

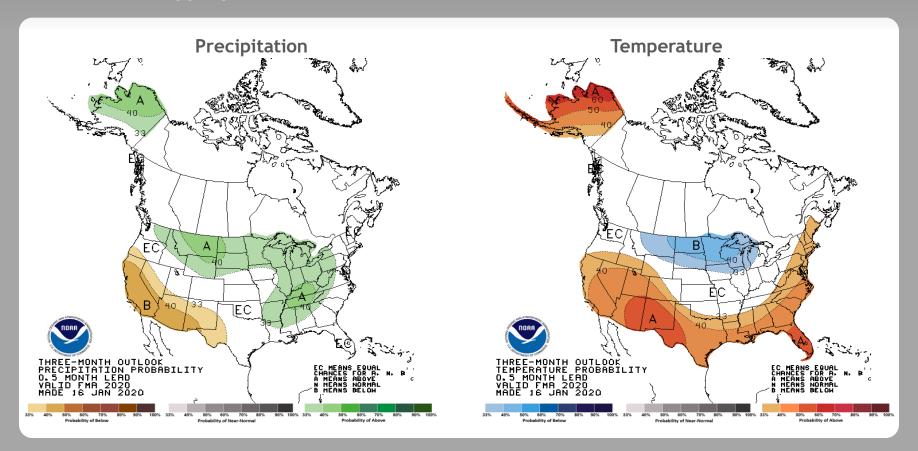
Summary

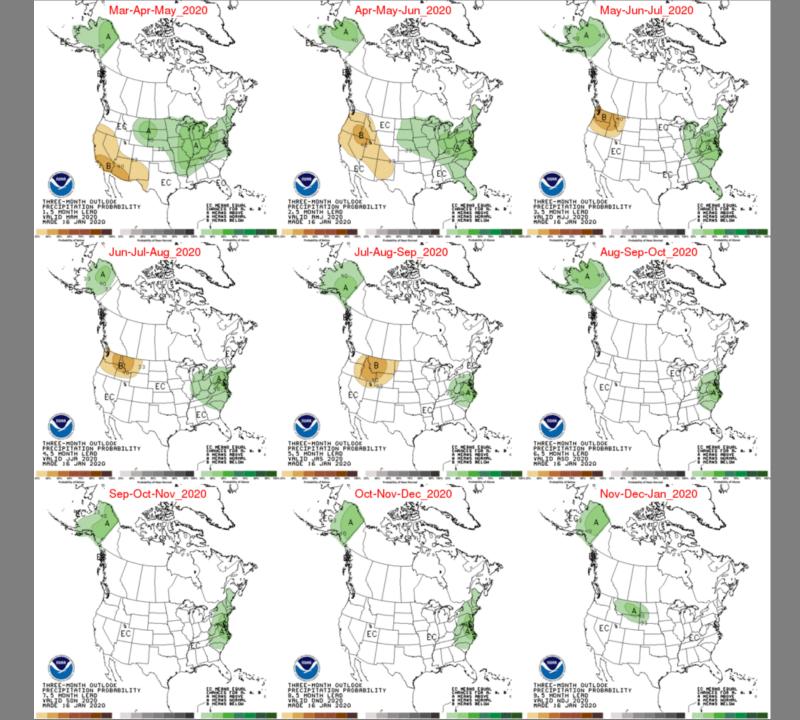
- The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is forecasting <u>equal</u>
 <u>chances of below normal</u>, <u>normal and above normal rainfall</u>
 <u>for February through April</u>.
- ENSO-neutral conditions are present and favored through spring 2020 (~60% chance), continuing through summer 2020 (~50% chance). El Niño increases the chances of a <u>wetter-than-normal dry season</u>.
- Monitoring Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO) which is currently in the warm phase
 - Average annual inflow to Lake Okeechobee is nearly 50% greater during the warm phase compared to the cold phase

U. S. Seasonal Outlooks

February - April 2020

The seasonal outlooks combine the effects of long-term trends, soil moisture, and, when appropriate, ENSO.





