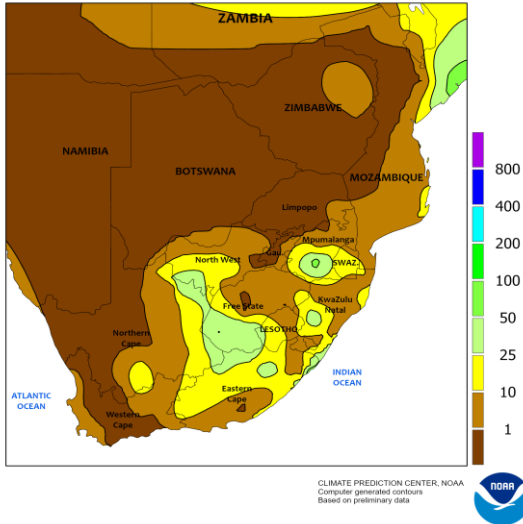
# **Weather Report**

## **26 April 2024**

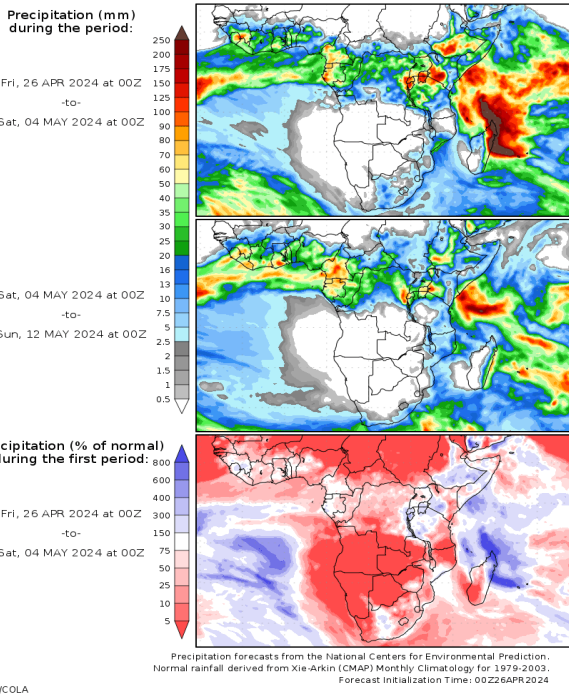
## South Africa - Weather

**SOUTH AFRICA :** South Africa's production areas will continue to see a mix of erratic rain and sunshine during the coming week. The periods of rain may slow the harvest at times, though most producers will be able to get into the fields between rain events. Eastern and central South Africa will see a mix of erratic rainfall and sunshine during the coming week. Light rain will evolve in eastern South Africa today and Friday. A disturbance will promote more widespread rain over the weekend and Monday. Drier weather will evolve toward the middle of next week. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 0.25-1.50" with local amounts over 2.00" in Eastern Cape and Free State. Other locations will receive 0.10-0.75" of rain and locally greater amounts. Western South Africa will trend dry or mostly dry during the coming week. Any rain that does occur will be lost to evaporation. South Africa will have a few opportunities for spotty rainfall May 3 – 9. Resulting rainfall will be too light to significantly delay the harvest.

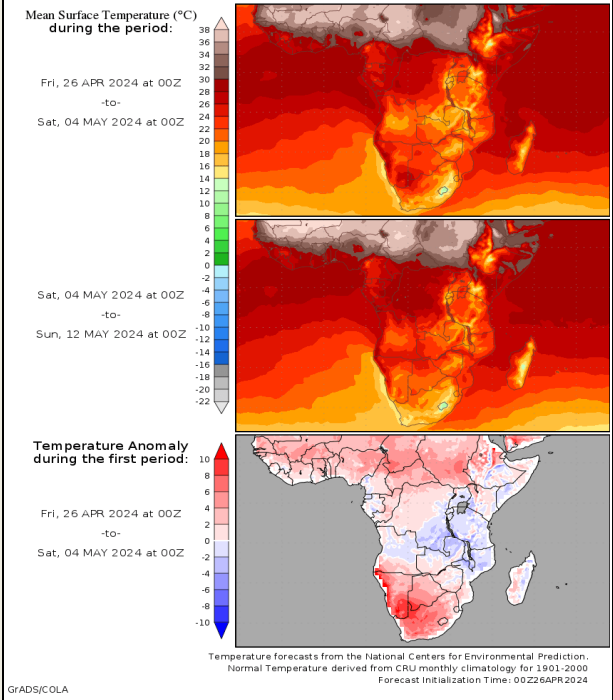
SOUTH AFRICA  
Total Precipitation(mm)  
April 14 - 20, 2024



