

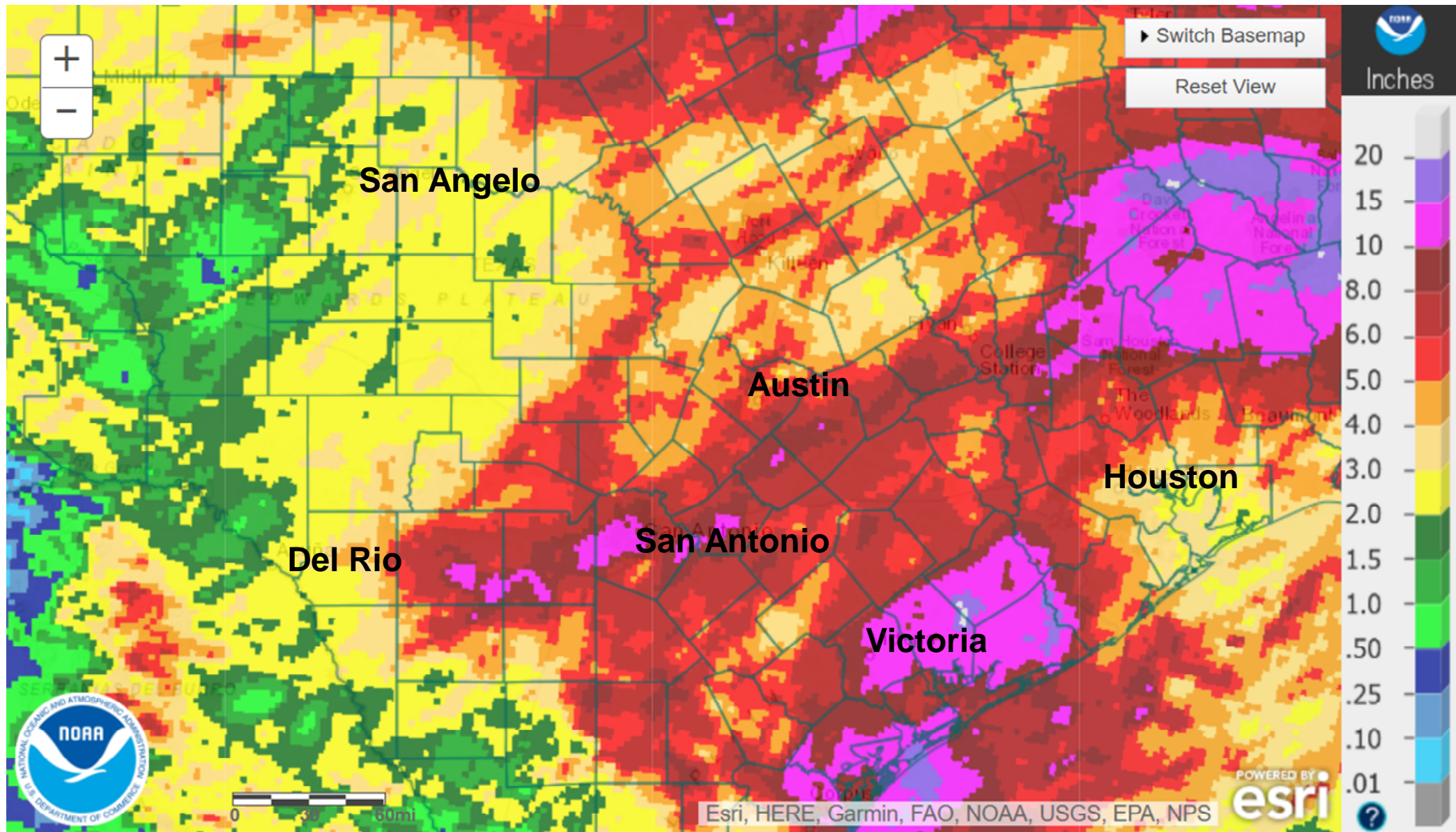
# Late Spring and Summer Weather Outlook

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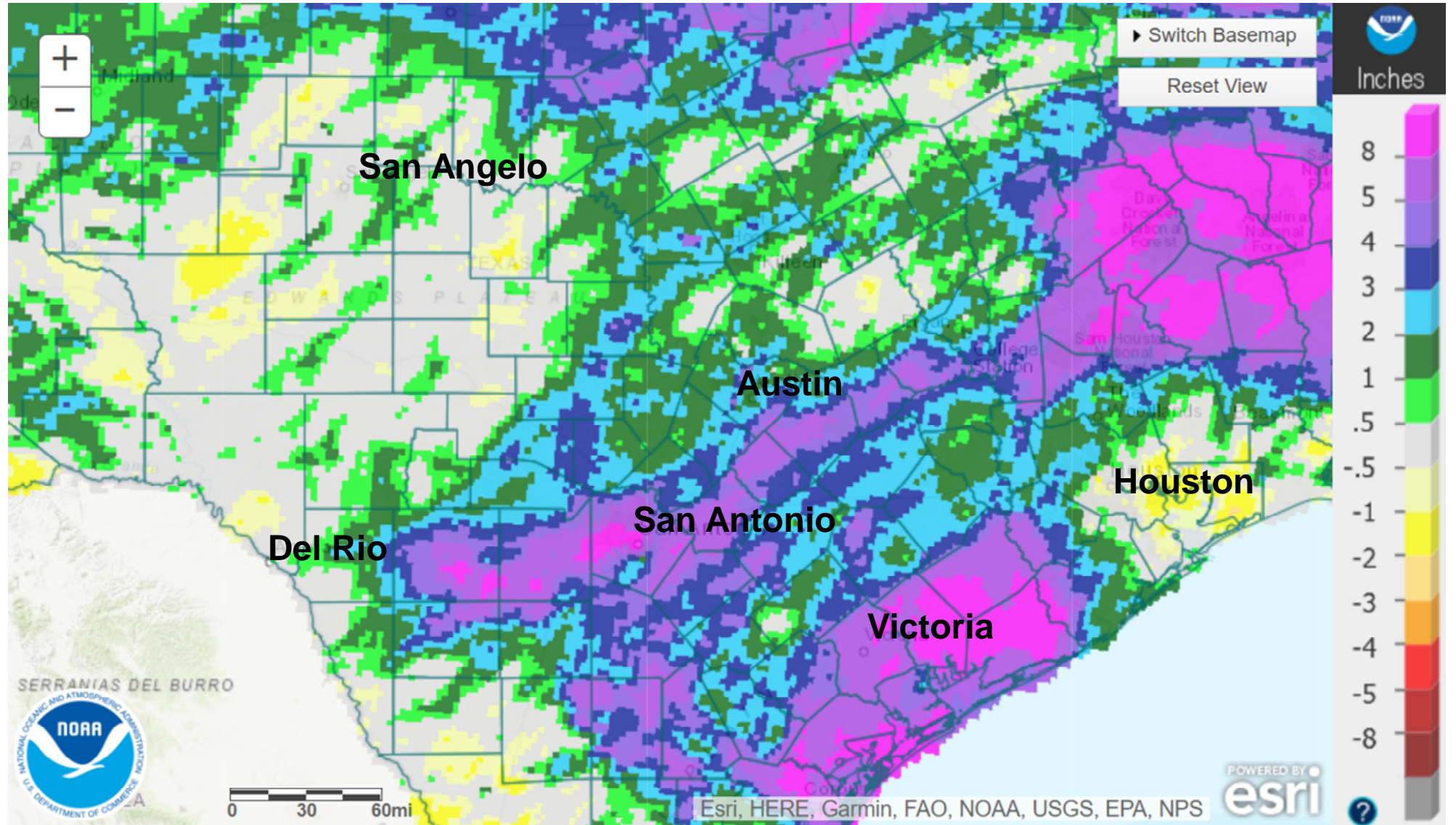
Water Operations Committee Meeting  
May 19, 2021