Teleconnections to South Florida

Climate anomalies being related to each other at large distances:

El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

South Florida dry season (November through May) rainfall is positively correlated with El Niño which has a frequency that ranges between 3 to 7 years while rainfall is negatively correlated with La Niña November through March with a potential increase in tropical rainfall during La Niña

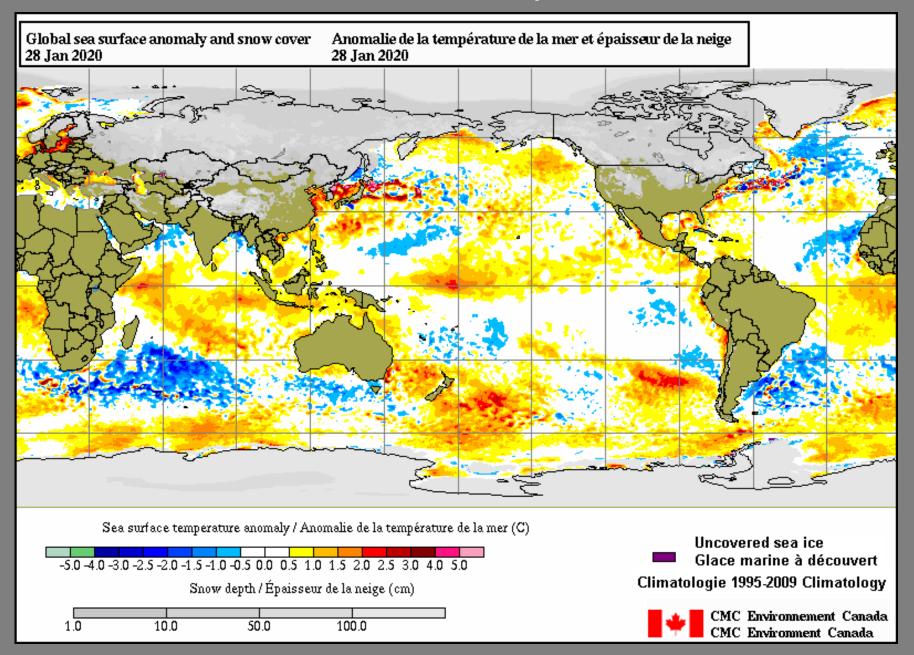
Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO)

Average annual inflow to Lake Okeechobee is nearly 50% greater during the warm phase compared to the cold phase of the AMO, easterly flow toward south Florida affected by phase

Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)

Increases variations of south Florida dry season rainfall

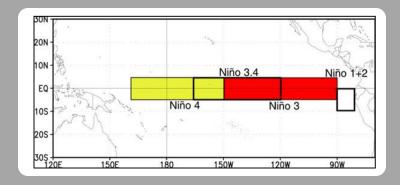
Current Global Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies

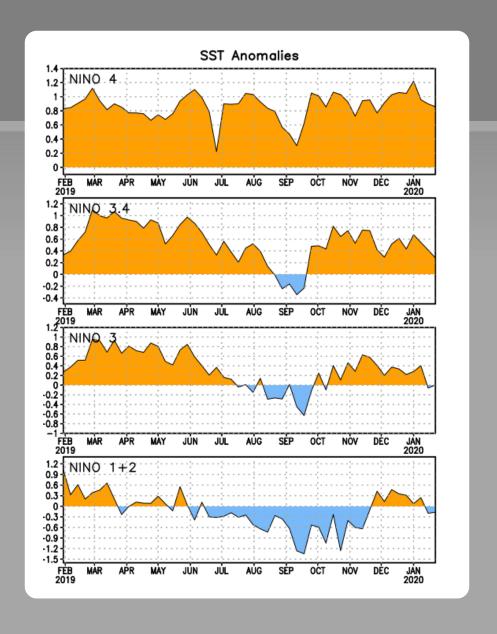


Niño Region SST Departures (°C) Recent Evolution

The latest weekly SST departures are:

Niño 4	0.9°C
Niño 3.4	0.3°C
Niño 3	0.0°C
Niño 1+2	-0.2°C





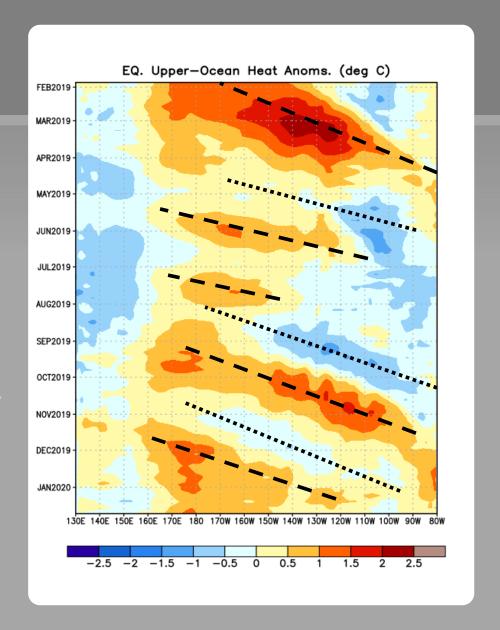
Weekly Heat Content Evolution in the Equatorial Pacific

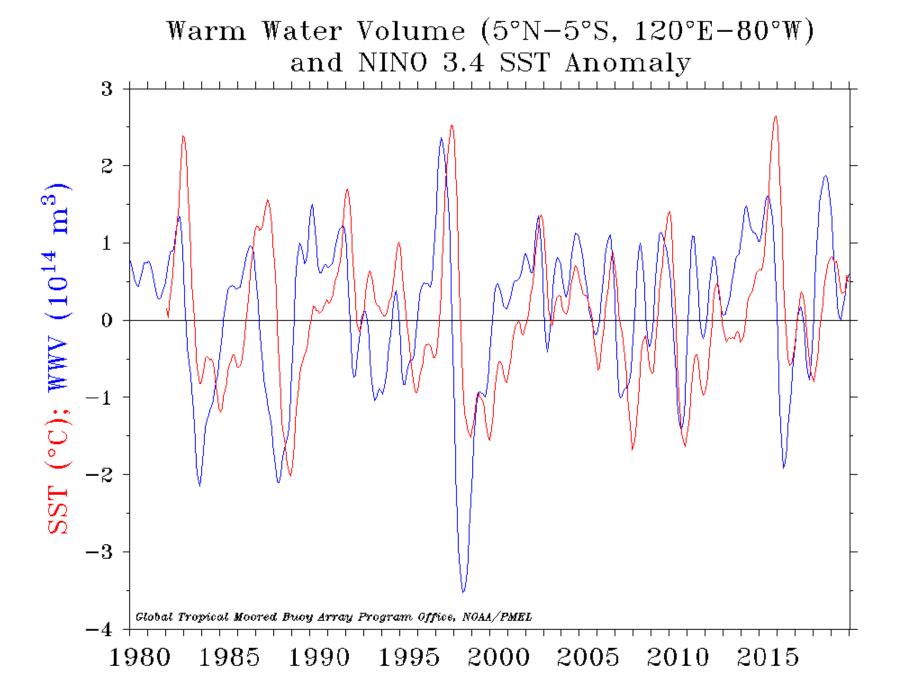
Significant equatorial oceanic Kelvin wave activity (dashed and dotted lines) has been present throughout the period shown.

During November and December 2019, an upwelling Kelvin wave (dotted line) contributed to anomalous cooling in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.

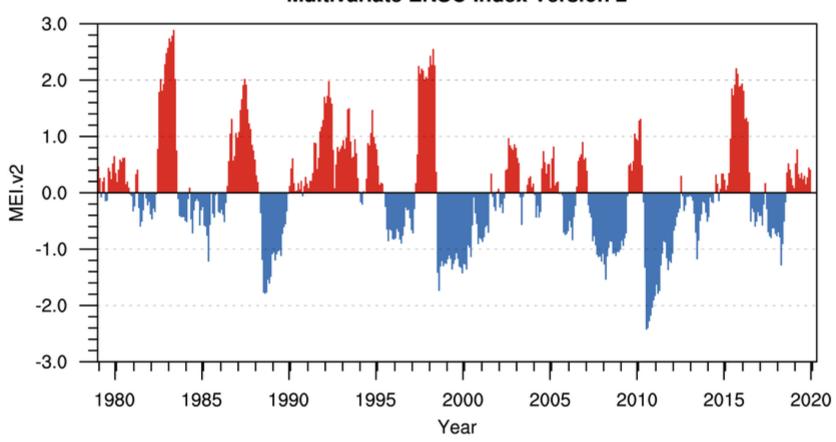
During December 2019 and January 2020, a downwelling Kelvin wave (dashed line) resulted in above-average subsurface temperatures across the central and east-central equatorial Pacific.

