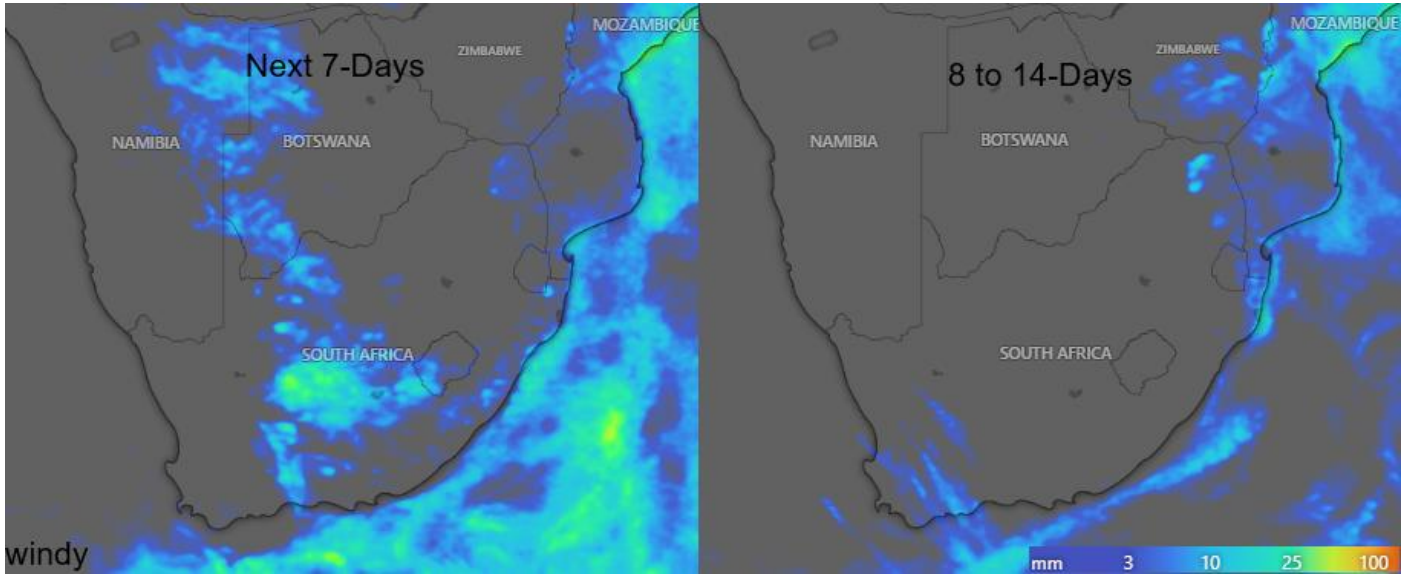


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SOUTH AFRICA



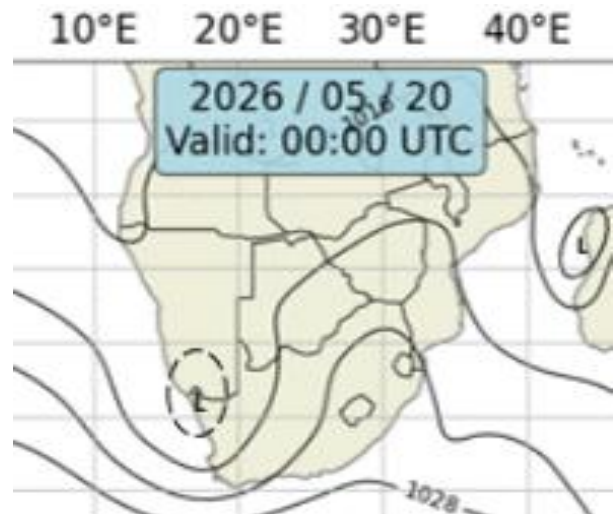
Precipitation Forecast

South Africa is expected to experience mostly dry winter conditions over the next seven days, although some rainfall is likely in parts of the country.

