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The following change was made:

The name of the CPC hazard products (3-7 Hazards Assessment and Global Tropics Hazards/Benefits Assessment) have been changed. In addition, the U.S. Hazards Assessment has been changed to have two sets of forecast maps, (1) 4 maps for the Days 4-7 period and (2) 4 maps for the Days 8-14 period. The new titles for these products are the U.S. Hazards Outlook and the Global Tropics Hazards/Benefits Outlook.

Specific time reference to 1971-2000 in the climatological period has been removed. Thus, in the future periodic changes in the climatological reference period will be made only in NWSI 10-1004, where the climatological reference period is defined.

All other aspects of this instruction remain unchanged from the previous version.

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1. Introduction. This instructional directive describes the narrative and graphical climate outlook products issued by the National Weather Service’s (NWS) Climate Prediction Center (CPC). CPC is also responsible for verification of the outlooks. Details on verification are at [Instruction 10-1601 \(Verification Procedures\)](#). Product World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headings and Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) identifiers are listed for products transmitted on NWS dissemination systems. All products are posted on <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>

2. Three-Month Outlooks (Contiguous U.S. and Alaska). Lead time is indicated by the number in the WMO heading and last letter in the AWIPS ID. (i.e. 01 and A have a lead time of 0.5 month, 02 and B have a lead time of 1.5 months, etc.)

Temperature		Precipitation	
WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
PTIW(01-13) KWBC	RBGLT(A-M)	PEIW(01-13) KWBC	RBGLE(A-M)

2.1 Mission Connection. CPC issues a series of thirteen three-month temperature and precipitation outlooks to provide information to decision makers in weather and climate activities sensitive to seasonal and inter-annual climate variation. Since these outlooks pertain to the average temperature and total precipitation for the entire valid period and **not** to the variability within it, they will **not** help people planning events for specific dates or sub-periods. The outlooks will be of most use for economic and business planning, particularly when used with Base Period Means ([see Instruction 10-1004](#)).

2.2 Issuance Guidelines.

2.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses the General Meteorological Package (GEMPAK) software as an input into National Center Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (NAWIPS).

2.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

2.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues these 13 outlooks simultaneously once a month on the third Thursday of the month at around 8:30 a.m. Eastern local time.

2.2.4 Valid Time. CPC will issue the 13 outlooks with lead times from 0.5 months to 12.5 months. For example, in mid-January, CPC will issue Three-Month Outlooks for February through April, March through May, April through June, and so on to February through April of the following year.

2.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The 0.5 month lead time outlook expires at the beginning of the valid time of that outlook. The other outlooks expire when the next set of outlooks are issued (i.e. on the third Thursday of the following month).

2.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section. CPC develops the outlooks using tools applied to each of 102 areal climate outlook divisions (Figure 1) in the contiguous United States and 24 site specific cities in Alaska. Each areal climate outlook division is composed of one (or more) [National Climatic Data Center \(NCDC\)](#) climate data division(s).

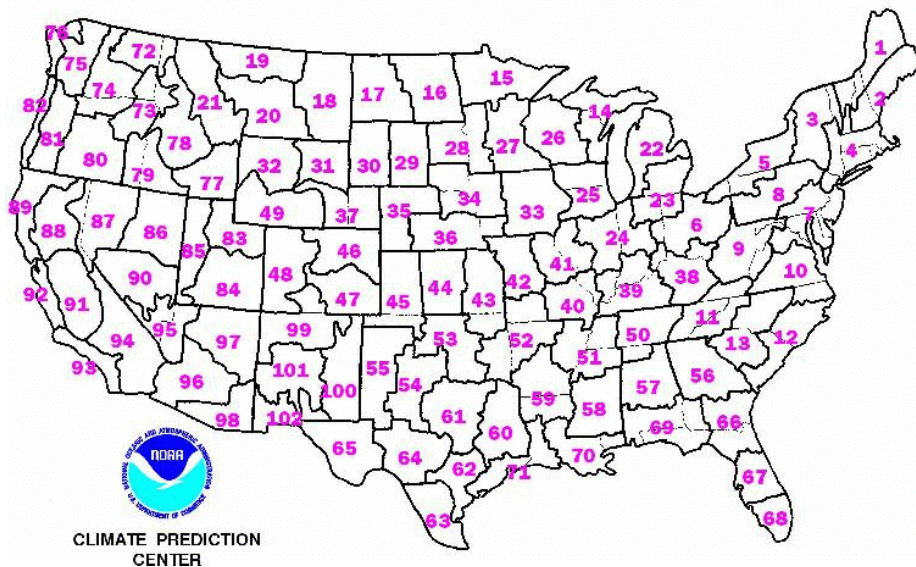


Figure 1. CPC climate outlook divisions in contiguous U.S.

2.3.1 Content. CPC will express the outlooks in a 3-category probabilistic format as the chance the mean temperature or total precipitation for the period will fall into the most likely of three classes: above, below, or near normal. For each outlook divisional area and Alaskan city, CPC defines the classes as climatologically equally likely: the top 10 cases of a thirty year record define the above category (A); the middle 10 cases define the normal category (N), and the bottom 10 cases defining the below category (B). For areas where a favored class cannot be determined, CPC will indicate those areas with a "EC." EC means equal chances for each of the three climatological classes for the outlook's valid period. For each of the thirteen three-month outlook periods (January through March, February through April, etc.), CPC uses the 30-year mean temperature and 30-year mean total precipitation for the climatology and class limits. CPC updates this information on climatology and its reference period once per decade. See [Instruction 10-1004](#) for details.

2.3.2 Format. CPC will indicate the total probability for the most likely class with solid contour lines. They will label the centers of maximum probability with the letters A, N, or B to denote the most likely class. For areas where a favored class cannot be determined, CPC will indicate those areas with a "EC" and not have contours. For example, if the probability for the above normal temperature class exceeds 40 percent for a given area and is the most likely class,

then CPC will encircle the area by a probability contour of 40 percent on the temperature outlook chart and label the area with the letter A.

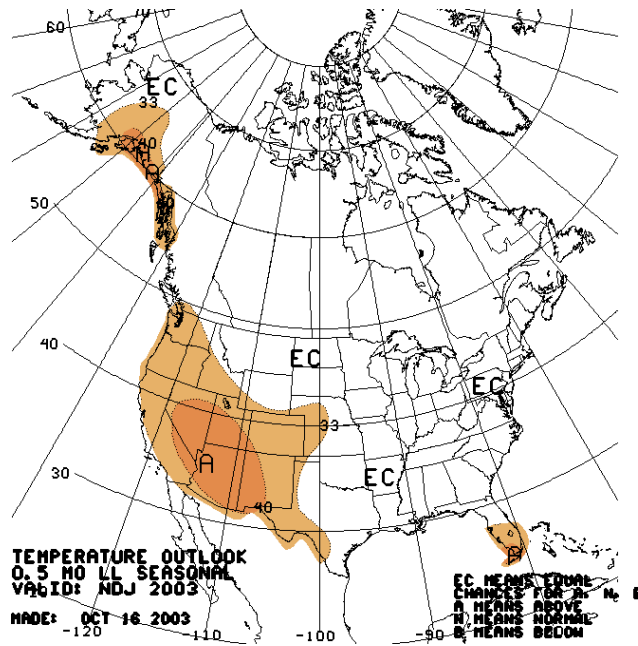


Figure 2. Three-month temperature outlook (Nov. 2003 through Jan. 2004, 0.5 mo. lead time)

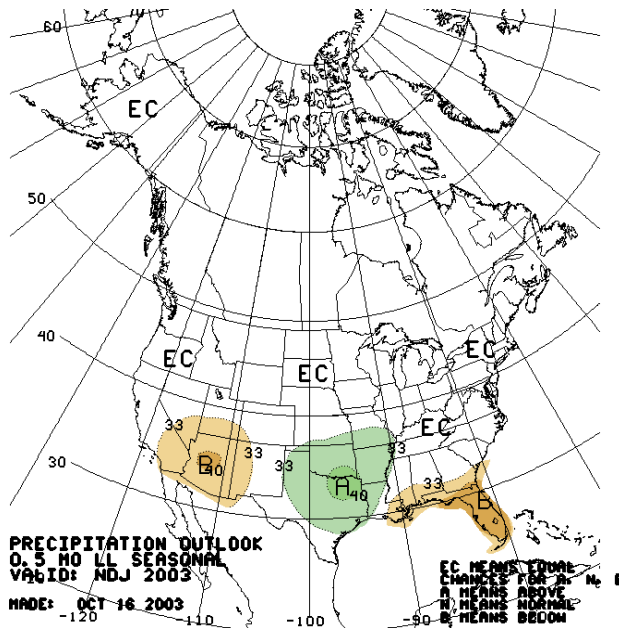


Figure 3. Three-month precipitation outlook (Nov. 2003 through Jan. 2004, 0.5 mo. lead time)

2.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

3. Three-Month Outlooks Discussion (Contiguous U.S. and Alaska)

WMO heading - FXUS05 KWBC AWIPS ID - PMD90D

3.1 Mission Connection. This discussion provides technical insight to further assist decision makers in weather and climate sensitive activities in their decisions.

3.2 Issuance Guidelines.

3.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses a text editor.

3.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

3.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues these products once a month on the third Thursday of the month at around 8:30 a.m. Eastern local time.

3.2.4 Valid Time. The discussion is valid from 0.5 months to 15.5 months after issuance.

3.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The discussion expires with the issuance of the next discussion one month later (i.e. the third Thursday of the following month).

3.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

3.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header.

**PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION FOR 3-MONTH LONG-LEAD OUTLOOKS
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD**

3.3.2 Content. CPC will give the meteorological and climatological basis for the outlooks. CPC may include analyses of statistical and numerical models, a coupled atmospheric/ocean numerical model, meteorological and sea-surface temperature patterns, trends and past analogs, and confidence factors.

3.3.3 Format. The following is a generic format.

**PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION FOR 3-MONTH LONG-LEAD OUTLOOKS
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD
300 PM E-T THU mo. ## 20--**

SUMMARY OF THE OUTLOOK FOR NON-TECHNICAL USERS
(text)

BASIS AND SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT LONG-LEAD OUTLOOK

(text)

CURRENT ATMOSPHERIC AND OCEANIC CONDITIONS

(text)

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION OF SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE FORECASTS

(text)

**PROGNOSTIC TOOLS USED FOR U.S. TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION
OUTLOOK**

(text)

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION OF OUTLOOKS - ... TO ...

TEMPERATURE:

(text)

PRECIPITATION:

(text)

FORECASTERS: name(s) – (optional)

**FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE STANDARD FORECAST TOOLS - THEIR SKILL - AND
THE FORECAST FORMAT PLEASE SEE OUR WEB PAGE AT: (url)**

**INFORMATION ON THE FORMULATION AND SKILL OF THE OUTLOOKS FROM
CONSTRUCTED ANALOG FOR SOIL MOISTURE MAY BE FOUND AT: (url)**

**NOTES - THESE CLIMATE OUTLOOKS ARE INTENDED FOR USE PRIOR TO THE
START OF THEIR VALID PERIODS. WITHIN ANY GIVEN VALID PERIOD
OBSERVATIONS AND SHORT AND MEDIUM RANGE FORECASTS SHOULD BE
CONSULTED.**

**THIS SET OF OUTLOOKS WILL BE SUPERSEDED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE NEW
SET NEXT MONTH ON THURSDAY mo. ## 20--.**

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**3.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments.
They will issue corrections as needed.**

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4. Three-month Probability of Exceedence Outlooks (Selected U.S cities and divisions).

