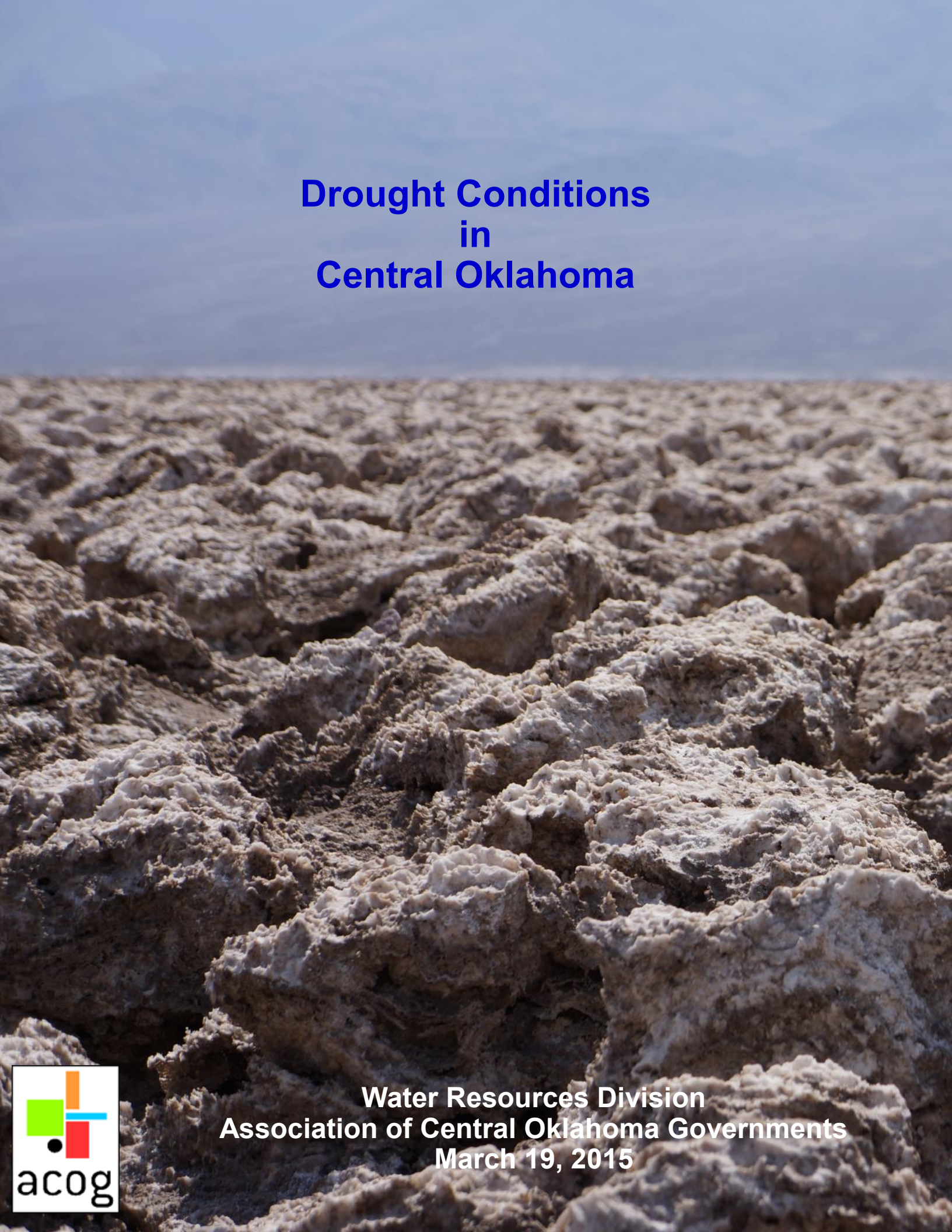
Drought Conditions in Central Oklahoma



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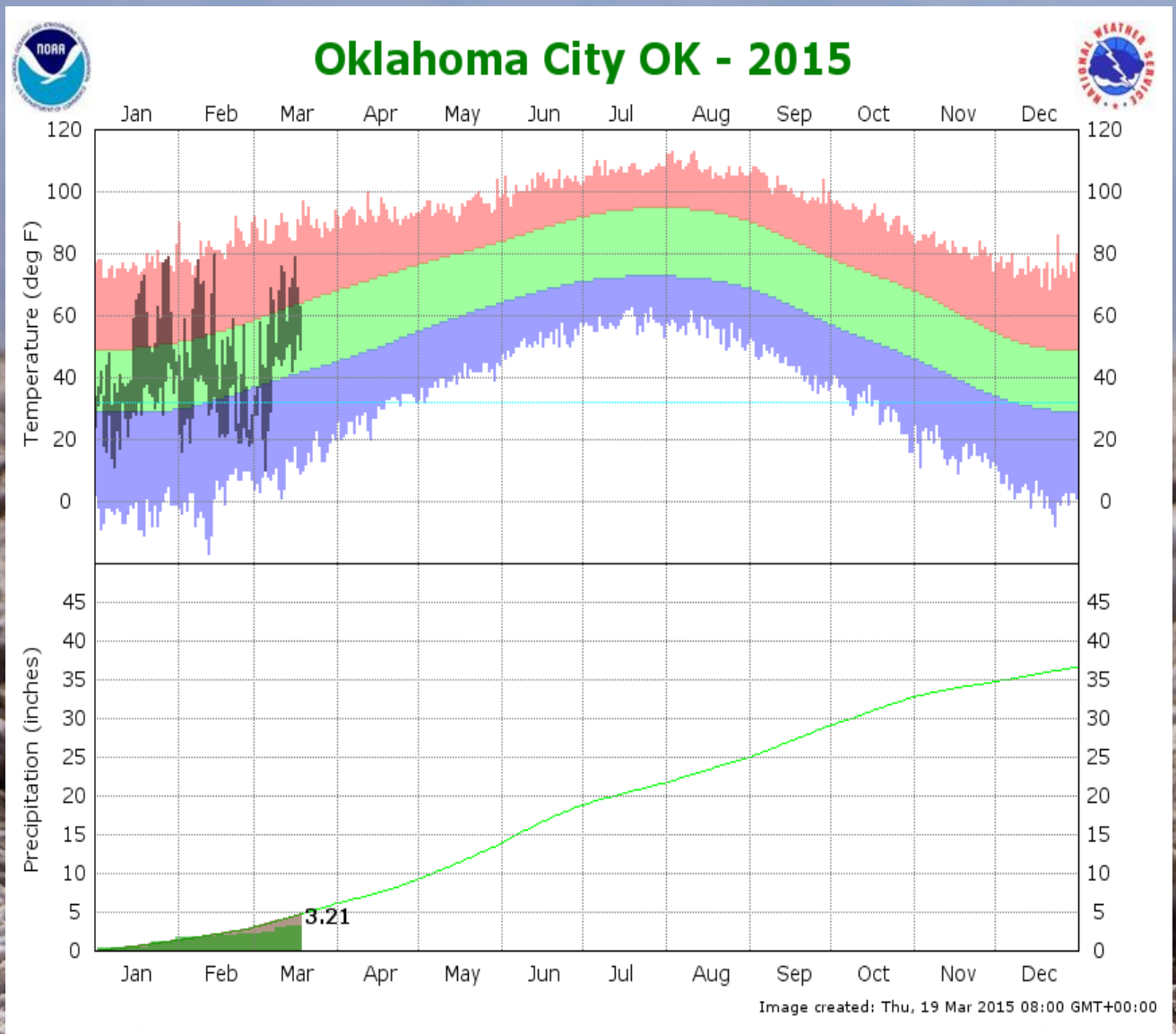
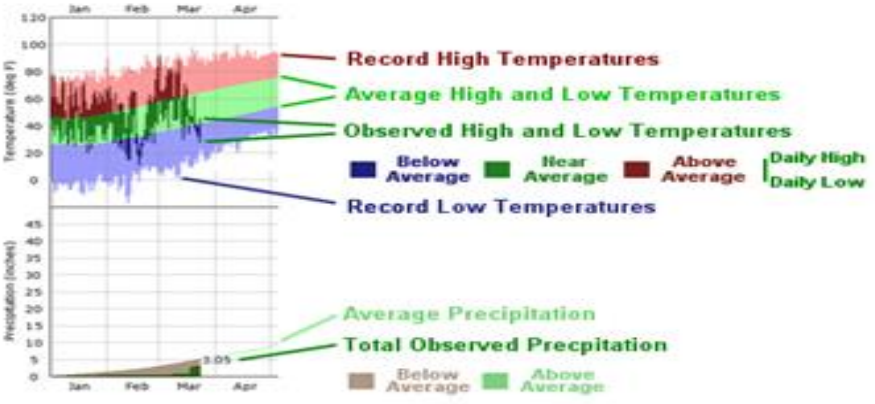
March 19, 2015