### Precipitation Forecasts



### Temperature Forecasts

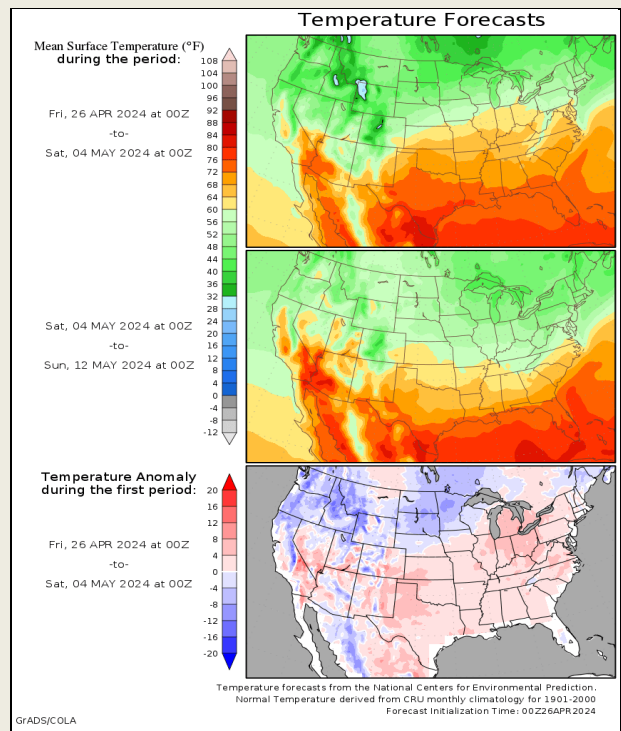
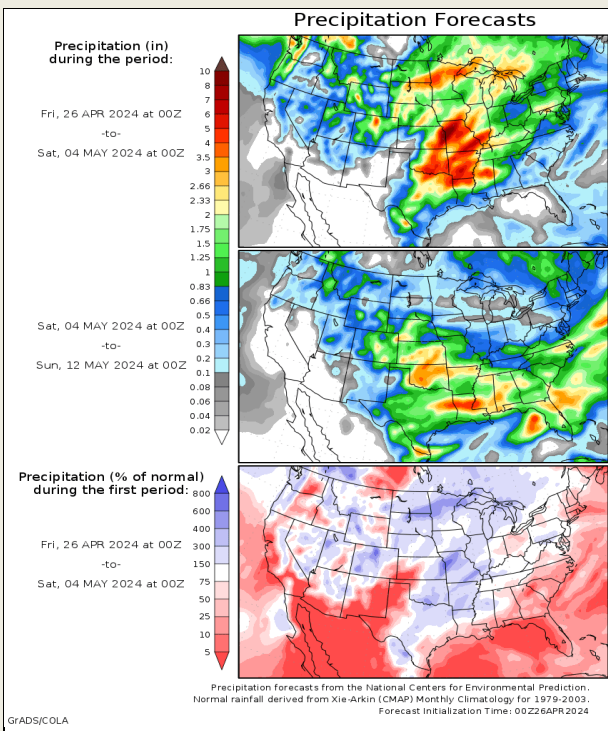
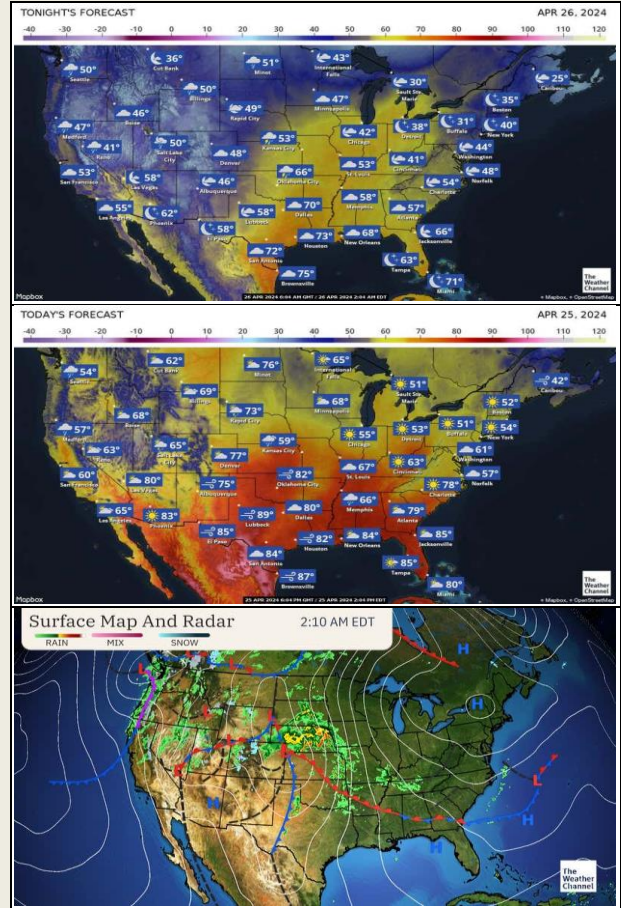
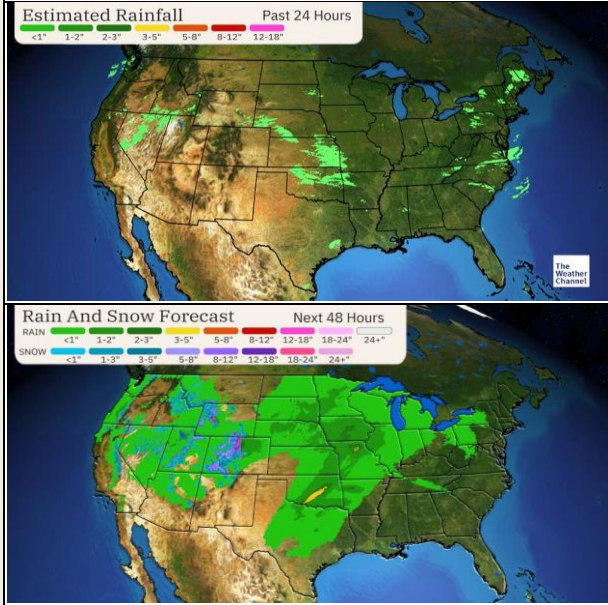


