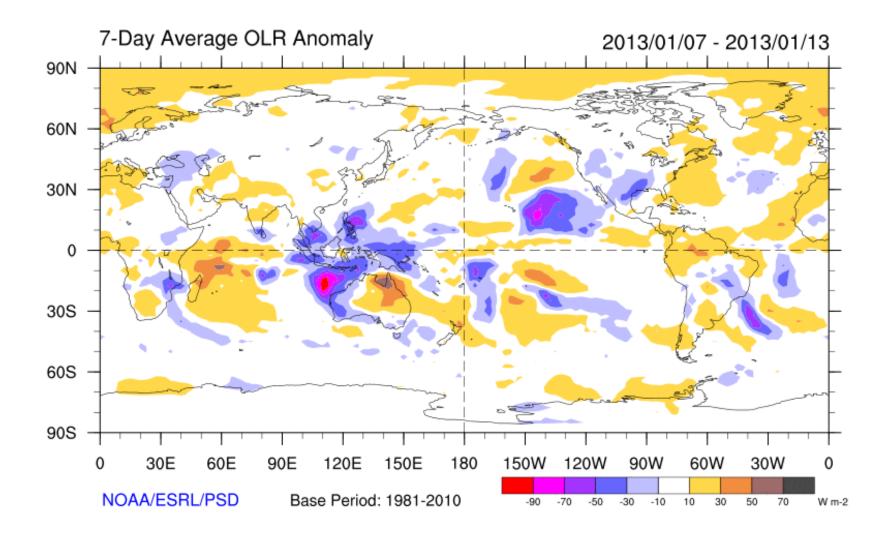
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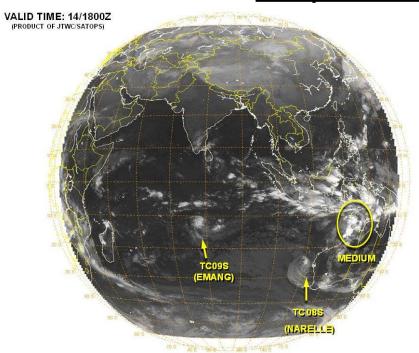
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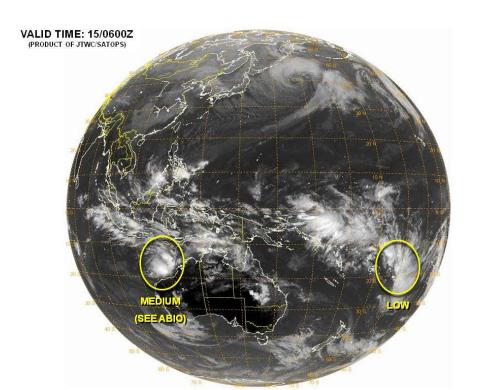
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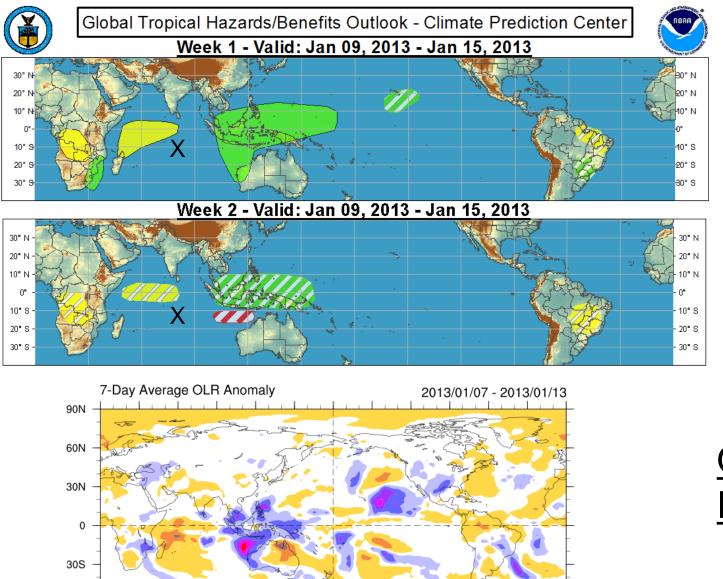
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Tropical Cyclone Review







150E

Base Period: 1981-2010

180

60W

30W

60S

90S

30E

NOAA/ESRL/PSD

60E

Outlook Review

Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

• ENSO-neutral conditions continue and ENSO-neutral is favored during the Northern Hemisphere winter 2012-13.

