

ENSO Strength to Rainfall Outlook Tercile Probability Conversion

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Methodology



- Use historical SST Anomaly for ENSO region 3.4 (ONI) and rainfall information to convert ENSO into tercile probabilities
- For each of the 12 3-month seasons

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} \text{Below Normal} \\ \text{Normal} \\ \text{Above Normal} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} S_{LN} \\ M_{LN} \\ NN_{LN} \\ \text{Neutral} \\ NN_{EN} \\ M_{EN} \\ S_{EN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} S \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ S \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Below Normal} \\ \text{Normal} \\ \text{Above Normal} \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \text{ENSO-Rainfall} \\ \text{conversion} \\ \text{coefficient Matrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \times 7 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ 7 \times 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{ENSO Cat-Strength} \\ \text{Probability Matrix} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Rainfall Tercile} \\ \text{Probability Matrix} \end{array}
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Rainfall ENSO conversion coefficient Matrix



	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	Neutral	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below Normal							
Normal							
Above Normal							

Rainfall-ENSO
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S_LN – Strong La Nina ($ONI < -1.5\text{ C}$)

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NN_LN – Near Neutral La Nina ($-1\text{ C} \leq ONI < -0.5\text{ C}$)

NN_EN – Near Neutral El Nino ($0.5\text{ C} < ONI \leq 1\text{ C}$)

M_EN – Moderate El Nino ($1\text{ C} < ONI \leq 1.5\text{ C}$)

S_EN – Strong El Nino ($1.5\text{ C} < ONI$)

S – 3-month seasons {DJF, JFM, FMA, MAM, AMJ, MJJ, JJA, JAS, ASO, SON, OND, NDJ}

Step 1:

Classify SST Anomaly for Region 3.4 (ONI) into ENSO Categories for each 3-month season

Step 2:

Calculate counts/probabilities of Below Normal, Normal, and Above Normal rainfall events for each ENSO category

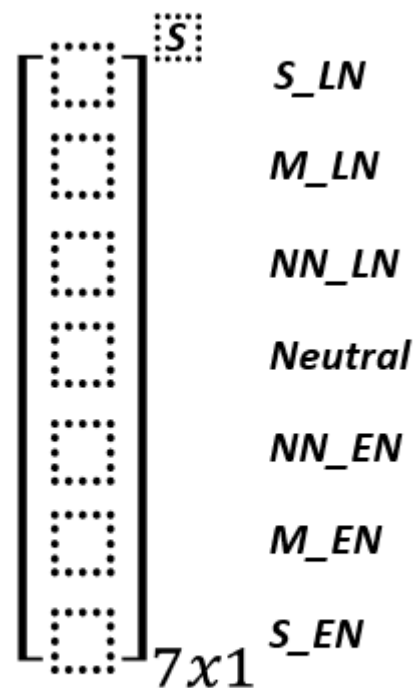
Step 3:

Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each 3-month seasons

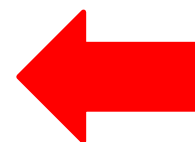
Note: each column of this matrix will/should add to 1



ENSO Strength Probability Vector



ENSO Cat-Strength
Probability Matrix



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ENSO Strengths

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Target	< -1.5°C	< -1.0°C	< -0.5°C	> 0.5°C	> 1.0°C	> 1.5°C
JJA	~0	~0	~0	97	53	4
JAS	~0	~0	~0	96	70	25
ASO	~0	~0	~0	96	76	37
SON	~0	~0	~0	96	80	46
OND	~0	~0	~0	96	82	52
NDJ	~0	~0	~0	96	81	51
DJF	~0	~0	~0	93	73	41
JFM	~0	~0	~0	90	64	30
FMA	~0	~0	~0	85	52	17
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The values are based on the analysis published in:

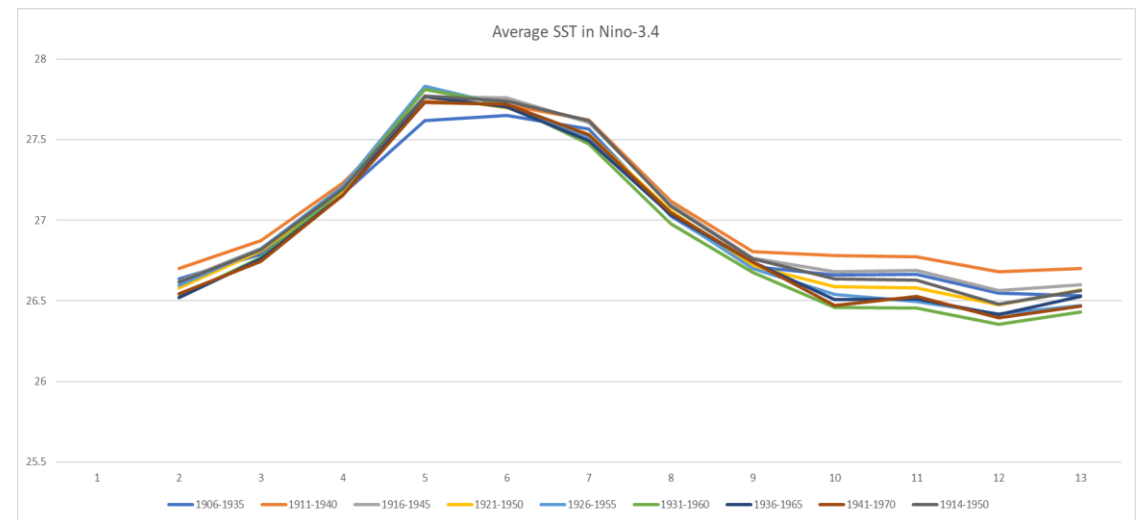
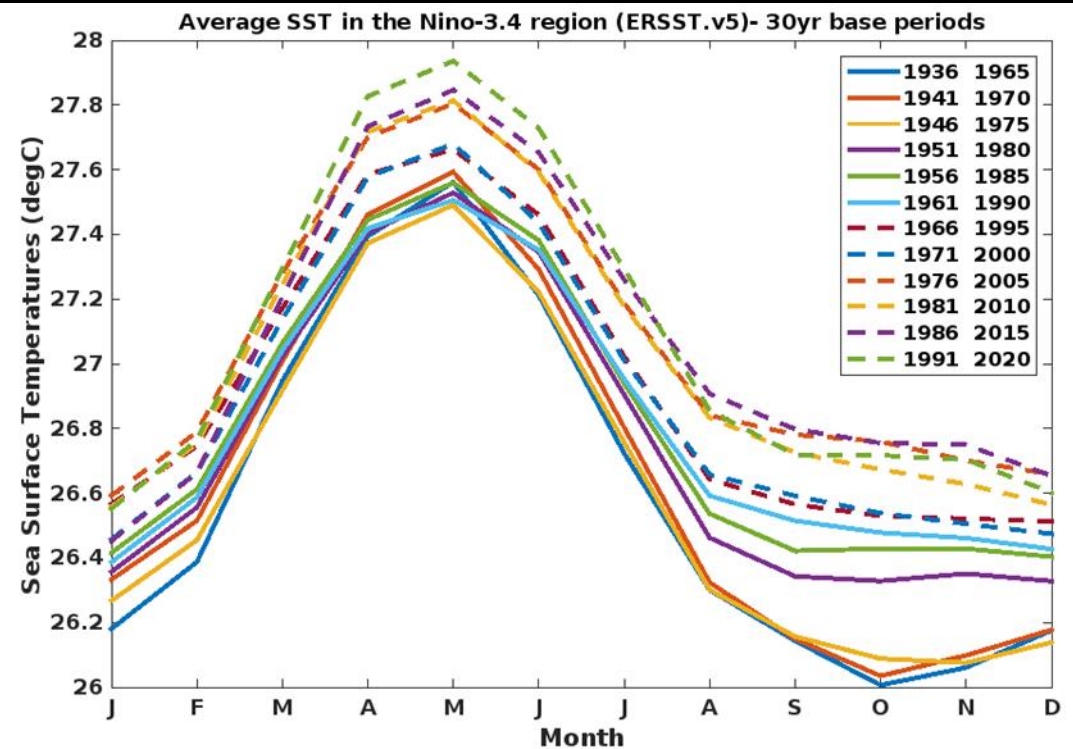
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CALCULATION DETAILS

Step 1: ONI calculation

- Currently CPC uses a 30-year base period of SST that is used to define an anomaly. The base periods are used for 5-year periods then updated. [Climate Prediction Center - Monitoring & Data: Ocean Niño Index Changes Description \(noaa.gov\)](https://climatepredictioncenter.noaa.gov/monitoring-data/ocean-nino-index-changes-description)
- For example, “*ONI values during 1950-1955 will be based on the 1936-1965 base period, ONI values during 1956-1960 will be based on the 1941-1970 base period, and so on and so forth.*”
- This method for ONI calculation is used due to a warming trend in the Nino-3.4 area.
- We considered 3 methods to calculate SST anomalies and settled on using a base period of 1914-1950.
- psl.noaa.gov/gcos_wgsp/Timeseries/Data/nino34.long.data



