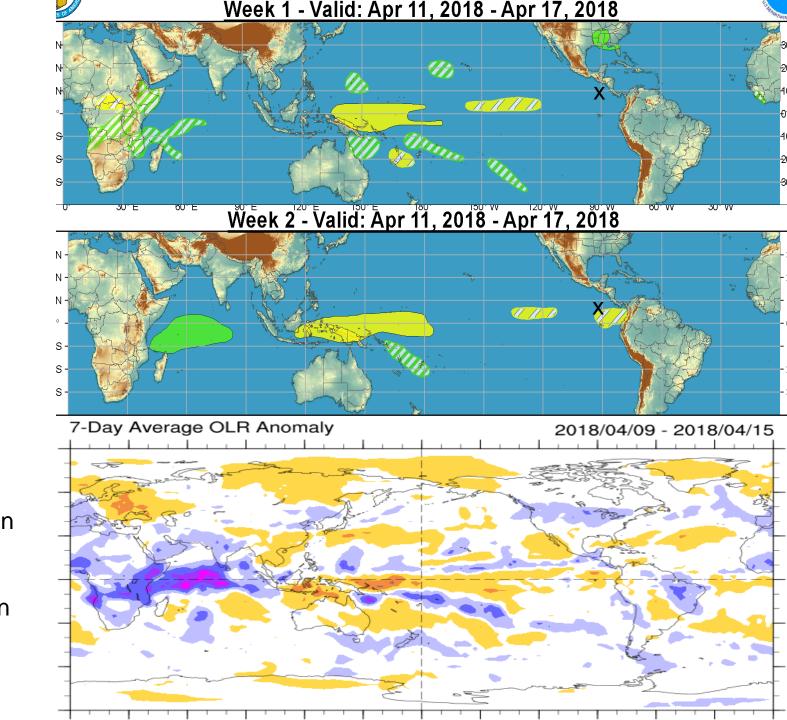
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Outline

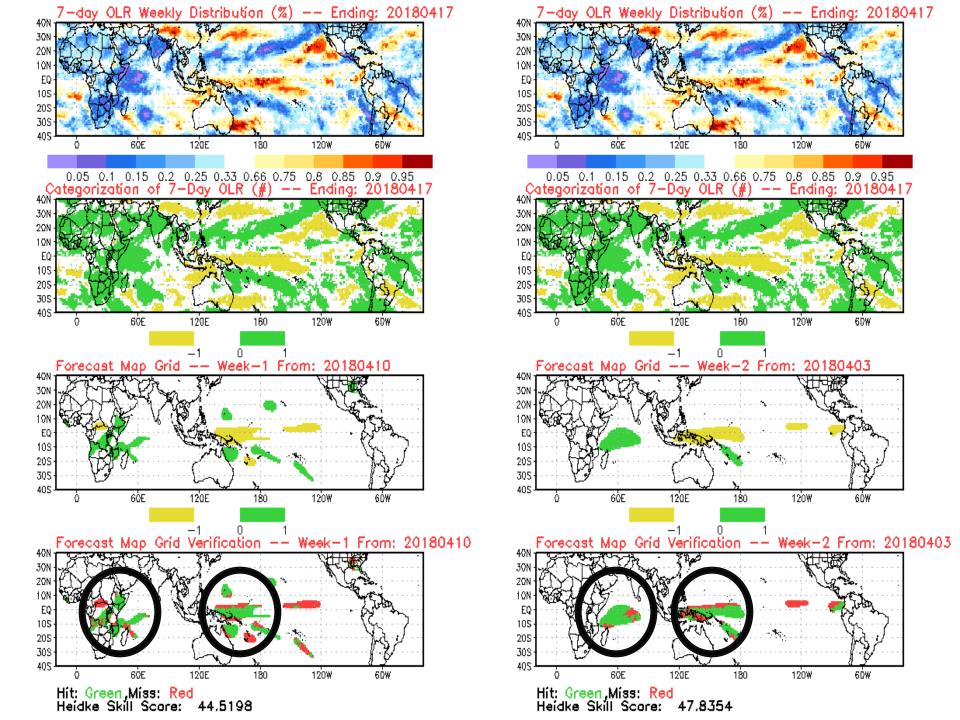
- 1. Review of Recent Conditions
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Outlook Review



Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

La Niña is expected to transition to ENSO-neutral during April-May, with ENSO-neutral then likely (greater than 50% chance) to continue through the Northern Hemisphere summer 2018. (Updated April 12, 2018)

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The MJO is currently in RMM phase 3 over the western Indian Ocean.
- There is also an equatorial Rossby wave in the same region, which is contributing to atmospheric instability and the possibility of tropical cyclone formation.
- All of our model guidance suggests that the MJO will weaken and have an RMM amplitude < 1 by the end of the Week-1 period, though some models weaken the MJO more quickly than others.