Temperature and Precipitation Plot for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for 2015





http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/climate/graphdisplay.php?city=okc&year=2015

Rainfall Summaries by Oklahoma Climate Division

Calendar Year 01-Jan-2015 though 18-Mar-2015

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	1.73"	-1.62"	52%	24th driest	0.30" (1996)	7.63" (2004)
Central	3.33"	-1.65"	67%	33rd driest	0.91" (1936)	12.72" (1990)
S. Central	5.71"	-0.60"	91%	44th wettest	1.08" (1967)	14.36" (1990)
Statewide	3.96"	-1.13"	78%	36th driest	1.05" (1972)	11.33" (1990)

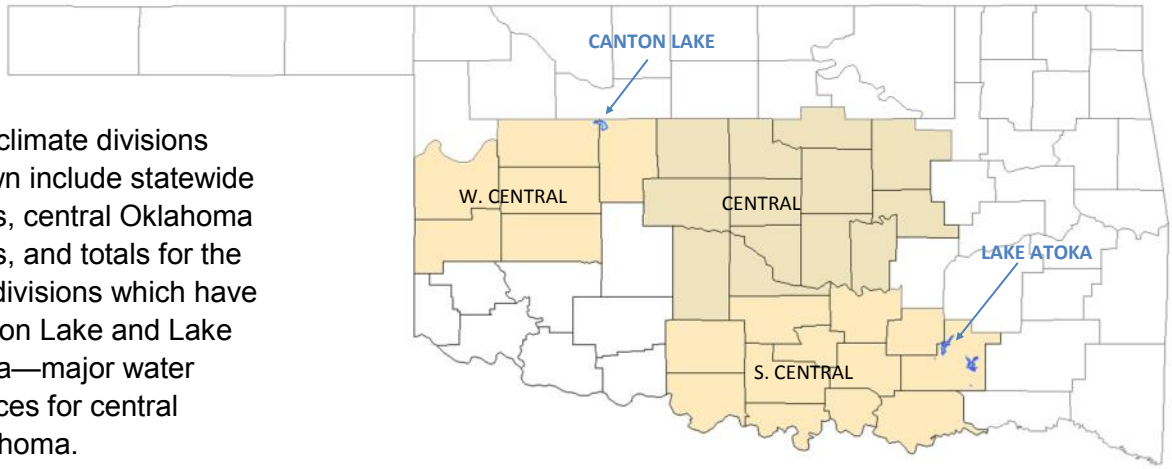
Water Year: 01-Oct-2014 through 18-Mar-2015

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 peri-	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	6.26"	-2.63"	70%	40th driest	1.48" (1966-67)	17.65" (1986-87)
Central	9.98"	-3.11"	76%	40th driest	3.33" (1966-67)	23.82" (1984-85)
S. Central	14.59"	-1.41"	91%	39th wettest	4.03" (1966-67)	27.21" (2000-01)
Statewide	10.91"	-2.26"	83%	45th driest	3.87" (1966-67)	20.24" (1984-85)

Spring 01-Mar-2015 through 18-Mar-2015

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 peri-	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	0.24"	-1.04"	18%	26th driest	0.00" (1989)	4.00" (1998)
Central	1.44"	-0.31"	83%	35th wettest	0.01" (1962)	6.50" (1990)
S. Central	2.38"	+0.41"	121%	20th wettest	0.04" (2005)	5.45" (1990)
Statewide	1.73"	+0.03"	102%	26th wettest	0.06" (1962)	4.46" (1990)

The climate divisions shown include statewide totals, central Oklahoma totals, and totals for the two divisions which have Canton Lake and Lake Atoka—major water sources for central Oklahoma.



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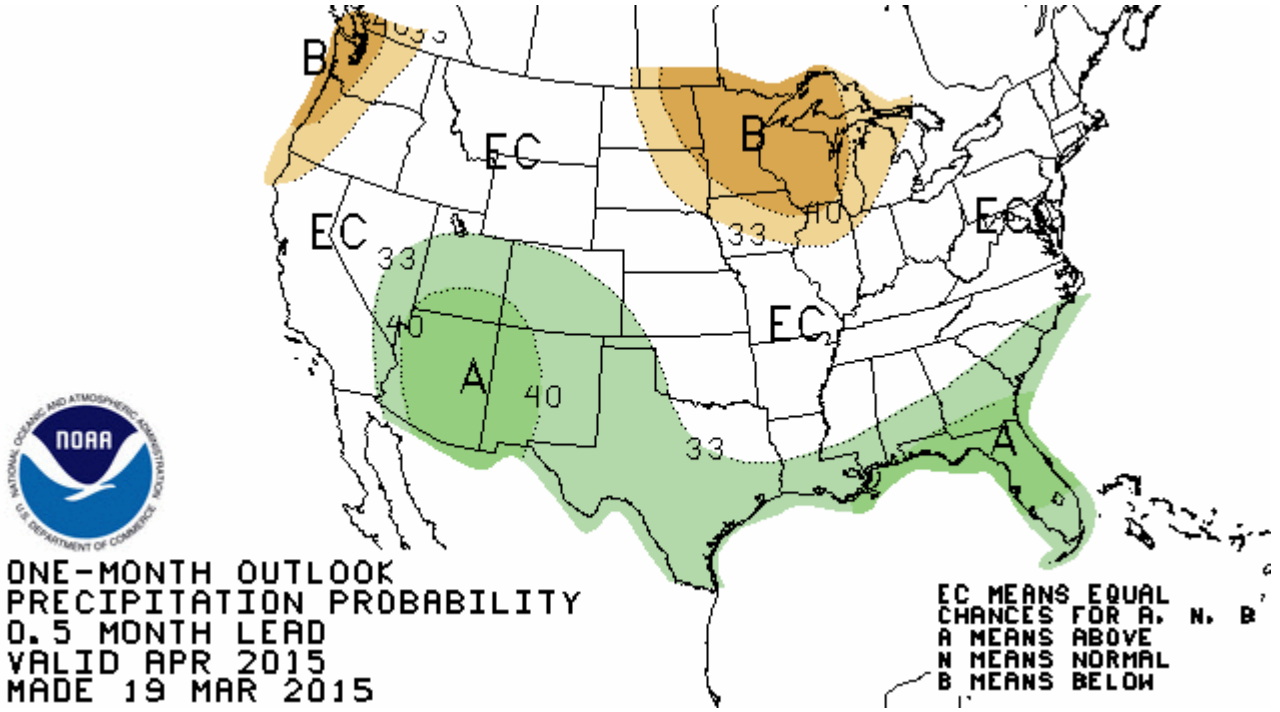
NOAA One-Month Outlook