Equatorial oceanic Kelvin waves have alternating warm and cold phases. The warm phase is indicated by dashed lines. Downwelling and warming occur in the leading portion of a Kelvin wave, and up-welling and cooling occur in the trailing portion.

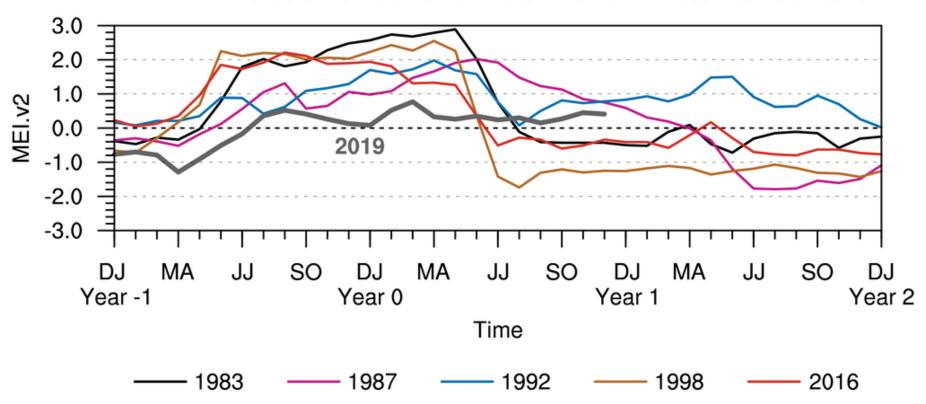




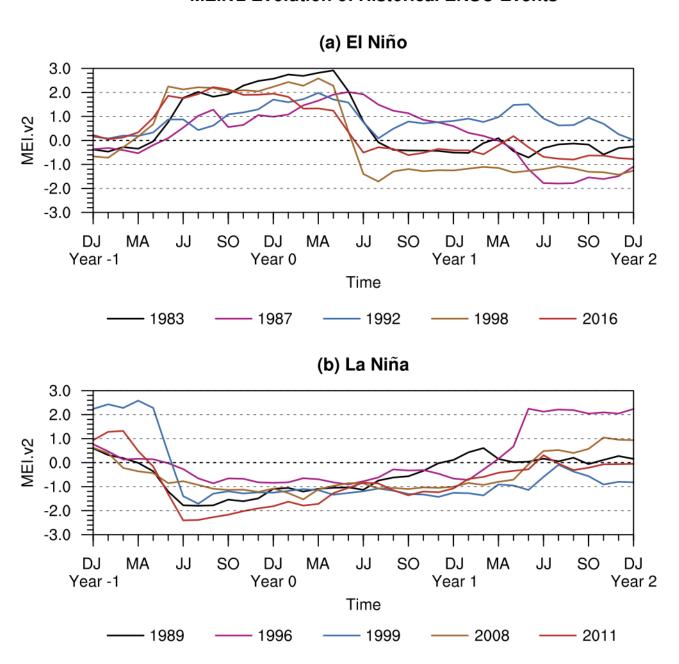
Multivariate ENSO Index Version 2



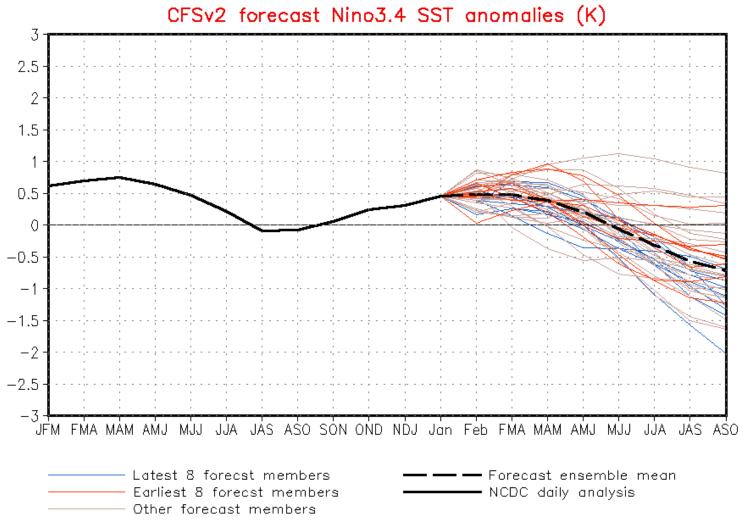
MEI.v2 Evolution of Current ENSO Event in Historical Context



MEI.v2 Evolution of Historical ENSO Events







(Model bias correct base period: 1999-2010; Climatology base period: 1982-2010)

IRI/CPC Pacific Niño 3.4 SST Model Outlook

A majority of models favor ENSOneutral through the Northern Hemisphere summer 2020.

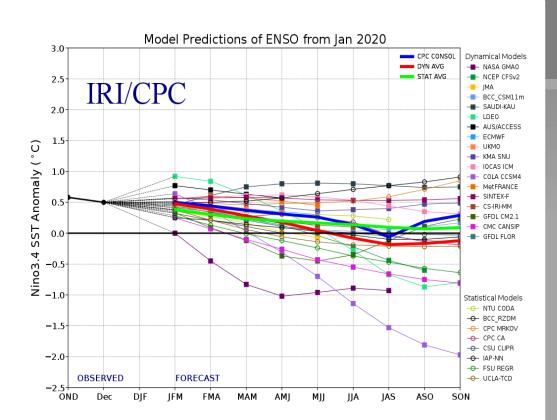


Figure provided by the International Research Institute (IRI) for Climate and Society (updated 19 January 2020).

