Southeast Spring Climate Outlook

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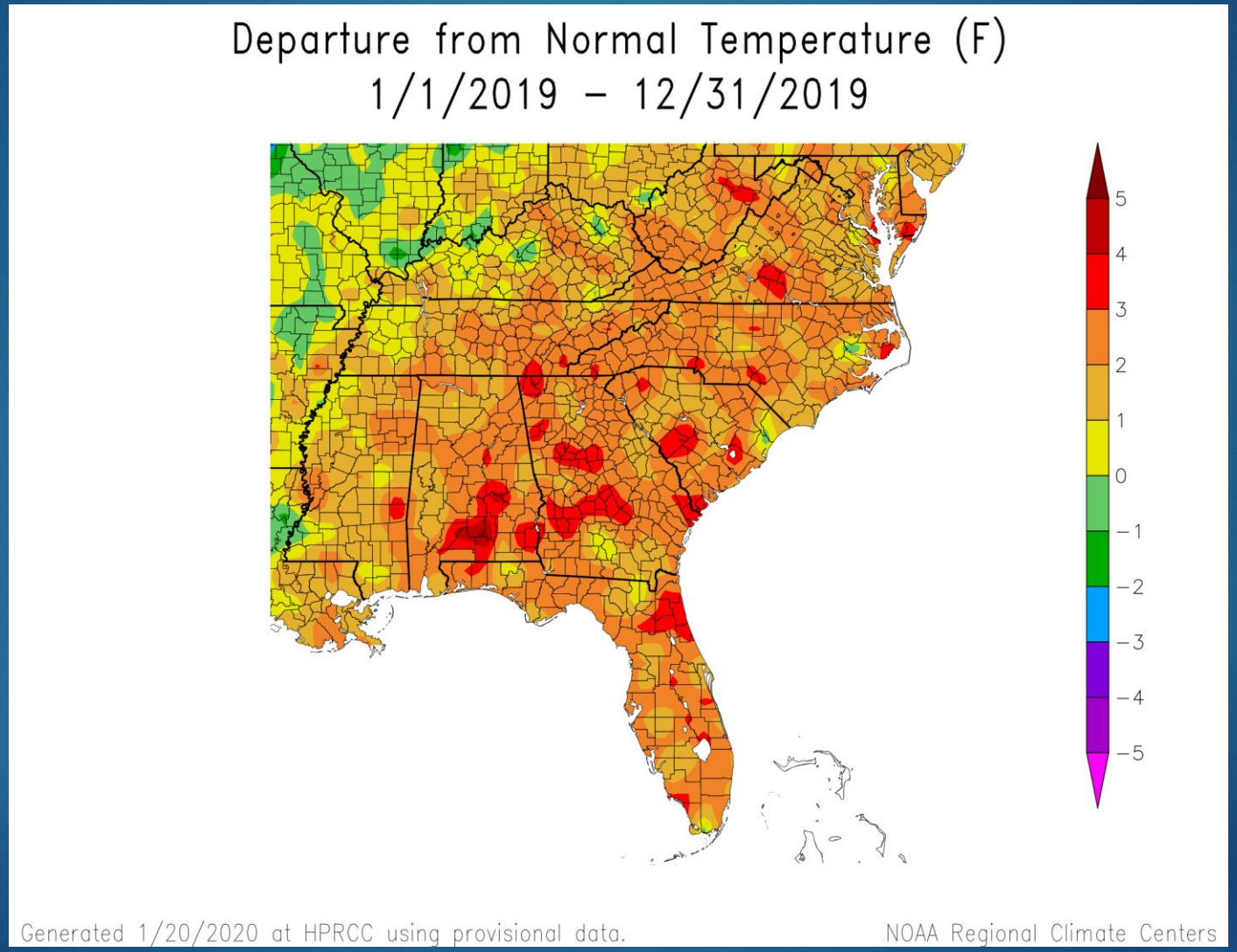

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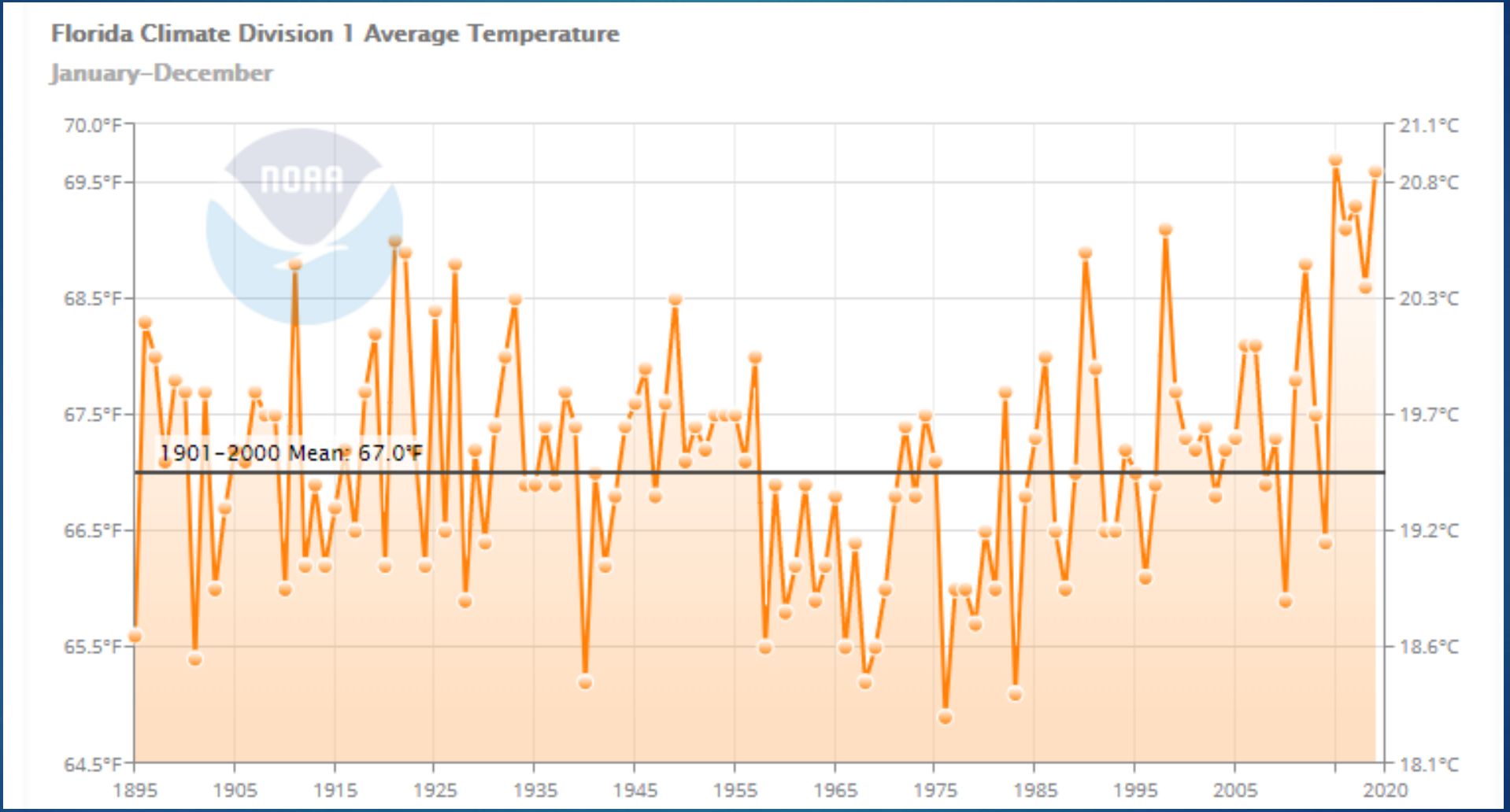
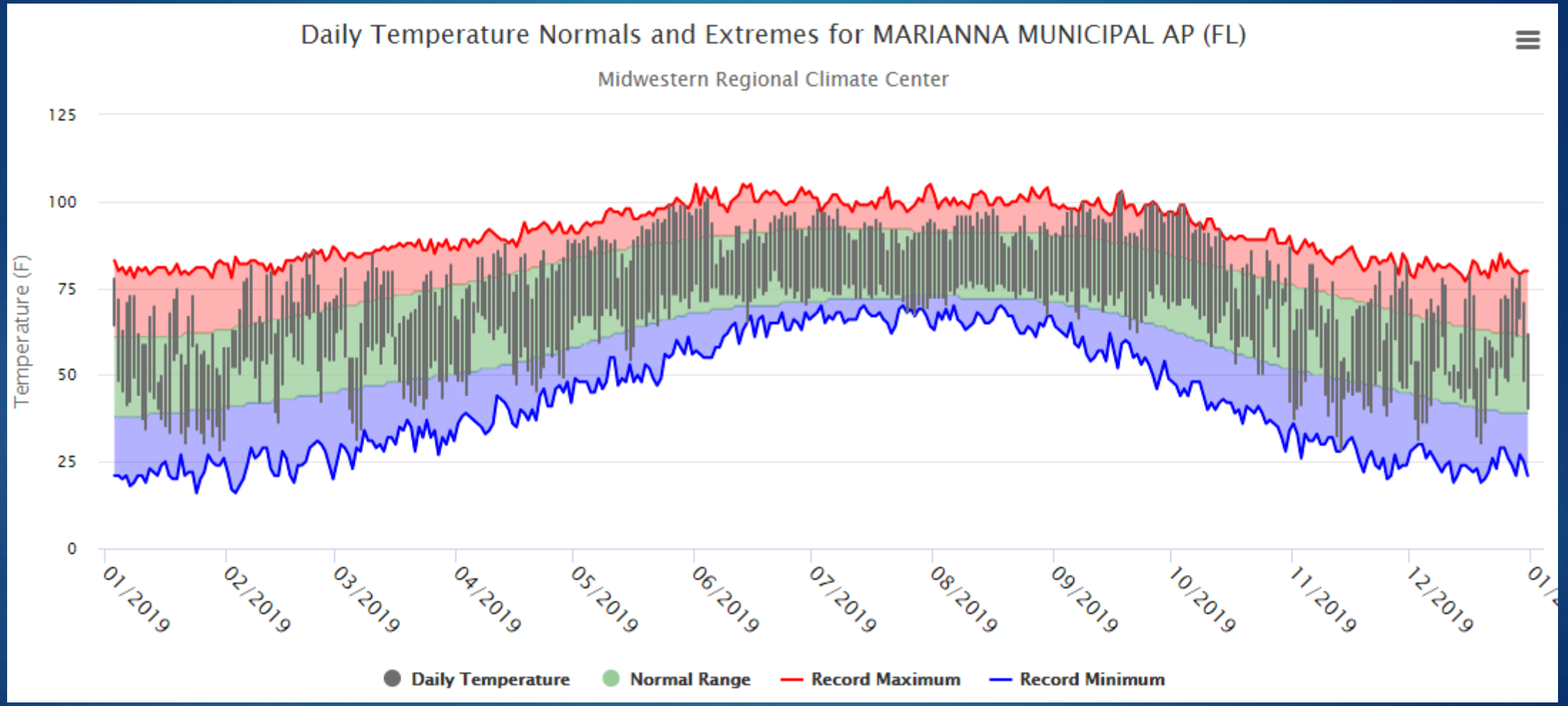
Annual Temperature for NW Florida