MJO and other subseasonal variability:

- The MJO remains strong and continues to propagate eastward into the Pacific.
- Dynamical models and statistical tools are in fair agreement that the MJO is likely to propagate through phase 7 and into phase 8 over the next two weeks.
- There is still some westward propagating convection associated with an equatorial Rossby wave and faster-moving eastward propagating atmospheric Kelvin waves that alter the MJO phase speed as captured by the Wheeler and Hendon index.

Extratropics:

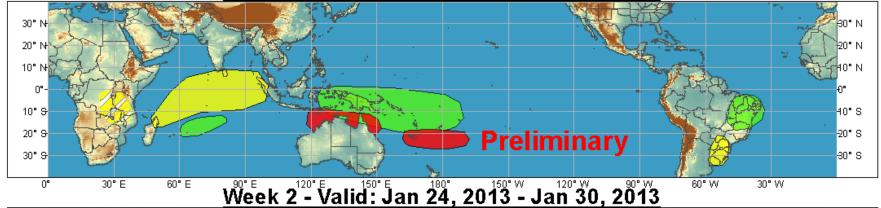
• AO/NAO forecast to be neutral to negative. Additionally, the PNA is forecast to be near neutral. Tropical forcing of the mid-latitudes will continue to be important over the next couple of weeks.



Global Tropical Hazards/Benefits Outlook - Climate Prediction Center









Produced: 01/15/2013 Confidence High Moderate

Tropical Cyclone Formation Development of a tropical cyclone that eventually reaches tropical storm/cyclone strength.

Above-average rainfall Weekly total rainfall in the upper third of the historical range.

Below-average rainfall Weekly total rainfall in the lower third of the historical range.

Above-normal temperatures 7-day mean temperatures in the upper third of the historical range.

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Product is updated once per week. The product targets broad scale conditions integrated over a 7-day period for US interests only. Consult your local responsible forecast agency.