Lead time is indicated last letter in the AWIPS ID (i.e., A has a lead time of 0.5 month, B has a lead time of 1.5 months, etc.).

...Outlook Divisional Areas...

Temperature		Precipitation	
WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
FXUS(01-13)KWNC	POELT(A-M)	FXUS(61-73) KWNC	POELP(A-M)

Heating Degree Days		Cooling Degree Days	
WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
FXUS(28-40)KWNC	POELH(A-M)	FXUS(41-53) KWNC	POELC(A-M)

...Site Specific Cities...

Temperature		No Precipitation Outlooks
WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	
FXUS(01-13)KWNC	POECT(A-M)	

Heating Degree Days		Cooling Degree Days	
WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
FXUS(28-40)KWNC	POECH(A-M)	FXUS(41-53) KWNC	POECC(A-M)

4.1 Mission Connection. CPC issues a series of thirteen three-month probability of exceedence outlooks for temperature, precipitation, and heating and cooling degree days for the contiguous U.S. and Alaska. This provides information to decision makers in weather and climate sensitive activities and for businesses sensitive to seasonal and intra annual climate variation. These outlooks pertain to the mean (or areal average mean) temperature, total (or areal average total) precipitation, and total (or areal average) total heating or cooling degree days for an outlook's entire valid period and **not** to the variability within it. Therefore these outlooks will **not** help people planning events for specific dates or sub-periods. The Outlooks will be of most use for economic and business planning, particularly when used with climatic reference material ([see Instruction 10-1004](#)).

4.2 Issuance Guidelines.

4.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses a statistical postprocessing software program.

4.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

4.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues these outlooks simultaneously once a month on the third Thursday of the month around 8:30 a.m. Eastern local time.

4.2.4 Valid Time. CPC will issue the 13 three-month outlooks with lead times from 0.5 months to 12.5 months. For example, in mid-January, CPC will issue Three-Month Outlooks valid for February through April, March through May, April through June, and so on to February through April of the following year.

4.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The 0.5 month lead time outlook expires at the beginning of the valid time of that outlook. The other outlooks expire when the next set of outlooks are issued (i.e. the third Thursday of the following month).

4.3. Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

4.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header

(Parameter) PROB. OF EXCEEDENCE OUTLOOKS - (outlook divisions or cities)
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD

4.3.2 Content. CPC provides mean (or areal average mean) temperatures, total (or areal average total) precipitation amounts, and total (or areal average total) heating or cooling degree days for various probabilities of exceedence for a given city or climate outlook divisional area and three-month valid time. There are the 102 climate outlook divisions in the contiguous U.S (as shown in Figure 1 in section 2.3) and over 60 selected outlook cities (in the following list). Additional locations may be included to the list. These outlooks are statistically consistent with the Three-Month Outlooks described in Section 2.

The outlook city locations are as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>ID</u>
Albuquerque NM	ABQ	Atlanta GA	ATL	Austin TX	AUS
Birmingham AL	BHM	Bismarck ND	BIS	Boston MA	BOS
Buffalo NY	BUF	Charlotte NC	CLT	Chicago IL	MDW
Cincinnati OH	LUK	Cleveland OH	CLE	Columbus OH	CMH
Dallas TX	DAL	Dayton OH	DAY	Denver CO	DEN
Detroit MI	DET	El Paso TX	ELP	Fresno CA	FAT
Grand Rapids MI	GRR	Greensboro NC	GSO	Hartford CT	HFD
Houston TX	HOU	Indianapolis IN	IND	Jacksonville FL	JAX
Kansas City MO	MCI	Las Vegas NV	LAS	Los Angeles CA	LAX
Louisville KY	SDF	Memphis TN	MEM	Miami FL	MIA
Milwaukee WI	MKE	Minneapolis MN	MSP	Nashville TN	BNA
New Orleans LA	MSY	New York City NY	LGA	Norfolk VA	ORF
Oklahoma City OK	OKC	Omaha NE	OMA	Orlando FL	MCO
Phoenix AZ	PHX	Philadelphia PA	PHL	Pittsburgh PA	PIT
Portland OR	PDX	Providence RI	PVD	Raleigh NC	RDU
Rochester NY	ROC	Sacramento CA	SAC	Saint Louis MO	STL
Salt Lake City UT	SLC	San Antonio TX	SAT	San Diego CA	SAN
San Francisco CA	SFO	Seattle WA	SEA	Tampa FL	TPA
Washington DC	DCA	West Palm Beach FL	PBI	Anchorage AK	ANC
Annette AK	ANN	Barrow AK	BRW	Cold Bay AK	CDB
Fairbanks AK	FAI	Juneau AK	JNU	Kotzebue AK	OTZ
Nome AK	OME	Yakutat AK	YAK		

4.3.3 Format. For each climate outlook divisional area or city, CPC provides mean temperatures (°F in tenths), total precipitation amounts (inches in hundredths), and total heating and cooling degree days (whole °F) having various probabilities of exceedence from 98 to 2 percent. CPC also provides the 50 percent climatological probability of exceedence values.

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TEMPERATURE PROB. OF EXCEEDENCE OUTLOOKS - (outlook divisions or cities)
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD
300 PM E-T THU mo. day 20--
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VALID (three-month period)
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...TEMPERATURE IN FAHRENHEIT...
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#. (division or city) NAME CLIM LINE1
 98 95 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 5 2 LINE2
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1. (name) xx.x
  xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x xx.x
2. etc..
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----- DEGREE DAY PROB. OF EXCEEDENCE OUTLOOKS - (division areas or cities)
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD
300 PM E-T THU mo. day 20--
    
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VALID (three-month period)

...----- DEGREE DAYS IN FAHRENHEIT - 65F BASIS...

#.	DIVISION NAME				CLIM								LINE1
98	95	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	5	2	LINE2

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1. (name)                xxxxx
xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx
2. etc..
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PRECIPITATION PROB. OF EXCEEDENCE OUTLOOKS - OUTLOOK DIVISIONS
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD
300 PM E-T THU mo. day 20--
    
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VALID (three-month period)

...INCHES TIMES 100...

#.	DIVISION NAME				CLIM								LINE1
98	95	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	5	2	LINE2

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1. (name)                xxxxx
xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx
2. etc..
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4.4 Updates, Amendments and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

5. Three-month 50 Percent Probability of Exceedence Outlook Charts (Contiguous U.S.).

Lead time is indicated by the number in the WMO heading and last letter in the AWIPS ID (i.e., 01 and A have a lead time of 0.5 month, 02 and B have a lead time of 1.5 months, etc.).

Temperature		Precipitation	
WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
PTNV(01-13) KWNC	RBGCTA(A-M)	PENV(01-13) KWNC	RBGCP(A-M)

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5.1 Mission Connection. CPC issues a series of thirteen three-month graphical outlooks for the 50 percent probability of exceedence (or center probability distribution) for temperature and precipitation outlooks across the contiguous U.S. This provides information to decision makers in weather and climate sensitive activities and for businesses sensitive to seasonal and inter-annual climate variation. These outlooks pertain to the areal average temperature and areal average total precipitation for an outlook's entire valid period and **not** to the variability within it. Therefore these outlooks will **not** help people planning events for specific dates or sub-periods. The outlooks will be of most use for economic and business planning, particularly when used with climatic reference material ([see Instruction 10-1004](#)).

5.2 Issuance Guidelines.

5.2.1 Creation Software. CPC will use GEMPAK software as an input into NAWIPS.

5.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

5.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues these outlooks simultaneously once a month on the third Thursday of the month around 8:30 a.m. Eastern local time.

5.2.4 Valid Time. CPC will issue the 13 outlooks with lead times from 0.5 months to 12.5 months. For example, in mid-January, CPC will issue Three-Month Outlooks for February through April, March through May, April through June, and so on to February through April of the following year.

5.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The 0.5 month lead time outlook expires at the beginning of the valid time of that outlook. The other outlooks expire when the next set of outlooks are issued.

5.3. Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

5.3.1 Content. CPC provides precipitation and mean temperatures with a 50 percent (or center) probability of exceedence for a three-month valid time. These outlooks are consistent with the Three-Month Outlooks described in Section 2.

5.3.2 Format. CPC plots solid contours of the temperature and precipitation anomaly values from climatology using the 102 climate outlook divisional values assigned to the central points within the divisions. CPC uses a contour interval in tenths of a degree Fahrenheit (or multiples thereof) and tenths of inches of precipitation (or multiples thereof). CPC also plots the climatological amounts for the center probability of exceedence using intervals of 5 degrees Fahrenheit (or multiples thereof) and one inch (or multiples thereof).

Outlook Shift of Center of Probability Distribution from Climatology
Temperature Anomaly (degr F) Outlook, 0.5 Month Lead for ASO 2002

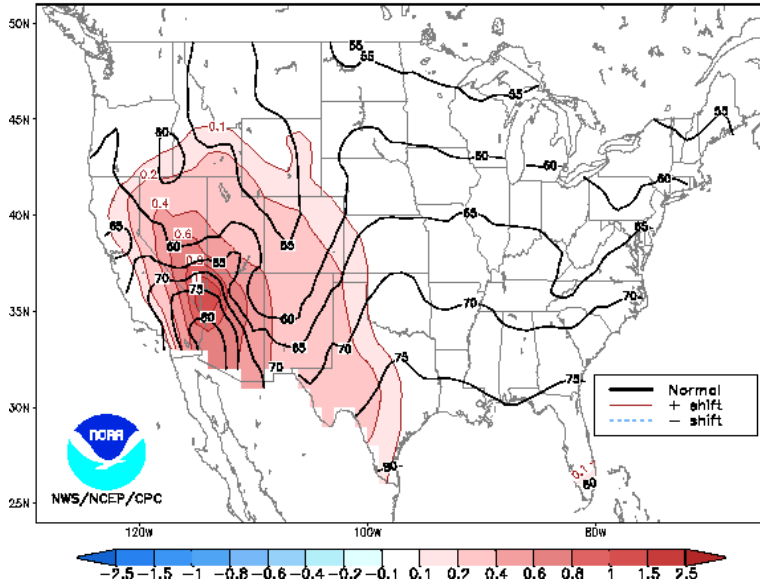


Figure 4. 50% temperature probability of exceedence for August through October 2002 (0.5 month lead time).

Outlook Shift of Center of Probability Distribution from Climatology
Precipitation Anomaly (inch) Outlook, 0.5 Month Lead for ASO 2002

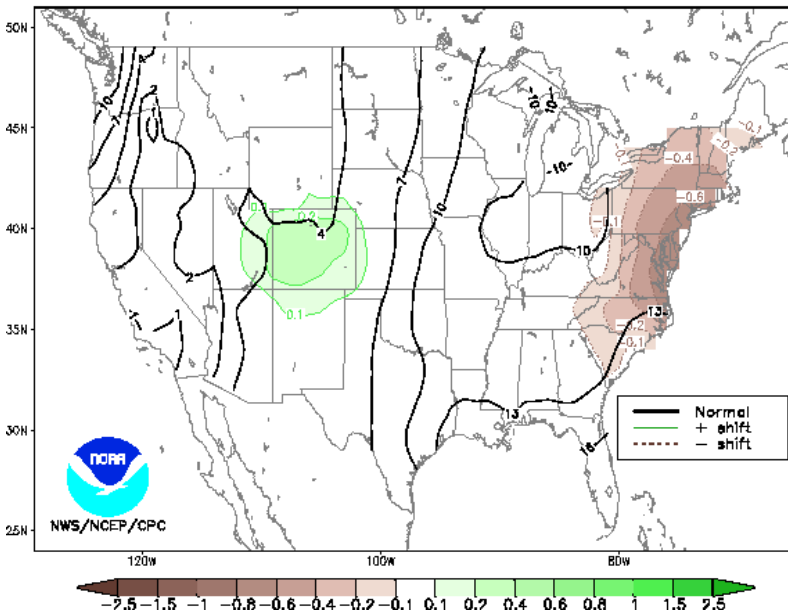


Figure 5. 50% precipitation probability of exceedence for August through October 2002 (0.5 month lead time).