Second warmest year on record for NW FL

https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag

Marianna FL daily temperatures



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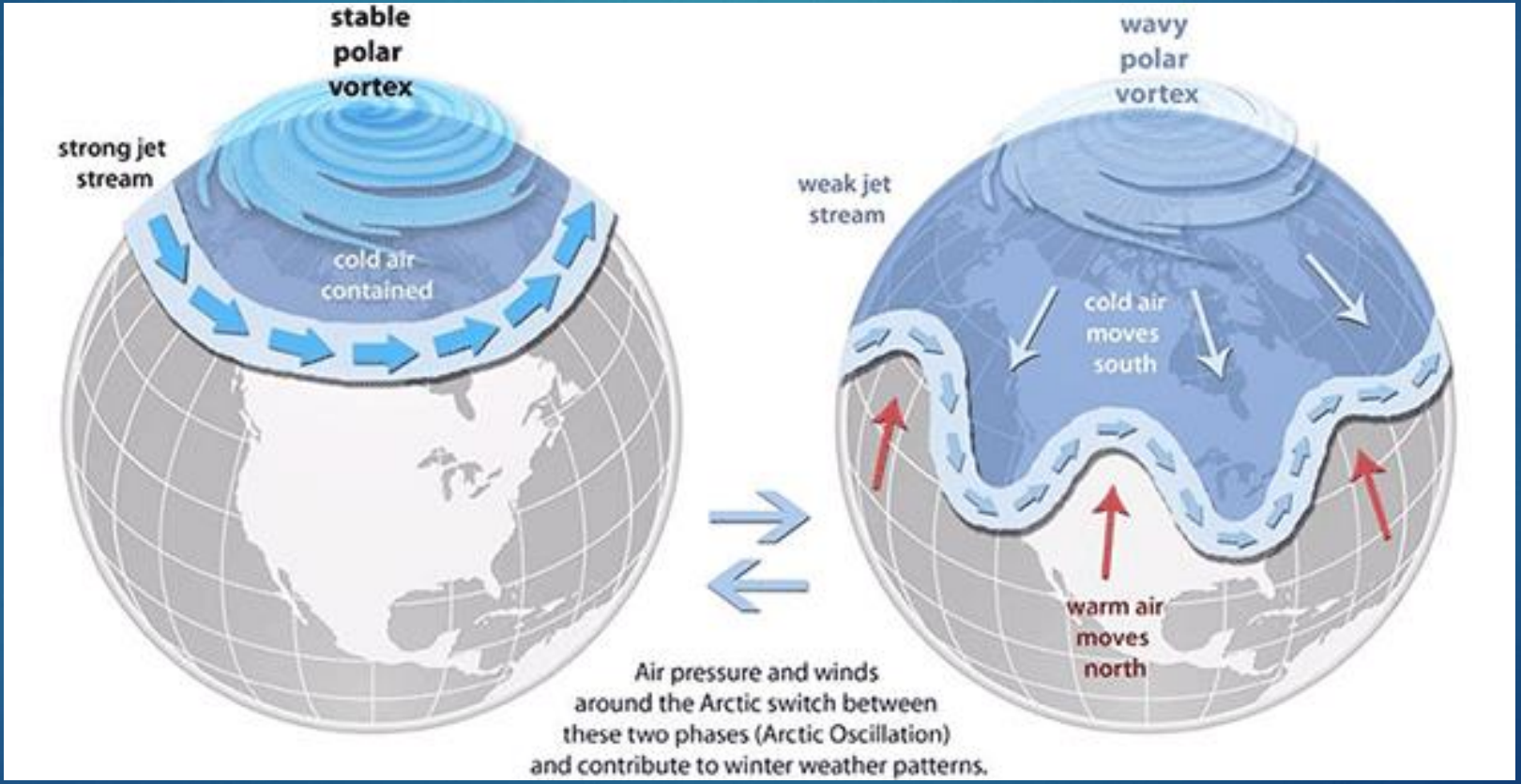
Strong Polar Vortex has kept cold air bottled up near North Pole



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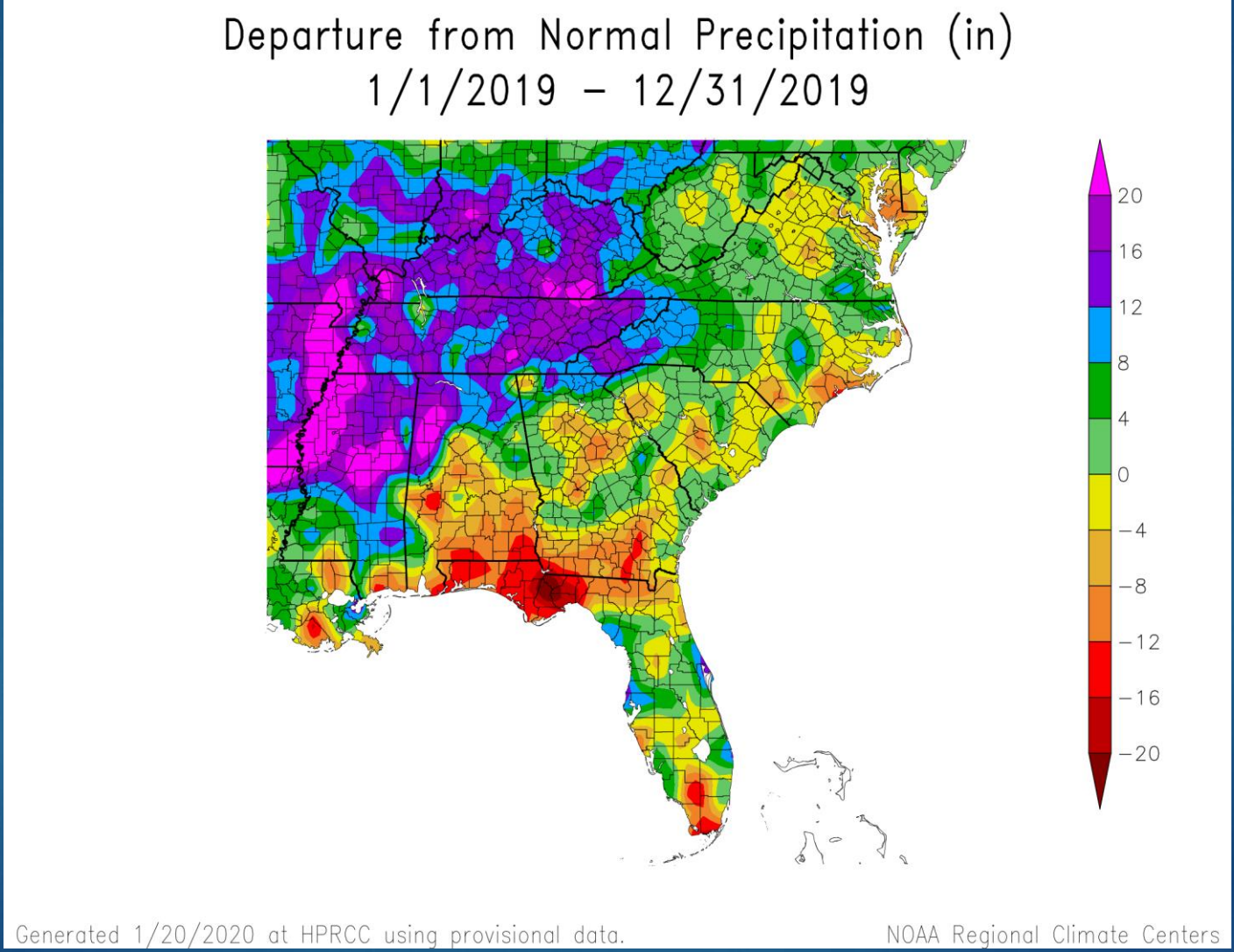

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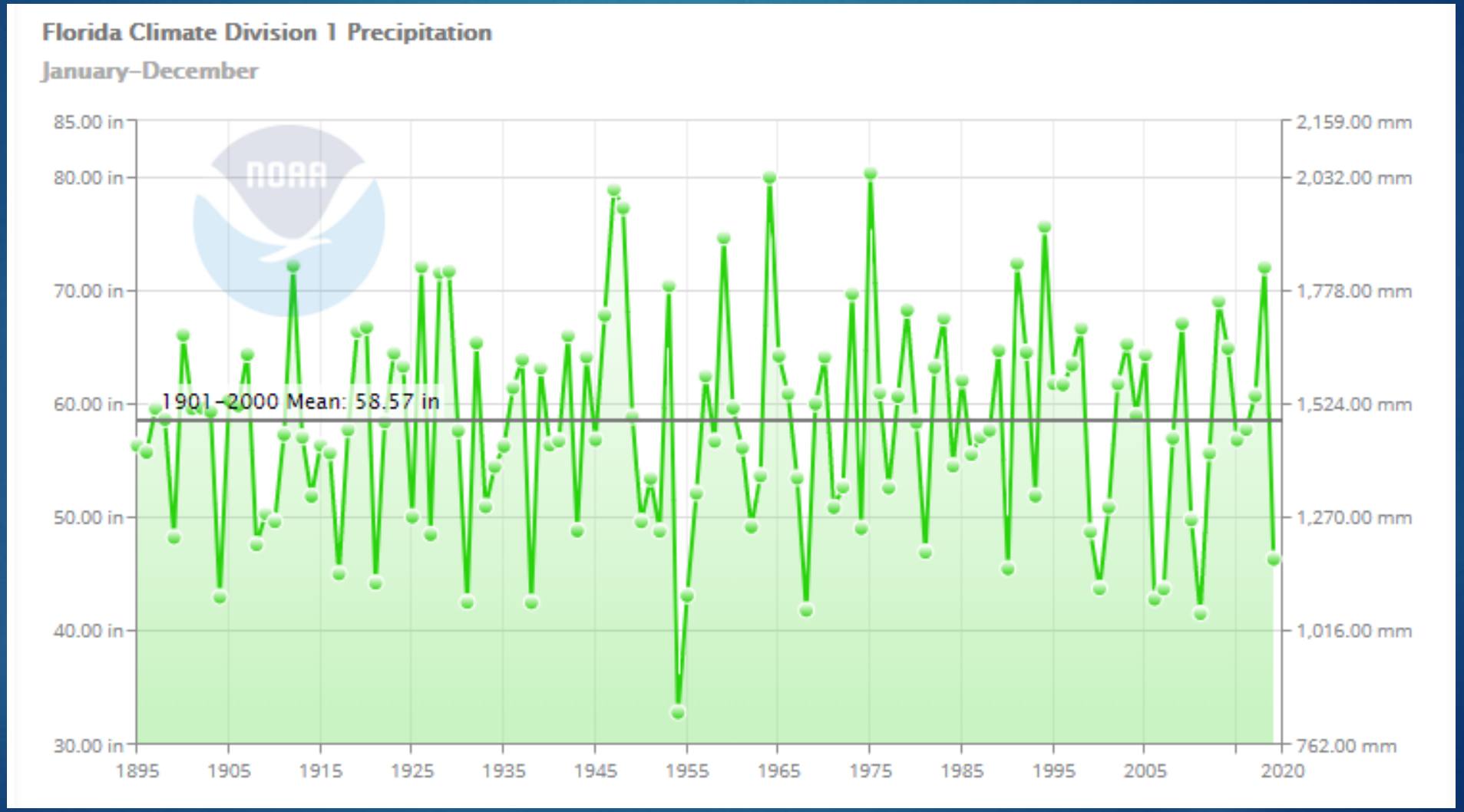
Annual Precipitation for NW Florida



14th driest year on record for NW FL

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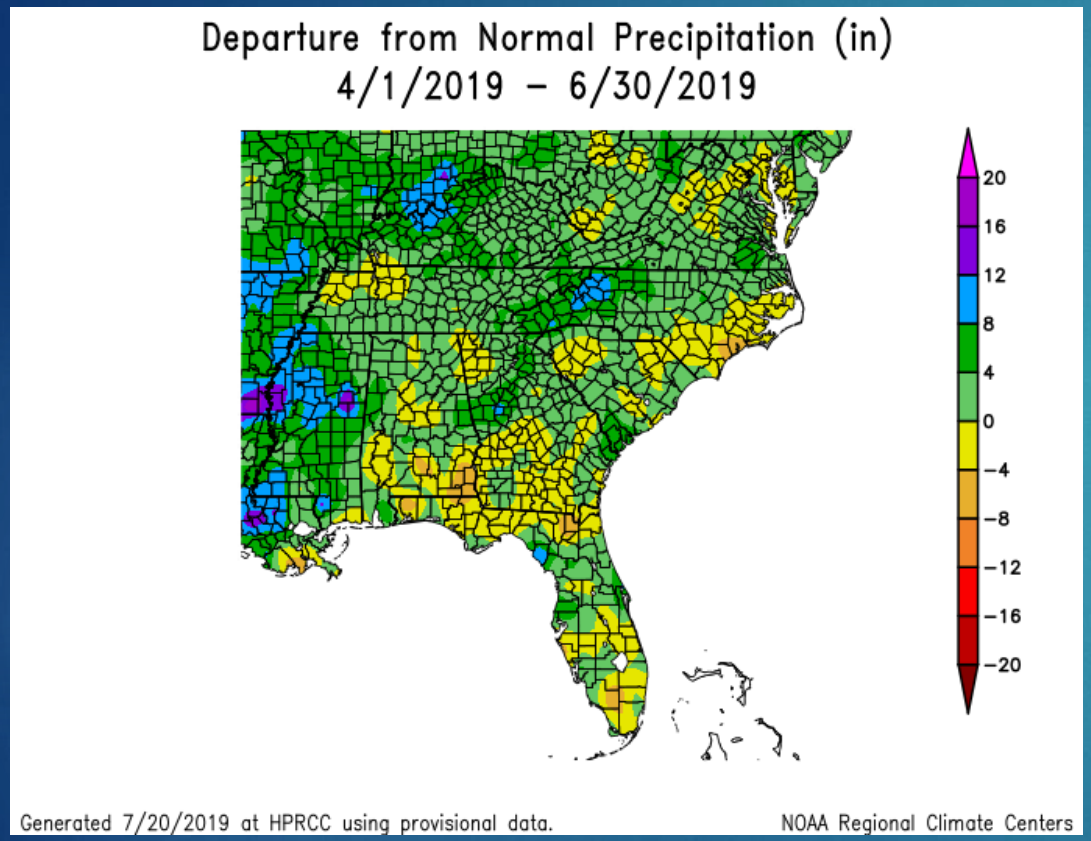