# Past 30 Days Rainfall Accumulation



# Past 30 Days Rainfall Departure From Normal

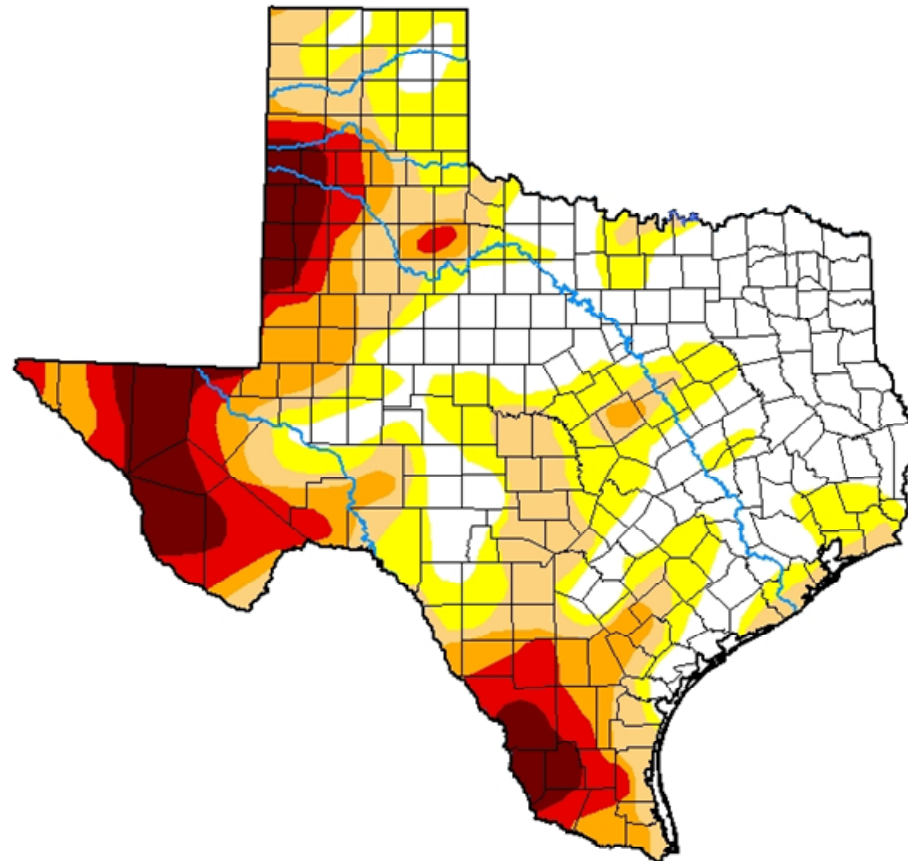










# Only Mild Drought Across Basin

**U.S. Drought Monitor**  
**Texas**

**May 11, 2021**  
*(Released Thursday, May. 13, 2021)*  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



***Intensity:***

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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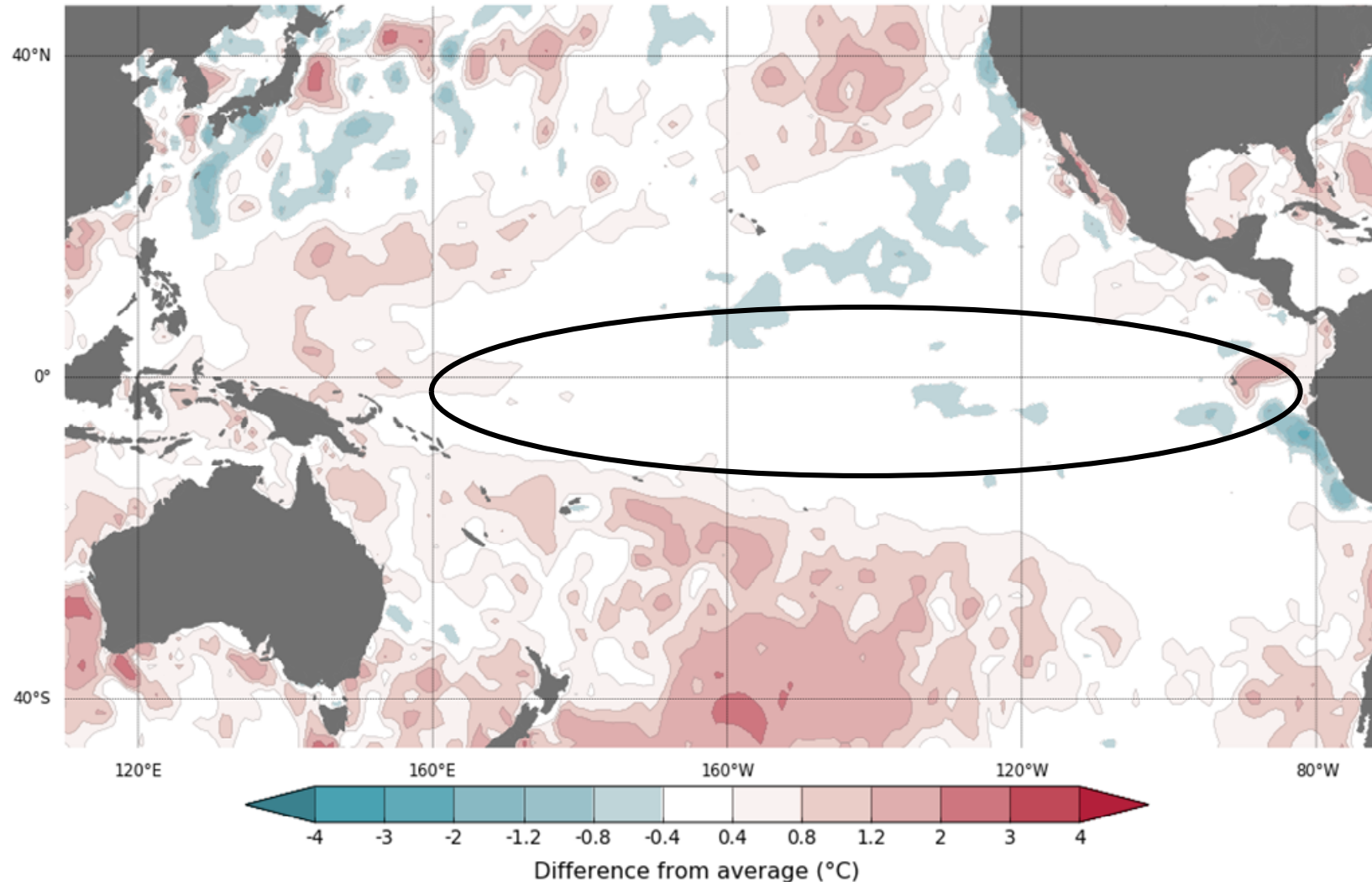
David Simeral  
Western Regional Climate Center