5.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

6. One-Month Outlook (Contiguous U.S. and Alaska).

Temperature		Precipitation	
WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
PTIV98 KWNC	RBG9MT	PEIV98 KWNC	RBG9ME

6.1 Mission Connection. CPC issues a one-month temperature and precipitation outlook to provide information to decision makers in weather and climate sensitive activities and for businesses sensitive to intra-seasonal climate variation. Since these outlooks pertain to the average temperature and total precipitation for an outlook's entire valid period and **not** to the variability within it, they will **not** help people planning events for specific dates or sub-periods. The outlooks will be of most use for economic and business planning, particularly when used with Base Period Means ([see Instruction 10-1004](#)).

6.2 Issuance Guidelines.

6.2.1 Creation Software. CPC will use GEMPAK software as an input into NAWIPS.

6.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

6.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC will issue the One-Month Outlook twice a month; at around 8:30 a.m. Eastern local time on the third Thursday of the month (0.5 month lead time) and 3:00 p.m. Eastern local time on the last day of the month (“zero lead” time).

6.2.4 Valid Time. The Outlook is valid for the following month. For example, on the third Thursday in January and January 31, CPC will issue a One-Month Outlook for February.

6.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The outlook issued on the third Thursday expires on the last day of the month. The “zero lead” Outlook expires 16 days after issuance.

6.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section. CPC develops the outlooks using tools applied to each of 102 areal climate outlook divisions in the contiguous United States (as shown in Figure 1 in Section 2.3) and 24 site specific cities in Alaska. Each areal outlook division is composed of one or more [NCDC](#) climate data division(s).

6.3.1 Content. CPC will express the outlook in a 3-category probabilistic format as chances the mean temperature or total precipitation for the period will fall into the most likely of three classes: above, below, or near normal. For each outlook divisional area and Alaskan city, CPC defines the classes as climatologically equally likely: the top 10 cases of a thirty year record define the above category (A); the middle 10 cases define the normal category (N), and the

bottom 10 cases defining the below category (B). For areas where a favored class cannot be determined, CPC will indicate those areas with a "EC." EC means equal chances for each of the three climatological classes for the outlook's valid period. For each of the twelve months, CPC uses the 30-year mean temperature and 30-year mean total precipitation for climatology and class limits. CPC updates this information once per decade. See [Instruction 10-1004](#) for details.

6.3.2 Format. CPC will indicate the total probability for the most likely class with solid contour lines. They will label the centers of maximum probability with the letters A, N, or B to denote the most likely class. For areas where a favored class cannot be determined, CPC will indicate those areas with a "EC" and not have contours. For example, if the probability for the above normal temperature class exceeds 40 percent for a given area and is the most likely class, then CPC will encircle the area by a probability contour of 40 percent on the temperature outlook chart and label the area with the letter A.

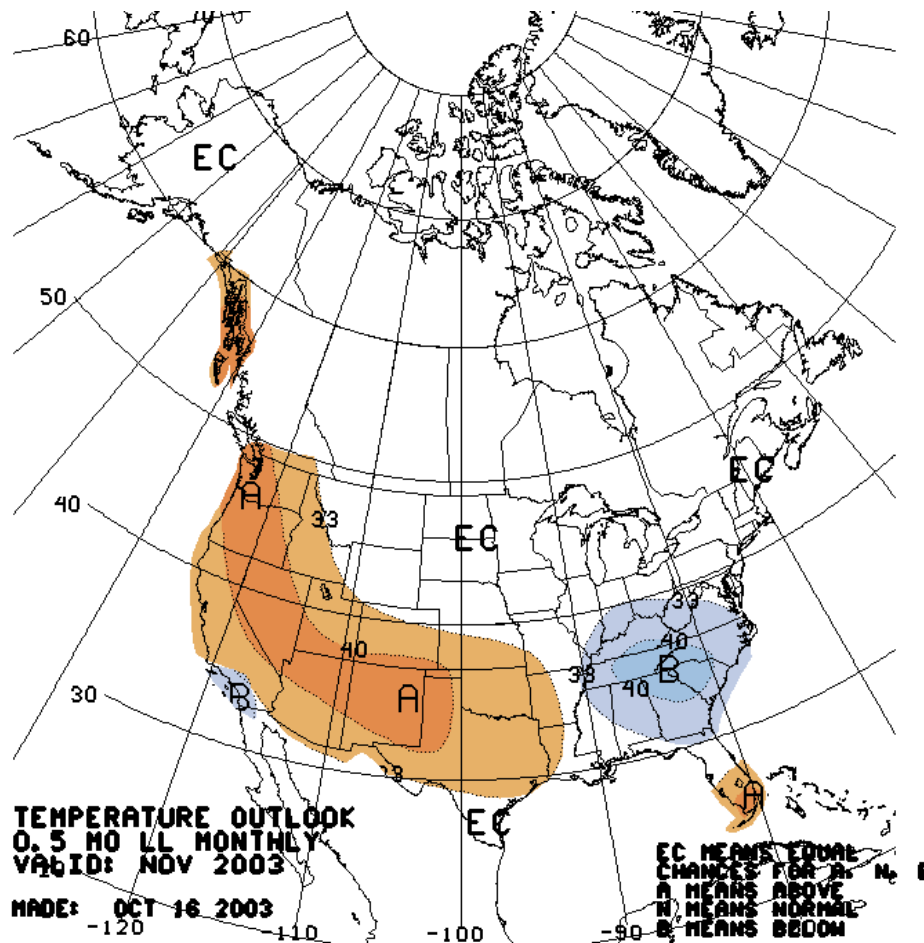


Figure 6. One month temperature outlook for November 2003 (0.5 month lead time example).

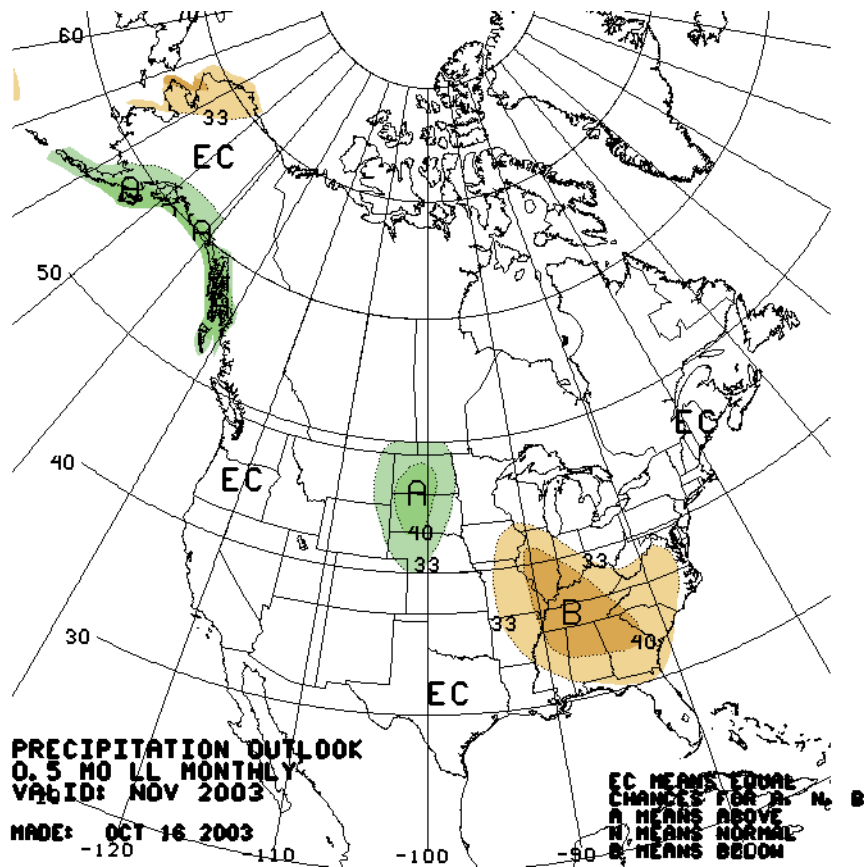


Figure 7. One-month precipitation outlook for November 2003 (0.5 month lead time)

6.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments to the 0.5 month lead or zero lead outlooks. They will issue corrections as needed.

7. One-Month Outlook Discussion (Contiguous U.S. and Alaska).
 WMO Heading - FXUS07 KWBC AWIPS ID - PMD30D

7.1 Mission Connection. CPC provides technical insight to further assist decision makers in weather and climate sensitive activities in their decisions.

7.2 Issuance Guidelines.

7.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses a text editor.

7.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

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7.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the discussions twice a month; 8:30 a.m. Eastern local time on the third Thursday of the month and 3:00 p.m. Eastern local time on the last day of the month.

7.2.4 Valid Time. The discussion is valid for the next month.

7.2.5 Product Expiration Time. . The discussion on the third Thursday expires on the last day of the month. The discussion issued on the last day of the month expires 16 days after issuance.

7.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

7.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header.

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION FOR ONE-MONTH OUTLOOK
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD

7.3.2 Content. CPC will give the meteorological and climatological basis for the outlooks. CPC may include analyses of statistical models, a coupled atmosphere/ocean numerical model, meteorological and sea-surface temperature patterns and trends and past analogs, and confidence factors.

7.3.3 Format. The following is a generic format.

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION FOR ONE-MONTH OUTLOOK
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD
300 PM E-T THU mo. # 20--

ONE-MONTH OUTLOOK DISCUSSION FOR ...

(text)

FORECASTER: (name) - optional

NOTE - THIS CLIMATE OUTLOOK IS INTENDED FOR USE ONLY PRIOR TO THE START OF THE VALID PERIOD. WITHIN THE VALID PERIOD...OBSERVATIONS AND SHORT AND MEDIUM RANGE FORECASTS SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

NOTE - THE NEXT 0.5 MONTH LEAD-TIME MONTHLY OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON THURSDAY mo. # 20--.

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7.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

8. Hawaiian One-Month and Three-Month Outlooks and Discussion.
WMO heading - FXHW40 KWBC AWIPS ID - PMDHCO

8.1 Mission Connection. CPC issues a one-month and a series of thirteen three-month temperature and precipitation outlooks to provide information to decision makers in weather and climate sensitive activities and for businesses sensitive to inter annual and seasonal climate variation. Since these outlooks pertain to the average temperature and total precipitation for an outlook's entire valid period and **not** to the variability within it, they will **not** help people planning events for specific dates or sub periods. The outlooks will be of most use for economic and business planning, particularly when used with climatic reference material ([see Instruction 10-1004](#)).

8.2 Issuance Guidelines.

8.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses a text editor.

8.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

8.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the Hawaiian outlooks once a month on the third Thursday of the month at around 8:30 a.m. Eastern local time.

8.2.4 Valid Time. CPC will issue thirteen Three-Month Hawaiian outlooks simultaneously with lead times from 0.5 months to 12.5 months. For example, in mid-January, CPC will issue Three-Month Outlooks for February through April, March through May, April through June, and so on to February through April of the next year. CPC will issue the One-Month Hawaiian Outlook for the next month with a lead time of 0.5 months. For example, in mid-January, CPC will issue a One-Month Outlook valid for February.

The discussion for the Three-Month outlooks is valid from 0.5 to 15.5 months after issuance. The discussion for the 30-Day outlook is valid for the following month.

