

Climate Forecasts and Forecast Uncertainty

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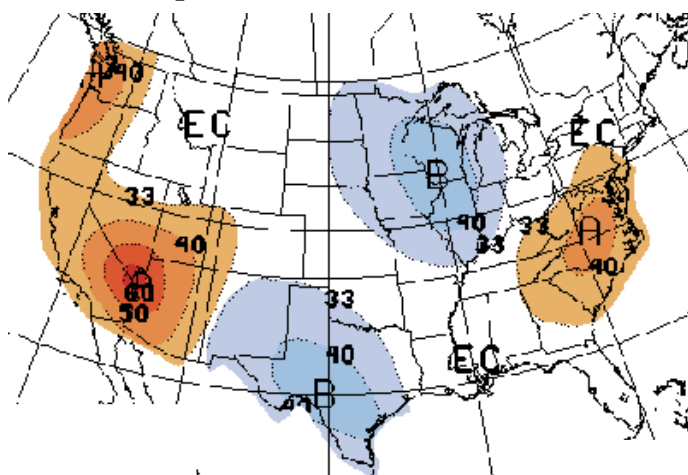


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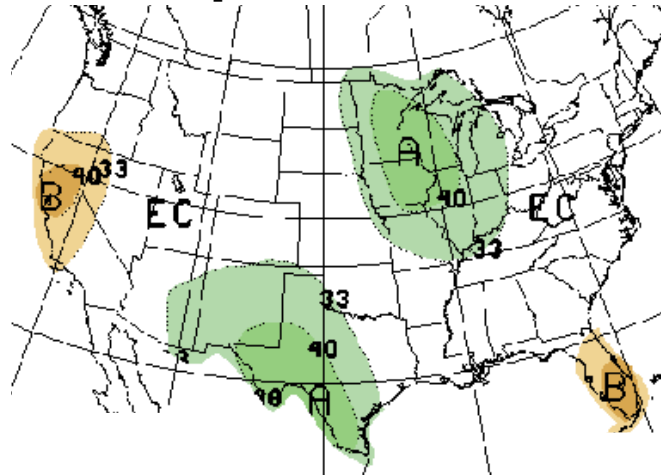


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Temperature AMJ 2005



Precipitation AMJ 2005



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Climate Assessment for the Southwest

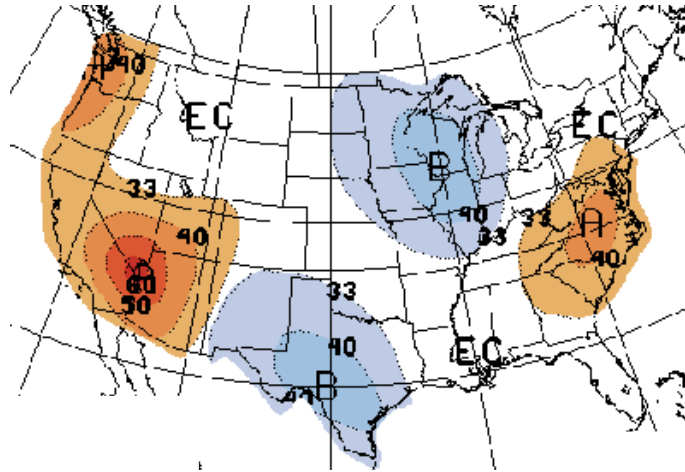
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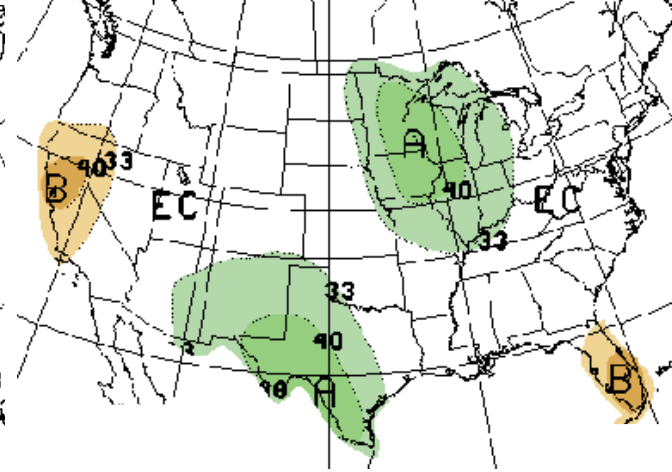
Outline

- Forecast skill
- Forecast Evaluation Tool:
 - Orientation
 - Analogue tool
 - Probability of exceedance
 - Forecast skill evaluation
 - Number of forecasts made
 - Bubble plots

Temperature AMJ 2005



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Three-category (tercile) forecasts

Probability of

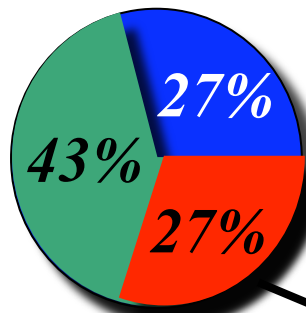
- above-normal
- near-normal
- below-normal

Temperature and Precipitation

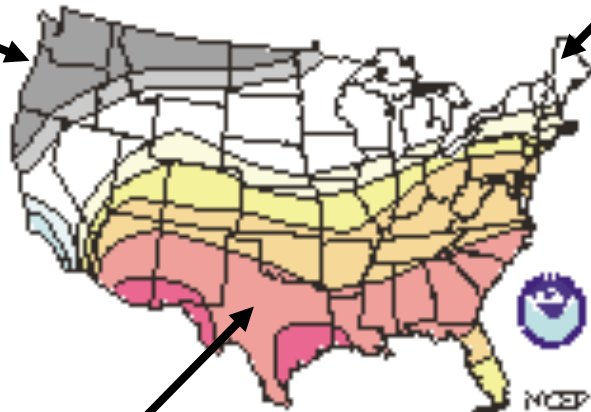
What do the Climate Outlooks Mean?



"Near-Normal"

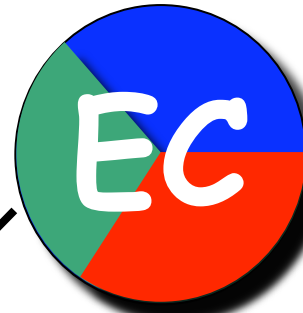


Climate Outlook
Temperature
January - March 2000



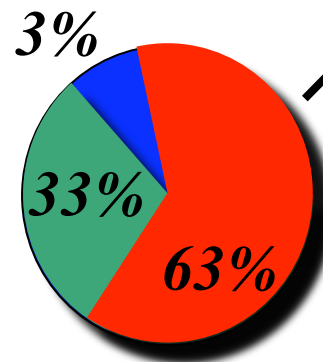
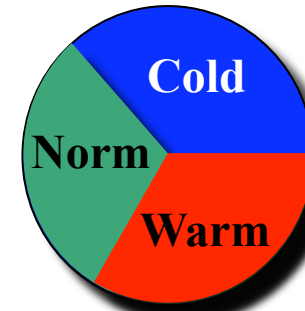
NCEP
Climate Prediction Center

Unknown



Sometimes
forecasters *don't*
know what the
chances are...

Legend



**"+30% Chance
of Warm"**

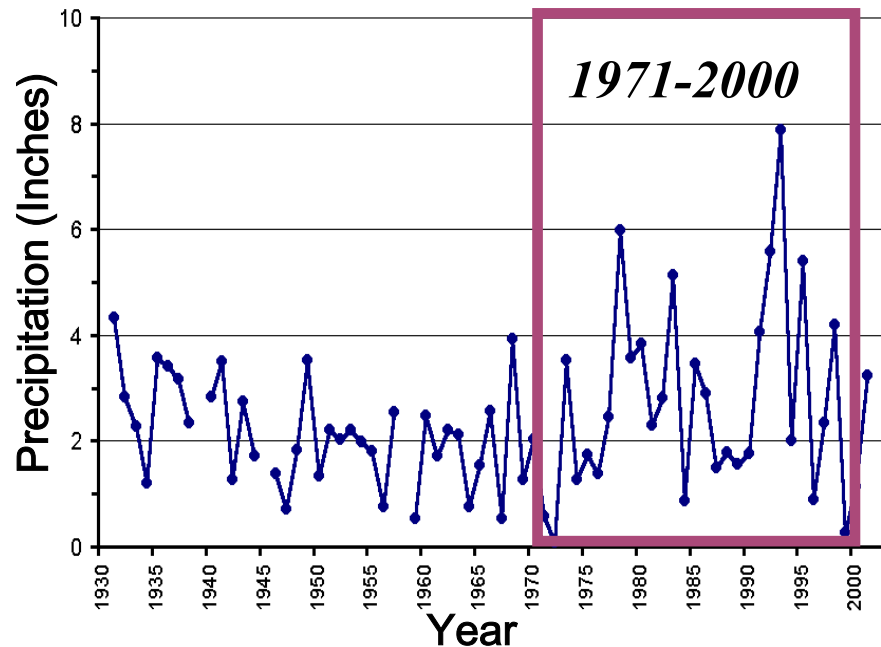
EC - ~~EQUAL CHANCES~~
THE PROBABILITY OF
THE MOST LIKELY
CATEGORY CANNOT BE
DETERMINED

= Unknown Chances!!!

Wet, Dry, Normal – Compared to What?

