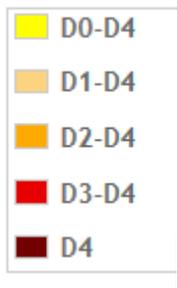
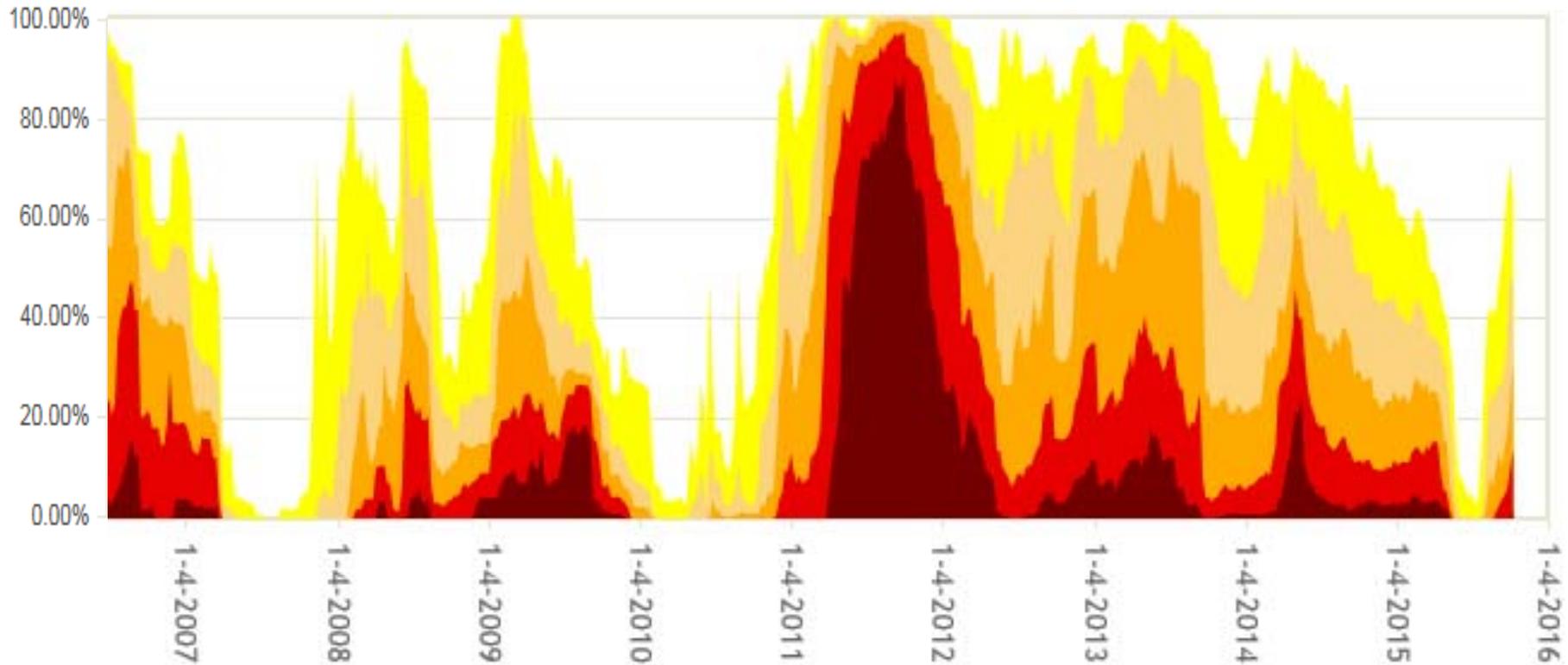


# FALL AND WINTER WEATHER OUTLOOK

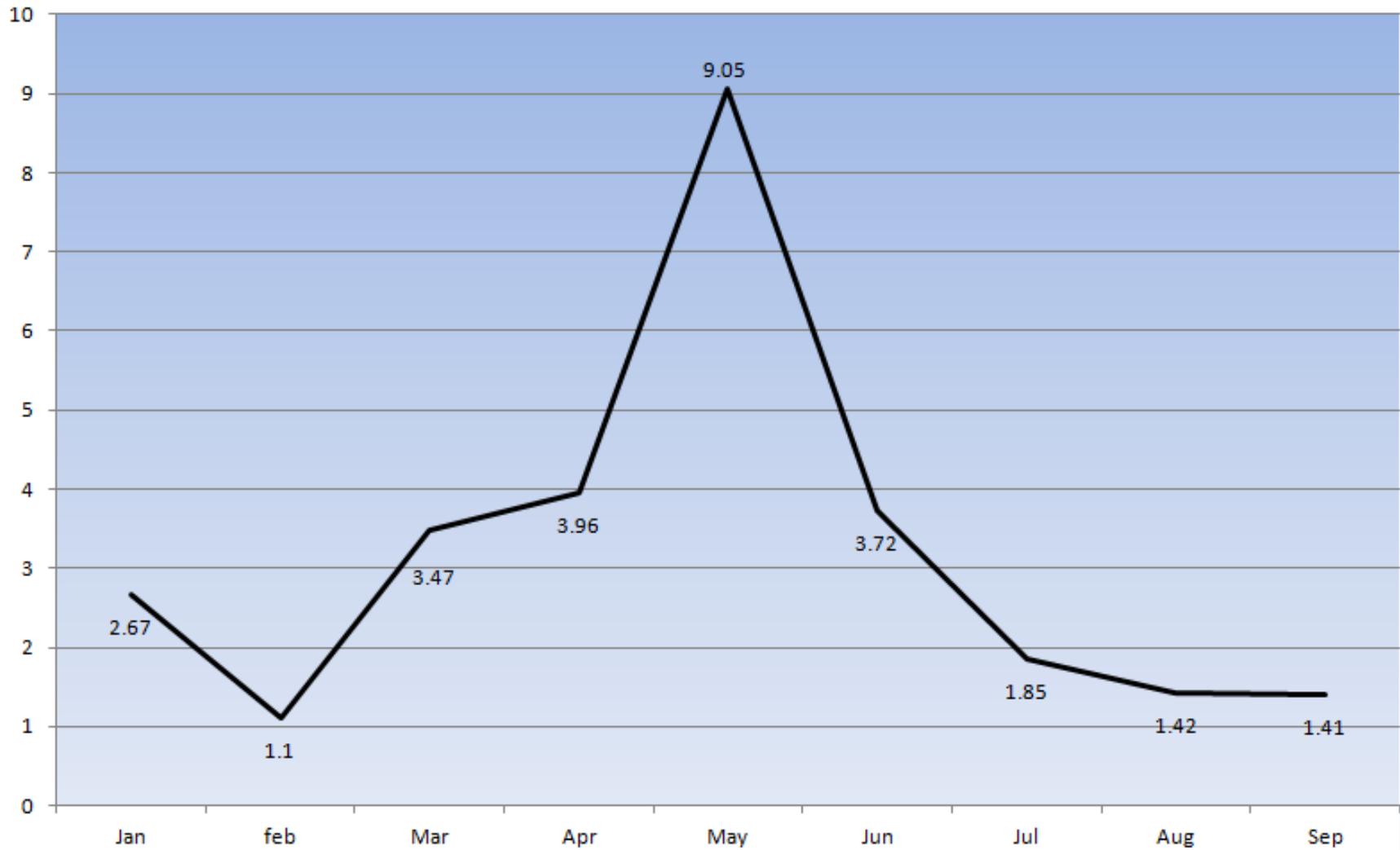
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# Texas Drought Time Series



# Texas Rainfall Jan-Sep 2015



# Texas May Rainfall Stats

- Rainfall averaged 9.06 inches.
- Wettest May on record.
- Wettest month ever (Previous was 6.66 inches in June 2004).
- Wettest spring on record.
- Wettest Jan-June on record.



**SIZZLING**

**July/August/September**

ISOLATED  
T-STORMS



**AMARILLO**

**LITTLE ROCK**



**MASSIVE**



**EL PASO**

**HOT  
& DRY**



**HOUSTON**

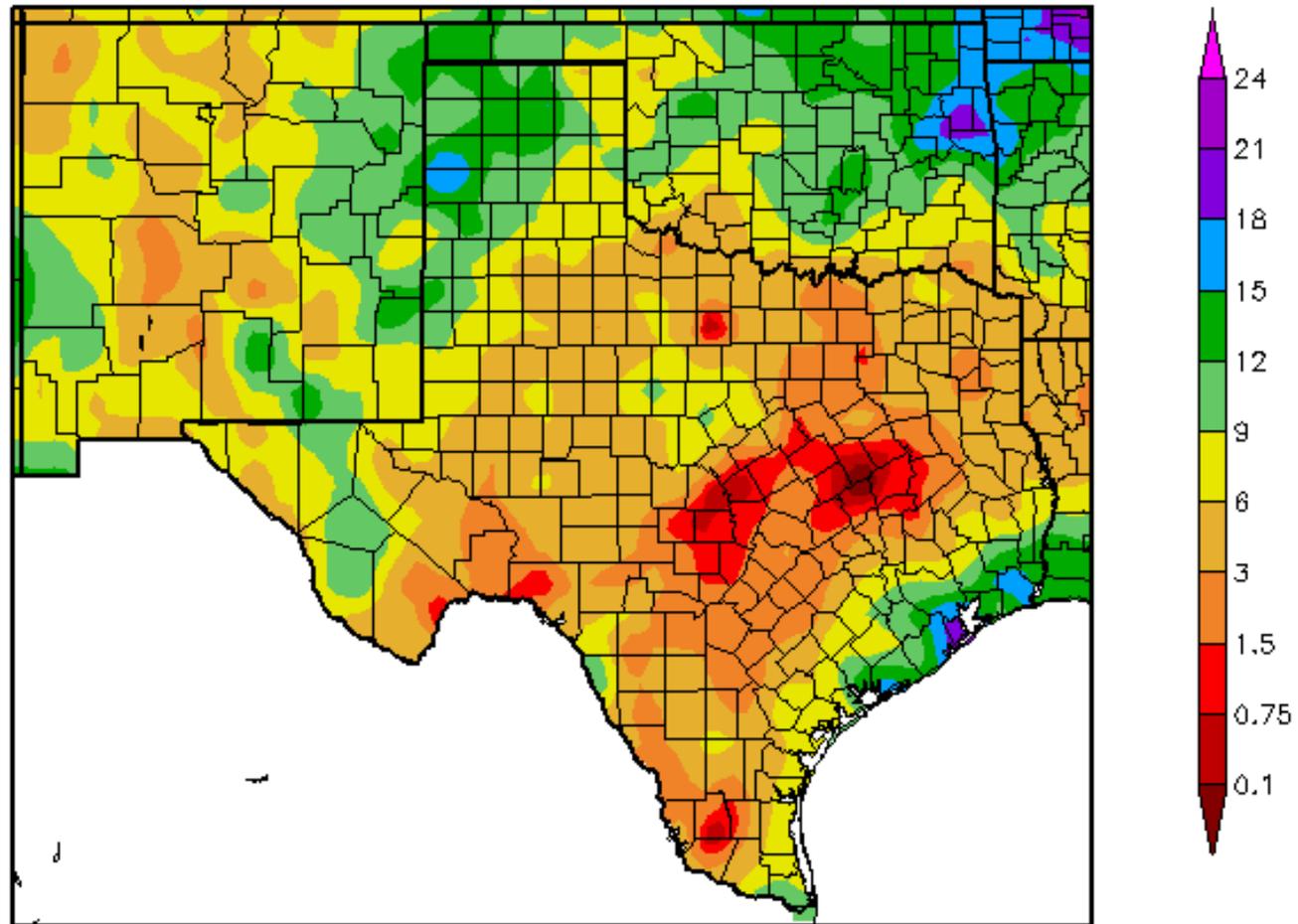
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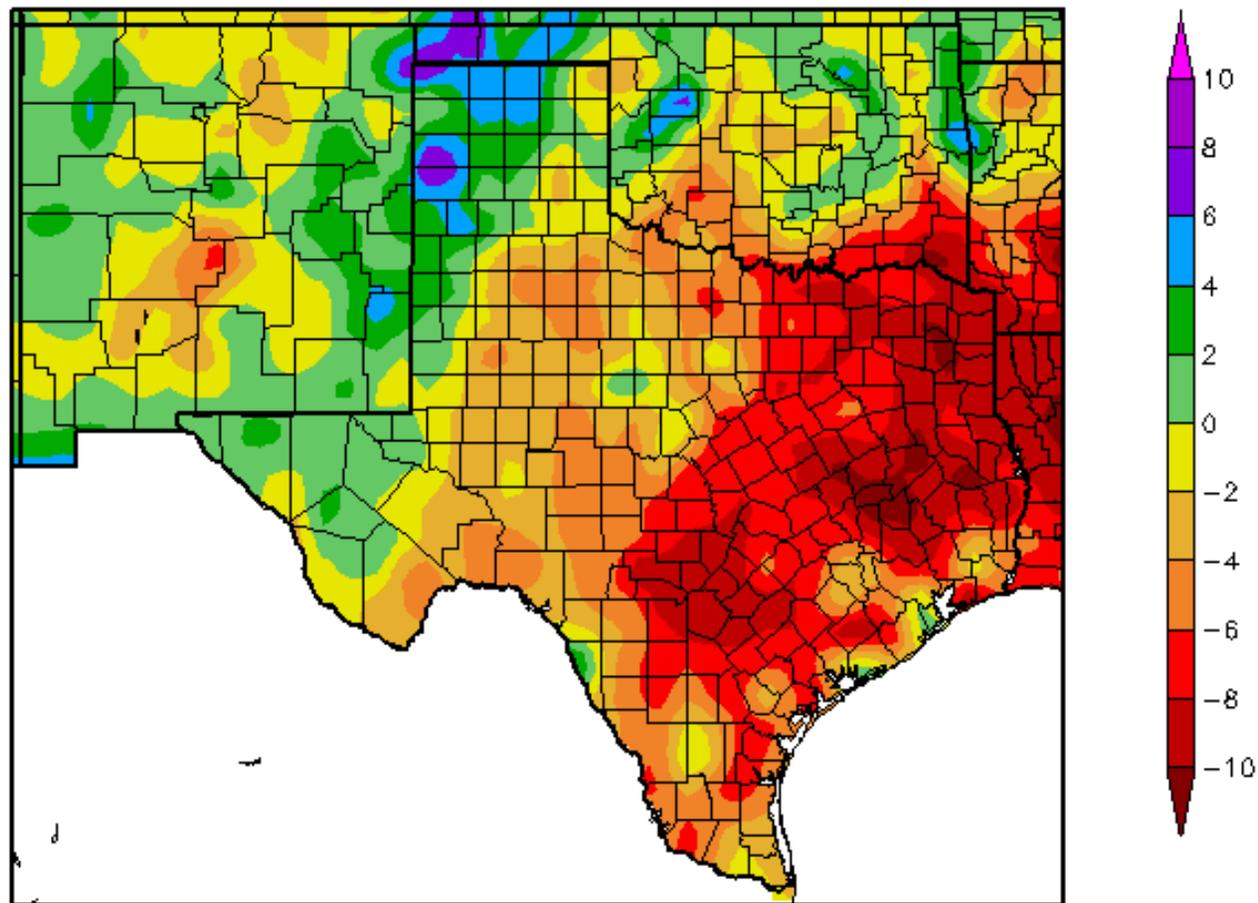
# Rainfall 7/1 thru 10/18