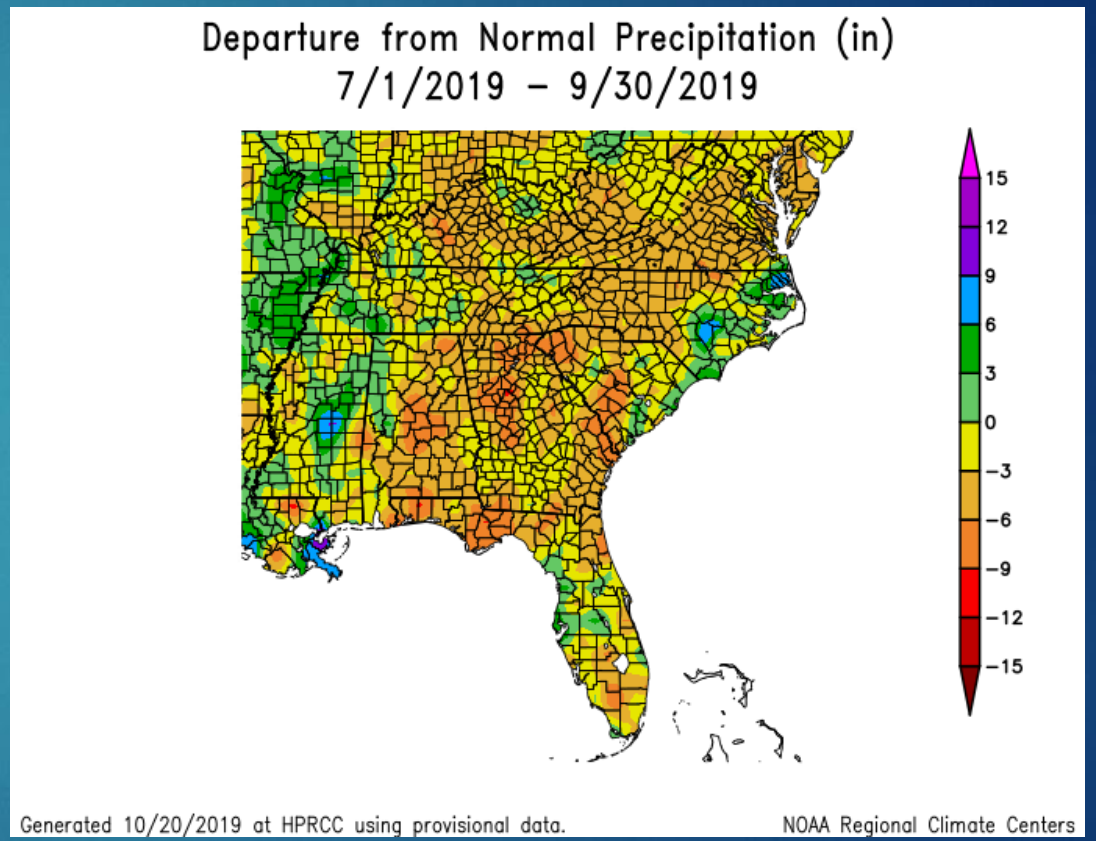

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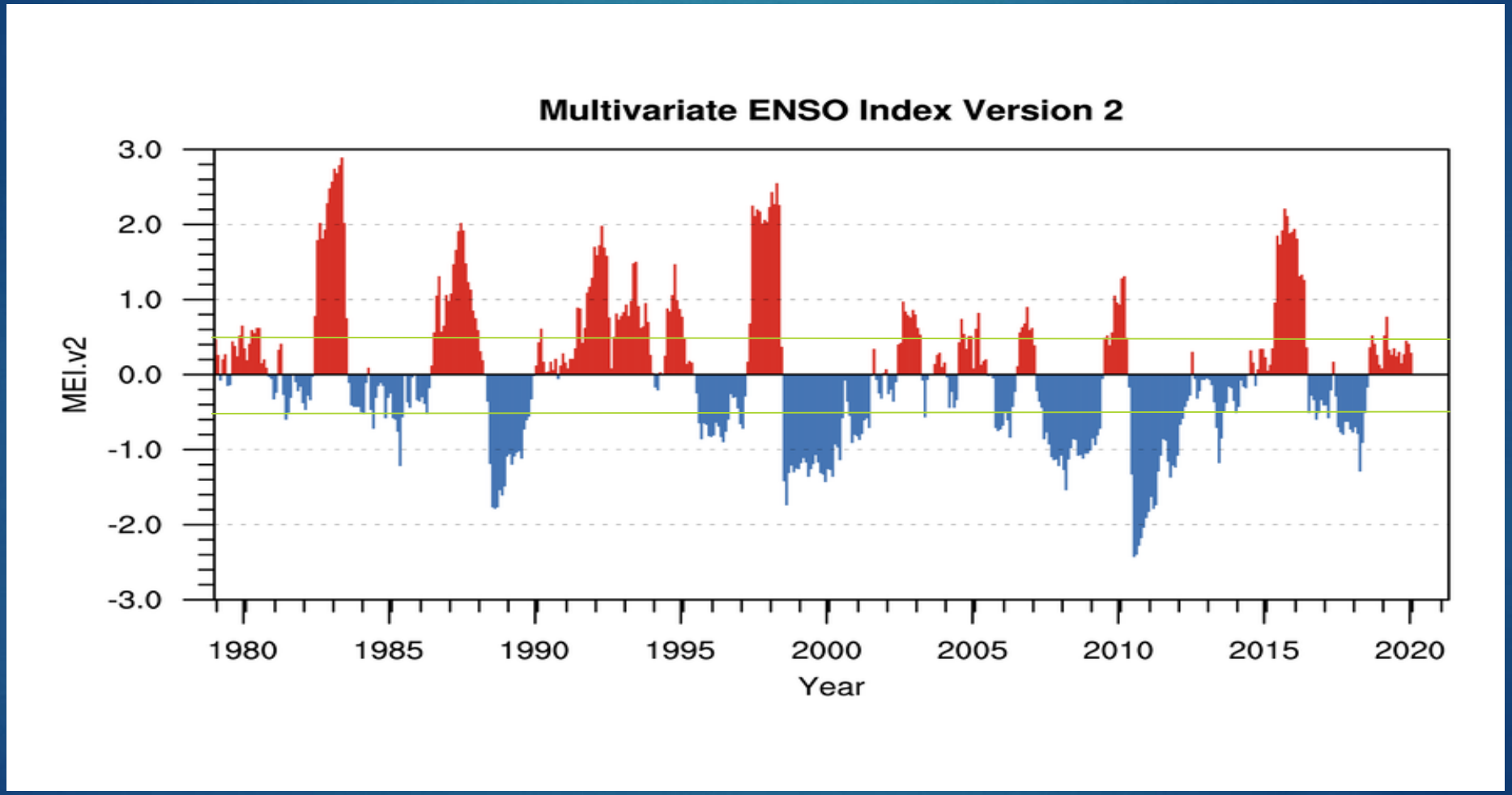
ENSO was neutral in 2019



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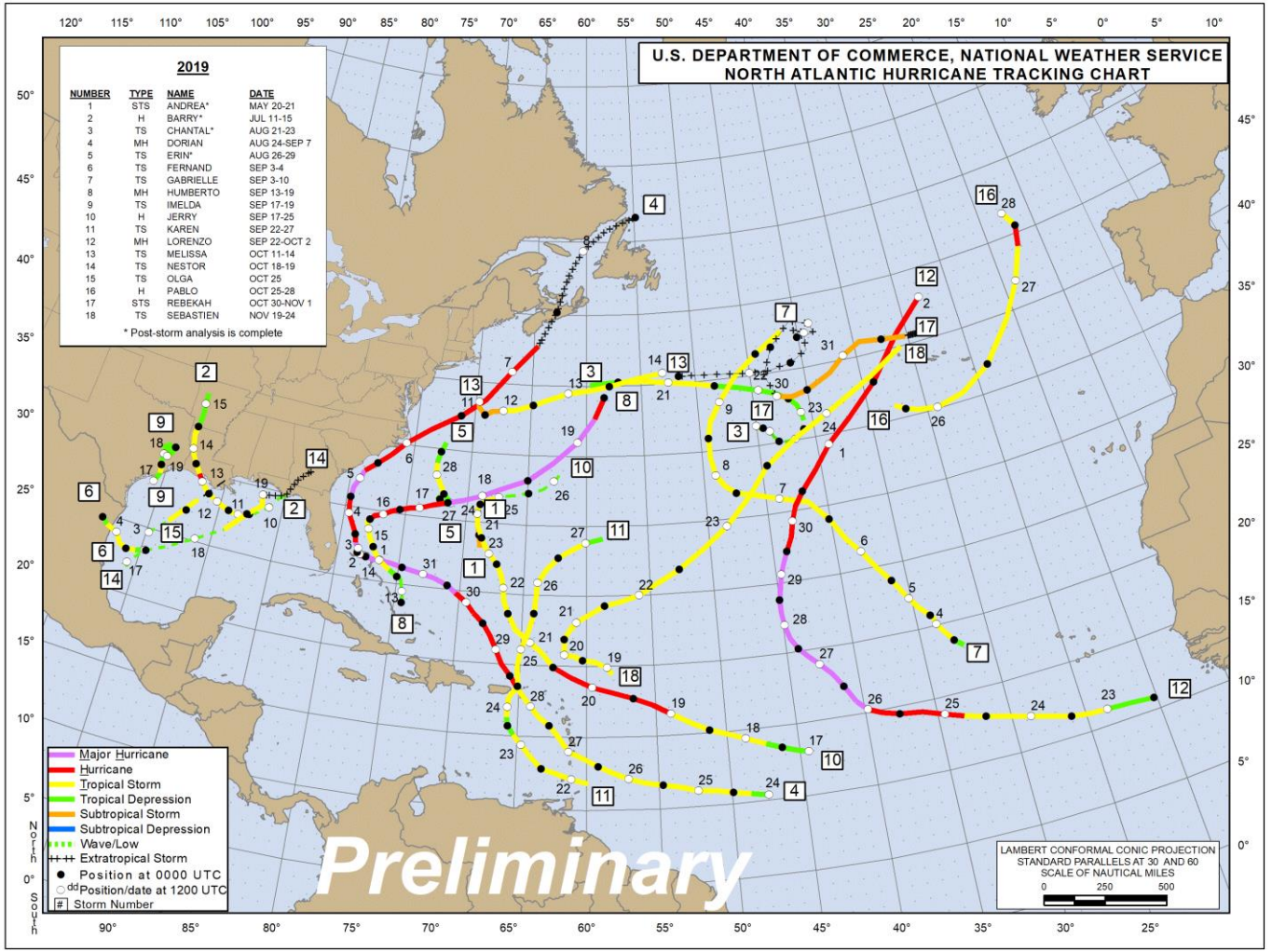
2019 Atlantic Tropical Season