8.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The One-Month Outlook, One-Month Outlook Discussion, and 0.5 month lead time Three-Month Outlook expire at the beginning of the valid time (i.e. beginning of the month after issuance). The other Three-Month Outlooks and the Three-Month Outlook discussion (for all 13 Three-Month outlooks) expire when the next set of Three-Month Outlooks are issued (i.e. the third Thursday of the following month).

8.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section. CPC develops outlooks for several site specific cities using guidance tools applied to those cities.

8.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header.

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION FOR 1-MONTH AND 3-MONTH HAWAIIAN OUTLOOKS
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD

8.3.2 Content. For the discussions, CPC will give the meteorological and climatological basis for the Outlooks. CPC may include analyses of statistical models, a coupled atmosphere/ocean numerical model, meteorological and sea-surface temperature patterns and trends and past analogs, and confidence factors.

CPC will express outlooks for specific Hawaiian cities (Hilo, Honolulu, Lihue, and Kahului), using a 3-category probabilistic format as chances the mean temperature or total precipitation for the period will fall into the most likely of three classes: above, below, or near normal. For each city, CPC defines the classes as climatologically equally likely: the top 10 cases of a thirty year record define the above category (A); the middle 10 cases define the normal category (N), and the bottom 10 cases defining the below category (B). For areas where a favored class cannot be determined, CPC will indicate those cities with a "EC." EC means equal chances for each of the three climatological classes for the outlook's valid period. For each of the twelve months and each of the thirteen three-month outlook periods (January through March, February through April, etc.), CPC uses the 30-year mean temperature and 30-year mean total precipitation for the climatology and class limits. CPC updates this information once per decade. See [Instruction 10-1004](#) for details.

8.3.3 Format. The following is a generic format.

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSION FOR 1-MONTH AND 3-MONTH HAWAIIAN OUTLOOKS
 NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD
 300 PM E-T THU mo. # 20--

CLARIFICATION: EC INDICATES EQUAL CHANCES THAT THE CLIMATE WILL FALL INTO ANY ONE OF THE THREE RANGES OR CATEGORIES WHOSE BOUNDARIES ARE SPECIFIED IN THE TABLES ABOVE. A FORECAST SPECIFICATION OF EC MEANS THERE IS NO PARTICULAR TILT OF THE ODDS TOWARD ABOVE - NORMAL - OR BELOW NORMAL CONDITIONS IN THE OUTLOOK. FOR EXAMPLE - A37 MEANS A 37% HIGHER THAN NORMAL CHANCE THAT TEMPERATURE OR PRECIPITATION WILL BE IN THE ABOVE CLASS - B36 MEANS A 36% HIGHER THAN NORMAL PROBABILITY THAT TEMPERATURE OR PRECIPITATION WILL BE IN THE BELOW CLASS - AND N35 MEANS A 35% HIGHER THAN NORMAL PROBABILITY THAT TEMPERATURE OR PRECIPITATION WILL BE IN THE NEAR NORMAL CLASS. WHEN EC IS SPECIFIED THE PROBABILITY OF THE MOST LIKELY CATEGORY CANNOT BE PREDICTED.

ONE-MONTH OUTLOOK DISCUSSION FOR mo. 20--
 (text)

	TEMPERATURE /F/		PRECIPITATION /IN/		
	OTLK	LIM	OTLK	BLW	MEDIAN ABV
city	(ltr)(#)	xx.x	x.x	(ltr)(#)	xx.x xx.x xx.x
etc.					

THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK DISCUSSION FOR TO (13 outlooks)

(text)

City

	TEMPERATURE /F/		PRECIPITATION /IN/		
OTLK PD	OTLK AVE	LIM	OTLK BLW	MEDIAN	ABV
mmm 20--	(ltr)(#) xx.x	x.x	(ltr)(#) xx.x	xx.x	xx.x
etc.					

City (etc)

FORECASTER: (name) - optional

NOTE - THESE OUTLOOKS ARE INTENDED FOR USE PRIOR TO THE START OF THEIR VALID PERIODS. WITHIN ANY VALID PERIOD OBSERVATIONS AND SHORTER RANGE FORECASTS SHOULD BE CONSULTED. ALSO - THE SET OF THREE MONTH OUTLOOKS WILL BE SUPERSEDED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE NEW SET NEXT MONTH ON THURSDAY mo. # 20-. THE ONE-MONTH OUTLOOK WILL BE UPDATED ON THURSDAY mo. # 20-.

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8.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

9. 6- to 10-Day and 8- to 14-Day Outlooks (Contiguous U.S. and Alaska).

Period	Temperature		Precipitation	
	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
6- to 10-Day	PNNT51 KWBC	RBG96T	PEIY47 KWBC	RBG96E
8- to 14-Day	PTTU98 KWNC	RBG98T	PETT00 KWNC	RBG98E

9.1 Mission Connection. CPC issues 6- to 10-Day and 8- to 14-Day outlooks for the Contiguous U.S. and Alaska to provide information to decision makers in weather and climate sensitive activities and for businesses sensitive to intra monthly climate variation. Since these outlooks pertain to the average temperature and total precipitation for an outlook's entire valid period and **not** to the variability within it, they will **not** help people planning events for specific dates or sub-periods. The Outlooks will be of most use for economic and business planning, particularly when used with with Base Period Means ([see Instruction 10-1004](#)).

9.2 Issuance Guidelines.

9.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses GEMPAK software as an input into NAWIPS.

9.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

9.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the products daily at around 3:00 p.m. Eastern local time.

9.2.4 Valid Time. The valid time is the 6- to 10-day or 8- to 14-day period after issuance.

9.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The outlook expires 24 hours later with issuance of the next 6- to 10-Day or 8- to 14-Day Outlook.

9.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

9.3.1 Content. CPC will express the outlook in a 3-category probabilistic format as chances the mean temperature or total precipitation for the period will fall into the most likely of three classes: above, below, or near normal. CPC defines the classes as climatologically equally likely: the top 10 cases of a thirty year record define the above category (A); the middle 10 cases define the normal category (N), and the bottom 10 cases defining the below category (B). For the valid period, CPC uses the 30-year mean temperatures and 30-year mean total precipitation for the climatology and class limits. CPC smooths the temperature climatologies using a harmonic analysis with three harmonics retained. CPC smooths the precipitation climatologies using 11 and 15-point running means for the 6- to 10-days and 8- to 14-day outlooks, respectively. CPC updates this information once per decade. See [Instruction 10-1004](#) for details.

9.3.2 Format. CPC will indicate the probabilities for the most likely class with solid contour lines. They will label the centers of maximum probability with the letters A, N, or B to denote the most likely class. For example, if the probability for the above normal temperature class exceeds 50 percent for a given area and is the most likely class, then CPC will encircle the area by a probability contour of 50 percent on the temperature outlook chart and label the area with the letter A. Contours are generally not drawn in regions designated as near normal. This is because that category has been shown to be unpredictable with any skill on a consistent basis.

CPC will use dashed isotherms of the 30-year mean temperatures for the outlook period on the temperature outlook chart and dashed isohyets of 30-year mean total precipitation for the outlook period on the precipitation outlook chart.

