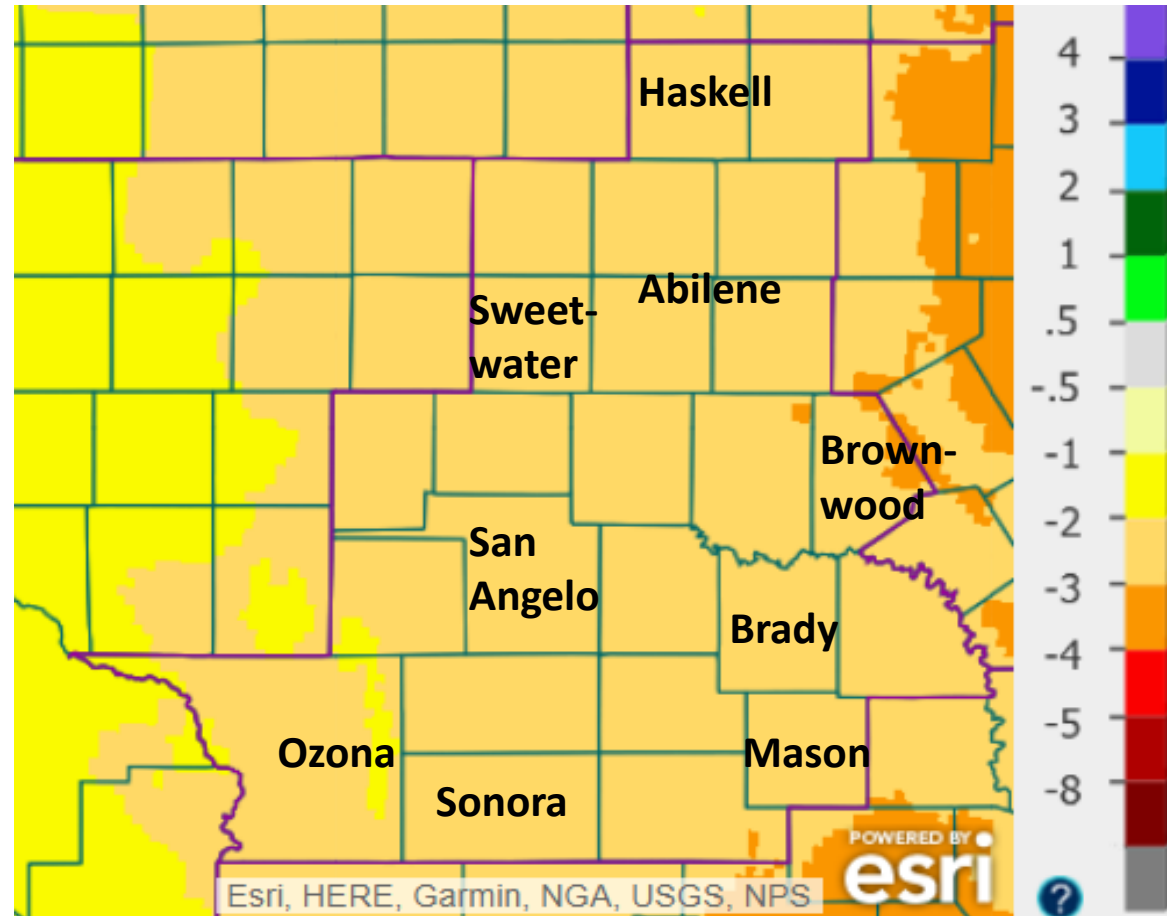