Precipitation (in)  
7/1/2015 - 10/18/2015



# Departure from Normal, July 1- Oct. 18

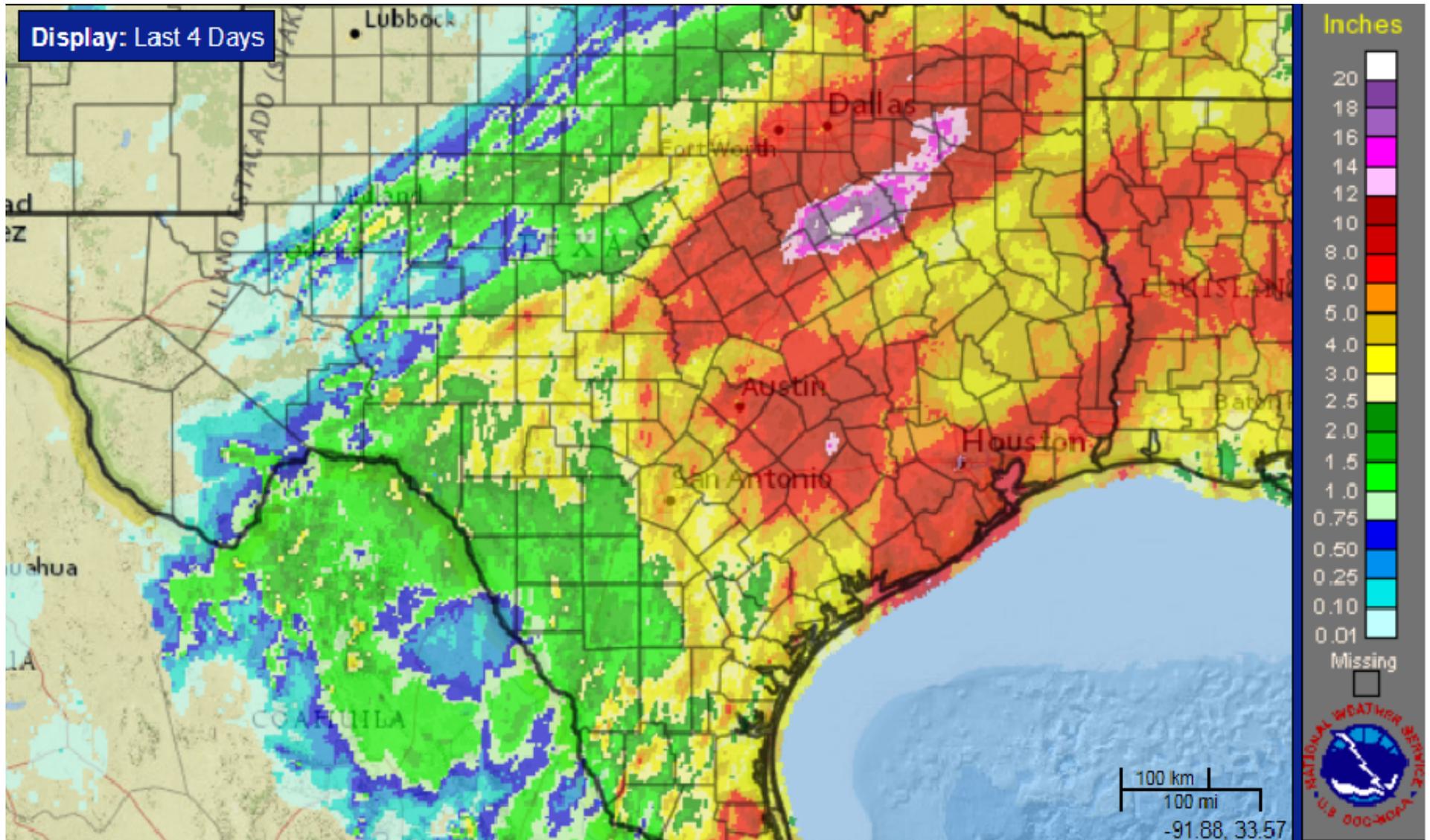
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# Near Record Dry July-September

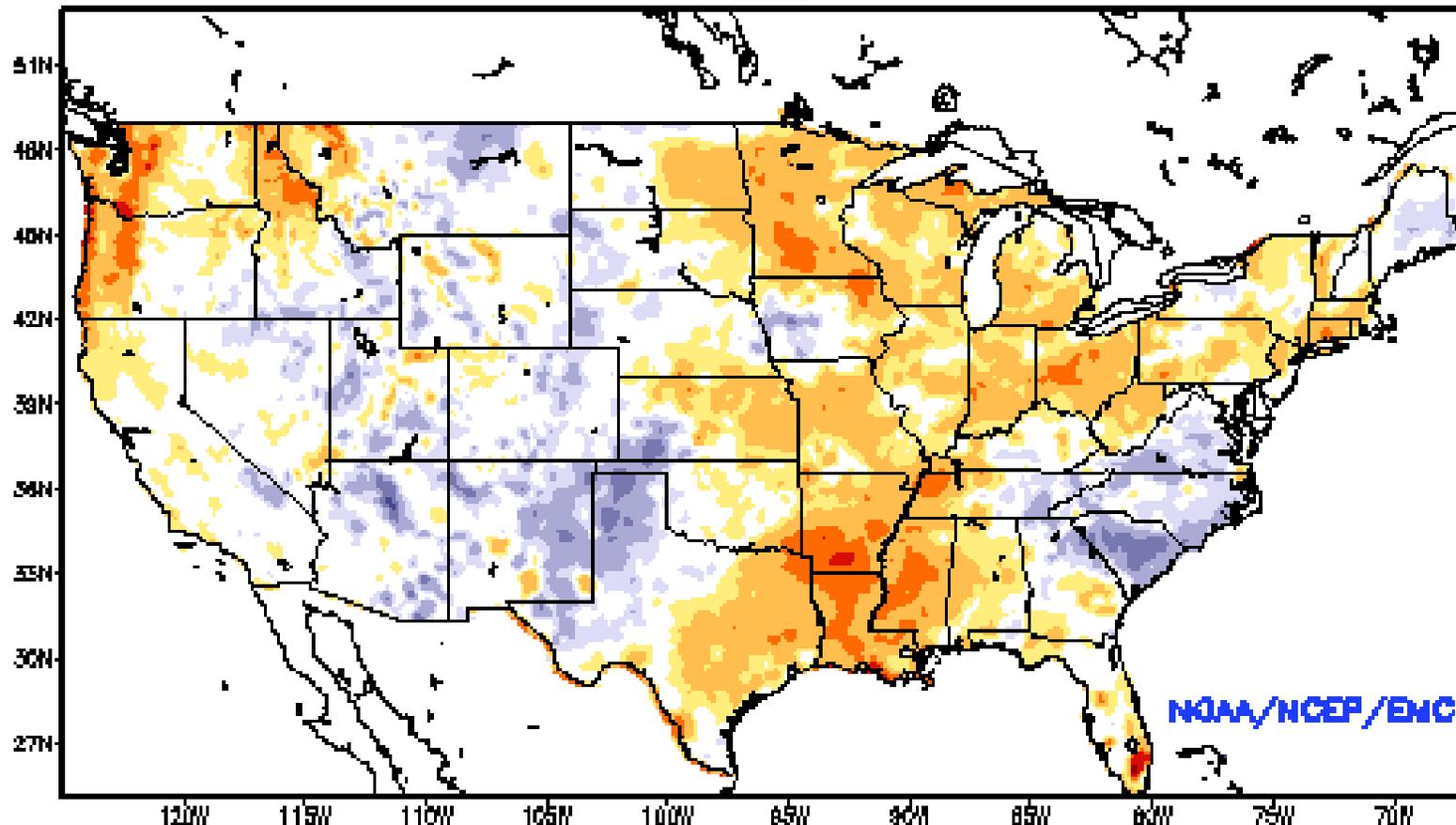
- Statewide 3-month rainfall totaled 4.68 inches.
- 2.90 inches below normal.
- 11<sup>th</sup> driest such period on record.

# Rainfall Last Thursday-Sunday



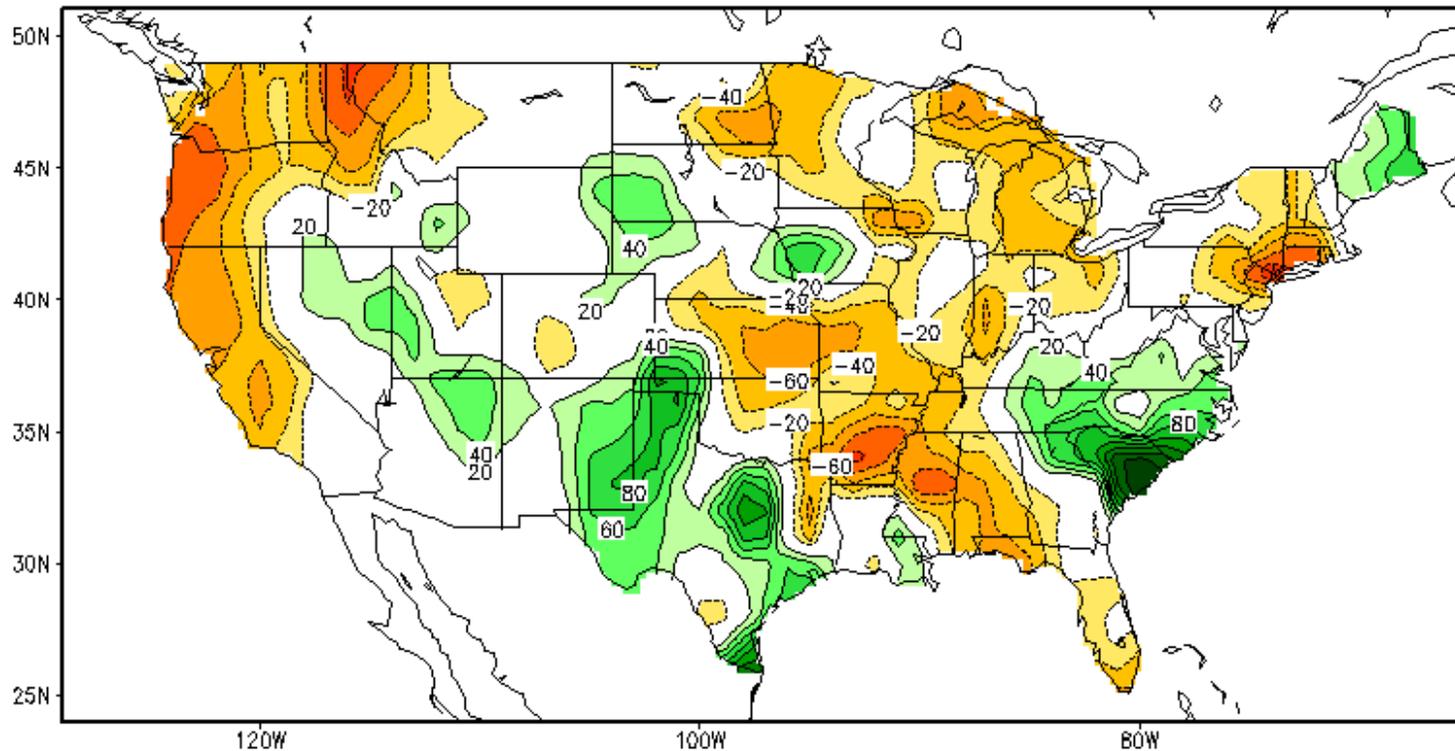
# Soil Moisture Was Well Below Normal

Ensemble-Mean - Current Total Column Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm)  
NCEP NLDAS Products \_\_\_ Valid: OCT 23, 2015