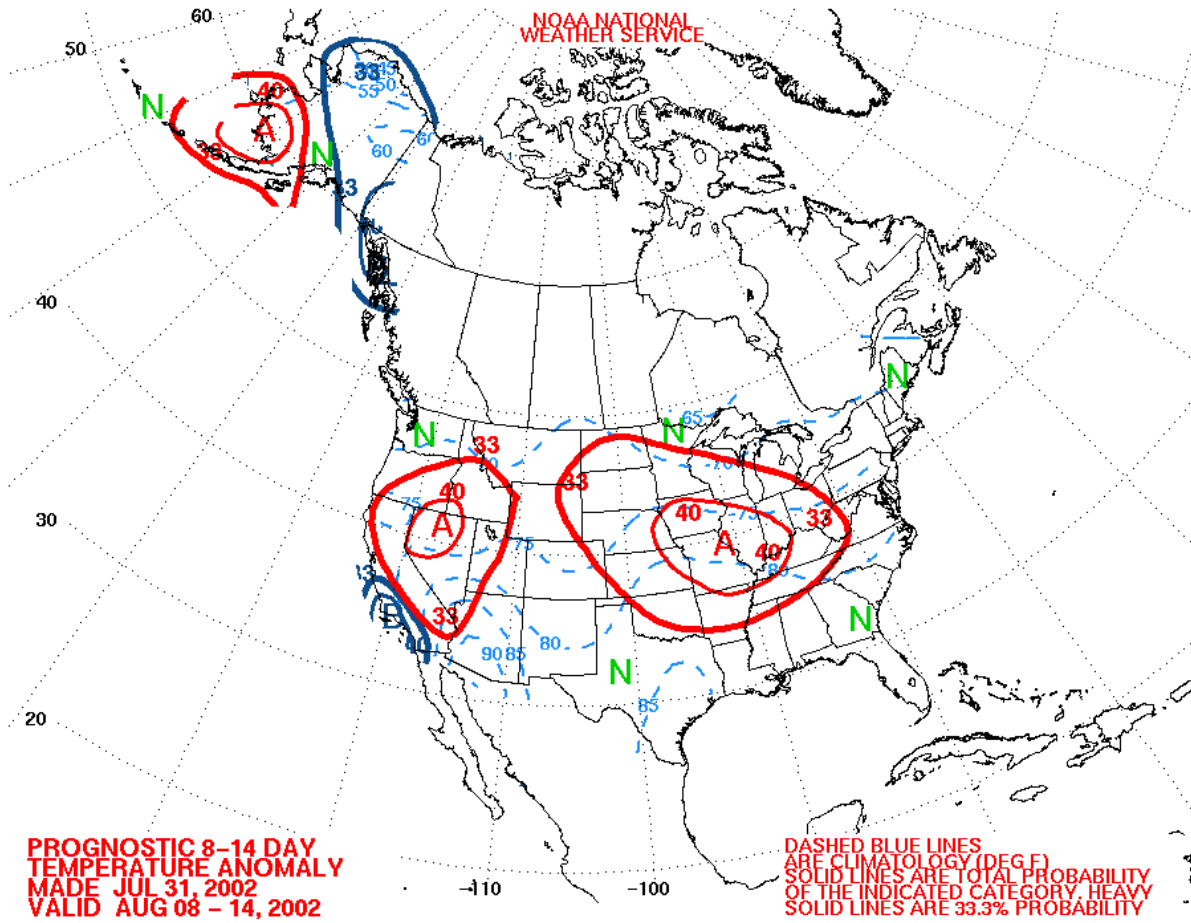


Figure 8. 8- to 14-Day temperature outlook for August 8-14, 2002

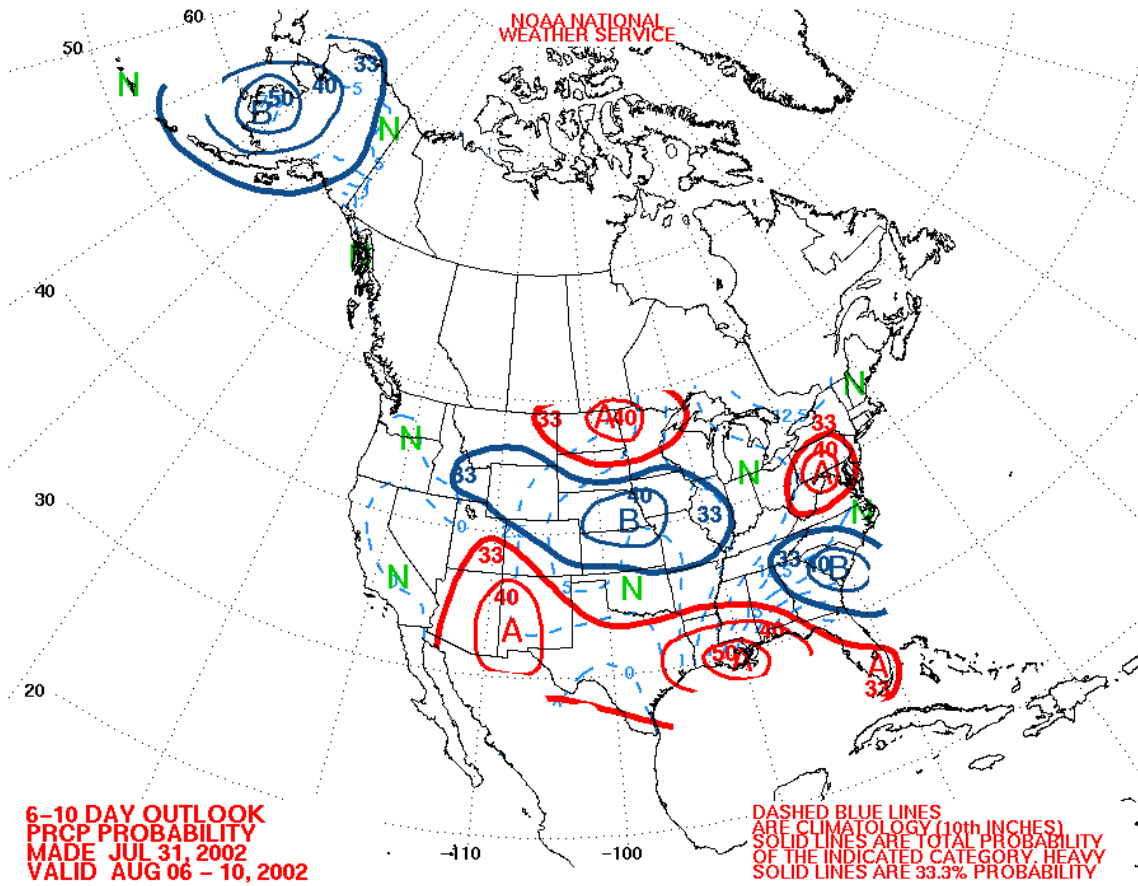


Figure 9. 6- to 10-Day precipitation outlook for August 8-14, 2002.

9.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

10. 6- to 10-Day and 8- to 14-Day Outlook Discussion (Contiguous U.S. and Alaska).
WMO heading - FXUS06 KWBC AWIPS ID - PMDMRD

10.1 Mission Connection. CPC provides a text (for contiguous U.S. and Alaska) with technical insight to assist decision makers in weather and climate sensitive activities in their decisions.

10.2 Issuance Guidelines.

10.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses text editor.

10.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

10.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the product daily around 3:00 p.m. Eastern local time.

10.2.4 Valid Time. The discussion is valid for the outlook periods.

10.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The discussion expires 24 hours after issuance.

10.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

10.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header.

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSIONS FOR 6- TO 10-DAY AND 8- TO 14-DAY OUTLOOKS
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD

10.3.2 Content. CPC includes a textual analysis section on weekdays only. In the analysis, CPC gives the meteorological and climatological basis for the outlooks. CPC may include analyses of numerical and statistical models, meteorological circulation patterns and trends, and confidence factors. CPC usually refers to the manually produced 6- to 10-day and 8- to 14-day Northern Hemisphere prognoses for mean 500 millibar heights and 500 millibar height anomalies (Section 11). CPC may also refer to the method of operational ensemble prediction.

CPC transmits a coded state-by-state outlook table daily (including weekends).

10.3.3 Format. The following is a generic format.

PROGNOSTIC DISCUSSIONS FOR 6- TO 10-DAY AND 8- TO 14-DAY OUTLOOKS
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD

300 PM E-T day mon # 20-

(beginning of weekday analysis section)

6- TO 10-DAY OUTLLOK VALID FOR ---

MODEL COMPARISONS: (weekday text)

MODEL OF THE DAY: (weekday text)

8- TO 14-DAY OUTLOOK VALID FOR ---

MODEL COMPARISONS: (weekday text)

FORECASTER: (name for weekday outlooks)

NOTES: (weekday)

AUTOMATED FORECASTS ARE ISSUED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. OTHERWISE - FORECASTS INCORPORATE FORECASTER INPUT. THE NOTATION FOR THE CATEGORICAL FORECAST INDICATED ON THE MAPS IS THE SAME AS THAT IN THE TABLES: A-ABOVE N-NEAR NORMAL B-BELOW IN THE SOUTHWEST AND OTHER CLIMATOLOGICALLY DRY REGIONS - THERE WILL BE A GREATER THAN 33.3% CHANCE OF NO PRECIPITATION AND OCCASIONALLY EVEN A NORMAL (I.E. MEDIAN) VALUE OF ZERO - ESPECIALLY DURING THE DRY SEASONS. IN SUCH CASES A FORECAST OF NEAR NORMAL IS EFFECTIVELY A FORECAST OF LITTLE OR NO PRECIPITATION.

GLOSSARY AND DEFINITIONS:-----
(weekday text)

THE NEXT MONTHLY AND SEASONAL OUTLOOKS WILL BE RELEASED ON ...
(end of weekday analysis section)

6 TO 10 DAY OUTLOOK TABLE

STATE	TEMP	PCPN	STATE	TEMP	PCPN	STATE	TEMP	PCPN
ss	ltr	ltr	ss	ltr	ltr	ss	ltr	ltr
etc.								

8 TO 14 DAY OUTLOOK TABLE

STATE	TEMP	PCPN	STATE	TEMP	PCPN	STATE	TEMP	PCPN
ss	ltr	ltr	ss	ltr	ltr	ss	ltr	ltr
etc.								

LEGEND

TEMPS WITH RESPECT TO NORMAL	PCPN WITH RESPECT TO MEDIAN
A - ABOVE N - NEAR NORMAL	A - ABOVE N - NEAR MEDIAN
B - BELOW	B - BELOW

THE FORECAST CLASSES REPRESENT AVERAGES FOR EACH STATE. NORMAL VALUES - WHICH MAY VARY WIDELY ACROSS SOME STATES - ARE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LOCAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE.

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10.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

11. 6- to 10-Day and 8- to 14-Day Mean North American 500 millibar Outlook.

Period	Height		Height anomaly	
	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
6- to 10-Day	PHBV50 KWBC	RBG96H	PHNT50 KWNC	RBG96C
8- to 14-Day	PHTT50 KWNC	RBG98H	PHTT51 KWNC	RBG98C

11.1 Mission connection. CPC provides insight into the 6- to 10-day and 8- to 14-day temperature and precipitation outlooks by indicating mean circulation patterns. This product assists users in providing value added information to the outlooks.

11.2 Issuance Guidelines. This is a scheduled product

11.2.1 Creation Software. CPC will use GEMPAK software as an input into NAWIPS.

11.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

11.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues these products daily at around 4:00 p.m. Eastern local time.

11.2.4 Valid Time. The valid time is for the 6- to 10-day or 8- to 14-day period after issuance.

11.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The outlook expires with the next issuance of the product.

11.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

11.3.1 Content. CPC will plot the predicted average 500 millibar contour heights and height anomaly for the valid period. CPC plots the anomaly with respect to 30-year mean heights for the outlook period. See [Instruction 10-1004](#) for details on 30-year mean heights.

11.3.2 Format. CPC will plot solid height contour lines and dashed height anomaly lines at 60-meter intervals.

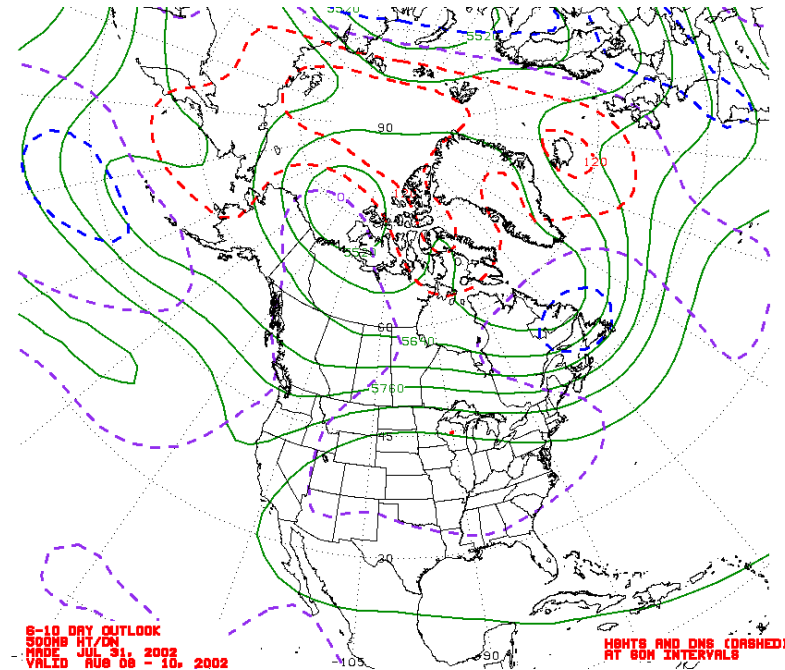


Figure 10. 6- to 10-Day 500 millibar height and height anomaly outlook for August 6-10, 2002.

11.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

12. 6- to 10-Day and 8- to 14-day Excessive Heat Outlooks (Contiguous U.S).

Average Daily	6- to 10- Day		8- to 14-Day	
<u>Heat Index threshold</u>	<u>WMO Heading</u>	<u>AWIPS ID</u>	<u>WMO Heading</u>	<u>AWIPS ID</u>
≥85°F for ≥3 days	PTAS90 KWNC	RBGHI4	PTAT90 KWNC	RBGHI7
≥90°F for ≥2 days	PTAS95 KWNC	RBGHI5	PTAT95 KWNC	RBGHI8
≥95°F for ≥1 day	PTAS00 KWNC	RBGHI6	PTAT00 KWNC	RBGHI9

12.1 Mission connection. This product for the contiguous U.S. is for use by health officials and local emergency managers to plan for potential cumulative heat exposure that could cause significant health risks, especially for a number of the most vulnerable cities.

12.2 Issuance Guidelines.

12.2.1 Creation Software. CPC will use GEMPAK software as an input into both NAWIPS and to create GIFs for the internet.

12.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

12.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the products daily at around 3:00 p.m. Eastern local time from April 1 through September 30.

12.2.4 Valid Time. The valid times are for the 6- to 10-day period and 8- to 14-day period after issuance of the outlooks.

12.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The outlook expires with the next issuance of the product.

12.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

12.3.1 Content. CPC will issue outlooks of the probability (in percent) of the average calendar day heat index exceeding three different thresholds ($\geq 85^{\circ}\text{F}$ for ≥ 3 days; $\geq 90^{\circ}\text{F}$ for ≥ 2 days; $\geq 95^{\circ}\text{F}$ for ≥ 1 day) during the valid period. The heat index formula is described in [Instruction 10-515 \(WFO Non-precipitation Weather Products Specification\)](#).

12.3.2 Format. CPC will plot dashed probability isoline contours. CPC will shade in probabilities that are greater than 50%.