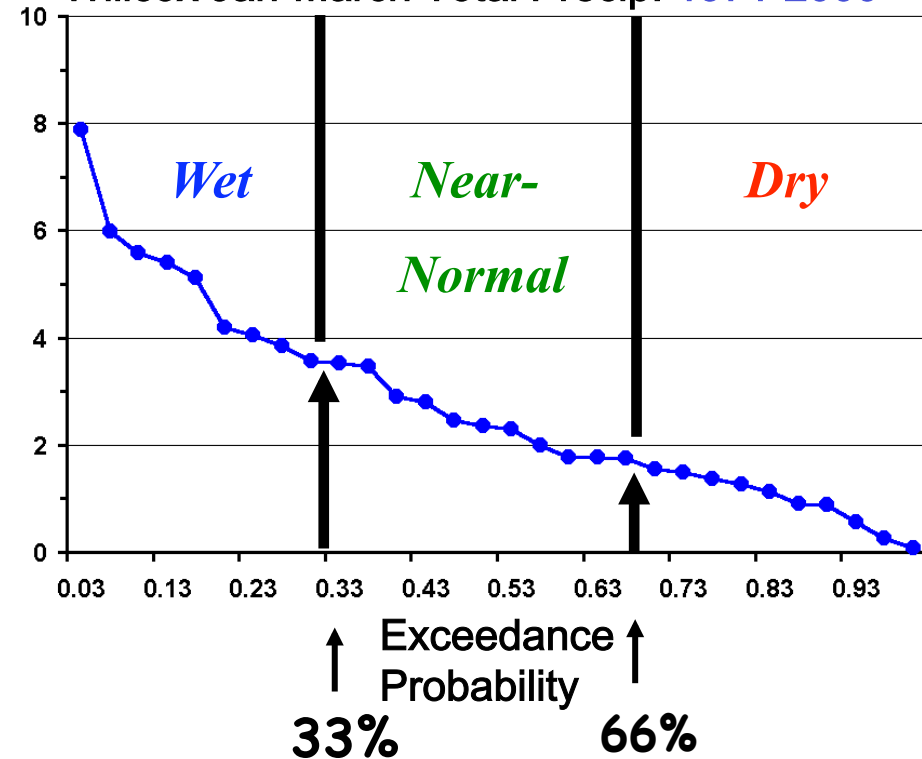


Willcox Jan-March Total Precipitation 1930-2001



Normal **chances** are based only on 30 years of data.

Willcox Jan-March Total Precip. 1971-2000

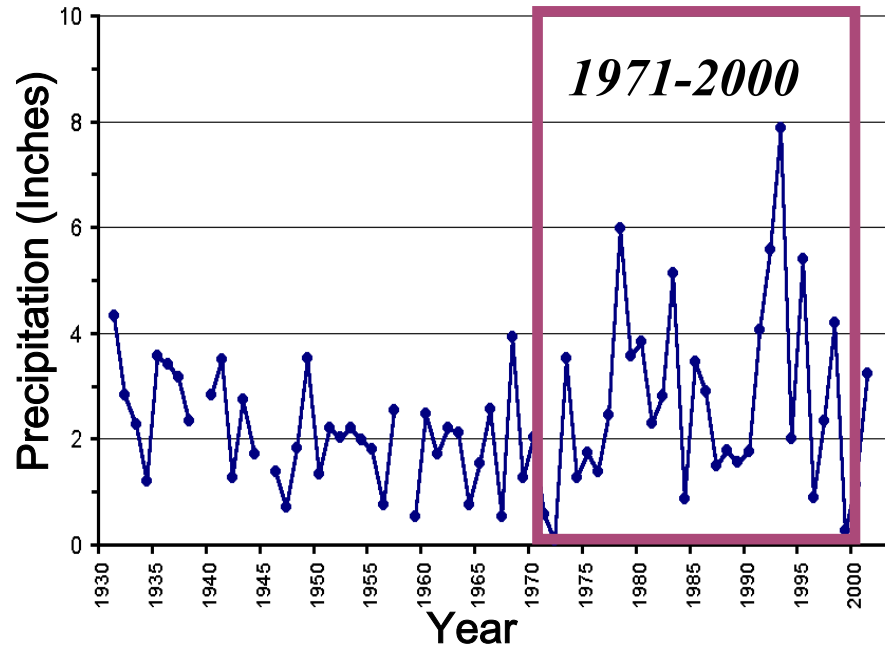


The data are ranked and divided into three categories of equal probability, with roughly 10 years in each category.

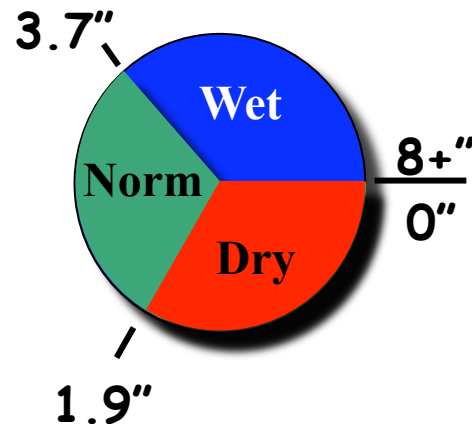
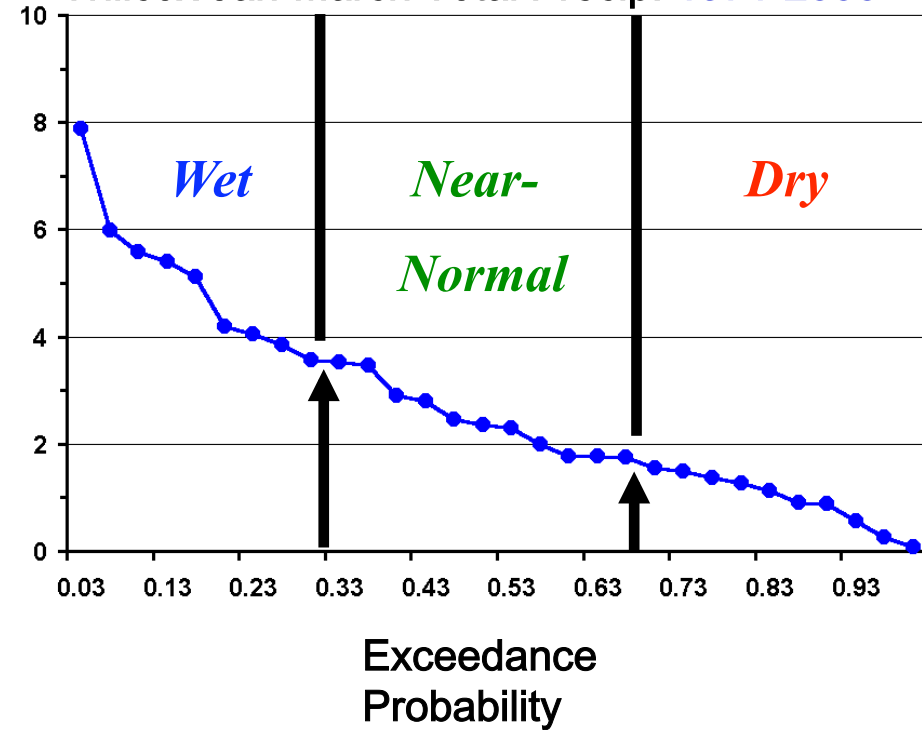
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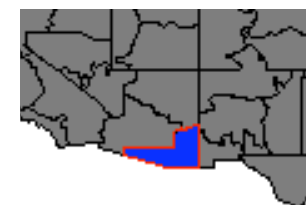
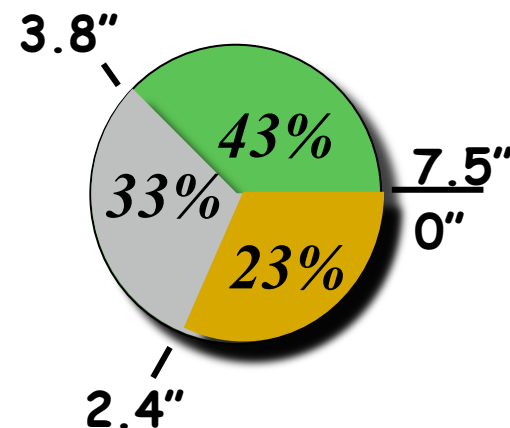
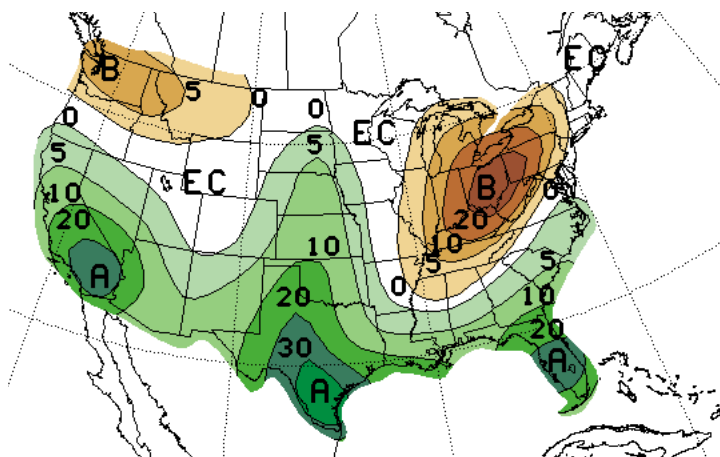
10 years had less than 1.9 inches

10 years were in the middle

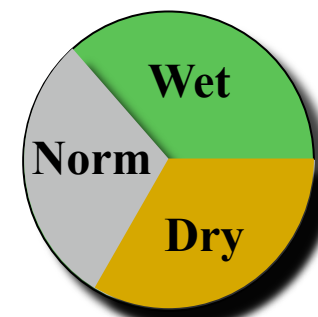
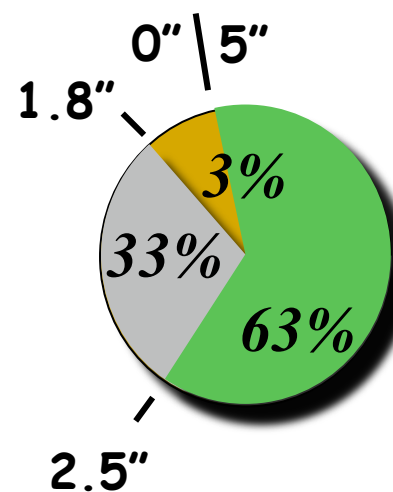
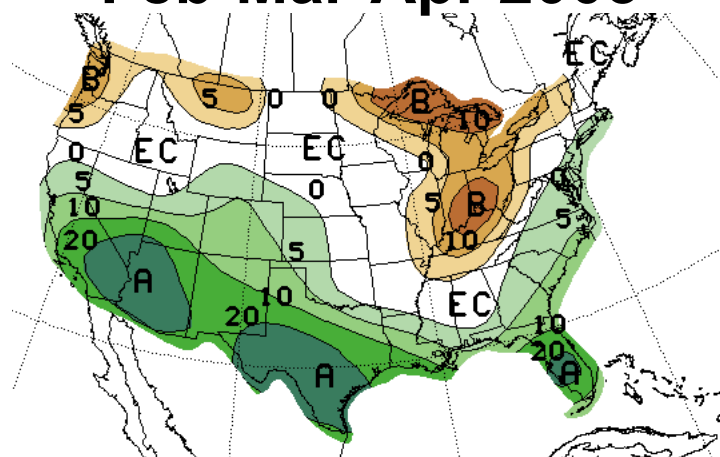
Precipitation Outlooks



Jan-Feb-Mar 2003



Feb-Mar-Apr 2003



Issued Dec 19, 2002

How Good are Seasonal Climate Forecasts?



