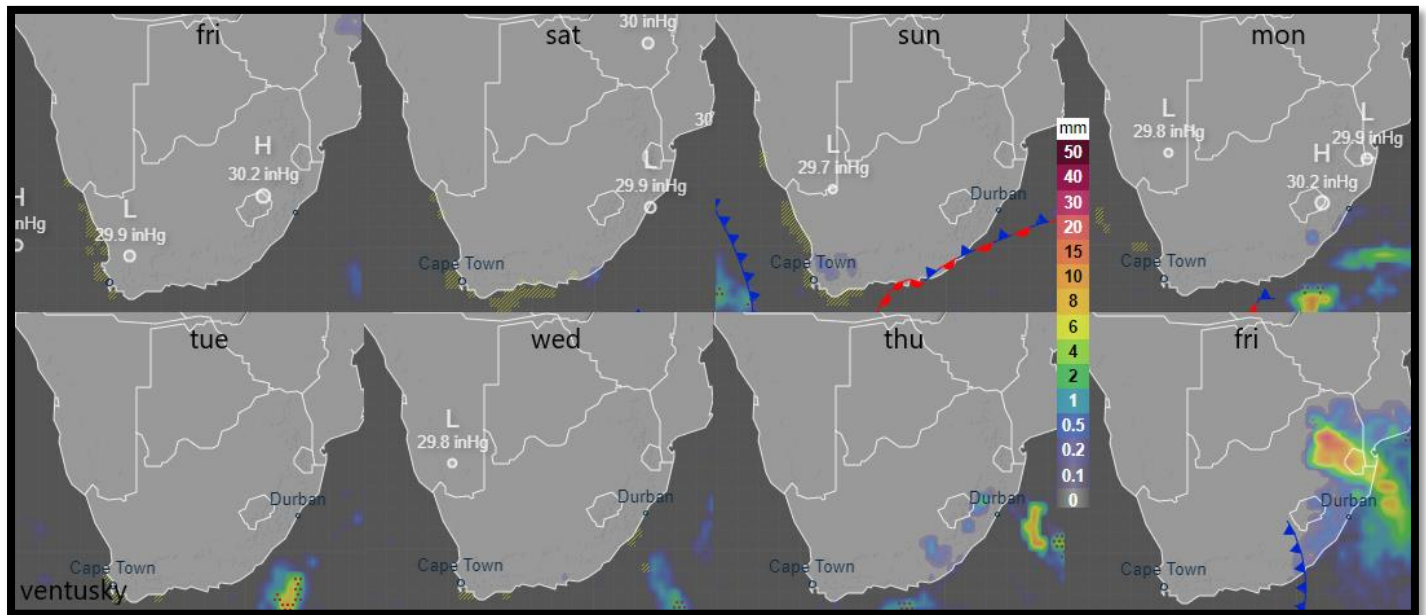


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SOUTH AFRICA



8-Day Precipitation Forecast

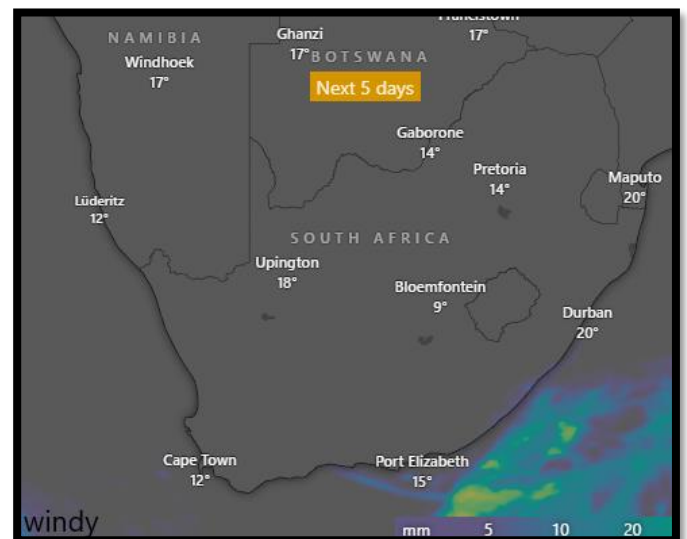
DRY CONDITIONS AHEAD

The next week, dry conditions are forecasted as summer is leaving the region and winter setting in, note images above.

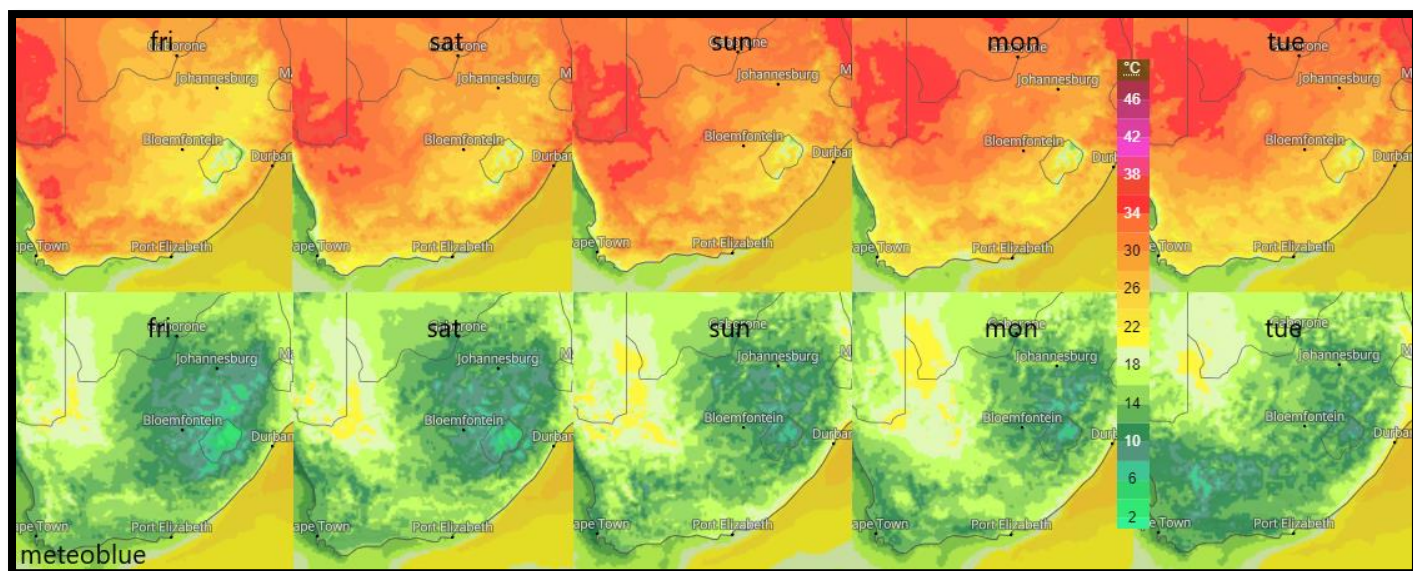
Most of the southern interior is eventless the coming week with isolated events forecasted in parts of the southern and eastern coastal areas.