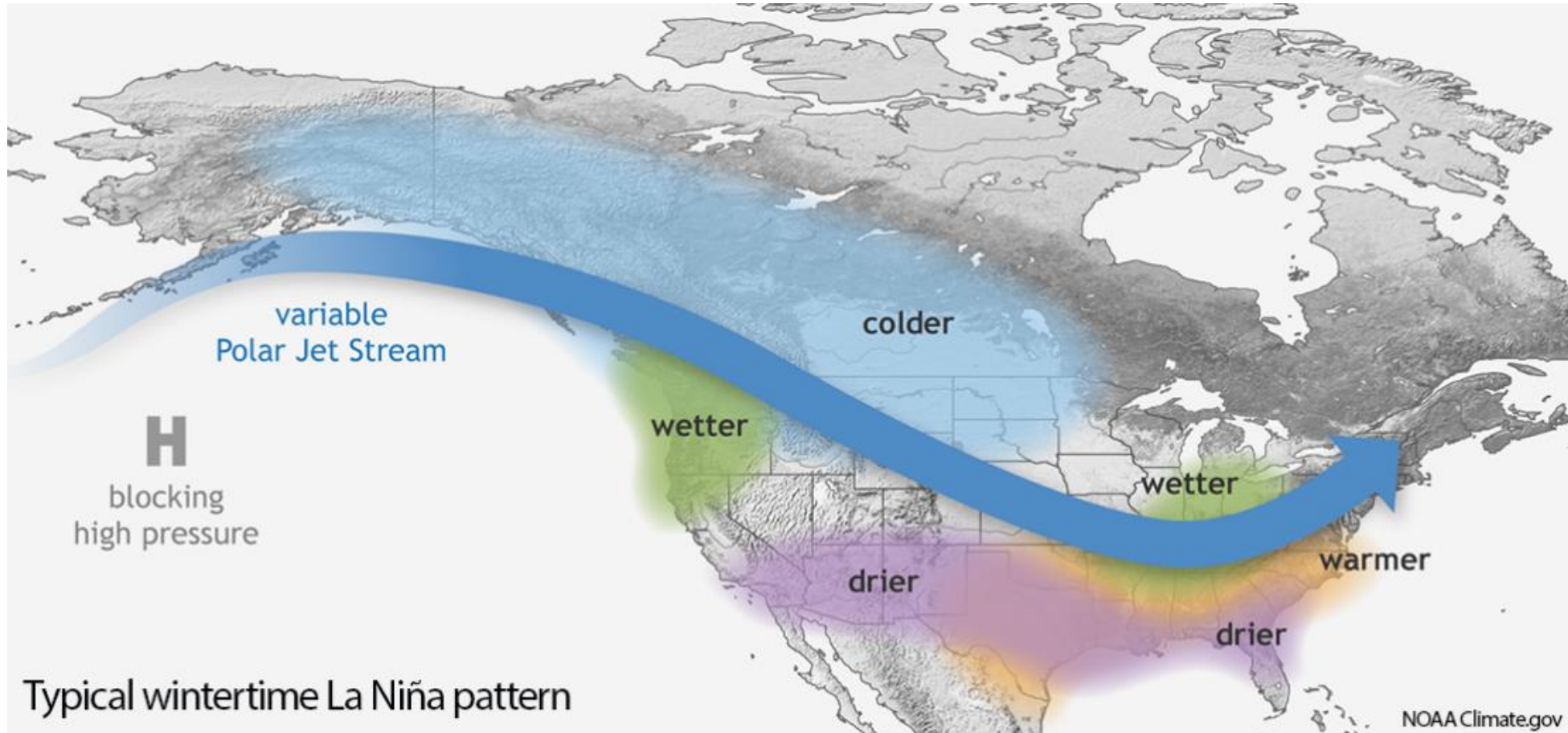