# Good Soil Moisture Recovery

Calculated Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm)  
OCT 26, 2015



# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

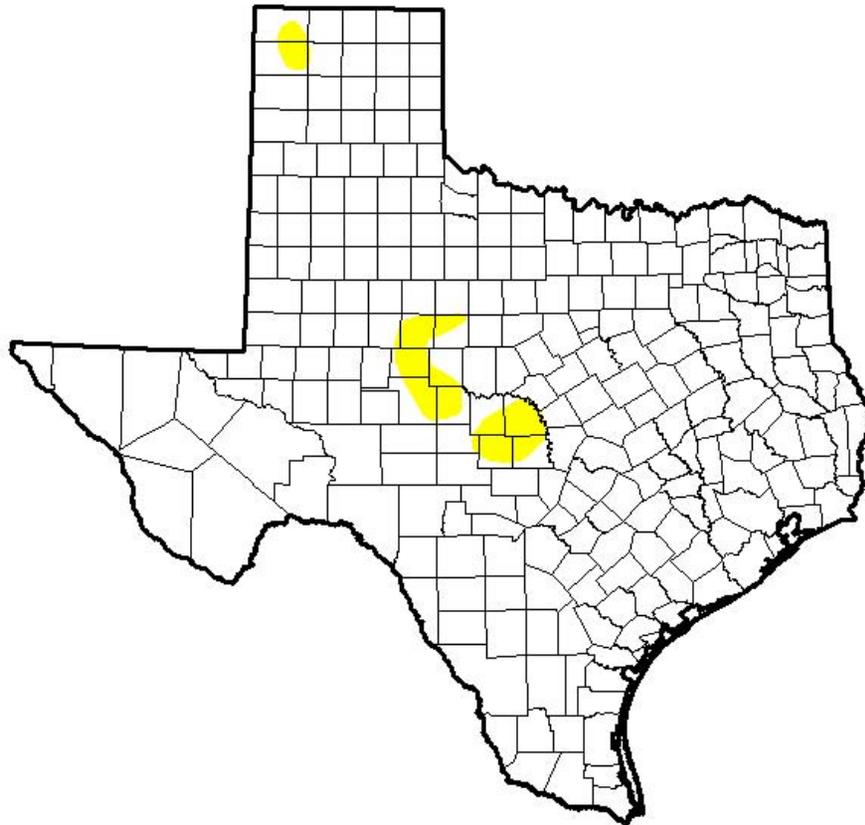
**July 14, 2015**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	97.16	2.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>7/7/2015</i>	95.37	4.63	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>4/14/2015</i>	52.88	47.12	35.25	24.65	14.91	3.34
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/31/2014</i>	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/30/2014</i>	28.92	71.08	48.95	29.54	11.26	2.69
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>7/15/2014</i>	12.72	87.28	63.36	36.80	18.36	3.77



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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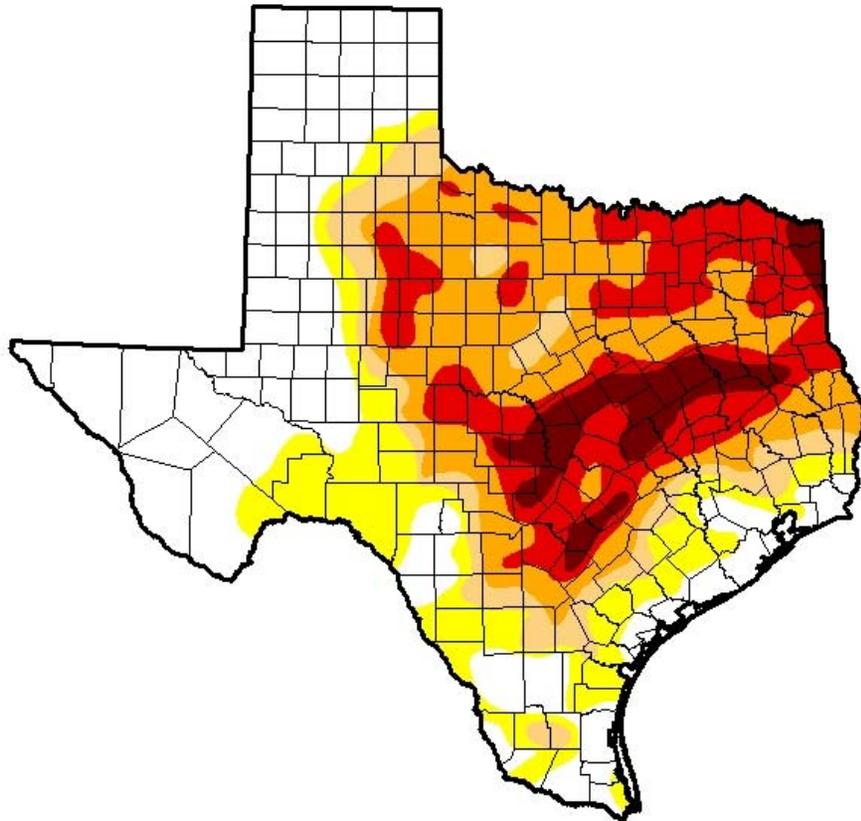


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# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**October 20, 2015**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	34.75	65.25	50.28	41.88	21.40	5.52
<b>Last Week</b> 10/13/2015	36.47	63.53	47.03	31.88	13.89	1.42
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 7/21/2015	95.82	4.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/02/2014	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 8/29/2015	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10/21/2014	29.97	70.03	48.56	27.50	11.53	2.88

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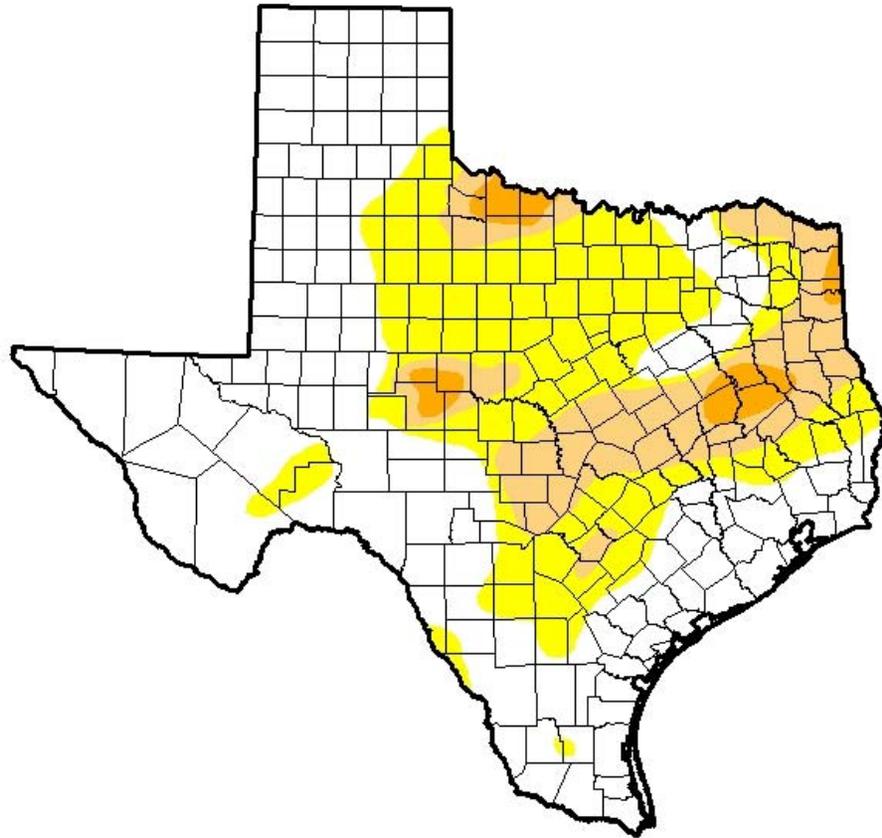


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# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**October 27, 2015**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.34	43.66	15.67	2.85	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10/20/2015</i>	34.75	65.25	50.28	41.88	21.40	5.52
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>7/28/2015</i>	86.45	13.55	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/02/2014</i>	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/29/2015</i>	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10/28/2014</i>	24.84	75.16	49.20	27.86	11.90	3.62

Intensity:

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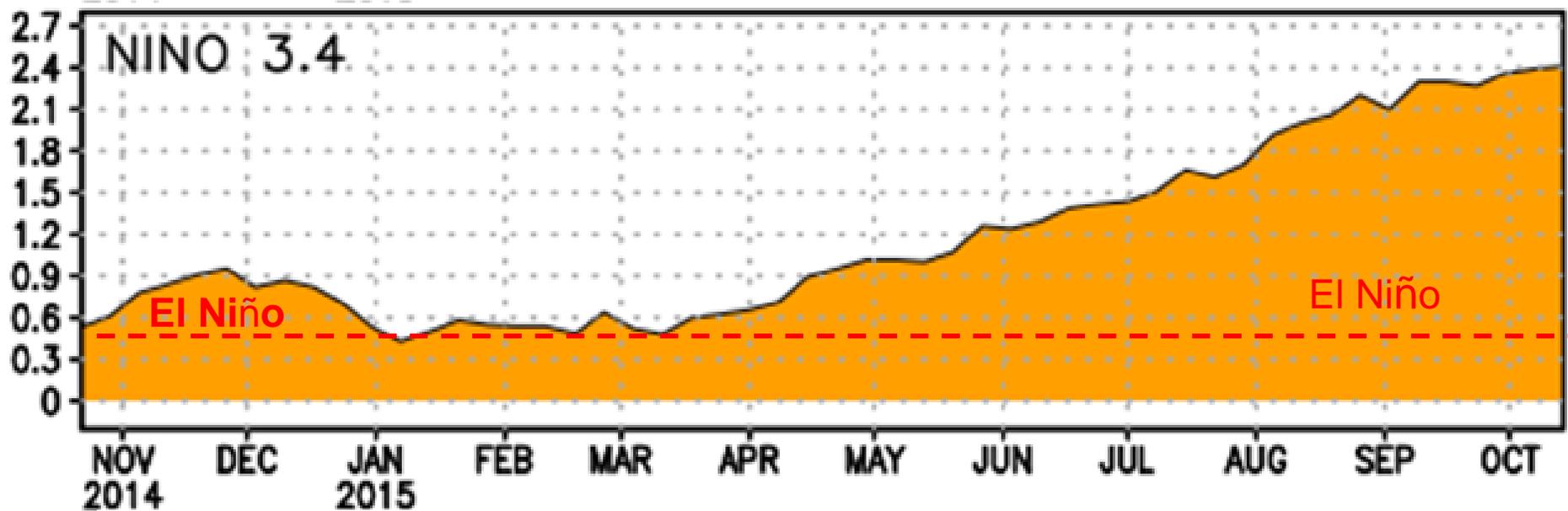
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A photograph of a road with a large cloud formation in the sky. The cloud is shaped like a dinosaur, possibly a T-Rex, and is illuminated from the side, giving it a glowing appearance. The road is lined with trees and has a guardrail. Several cars are visible on the road. The sky is blue with some other clouds. The text "The Return of El Niño" is overlaid on the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# The Return of El Niño

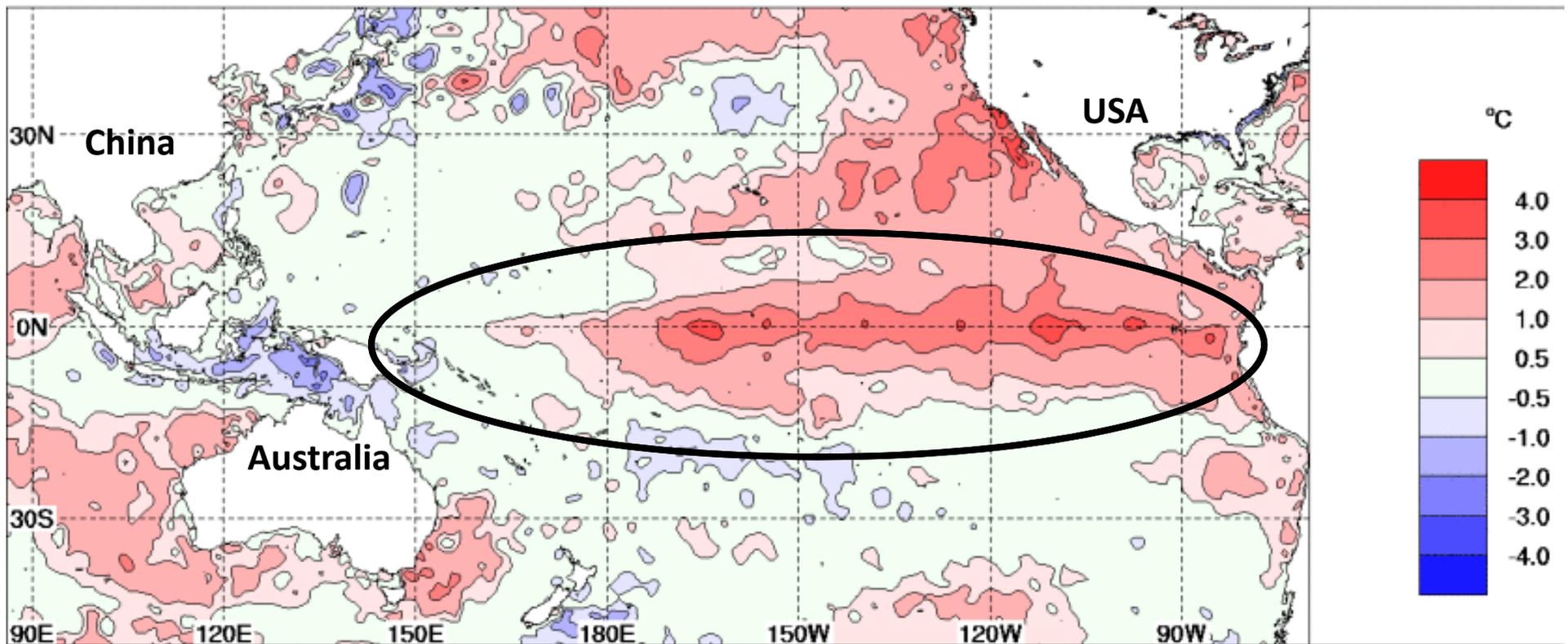
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# Sea Surface Temperature Timetable