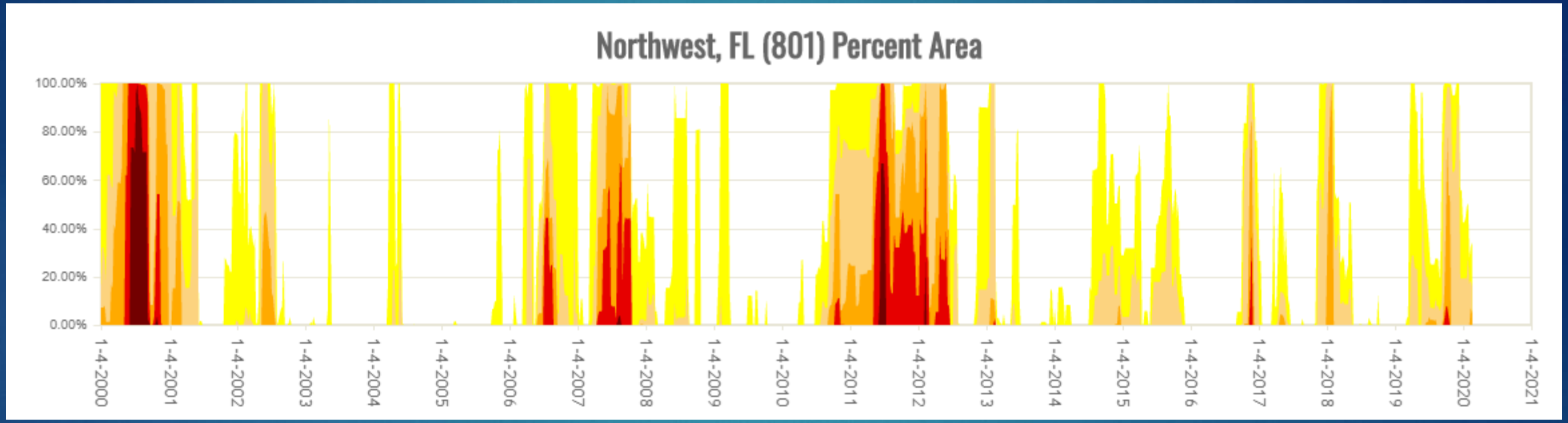


An active season overall but not much impact on the Southeast

Hurricane Dorian brought rain and wind to the East Coast

TS Nestor brought rain to southern Georgia and parts of AL and FL

2019 Drought



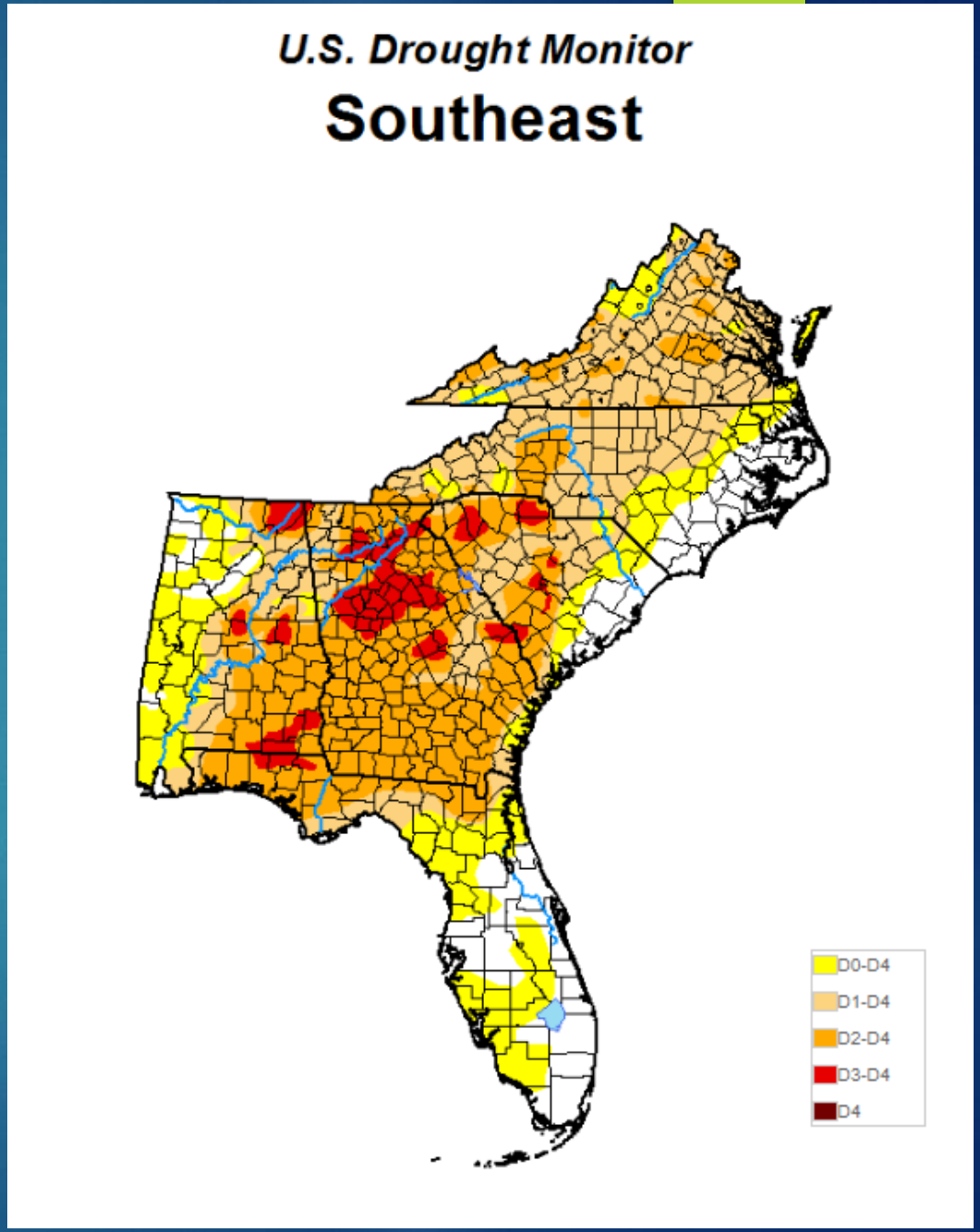
https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Data/Timeseries.aspx

2019 Drought

Dry conditions started in late spring 2019 but disappeared in summer in many locations. SE AL had continuing drought through summer.

Rainfall deficits increased dramatically after Labor Day and temperatures set new records.

Rainfall in mid-October moistened soil and reduced drought over the next month.



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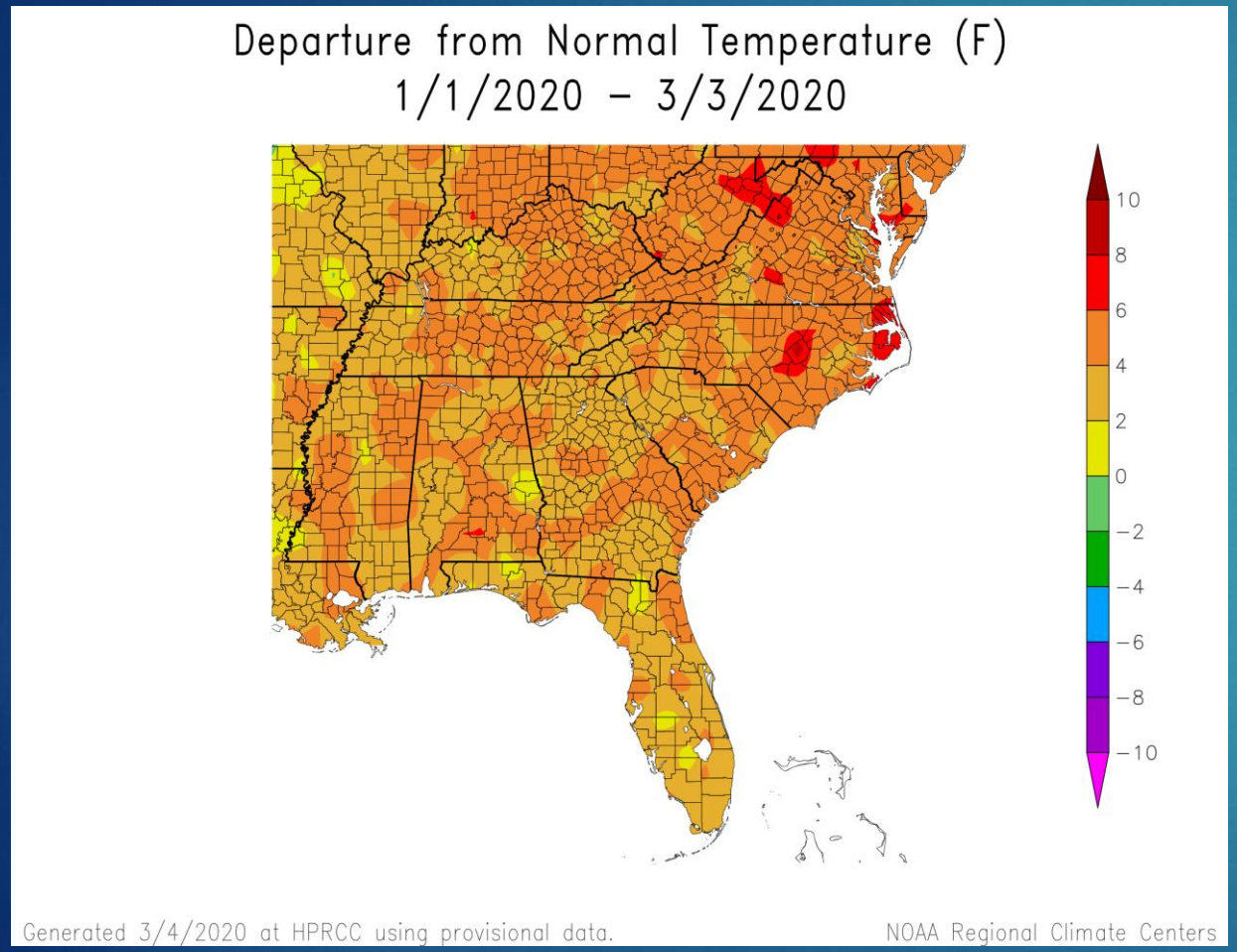
2020 so far


Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
1/1/2020 – 3/3/2020
10
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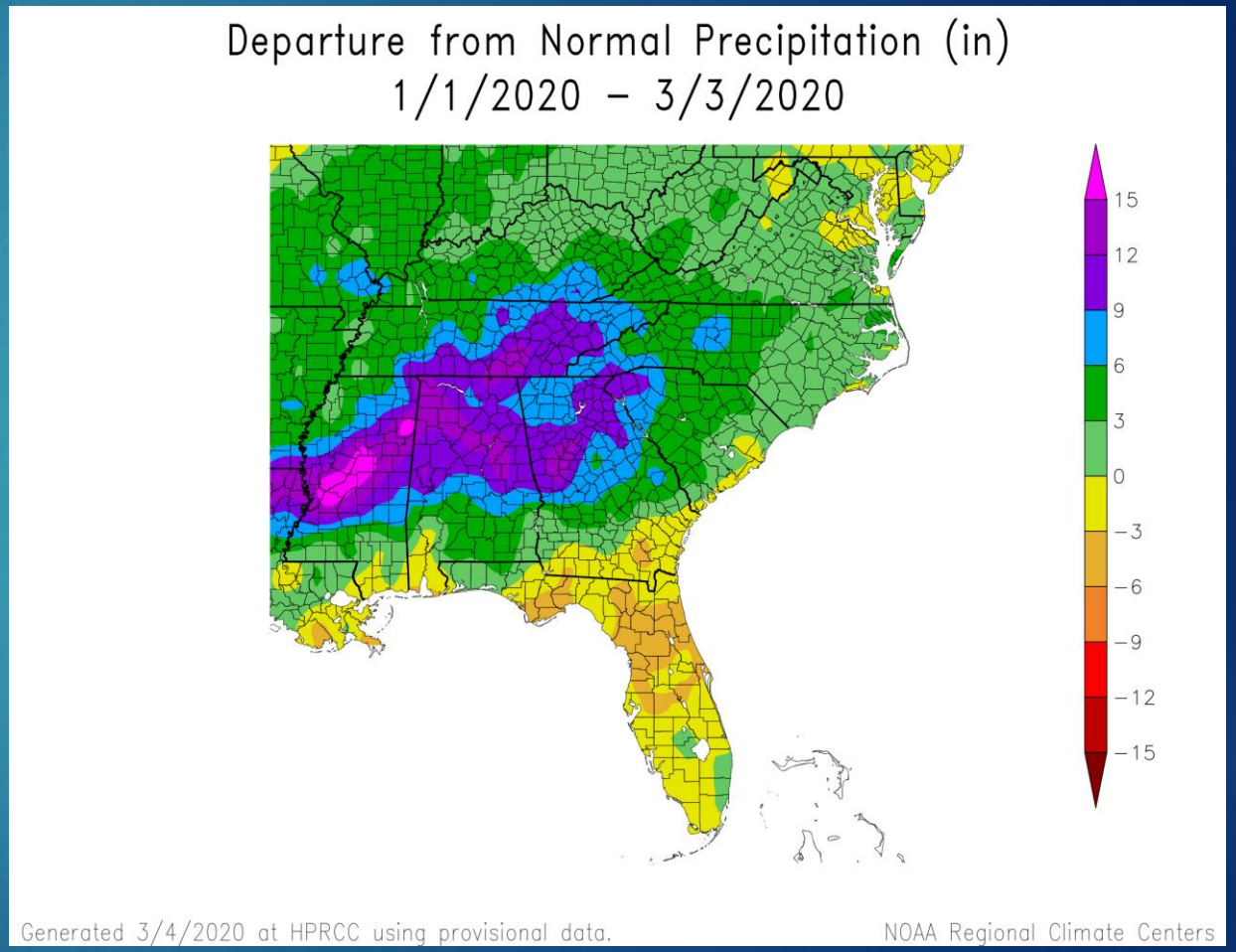
Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
1/1/2020 – 3/3/2020
15
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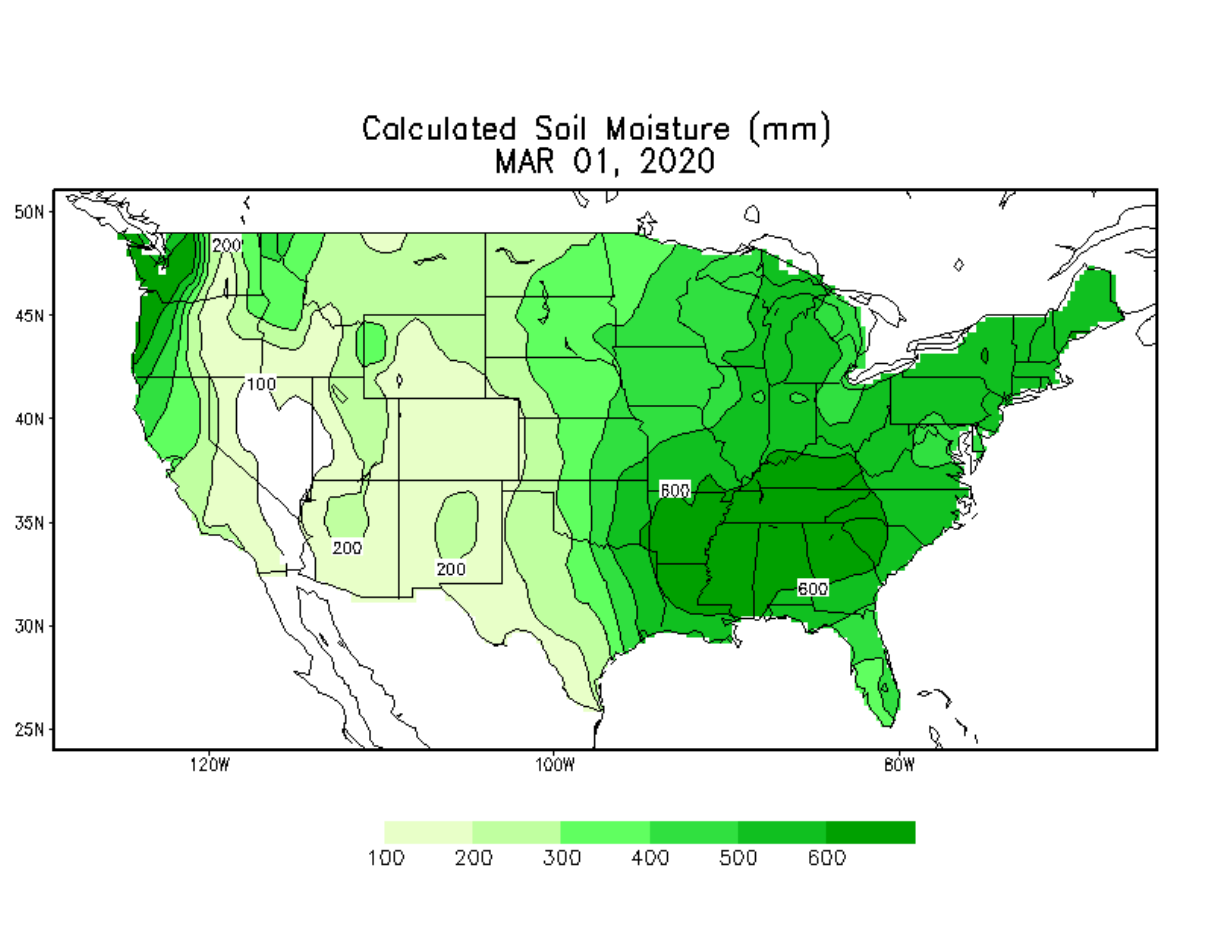
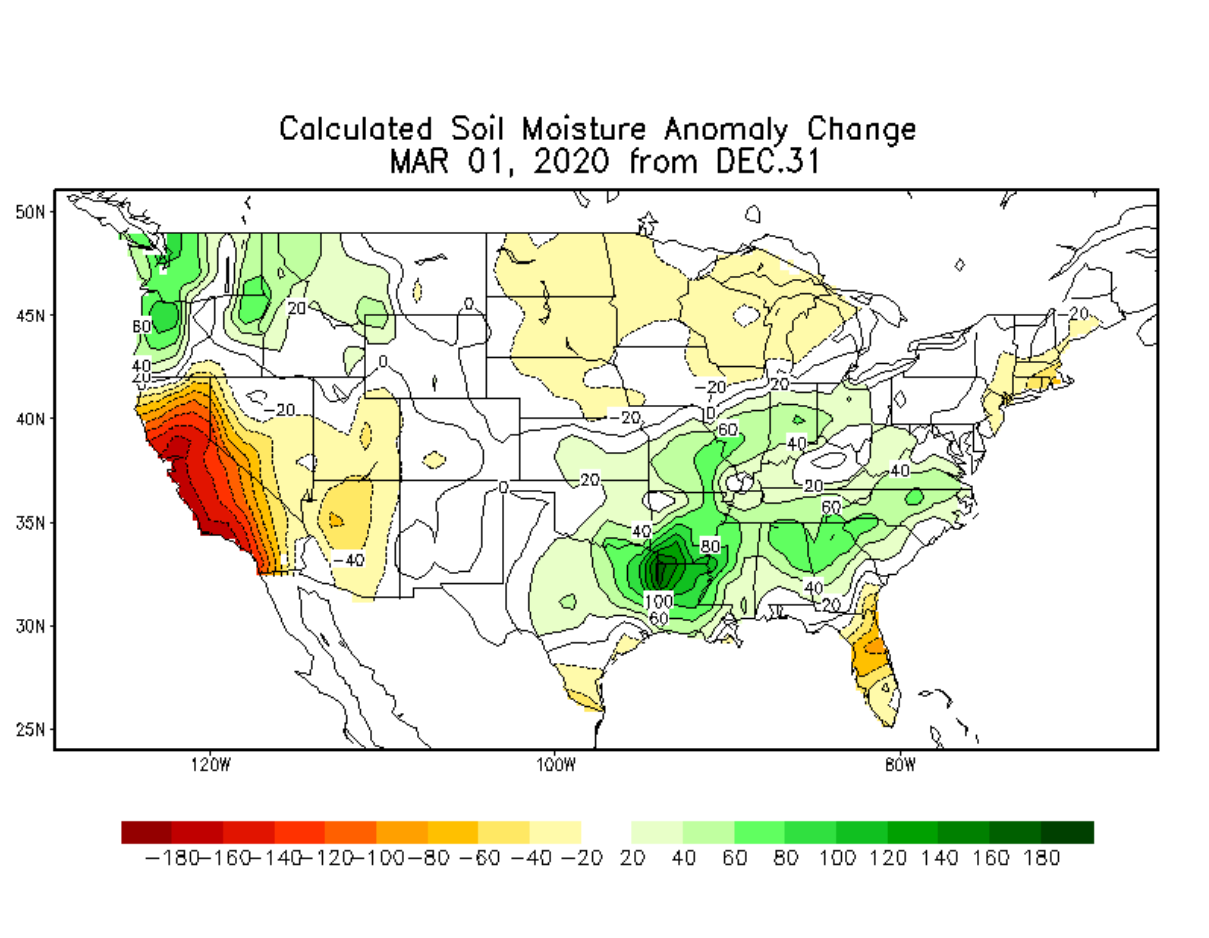
Current Conditions