Extratropics:

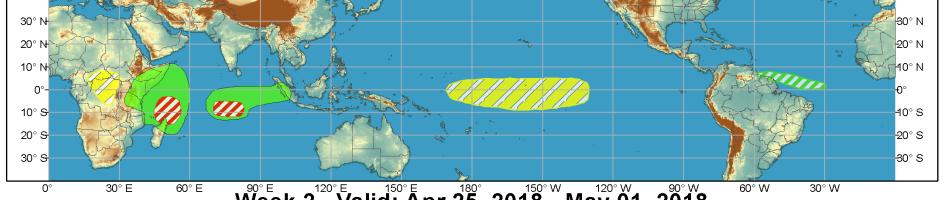
- The weakening MJO is unlikely to have a discernable impact on the mid-latitudes.
- The mid-latitude jet stream will likely weaken (causing weak teleconnections) as the general circulation spins down and warmer weather takes hold.



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Tropical Cyclone Formation

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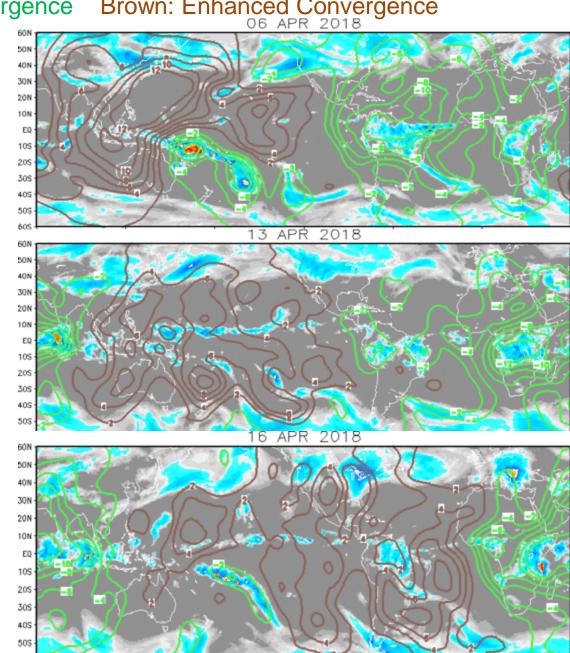
IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

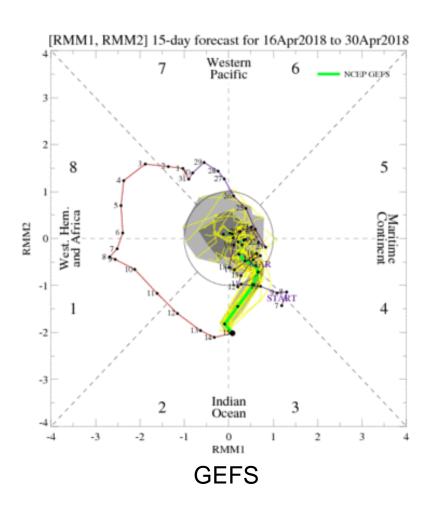
Wave-1 pattern with some noise caused by TC activity.

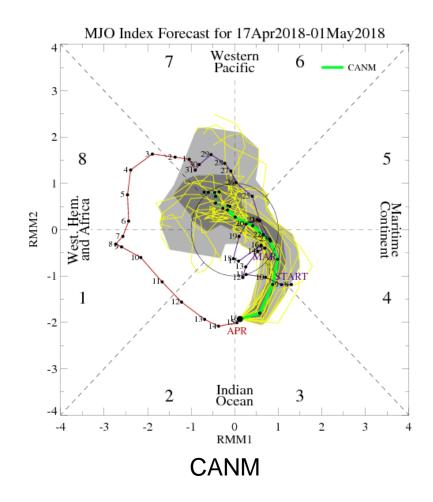
A stronger Wave-1 pattern dominated by the MJO.

Still a strong Wave-1 pattern, but this is likely to weaken over the next week.