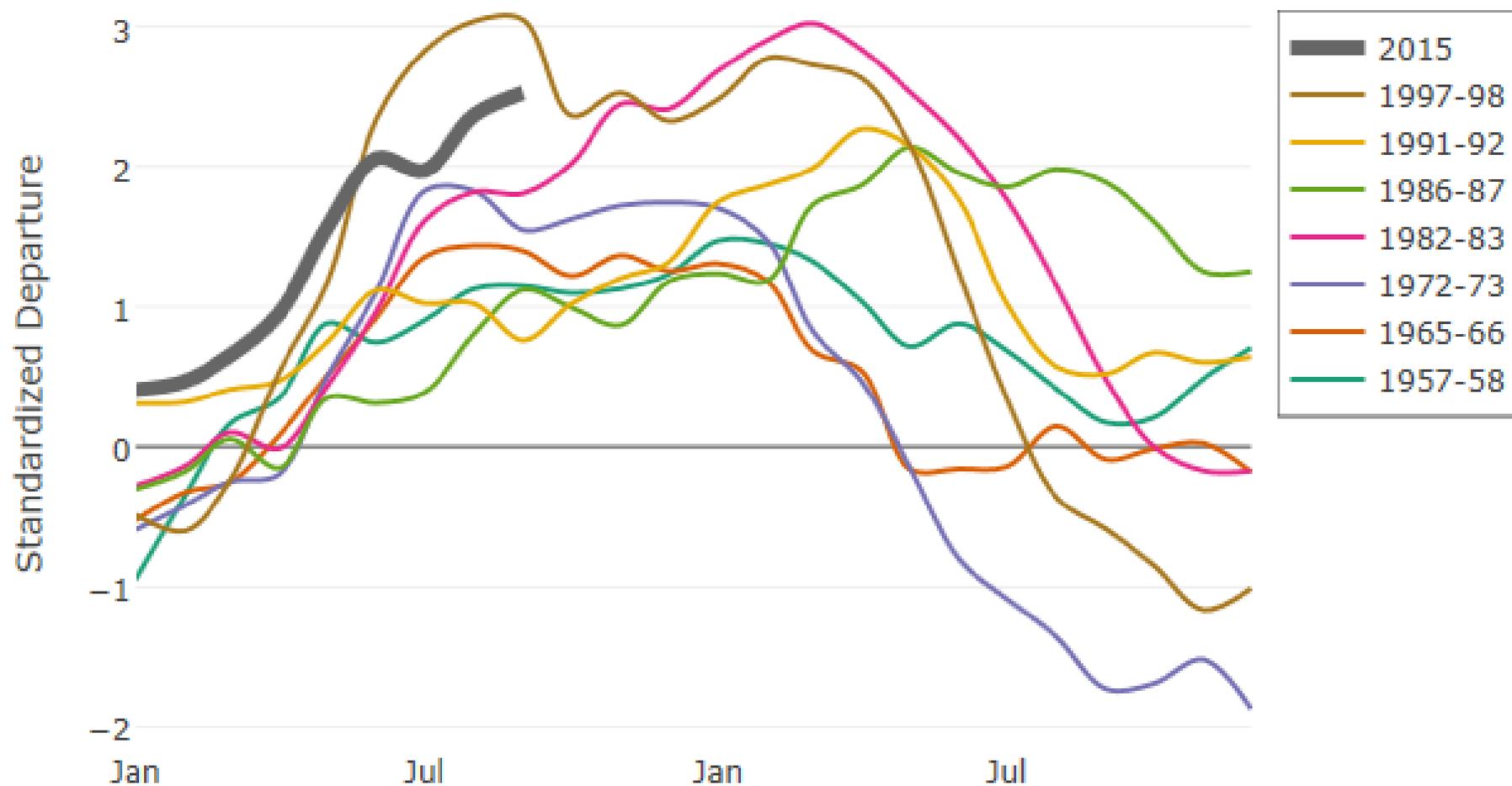


# A Strong El Niño in Place; Still Growing Stronger

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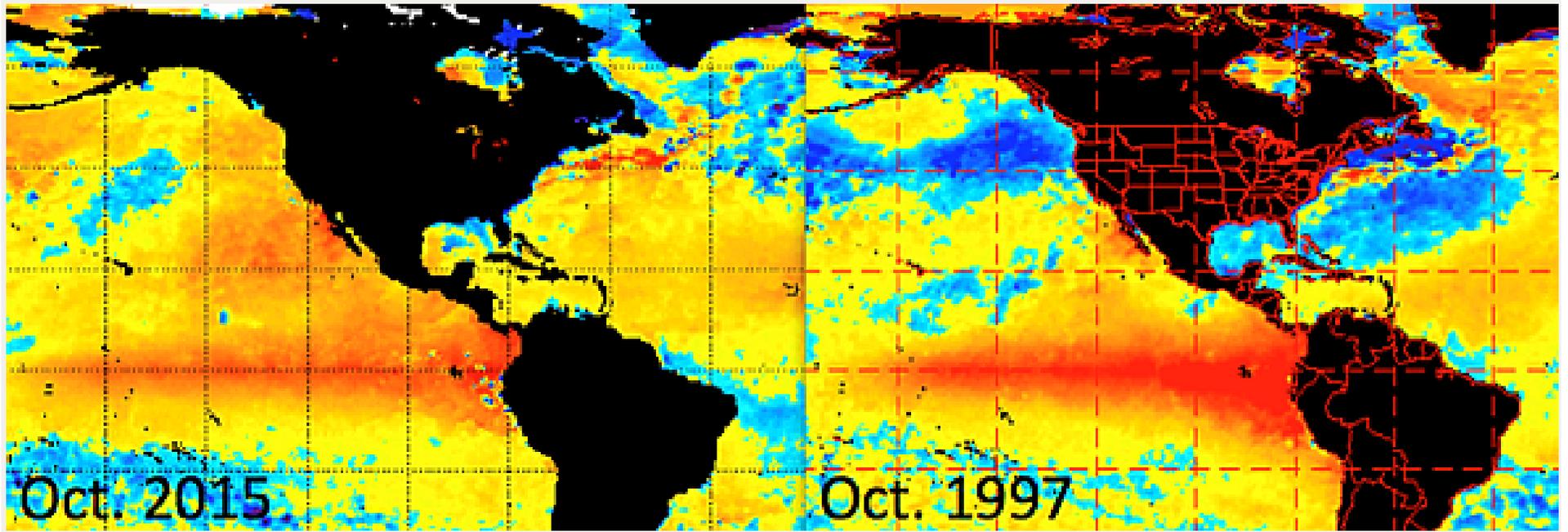
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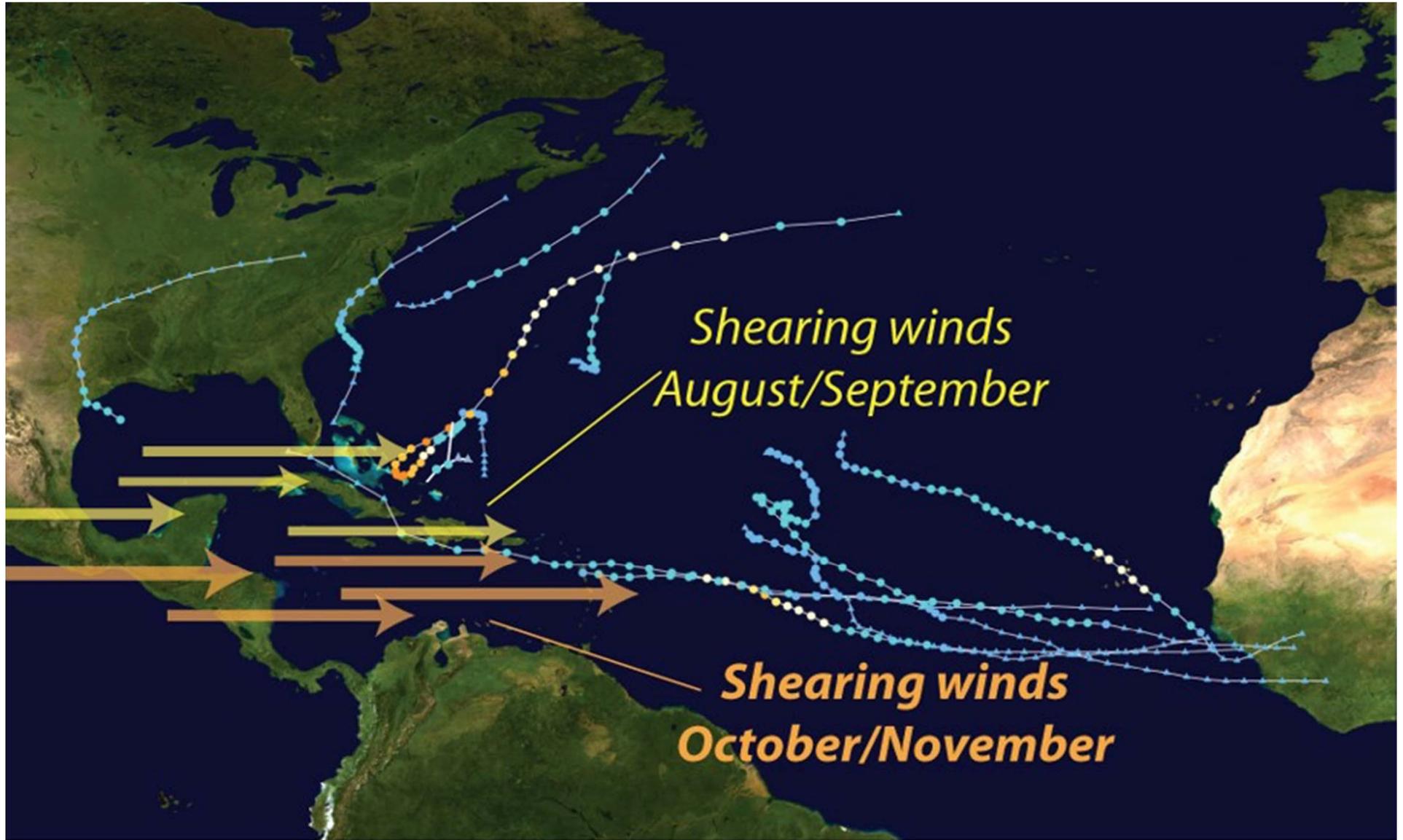
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# Comparison of Sep. 1997 and Sep. 2015 El Niños

Sea-Surface Temperature Comparison, 2015 vs. 1997



# Weather Pattern Changing



# El Niño Pattern this Winter

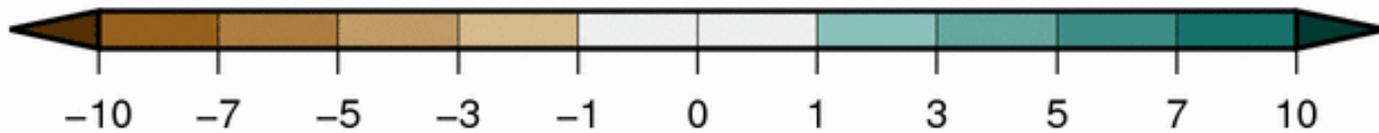
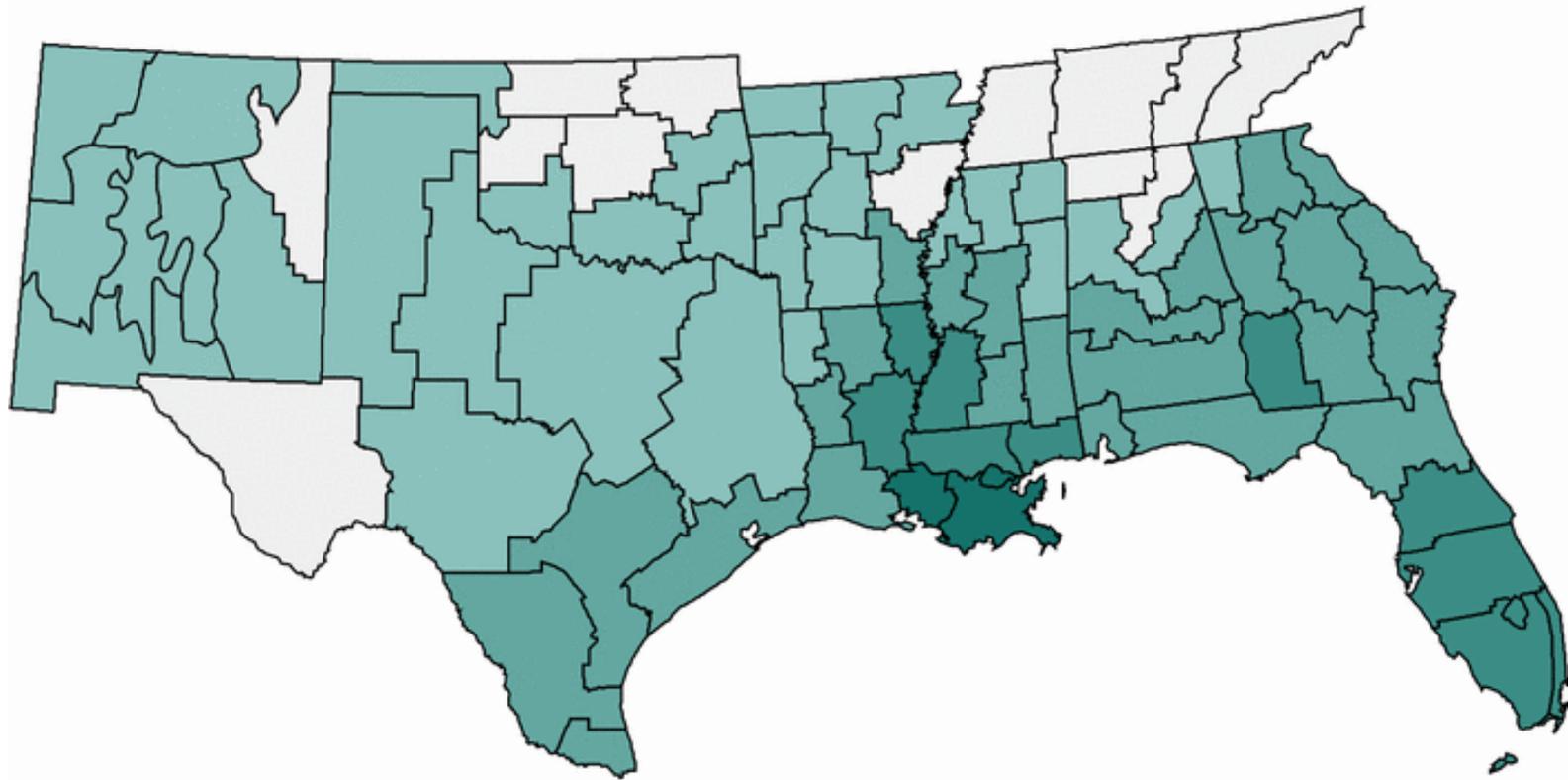