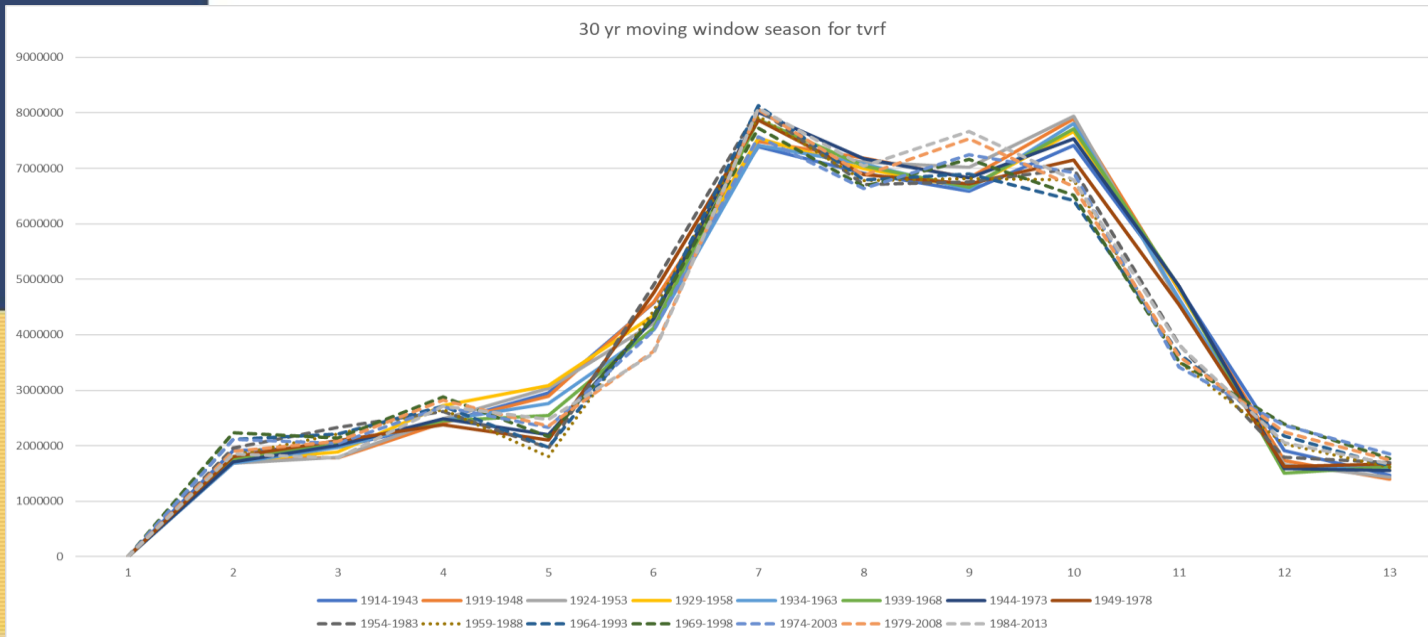
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Step 2: Rainfall classification



- Rainfall data was converted into 3-month season just as ENSO values are.
- The seasonal values were then classified as either below normal, normal or above normal using.
- Tercile thresholds ranges were 1914-1980 and 1981-2022.



	DJF	JFM	FMA	MAM	AMJ	MJJ	JJA	JAS	ASO	SON	OND	NDJ
1915	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above
1916	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal	Normal	Above	Normal
1917	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above	Above	Below	Normal
1918	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
1919	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above
1920	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Above	Normal	Above	Normal	Above	Above	Above
1921	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Normal
1922	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal
1923	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Normal
1924	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above
1925	Above	Above	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above
1926	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Below
1927	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below
1928	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below	Below
1929	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above
1930	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above
1931	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below
1932	Below	Normal	Below	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Above	Normal	Above	Normal
1933	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below
1934	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below
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1936	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Above
1937	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above	Normal	Normal
1938	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Below
1939	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal
1940	Above	Above	Above	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Below	Above
1941	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal	Normal	Above
1942	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal
1943	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below
1944	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below
1945	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below
1946	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal	Normal	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Normal
1947	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above
1948	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above	Above	Below	Below
1949	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal
1950	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Above	Normal	Above	Below
1951	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above	Below
1952	Normal	Above	Above	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Normal
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1957	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Above	Normal	Normal	Above	Above
1958	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above
1959	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal
1960	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal
1961	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below
1962	Below	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal

Step 3: Rainfall-ENSO Matrix



- Finally, we calculated the 3x7 matrix for each 3-month season using the Rainfall and ENSO tables.

