

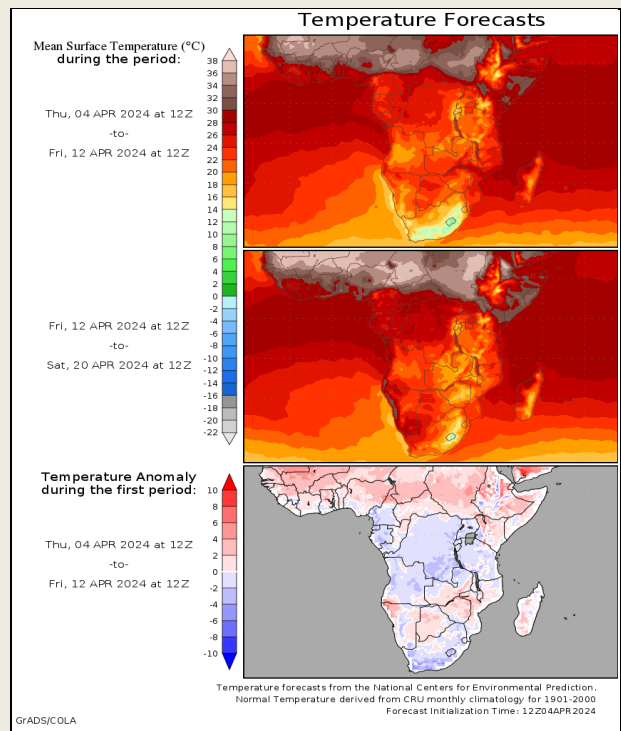
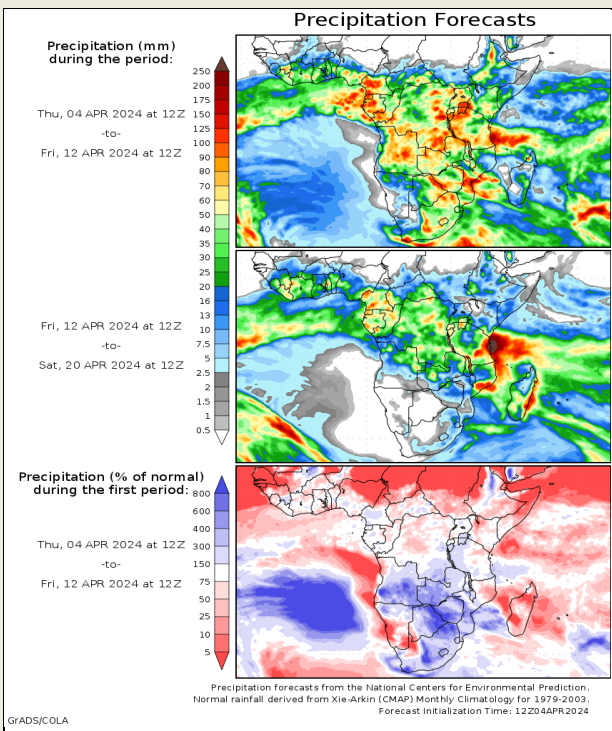
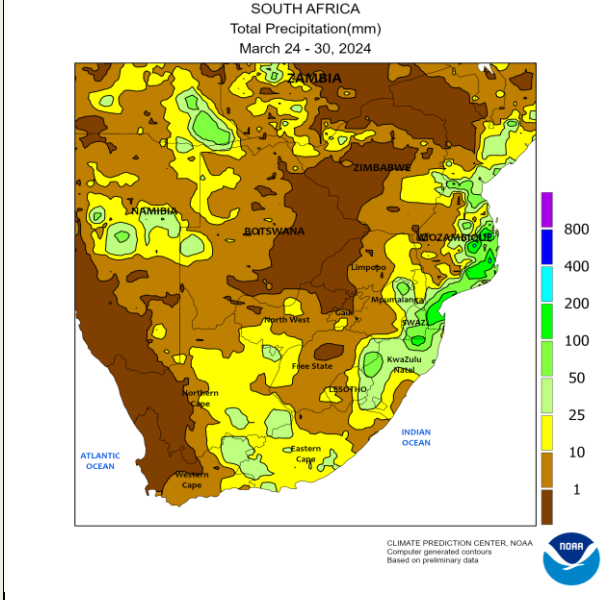
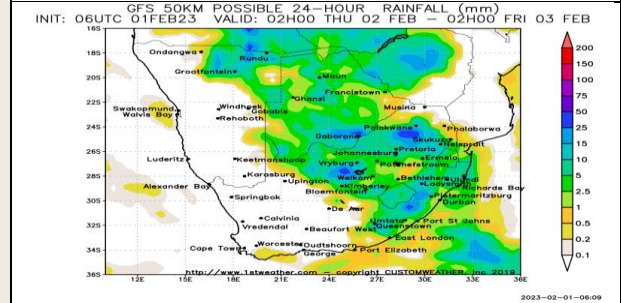
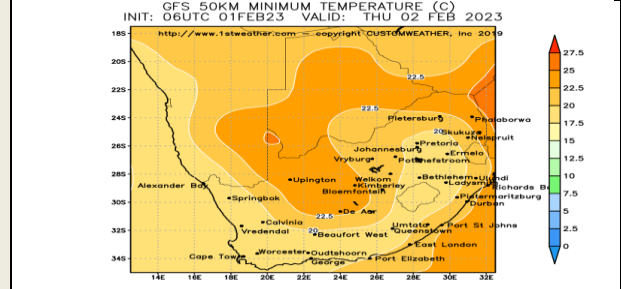