# Strong El Niño Precipitation Departure from Average

National Weather Service Southern Region

Composite: October–March 1957–58, 1965–66, 1972–73, 1982–83, 1991–92, 1997–98

Average Period: 1981–2010



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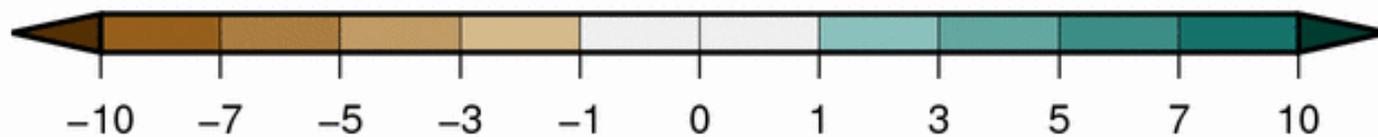
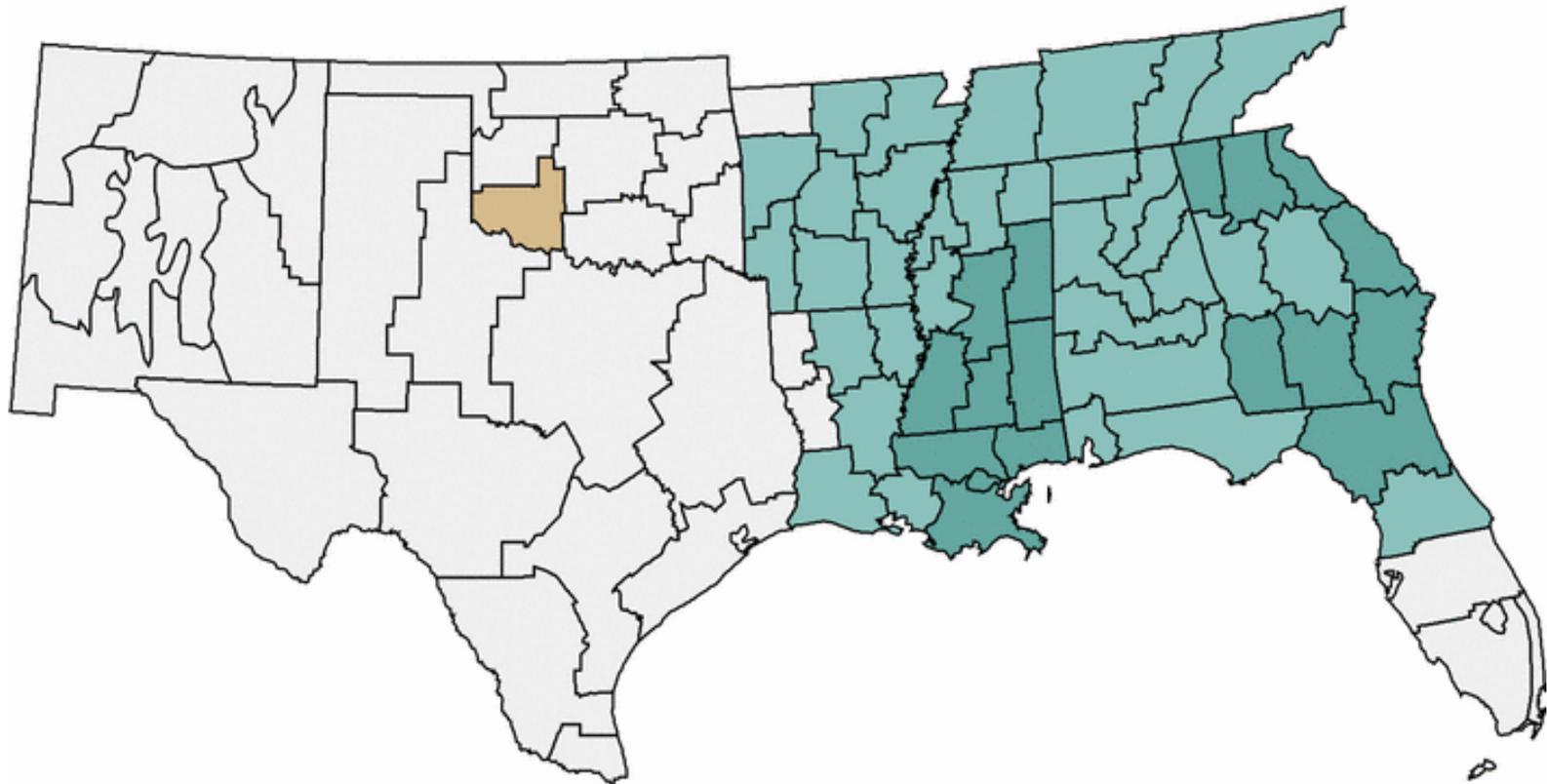


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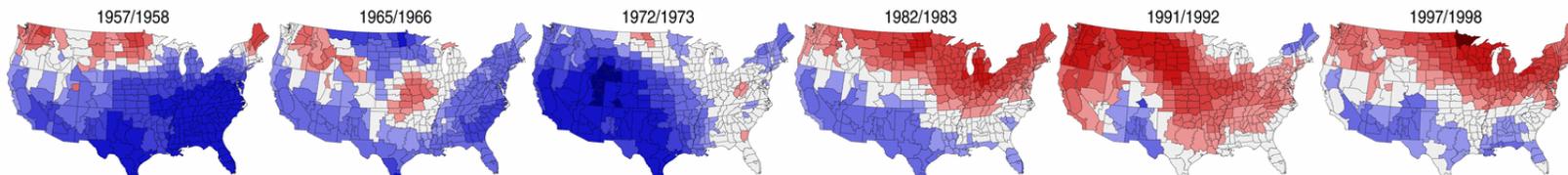
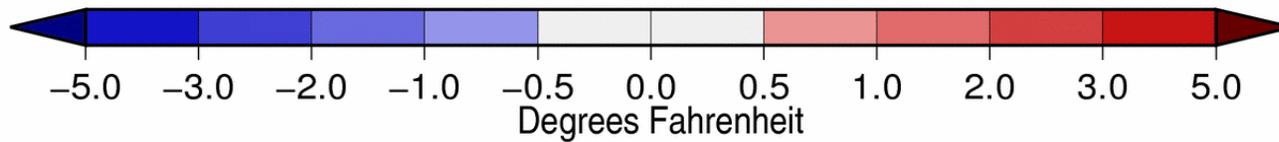
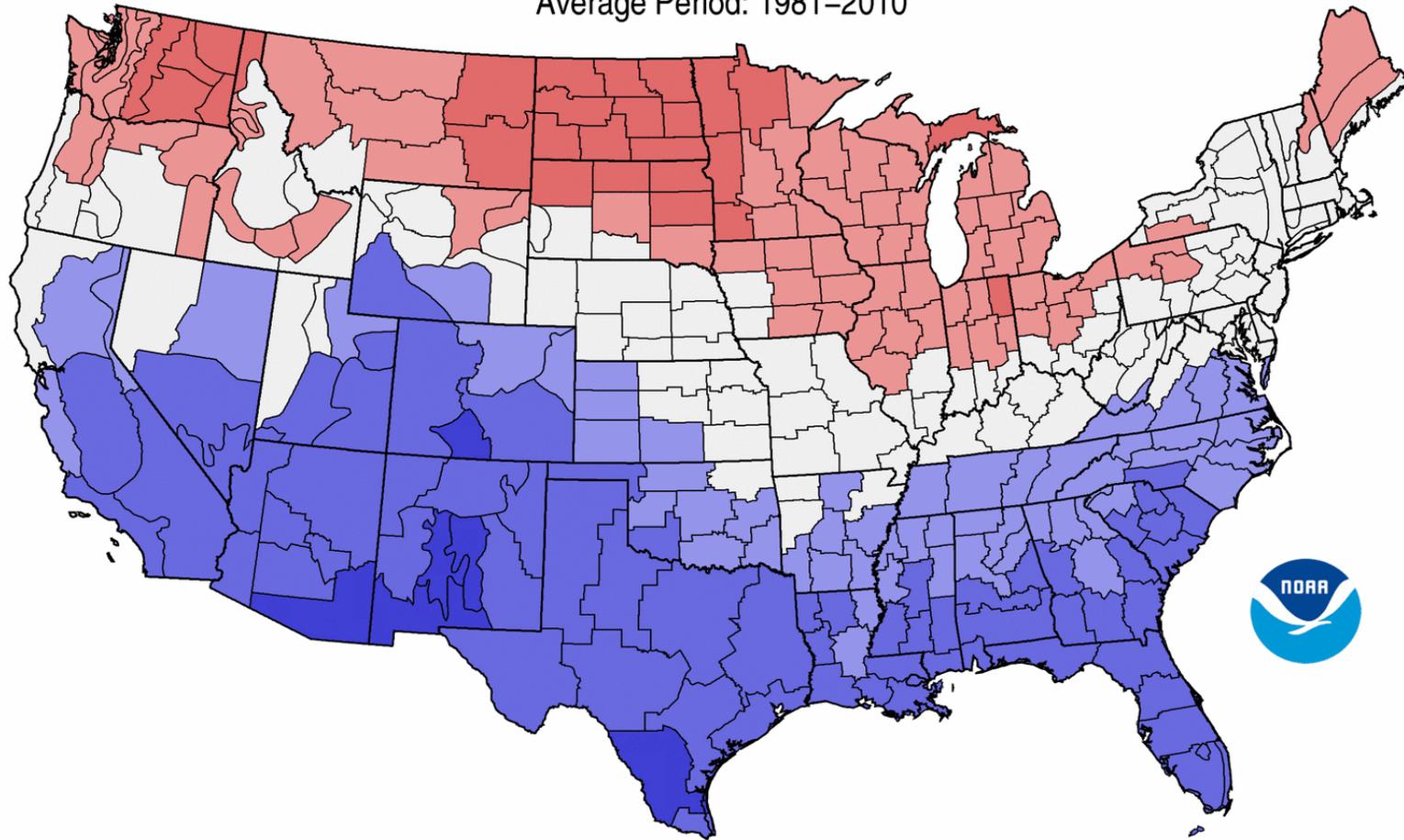
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# Strong El Niño Mean Temperature Departure from Average