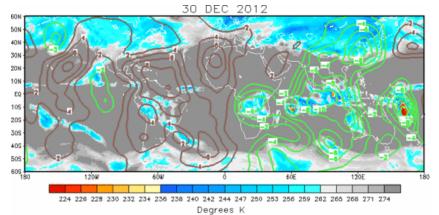


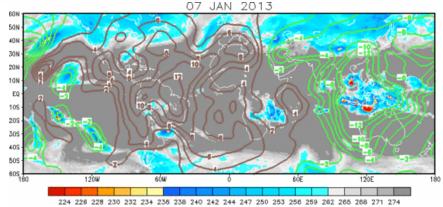


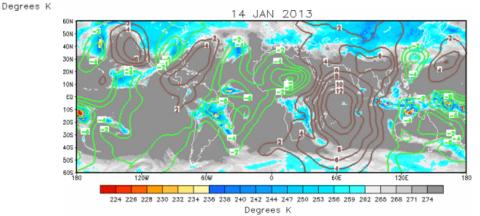
Forecaster: Baxter

IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence







MJO Observation/Forecast

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Maritime Continent

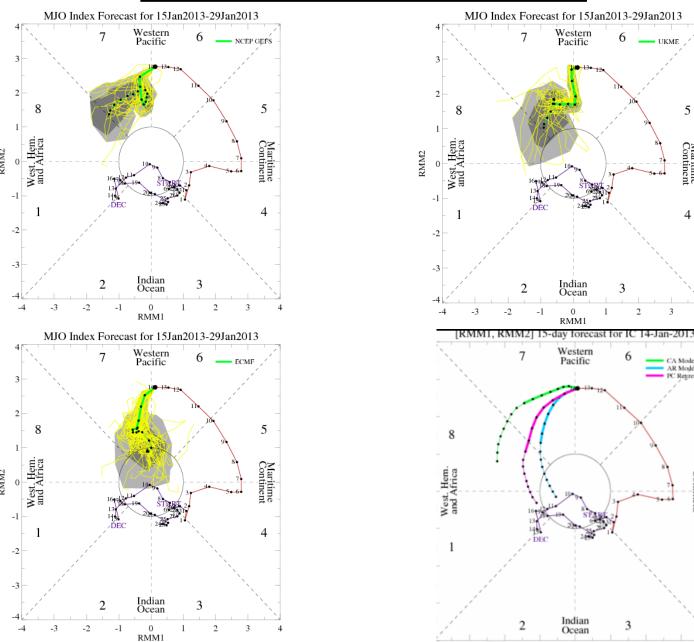
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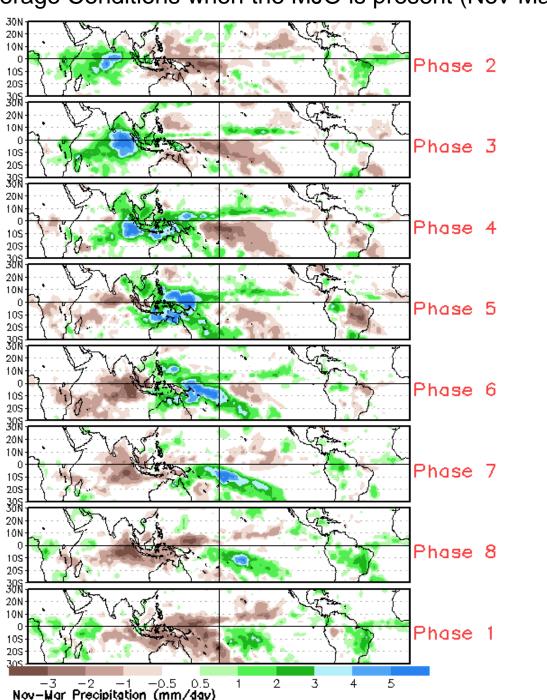
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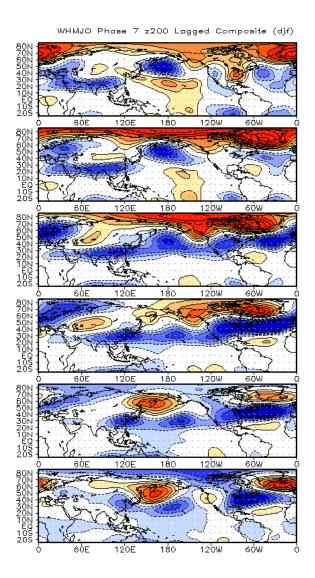
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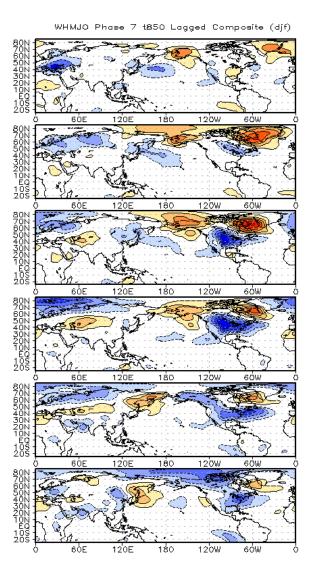
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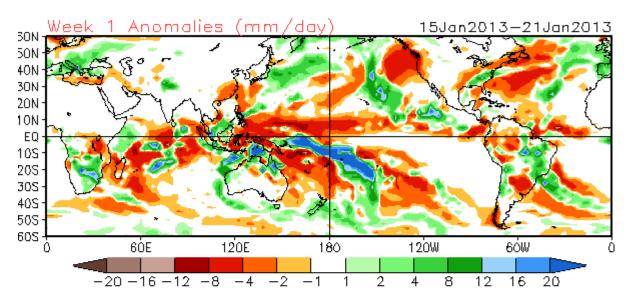
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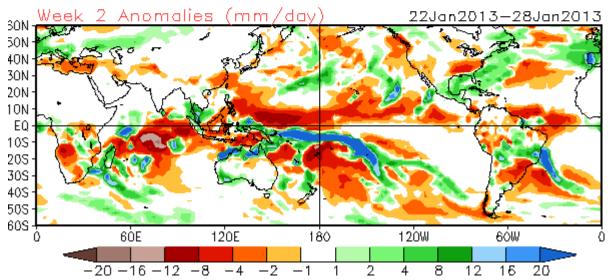