Weather Report

05 April 2024

South Africa - Weather

SOUTH AFRICA : Waves of rain will continue for South Africa during the next several days. The rain will significantly bolster soil moisture in the main production areas. Minor quality declines will be possible in the pockets that receive the greatest amount of rain, though no major production losses are expected. Harvesting and general fieldwork will advance slowly due to the rain. Late-season development conditions will otherwise improve for the driest locations in central South Africa. South Africa will have several opportunities for rain during the coming week. A disturbance and frontal boundary will generate the first round of rain through Friday. Another disturbance will generate some of the most significant rain this weekend and early next week. Drier weather will evolve Tuesday and Wednesday. Moisture totals by next Thursday morning will range from 1.00-4.00" and local amounts over 5.00" in much of eastern and central South Africa. Western Cape will receive 0.50-3.00" of rain while Northern Cape receives 0.25 to 1.50 inches of moisture with locally greater amounts in the east. Much of South Africa will have a few opportunities for rain April 12 - 18. Rain totals will likely be lower compared to the first week of the outlook, but will still be enough to impact harvesting and fieldwork.

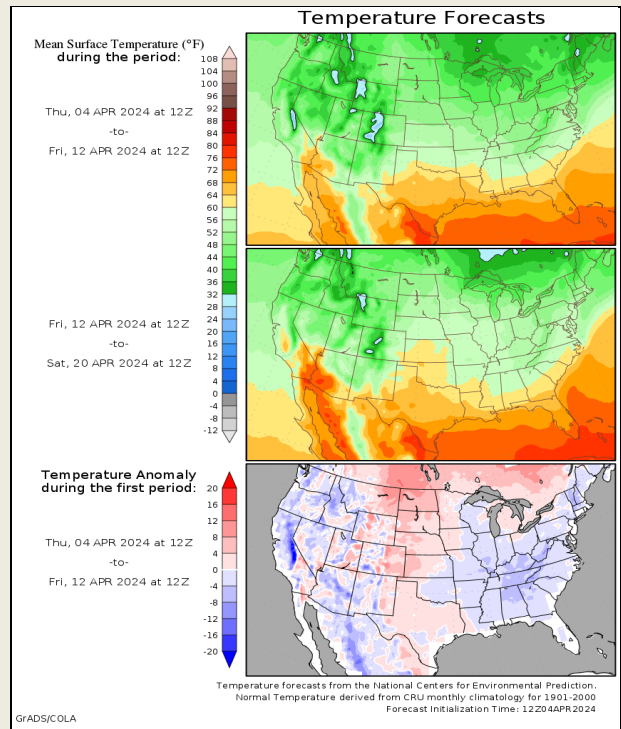
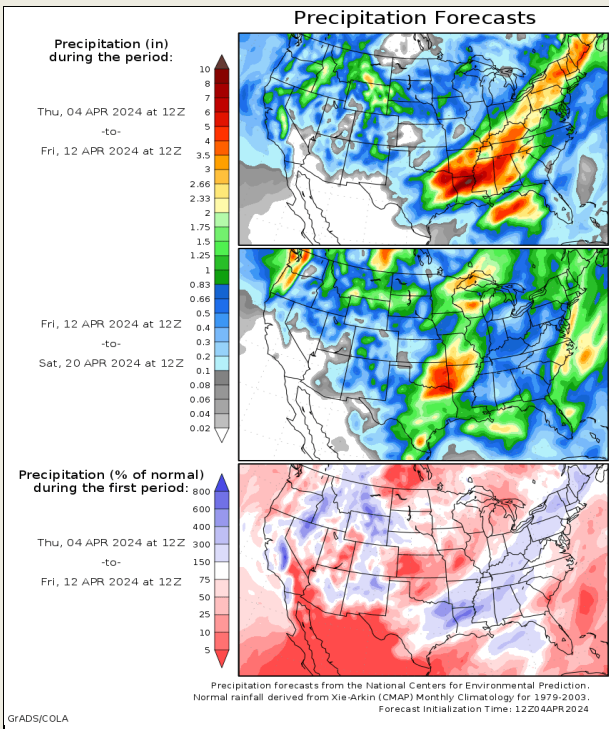
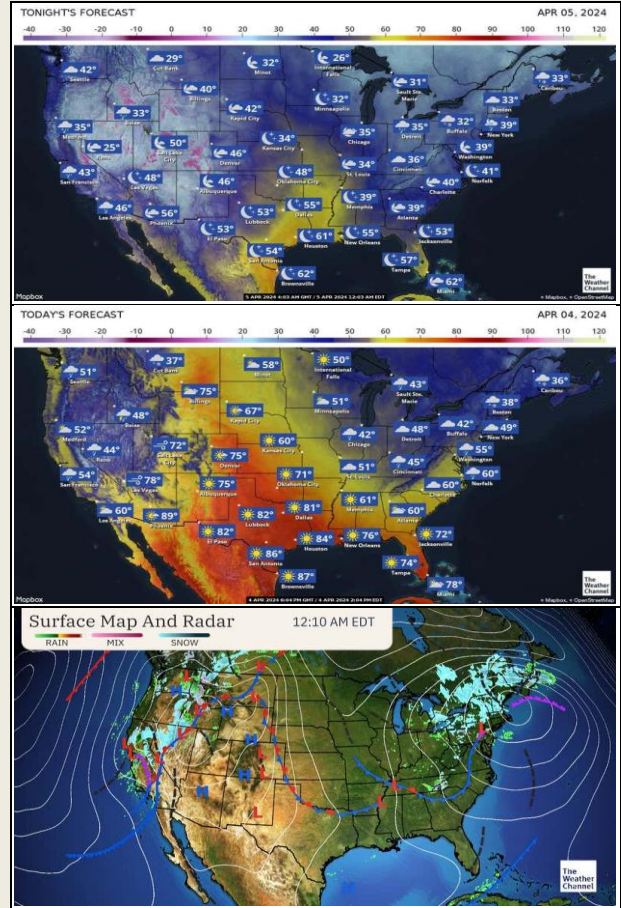
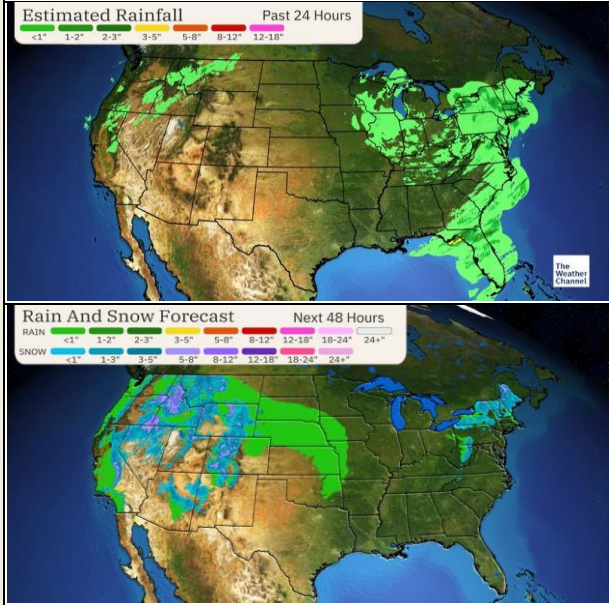


