

# Massachusetts Drought Task Force Meeting NWS Update

National Weather Service

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# Highlights

December brought:

Generally near normal or somewhat above normal precipitation  
Except below normal precipitation across southeastern MA

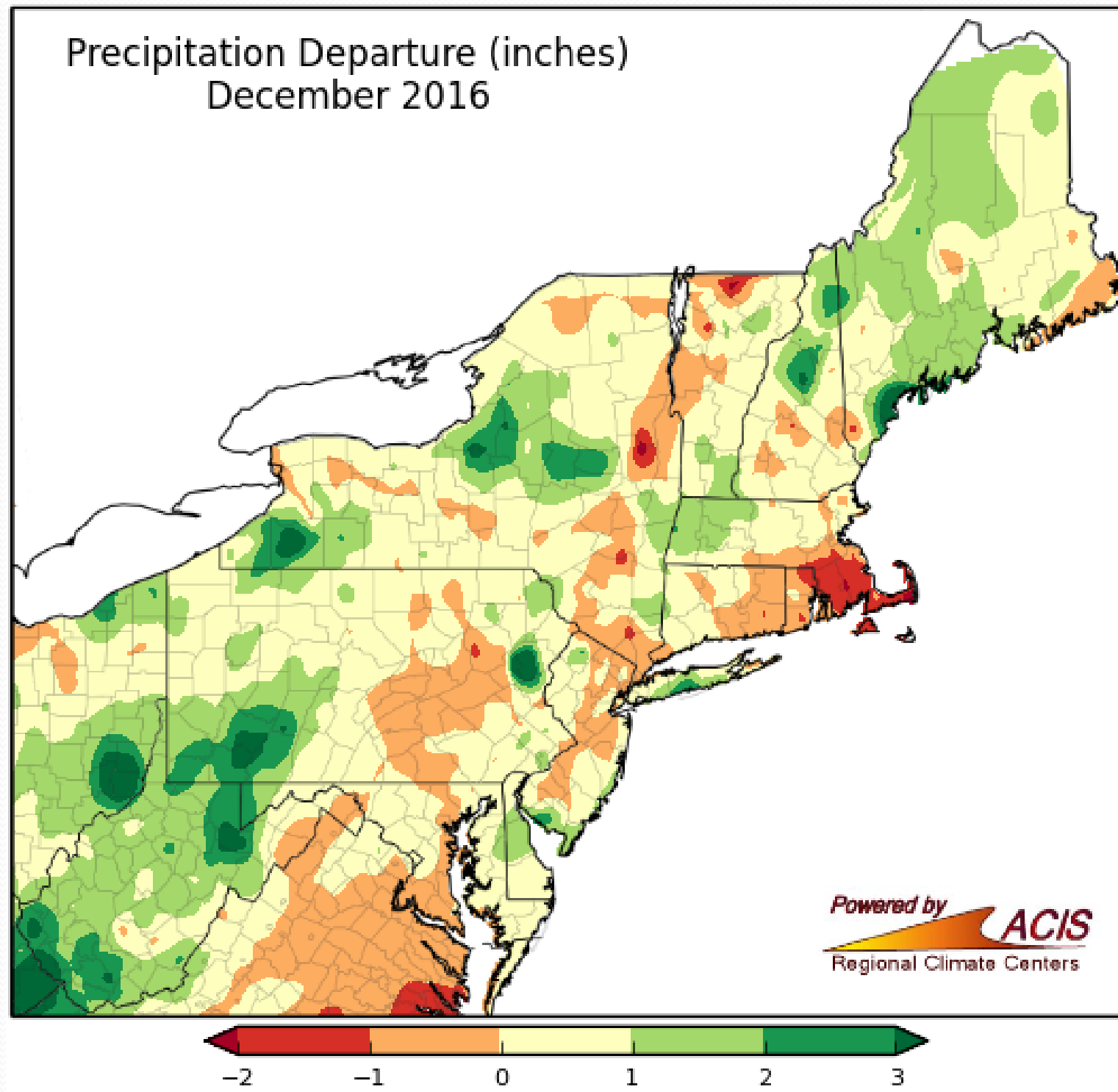
The Past Seven Days brought:

Beneficial precipitation (rain and melted snow) to Massachusetts  
Precipitation fell over multiple events

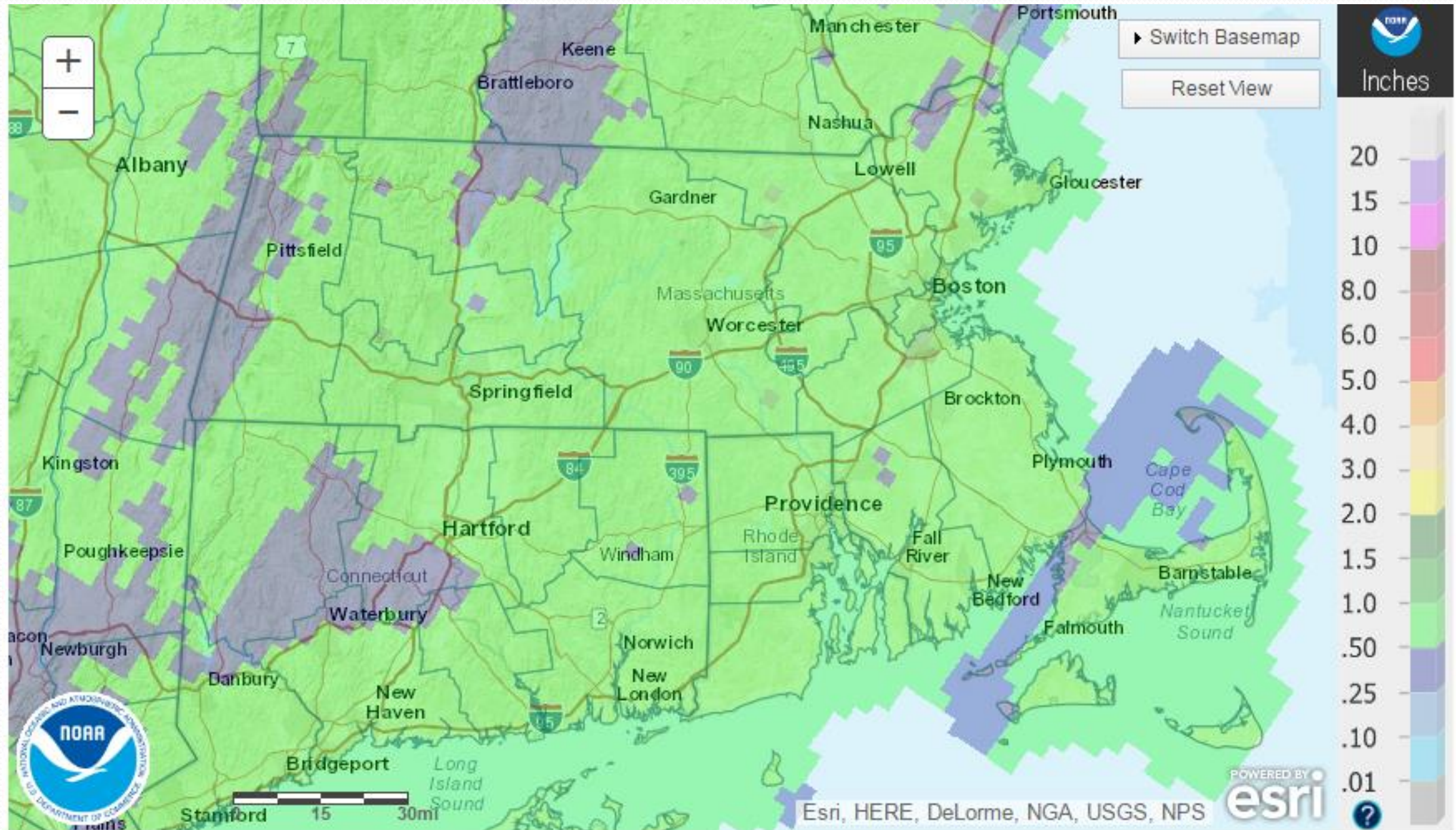
Snowpack is getting off to a slow start, but not far below normal for early Jan

Forecast: An active weather pattern may allow for normal to above normal precipitation over the next 2 weeks

