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Climate Resources for Hay Production



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Weather vs. Climate

Climate is what you *expect*.

Weather is what you *get*.

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Current weather information sources

National Weather Service
www.weather.gov

Weather Underground
www.wunderground.com

The Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network
www.GeorgiaWeather.net

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Climate information sources

National Climatic Data Center
www.ncdc.noaa.gov

Climate Prediction Center
from the National Weather Service
www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

AgroClimate
from the Southeast Climate Consortium
agroclimate.org

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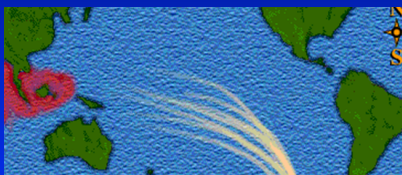
The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

- *Neutral*
- *El Niño*
- *La Niña*



Mattheus Stomer, Dutch, c. 1630

Neutral conditions



El Niño conditions

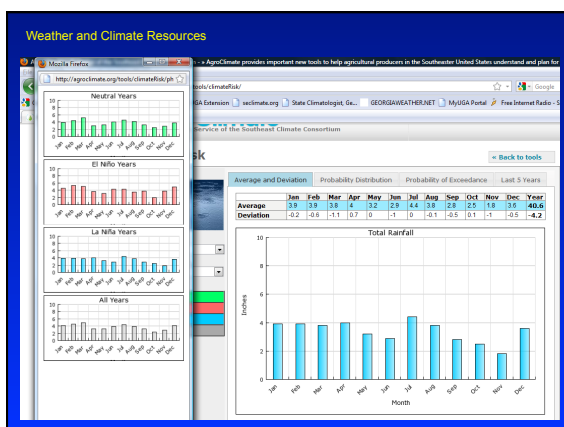
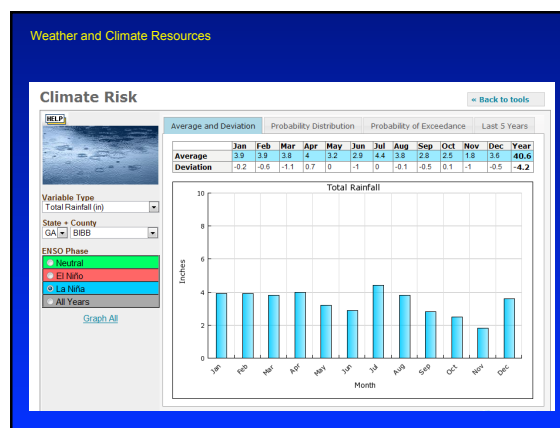
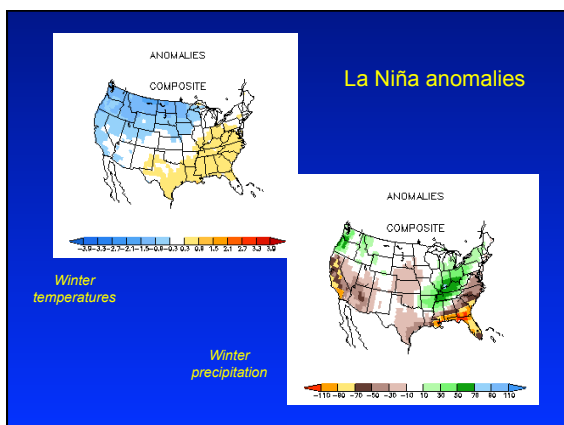


La Niña conditions



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Forage and Livestock

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Pasture and Hay

One characteristic of forage and livestock systems in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama is that most cattle are raised grazing tropical and sub-tropical pastures and are fed hay produced from several hay crops. Both pasture for grazing and hay production fields are heavily influenced seasonal climate variability. The region most affected by El Niño climate variability is the Florida peninsula. The Southern Coastal Plain of Georgia, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle also has strong ENSO signals. The Southern Coastal Plain experiences a mild, temperate climate and can support a number of tropical and semi-tropical forage plant species. Peninsular Florida is temperate and sub-tropical. Tropical species grow exuberantly here where soil conditions permit, but cool season grasses behave almost invariably as winter annuals.