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# United States of America - Weather

**U.S. MIDWEST :** The Midwest was mostly dry Wednesday while temperatures were unseasonably cold in the Great Lakes region. Planting should advance well today in the eastern Corn Belt while rain increases in the western Corn Belt as a wetter weather pattern begins and continues through May 6 slowing fieldwork in much of the region. A close watch will be made on the remainder of the next two weeks as drier weather will be needed from the southwestern Corn Belt to southern Wisconsin to prevent planting delays from becoming extended deeper into the month.

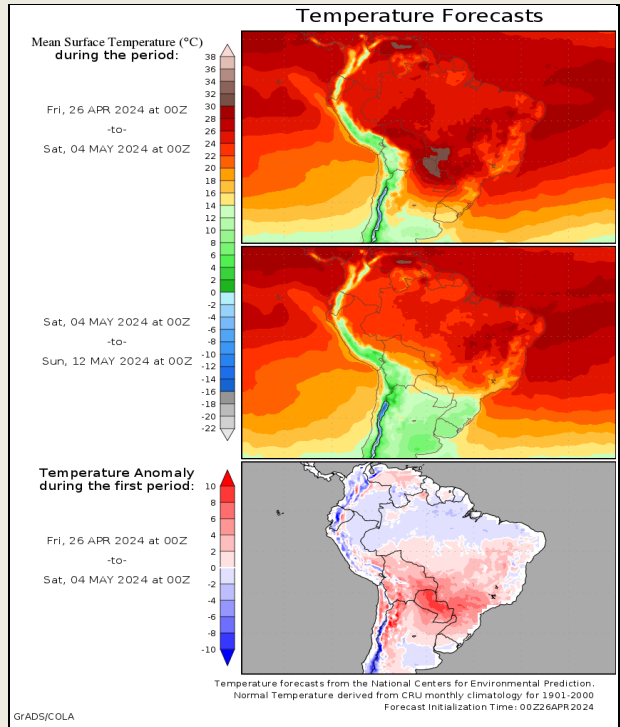
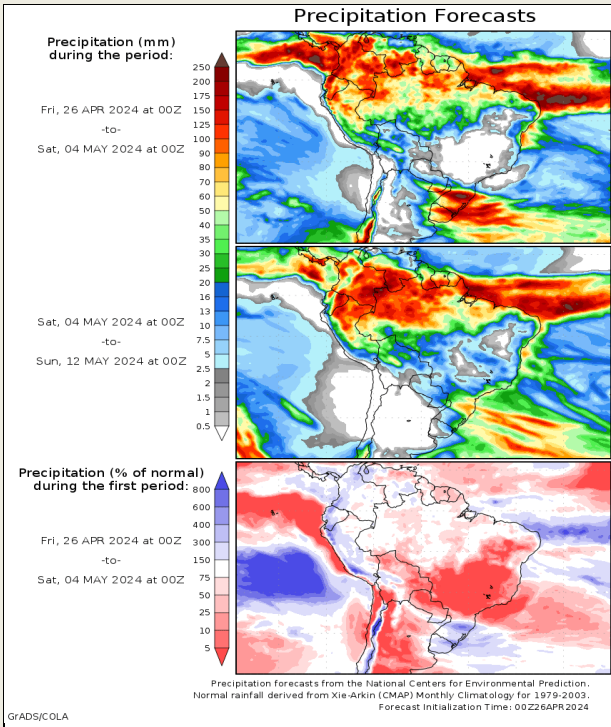
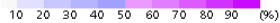
**U.S. DELTA :** The Delta and much of the Southeast saw another day of mostly dry and improving to favorable conditions for planting Wednesday with light rain noted in a few locations in the Carolinas and southern Virginia. Today's two-week forecast is wetter overall for the Delta and the Southeast than what was advertised earlier this week, but more sunshine than rain is still expected and planting should advance well, especially in the Southeast where rain will be lightest and least frequent. Topsoil moisture is still likely to become short in much of the Southeast during the first week of May and greater rain will be needed soon to improve conditions for germination and establishment of crops while greater rain will be needed soon in the Delta as well.