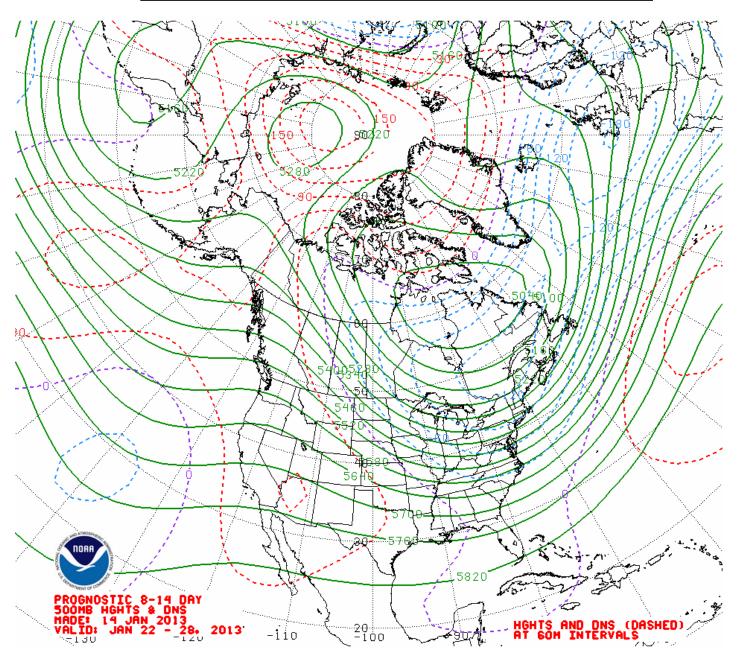


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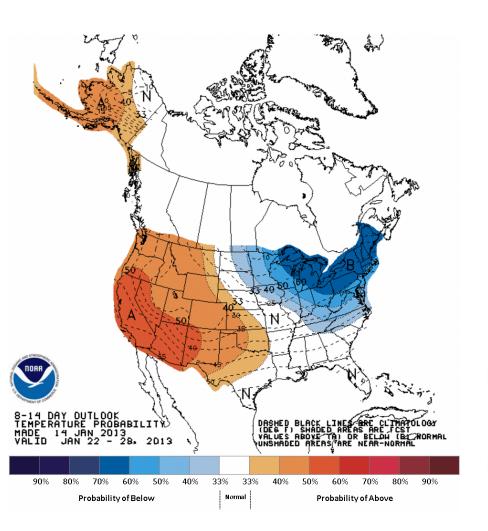


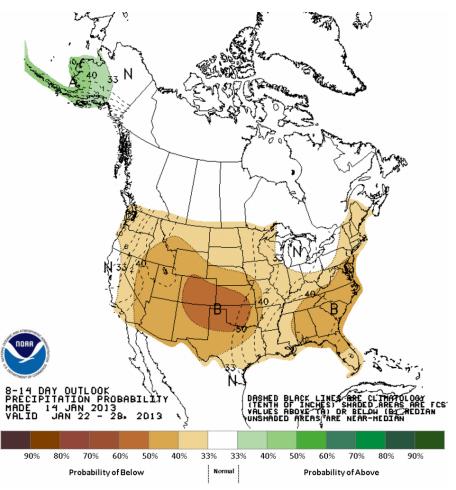


Week 2 500-hPa Manual Chart



Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation





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