Management Practices Potentially Influenced by Seasonal Climate Variability

Management	El Niño	La Niña
Establishment of Cool Season Grasses	Generally good for planting	Tends to be too dry for good establishment
Establishment of Warm Season Grasses	Little influence in summer plantings	Tends to be too dry for good establishment in later winter plantings
Fertilization	N and K may have to be repeated due to leaching	Little response expected from plantings in winter-spring
Grazing and Stocking Rates	Up to 10% more cattle can typically be stocked	Stocking might be reduced by 10-15%
Making Hay	Spring harvest abundant	Spring cutting usually not worthwhile
Forage Quality	May be higher due to cooler	May be rougher quality due to persistently

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

NIFA
National Institute Of Food And Agriculture

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The Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network
www.GeorgiaWeather.net

WARNING:

The AEMN and this website are currently scheduled to be shutdown in late Summer 2011 due to a shortfall in funding, unless substantial blocks of recurring annual funding are assured by early July 2011. We will begin the process of decommissioning weather stations at that time. Once a weather station is decommissioned, current data will no longer be available. For more information click [here](#).

- Agrometeorologists from Georgia Tech Direct NWSA AgWeatherNet
- Closing weather station would take away valuable decision-making tool
- New rain gauge station will collect forecasts
- Cold Duration Tool... Number of Days below 32 F
- Georgia farms will need more water in the future
- Climate and Weather Information for Georgia Farmers
- K-12 Weather School for Georgia educators
- Recent new stations: Dacula... Dahlonega
- To print a "printer-friendly" web page, simply select "File" and then "Print" or click [here](#)

For current weather conditions, historical weather data and applications, please select a site on the map:

What's coming this season?

National Weather Service
Climate Prediction Center

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Search the CPC

Climate News

- NOAA's 36th Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop (October 3-6) in Ft. Worth, TX
- NCEP Invents New Quarterly Newsletter
- La Niña Weakens, with ENSO-neutral conditions expected by June
- U.S. Drought Monitor Forum (April 12-14) at George Mason University

Click on product title to go to product page. Move cursor over product parameter name to display the graphic... click to enlarge. Similar to these same products are also available below.

6-10 Day Outlook		One Month Outlook	
Temperature	Precipitation	Temperature	Precipitation
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U.S. Hazards Assessment

U.S. Drought Assessment

Temp/Wind Precip. Soil/Wetness Composite Drought Monitor Drought Outlook

ENSO Cycle: Recent Evolution, Current Status and Predictions

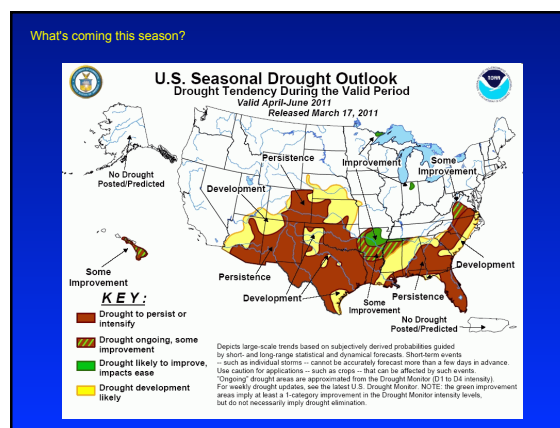
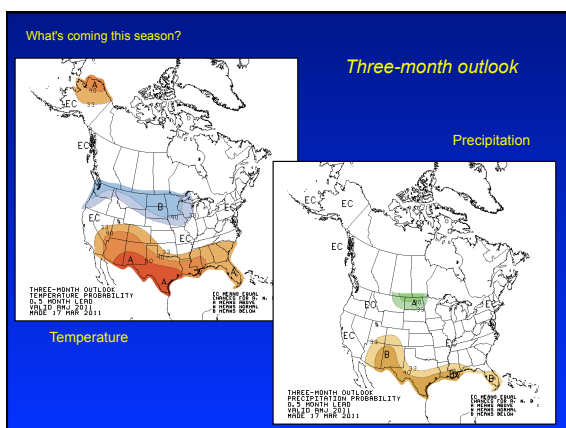
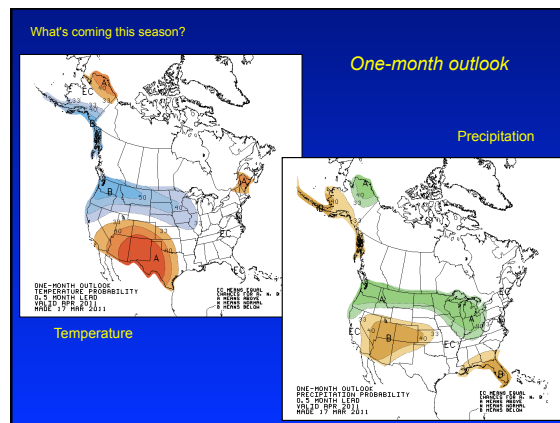
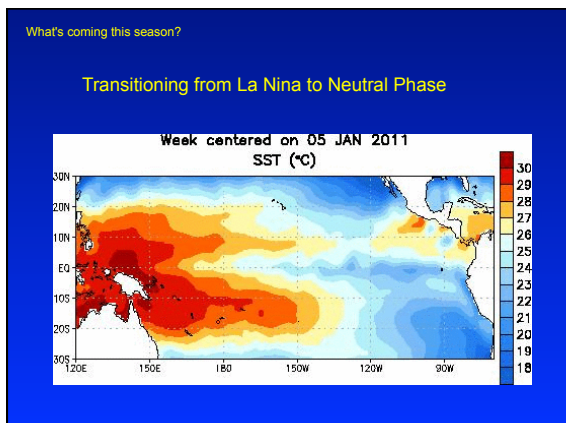
Update prepared by
Climate Prediction Center / NCEP
28 March 2011