Common Perception



How Good? Compared to What?



$$\text{Skill Score} = \frac{\text{Forecast} - \text{Baseline}}{\text{Perfect} - \text{Baseline}}$$



$$\text{Skill: } (0.50 - 0.54) / (1.00 - 0.54) = -8.6\%$$

~worse than guessing~



Categorical Scores

- *Probability of Detection, False Alarm Rate*

Probabilistic Scores

- *Brier Score: for “2-category” forecasts*
- *Ranked Probability Score: for “multi-category” forecasts*

Distributions-oriented Measures

- more complex, but more informative

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- ***Historical Context***
- ***Forecast Performance***
- *Use in Decision Making*
- *Details: Forecast Techniques, Research*

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Login and System Requirements:

Login:

Username:

Password:

If you are not already registered as a beta-tester, please do so [here](#).

This allows you full access to all the webtool features. In exchange, we may contact you for feedback about the usability of the webtool, the desirability of additional features, and your use of the webtool in making resource management decisions. We also appreciate any comments you may send us about the webtool as you are using it.

Privacy Policy

Personal information about users of the Forecast Evaluation Tool is stored in our database and made available only to project administrators. Personal information will not be made public or otherwise released to any third party, although we may identify public agencies, but not individual offices or personnel within an agency. Statistics regarding data usage and analyses activities which do not contain personal information about users may be published or otherwise used by project administrators. Monitoring information will also be used to evaluate the efficiency and efficacy of our webtools.

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Welcome

to the Forecast Evaluation Tool BETA-TEST Version 1.0. This website provides helpful information about climate forecasts using both JavaScript and Java Applet-based interactive graphical tools, maps, and charts. To be able to utilize or even view the Java-based tools on this site, your browser must be properly configured and your computer system must satisfy the requirements listed below.

System Requirements:

Full use of the Forecast Evaluation Tool requires the Sun JAVA Runtime Environment (JRE)

in addition to Internet Explorer version 5.5 or newer, Netscape version 6.2 or newer, or Mozilla Firefox version 1.0.2 or newer. Note: If the Java Runtime Environment is not successfully installed on your system, or your browser is not configured to display Java and JavaScript, the java-based tools will show up as solid gray rectangles on the web pages that contain them.

[Installation and configuration help.](#)

The Forecast Evaluation Tool is a product of several research programs, including:

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☐ Seasonal Water Supply Forecasts (coming)

☐ Seasonal Snow Forecasts (coming)

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What aspect of the forecasts are you interested in?

☒ Explore the Forecasts

Take a look at some of the forecasts. You select the seasons and lead times that are important to you.

☐ How do the forecasts relate to my specific situation?

See how a forecast for your location compares to recent conditions and historic data. Use examples from the past to see what the future might bring.

☐ Forecast Performance

Forecasts are far from perfect. Researchers have a lot more to learn about how our atmosphere and watersheds work. Although past performance does not guarantee future results, it is important to know how well forecasts have worked for your particular situation.

☐ Using Forecasts in Making Decisions (coming)

How can you make use of probabilistic forecasts? This section shows examples of how different decision makers have used different forecasts.

☐ Forecast Details (coming)

Find out how forecasts are made and what researchers are doing to improve the forecasts.

Get Forecast Info

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Historical Context for Forecasts

1. Make selection(s) from menu(s) below.

2. Click on an area on the map.

3. If you would like to see a probability plot for a specific time period, select the period on the graph.

1 Which Climate Variable are you interested in?

Precipitation ☐ 1 Month ☒ 3 Month (Seasonal)

Temperature ☐ 1 Month ☐ 3 Month (Seasonal)

How many months of the recent past do you want to see?

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How many months into the future do you want to see?

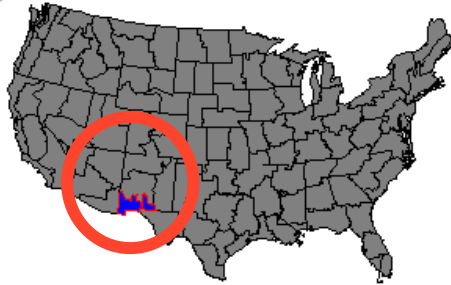
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2 Choose (Click) target area on the map.



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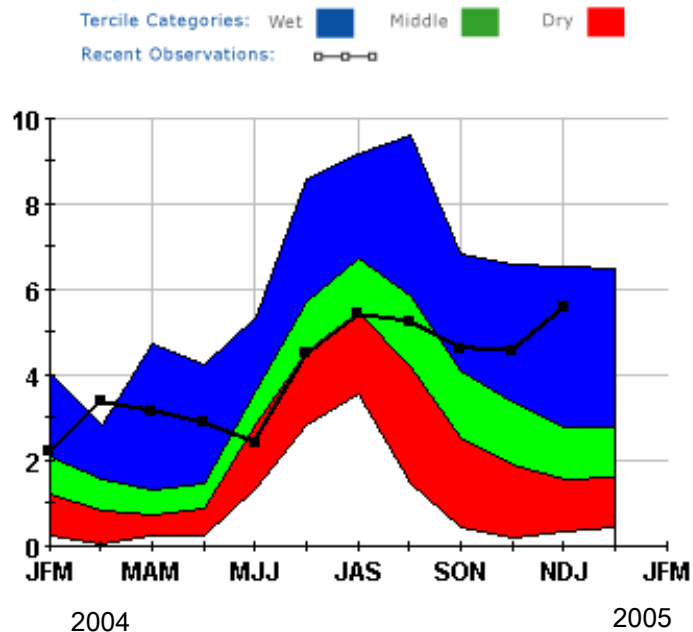
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Historic Conditions

Precipitation / Southern New Mexico (102)