	DJF	JFM	FMA	MAM	AMJ	MJJ	JJA	JAS	ASO	SON	OND	NDJ
1915	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above
1916	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal	Normal	Above	Normal
1917	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above	Above	Below	Normal
1918	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
1919	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above
1920	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Above	Normal	Above	Normal	Above	Above	Above
1921	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Normal
1922	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal
1923	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below	Below	Normal
1924	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above
1925	Above	Above	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above
1926	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Below
1927	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below
1928	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below	Below
1929	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Above	Above	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above
1930	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Above
1931	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below
1932	Below	Normal	Below	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Above	Normal	Above	Normal
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1943	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below
1944	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below
1945	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Below
1946	Normal	Normal	Below	Normal	Normal	Above	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Normal
1947	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above
1948	Normal	Normal	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Above	Above	Above	Below	Below
1949	Below	Below	Below	Below	Normal	Normal	Above	Above	Above	Normal	Normal	Normal

	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	Neutral	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below Normal							
Normal							
Above Normal							

3x7

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RESULTS



Counts (108 years of data)



DJF	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	3	5	11	16	1	0	0
Normal	3	4	6	14	7	1	1
Above	0	0	2	10	10	8	5

JJA	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0	0	6	23	3	1	2
Normal	0	2	7	19	5	2	1
Above	0	3	4	23	6	0	0

JFM	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	1	8	14	13	0	0	0
Normal	1	1	6	20	7	0	1
Above	0	0	2	16	4	10	4

JAS	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0	1	7	21	4	2	1
Normal	0	3	6	18	6	1	2
Above	0	3	5	24	2	1	1

FMA	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0	5	15	16	0	0	0
Normal	0	1	9	19	5	1	1
Above	0	1	1	20	6	7	1

ASO	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0	3	4	16	8	2	3
Normal	1	5	3	18	4	2	3
Above	0	2	8	22	4	0	0

MAM	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0	2	9	22	2	1	0
Normal	0	2	4	21	7	2	0
Above	0	0	2	27	6	1	0

SON	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	2	3	5	17	5	3	1
Normal	0	3	3	17	4	4	5
Above	0	4	10	17	4	1	0

AMJ	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0	1	9	22	4	0	0
Normal	0	0	5	24	5	2	0
Above	0	1	3	24	7	1	0

OND	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	5	1	6	17	7	0	0
Normal	0	1	7	16	3	6	3
Above	0	7	6	9	4	5	4

MJJ	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0	0	6	22	6	2	0
Normal	0	1	7	19	6	3	0
Above	0	1	3	28	4	0	0

NDJ	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	3	4	9	17	2	0	1
Normal	4	3	7	14	7	1	0
Above	1	1	2	10	6	8	8

Probabilities



DJF	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.50	0.56	0.58	0.40	0.06	0.00	0.00
Normal	0.50	0.44	0.32	0.35	0.39	0.11	0.17
Above	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.25	0.56	0.89	0.83

JJA	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.33	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.21	0.33	0.67
Normal	0.33	0.40	0.41	0.29	0.36	0.67	0.33
Above	0.33	0.60	0.24	0.35	0.43	0.00	0.00

JFM	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.50	0.89	0.64	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal	0.50	0.11	0.27	0.41	0.64	0.00	0.20
Above	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.33	0.36	1.00	0.80

JAS	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.33	0.14	0.39	0.33	0.33	0.50	0.25
Normal	0.33	0.43	0.33	0.29	0.50	0.25	0.50
Above	0.33	0.43	0.28	0.38	0.17	0.25	0.25

FMA	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.33	0.71	0.60	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal	0.33	0.14	0.36	0.35	0.45	0.13	0.50
Above	0.33	0.14	0.04	0.36	0.55	0.88	0.50

ASO	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.00	0.30	0.27	0.29	0.50	0.50	0.50
Normal	1.00	0.50	0.20	0.32	0.25	0.50	0.50
Above	0.00	0.20	0.53	0.39	0.25	0.00	0.00

MAM	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.33	0.50	0.60	0.31	0.13	0.25	0.33
Normal	0.33	0.50	0.27	0.30	0.47	0.50	0.33
Above	0.33	0.00	0.13	0.39	0.40	0.25	0.33