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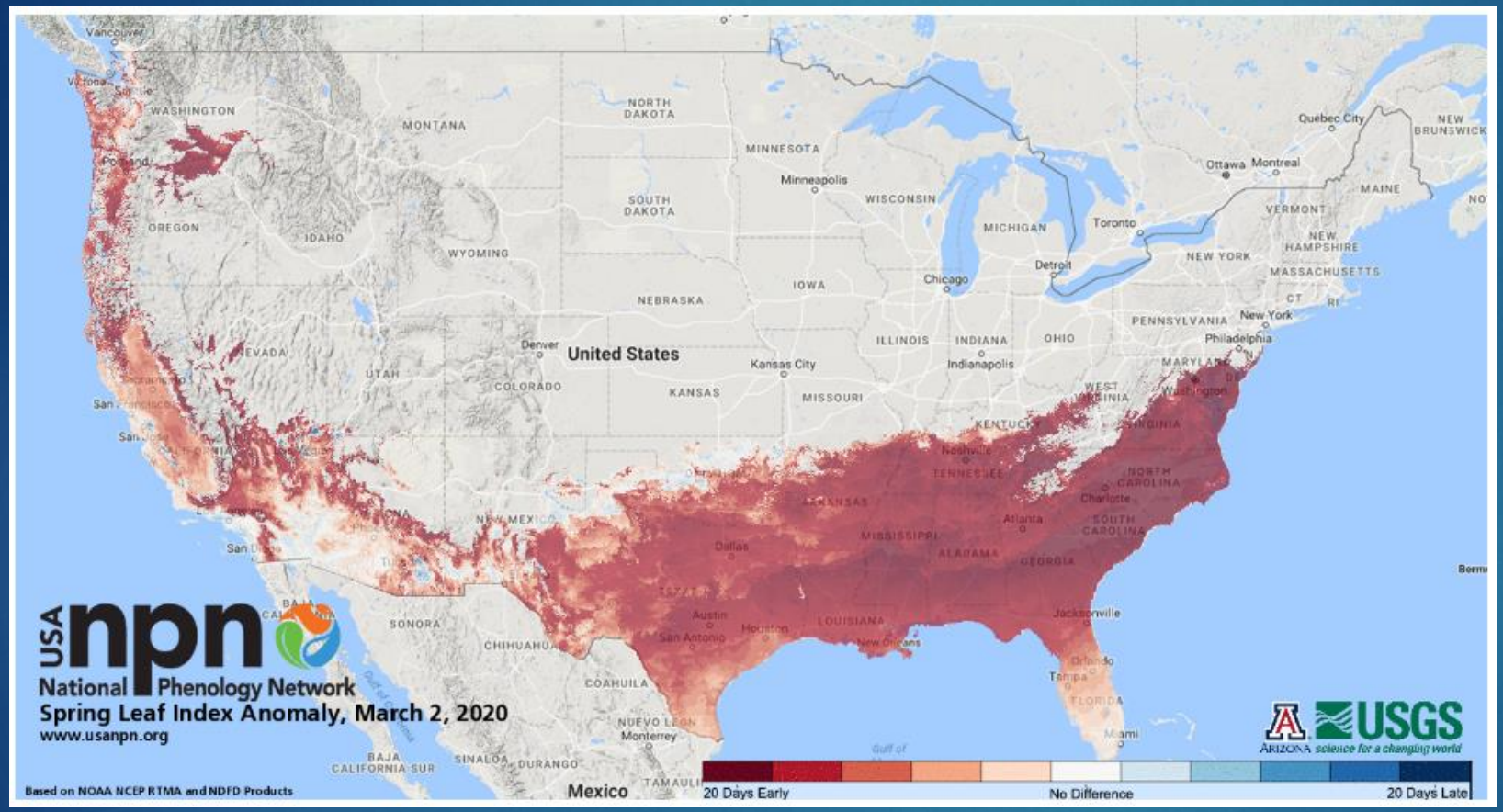
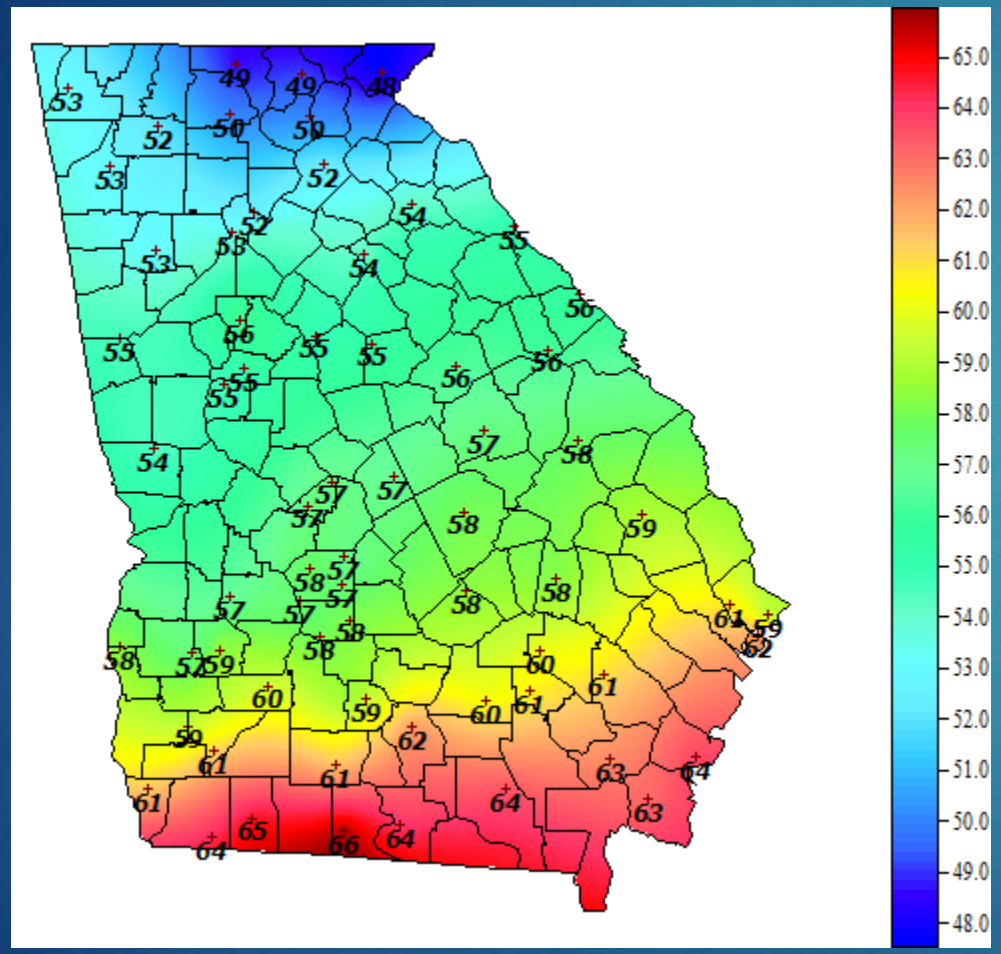
How early is spring this year?



Early spring means plants come out of dormancy early, increased water use from evapotranspiration

https://www.usanpn.org/news/spring

Soil temperatures at 4 inches



Soil temperatures will rise more slowly in places where the soil is very wet

FAWN has soil temperature data for Florida but I could not find a map version, just tables https://fawn.ifas.ufl.edu/

http://www.georgiaweather.net/?content=tr&variable=XS

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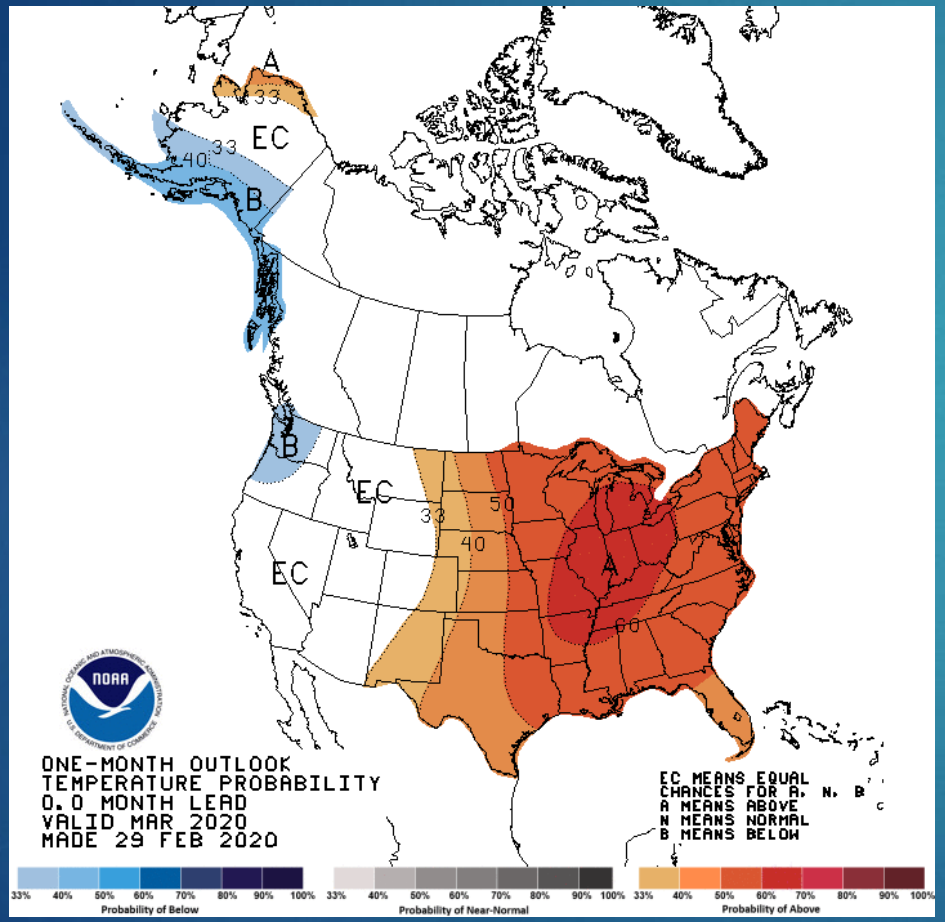
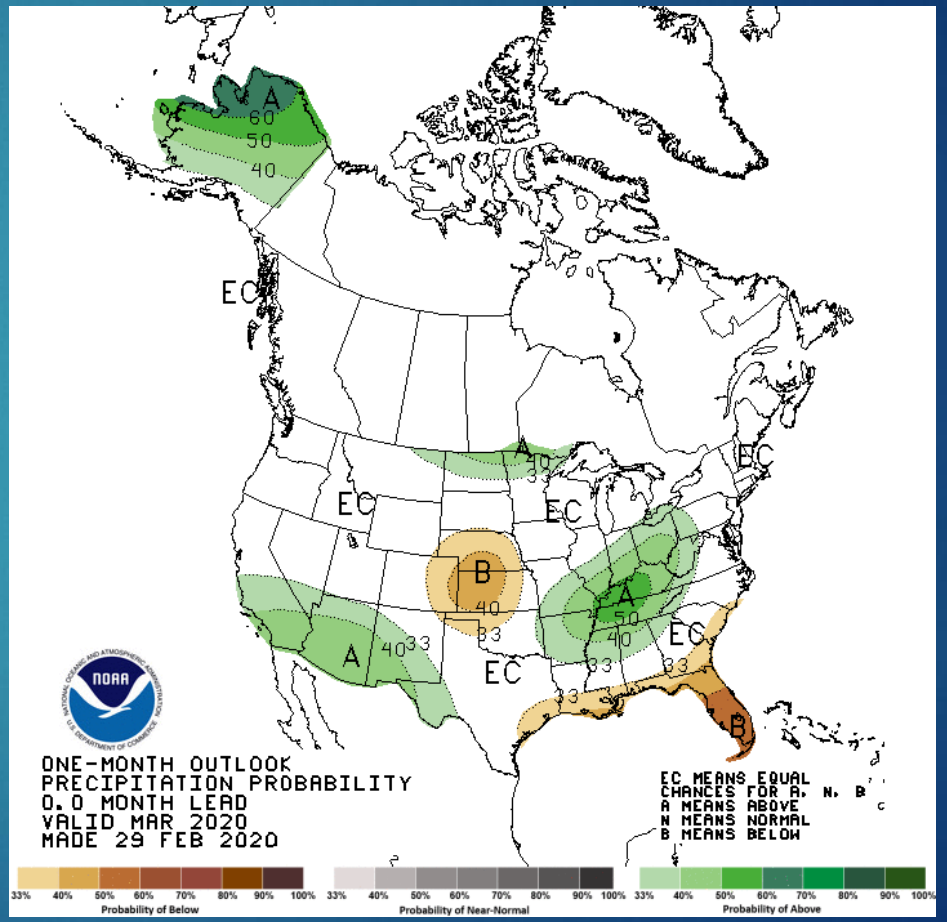
March 2020





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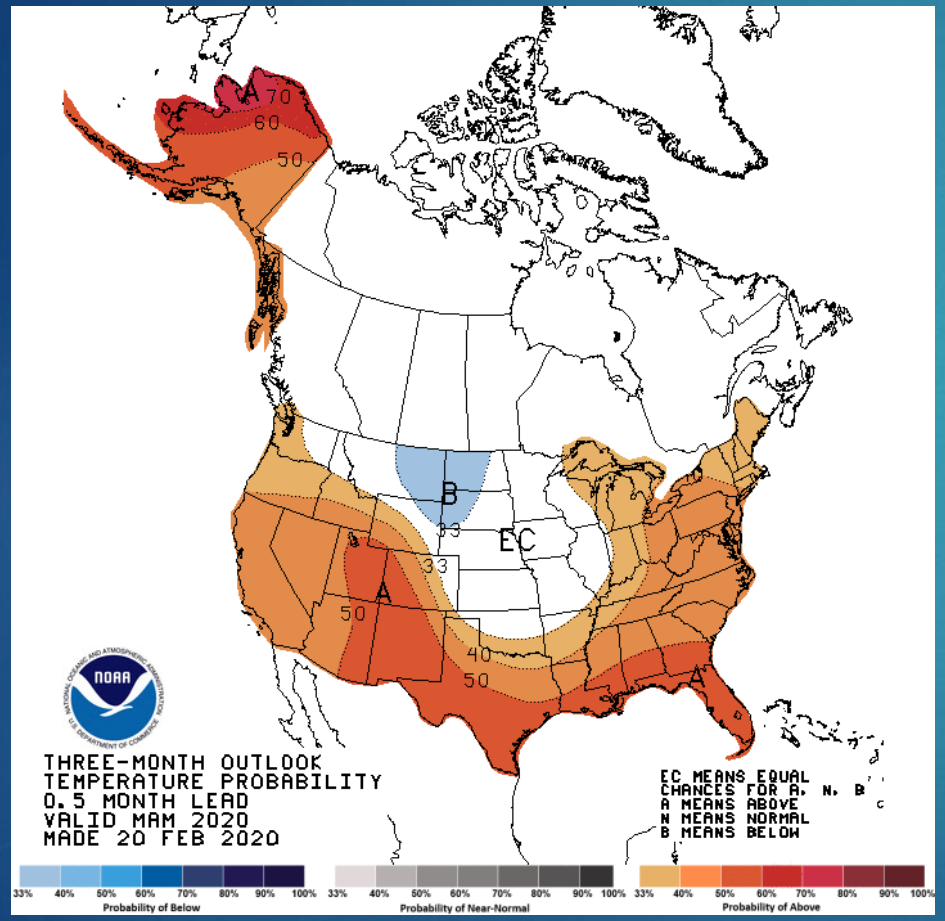