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# May 2021 – La Niña has Ended

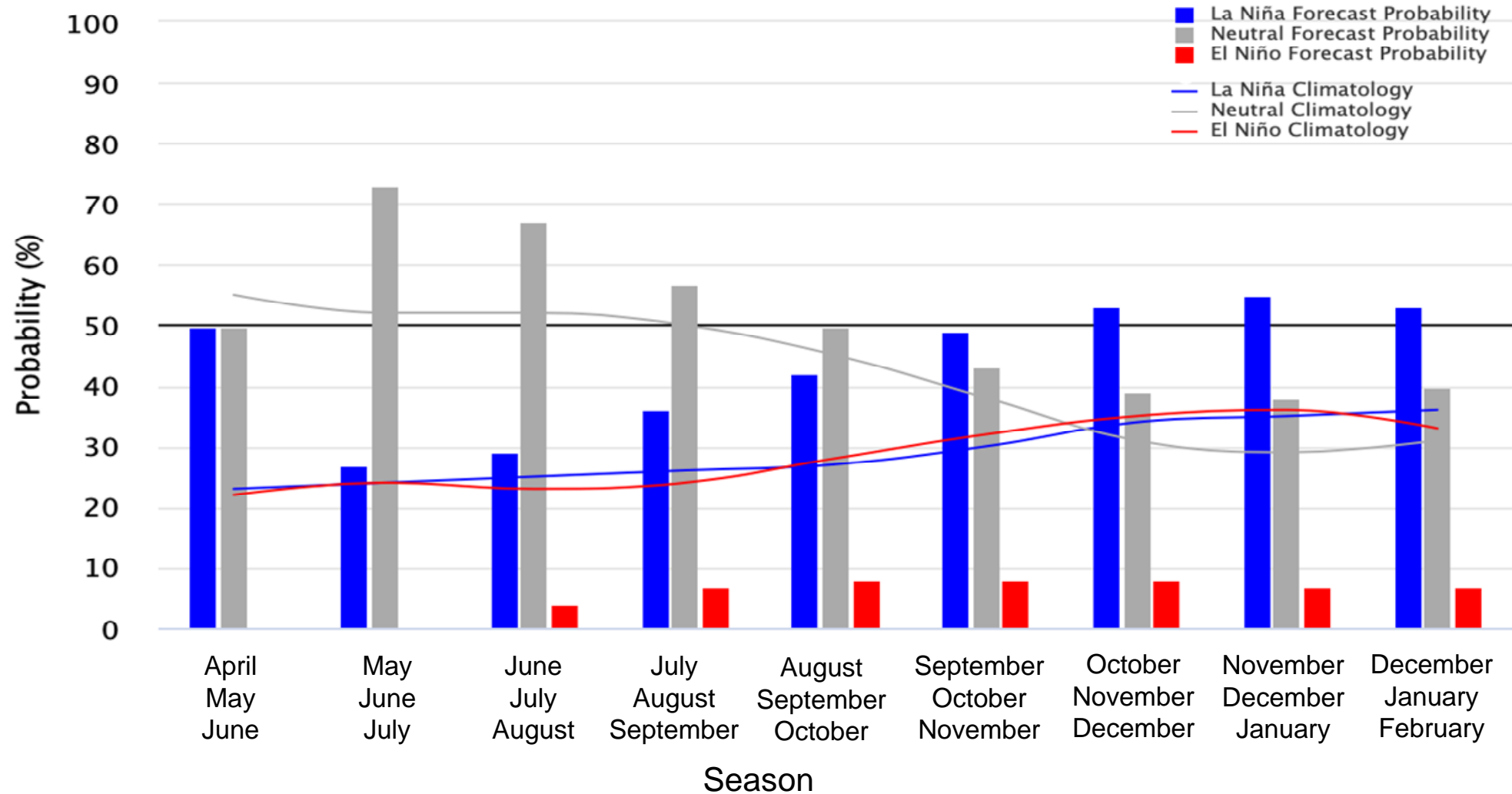
Difference from average sea surface temperature observations  
3 May to 9 May 2021



# Neutral Pacific Forecast Through Summer

Early-May 2021 CPC/IRI Official Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

ENSO state based on NINO3.4 SST Anomaly  
Neutral ENSO:  $-0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