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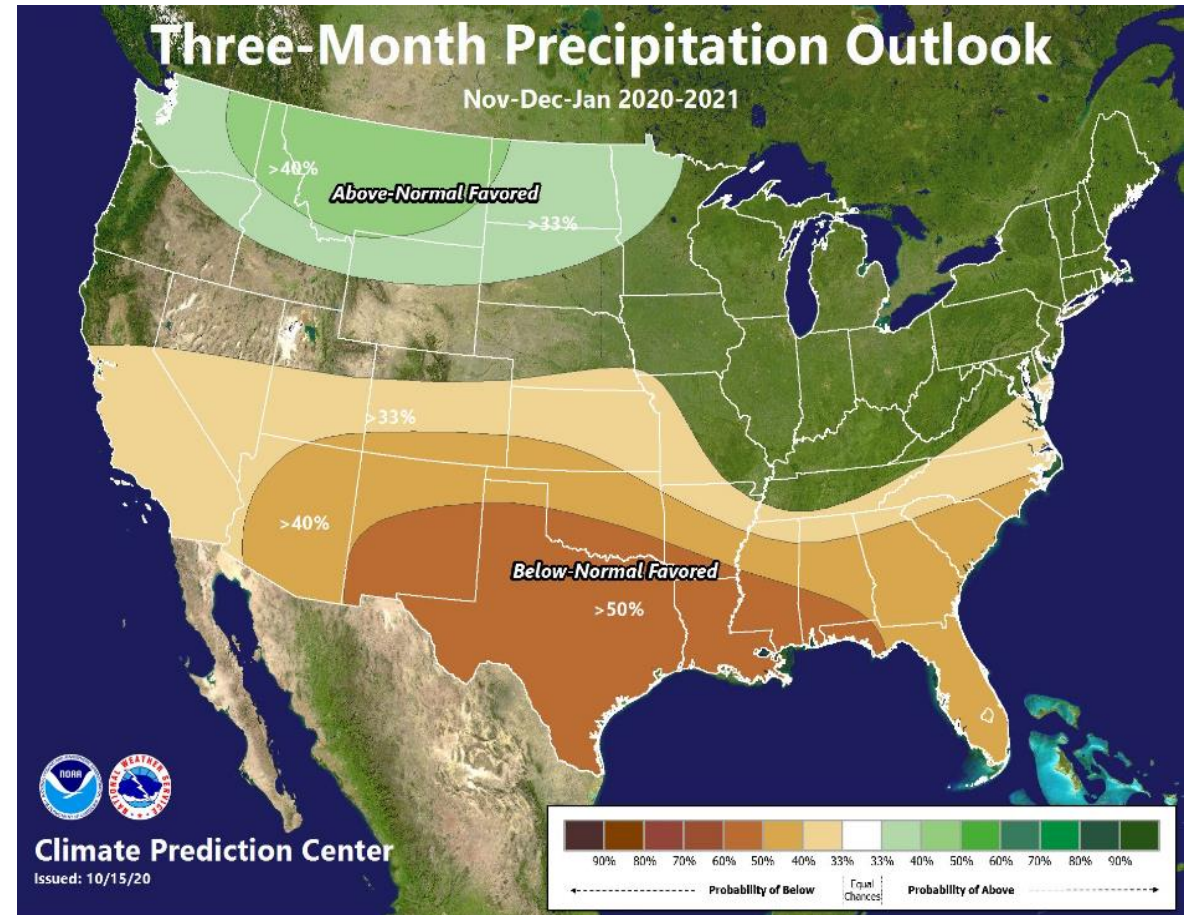