Historical El Niño and La Niña Episodes Based on the ONI computed using ERSST.v5

Recent Pacific warm (red) and cold (blue) periods based on a threshold of +/- 0.5 °C for the Oceanic Nino Index (ONI) [3 month running mean of ERSST.v5 SST anomalies in the Nino 3.4 region (5N-5S, 120-170W)]. For historical purposes, periods of below and above normal SSTs are colored in blue and red when the threshold is met for a minimum of 5 consecutive over-lapping seasons.

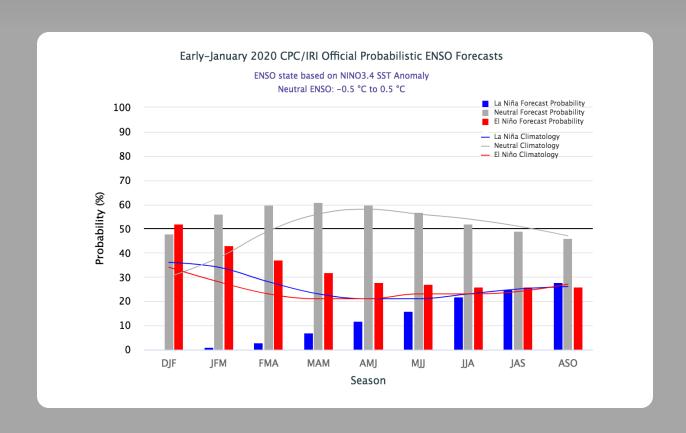
The ONI is one measure of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation, and other indices can confirm whether features consistent with a coupled ocean-atmosphere phenomenon accompanied these periods. The complete table going back to DJF 1950 can be found here.