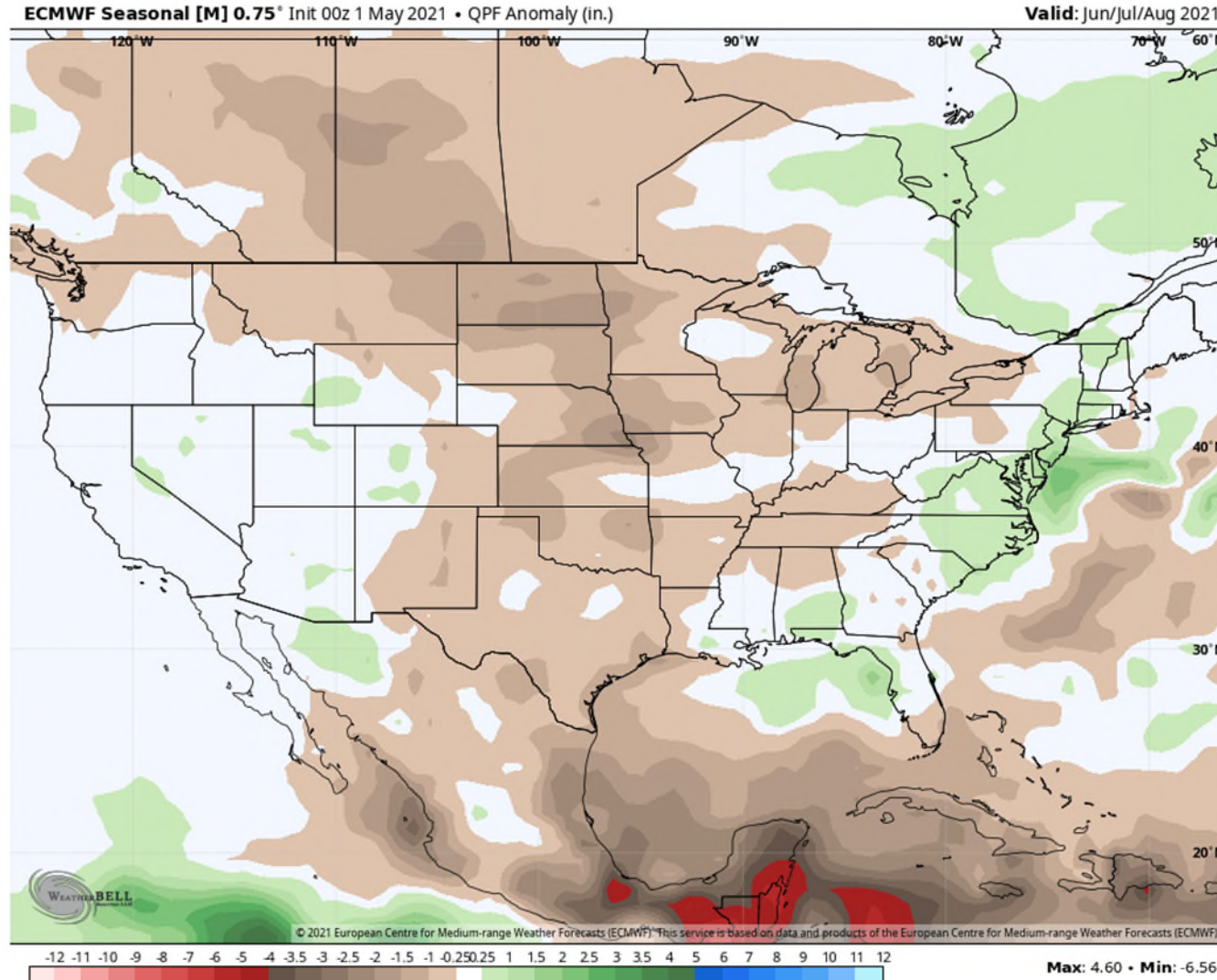


# **Influences on Summer 2021 Pattern**

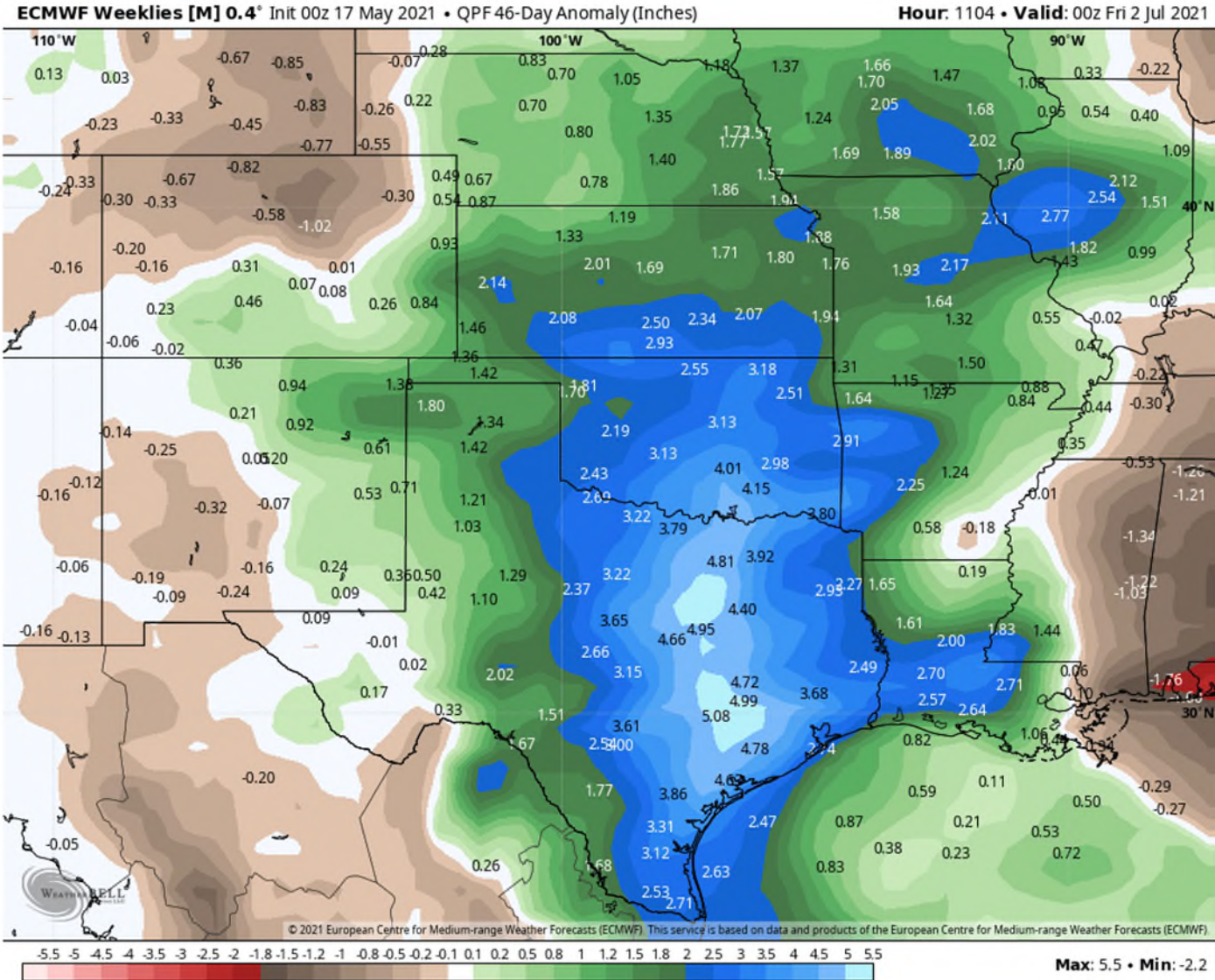
- **La Niña has ended**
- **Neutral Pacific through summer**
- **Rainfall forecast trending near normal**
- **Pacific and Atlantic oceans are both warmer than normal – this situation tends to direct hottest temperatures across central and western United States**
- **Gulf of Mexico is much warmer than normal**
- **Another very active tropical season forecast**