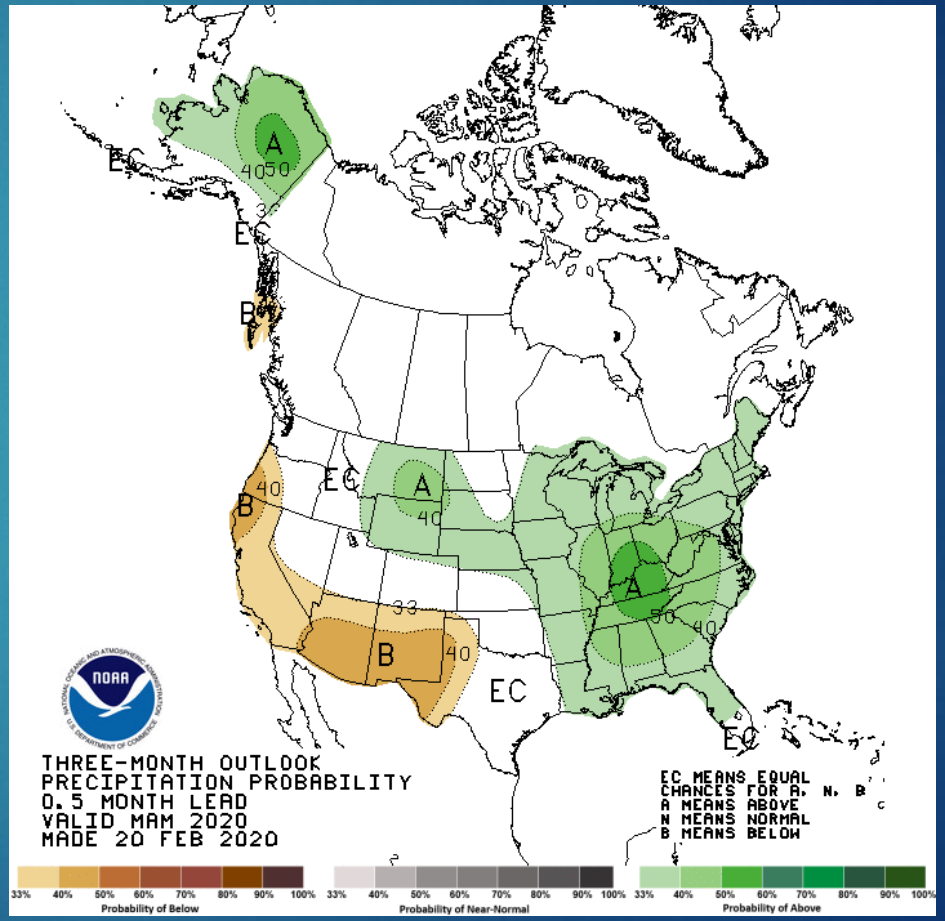

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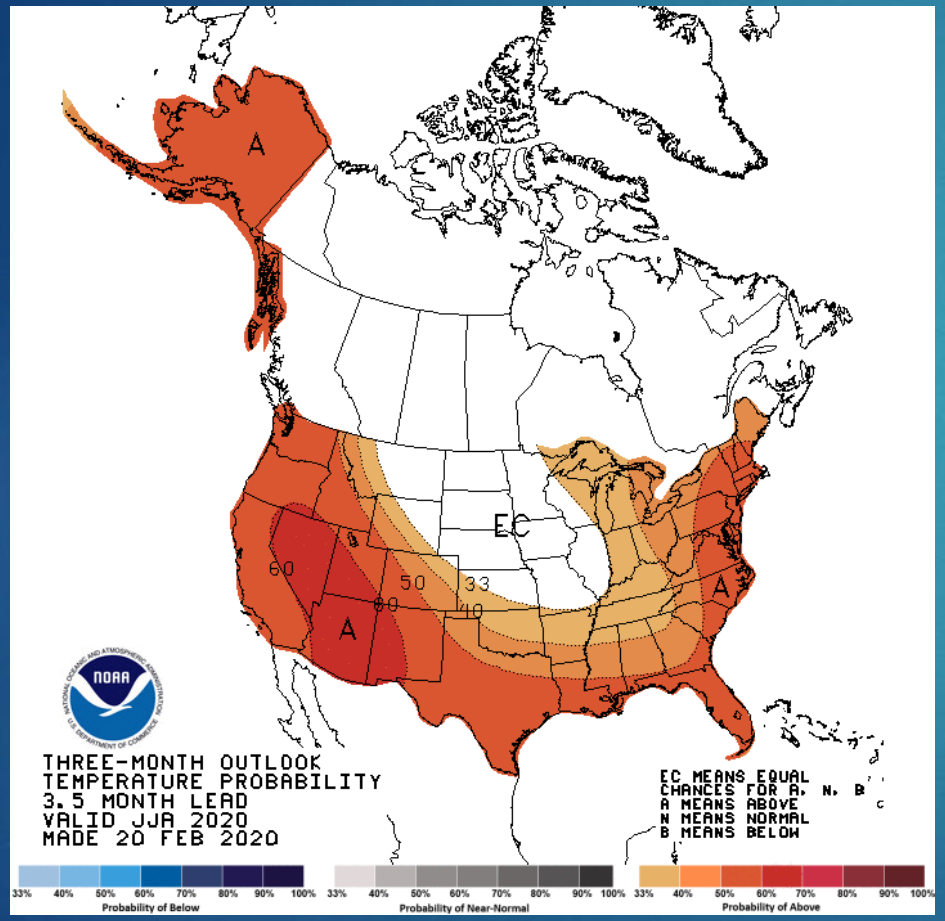

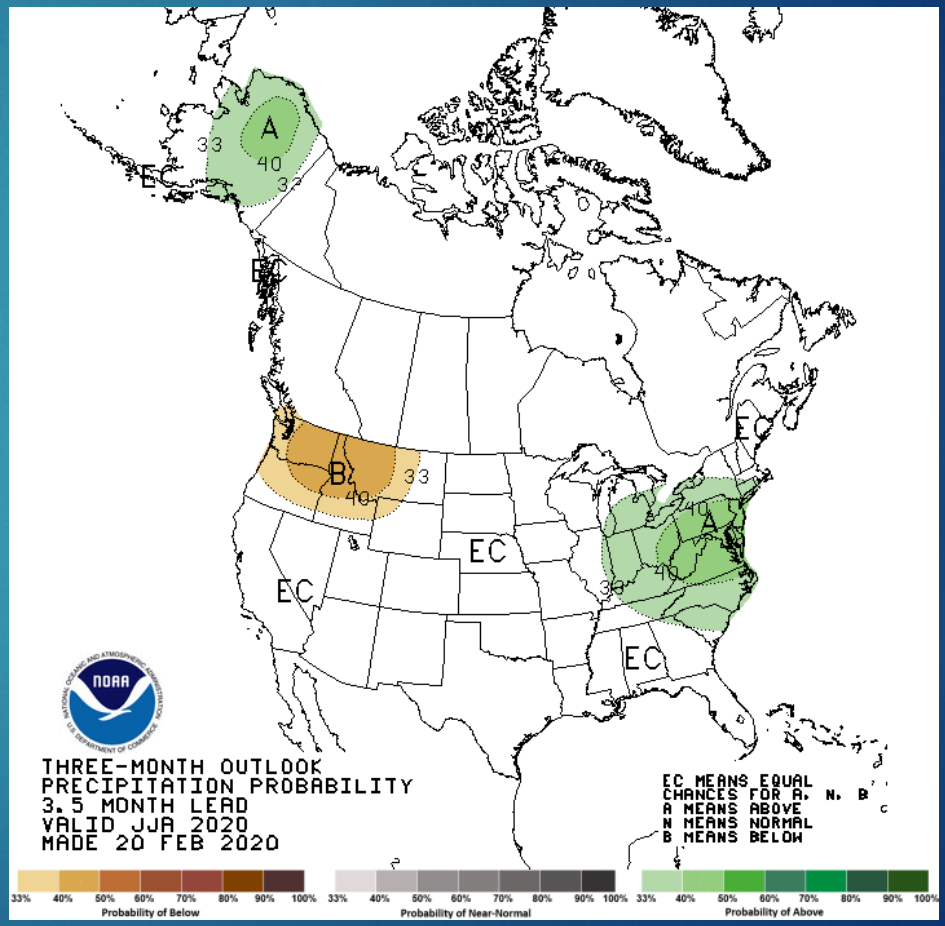

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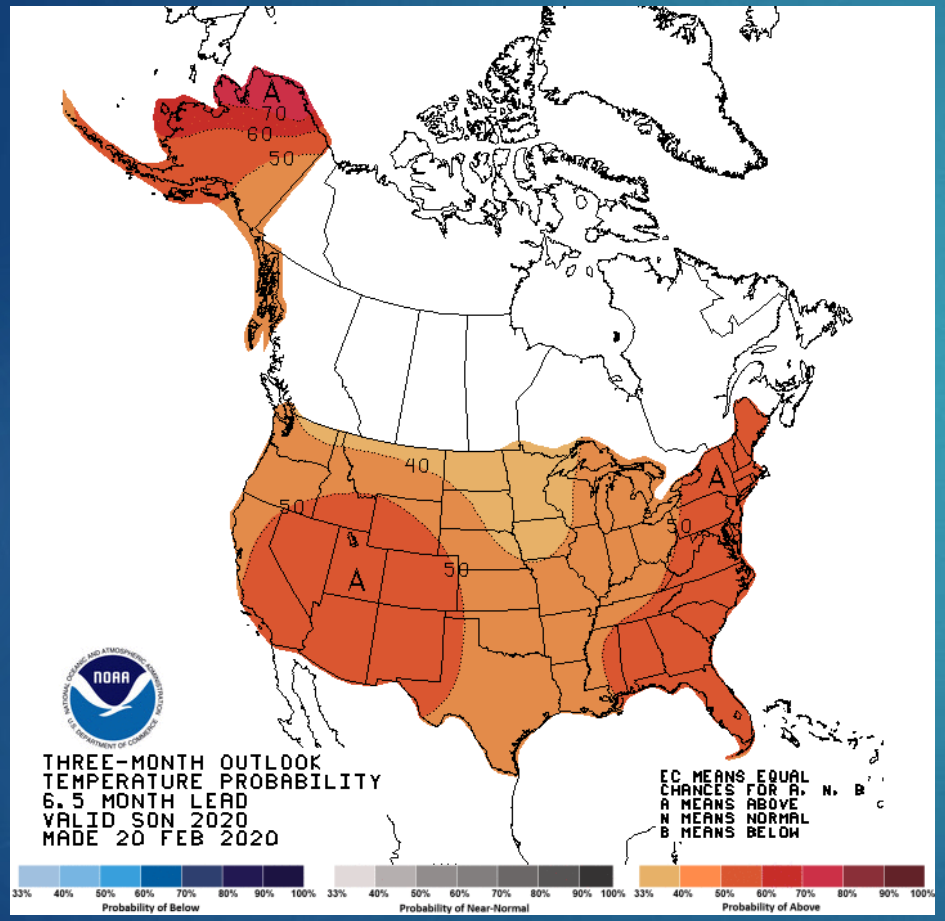