There is a possibility of a frontal event late next week in the southern and eastern interior where rain can be expected.

However, not all medium-term weather forecasters see this event as strong as depicted above at this stage.



5-Day accumulative Rain forecast.



Highs and Lows 5-Day Temperature Forecast

Day conditions are warming up with continuous cool to cold morning conditions, no snow in store.

SOUTH AMERICA

WET SEASON SHOWERS SHUTTING DOWN EARLY IN CENTRAL BRAZIL

A front continues to move north through Brazil this week and showers are getting more isolated as the week wears on. They will continue over the north, but central states are drying out. Heavier rain over the south this week has been helpful for safrinha corn, but not the harvest of full-season crops. The consistent wet season showers are winding down now and fronts coming north from Argentina will become the main source of precipitation going forward. That does not bode well for safrinha corn in central Brazil which still has below-normal subsoil moisture and will run out quickly in May as more of the crop goes through pollination and fill. The chances for southern areas to get some needed rain in the future are higher and a front is forecast to move in early next week with showers.

ARGENTINA TRYING TO DRY OUT

Drier weather in Argentina for most of this week was needed to drain soils from previous heavy rain. Another system will go through with showers this weekend, however, and may continue an active trend across northern areas that are trying to harvest corn and soybeans. Drier weather would be more favourable for the next few weeks as harvest continues to increase. Soil moisture for the coming winter wheat crop is very favourable, however.

NORTH AMERICA

FRONT BRINGING COLD AIR TO MIDWEST

A storm system brought areas of heavy rain to the Midwest this week, especially to western drought areas. The main cold front will sweep through the region on Thursday and cold air will fill in behind it going into next week. A small system may move through early next week with some showers and another burst of cooler air before temperatures start to rise later next week. Despite some heavier rain, planting is likely to continue at a normal pace.

STRONG COLD FRONT MOVING THROUGH CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PLAINS

A strong storm system brought widespread showers and thunderstorms through the Central and Southern Plains early this week, though the driest areas in the southwest did not get much out of this storm and drought has increased throughout much of Kansas. The harsher cold front to the system will move through with scattered showers over the next few days and temperatures will drop significantly into the weekend. That could produce frost damage for winter wheat. The pattern stays active next week with a small disturbance and a few showers early in the week, followed by a much more widespread precipitation event later next week and weekend that could get some better rainfall into southwestern areas.

COLD FOR NORTHERN PLAINS

A storm brought widespread heavy rain to the Dakotas this week that will help to build some soil moisture in dry areas. Cold air is filling in behind the system through the weekend before temperatures rise back up above normal again next week. That comes after another small disturbance moves through with showers on Monday. Despite some areas of heavier rain recently, large-scale delays to early planting are not expected.

MORE ROUNDS OF RAIN FOR DELTA

Heavy rain has led to areas of water-logged soils and flooding in the Delta recently, which will slow planting down for a while. A long and drawn-out system will bring through a few more rounds of showers through the weekend that will keep soils wet, but probably won't be enough to make it worse. The region may or may not get more of a break next week if a small storm system stays north as currently forecast, but a system could impact the region later next week or weekend as well.

EUROPE

COOL AND WET IN EUROPE

A series of systems have been bringing showers that favor the eastern two-thirds of the continent into the weekend. A part of that system will jut westward early next week and continue showers there, which is unfavourable for winter wheat that is already too wet. Colder air flowing into much of the continent will continue to produce some spotty frosts that could cause some damage to wheat and delay corn and other summer crop planting.

LIMITED SHOWERS FOR DRY BLACK SEA WHEAT

A front that has settled into the western portions of the Black Sea region is bringing some areas good rainfall into next week but leaving the wheat areas in eastern Ukraine and southwestern Russia unfavourably drier and much warmer. Meanwhile, western and northern areas of the region that grow more corn should get some needed moisture as planting starts up in some areas. The rain could cause delays to that, but producers there will welcome the rainfall.

EARLY DRYNESS NOT A HUGE CONCERN FOR AUSTRALIA

Outside of a small area in the northeast, most of Australia will be dry through next week. Cotton and sorghum harvest continues to increase in mostly favourable conditions. But wheat and canola are being planted in fair to poor soil moisture for the most part. This could cause delays to planting. The ending El Nino and eventual turn to La Nina should favor the winter crops later this year.

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