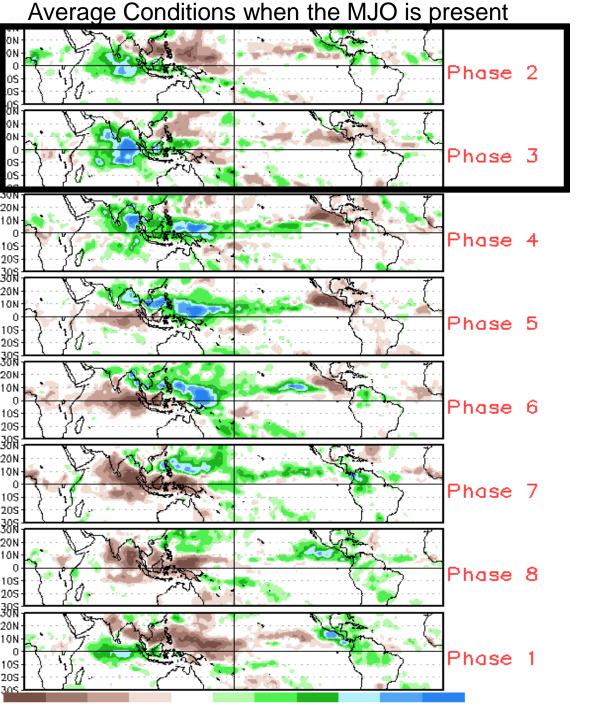


MJO Observation/Forecast





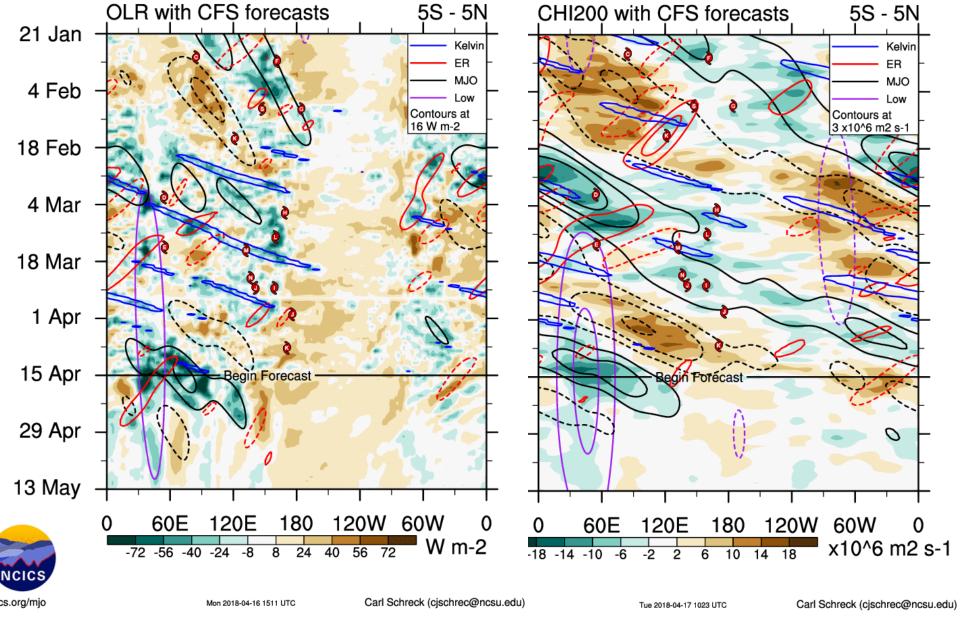
Wheeler-Hendon RMM diagrams from the GEFS and CANM models show that the MJO is forecast to weaken.



Week-1: Phases 2 to 3

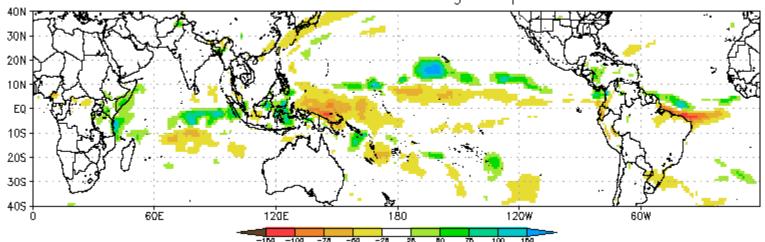
Week-2: inactive

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

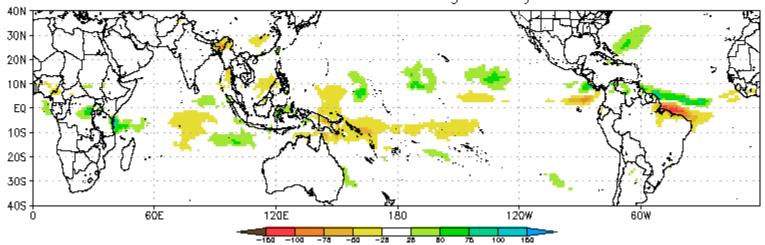


MJO forecast to weaken during Week-1 Equatorial Rossby wave forecast to move through Indian Ocean during Week-1