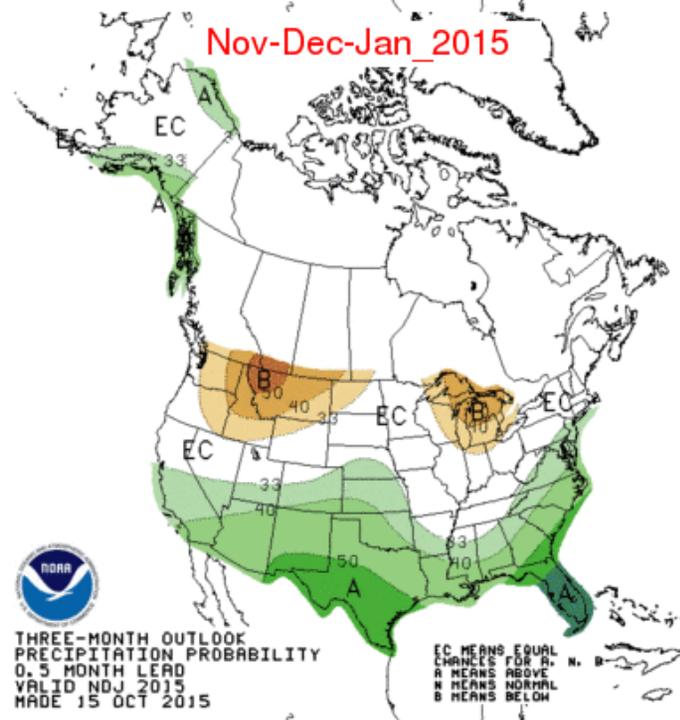
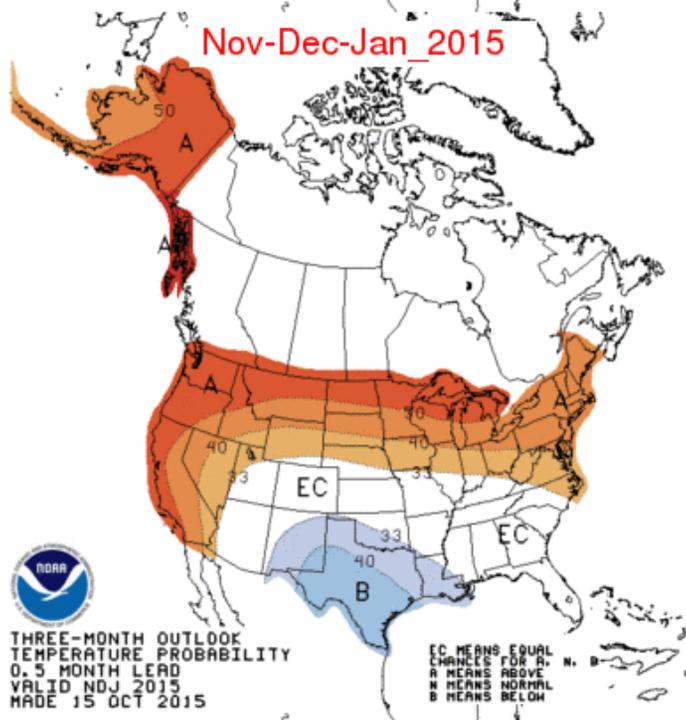
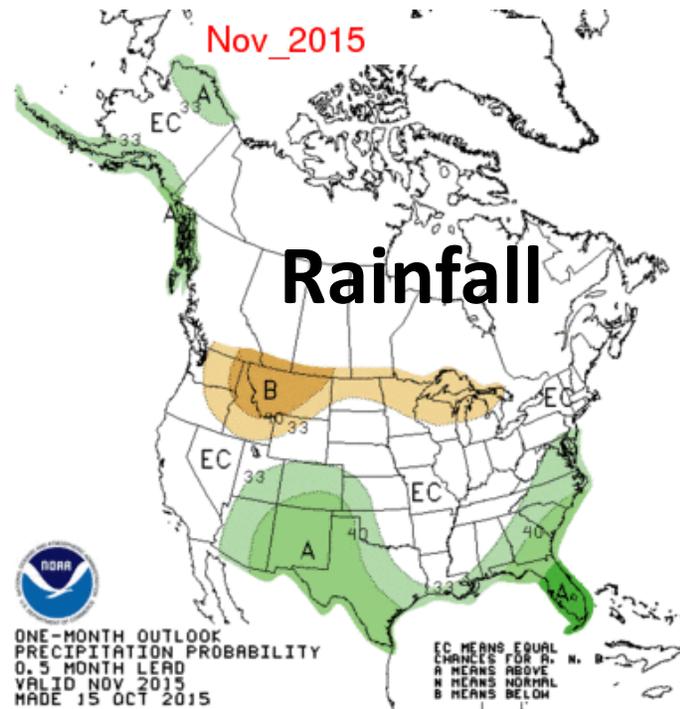
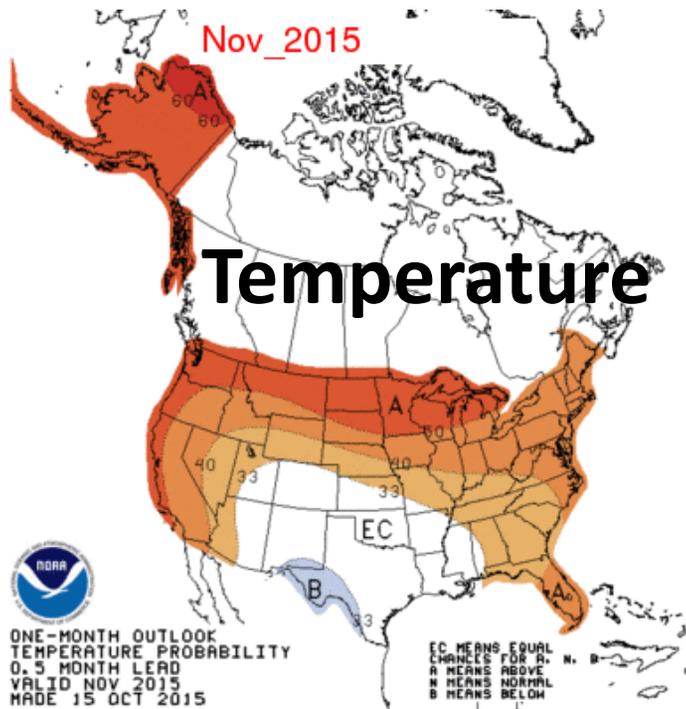
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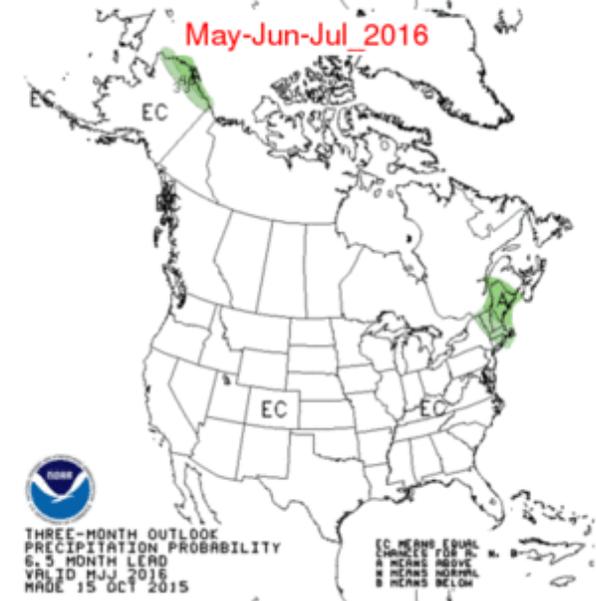
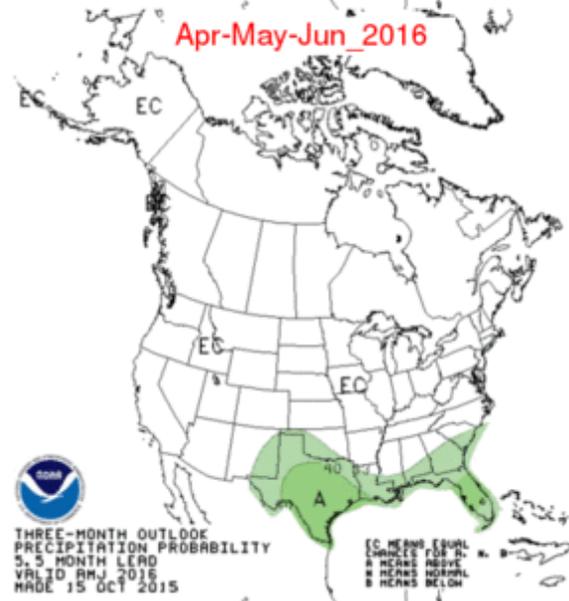
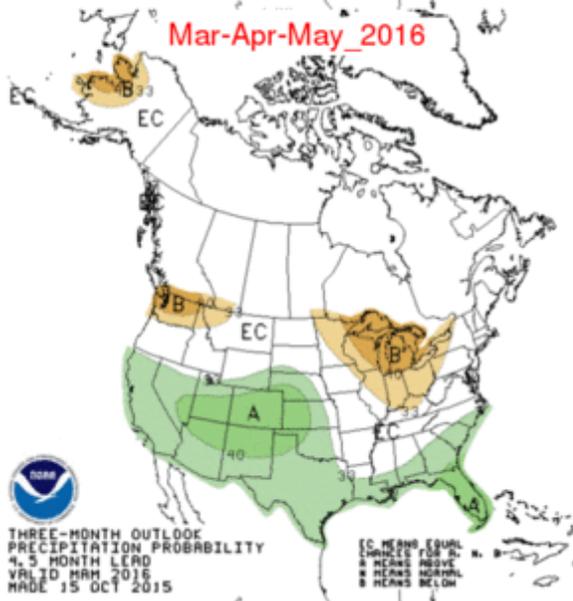
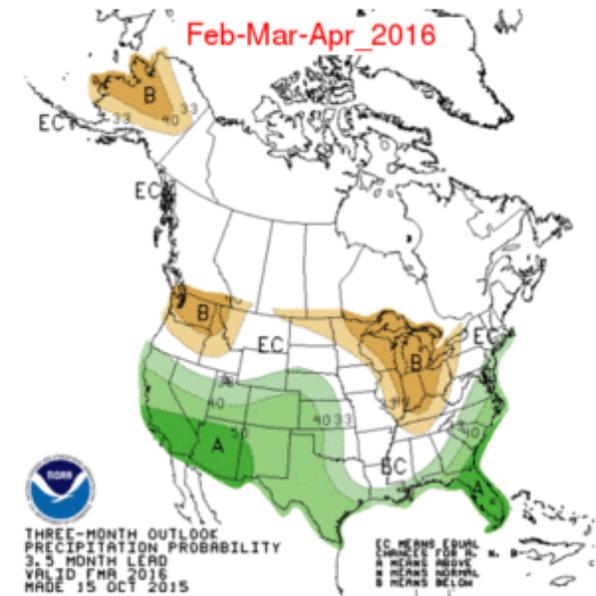
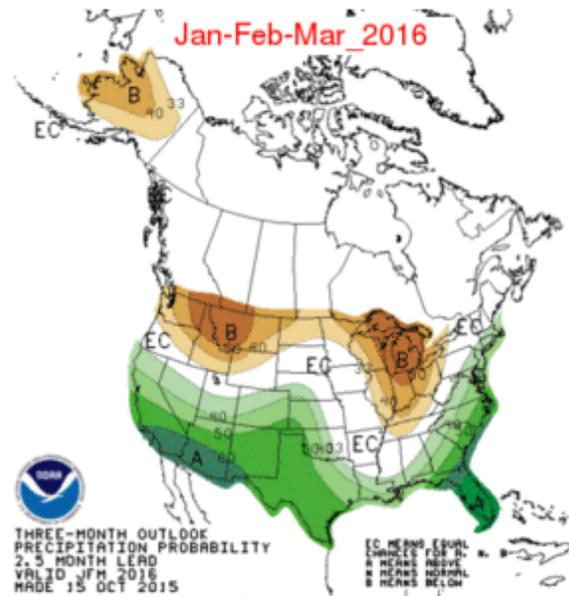
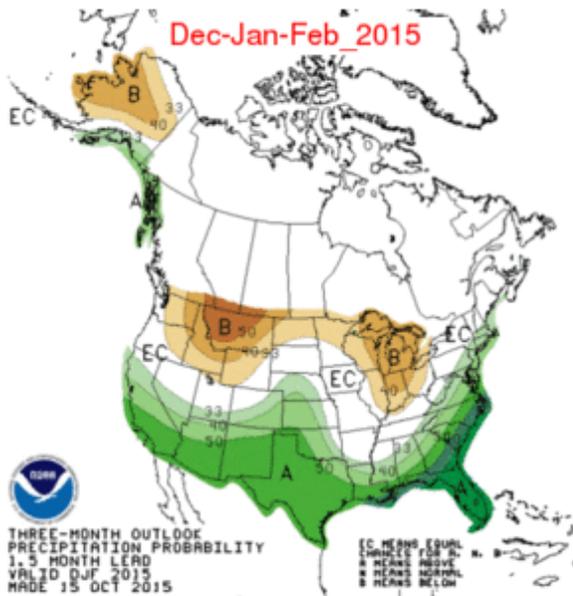