# December Precip Departure from Normal

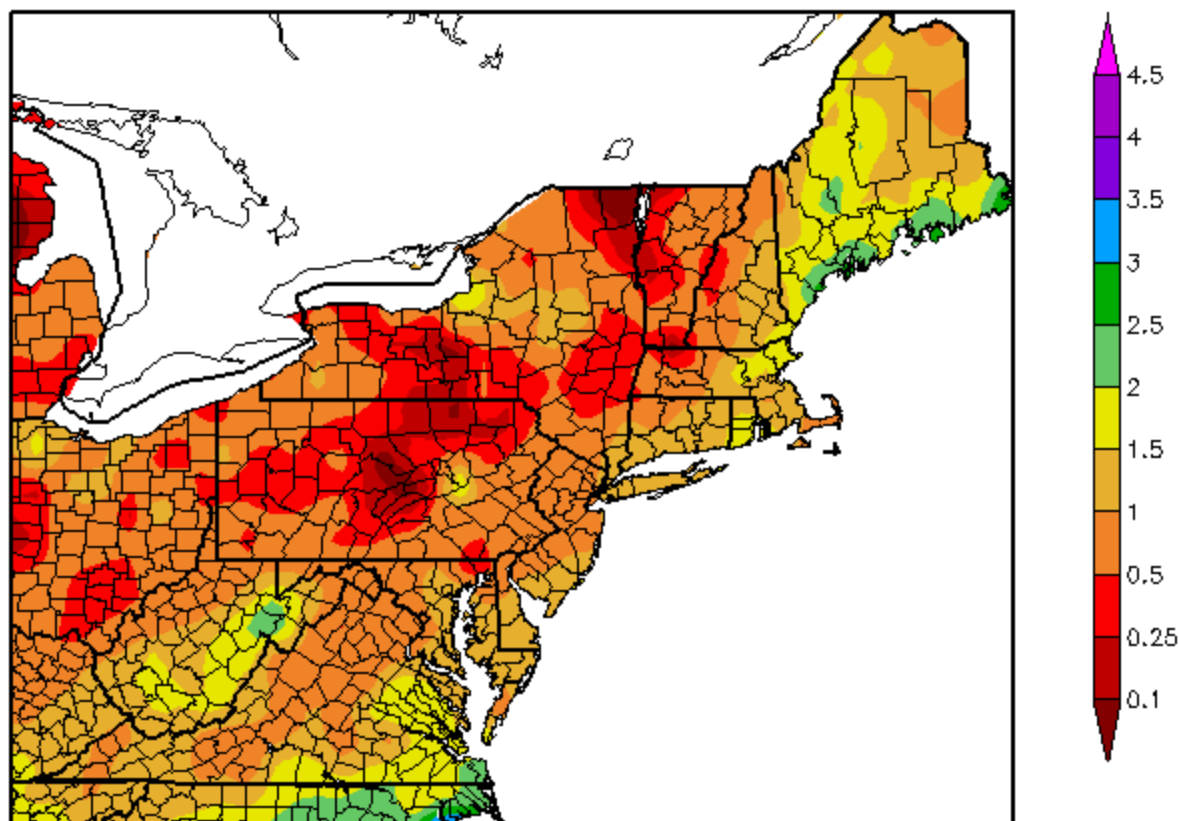


# January Precipitation Thru 7 am 1/4



# 7 Day Precip and Percent of Normal

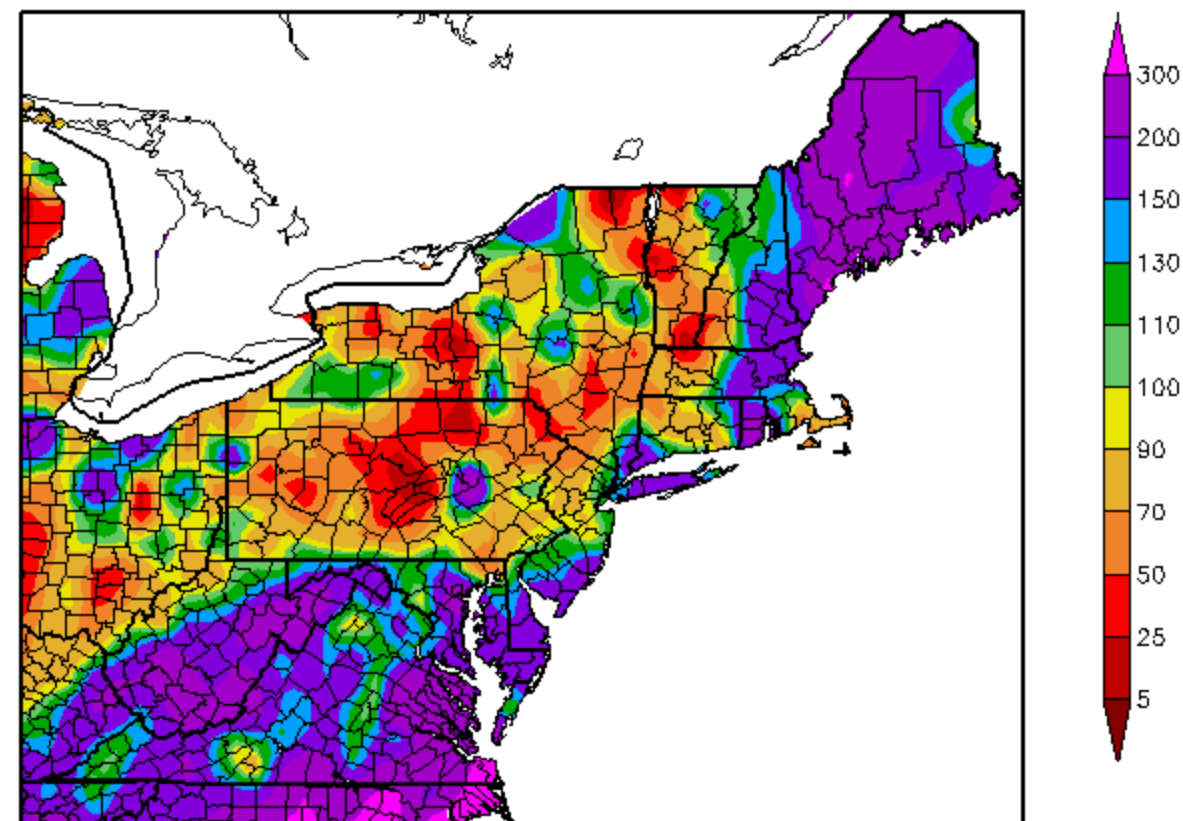
Precipitation (in)  
12/28/2016 - 1/3/2017



Generated 1/4/2017 at HPRCC using provisional data.

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Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
12/28/2016 - 1/3/2017

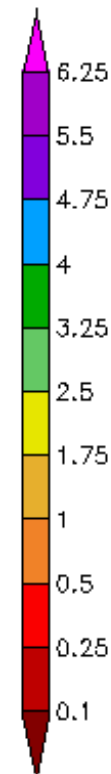
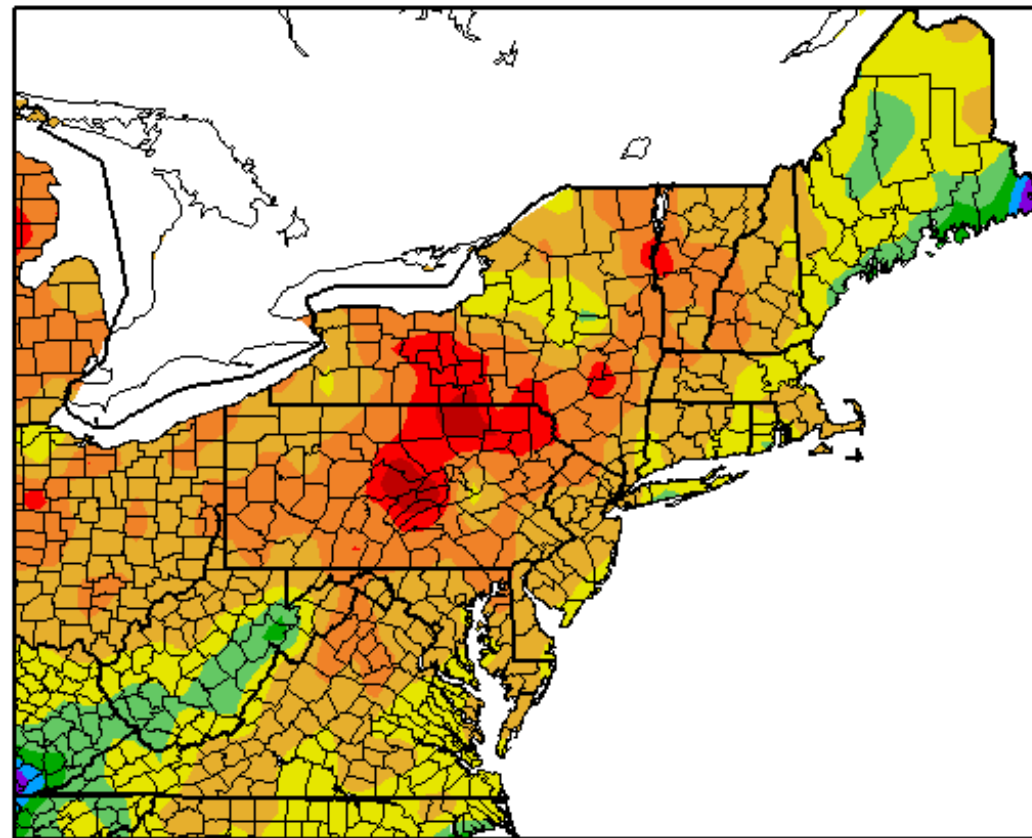


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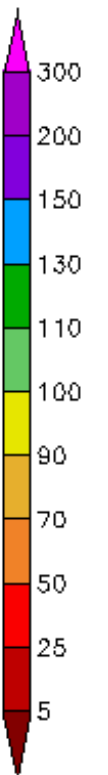
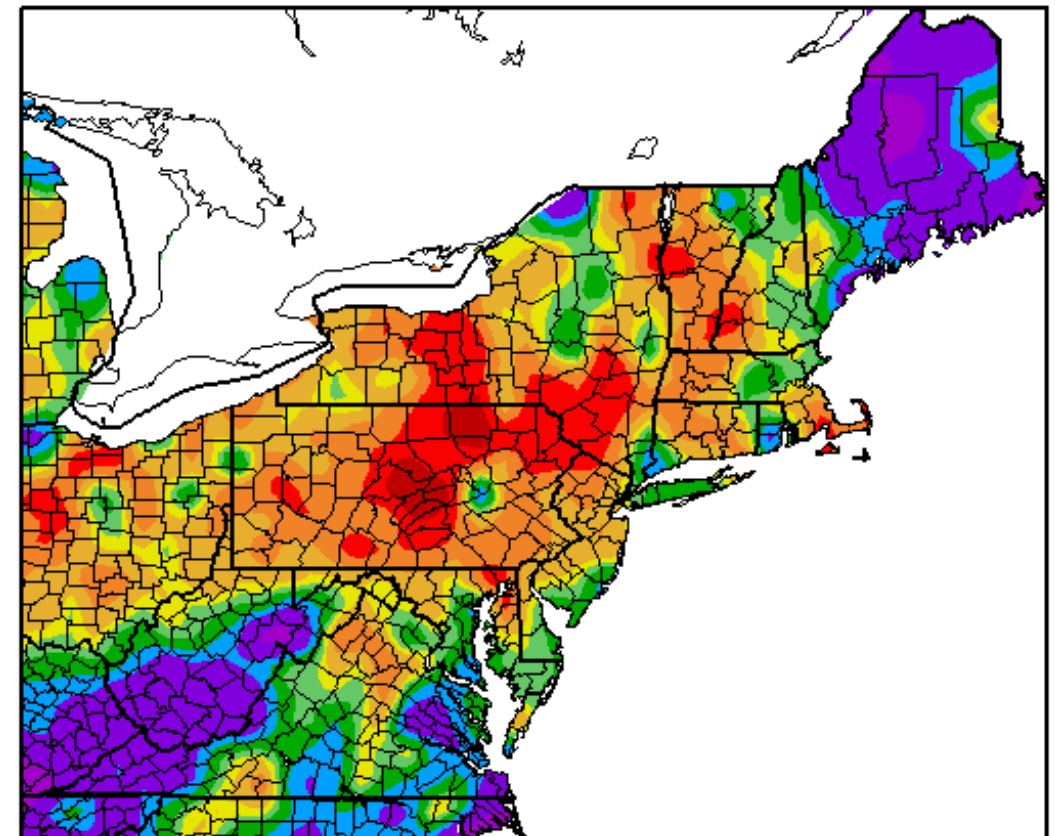
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# 14 Day Precip and Percent of Normal