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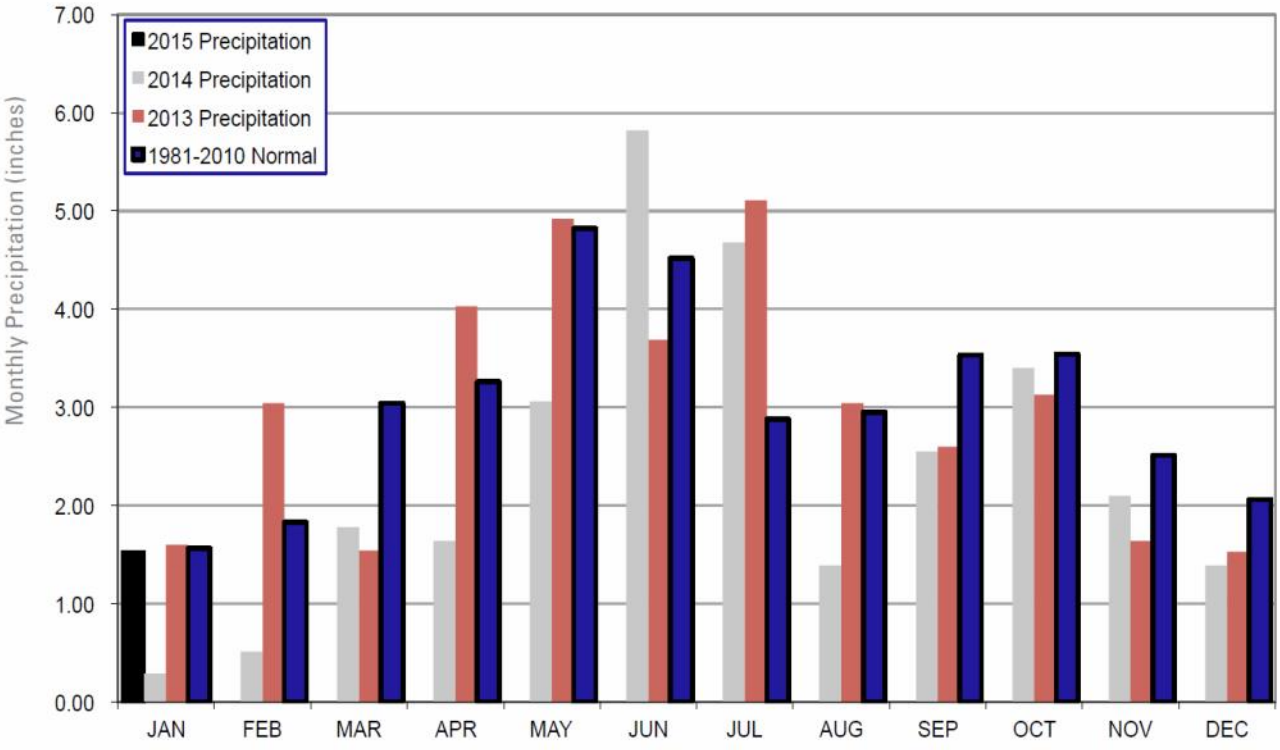
White areas are shown as EC (Equal Chance) on these maps represent areas where there are no strong climate signals from the climate tools to have skill in preferring one category over another. That doesn't mean that there are equal chances of each of the categories occurring – it means that currently there is no skill in identifying the most likely category. In these areas, it is best to be prepared for all possibilities.

Statewide Precipitation Monthly Totals vs. Normal



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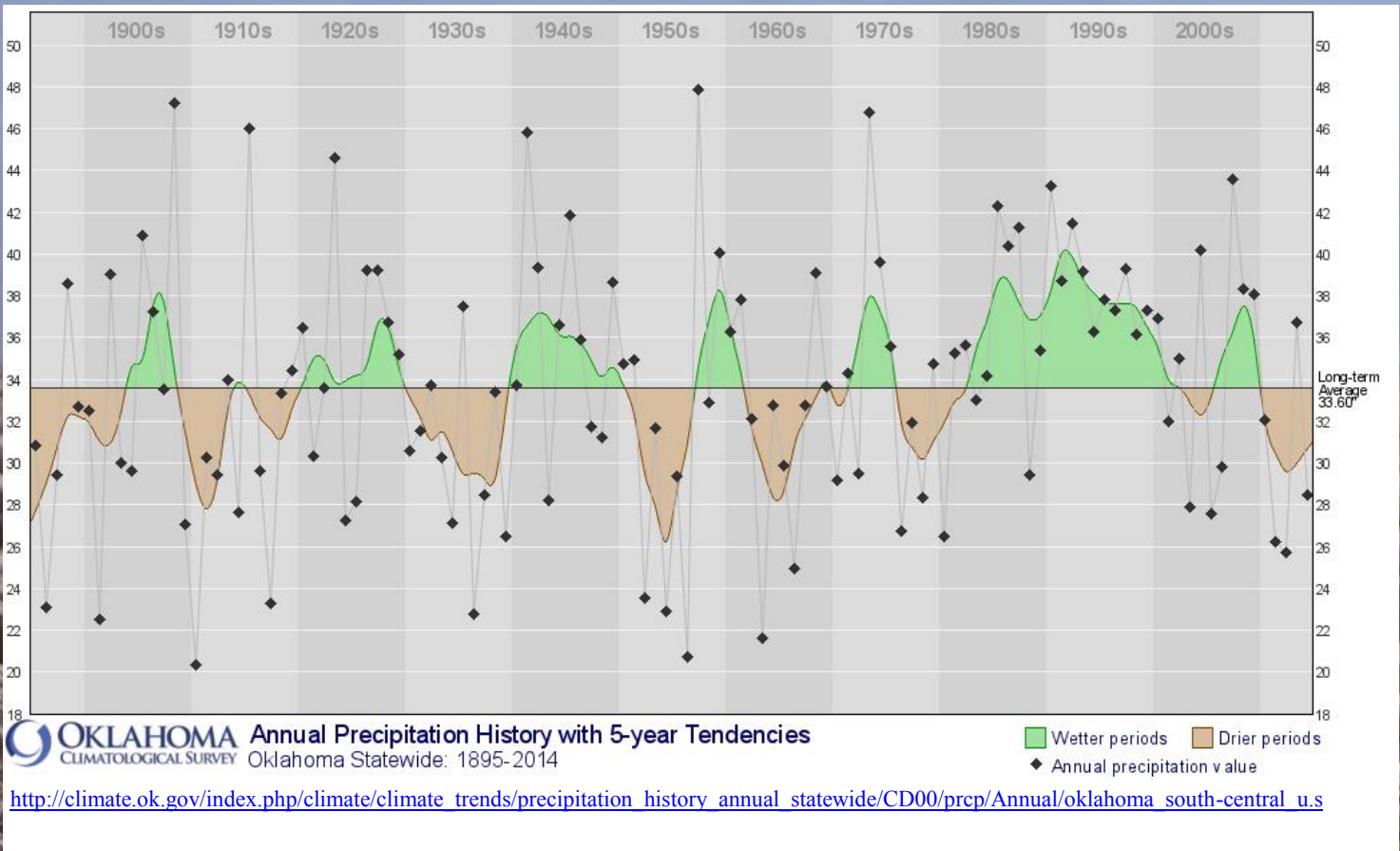
Annual Precipitation History with 5-Year Tendencies



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This graph shows the cyclical nature of wet and drought periods in Oklahoma. The black dots represent the annual precipitation for that particular year. The line represents the annual precipitation data smoothed over five years. This smoothed line shows well the wet periods (shaded green) and the drought periods (shaded brown). The drought cycles appear to average about five to eight years in length.

We are currently in Year 5 of a eight to ten year drought cycle.