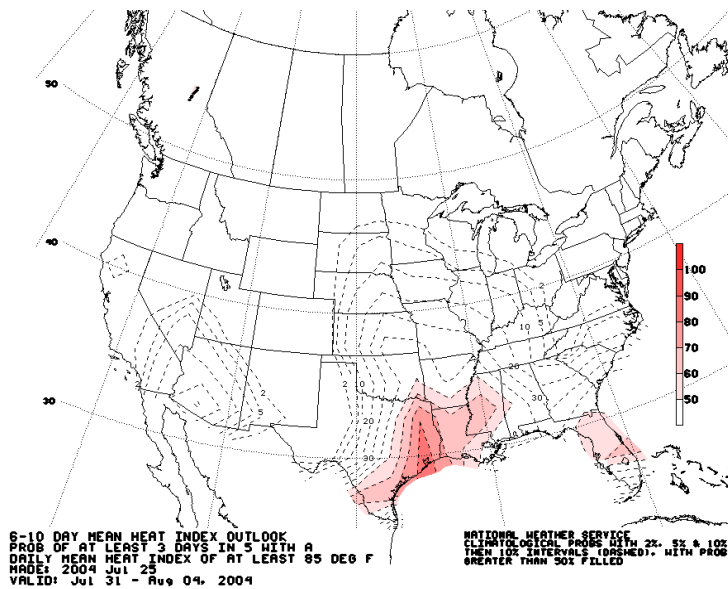


Figure 11. 6- to 10- Day Excessive Heat Outlook for July 31 to August 4, 2004 (chance of mean daily heat index $\geq 85^{\circ}\text{F}$ for ≥ 3 days). The format is the same for the other thresholds and 8- to 14-day period.

12.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

13. 6- to 10-Day and 8- to 14-day Maximum Heat Index Prediction (Contiguous U.S).

6- to10-Day		8- to14-Day	
<u>WMO Heading</u>	<u>AWIPS ID</u>	<u>WMO Heading</u>	<u>AWIPS ID</u>
PTNR98 KWNC	RBGHX6	PTNT98 KWNC	RBGHX8

13.1 Mission connection. This product for the contiguous U.S. indicates potential severity of heat events for health officials.

13.2 Issuance Guidelines.

13.2.1 Creation Software. CPC will use GEMPAK software as an input into NAWIPS and to create GIFs for the internet.

13.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

13.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the products daily at around 3:00 p.m. Eastern local time from April 1 through September 30.

13.2.4 Valid Time. The valid times are for the 6- to 10-day period and 8- to 14-day period after issuance of the outlooks.

13.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The outlook expires with the next issuance of the product.

13.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

13.3.1 Content. CPC will issue predictions for the maximum heat index during the valid period for a number of cities in the contiguous U.S. The heat index formula is described in [Instruction 10-515 \(WFO Non-precipitation Weather Products Specification\)](#).

13.3.2 Format. CPC will plot the threshold of the above normal category for maximum heat index. CPC will plot the probability of this threshold value being exceeded. CPC will shade in the probabilities that are greater than 50%.

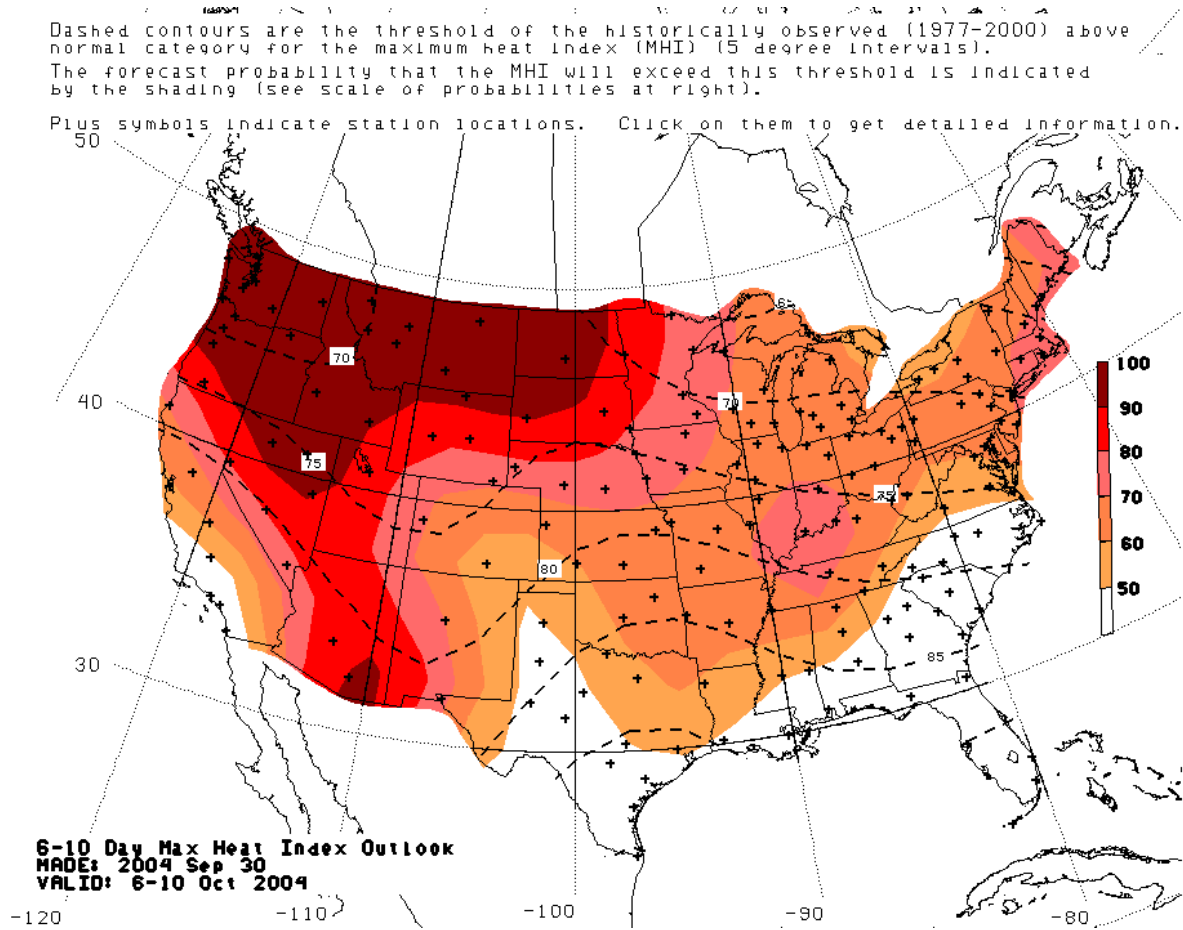


Figure 12. 6- to 10-Day maximum heat index outlook for October 6-10, 2004. The 8- to 14-day outlook has the same format.

13.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

14. 6- to 10-Day and 8- to 14-day Minimum Wind Chill Prediction (Contiguous U.S and Alaska).

6- to 10-day wind chill outlooks are at:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/short_range/cold/wc_610.html

8- to 14-day wind chill outlooks are at:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/short_range/cold/wc_814.html

14.1 Mission connection. This product for the contiguous U.S. and Alaska indicates potential severity of wind chill events for health officials.

14.2 Issuance Guidelines.

14.2.1 Creation Software. CPC will use GEMPAK software as an input into NAWIPS and to create GIFs for the internet.

14.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

14.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the products daily at around 3:00 p.m. Eastern local time from October 1 through March 31.

14.2.4 Valid Time. The valid times are for the 6- to 10-day period and 8- to 14-day period after issuance of the outlooks.

14.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The outlook expires with the next issuance of the product.

14.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

14.3.1 Content. CPC will issue predictions for the minimum wind chill index during the valid period for a number of cities in the contiguous U.S and Alaska. The wind chill index formula is described in [Instruction 10-513 \(WFO Winter Weather Products Specification\)](#).

14.3.2 Format. CPC will issue maps indicating the probability (in percent) that the minimum wind chill value will be in the below normal category and below seven specific thresholds: 32°F, 28°F, 20°F, 10°F, 0°F, -20°F, and -40°F.

There will be a map for each of eight criteria listed above for both the 6- to 10-day and 8- to 14-day periods. Overall there will be a total of 16 maps. Forecast probabilities on the maps will be contoured at 10 percent intervals and those between 50 and 100 percent will be shaded in blue. In addition, CPC will indicate the climatological threshold for the below normal category, or the climatological probability of being below a certain threshold, in 10 percent intervals, using dashed black lines. The maps will also have tags as one moves over a city location, marked by a plus sign (+) on the maps. Clicking on these plus signs will give the user more information about the forecast.

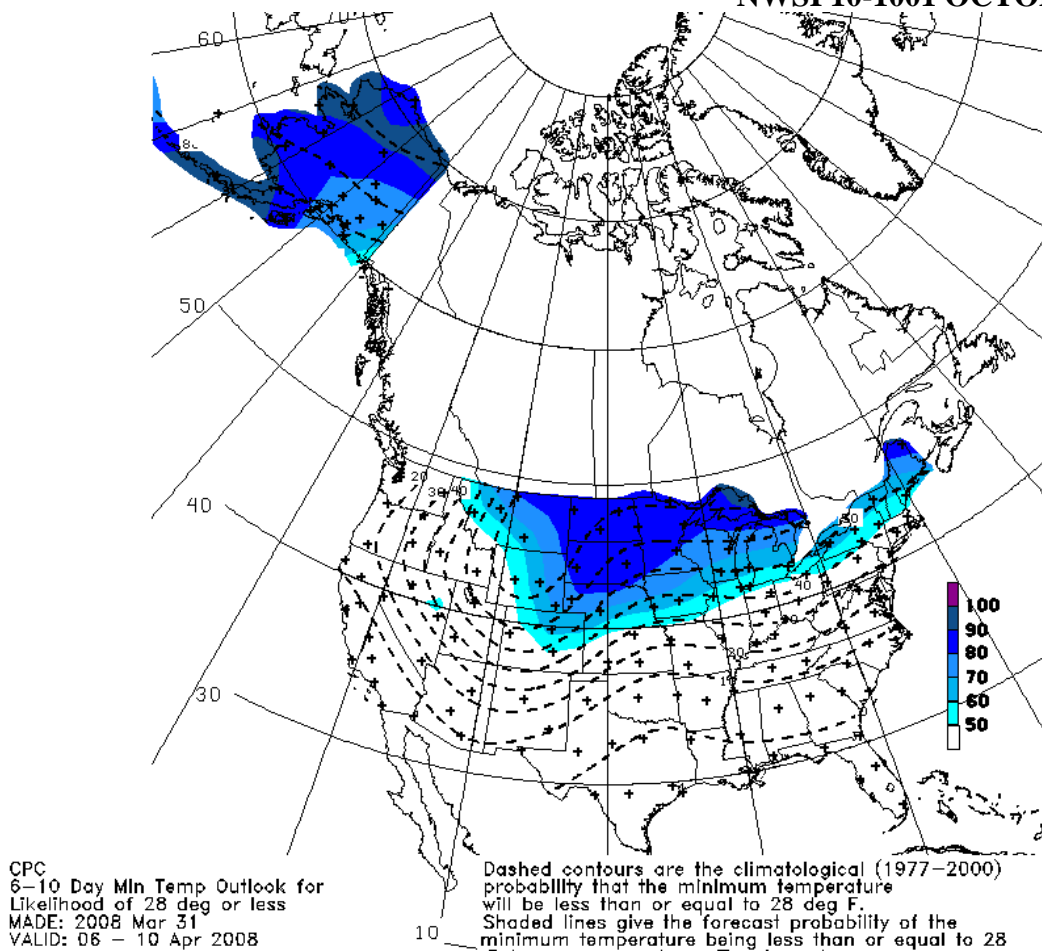


Figure 13. Example of 6- to 10-Day Probability of the Wind Chill being less than 28°F

14.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

15. 3- to 14-day Hazards Outlook (Contiguous U.S. and Alaska).

The outlook contains two sets of maps, one for the 3-7 day period and another for the 8-14 day period.