Precipitation (in)  
12/21/2016 - 1/3/2017

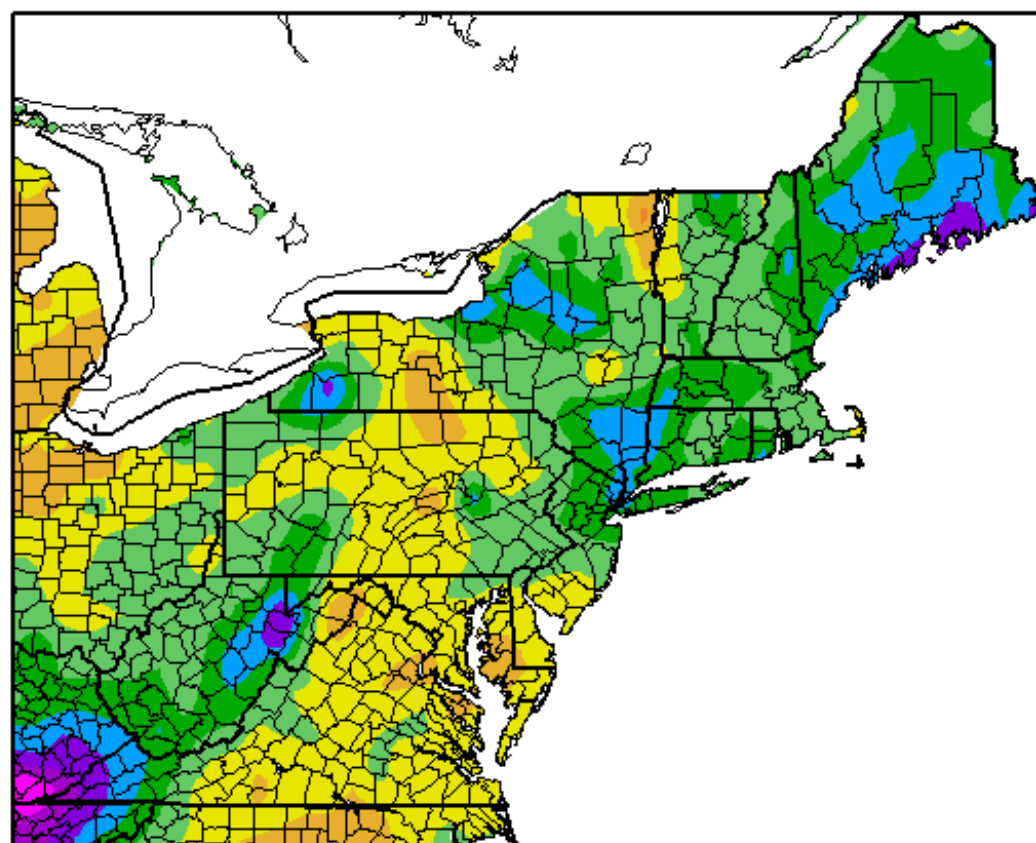


Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
12/21/2016 - 1/3/2017

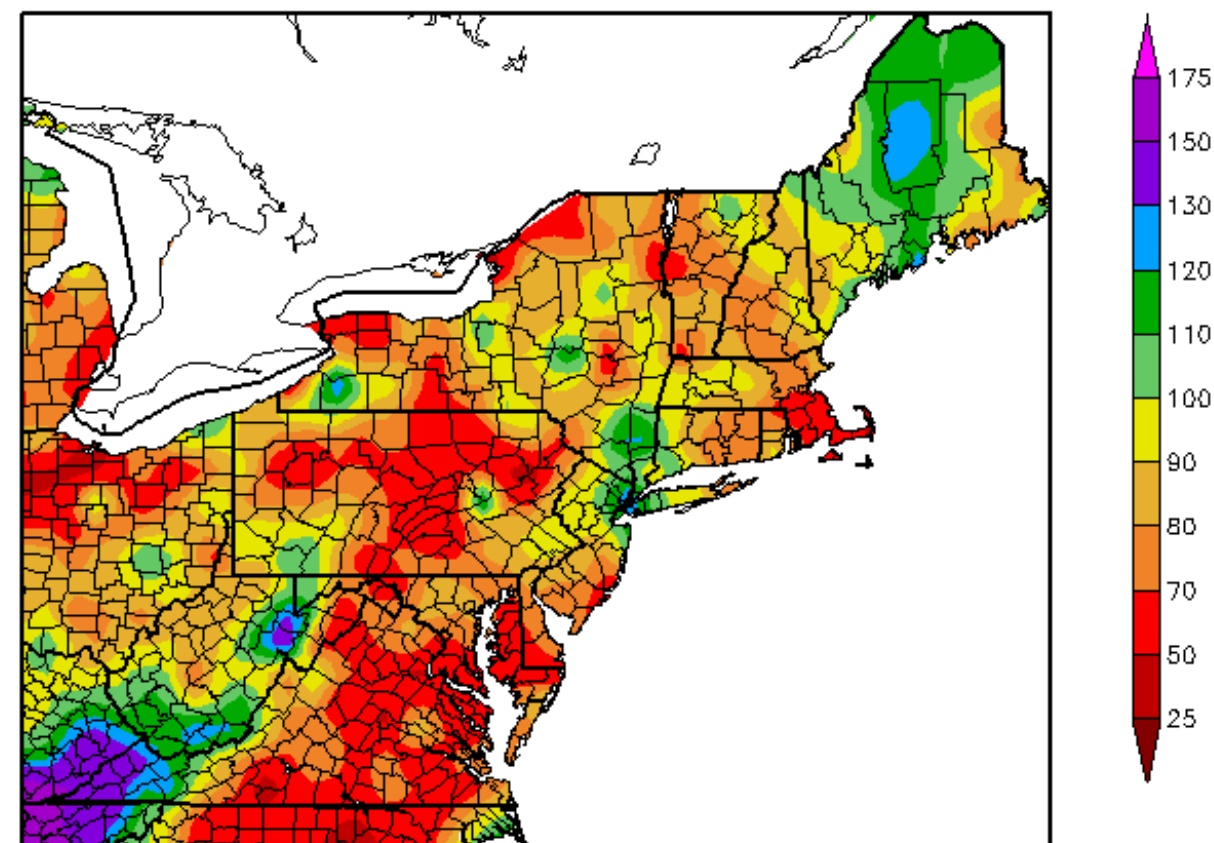


# 60 Day Precip and Percent of Normal

Precipitation (in)  
11/5/2016 – 1/3/2017