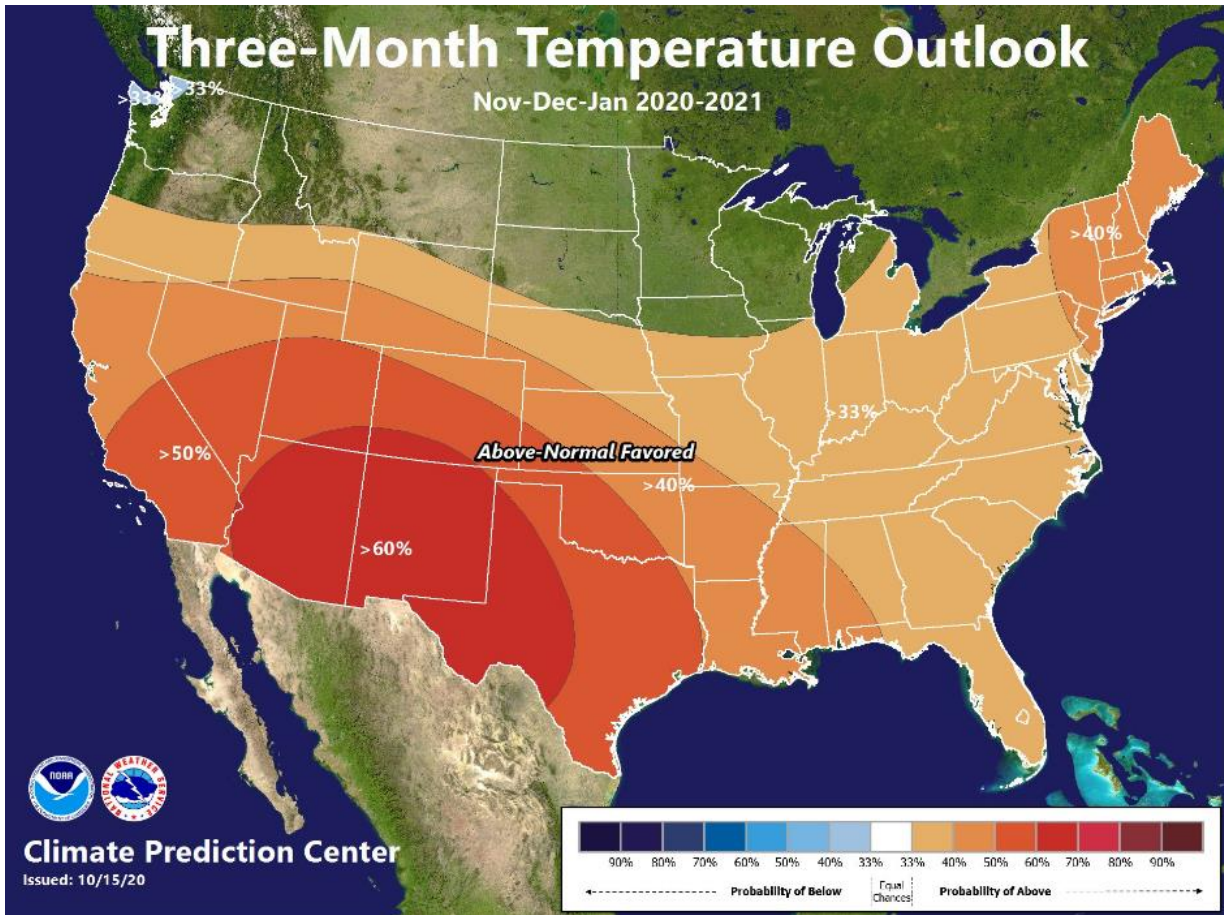