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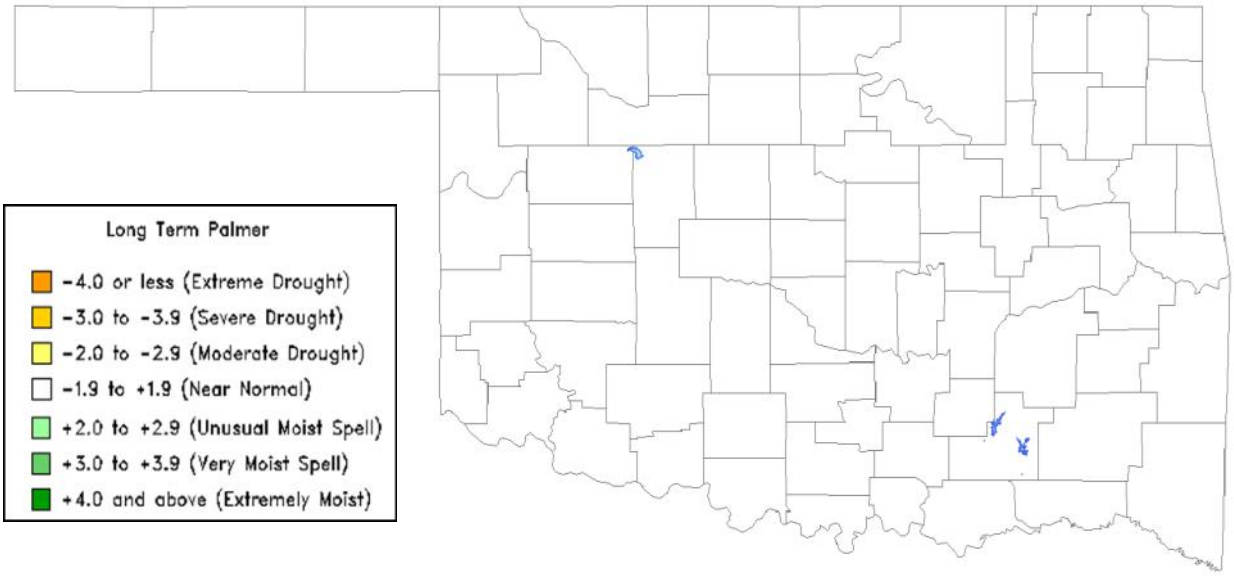
Drought Severity Index by Climate Division

Palmer Weekly Value for Period FEB 28 2015



http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/drought/weekly-palmers.php?year=2014&month=04&day=12

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The Palmer Drought Index (PDI) maps show long-term (cumulative) meteorological drought and wet conditions. The maps show how the geographical pattern of the long-term (meteorological) moisture conditions has changed over the last 12 months. On these maps, the red shading denotes drought conditions while the green shading indicates wet conditions.

For an animated gif of the long term PDI see http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/research/prelim/drought/pdiimage.html.

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U.S. Drought Monitor

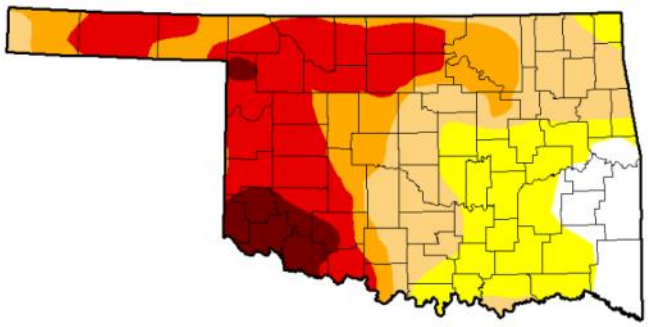
Regional Map Week of 17 MAR 2015

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2015-03-17	8.63	91.37	70.50	47.81	31.72	5.75
Last Week	2015-03-10	2.17	97.83	70.50	47.81	28.29	5.75
3 Months Ago	2014-12-16	28.03	71.97	61.04	40.84	21.67	5.71
Start of Calendar Year	2014-12-30	25.63	74.37	62.03	40.84	21.74	5.70
Start of Water Year	2014-09-30	8.55	91.45	73.31	58.13	20.92	4.64
One Year Ago	2014-03-18	4.05	95.95	77.25	30.25	14.72	4.07