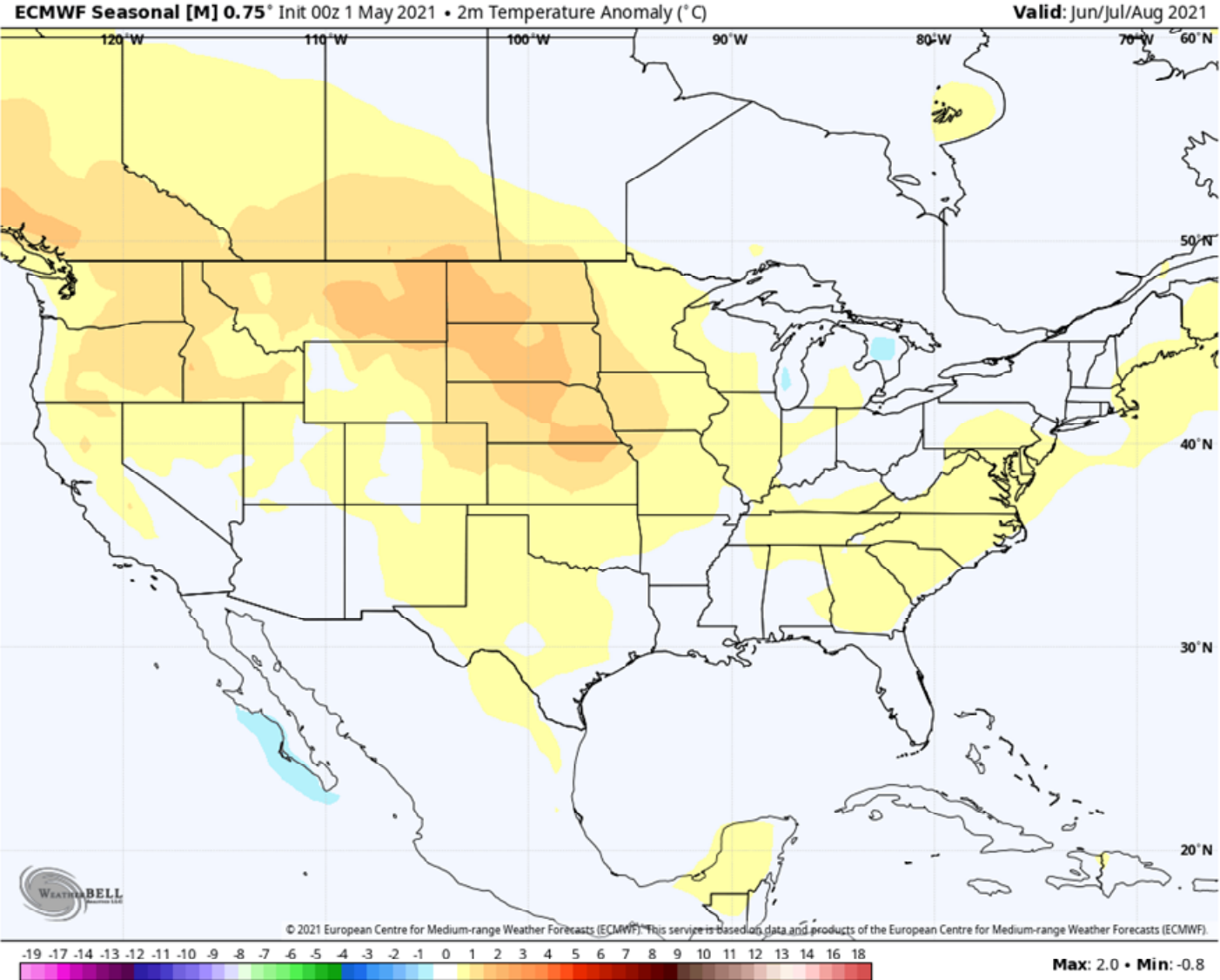
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# European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Rainfall Anomaly thru July 2nd