<u>Hazard</u>	<u>WMO heading</u>	<u>AWIPS ID</u>
3-7 DAY PRECIPITATION	PEIY97 KWNC	RGBTP3
3-7 DAY TEMPERATURE/WIND	PTIY97 KWNC	RGBTT3
3-7 DAY SOIL/WILDFIRE	PYIY97 KWNC	RGBTS3
8-14 DAY PRECIPITATION	PEIY96 KWNC	RGBTP8
8-14 DAY TEMPERATURE/WIND	PTIY96 KWNC	RGBTT8
8-14 DAY SOIL/WILDFIRE	PYIY96 KWNC	RGBTS8

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15.1 Mission connection. This product for the contiguous U.S. and Alaska provides weather-sensitive users such as emergency managers, utilities, the travel industry, and the general public advance notice of ongoing and future hazardous weather, water, and climate events. With this information, they can take precautionary steps and put plans in place to mitigate the impacts of potentially hazardous events.

15.2 Issuance Guidelines.

15.2.1 Creation Software. CPC will use GEMPAK software as an input into NAWIPS.

15.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

15.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the products Monday through Friday at around 4:00 p.m. Eastern local time.

15.2.4 Valid Time. The valid time starts three days after the date of release and ends 14 days after the release date.

15.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The outlook expires with the next issuance of the product.

15.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

15.3.1 Content. CPC will indicate areas of potentially hazardous weather and climate events. CPC will indicate such areas due to the following three potential causes: (1) precipitation (or lack of); (2) wind and temperature; and (3) soil and wildfire conditions.

The definitions of the hazards follow. Because prior conditions play a role in impacts of the hazards, the following definitions are only guidelines.

Hazard	Nominal Threshold	Lower threshold if associated with...
(1) Precipitation	50 mm/5 days or upper 12.5% of observed distribution / 4 or more inches of snow	- Flooding - Heavy mountain snow - Already wet soils
Flood	Above flood stage predictions by NWS River Forecast Centers	- Heavy precipitation
(2) Temperature	Top/bottom 12.5% of observed distribution	- Fire - Warm season + high relative humidity

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- Cold season with high wind

Wind	>34 mph winds for 1 hour >58 mph wind gusts	- Fire - Cold - Snow
Waves, coastal erosion	Danger according to Marine Prediction Center and Tropical Prediction Center	- Strong onshore flow continued through several tidal cycles
(3) Drought	D2, D3, or D4 category from Drought Monitor. See Instruction 10-1202 (National Drought Products)	
Wildfire	Very high and extreme danger as rated by the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, ID.	- Dry lightning - High winds - High temperature + low relative humidity

15.3.2 Format. CPC will issue a map for each cause with hazards areas enclosed by a solid line. A separate map will be issued for each of the 3-7 day period and 8-14 day periods for each cause plus two composite maps (that will include all hazard types on one map).

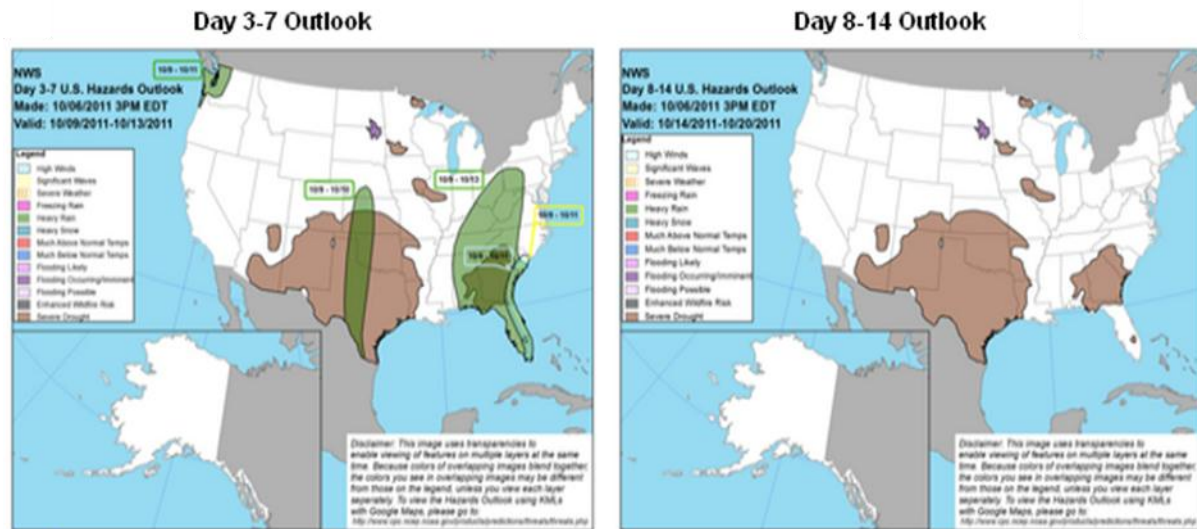


Figure 14. An example of 3-7-day (a) and 8- to 14-day Hazard Outlooks

15.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC will issue updates, amendments, and corrections as needed.

16. 3- to 14-day Hazards Assessment Discussion (Contiguous U.S. and Alaska).

WMO heading - FXUS21 KWNC AWIPS ID - PMDTHR

16.1 Mission connection. CPC provides a text discussion for the contiguous U.S. and Alaska with technical insight to further assist in assessing potentially hazardous conditions.

16.2 Issuance Guidelines.

16.2.1 Creation Software. CPC will use a text editor.

16.2.2 Issuance Criteria. These are scheduled products.

16.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the products Monday through Friday around 4:00 p.m. Eastern local time.

16.2.4 Valid Time. The valid time starts three days after the date of release and ends 14 days after the release date.

16.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The discussion expires with the next issuance of the product.

16.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

16.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header.

3- TO 14-DAY HAZARDS ASSESSMENT DISCUSSION
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16.3.2 Content. CPC gives the meteorological, hydrological, and climatological basis for the outlook. CPC may include analyses of numerical and statistical models, meteorological circulation patterns and trends, and confidence factors. CPC integrates existing NWS official medium (3-7 day) forecasts, extended (6- to 10-day and 8- to 14-day) and long-range (one-month and three-month) outlooks, and hydrological analyses and forecasts from the River Forecast Centers, which use state-of-the-art science and technology in their formulation.

16.3.3 Format. The following is a generic format.

3- TO 14-DAY HAZARDS ASSESSMENT DISCUSSION
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--- -M E-T day mo. # 20-

SYNOPSIS

(text)

HAZARDS

(text)

DETAILED SUMMARY
(text for days 3 through 7)
(text for days 8 through 14)

PLEASE CONSULT LOCAL NWS FORECAST OFFICES FOR SHORT RANGE
FORECASTS AND REGION-SPECIFIC INFORMATION.
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16.4 Updates, Amendments and Corrections. CPC will issue updates, amendments, and corrections as needed.

17. Tropical Pacific Mean Sea-Surface Temperature (SST) Outlook (Niño 3.4 area).
(WMO heading - FXUS23 KWNC AWIPS ID - PMDSST)

17.1 Mission Connection. CPC's climate outlook techniques rely significantly upon the slowly varying global SST field and do have useable accuracy at long lead times. These SST outlooks make tangible the results of research activities by many scientists over several decades on the subjects of El Niño, ocean-atmosphere interaction, etc.

17.2 Issuance Guidelines.

17.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses a statistical post processing software program.

17.2.2 Issuance Criteria. This is a scheduled product.

17.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the product once a month on the Friday from the 9th to the 15th of the month at around 3:00 p.m. Eastern local time.

17.2.4 Valid Time. CPC issues 13 SST three-month outlooks with lead times from 0.5 months to 12.5 months. For example, in mid-January, CPC will issue three-month outlooks for February through April, March through May, April through June, and so on to February through April of the following year.

17.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The 0.5 month lead time outlook expires at the beginning of the valid time of that outlook. The other outlooks expire when the next set of outlooks are issued (i.e. the Friday from the 9th to the 15th of the following month).

17.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

17.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header.

TROPICAL PACIFIC MEAN SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE /SST/ OUTLOOK
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD

17.3.2 Content. CPC issues 13 three-month mean SST outlooks for the Niño 3.4 area of the central Pacific (5°N to 5°S and 120°W to 170°W) for each valid time. CPC provides the outlooks in departure from the climatological normal SST in tenths of a degree Celsius. See [Instruction 10-1004](#) for details on SST normals. The official outlook is labeled as “consolidated.” CPC considers the SST predictions from various guidance tools, which may be plotted and labeled, as well. The 68 and 95 percent confidence intervals for the official outlook are provided and define the range within which 68 and 95 percent of the possible outlook outcomes are expected to lie. A lesser interval generally means higher expected skill.

17.3.3 Format. The following is a generic format. The “S” is for the sign (+ or -) of the anomalies and “X” is for the numbers in this generic representation.

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TROPICAL PACIFIC MEAN SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE /SST/ OUTLOOK
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300 PM E-T FRI MO.# 20--

MEAN TEMPERATURE ANOMALY SST OUTLOOKS ARE IN TENTHS OF A DEGREE
CELSIUS FOR THE NINO 3.4 AREA OF THE TROPICAL PACIFIC /5N-5S AND
120W-170W/. ANOMALIES ARE FROM *XXXX-XXXX NINO 3.4 MEAN CLIMATOLOGICAL
SST /CLM/.
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THREE MONTH OUTLOOK PERIODS
EG. JFM IS JANUARY THROUGH MARCH - FMA FOR FEB. THROUGH APR. ETC
SEE NOTES BELOW ON TYPES OF OUTLOOKS
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TYPE  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM  MMM
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- NOTES:
- CONS - OFFICIAL CONSOLIDATED OUTLOOK
 - U68 - THE UPPER LIMIT OF 68 PERCENT CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR CONS
 - L68 - THE LOWER LIMIT OF 68 PERCENT CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR CONS
 - U95 - THE UPPER LIMIT OF 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR CONS
 - L95 - THE LOWER LIMIT OF 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR CONS
 - CCA - CANONICAL CORRELATION ANALYSIS OUTLOOK
 - CA - CONSTRUCTED ANALOG OUTLOOK
 - NCEP - COUPLED OCEAN/ATMOSPHERIC DYNAMIC MODEL OUTLOOK

THIS PRODUCT IS AVAILABLE IN A GRAPHICAL FORMAT ON THE INTERNET AT [HTTP://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov) /LOWER CASE/

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*Years of current climatological reference period per [NWS Instruction 10-1004](#)

17.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

18. Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook.

WMO heading - FXNT20 KWNC

AWIPS ID - PMDAHU

18.1 Mission Connection. CPC issues the Hurricane Season Outlook for the Atlantic basin for residents and government agencies of coastal or near-coastal regions for resource and budget planning for hurricane preparedness efforts. No outlook, however, can give certainty as to whether or not a particular locality will be impacted by a tropical storm or hurricane in any given year. CPC issues this outlook in cooperation with the NWS Tropical Prediction Center and NOAA's Hurricane Research Division.

18.2 Issuance Guidelines.

18.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses a text editor.

18.2.2 Issuance Criteria. This is a scheduled product.

18.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues this product twice a year on a weekday (during business hours) in May and August.

18.2.4 Valid Time. The May outlook is valid from June 1 through November 30 and the August outlook is valid from the date of issuance to November 30.

18.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The May issuance expires when the August update is issued. The August outlook expires on November 30.

18.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

18.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header.