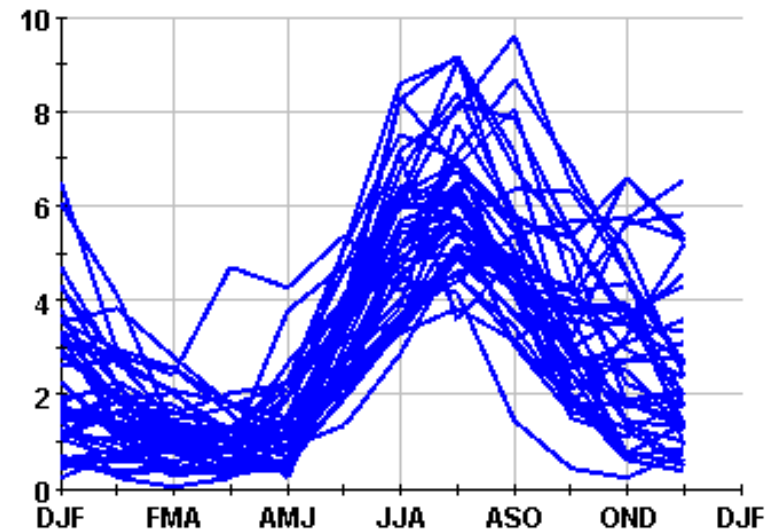
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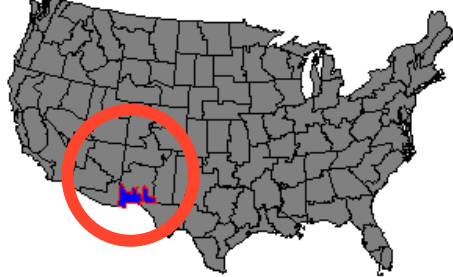
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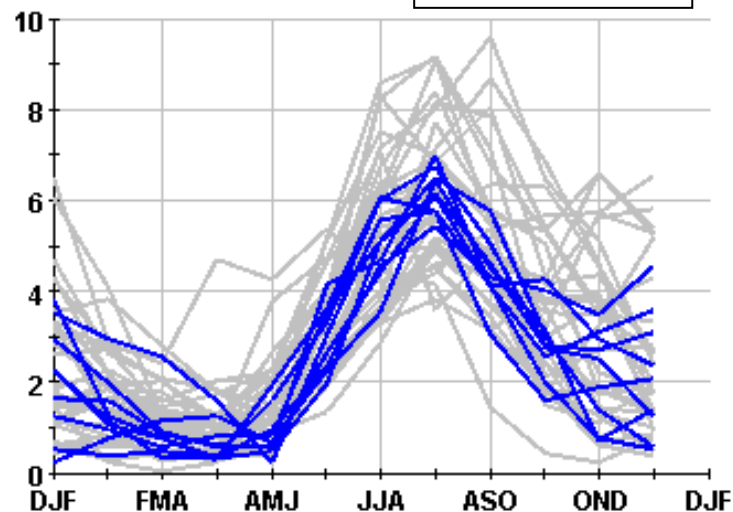
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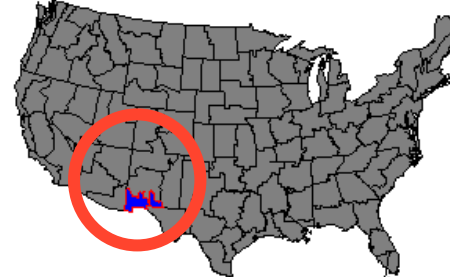
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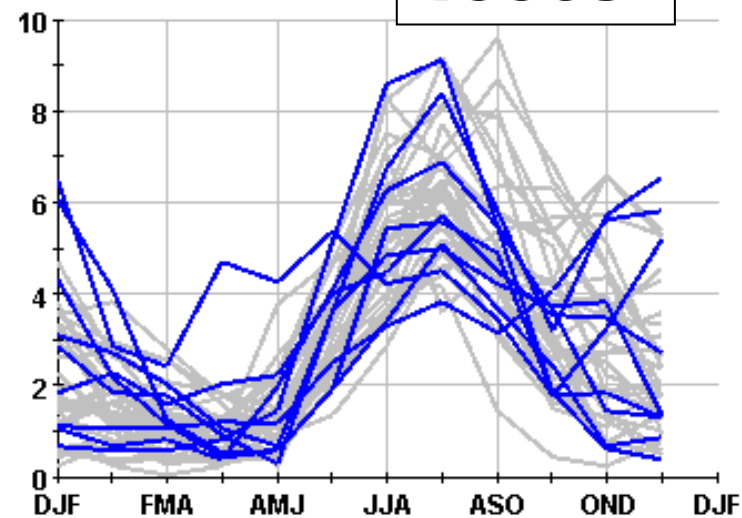
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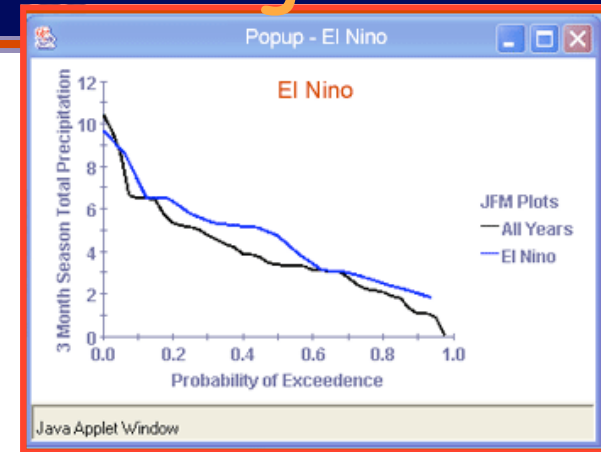
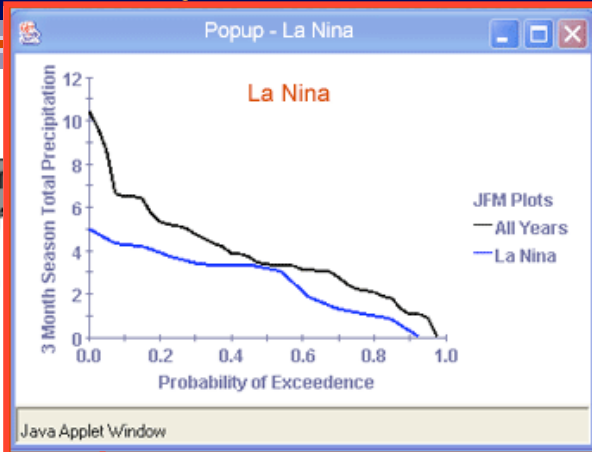
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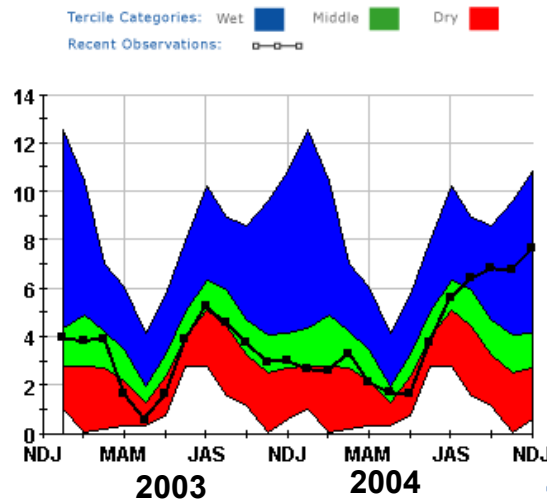
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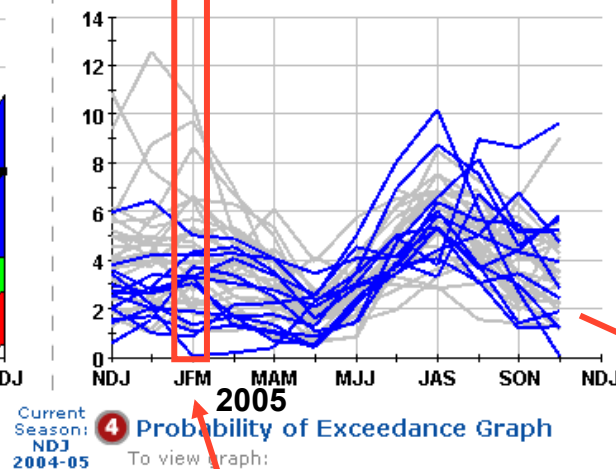
Precipitation / NorthEast Arizona (97)

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N D J F M A M J J A S O N

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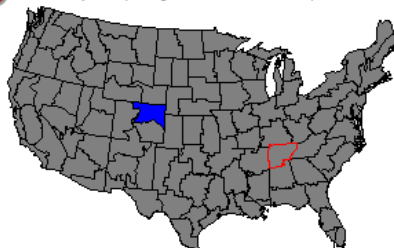
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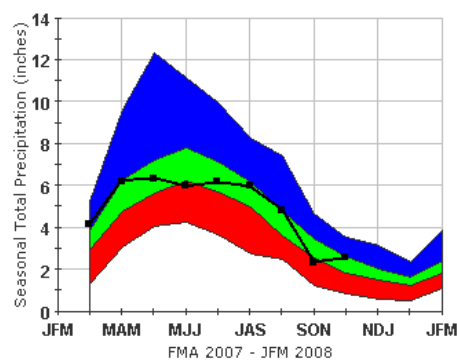
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Recent Observations: ☒ ☒ ☒

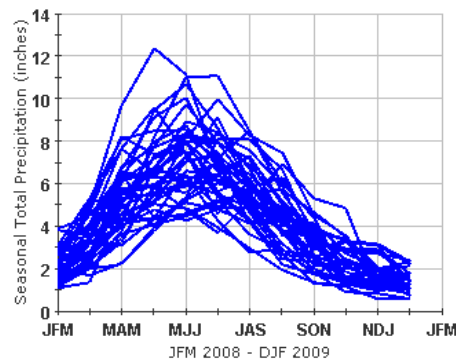


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Probability of Exceedence Chart



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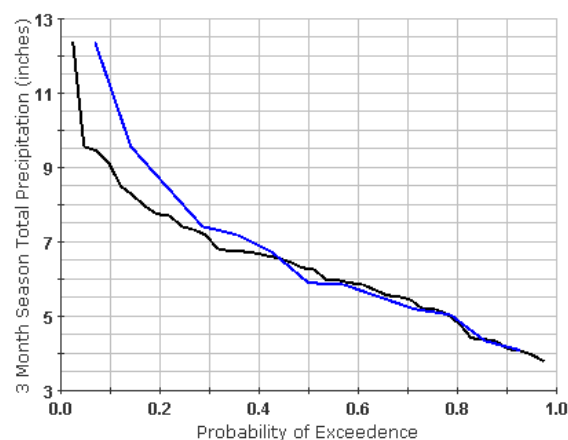
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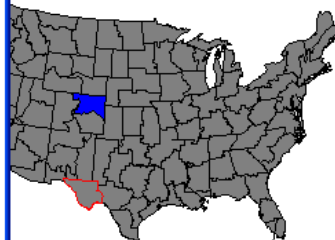


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AMJ Plots
— All Years
— La Nina Only

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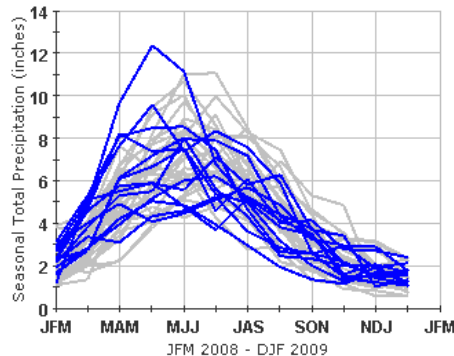
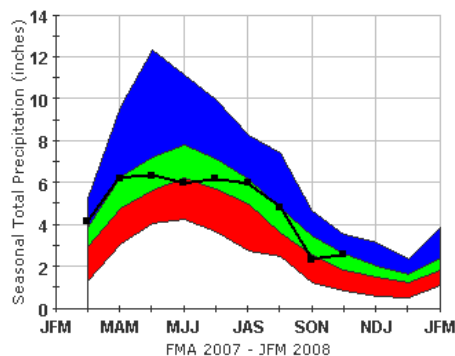


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Forecast Performance Evaluation

2 A. Which specific forecasts are you interested in?

- ☒ Precipitation
☐ Temperature

B. Which forecast Seasons?

Select season(s) by moving shaded area...and click
 Seasons must be selected contiguously

A M J J A S O N D J F M A M Select All / clear

DJF JFM FMA

C. Which forecast times (when issued)?

Select month(s) by clicking on month(s).

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3 Which forecast qualities are important to you? Select at least one:

☒ Frequency of Forecasts:

How often has a forecast actually been made?
 This criteria shows the frequency that non-CL or non-EC forecasts have been indicated.

☒ Probability of Detection:

How well has the forecast system been able to warn about upcoming conditions? This criteria tracks how often the forecasts say the right category (e.g., warm or cold) is most likely, compared to how often that category has actually occurred.

☒ Above (warm or wet) ☒ Below (cold or dry)

☒ False Alarm Rate:

How well can you trust what the forecast says? This criteria tracks how often the category given the greatest probability has turned out "wrong", compared to the how many times that category has been forecast.

☒ Above (warm or wet) ☒ Below (cold or dry)

☒ Brier Score:

This criteria considers the strength of the probability given to a specific category (e.g., warm or cold). Forecasts made with high probability are penalized heavily if they are wrong, but forecasts with low probability aren't expected to be correct as often.