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United States of America - Weather

U.S. MIDWEST : The Midwest will see a mostly favorable mix of rain and sunshine during the next two weeks and fieldwork should advance between rounds of precipitation with planting likely to accelerate when temperatures warm next week. Soil moisture is still low in many areas from the eastern Dakotas to southwestern Minnesota, eastern Nebraska and western and northcentral Iowa where precipitation Saturday into Sunday and April 12-14 will be beneficial in some areas.

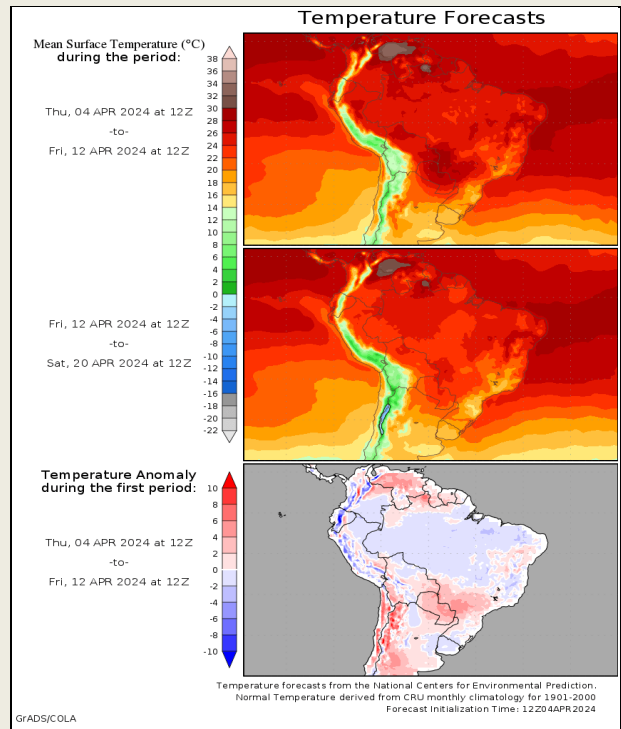