Rainfall has been 2-3 inches below normal across the area.

# Typical Wintertime Pattern with La Nina



# Climate Prediction Center 3-Month Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks Valid Nov-Dec-Jan

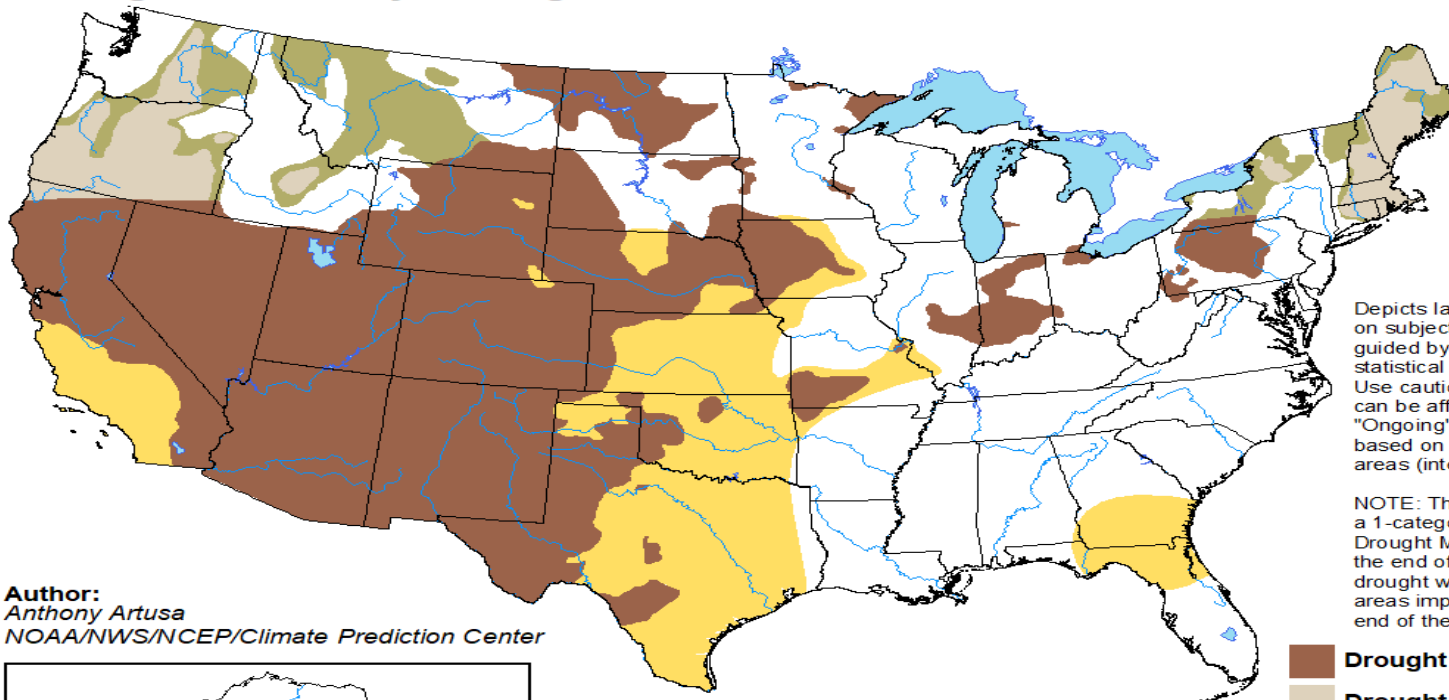




# Seasonal Drought Outlook - Valid October 15, 2020 through January 31, 2021 (Climate Prediction Center)

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

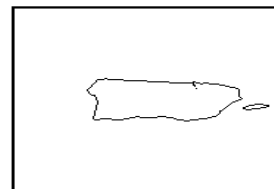
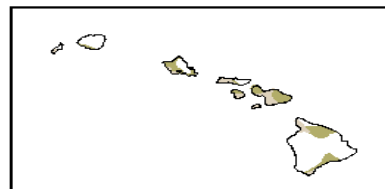
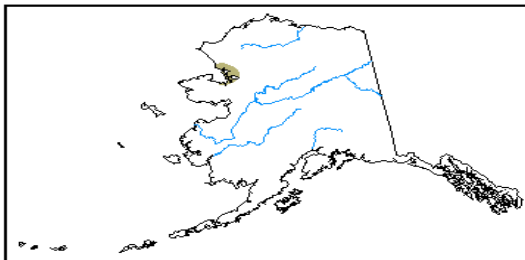
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*Released October 15, 2020*





Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

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-  **Drought persists**
-  **Drought remains but improves**
-  **Drought removal likely**
-  **Drought development likely**



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# Summary

- October is climatologically one of the wetter months of the year (normally 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest at San Angelo and 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest at Abilene). Rainfall during the past 30 days has been well-below normal across West Central Texas.
- La Nina conditions have developed and are forecast to continue through the upcoming winter season. While cold outbreaks and winter weather can still occur, this pattern typically results in warmer and drier than normal conditions across Texas during the winter season.
- Recent dry conditions, combined with enhanced chances for above normal temperatures and below normal rainfall in the upcoming months, is expected to lead to development and expansion of drought conditions, and increased fire weather concerns.