☒ Above (warm or wet) ☒ Below (cold or dry)

☒ Ranked Probability Score:

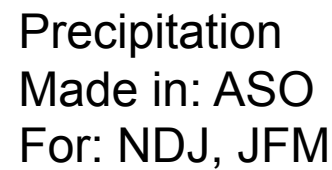
This criteria is similar to the Brier Score, but it looks at all categories at once. Forecasts are given worse scores for assigning higher probability to categories far away from what actually occurs.

Submit

go to the map that you are interested in and click on the region you are interested in. Then Click Submit.

3

This criteria shows the frequency that non-CL or non-EC forecasts have been indicated. The legend shows the Frequency of Forecasts as a percentage.



4

This pair of maps

shows the Probability of Detection for **wet** (left) and **dry** (right) conditions. The Probability of Detection tracks how often the forecasts say the right category (e.g., wet or dry) is most likely, compared to how often that category has actually occurred. It indicates how well the forecast system has been able to warn about upcoming conditions. The legend shows the Probability of Detection as a percentage.

ForecastPerformance

ForecastPerformance

[Show Data Behind the Map](#)

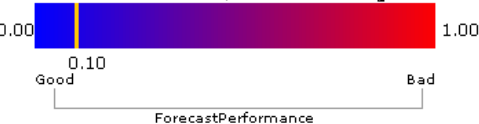
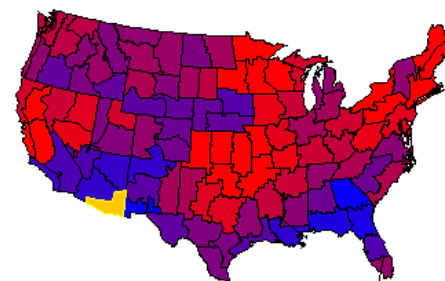
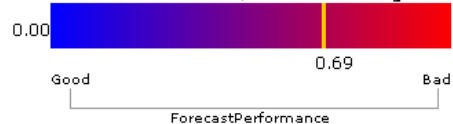
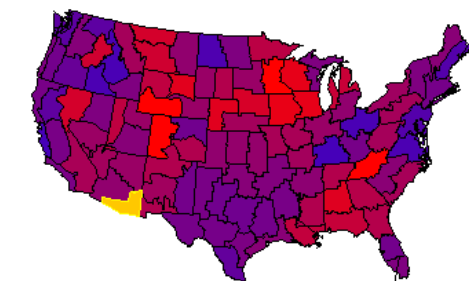
5 False Alarm Rate Results

This pair of maps

shows the False Alarm Rate for **wet** (left) and **dry** (right) conditions. The False Alarm Rate tracks how often the category given the greatest probability has turned out "wrong", compared to how many times that category has been forecast. It indicates how well you can trust what the forecast say. The legend shows the False Alarm Rate as a percentage.

WET

DRY

[Show Data Behind the Map](#)

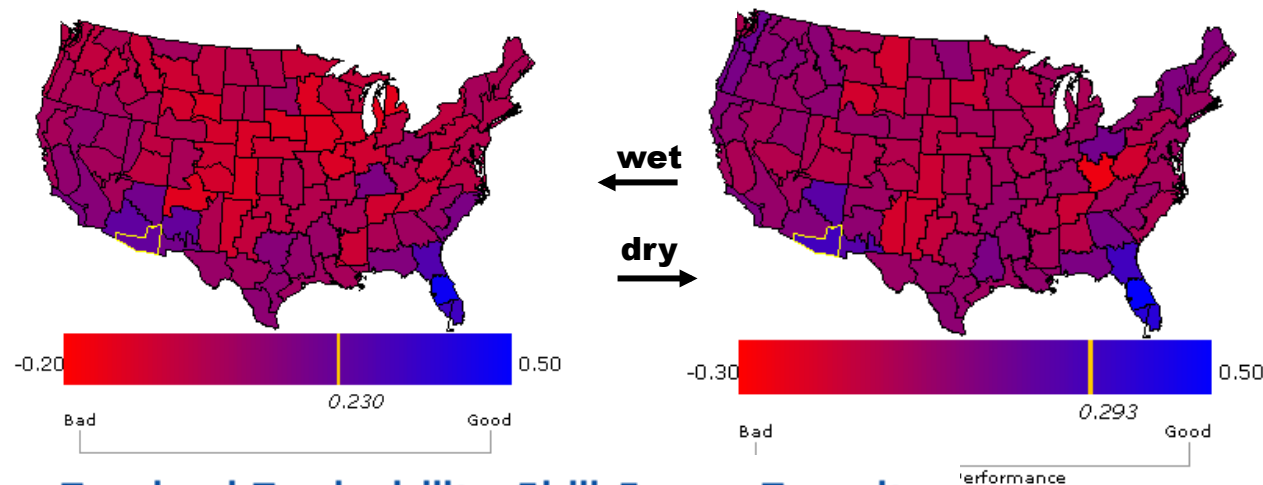
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Precipitation
Made in: ASO
For: NDJ, JFM

Forecast Performance Evaluation

Brier Skill Score Results

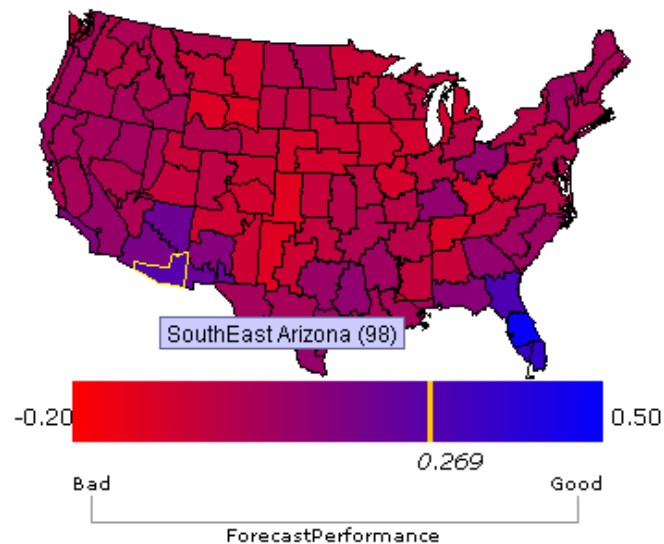


You Chose:

- CPC Forecasts
- Precipitation forecasts
- Covering seasons DJF - FMA
- Issued in:

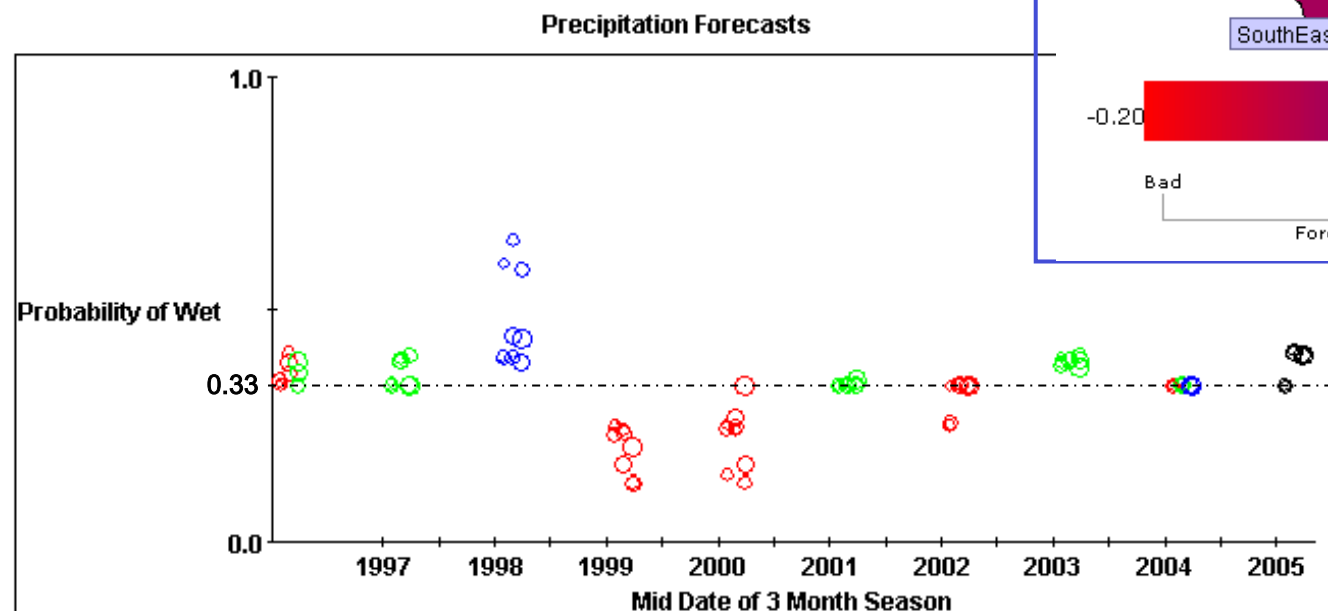
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Ranked Probability Skill Score Results