U.S. Drought Monitor

Oklahoma

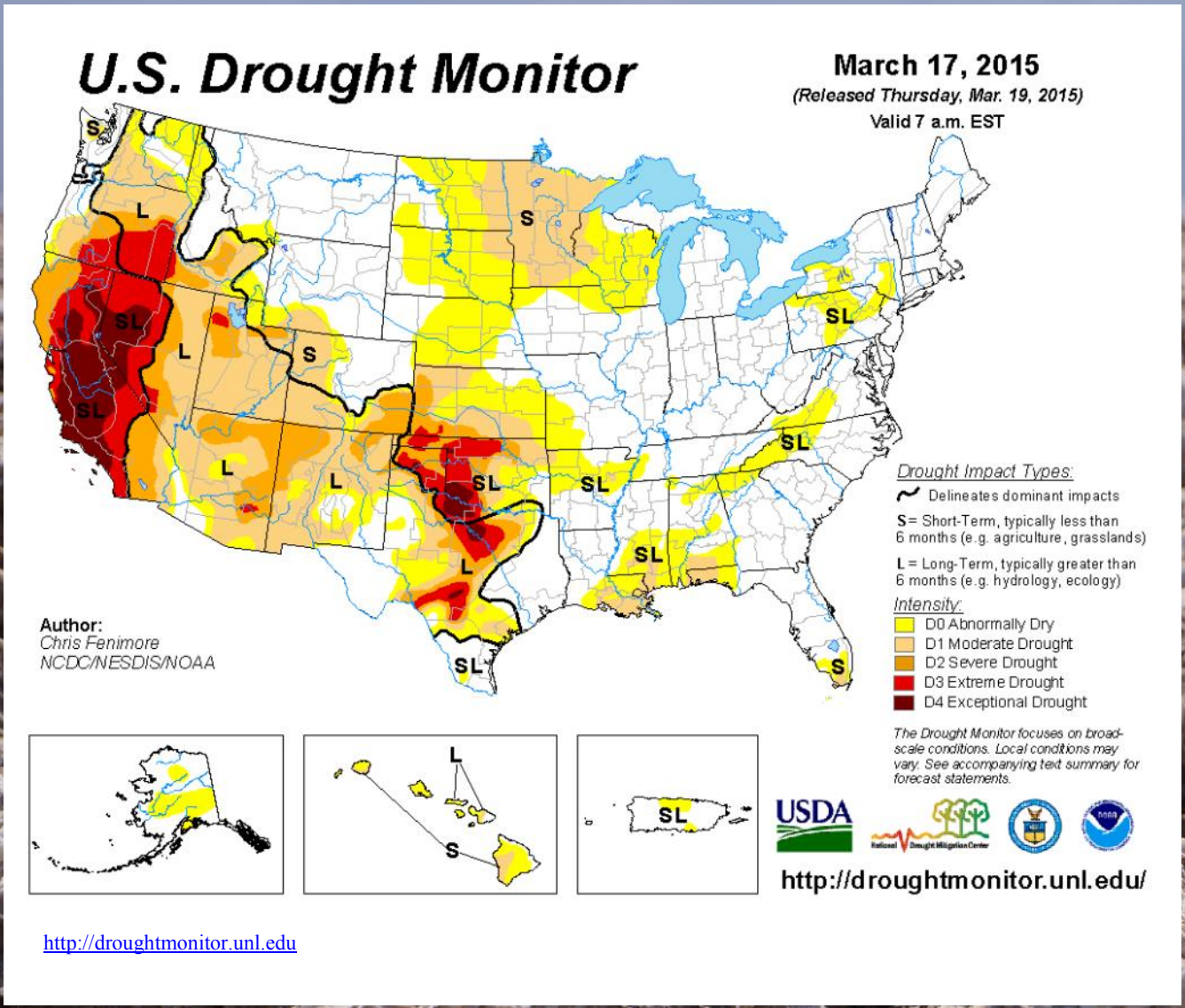


Population Affected by Drought: **3,069,279**

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

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?OK

U.S. Drought Monitor Nationwide Map



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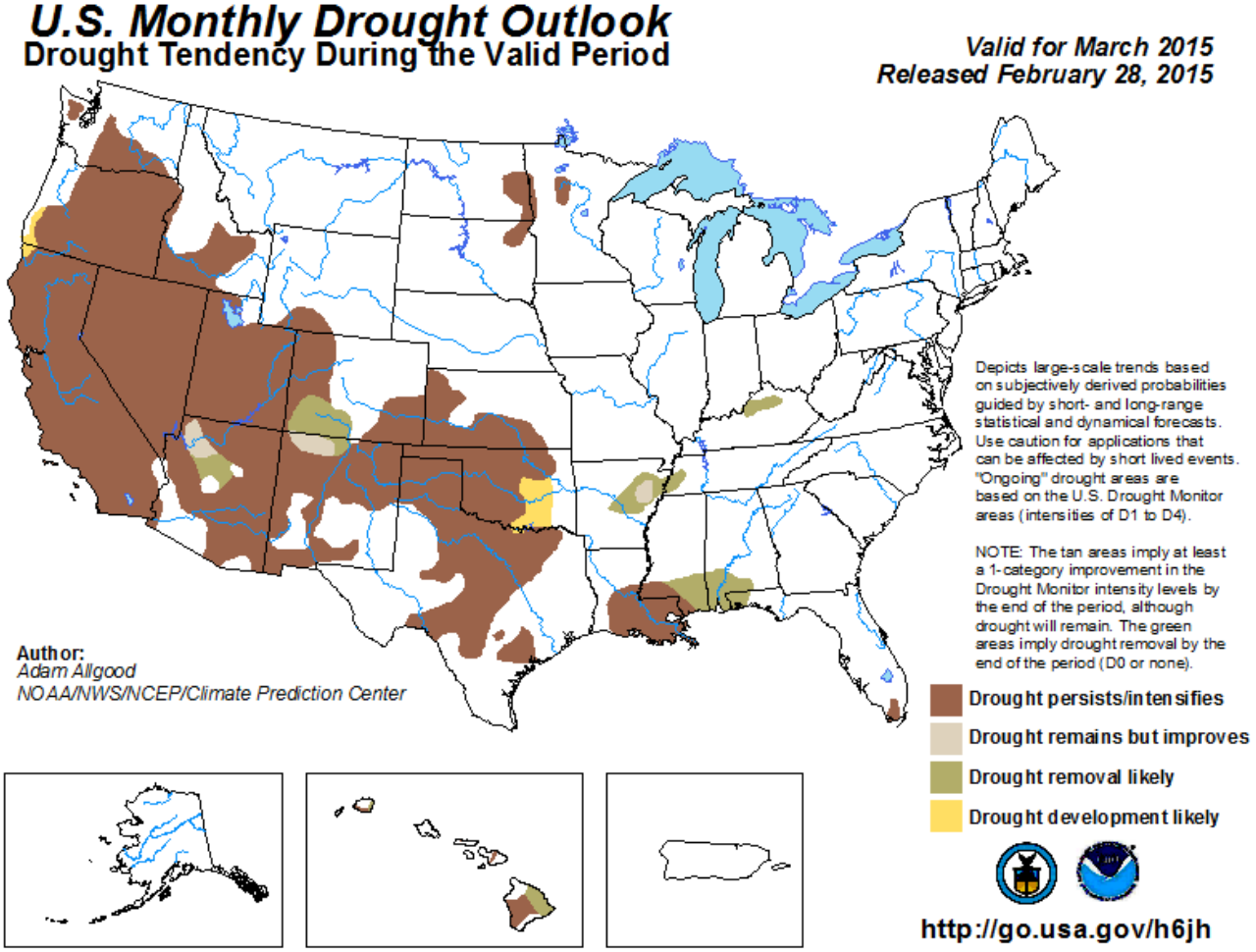
Monthly Drought Outlook Map



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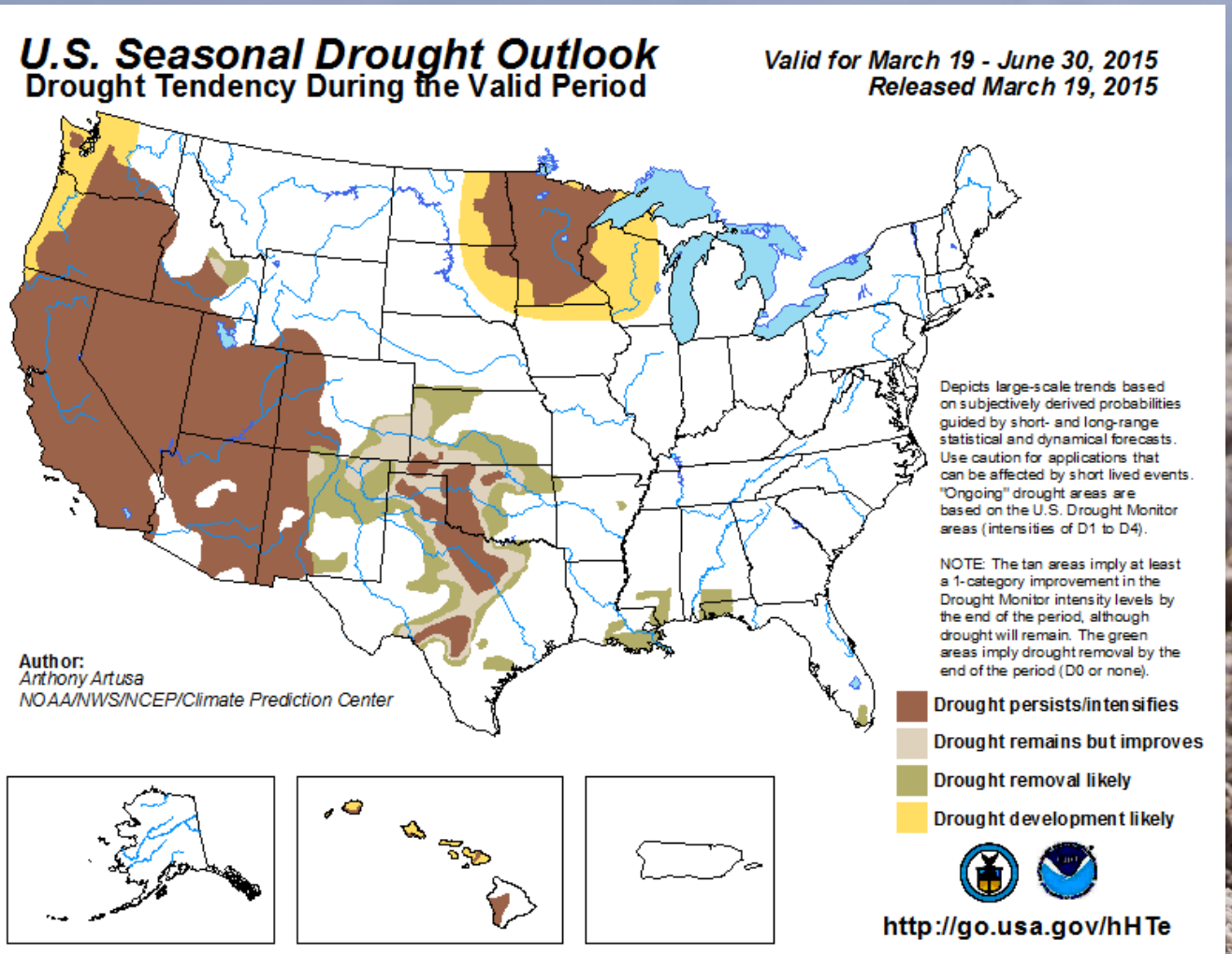
Seasonal Drought Outlook Map