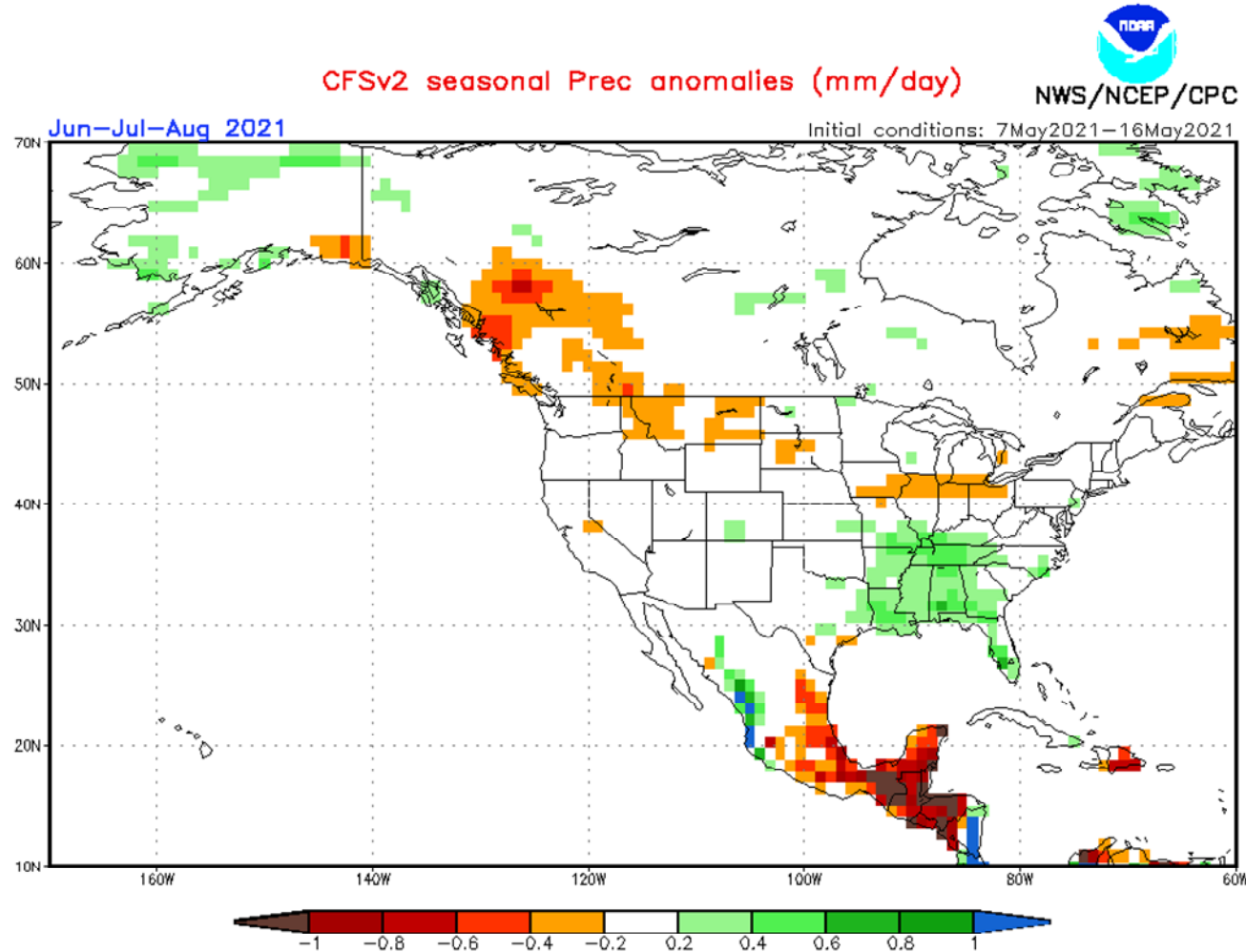


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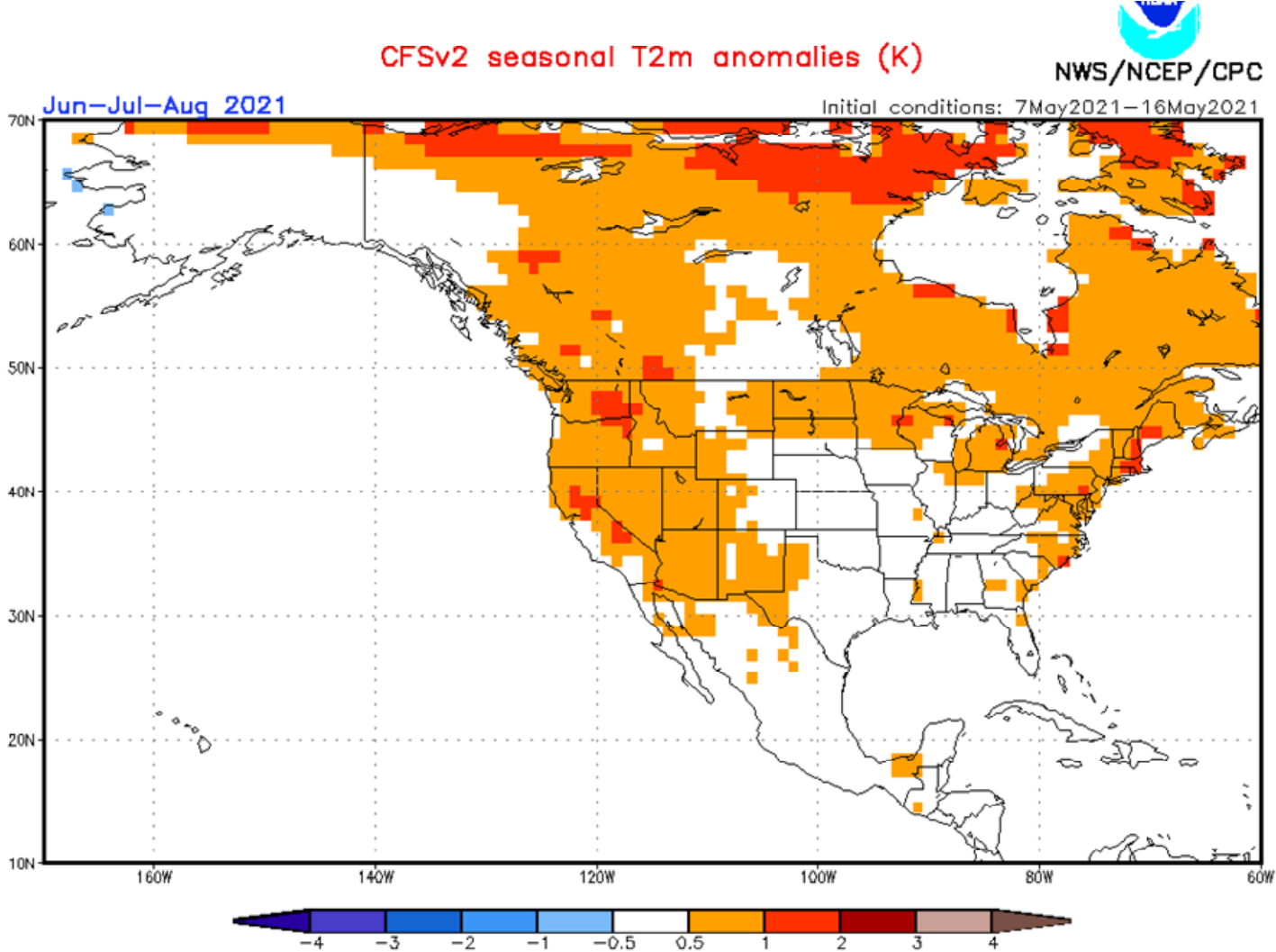