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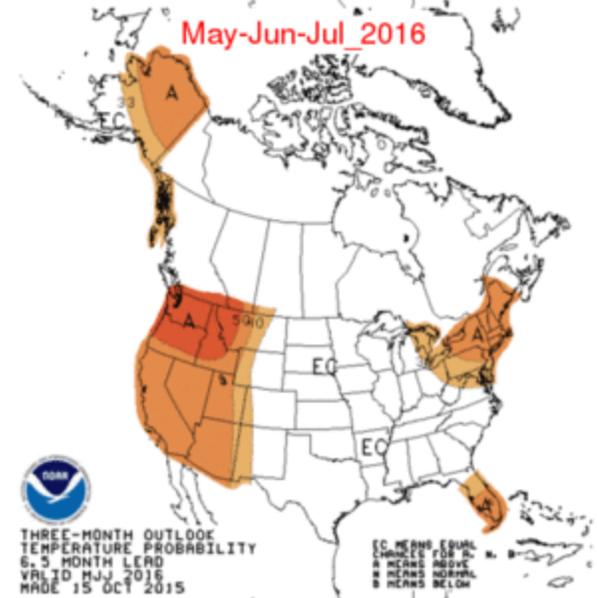
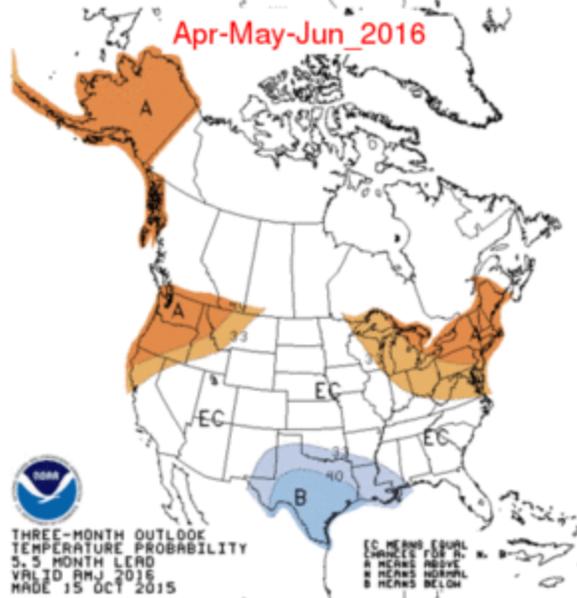
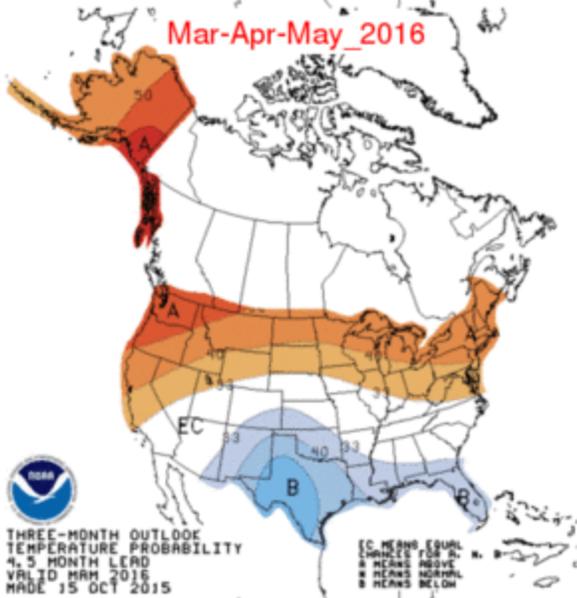
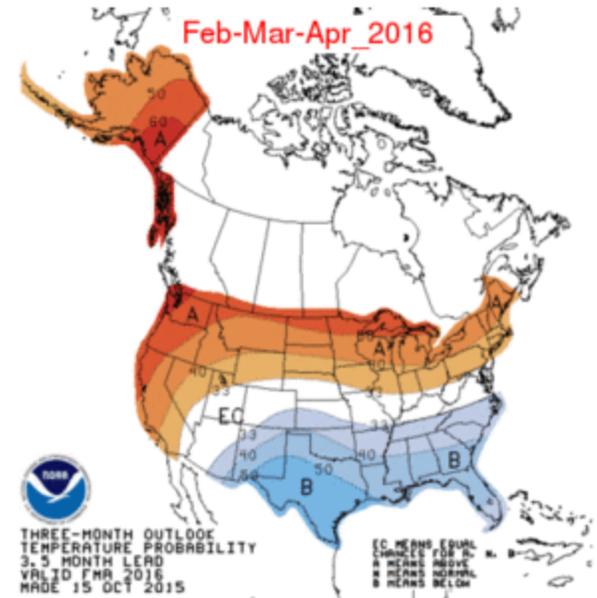
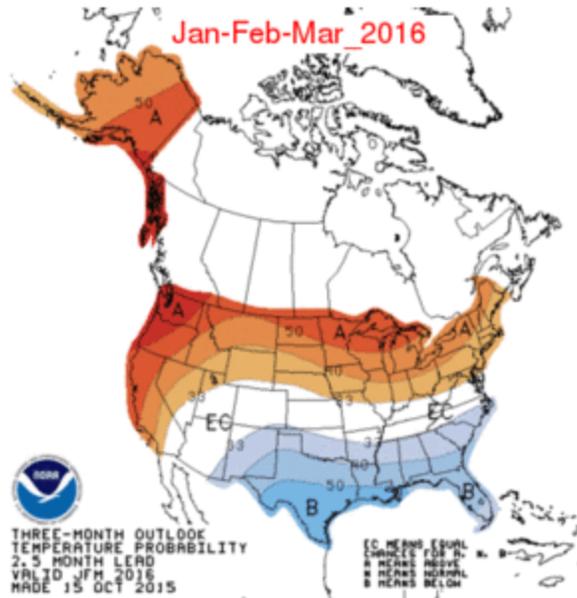
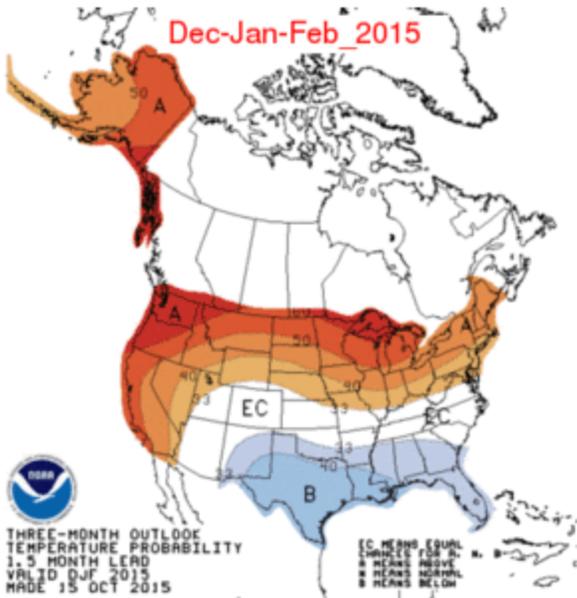
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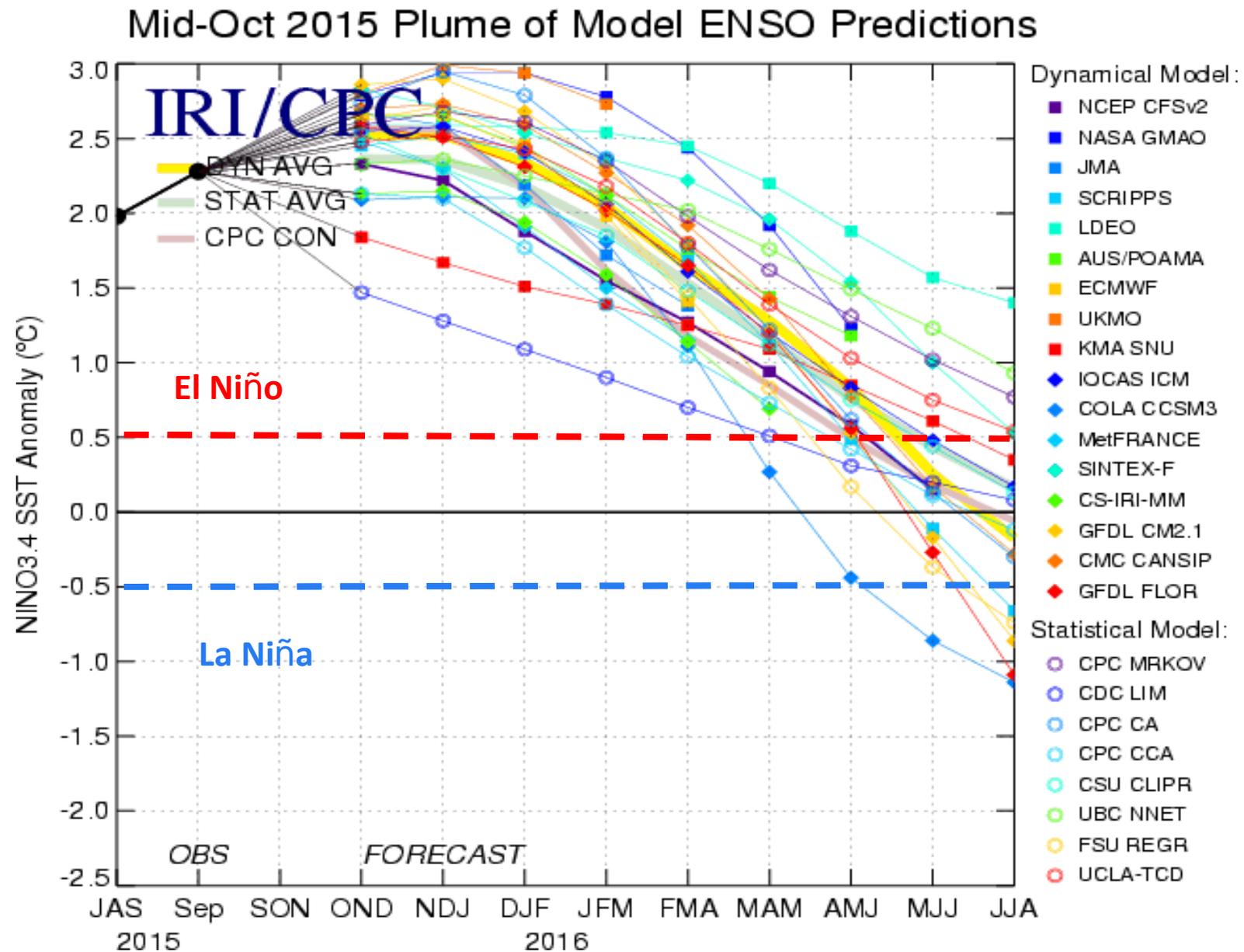
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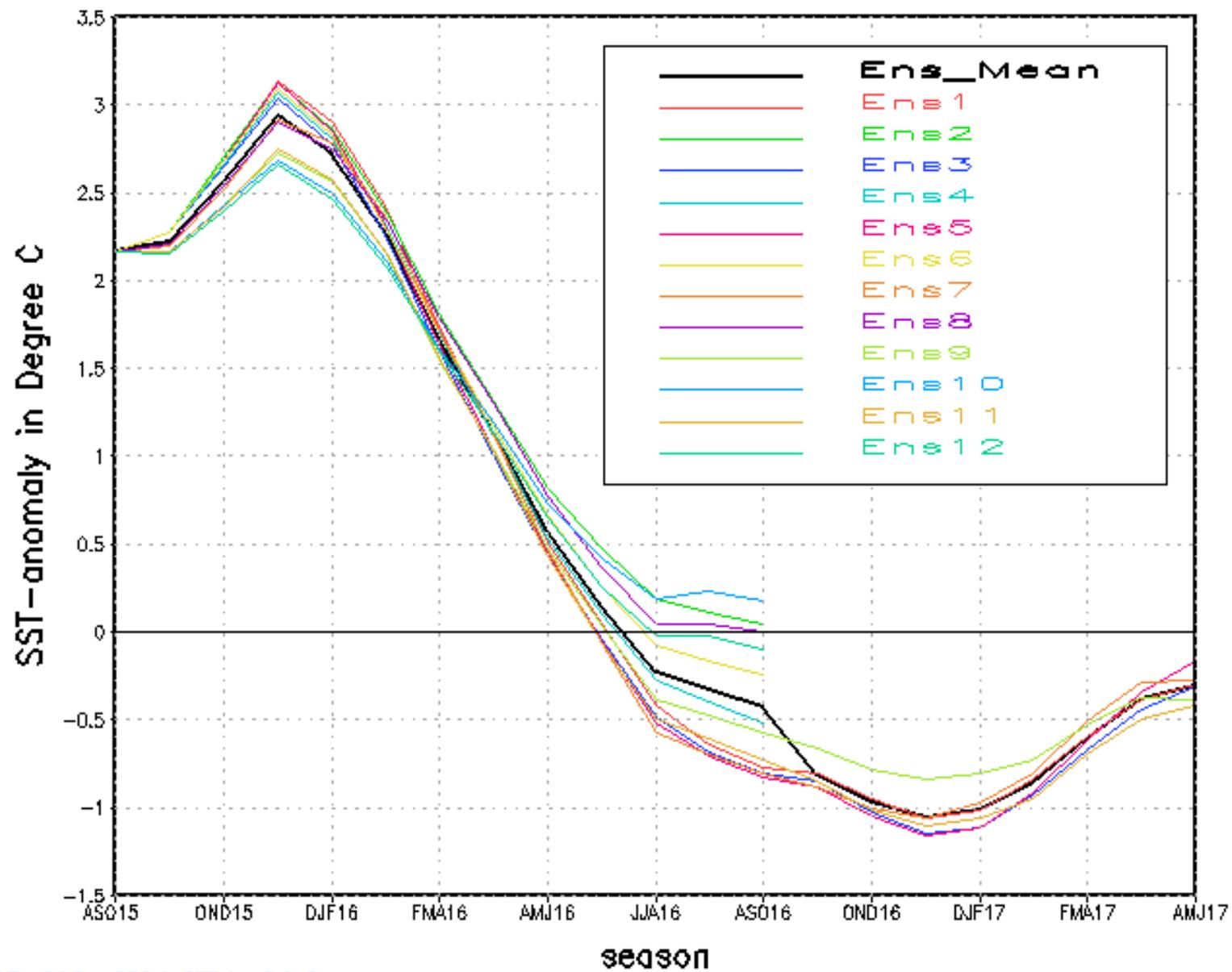
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# Looking Ahead to Next Summer