Summary

- La Niña is present across the equatorial Pacific, but continues to weaken.
- Negative subsurface and sea surface temperature anomalies also continue to weaken across the Pacific Ocean.
- ENSO-neutral conditions are expected by June 2011.

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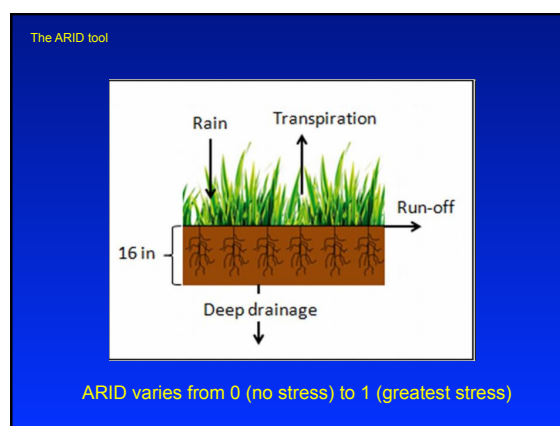
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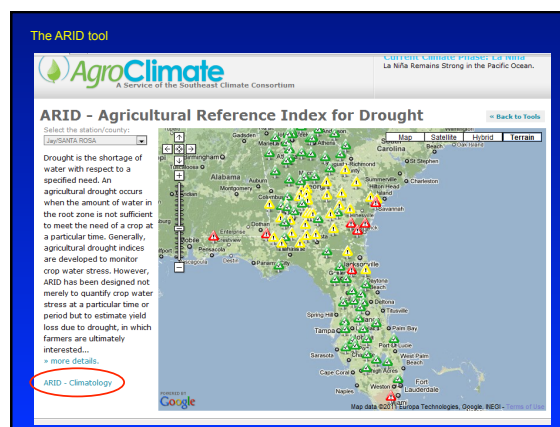
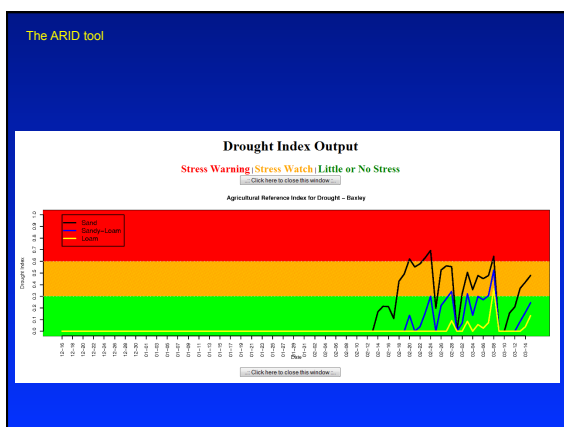
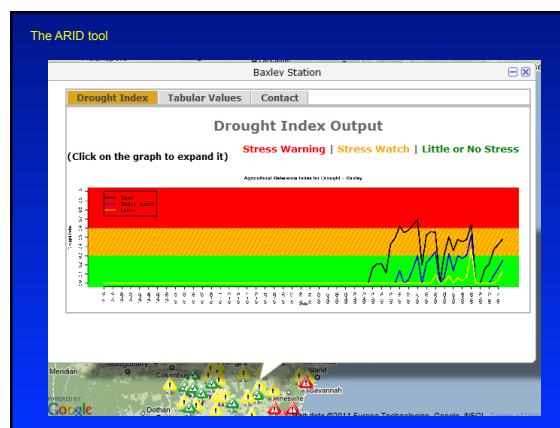
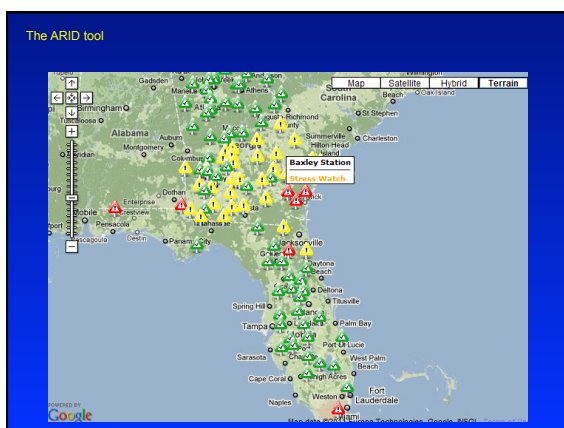
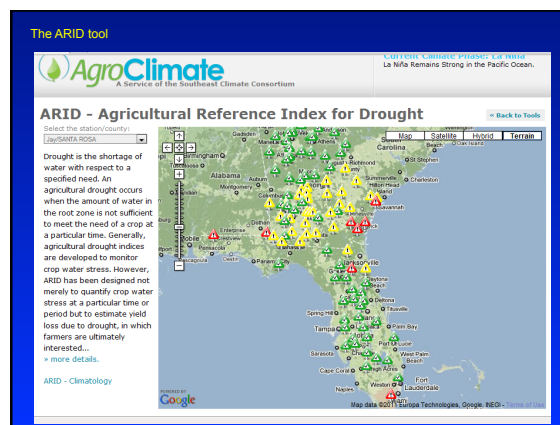
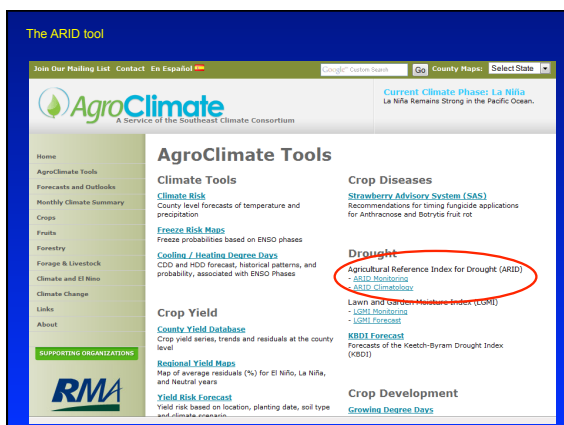
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"Agricultural Reference Index for Drought"