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USGS Streamflow Data

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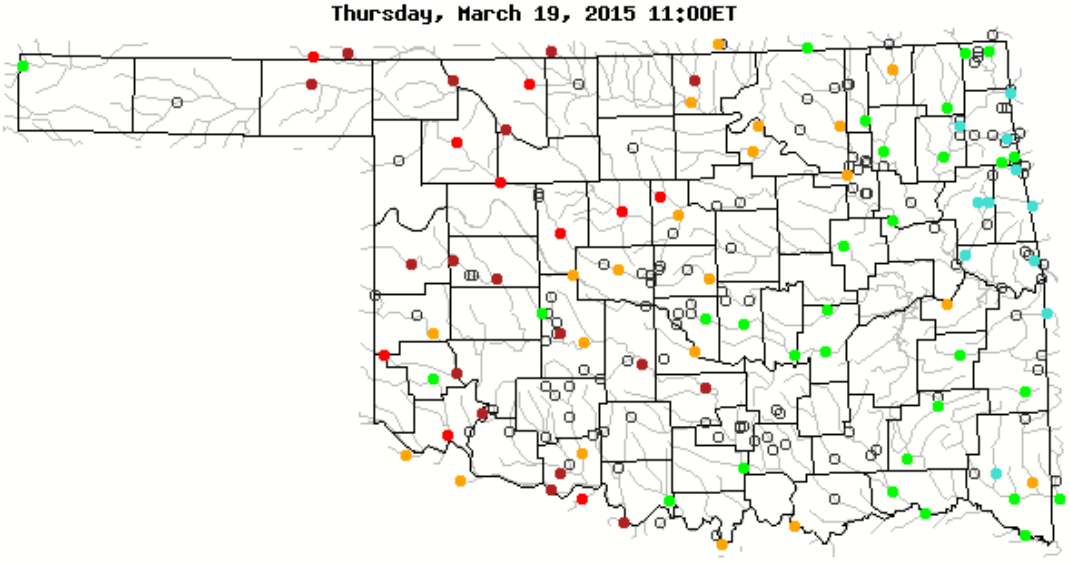

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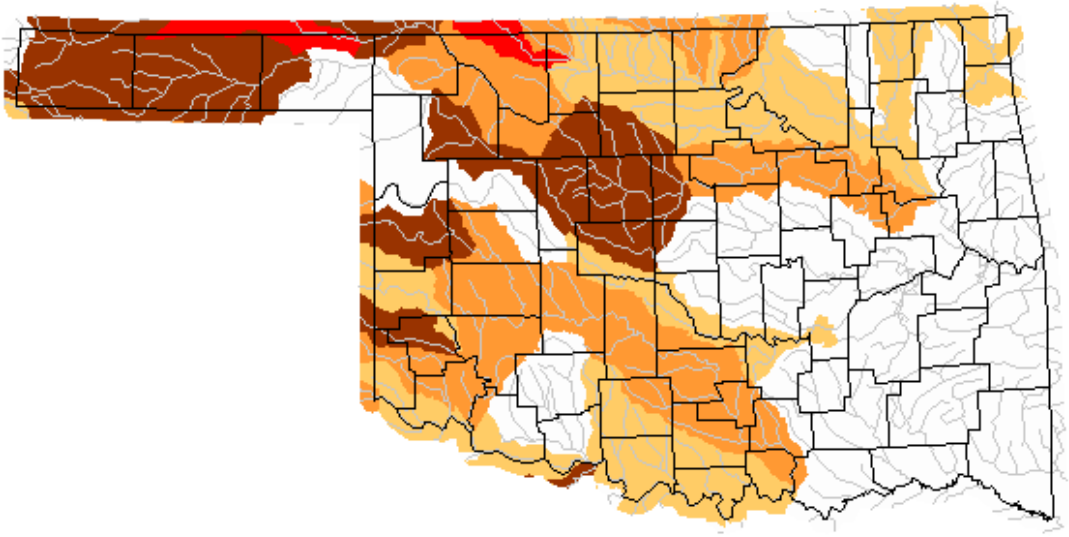
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	Not-ranked
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Wednesday, March 18, 2015



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Explanation - Percentile classes				
Low	<=5	6-9	10-24	Insufficient data for a hydrologic region
Extreme hydrologic drought	Severe hydrologic drought	Moderate hydrologic drought	Below normal	

http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/new/?m=real&r=ok&w=map

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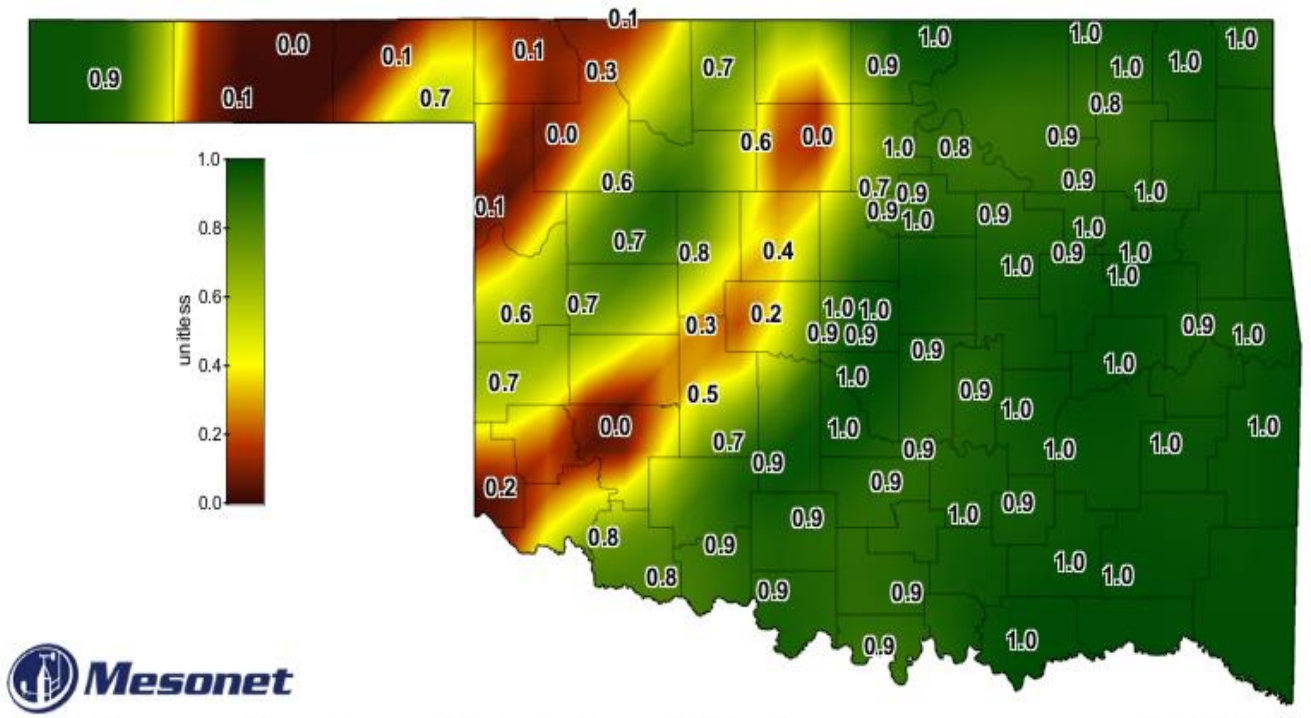
SOIL MOISTURE MAP



- 1.0 - 0.8 Enhanced Growth
- 0.8 – 0.5 Limited Growth
- 0.5 – 0.3 Plants Wilting
- 0.3 - 0.1 Plants Dying
- < 0.1 Barren Soil