## South America - Weather

**BRAZIL:** Rain that was beneficial for Safrinha corn fell on a few areas in central Paraguay and southern Mato Grosso do Sul while greater rain fell on parts of southern Paraguay and southwestern Parana with rain noted in several areas. Rain of significance during the next two weeks will be mostly confined to far southern Brazil and southern Paraguay leaving most Safrinha corn dependent on soil moisture in place to support the crop while harvesting of summer crops advances well elsewhere. Other locations in southern as well as northern Brazil.

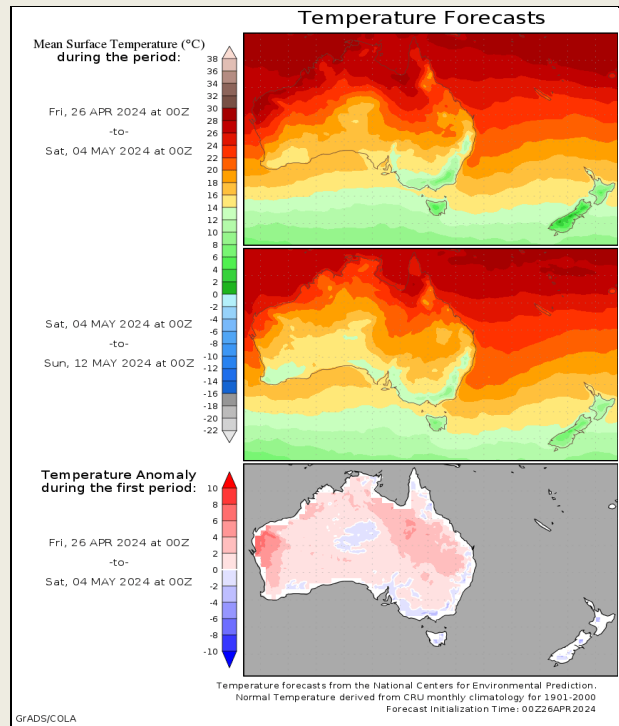
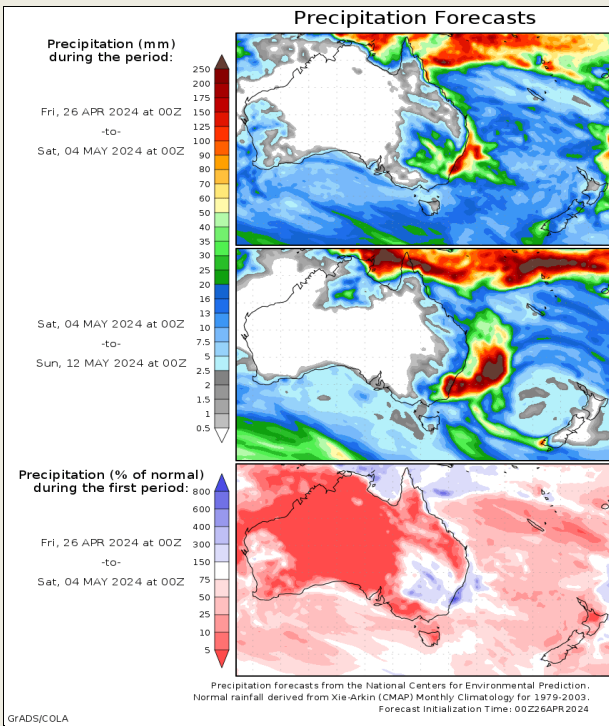
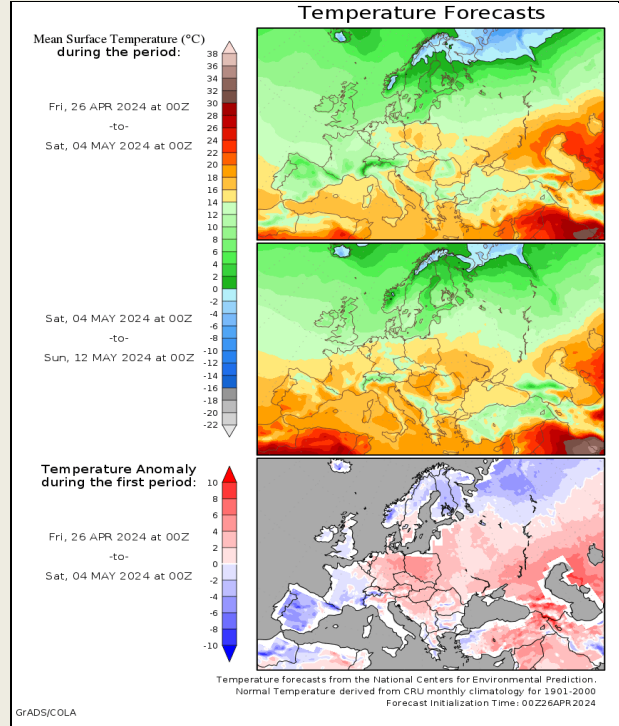
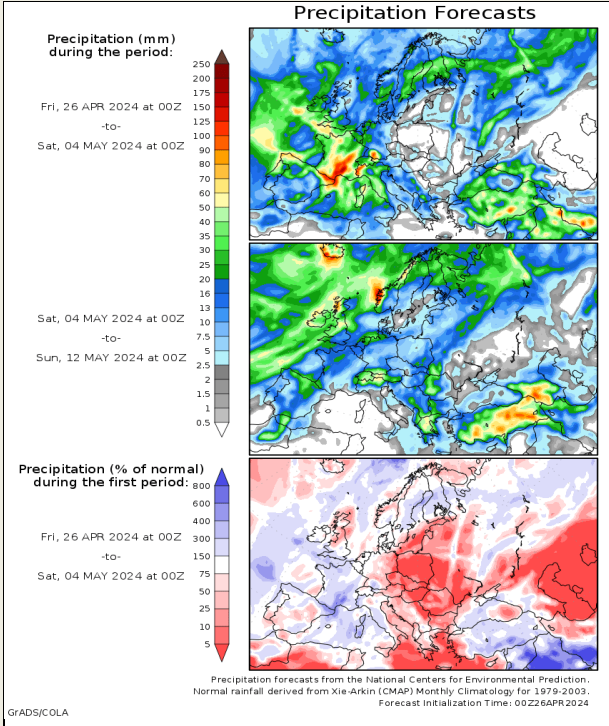
**ARGENTINA:** Rain increased in portions of southern and northern Argentina Wednesday while much of the country was dry. Today's forecast is a little wetter overall than what was advertised Wednesday and three rounds of rain will impact northern and east-central Argentina through Friday of next week slowing fieldwork, especially in northeastern Argentina where some heavy rain is likely and some local flooding may occur. Central and west-central into southwestern Argentina will receive some rain through late next week with the precipitation not likely great enough to cause more than temporary interruptions to fieldwork while immature crops in the drier areas will benefit from the moisture



# Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

**EUROPE:** Rainfall in the first week of the outlook will be greatest in France and far northern Spain where enough could occur to cause some flooding. Fieldwork delays are expected as a result of this rain. The eastern half of Europe will trend drier and the need for more rain in this part of the region will gradually rise, especially as temperatures also trend warmer. Frost and freezes in parts of the continent this morning induce some additional concern over the condition of flowering fruit trees and some winter and early spring crops. Frost occurred southward into Italy.

**AUSTRALIA:** Limited rain in the first week of the outlook will be good for crop maturation and harvest progress in eastern areas but will be a problem for southern production areas that need greater rainfall for better planting conditions. Some erratic shower activity will occur, but much more will be needed. Some erratic shower activity will occur in the region through Wednesday. Most of this will be Sunday through Tuesday. Total moisture will vary from 0.10 to 0.35 inch in around 30% of the key production region, a few greater amounts possible



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