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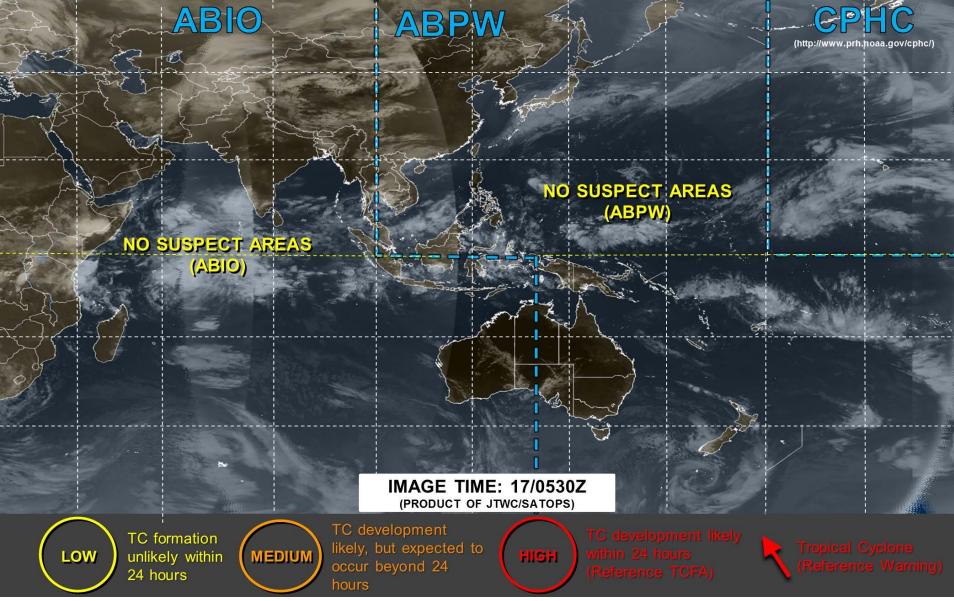
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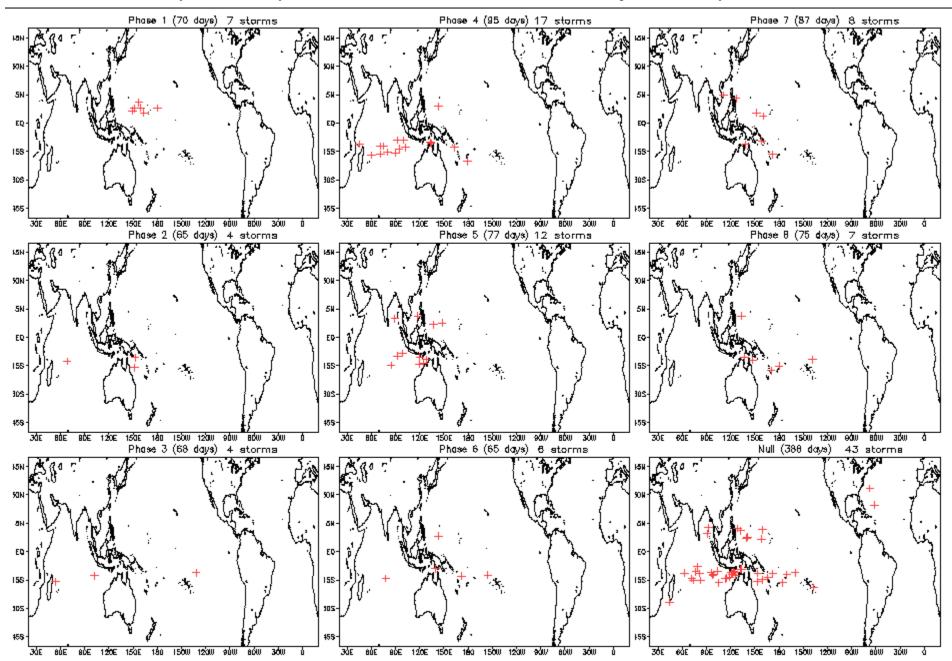