# Climate Forecast System Version 2

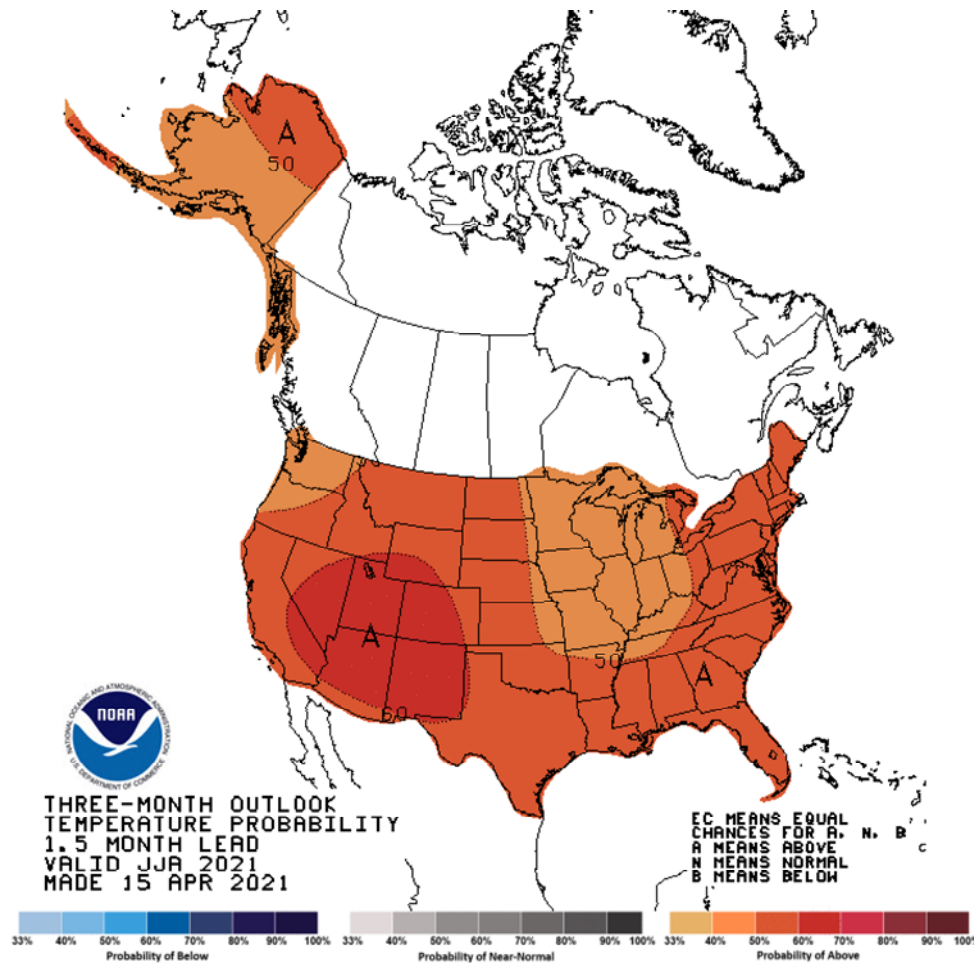
## June-August Rainfall Anomaly



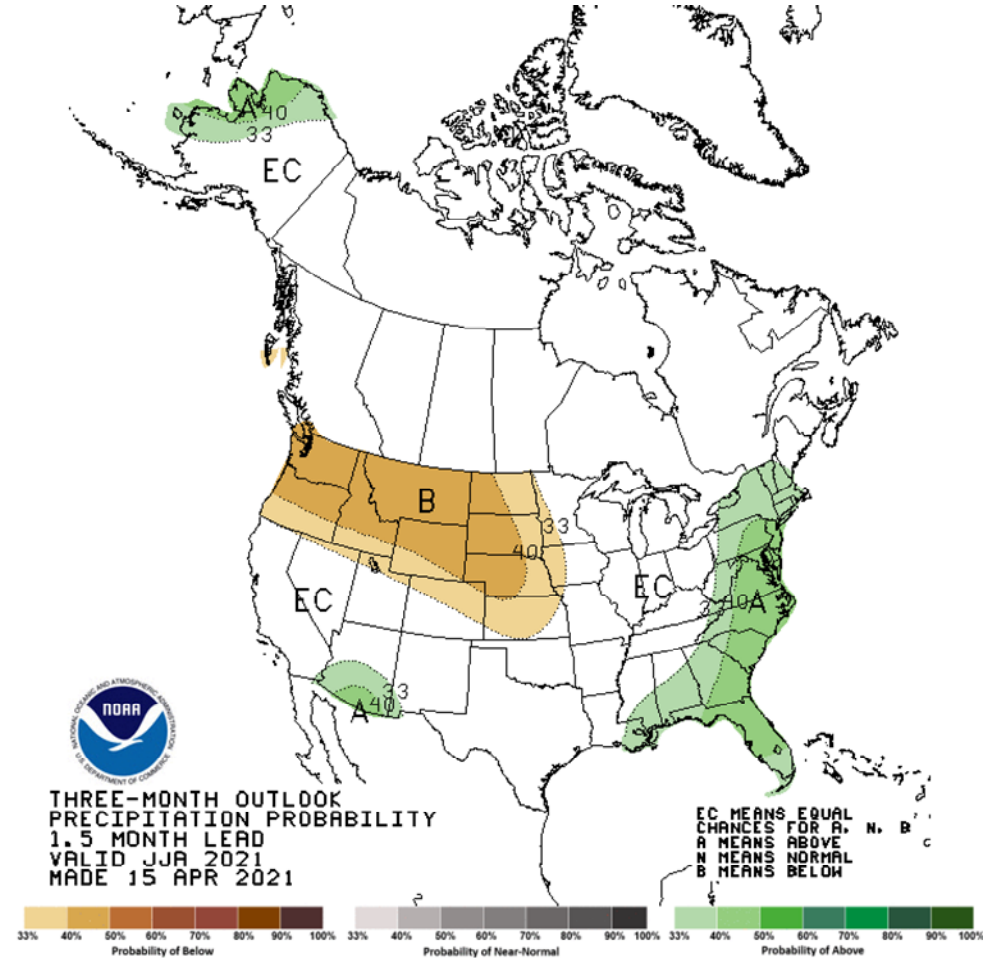
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# National Weather Service Summer Outlook