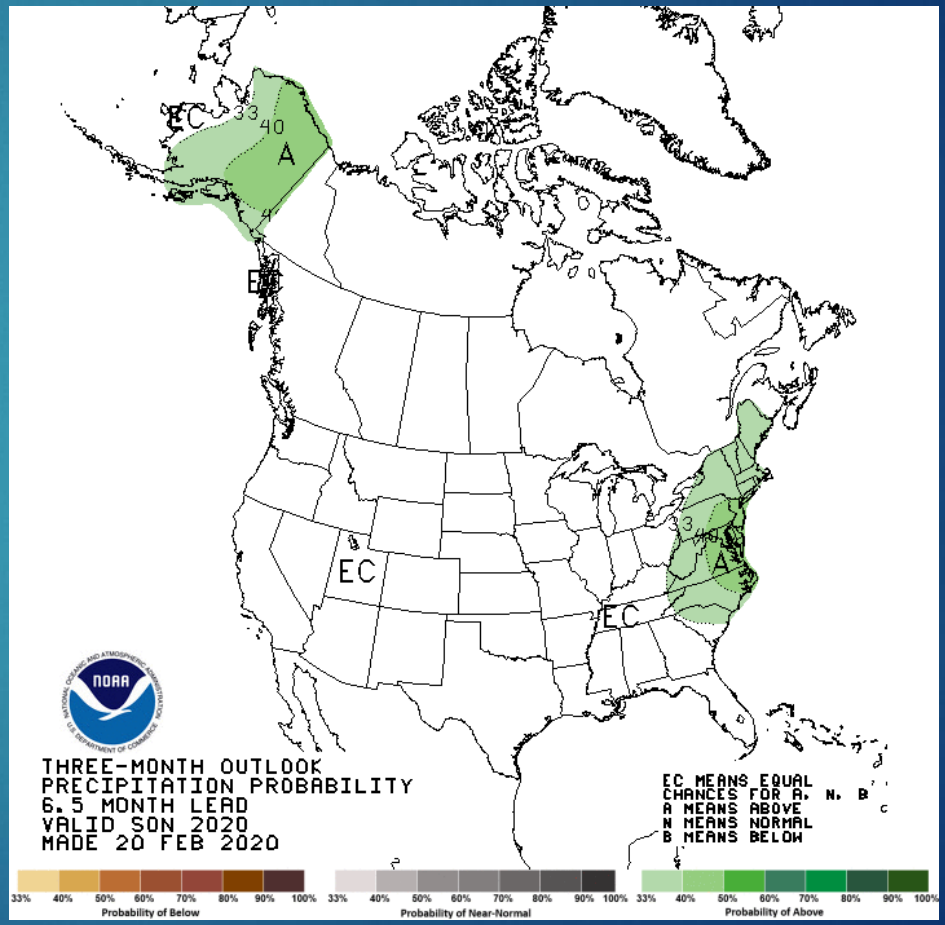

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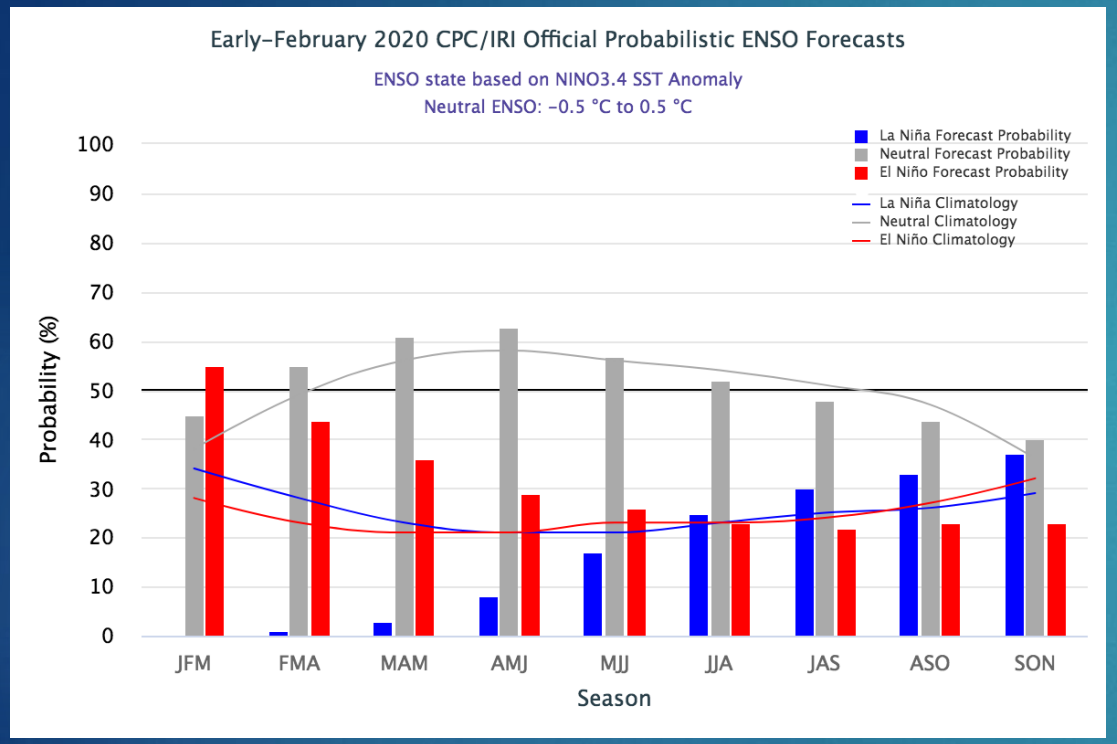

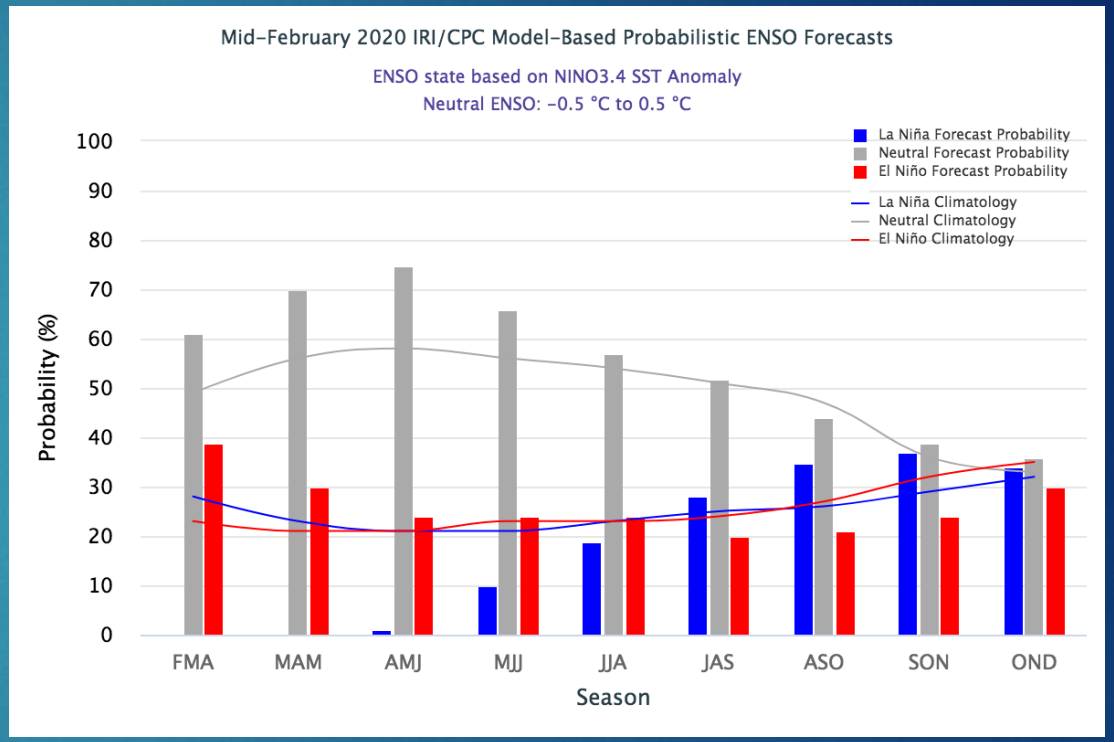

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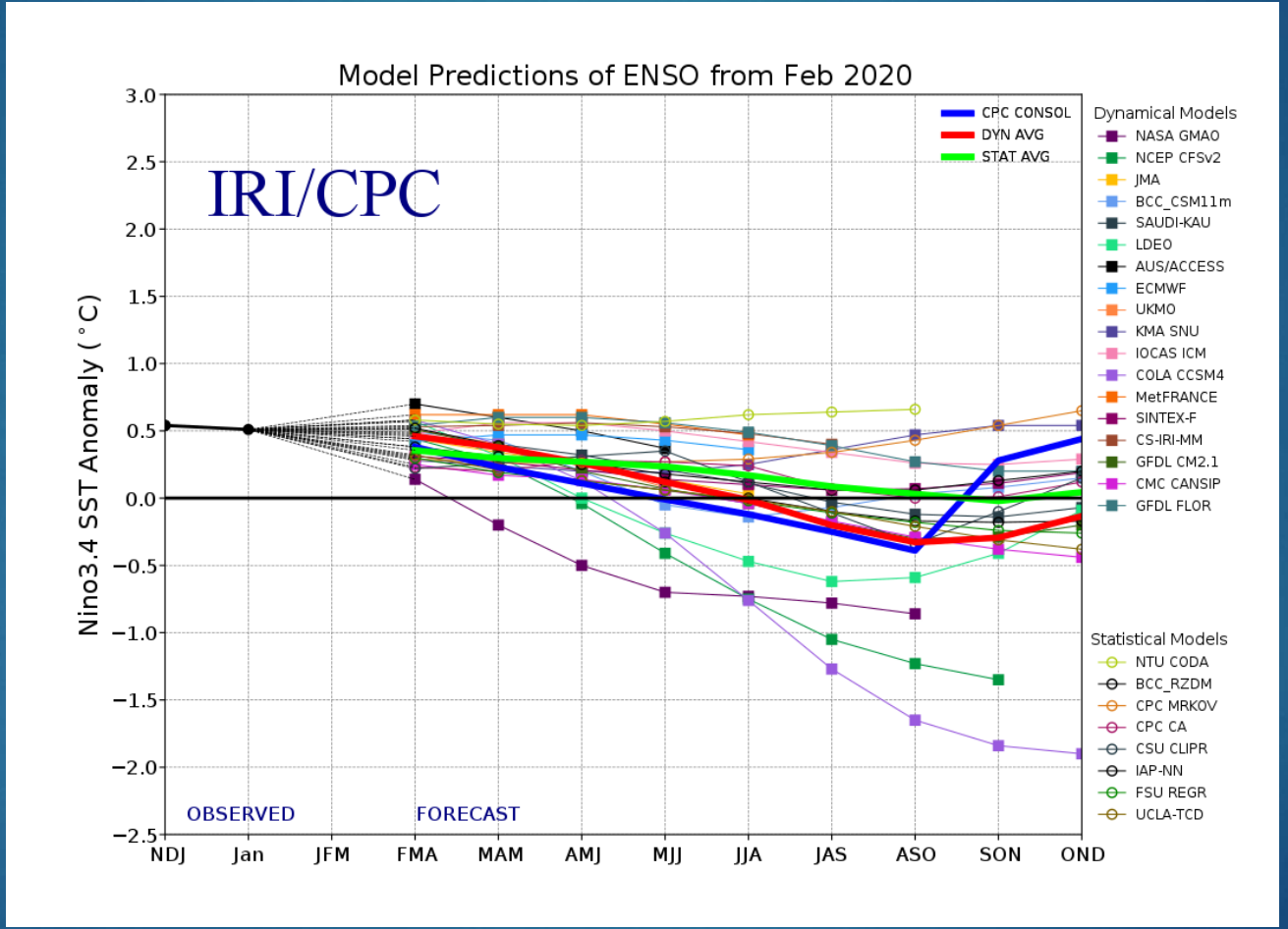

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Summary of Outlook

- Current conditions are generally moist across the region
- Early start to growing season (up to 3 weeks in some areas) has increased water demand
- Warmer than normal temperatures have contributed to water needs
- No big pattern shift is seen in near term
- Warmer than normal conditions expected to continue due to long-term warming trends across the region
- Precipitation pattern shows tendency towards wetter than normal conditions through spring; after that equal chances (no idea)
- Increased chance of La Nina could mean another active Atlantic tropical season
- La Nina next winter could mean increased potential for drought in 2021 due to dry and warm winter conditions (that's a big IF)

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