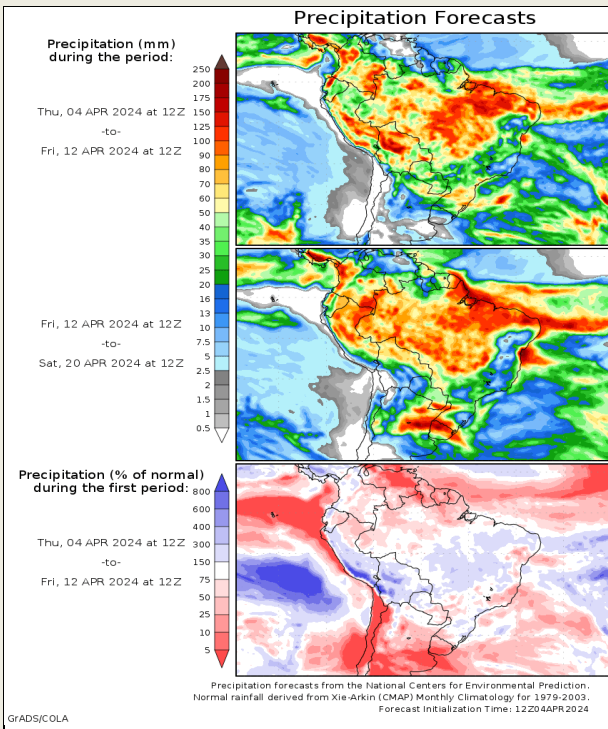
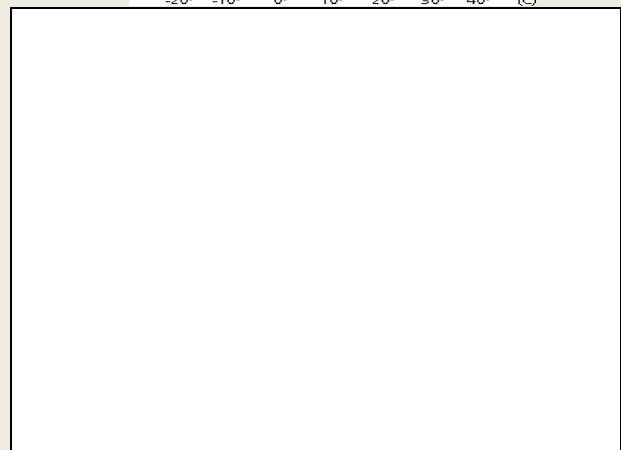
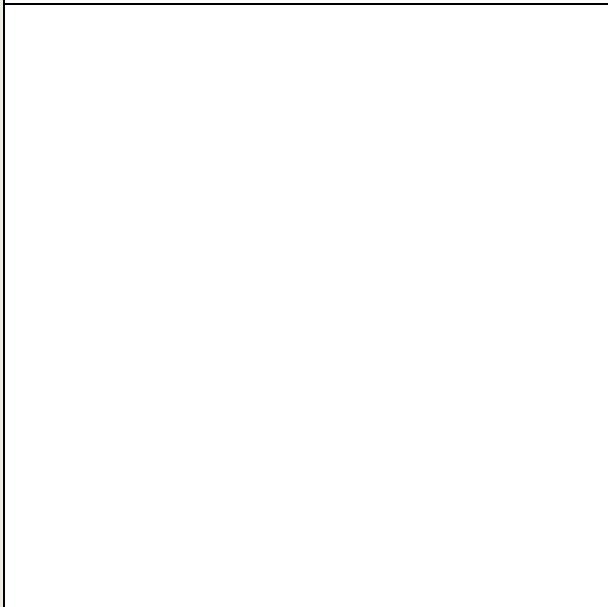
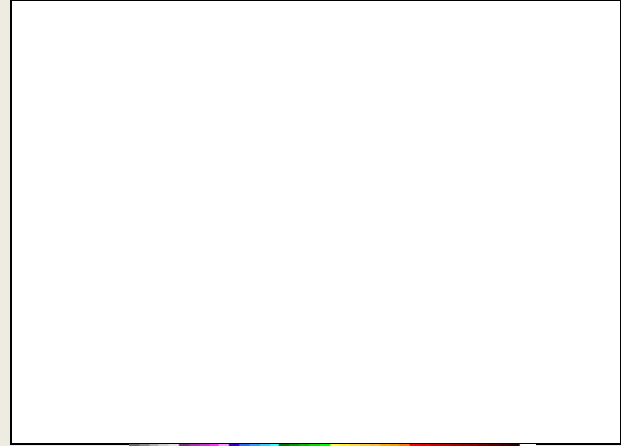
U.S. DELTA : After a few more days of mostly dry weather and good planting progress, the Delta into portions of Alabama will see frequent and significant rain Sunday into next Thursday that may result in local flooding. A few days of mostly dry weather will follow and fieldwork may resume in some areas while many areas likely remain too wet for fieldwork before another storm system advertised for Apr. 15-17 stalls fieldwork once again.