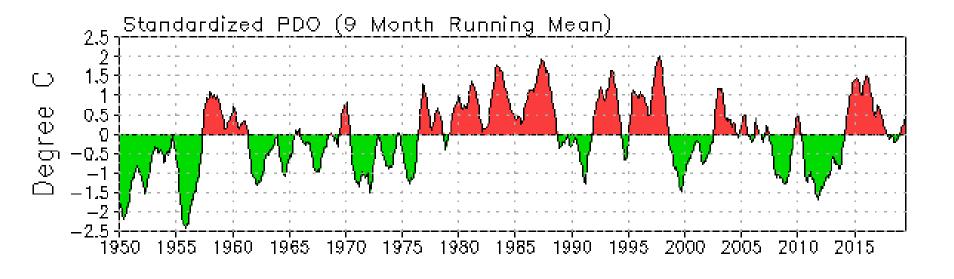
Year	DJF	JFM	FMA	MAM	AMJ	МЈЈ	JJA	JAS	ASO	SON	OND	NDJ
2007	0.7	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-1.1	-1.4	-1.5	-1.6
2008	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-0.9	-0.8	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7
2009	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.6
2010	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-1.0	-1.4	-1.6	-1.7	-1.7	-1.6
2011	-1.4	-1.1	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.0
2012	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.2
2013	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
2014	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7
2015	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.6
2016	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.0	0.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6
2017	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0
2018	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8
2019	8.0	8.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	

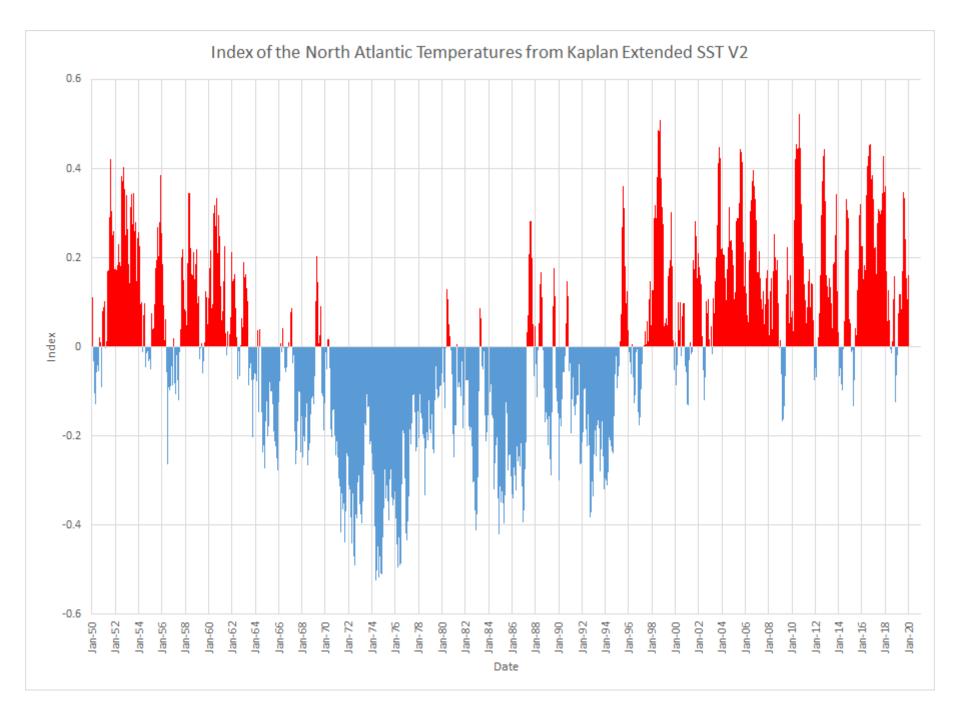
CPC/IRI Probabilistic ENSO Outlook

Updated: 9 January 2020

ENSO-neutral is most likely to continue through the Northern Hemisphere summer 2020.







Dynamic Position Analysis

- Based on historical climatic conditions spanning the period 1965-2005
- Each year the model resets the initial stages for Lake Okeechobee (LOK) and the Water Conservation Areas (WCAs) to value on the 1st of the previous month and conditions the simulation using real time data during the previous month to achieve real time stage on the 1st or 15th of the current month for both Lake Okeechobee and the Water Conservation Areas
- Dynamic Position Analysis
 - Each 1-year simulation starts with current hydrologic conditions (e.g., 15-January-2020)
 - 41 1-year simulations of system response to historical rainfall conditions
 - Statistical summaries used to display projections