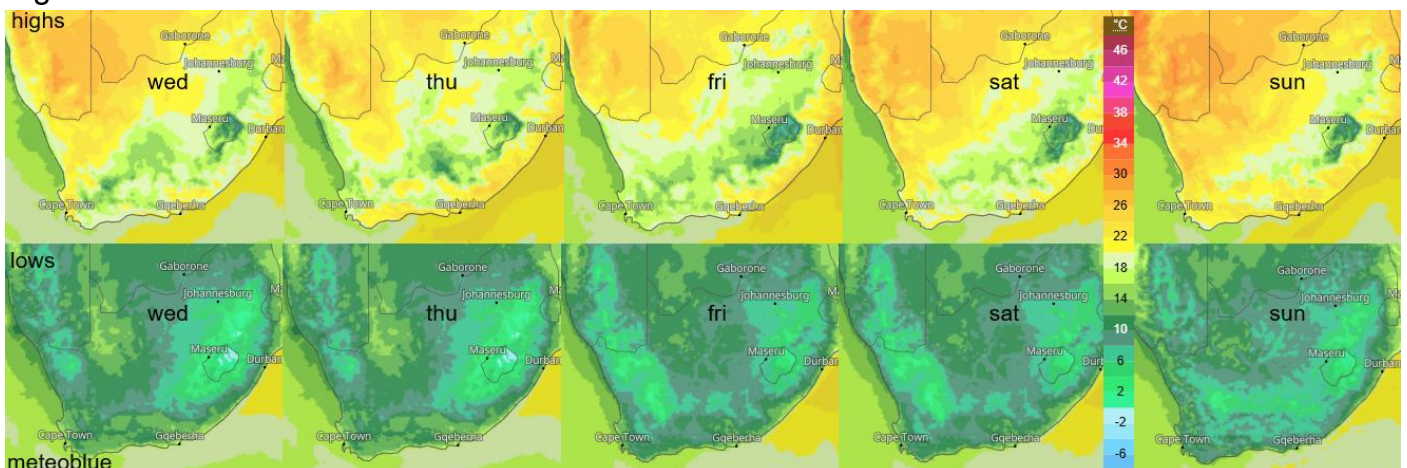
A cut-off low over the western interior will bring rain to sections of the central and southern interior during the next few days.

Elsewhere, the interior should remain largely dry, with only light rainfall expected along parts of the southern and eastern coastline.

Conditions next week are forecast to stay mostly dry across the interior, with a chance of snow developing around the Sutherland region.



Today's Synoptic Chart



USA

FRONT PUSHING OUT OF MIDWEST

A stalled front brought heavy rain, severe weather and flooding to parts of the Midwest through Monday, especially Missouri. The system shifts east Tuesday with a final round of storms near the Ohio River Wednesday. Rainfall remains mostly favorable for soil moisture, with additional scattered showers expected late week into Saturday.

FRONT CONTINUING HEAVY RAINFALL FOR SOUTHERN PLAINS

Heavy rain and severe storms, including tornadoes, affected Nebraska and Kansas early week. The front stalls near Texas, keeping showers active into next week. Beneficial moisture is expected for corn and soybeans, though frosts in northwestern areas may damage emergent crops and winter wheat.

SHOWERS AND COLDER IN THE NORTHERN PLAINS

Rain and colder weather continue across the Northern Plains, with frosts threatening young soybeans. Additional showers later this week should improve soil moisture and ease drought concerns.

COLD WITH SHOWERS IN CANADIAN PRAIRIES

Frosts, freezes and scattered showers continue across the Prairies, slowing planting progress. Rainfall will aid soil moisture without significantly disrupting fieldwork.

FRONT STALLING, GETTING WETTER IN THE DELTA

A stalled front will bring daily showers and thunderstorms into next week, improving soil moisture while posing localized flooding and severe weather risks.

South America:

DRIER AGAIN IN BRAZIL

Rainfall reached parts of southern Brazil over the weekend, but most safrinha corn areas stayed dry. Wheat planting continues in the far south, relying on periodic showers for establishment. Limited rainfall is expected in Parana later this week, with more possible next week.

UNSETTLED WEATHER IN MEXICO

Showers and thunderstorms will remain widespread across central and southern Mexico this week, with locally heavy rainfall and possible flooding. Northern regions stay mostly hotter and drier, although isolated thunderstorms may develop later in the week.

Other:

RECENT FAVORABLE RAINFALL IN EUROPE

Widespread rain across Europe last week improved soil moisture, including in previously drier northeastern areas. Additional showers in northern regions this week remain favorable for wheat and corn. Patchy weekend frosts caused little concern, while warmer conditions may stress drier western areas later this week before a broader drying trend develops.

PERIODS OF SHOWERS CONTINUE IN THE BLACK SEA REGION

Showers continue across the Black Sea region this week, with improved rainfall coverage benefiting drier western areas and supporting favorable crop conditions overall.

HEAVY RAIN FELL IN EASTERN AUSTRALIA

Heavy weekend rainfall boosted soil moisture in eastern Australia, aiding winter wheat and canola. However, a developing El Niño is expected to maintain a generally drier pattern through winter and spring.

FLOODING RAIN MISSED CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CHINA

Heavy rain largely avoided key growing regions in China. Northeastern areas remain relatively dry, unfavourable for corn and soybeans, while southern canola regions continue to benefit from better moisture conditions.

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