SON	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	1.00	0.30	0.28	0.33	0.38	0.38	0.17
Normal	0.00	0.30	0.17	0.33	0.31	0.50	0.83
Above	0.00	0.40	0.56	0.33	0.31	0.13	0.00

AMJ	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.33	0.50	0.53	0.31	0.25	0.00	0.33
Normal	0.33	0.00	0.29	0.34	0.31	0.67	0.33
Above	0.33	0.50	0.18	0.34	0.44	0.33	0.33

OND	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	1.00	0.11	0.32	0.40	0.50	0.00	0.00
Normal	0.00	0.11	0.37	0.38	0.21	0.55	0.43
Above	0.00	0.78	0.32	0.21	0.29	0.45	0.57

MJJ	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.33	0.00	0.38	0.32	0.38	0.40	0.33
Normal	0.33	0.50	0.44	0.28	0.38	0.60	0.33
Above	0.33	0.50	0.19	0.41	0.25	0.00	0.33

NDJ	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.38	0.50	0.50	0.41	0.13	0.00	0.11
Normal	0.50	0.38	0.39	0.34	0.47	0.11	0.00
Above	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.24	0.40	0.89	0.89



EXAMPLE CALCULATIONS MAY 2025

ENSO Strengths

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MAM	~0	~0	1	~0	~0	~0
AMJ	~0	~0	7	2	~0	~0
MJJ	~0	~0	11	6	~0	~0
JJA	~0	2	19	13	1	~0
JAS	1	6	26	15	3	~0
ASO	2	10	31	17	4	~0
SON	3	13	34	18	5	1
OND	4	15	37	18	6	1
NDJ	5	16	38	19	6	1
	≤ -1.5°C	≤ -1.0°C	≤ -0.5°C	≥ 0.5°C	≥ 1.0°C	≥ 1.5°C

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Below	0.33	0.00	0.38	0.32	0.38	0.40	0.33
Normal	0.33	0.50	0.44	0.28	0.38	0.60	0.33
Above	0.33	0.50	0.19	0.41	0.25	0.00	0.33

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0.11 \\ 0.83 \\ 0.06 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{7 \times 1}^{MJJ} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0.3284 \\ 0.3263 \\ 0.3440 \end{bmatrix}$$

NDJ	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.38	0.50	0.50	0.41	0.13	0.00	0.11
Normal	0.50	0.38	0.39	0.34	0.47	0.11	0.00
Above	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.24	0.40	0.89	0.89

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.05 \\ 0.11 \\ 0.22 \\ 0.43 \\ 0.13 \\ 0.05 \\ 0.01 \end{bmatrix}_{7 \times 1}^{NDJ} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0.3805 \\ 0.3649 \\ 0.2546 \end{bmatrix}$$

URL: [Climate Prediction Center](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/poe_graph_index.php?lead=12&climdiv=67&var=p)

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Forecast SST Anomalies (deg C) in the Nino 3.4 Region