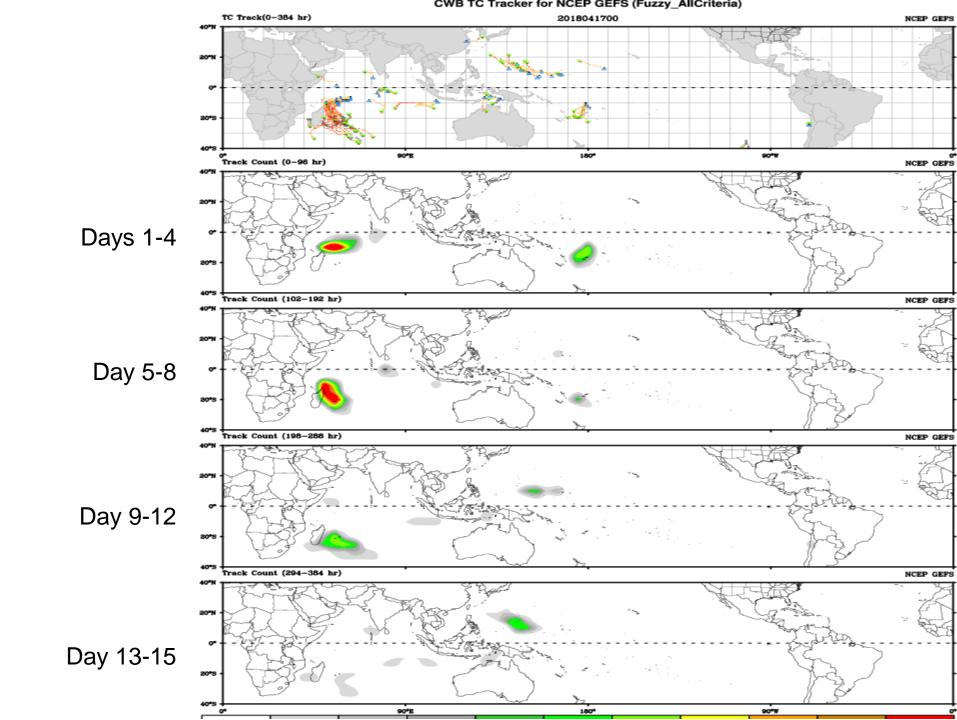
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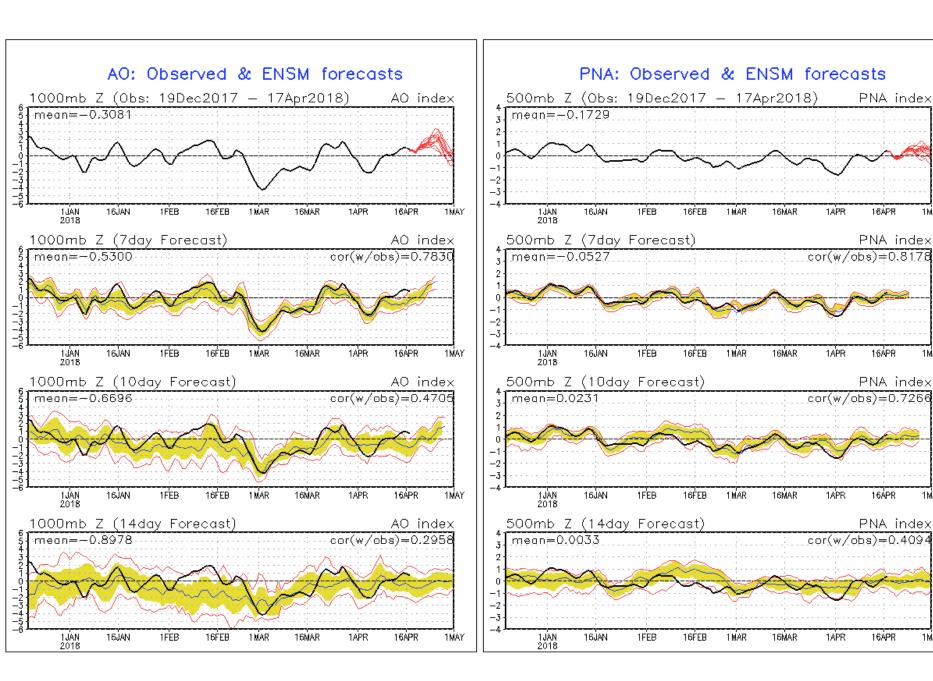


April Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase



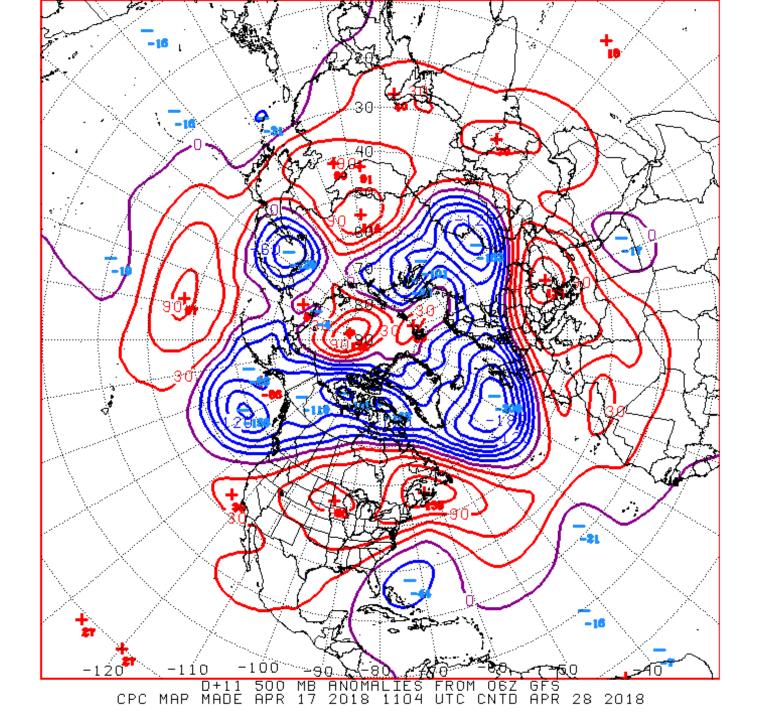


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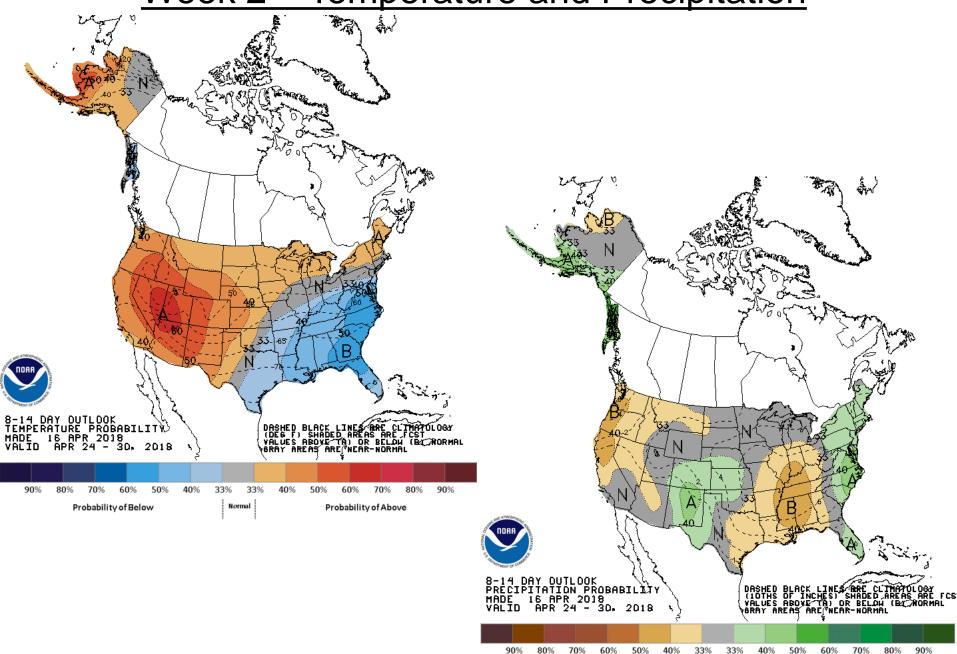


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Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



Probability of Below

Normal

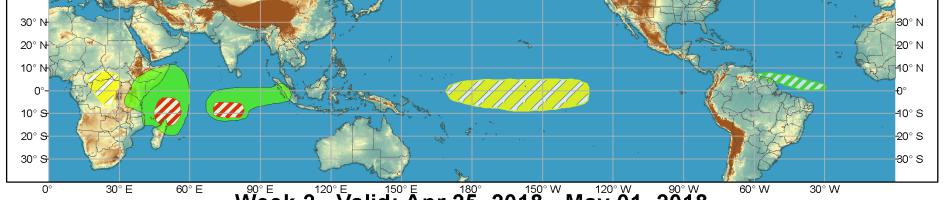
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