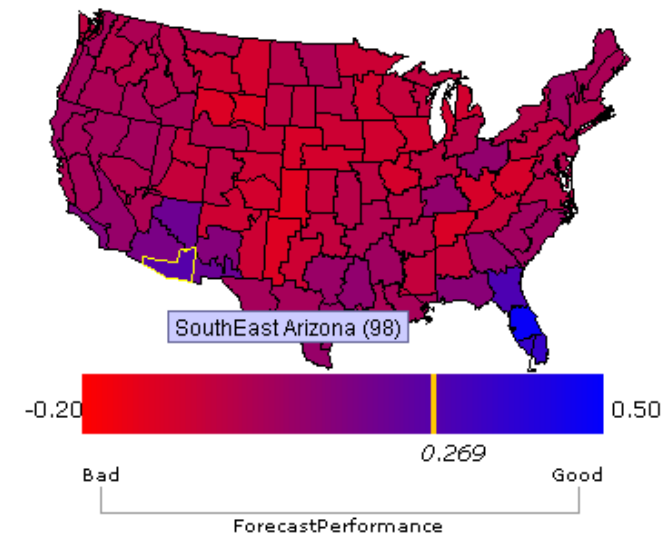


Forecast Performance Evaluation

How to interpret the Forecast Confidence Bubble Plots



Ranked Probability Skill Score Results



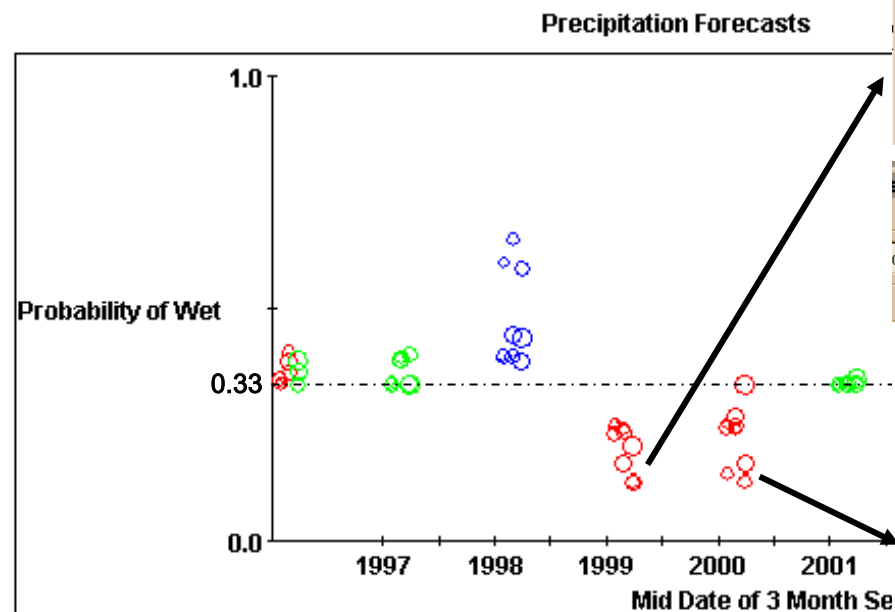
- CPC Forecasts
- Precipitation forecasts
- Covering seasons DJF - FMA
- Issued in: ASO

Categories: Above (Wet) ■ Neutral ■ Below (Dry) ■ No Observations Yet ■

Bubbles: Smallest ○ = Shortest Lead Time (1/2 months) Largest ○ = Longest Lead Time (12.5 months)

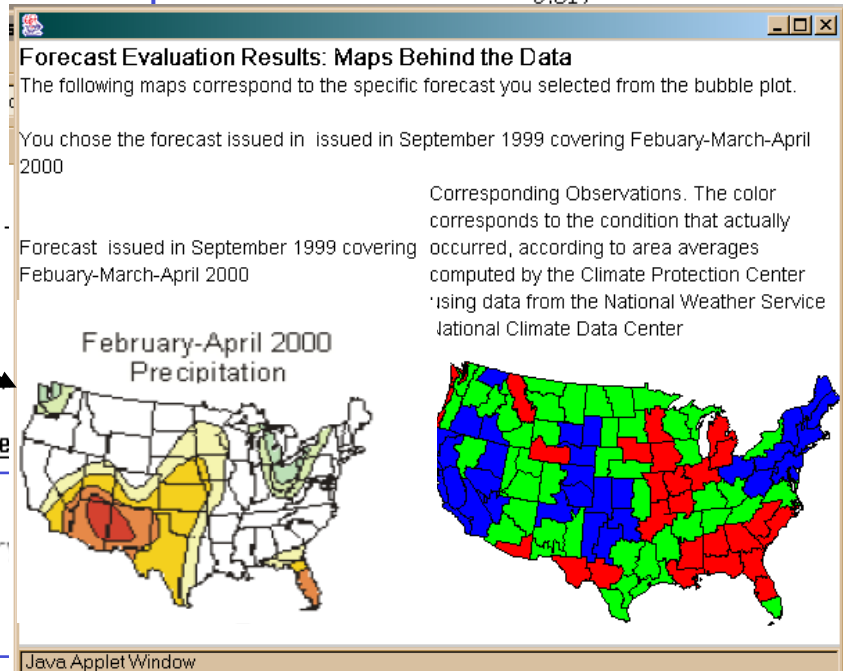
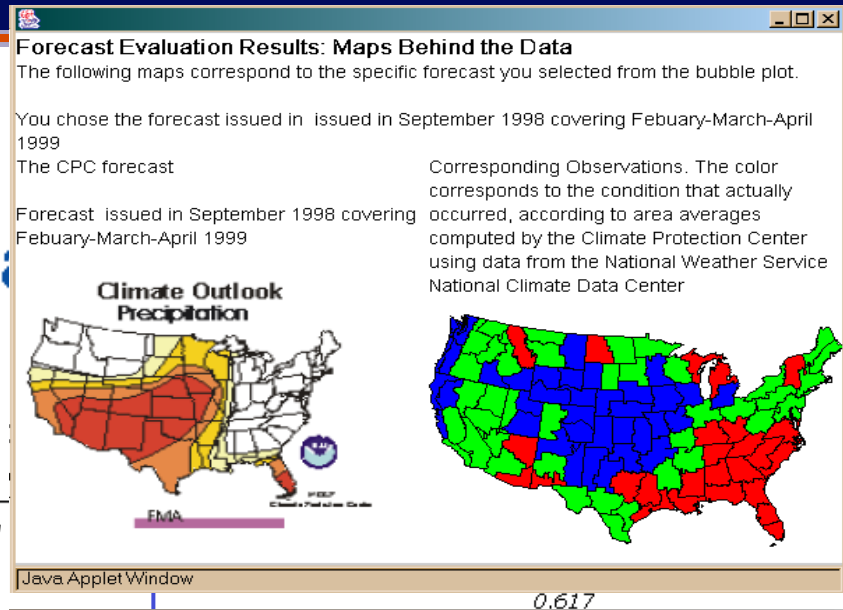
Forecast Performance Evaluation

How to interpret the Forecast Confidence Bubble Plots



Categories: Above (Wet) ■ Neutral ■ Below (Dry) ■

Bubbles: Smallest ○ = Shortest Lead Time (1/2 months)





Climate Forecast Performance Evaluation Results

1 You Chose:

- CPC Forecasts
- Precipitation forecasts
- for NWS CPC seasonal climate outlooks (contiguous states)
- Covering seasons NDJ - JFM (including 1-month forecasts)
- Issued in:

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
1994												
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2006												
2007												

Precipitation
Made in: ASO
For: NDJ, JFM

2 Note: For all maps:

To see the numerical score for any region, move the mouse cursor over the region and the score will be shown on the map legend.

To see the data that were used in the evaluations, go to the map that you are interested in and click on the region you are interested in. Then Click Submit.

Frequency of Forecasts Results:

How often has a forecast actually been made?

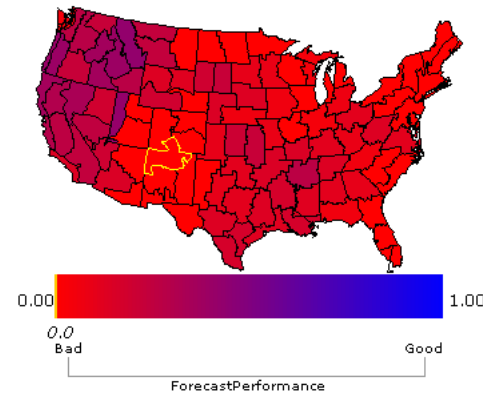
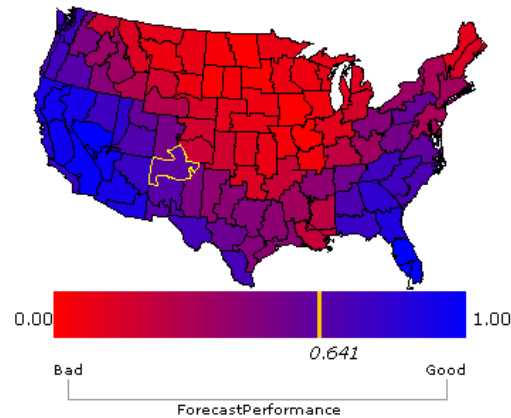
- 3 This criteria shows the frequency that non-CL or non-EC forecasts have been indicated. The legend shows the Frequency of Forecasts as a percentage.

Forecasts issued JFM, covering JJAS

Temperature: Warm

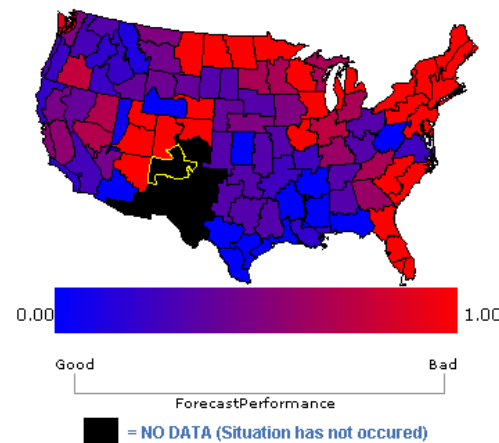
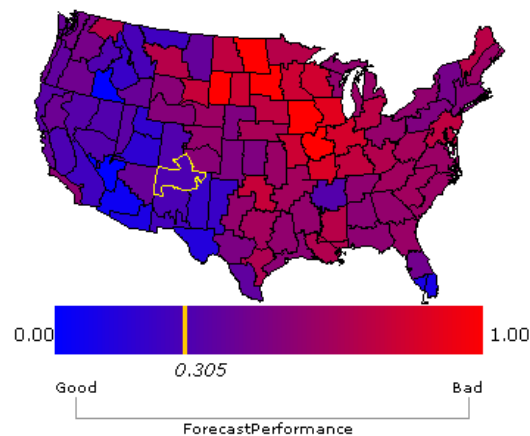
Precipitation: Dry

Probability of Detection



Will forecasts warn me of an impending 'critical' event?