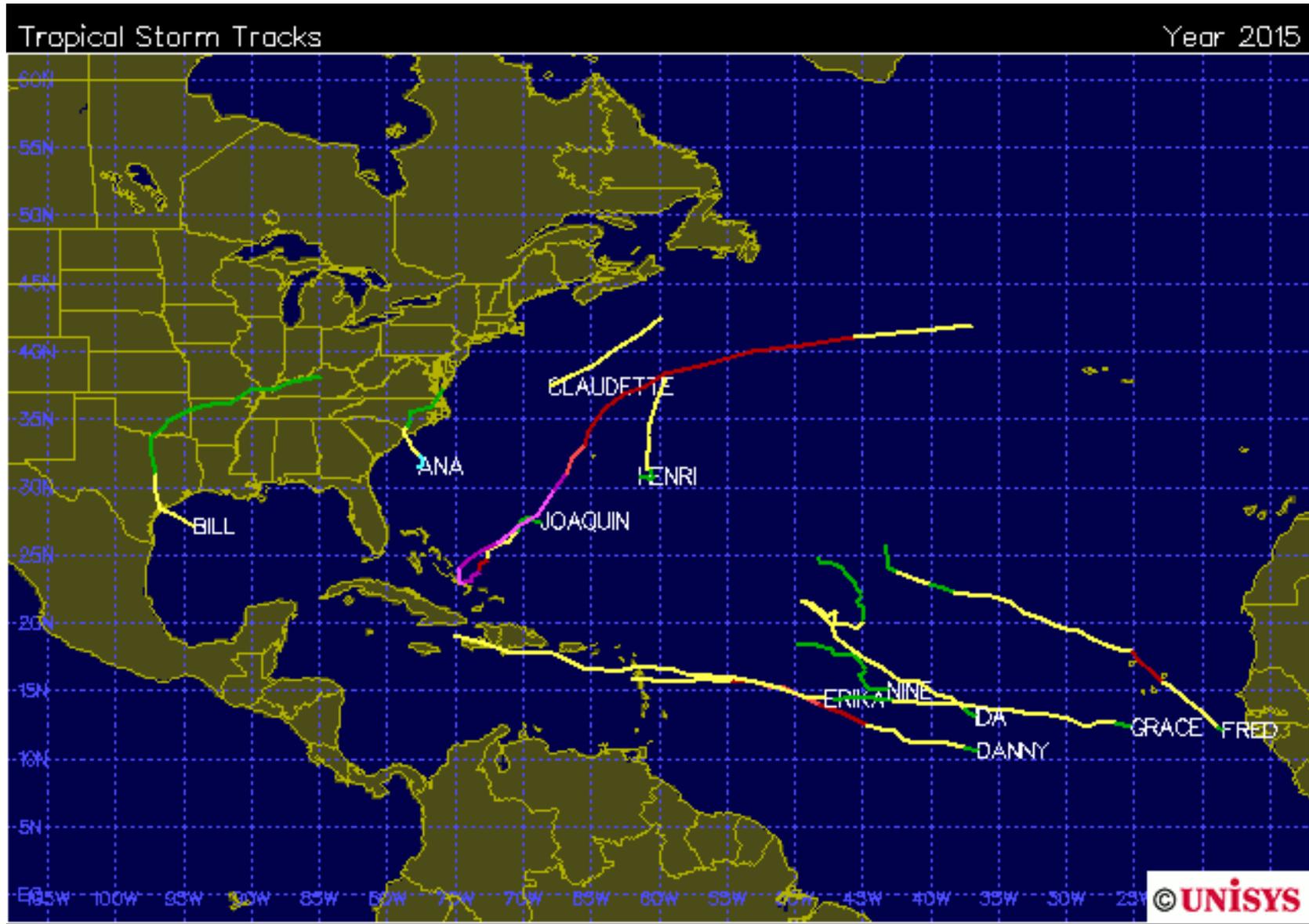
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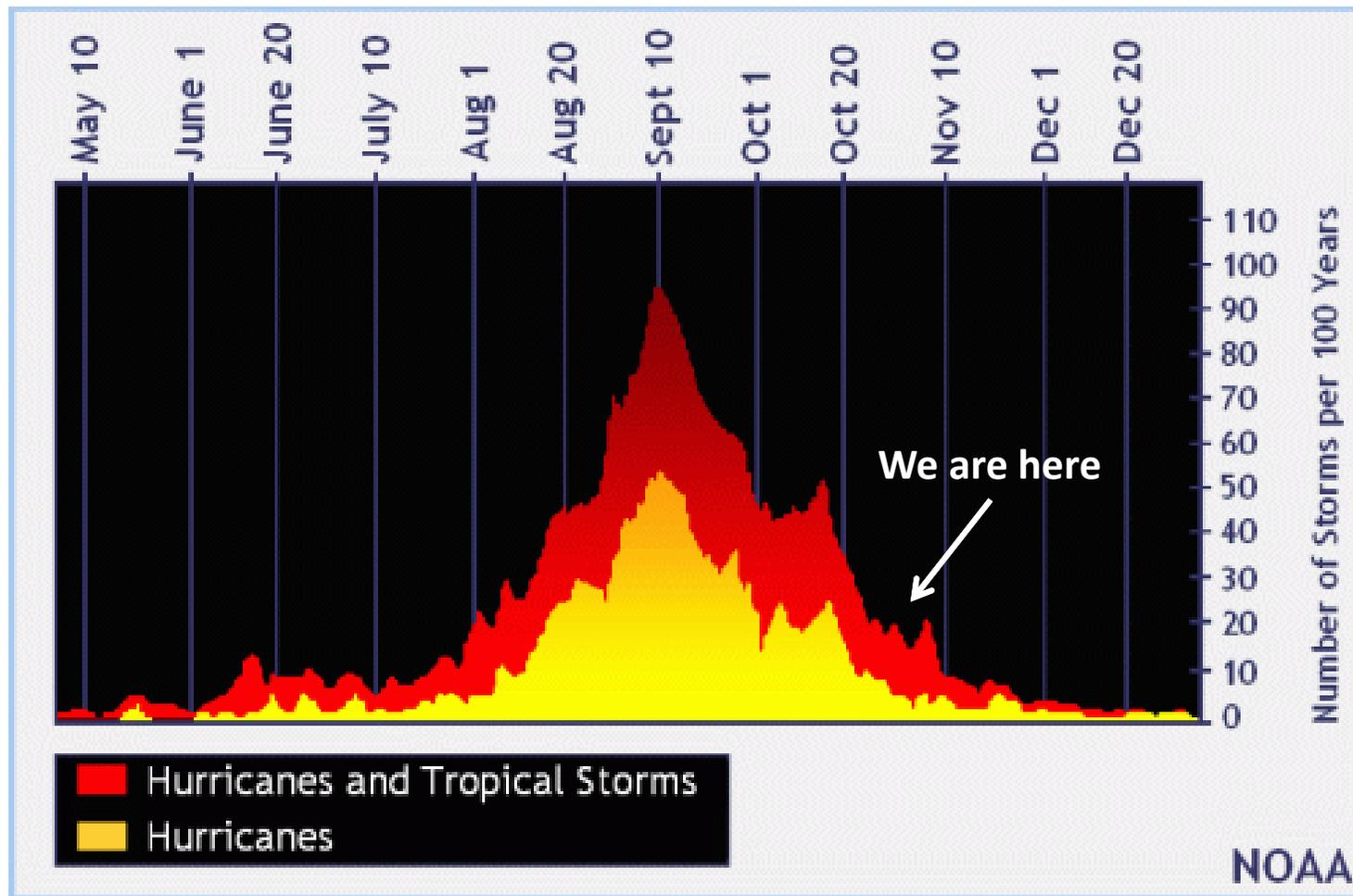
# 2015 Atlantic Hurricane Season Update



# It's Been A Quiet Season

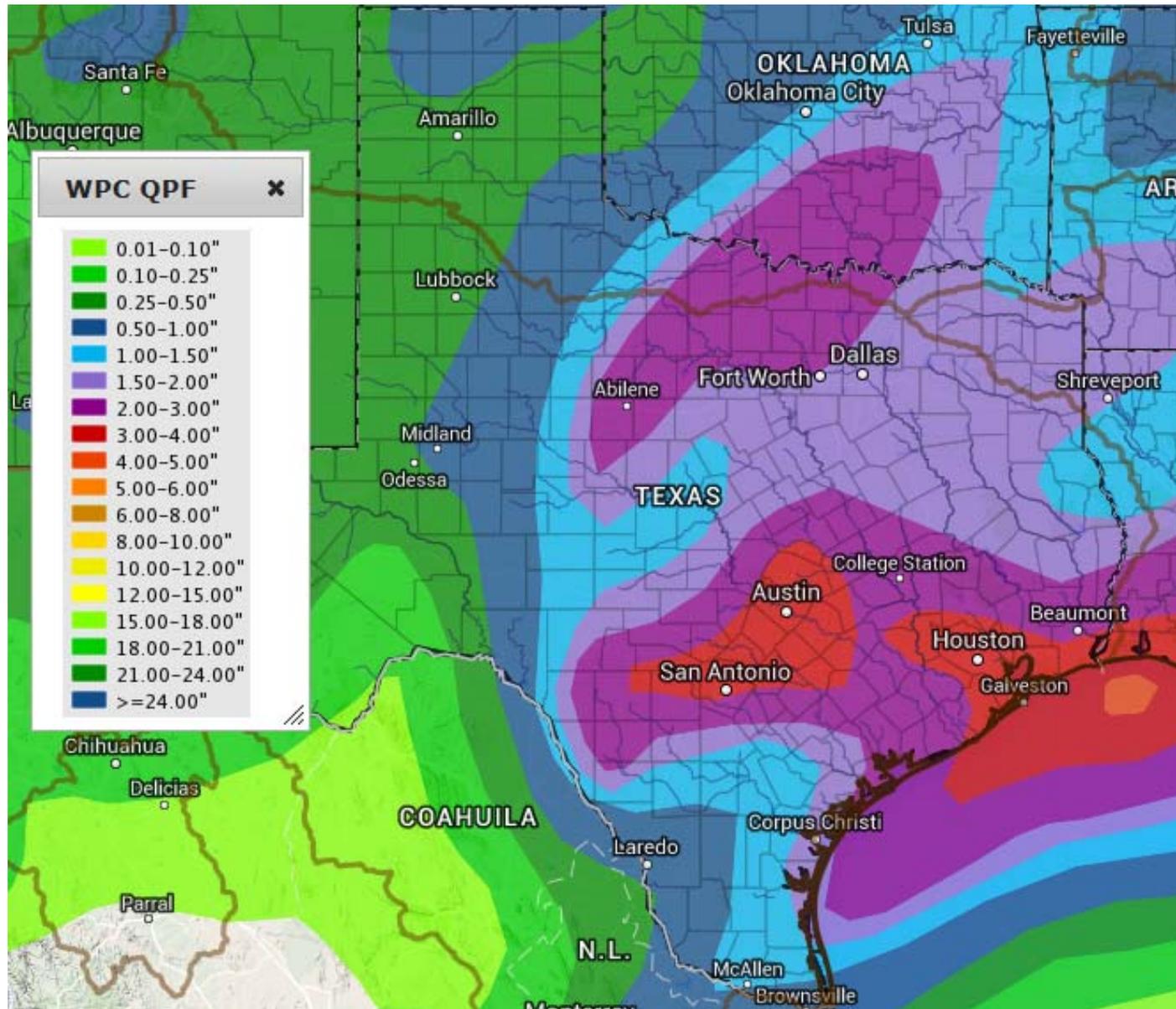


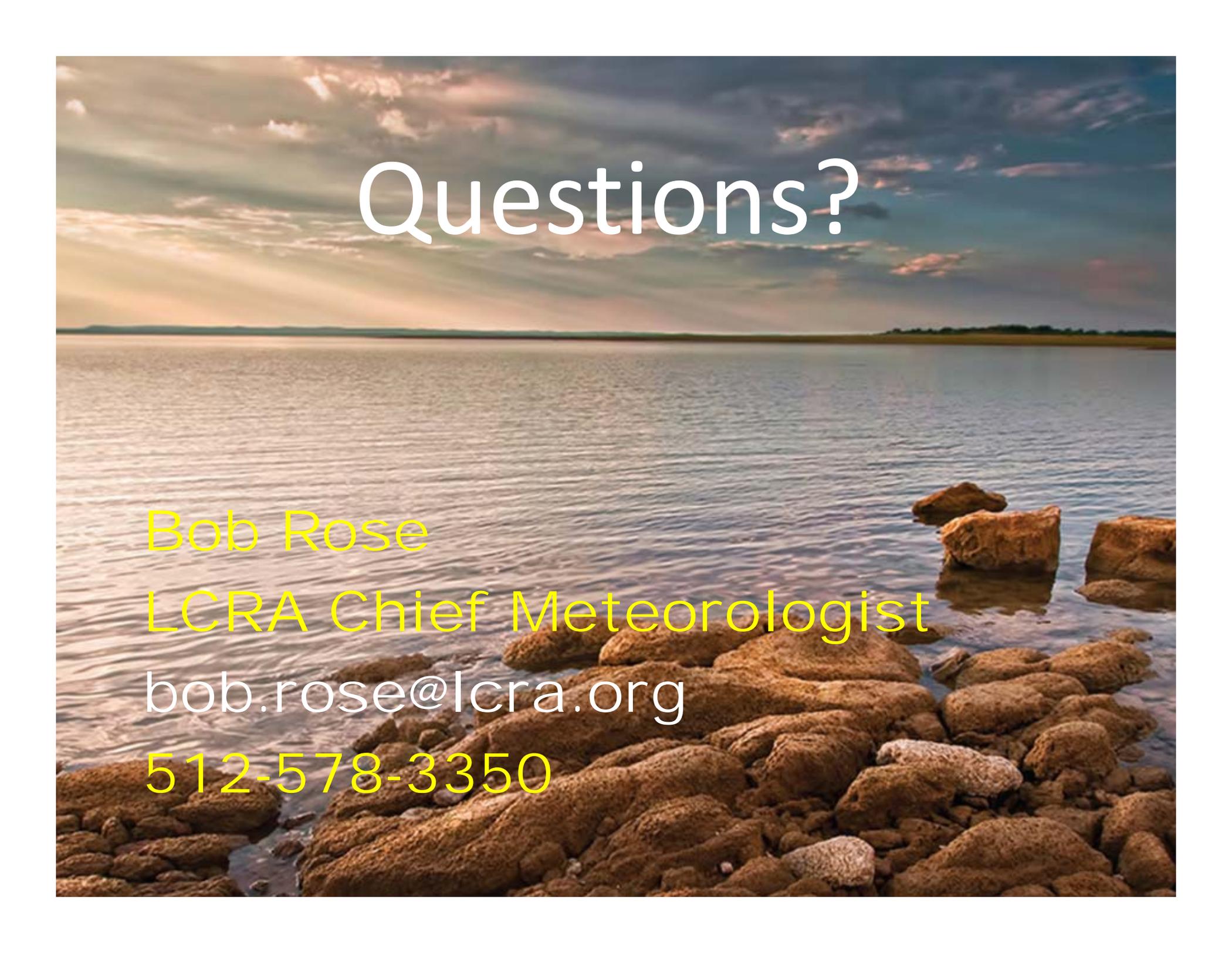
# Season is Winding Down



NOAA

# Rainfall, Today through Sat.





# Questions?

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