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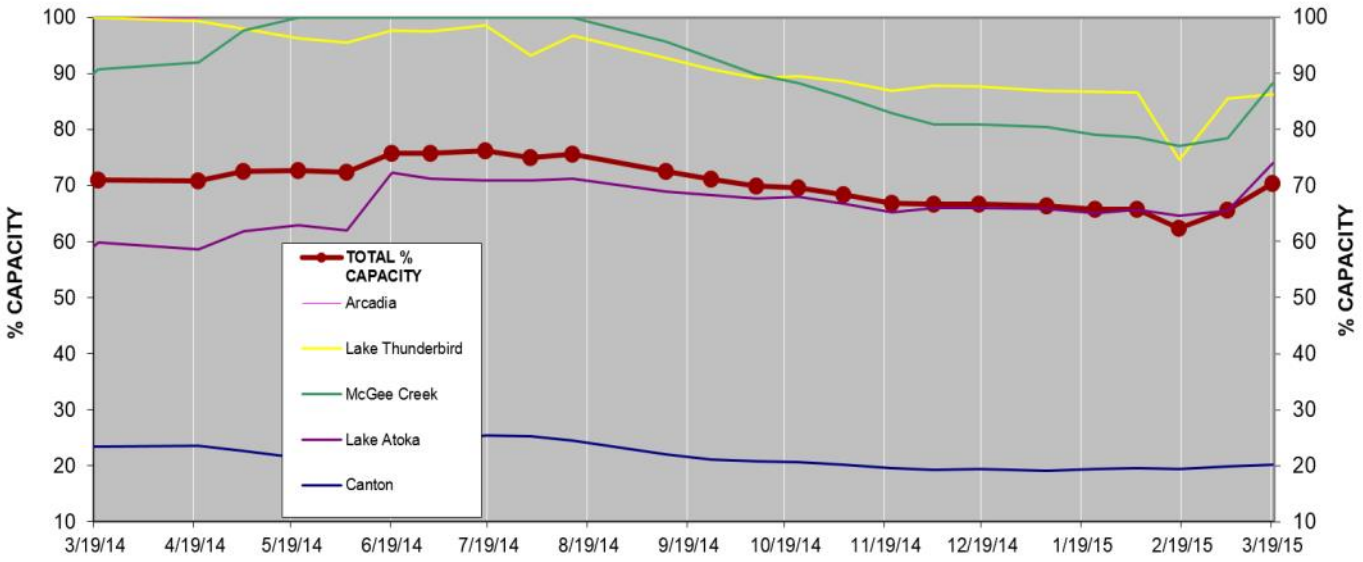
Percent of Surface Water Conservation Storage
Central OK Reservoirs



Lake Hefner and Lake Overholser are terminal storage for Canton Lake. Lake Draper is terminal storage for McGee Creek and Atoka Lakes.

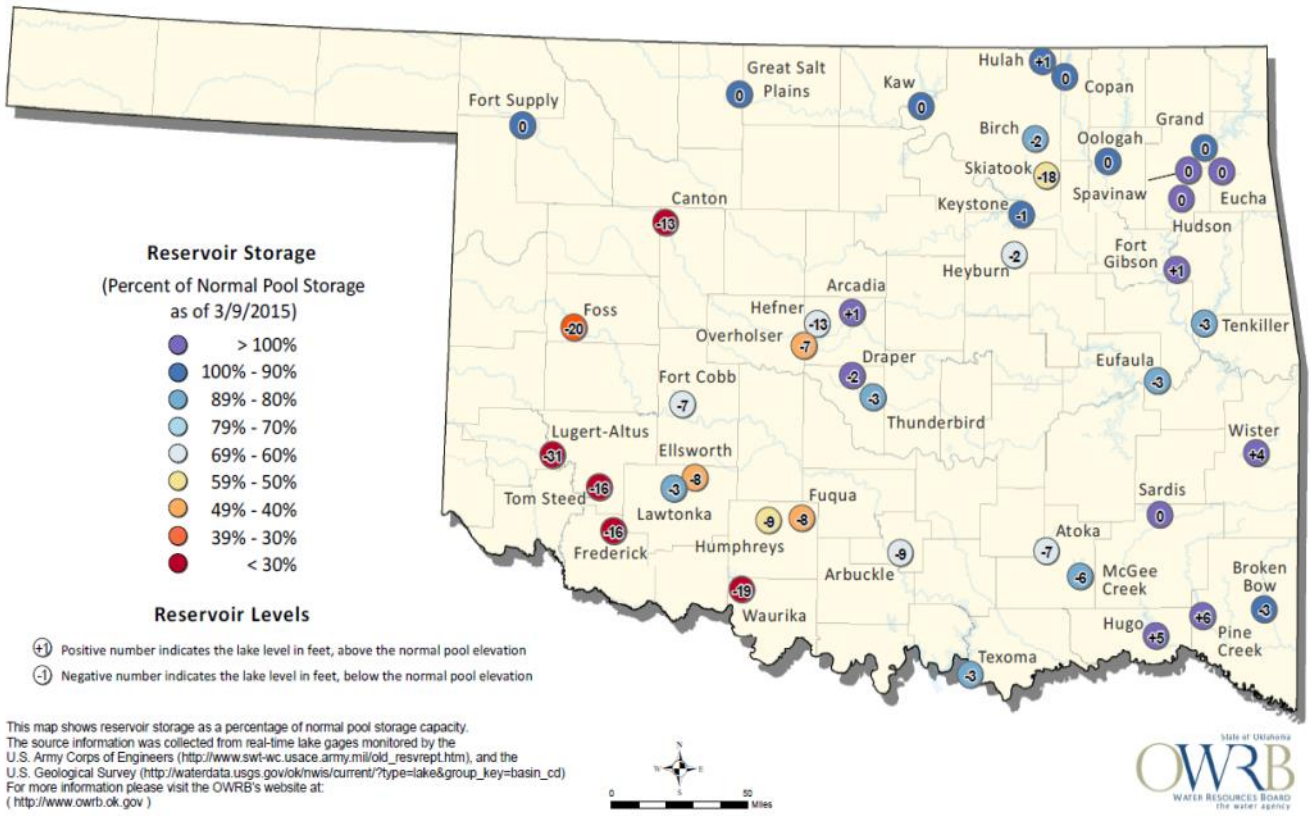
LAKE	% CAPACITY	% CHANGE FROM 3/5/2015
Canton	20.2	0.4
Arcadia	100.0	0.0
Lake Thunderbird	86.2	0.7
McGee Creek	88.3	9.8
Lake Atoka	74.0	8.4
TOTAL % CAPACITY	70.3	4.8

http://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/old_resvrept.htm http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ok/nwis/dv/?site_no=07333010&agency_cd=USGS&referred_module=sw

The graph is the amount of water stored in five major lakes that supply water to central Oklahoma as a percent of capacity over the past year.