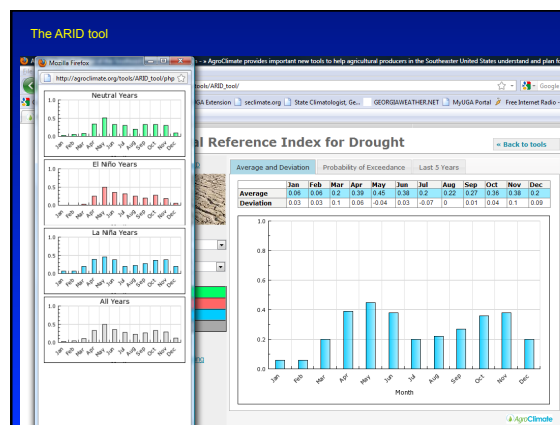
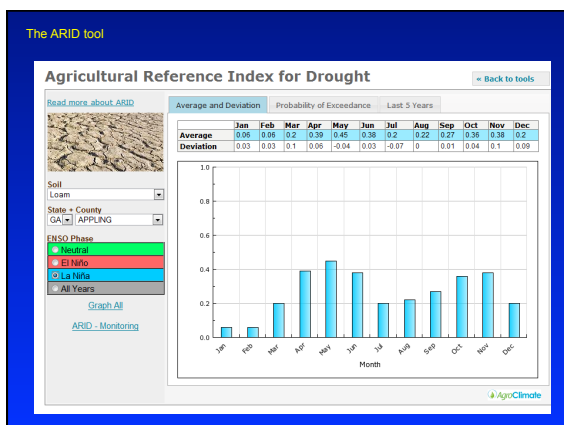
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