South America - Weather

BRAZIL: Northern Brazil will see regular rounds of showers and thunderstorms through the next two weeks slowing fieldwork at times while enough rain should fall to maintain or increase soil moisture in Mato Grosso with some increases in soil moisture in the driest areas in northeastern Brazil. o By April 16, soil moisture should be great enough to keep Safrinha corn production potentials high across northern Brazil in advance of the dry season while the remaining immature crops in northeastern Brazil benefit from the rain as well.

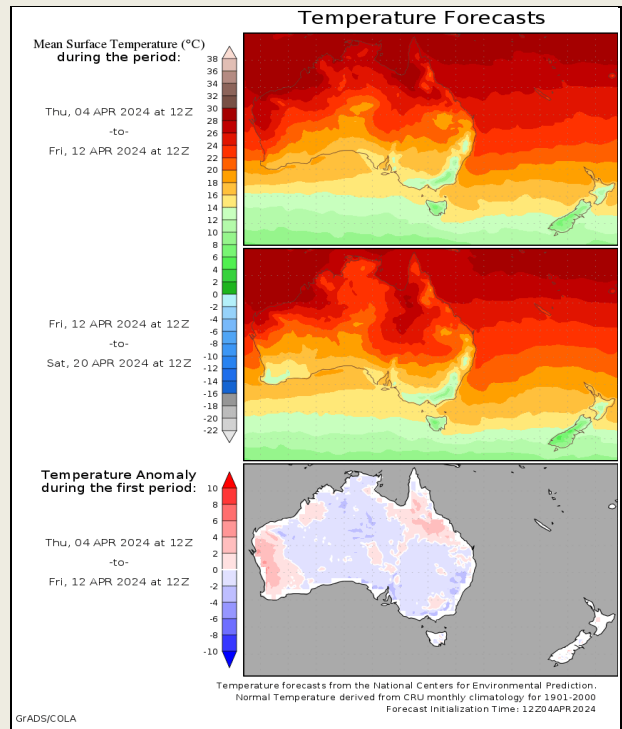
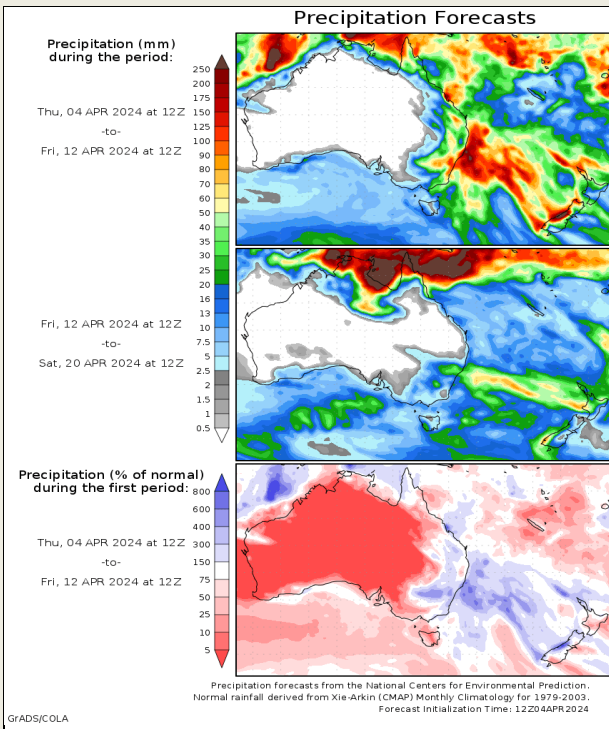
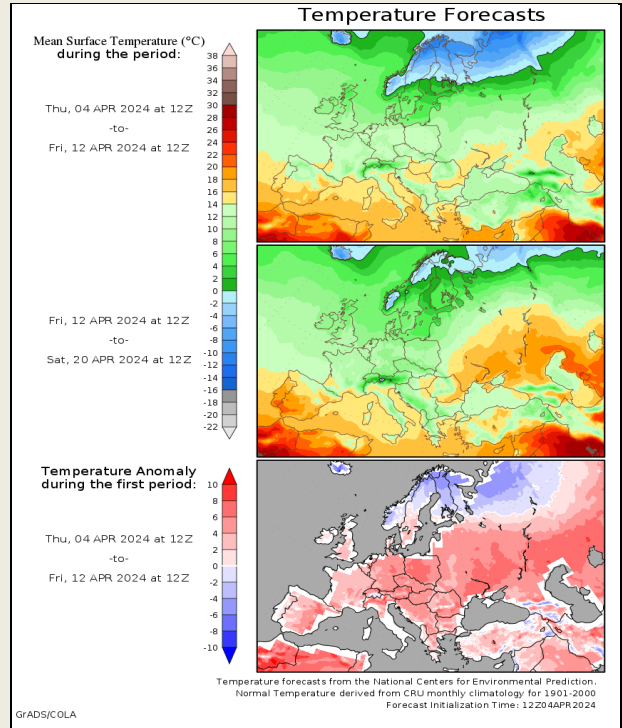
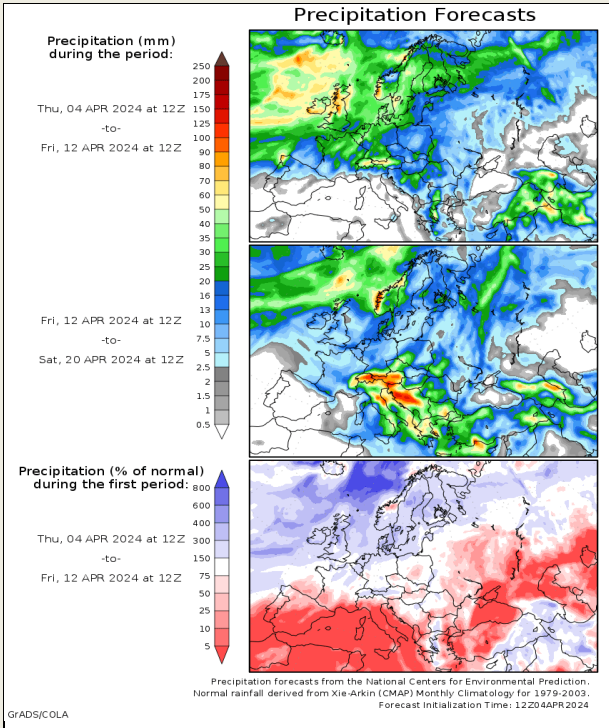
ARGENTINA : Harvesting should advance well overall during the next two weeks with interruptions from rain in northern, central, and eastern areas into Thursday and from Chaco and northern Santa Fe to Corrientes and northern Entre Rios this weekend. o Some of the coming rain will fall on the drier areas in Santiago del Estero where the moisture will be beneficial for immature crops.



Europe, New Zealand and Australia - Weather

EUROPE : Rain in the next seven days will still occur mostly in northwestern production areas of the region, leaving a rising need for greater rainfall in areas such as the Balkan Countries and central and southern Italy. Above to well above average temperatures will also still cause higher than usual evaporation rates in the drier areas as well.

AUSTRALIA : Significant rain in southeastern Queensland and northeastern New South Wales late this week and into the weekend will delay crop maturation and harvest progress, though the moisture will be good for future winter crop planting and for any immature late season crop in irrigated areas. Some of the rain will reduce fiber quality in open boll cotton.



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