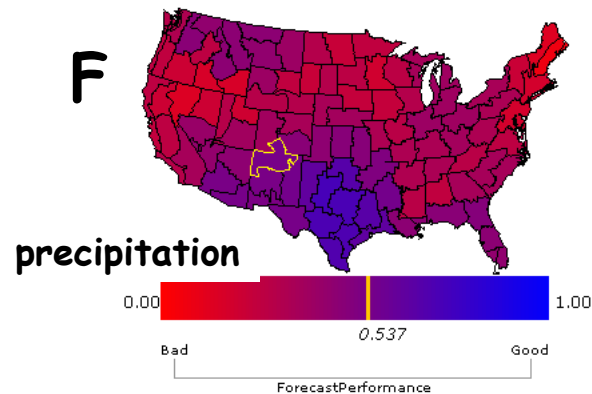
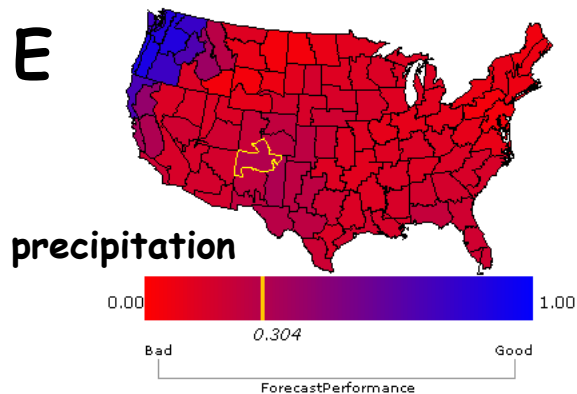
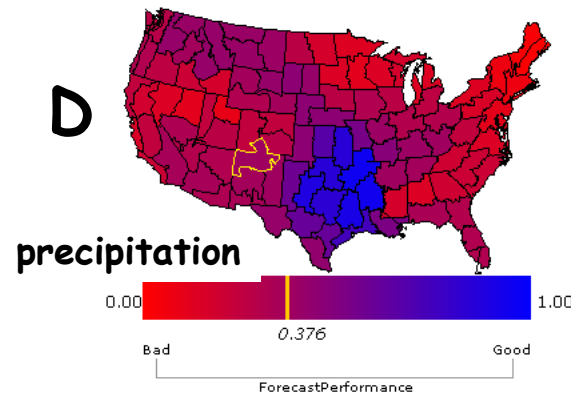
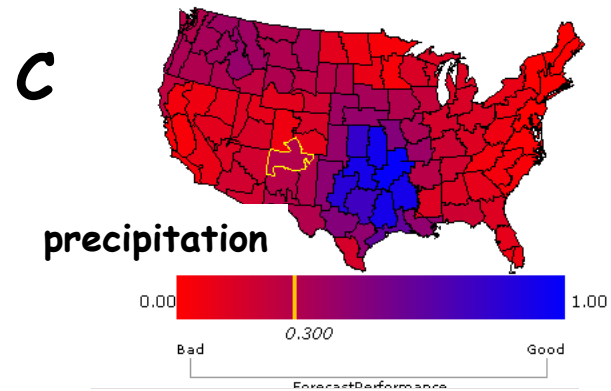
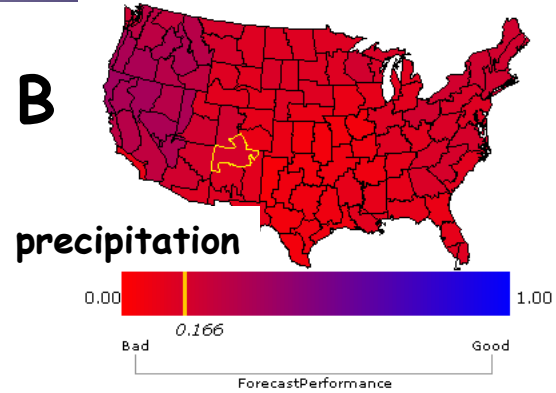
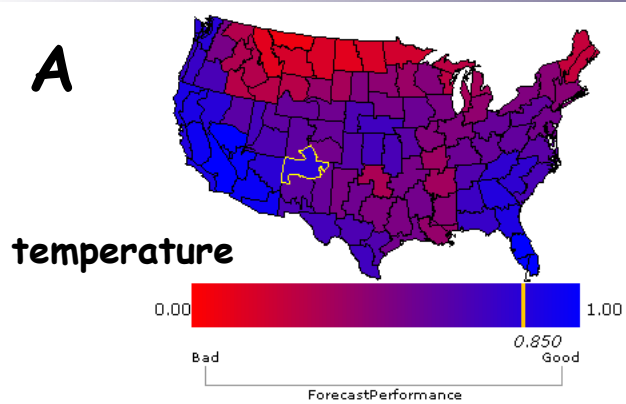
False Alarm Rate



Given a 'critical' forecast, can I trust it?

Montana temperature

Frequency of Actual Forecasts



	Forecast	Forecast
#	Issued	Coverage
A	JFM	JJAS
B	JFM	JJAS
C	JFM	ONDJ
D	ASO	ONDJ
E	JFM	AMJJ
F	ASO	DJFMAM

3. If you would like to see a probability plot for a specific time period, select the period on the graph.

1 Which Climate Variable are you interested in?

Precipitation ☐ 1 Month ☐ 3 Month (Seasonal)

Temperature ☐ 1 Month ☒ 3 Month (Seasonal)

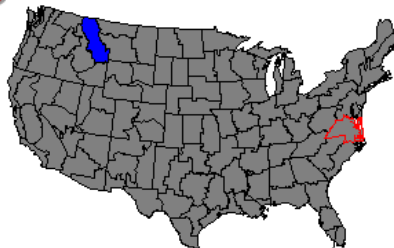
How many months of the recent past do you want to see?

12 24

How many months into the future do you want to see?

12 24

2 Choose (Click) target area on the map.

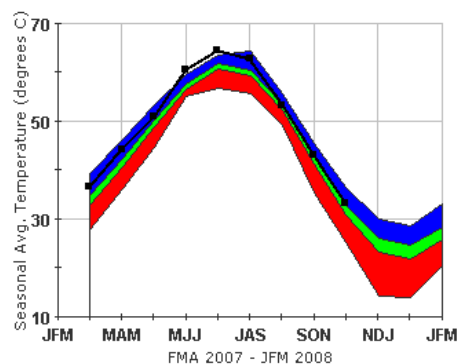


Historic Conditions

Temperature / Western Montana (21)

This plot shows 3 month (seasonal) **Temperature** for the last **12 Months** compared to the historic tercile categories from 1971-2000.

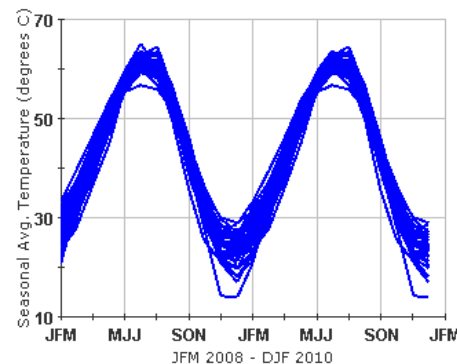
Tercile Categories: Warm ☒ Neutral ☒ Cool ☒
Recent Observations: ☒ ☒ ☒



Analogs: Examples of Possible Futures

Temperature / Western Montana (21)

Possibilities for the future **24 Months** are shown in this subplot, using each 3 month (seasonal) period from the past 40 years, 1961-2000.



3 Analog Selector

Select/deselect a year by clicking on it.

Select All Clear All

1961	1971	1981	1991
1962	1972	1982	1992
1963	1973	1983	1993
1964	1974	1984	1994
1965	1975	1985	1995
1966	1976	1986	1996
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1968	1978	1988	1998
1969	1979	1989	1999
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Patterns

El Nino Only
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High Pacific Decadal Oscillations
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4 Probability of Exceedance Graph

Current Season:
JFM
2008

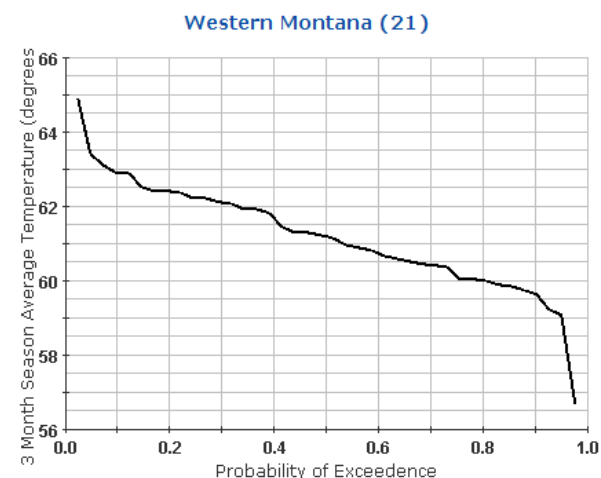
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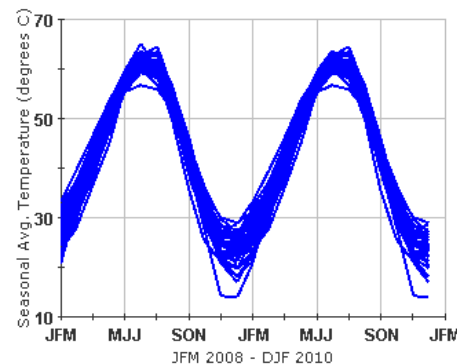
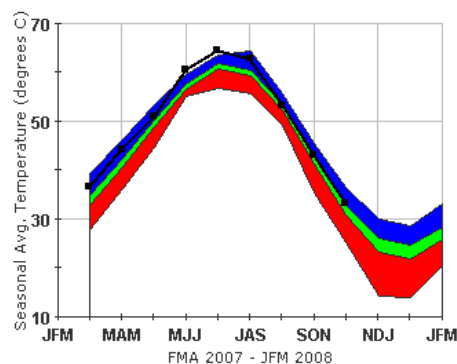
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Probability of Exceedance Chart



Java Applet Window

Recent Observations: —●—●—●

Current Season:
JFM
2008

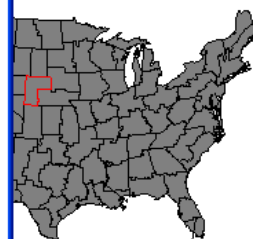
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J F M A M J J A S O N D J F

period, select the period on the graph.

Target area on the map.

Plots of Possible Futures
Western Montana (21)

Future 24 Months are shown in this month (seasonal) period from the 2000.