20-- ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK

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18.3.2 Content. CPC provides probabilities of above normal, near normal, and below normal levels of tropical storm/hurricane activity. CPC uses a definition of "overall activity" reflecting a combination of frequency, intensity, and duration of tropical storms and hurricanes. These measures of overall activity are a much better indicator than the number of tropical storms or hurricanes alone. However, CPC also provides an estimate of the number of tropical storms and hurricanes within a range of numbers. CPC provides an accompanying prognostic discussion detailing the atmospheric, oceanic, and climatic conditions affecting the level of activity.

18.3.3 Format. The following is a generic example.

20- ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD
830 AM E-T day mo. # 20-

NOTE: FIGURES MENTIONED IN THE DISCUSSION ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT (url).

SUMMARY: (brief text summarizing the level of expected activity and major atmospheric, oceanic, and climatic conditions).

DISCUSSION: (detailed prognostic discussion of items in the summary)

CAUTIONARY NOTES

1) THIS OUTLOOK REPRESENTS OUR BEST ESTIMATE FOR THE EXPECTED OVERALL LEVEL OF ACTIVITY FOR THE ATLANTIC BASIN. NO OUTLOOK CAN GIVE CERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PARTICULAR LOCALITY WILL BE IMPACTED BY A HURRICANE IN ANY GIVEN YEAR. RESIDENTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF COASTAL OR NEAR-COASTAL REGIONS SHOULD ALWAYS MAINTAIN HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS, REGARDLESS OF THE OVERALL OUTLOOK FOR A GIVEN YEAR.

2) FAR MORE DAMAGE CAN BE DONE BY ONE MAJOR HURRICANE HITTING A HEAVILY POPULATED AREA THAN BY SEVERAL HURRICANES HITTING SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS OR, OF COURSE, NOT MAKING LANDFALL AT ALL. BECAUSE OF THIS, HURRICANE-SPAWNED DISASTERS CAN OCCUR EVEN IN YEARS WITH NORMAL (OR BELOW-NORMAL) LEVELS OF ACTIVITY.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (names) - optional

FORECASTERS (names and contact information) - optional

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18.4 Updates, Amendments and Corrections. CPC issues the August update only. They do not issue any amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

19. Eastern North Pacific Hurricane Season Outlook.
WMO heading - FXPN30 KWNC AWIPS ID -PMDEPH

19.1 Mission Connection. CPC issues the eastern north Pacific Hurricane Season Outlook for the eastern north Pacific basin for the eastern Pacific (east of 140° W) for residents and government agencies of coastal or near-coastal regions for resource and budget planning for hurricane preparedness efforts. No outlook, however, can give certainty as to whether or not a

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particular locality will be impacted by a tropical storm or hurricane in any given year. CPC issues this outlook in cooperation with the Tropical Prediction Center and NOAA's Hurricane Research Division.

19.2 Issuance Guidelines.

19.2.1 Creation Software. CPC uses a text editor.

19.2.2 Issuance Criteria. This is a scheduled product.

19.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues this product once a year on a weekday (during business hours) in late Spring.

19.2.4 Valid Time. The outlook is valid from the issuance date through November 30.

19.2.5 Product Expiration Time. The product expires on November 30.

19.3 Technical Description. CPC will follow the format and content described in this section.

19.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header.

20—EASTERN NORTH PACIFIC HURRICANE OUTLOOK
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19.3.2 Content. CPC provides probabilities of above normal, near normal, and below normal levels of tropical storm/hurricane activity. CPC uses a definition of "overall activity" reflecting a combination of frequency, intensity, and duration of tropical storms and hurricanes. These measures of overall activity are a much better indicator than the number of tropical storms or hurricanes alone. However, CPC also provides an estimate of the number of tropical storms and hurricanes within a range of numbers. CPC provides an accompanying prognostic discussion detailing the atmospheric, oceanic, and climatic conditions affecting the level of activity.

19.3.3 Format. The following is a generic example.

20— EASTERN NORTH PACIFIC HURRICANE OUTLOOK
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CAMP SPRINGS MD
830 AM E-T day mo. # 20—

NOTE: FIGURES MENTIONED IN THE DISCUSSION ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT (url).

SUMMARY: (brief text summarizing the level of expected activity and major atmospheric, oceanic, and climatic conditions).

DISCUSSION: (detailed prognostic discussion of items in the summary)

CAUTIONARY NOTES

1) THIS OUTLOOK REPRESENTS OUR BEST ESTIMATE FOR THE EXPECTED OVERALL LEVEL OF ACTIVITY FOR THE EASTERN NORTH PACIFIC BASIN. NO OUTLOOK CAN GIVE CERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PARTICULAR LOCALITY WILL BE IMPACTED BY A HURRICANE IN ANY GIVEN YEAR. RESIDENTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF COASTAL OR NEAR-COASTAL REGIONS SHOULD ALWAYS MAINTAIN HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS, REGARDLESS OF THE OVERALL OUTLOOK FOR A GIVEN YEAR.

2) FAR MORE DAMAGE CAN BE DONE BY ONE MAJOR HURRICANE HITTING A HEAVILY POPULATED AREA THAN BY SEVERAL HURRICANES HITTING SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS OR, OF COURSE, NOT MAKING LANDFALL AT ALL. BECAUSE OF THIS, HURRICANE-SPAWNED DISASTERS CAN OCCUR EVEN IN YEARS WITH NORMAL (OR BELOW-NORMAL) LEVELS OF ACTIVITY.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (names) - optional

FORECASTERS (names and contact information) - optional

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19.4 Updates, Amendments and Corrections. CPC does not issue any amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.

20. Global Tropics Hazards and Benefits Outlook

<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/precip/CWlink/ghazards/ghaz.shtml>

20.1 Mission Connection. The product supports the NOAA mission in three primary ways: (1) assess and forecast important changes in the distribution of tropical convection that can lead to modification of the extra-tropical circulation across the U.S. and communicate this information to National Weather Service (NWS) forecasters, (2) provide advance notice of potential hazards related to climate, weather and hydrological events across the global tropics (including tropical cyclone risks for several NWS regions), and (3) provide an additional resource to aid various sectors of the U.S. economy (finance, energy, agriculture, water resource management) that have foreign interests.

The intended users are U.S. interests only, including NWS forecasters and staff at other U.S. government agencies, U.S. emergency managers and regional planners, and the public with interests across the global tropics.

20.2 Issuance Guidelines.

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20.2.1 Creation Software. The product is presented on the CPC web site and includes outlook images (thumbnail and full versions) in addition to the complete product in PPT and PDF format.

20.2.2 Issuance Criteria. This is a scheduled product.

20.2.3 Issuance Time. CPC issues the product once a week on Tuesday at 1 PM Local Time. Conditions are subject to change after issuance time and before the next outlook.

20.2.4 Valid Time. The Product is valid for two weeks after issuance.

20.2.5 Product Expiration Time. This product expires with the next issuance.

20.3 Technical Description.

20.3.1 Mass News Disseminator Header. Not applicable

20.3.2 Content. The Global Tropics Hazards and Benefits Outlook, issued by CPC, provides a graphical outlook and associated Prognostic Map Discussion (PMD) for the upcoming Week-1 and Week-2 time periods for areas expecting extensive and persistent enhanced / suppressed rainfall and regions where conditions are especially favorable / unfavorable for tropical cyclogenesis. The assessment targets broad scale conditions integrated over 7-day periods. CPC assigns confidence estimates for the expected activity in each of these areas to provide additional information to users. Confidence estimates are subjective in nature and are not based on an objective scheme.

CPC notes (in the text portion only) the locations (latitude, longitude) and strength of active tropical low pressure centers (for depressions, storms, hurricanes, typhoons, cyclones) at the time of issuance and refers users to the appropriate operational meteorological “center” for updated information.

The Global Tropics Hazards and Benefits Outlook synthesizes information and expert analysis from a number of CPC assessment activities as well as other operational and routine monitoring products. The physical basis for the outlooks include the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle, the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO), other coherent subseasonal tropical variability and interactions with the extratropical circulation. The product is generated with input from other NOAA centers including the National Hurricane Center (NHC), the Central Pacific Hurricane Center, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, the Australia Bureau of Meteorology, the Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC), select NWS Weather Forecast Offices, and the academic community.

20.3.3 Format. Highlighted tropical hazards and benefits will appear on one image (Week-1 and Week-2 combined) along with a text PMD explaining the background conditions, nature and rationale for the highlighted regions. Image can be made larger by clicking on the thumbnail image.

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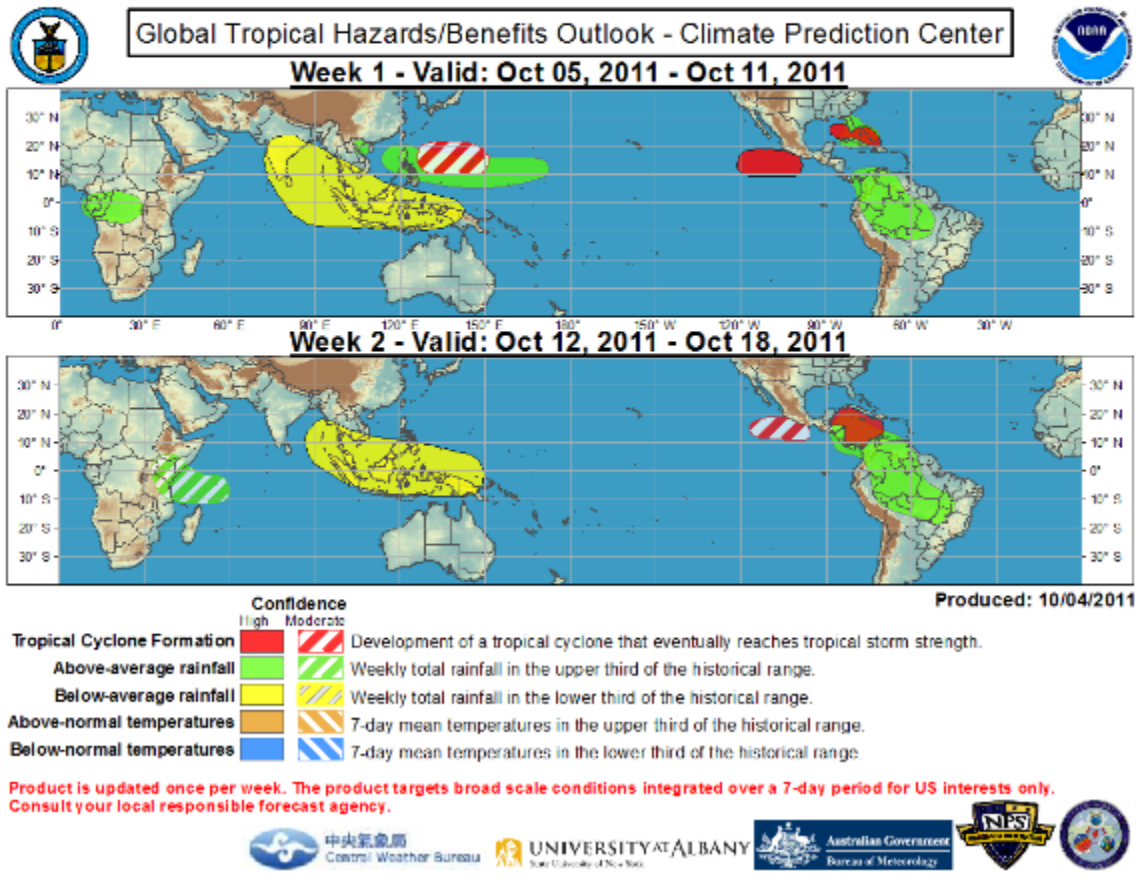


Figure 15. Sample Global Tropics Hazards and Benefits Outlook.

20.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections. CPC does not issue updates or amendments. They will issue corrections as needed.