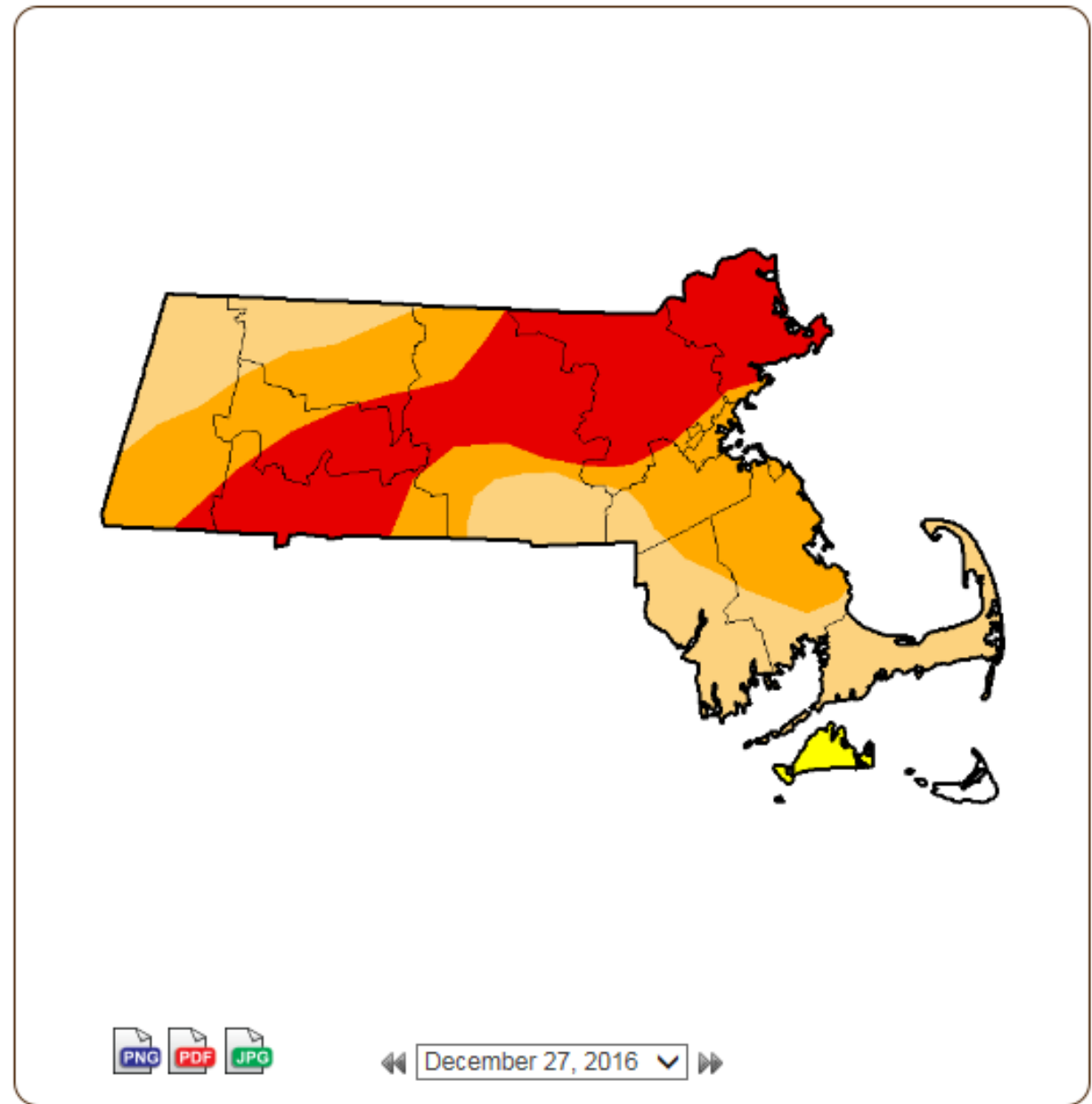
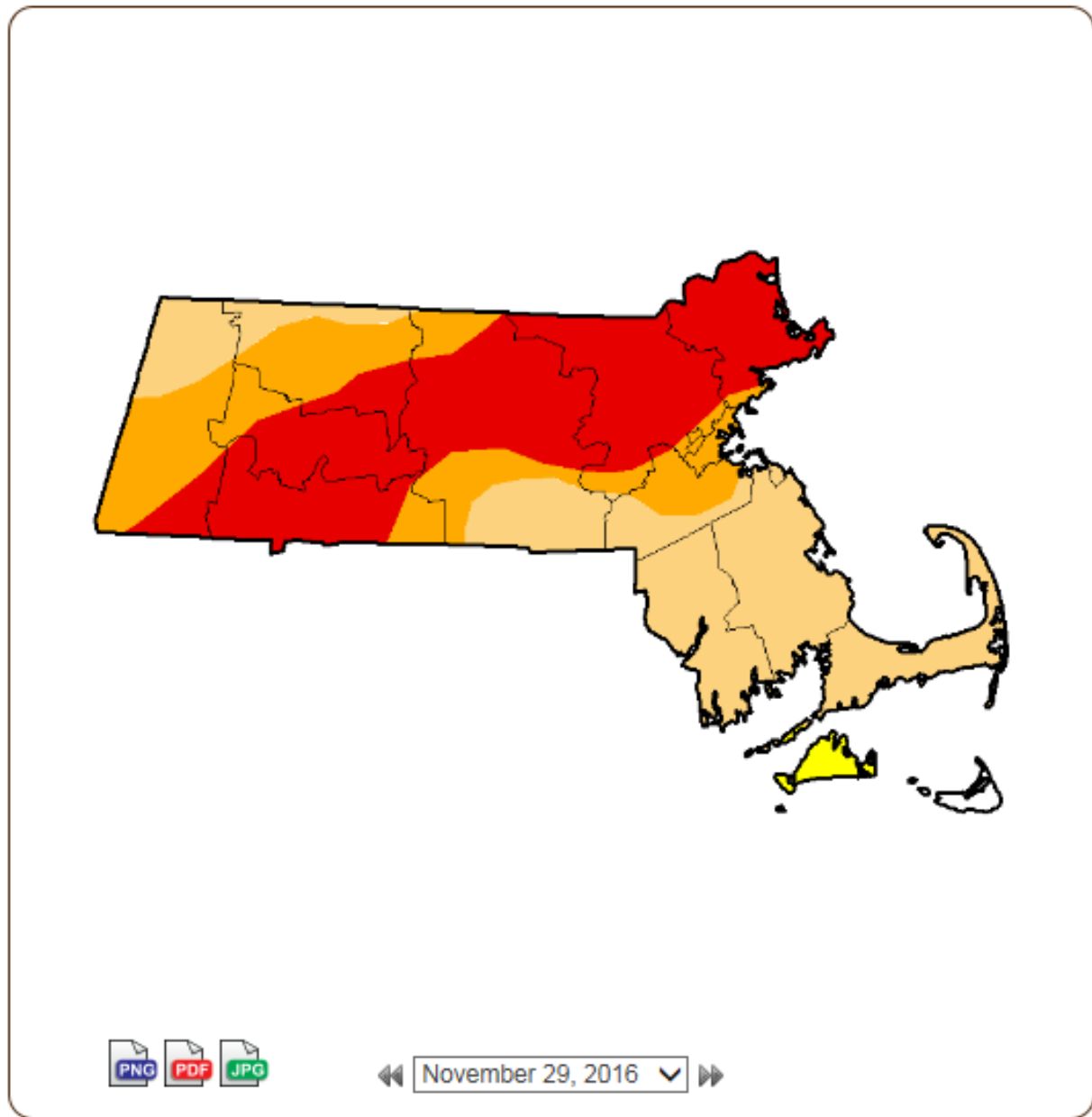
Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
11/5/2016 – 1/3/2017



# Drought Monitor 11/29 vs. 12/27

## U.S. Drought Monitor Weekly Comparison

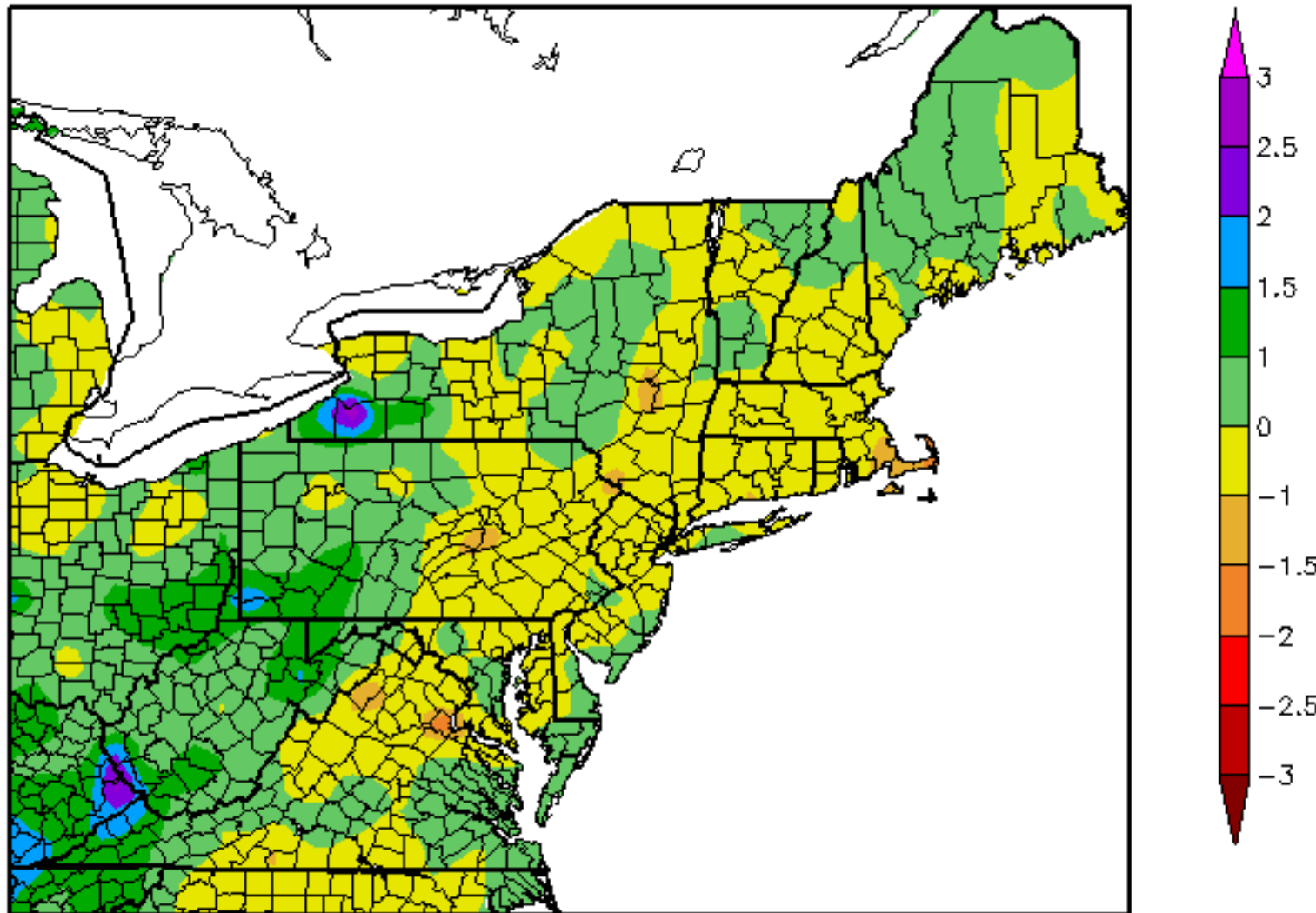
State  Statistics type:





# SPI From HPRCC

30 Day SPI  
12/5/2016 - 1/3/2017



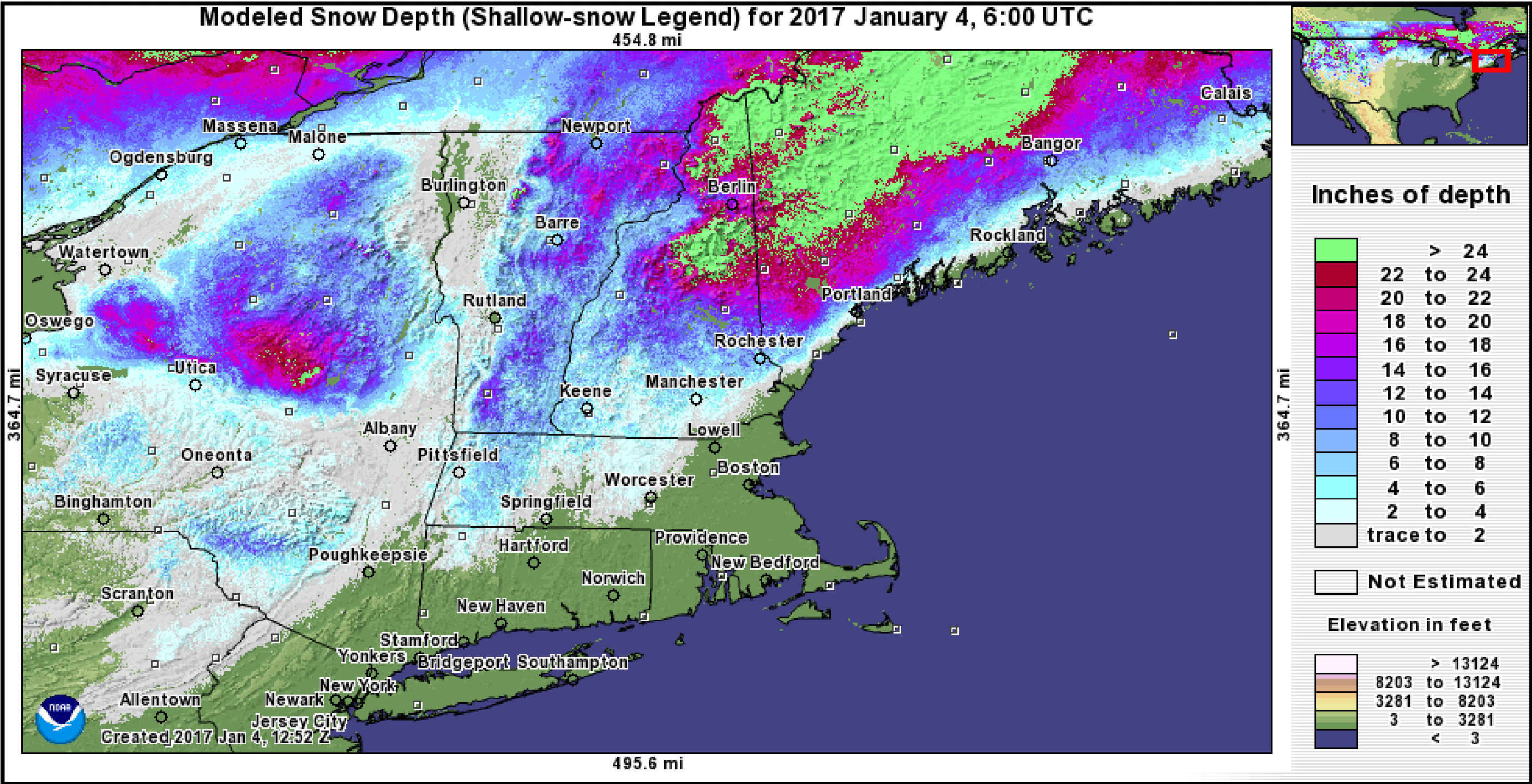
High Plains Regional Climate  
Center ACIS Maps