Oklahoma Surface Water Resources

Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 3/9/2015



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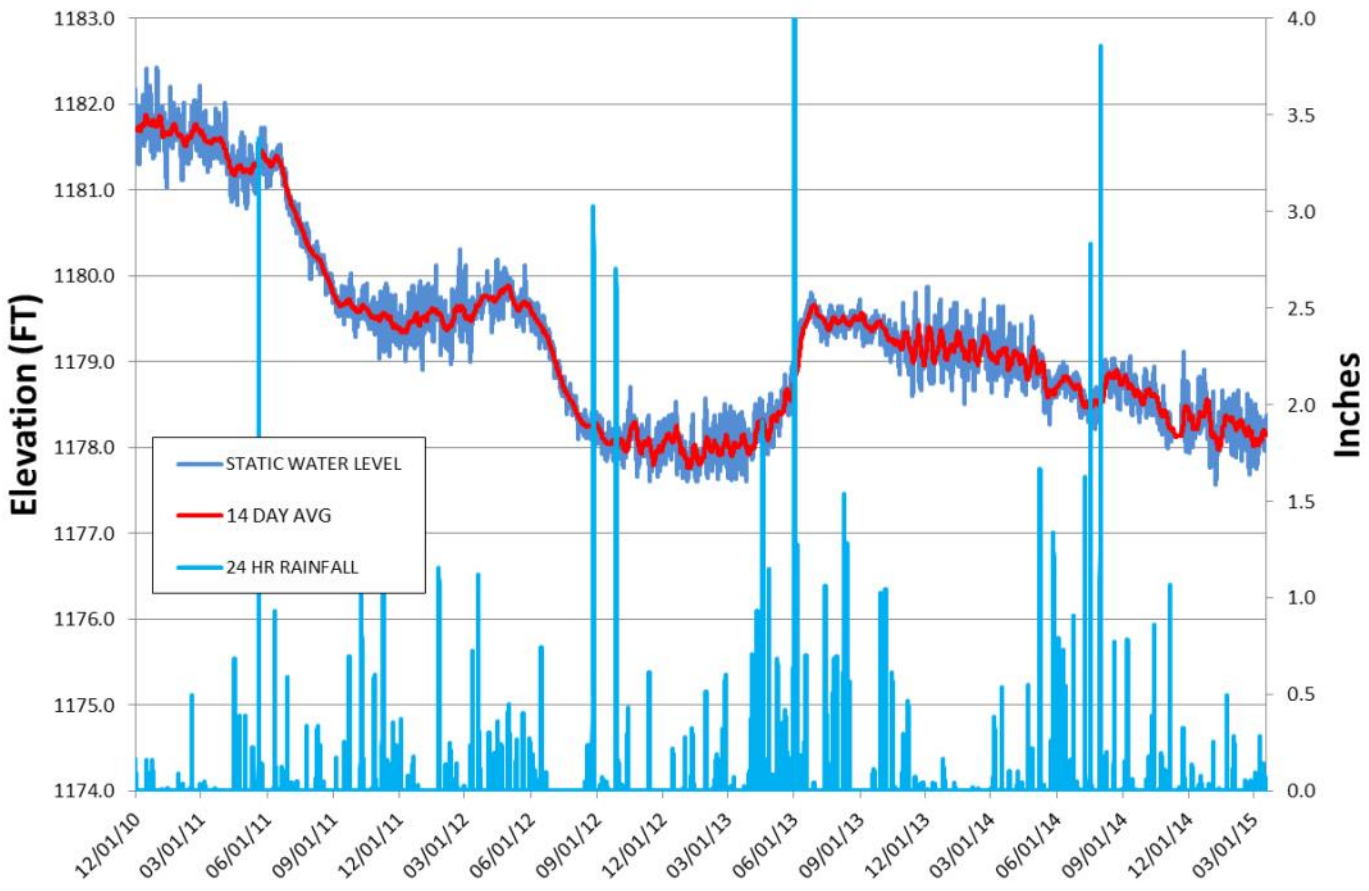
Groundwater Levels
Spencer Mesonet Station



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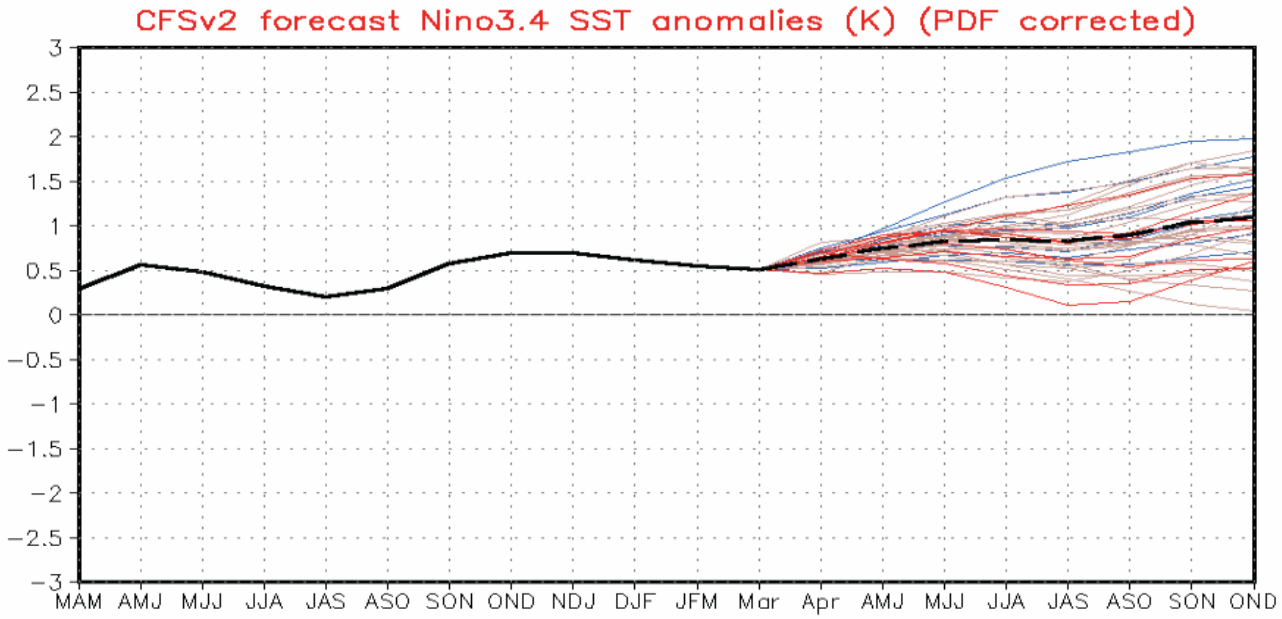
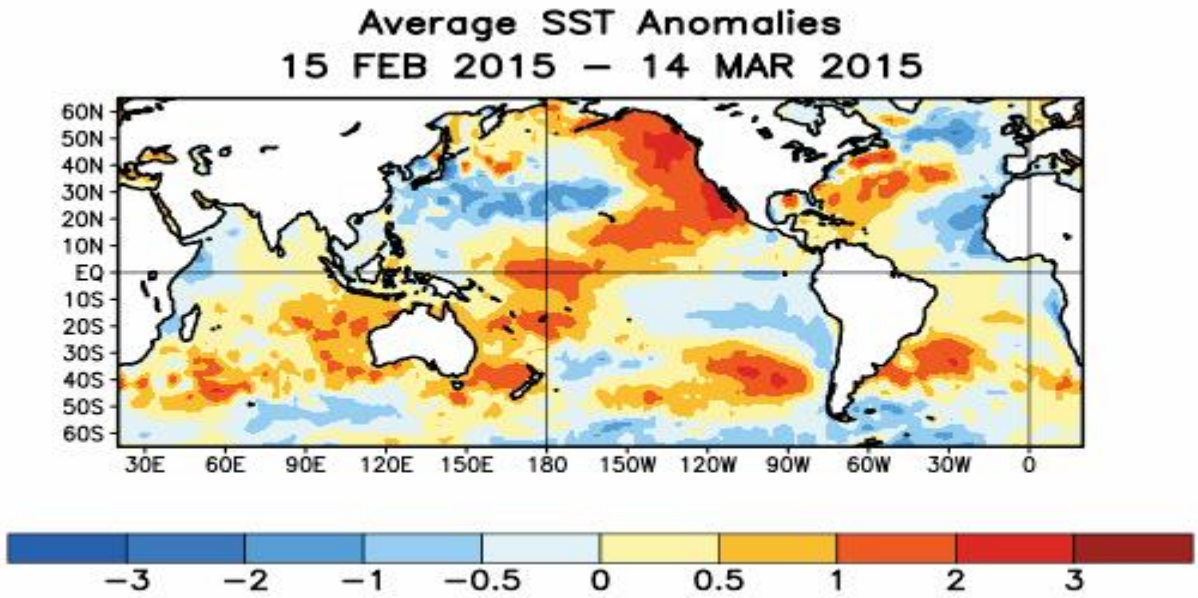
ENSO Cycle
Recent Evolution, Current Status and Predictions





Summary

ENSO Alert System Status: El Niño Watch

- El Niño conditions are present.
- Positive equatorial sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies continue across the western and central Pacific, while near average SSTs are evident in the eastern Pacific.
- There is an approximately 50-60% chance that El Niño conditions will continue through Northern Hemisphere summer 2015.

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/lanina/enso_evolution-status-fcsts-web.pdf

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