Model	Seasons (2025 - 2026)								DJF
	AMJ	MJJ	JJA	JAS	ASO	SON	OND	NDJ	
Dynamical Models									
AUS-ACCESS	0.23	0.40	0.53	0.57					
BCC DIAP	0.29	0.42	0.51	0.59	0.68	0.78	0.93	1.04	1.06
CMC CANSIP	-0.20	-0.22	-0.21	-0.18	-0.18	-0.16	-0.08	0.05	0.19
COLA CCSM4	0.02	0.04	-0.11	-0.31	-0.53	-0.64	-0.63	-0.48	-0.17
CS-IRI-MM	0.32	0.45	0.47	0.35	0.22	0.07			
ECMWF	0.19	0.33	0.42	0.42	0.40				
GFDL SPEAR	0.35	0.55	0.62	0.48	0.25	0.07	-0.00	0.01	0.12
IOCAS ICM	-0.19	-0.19	-0.21	-0.26	-0.38	-0.58	-0.79	-0.92	-0.91
JMA	-0.06	-0.02	-0.05	-0.10	-0.14				
KMA	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.01					
LDEO	0.33	0.48	0.52	0.47	0.42	0.42	0.39	0.27	0.03
MetFRANCE	0.09	0.05	0.12	0.16	0.19				
NCEP CFSv2	-0.13	0.05	0.25	0.36	0.44	0.51	0.62		
SINTEX-F	0.02	0.00	-0.02	-0.07	-0.09	-0.11	-0.07	-0.00	0.07
UKMO	0.03	-0.02	-0.14	-0.31					
Average, Dynamical models	0.092	0.162	0.186	0.145	0.106	0.041	0.047	-0.004	0.056
Statistical Models									
BCC_RZDM	-0.36	-0.52	-0.63	-0.74	-0.91	-1.11	-1.32	-1.42	-1.33
CPC CA	0.08	0.14	0.02	-0.18	-0.43	-0.58	-0.78	-0.84	-0.81
CPC MRKOV	-0.78	-0.81	-0.86	-0.94	-1.05	-1.17	-1.21	-1.15	-1.01
CSU CLIPR	0.16	0.31	0.46	0.61	0.62	0.62	0.63	0.58	0.52
IAP-NN	0.48	0.72	0.92	1.07	1.19	1.26	1.28	1.19	1.05
JAMSTEC CNN	0.33	0.03	0.39	-0.39	-0.14	0.70	-0.00	0.72	0.17
NTU CODA	0.14	0.27	0.28	0.34	0.38	0.32	0.26	0.26	0.17
TONGJI-ML	-0.37	-0.16	0.09	0.31	0.42	0.49	0.45		
UCLA-TCD	0.48	0.59	0.62	0.60	0.54	0.48	0.43	0.41	0.40
UW PSL-CSLIM	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.03	-0.03	-0.11	-0.21	-0.30	-0.35
UW PSL-LIM	0.06	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.05	-0.02	-0.08	-0.12	-0.16
XRO	-0.07	-0.17	-0.24	-0.27	-0.28	-0.29	-0.30	-0.32	-0.31
Average, Statistical models	0.018	0.049	0.103	0.045	0.030	0.050	-0.072	-0.090	-0.150
Average, All models	0.059	0.112	0.149	0.100	0.068	0.046	-0.024	-0.056	-0.070

S_LN	-1.5C <
M_LN	-1.5C to -1C
NN_LN	-1C to -0.5C
N	-0.5C to +0.5C
NN_EN	0.5C to 1C
M_EN	1C to 1.5C
S_EN	>1.5C

DJF	S_LN	M_LN	NN_LN	N	NN_EN	M_EN	S_EN
Below	0.50	0.56	0.58	0.40	0.06	0.00	0.00
Normal	0.50	0.44	0.32	0.35	0.39	0.11	0.17
Above	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.25	0.56	0.89	0.83

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.11 \\ 0.11 \\ 0.61 \\ 0.06 \\ 0.11 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^{DJF}_{7 \times 1} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0.3736 \\ 0.3323 \\ 0.2941 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Count the number of temperature values (in °C) that fall into each tercile based on the defined thresholds. This gives the frequency of values in each group.
- The probability is calculated for each group by dividing the number of values in that tercile by the total number of traces.

May 2025 PrefSce for CPA



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1 // Run name
2 PrefSce
3 // Current Month
4 5
5 // Outlook Probability for May 2025 Precipitation from CPC Map, May 2
6 0.333
7 0.667
8 // Outlook Probability 12 3-monthly seasons based on Nino3.4 Forecasts
9 //MJJ JJA JAS ASO SON OND NDJ DJF JFM FMA MAM AMJ
10 0.328 0.330 0.340 0.314 0.345 0.364 0.380 0.374 0.462 0.369 0.333 0.333
11 0.628 0.656 0.667 0.635 0.638 0.686 0.745 0.706 0.783 0.701 0.667 0.667

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- Red box = CPC and NOAA
- Yellow Box = IRI
- Blue Box = CPC
- Black Box = Climatological and sometimes CPC (If CPC values are available)
- The highlighted red tercile probabilities are calculated as shown in the previous slide.
- The highlighted yellow tercile probability is calculated using IRI as shown in the previous slide.
- Since January 2025, CPC has been publishing tercile probabilities for the last four seasons as well.
- However, if some seasonal probabilities are missing, we assume equal chances (33.3%) for below normal, normal, and above normal rainfall.

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1 // Run name
2 CPC
3 // Current Month
4 5
5 // Outlook Probability for May 2025 Precipitation from CPC Map, May 2
6 0.333
7 0.667
8 // Outlook Probability 12 3-monthly seasons based on exceedance probability plots for region 67 and 68
9 //MJJ JJA JAS ASO SON OND NDJ DJF JFM FMA MAM AMJ
10 0.283 0.266 0.246 0.255 0.268 0.333 0.467 0.454 0.462 0.369 0.333 0.333
11 0.620 0.596 0.573 0.581 0.600 0.667 0.786 0.777 0.783 0.701 0.667 0.667

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