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Select All Clear All

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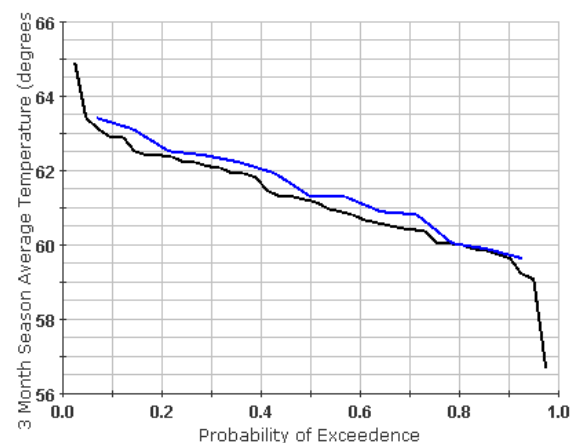
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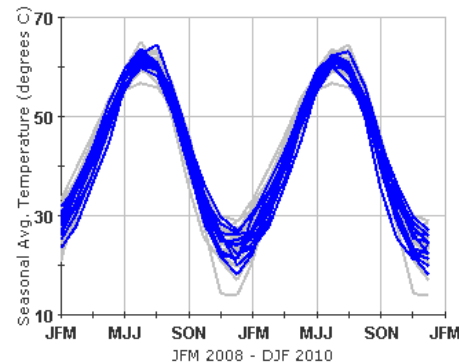
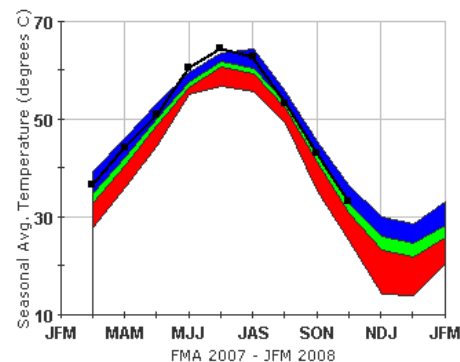
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Probability of Exceedance Chart

Western Montana (21)



Java Applet Window

Current Season:
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2008

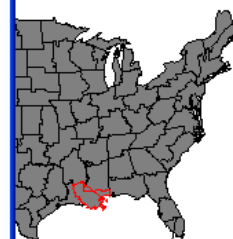
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period, select the period on the graph.

t area on the map.

5 of Possible Futures
Western Montana (21)

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month (seasonal) period from the
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3 Analog Selector

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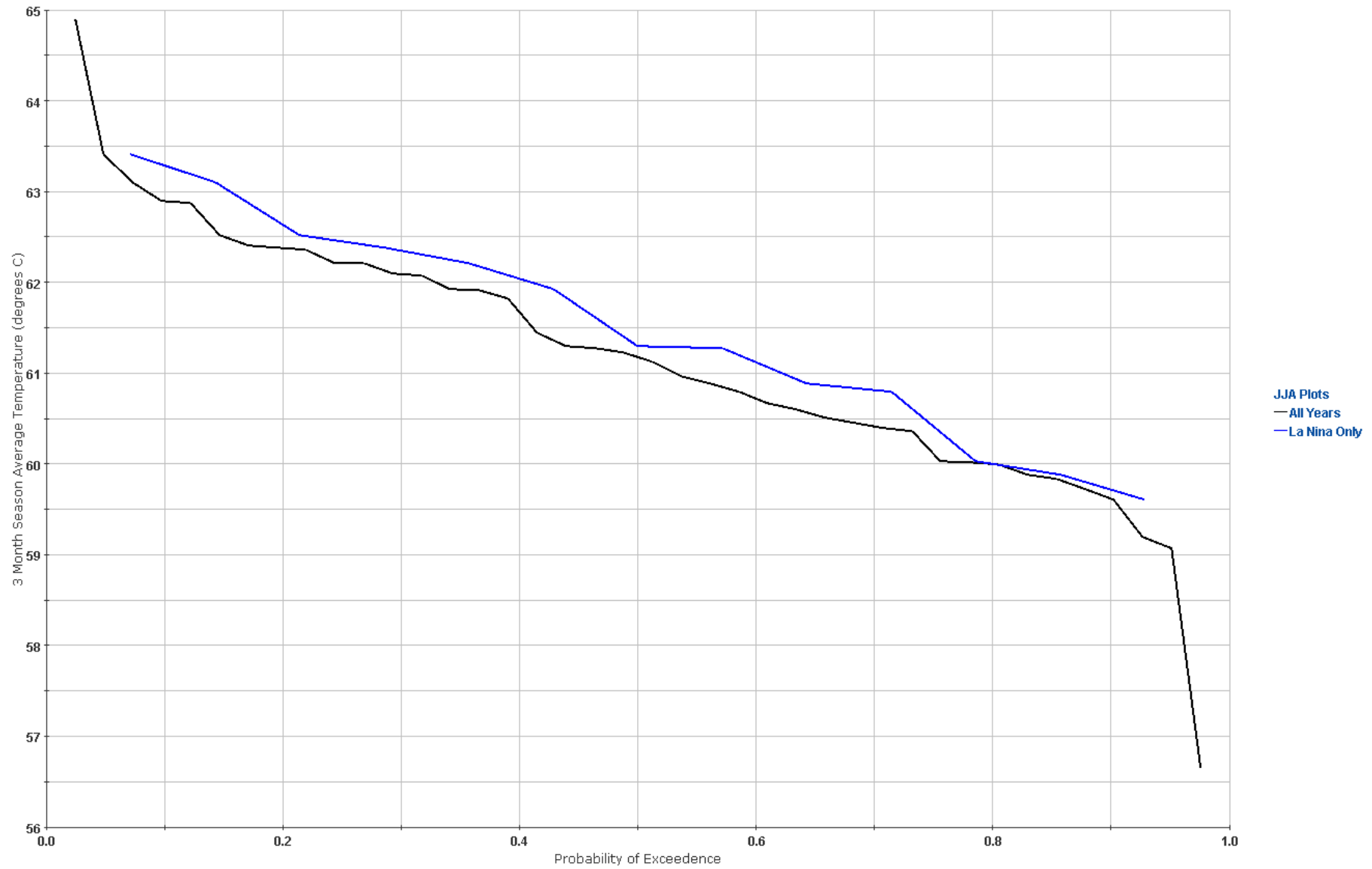
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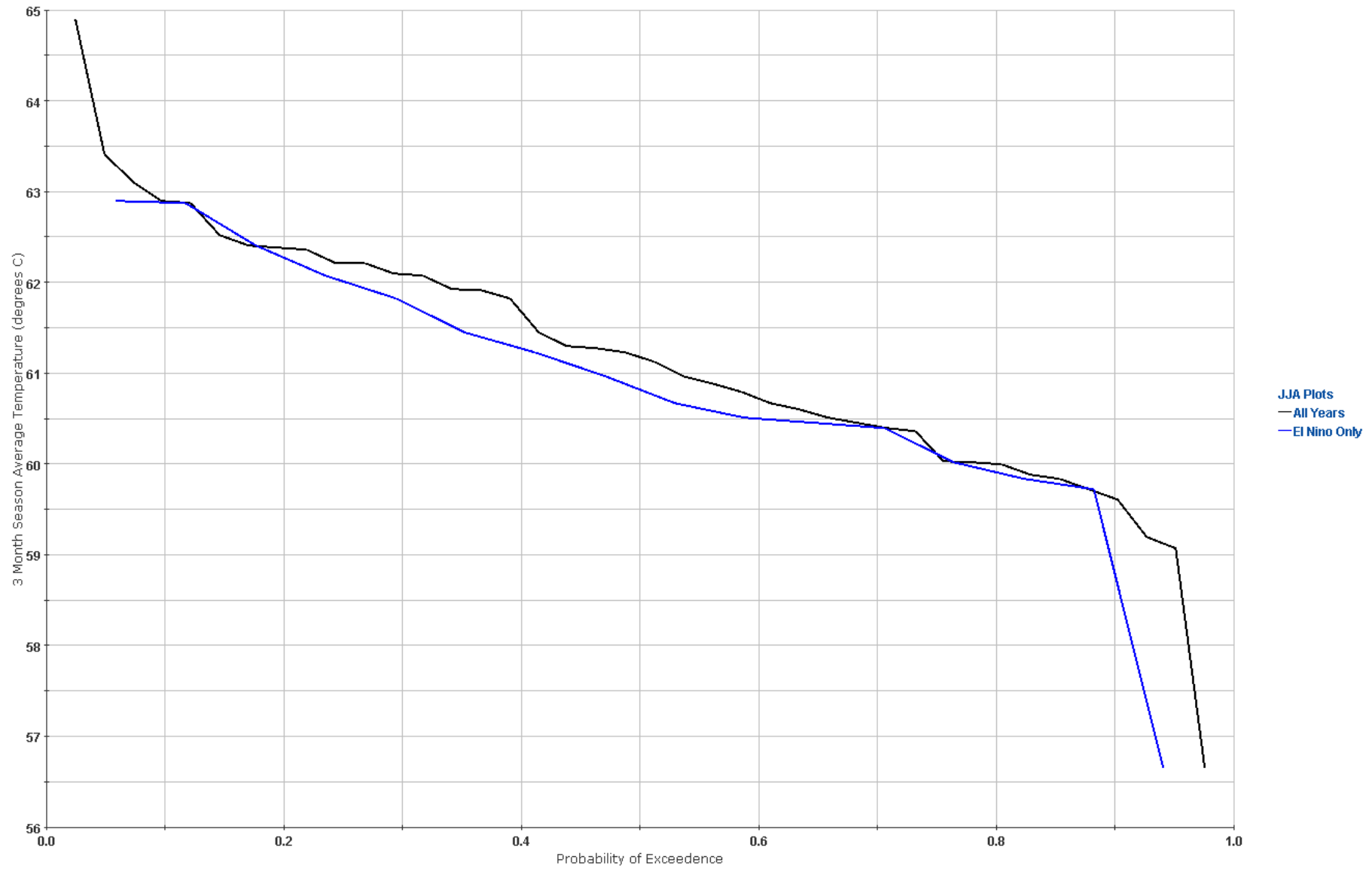
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