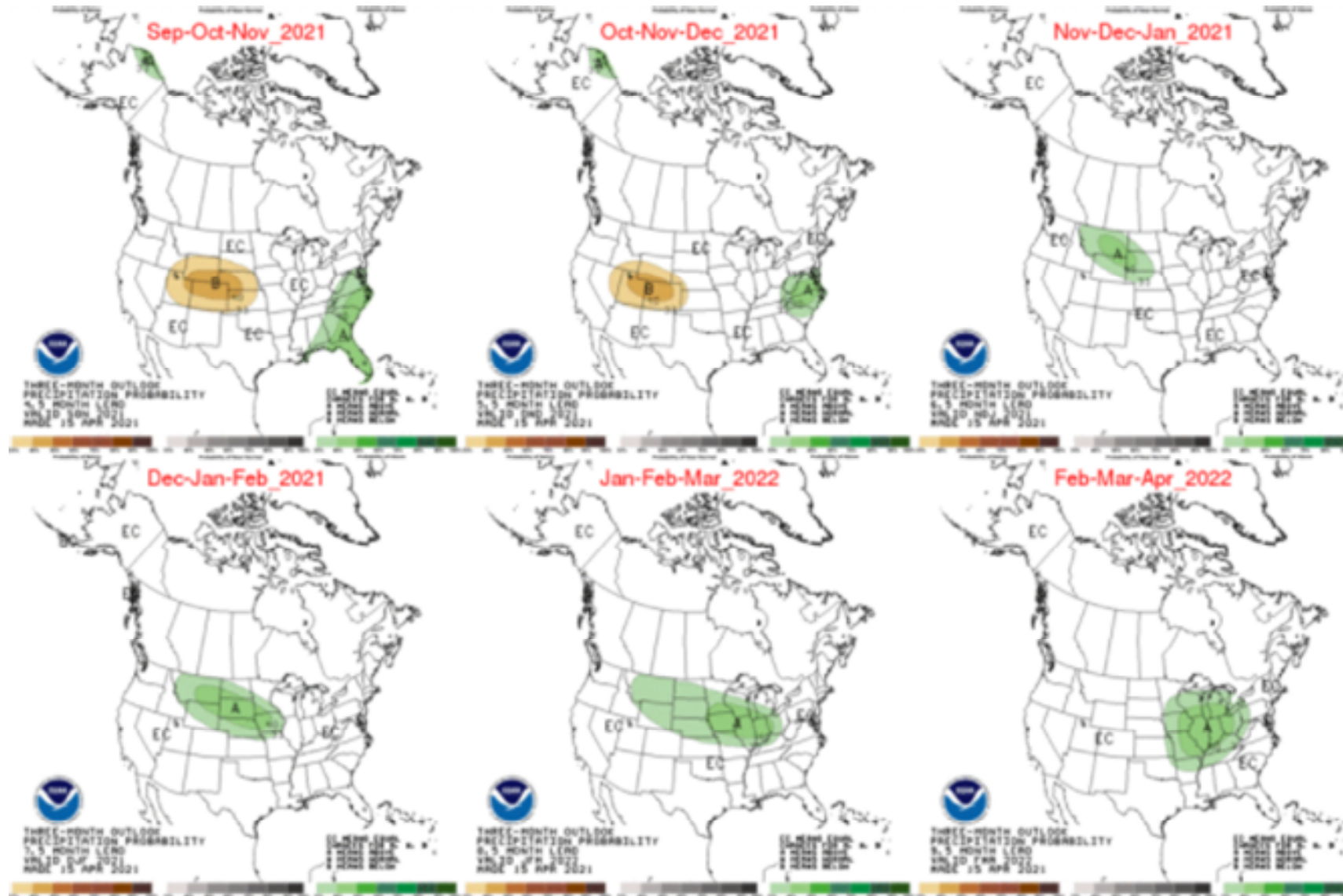


## Temperature



## Precipitation

# NWS Fall and Winter Rainfall Outlook



# Summer 2021 Outlook

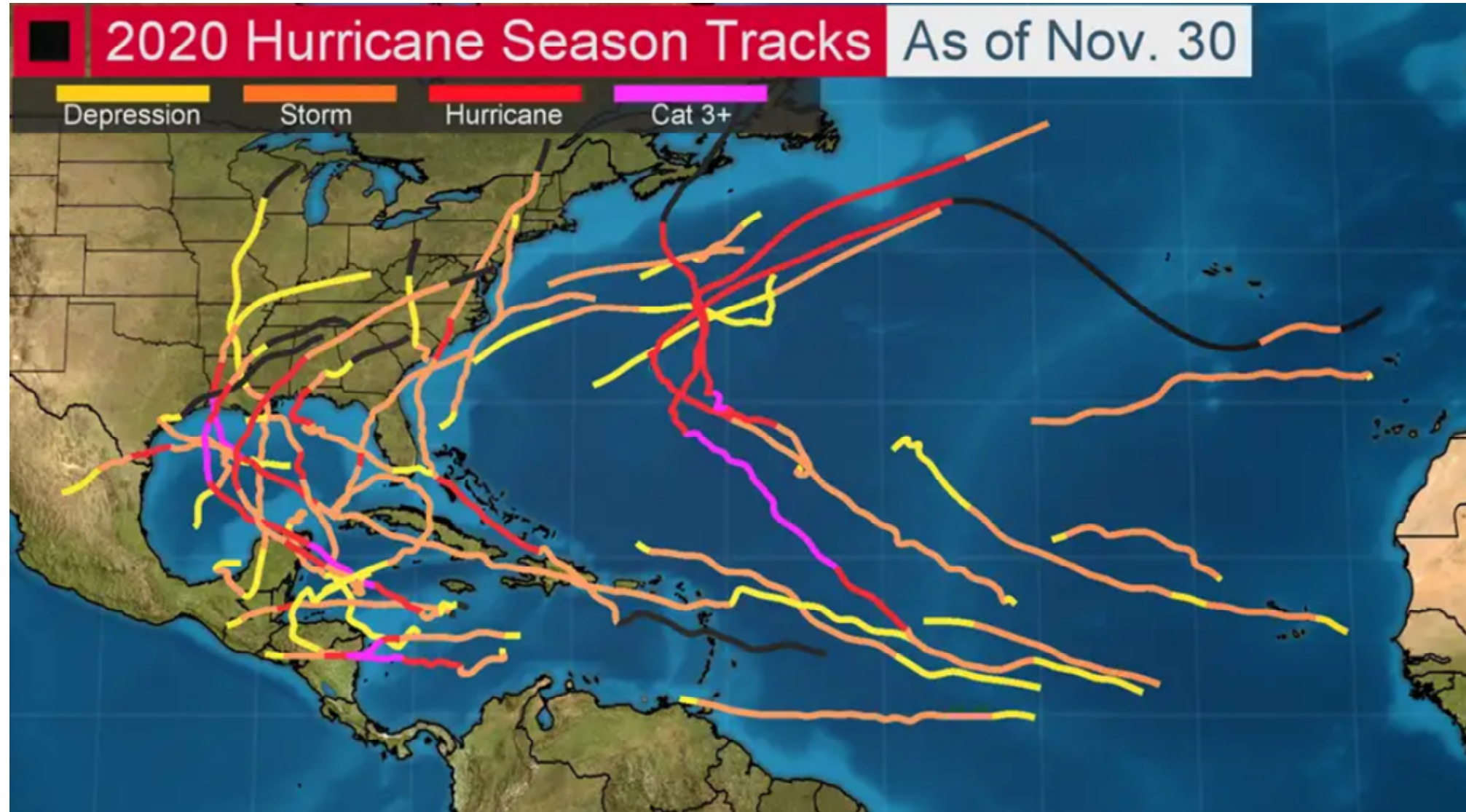
- **Hot summer ahead; temperatures averaging 1.5-2 degrees warmer than normal**
- **Close to 40 triple-digit days**
- **Rainfall averaging above normal May and June**
- **Near normal rainfall July and August**
- **Another very active tropical weather season forecast**
- **Some evidence La Niña could return this fall**



# Outlook for 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season



# 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season

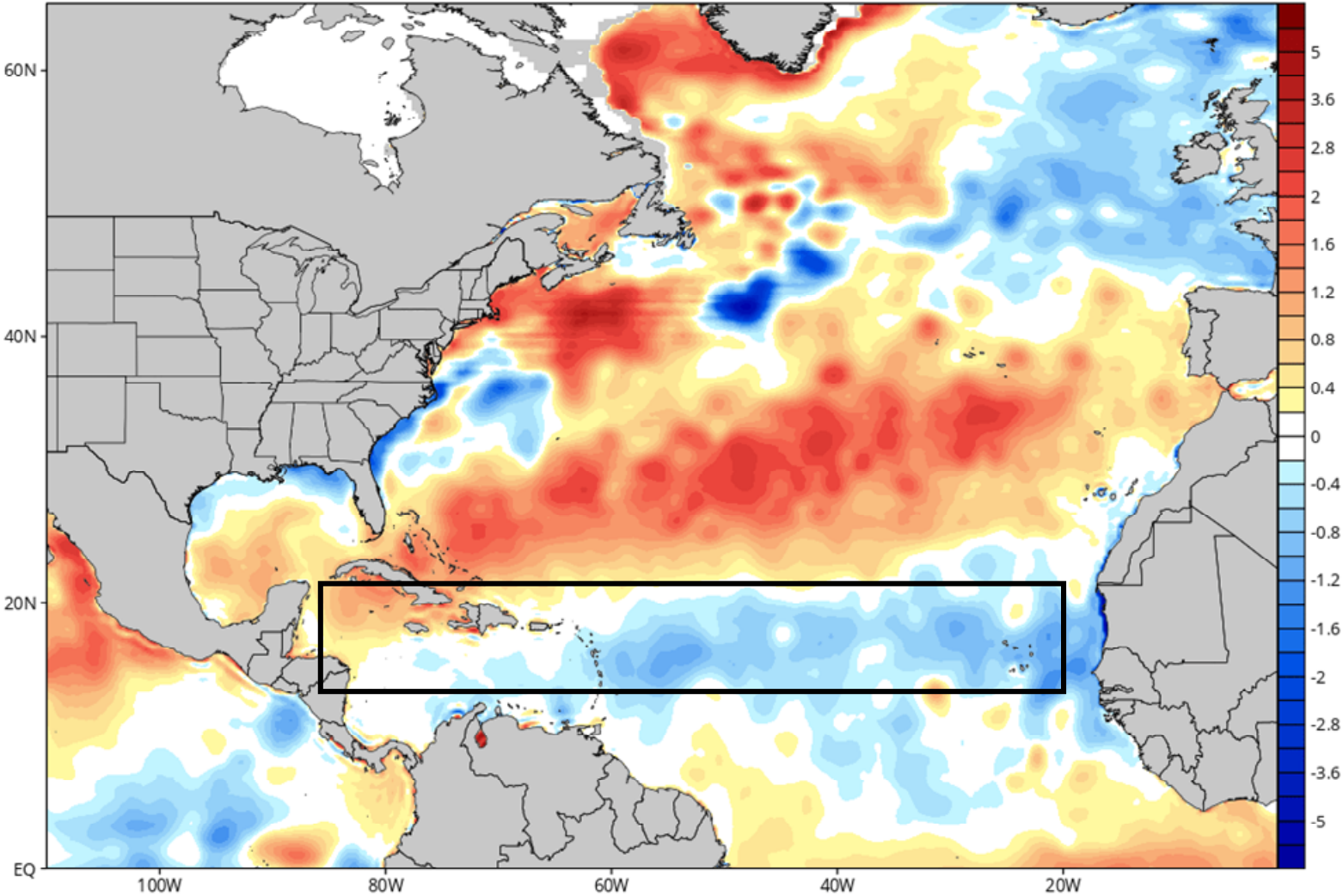


# Atlantic Waters Much Warmer Than Normal

CDAS Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (°C) (based on CFSR 1981-2010 Climatology)

Analysis Time: 12z May 17 2021

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# Colorado State University 2021 Outlook

## 2021 FORECAST AS OF 8 APRIL 2021

Forecast Parameter	CSU Forecast	1981-2010* Average
Named Storms (NS)	17	12.1
Named Storm Days (NSD)	80	59.4
Hurricanes (H)	8	6.4
Hurricane Days (HD)	35	24.2
Major Hurricanes (MH)	4	2.7
Major Hurricane Days (MHD)	9	6.2
Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE)	150	106
Net Tropical Cyclone Activity (NTC)	160	116

*\*CSU will change its climatology from 1981-2010 to the new climatology that NOAA decides to use with its seasonal outlooks*