30 & 60 Day SPI comparable,  
below -1 SE MA

90 Day SPI somewhat better

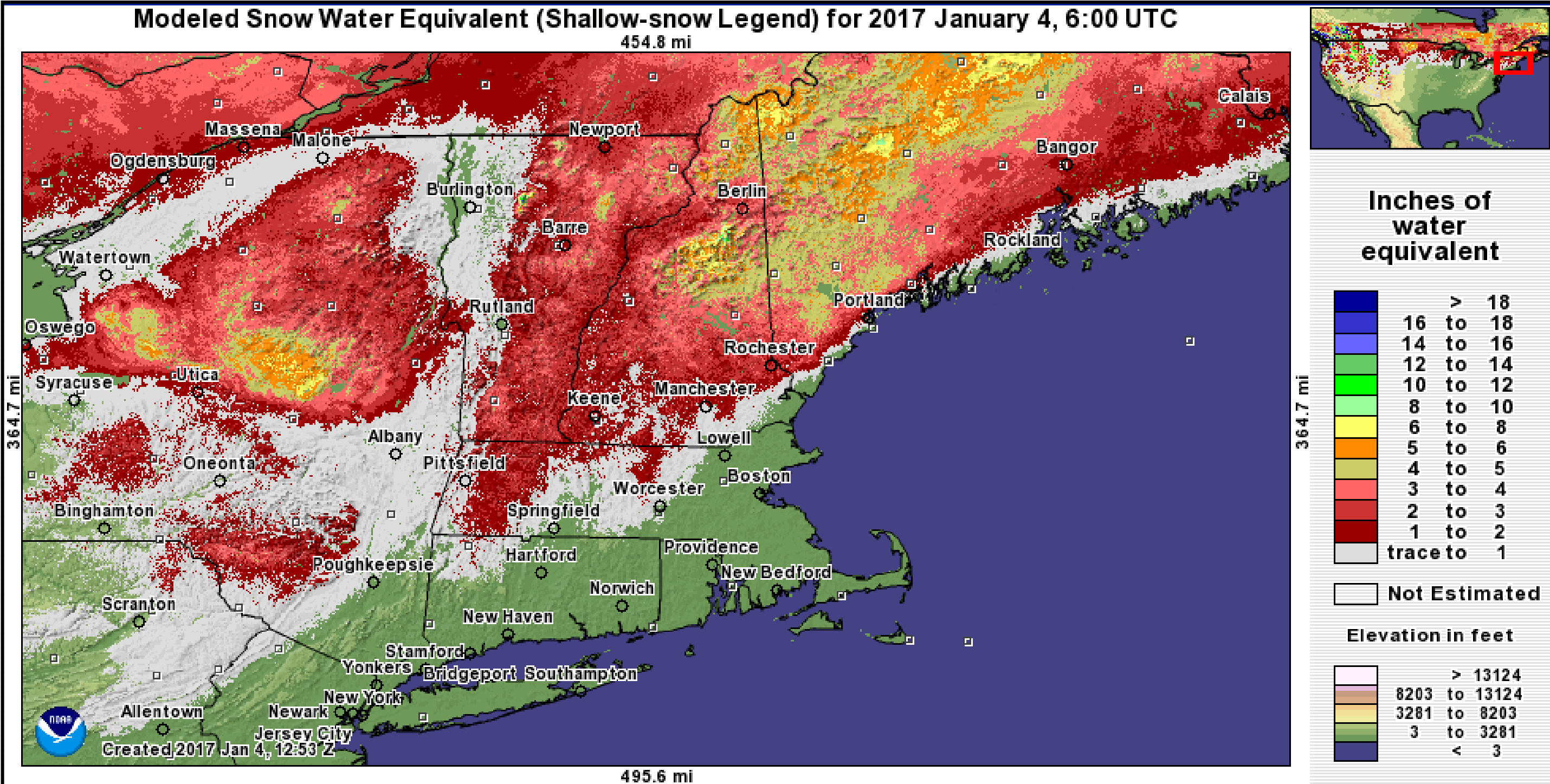
# Snow Depth Jan 4 2017

Modeled Snow Depth (Shallow-snow Legend) for 2017 January 4, 6:00 UTC

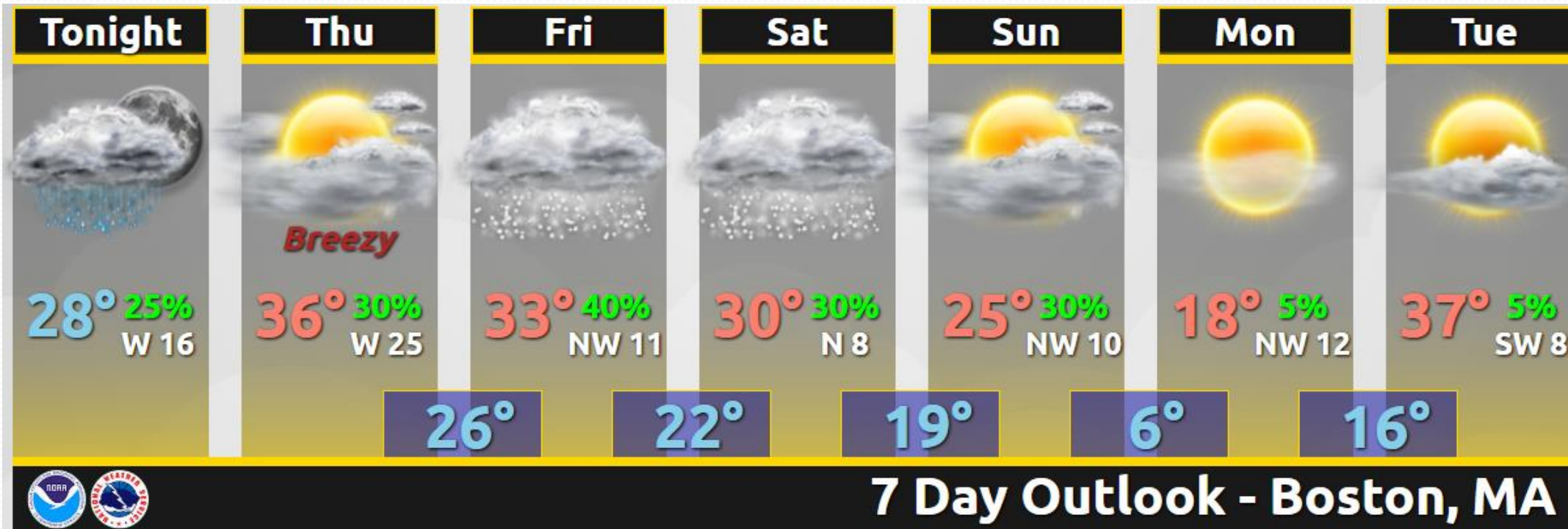


# Snow Water Content Jan 4 2017

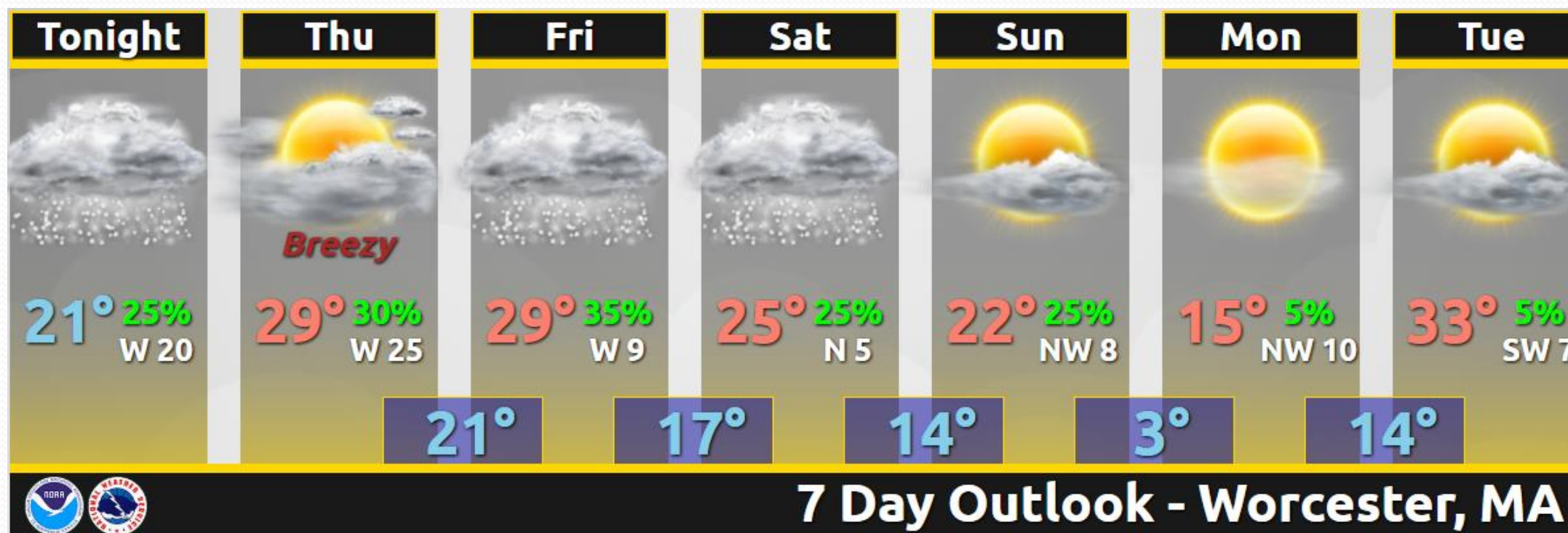
Modeled Snow Water Equivalent (Shallow-snow Legend) for 2017 January 4, 6:00 UTC



# Forecast Thru Jan 10<sup>th</sup>



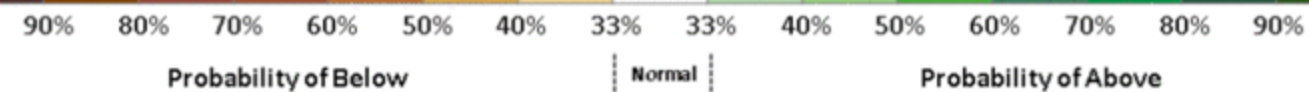
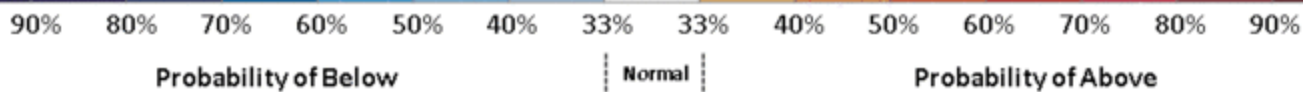
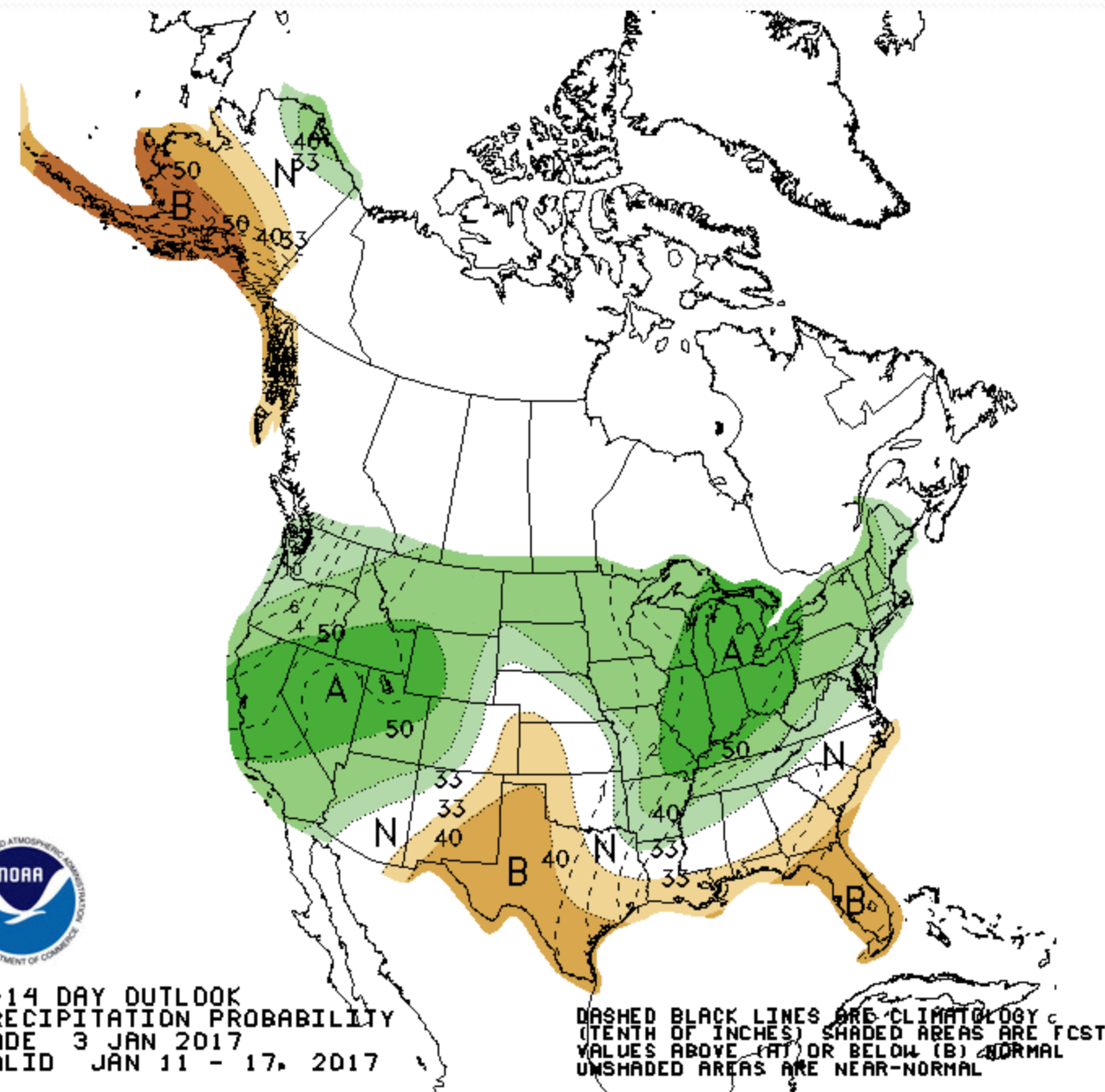
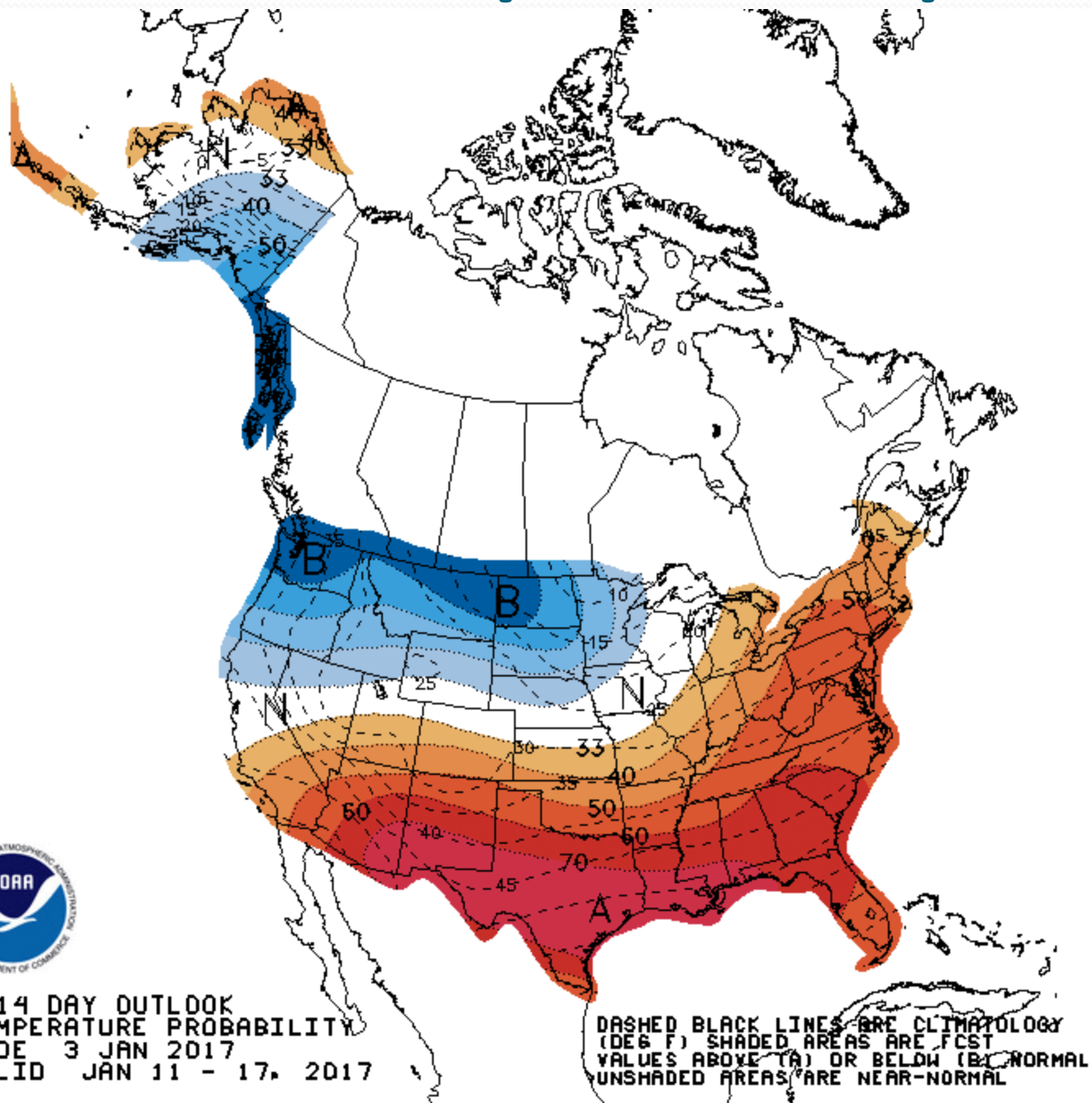
Normal Hi/Lo  
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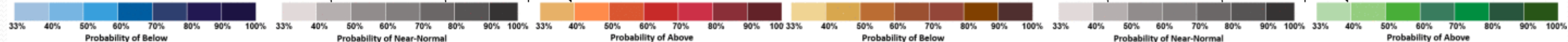
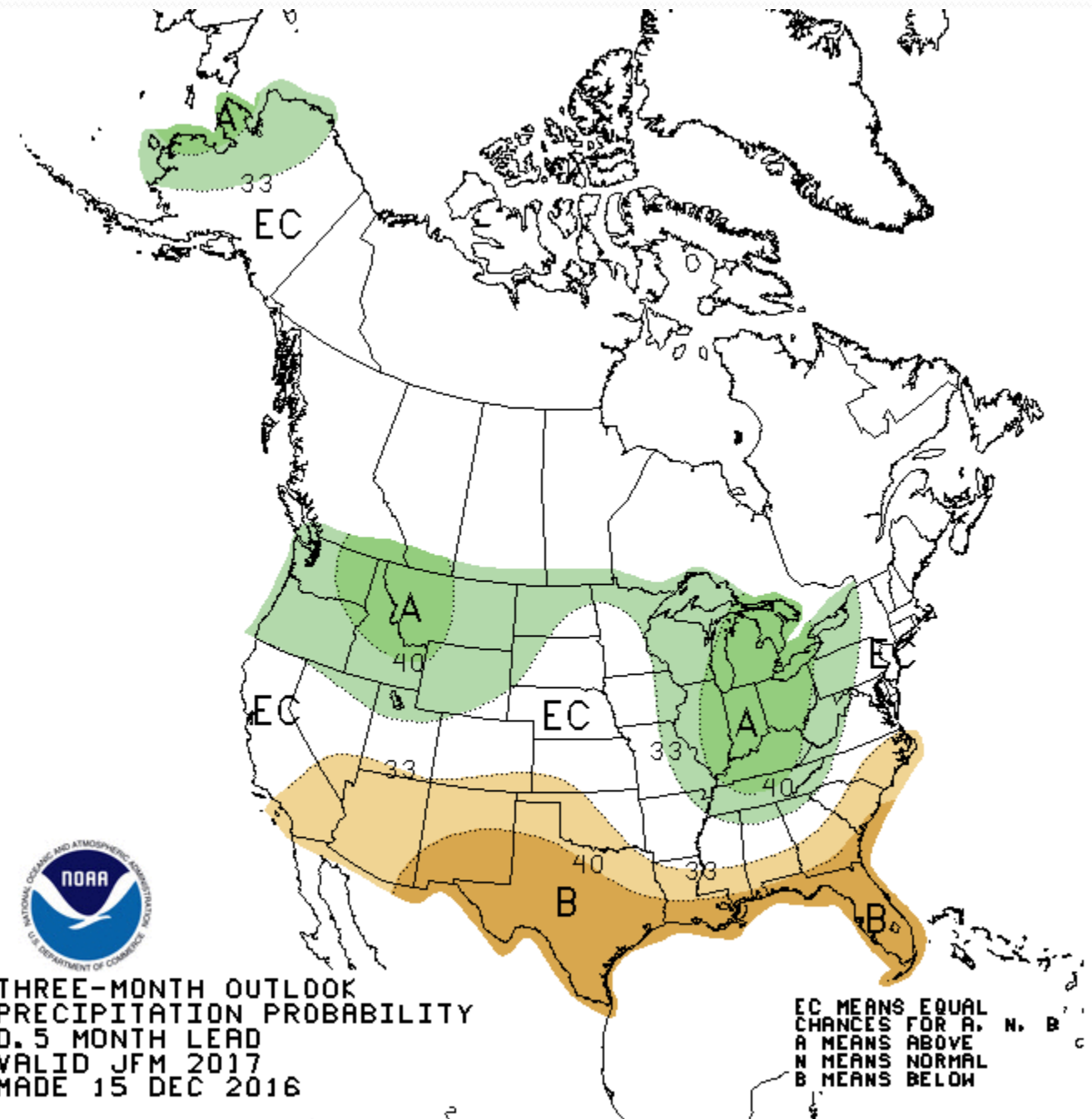
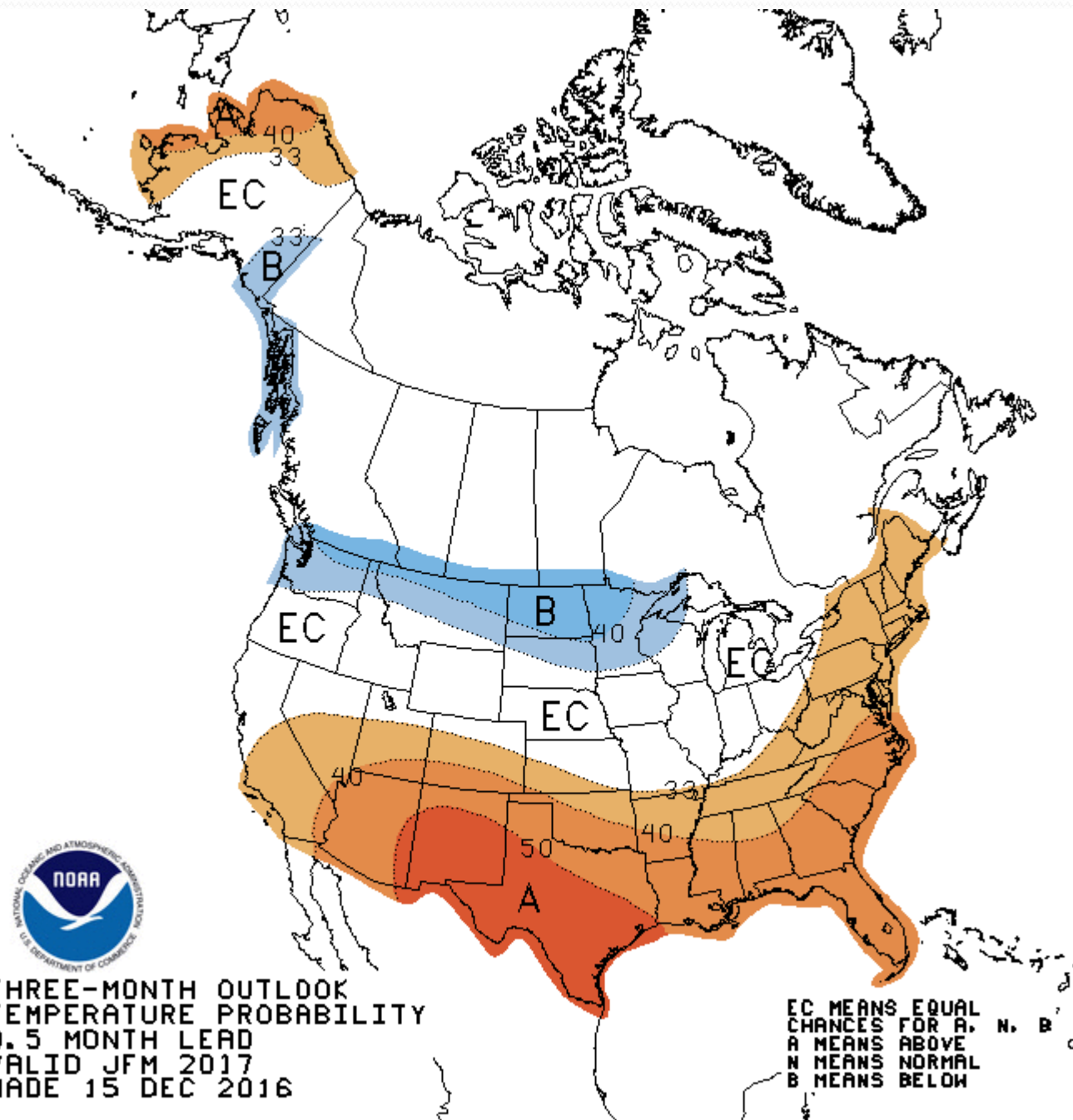
Normal Hi/Lo  
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# 1/11-17/2017 Outlook



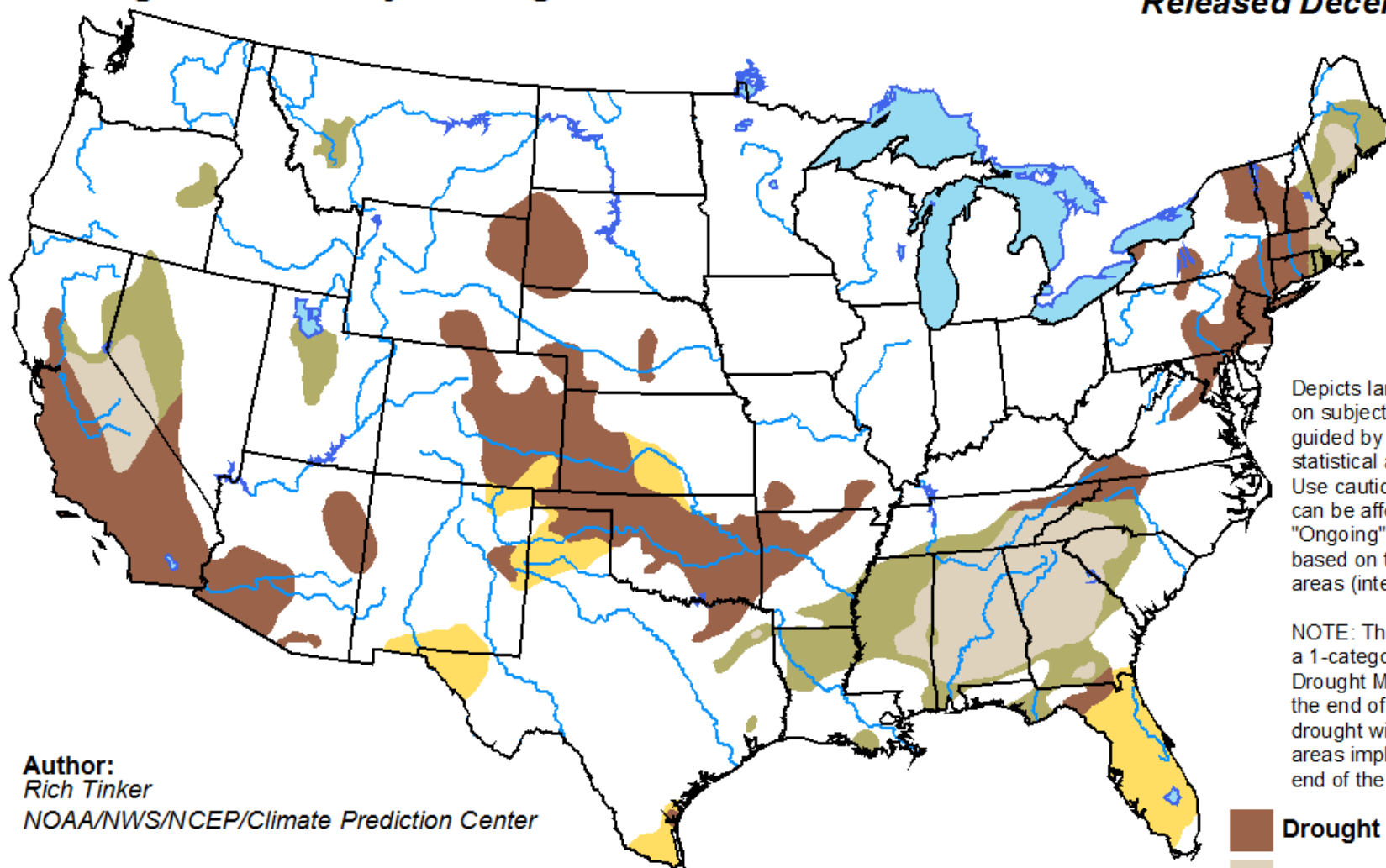
# JFM Temp & Precip Outlook



# Drought Outlook for Jan 2017

## U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period





Valid for January 2017  
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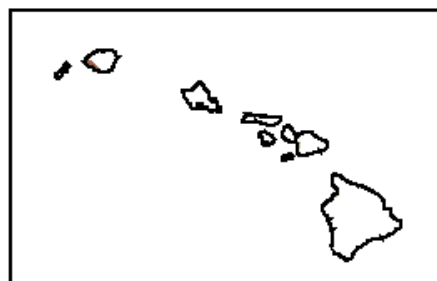
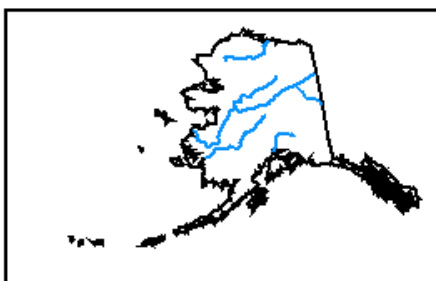


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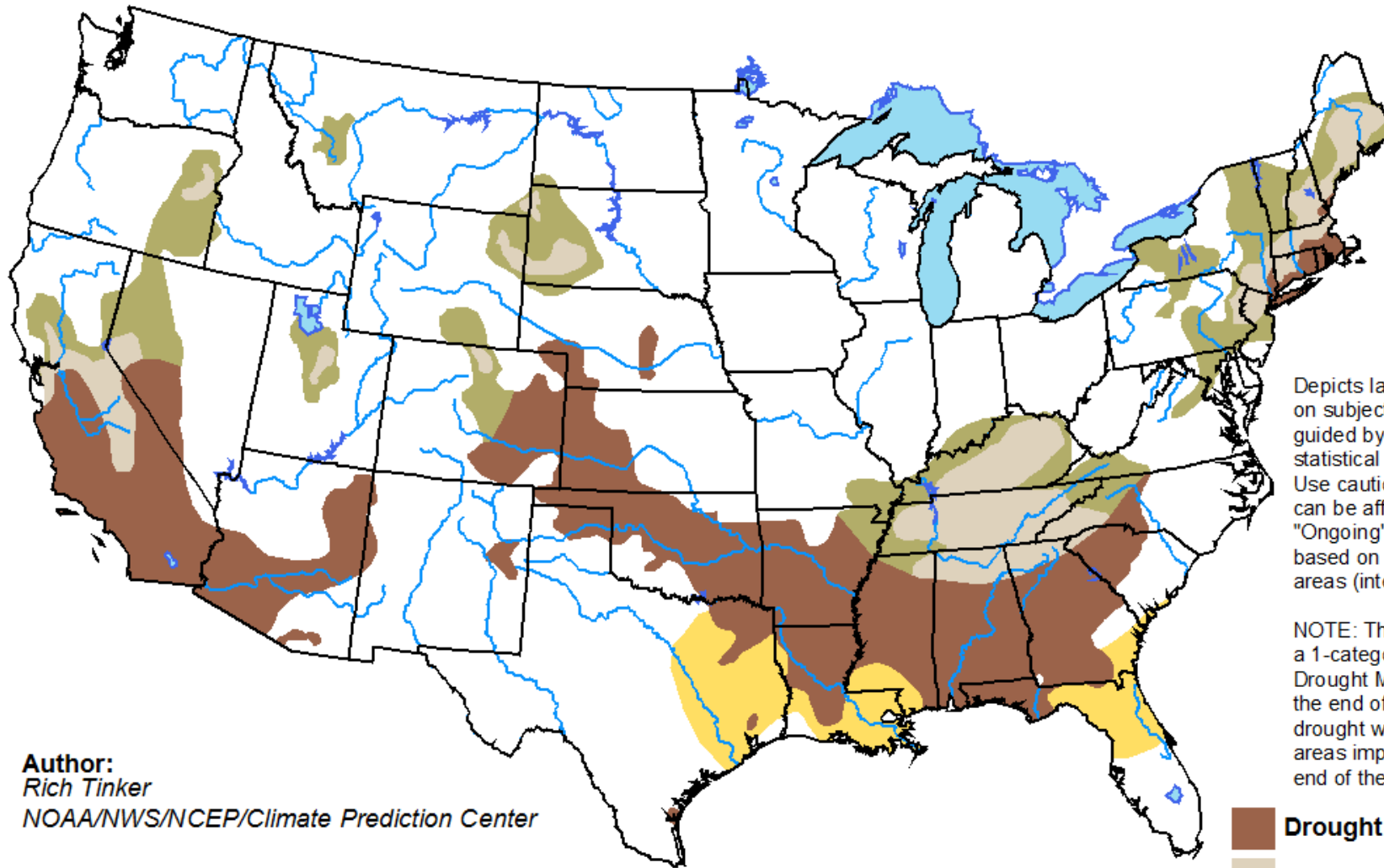
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# Seasonal Drought Outlook

**U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook**  
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period





Valid for December 15 - March 31, 2017  
Released December 15, 2016

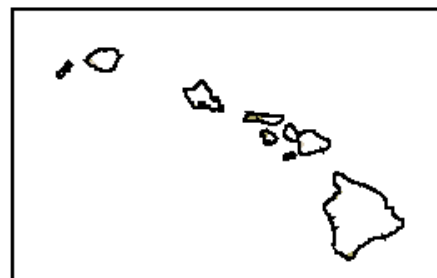
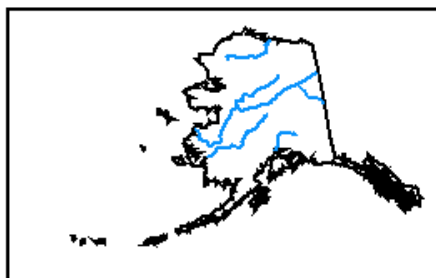


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