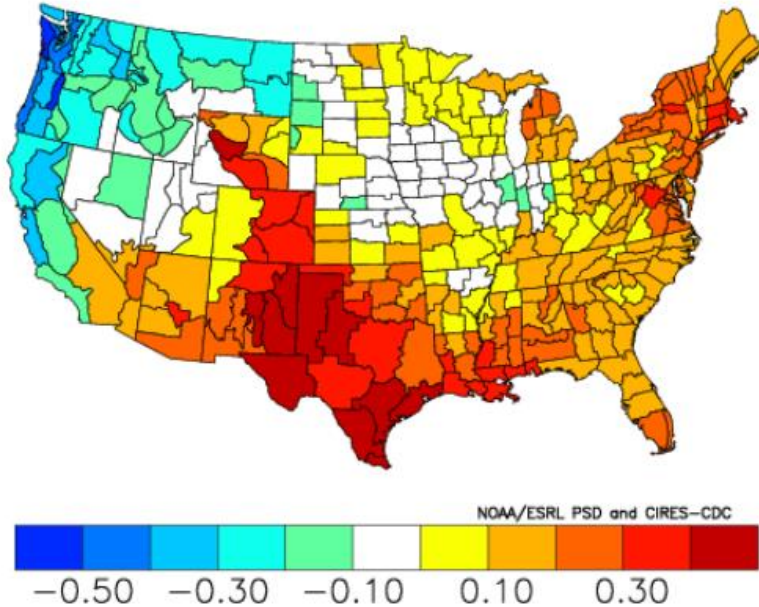


## FEATURED CLIMATE HIGHLIGHT

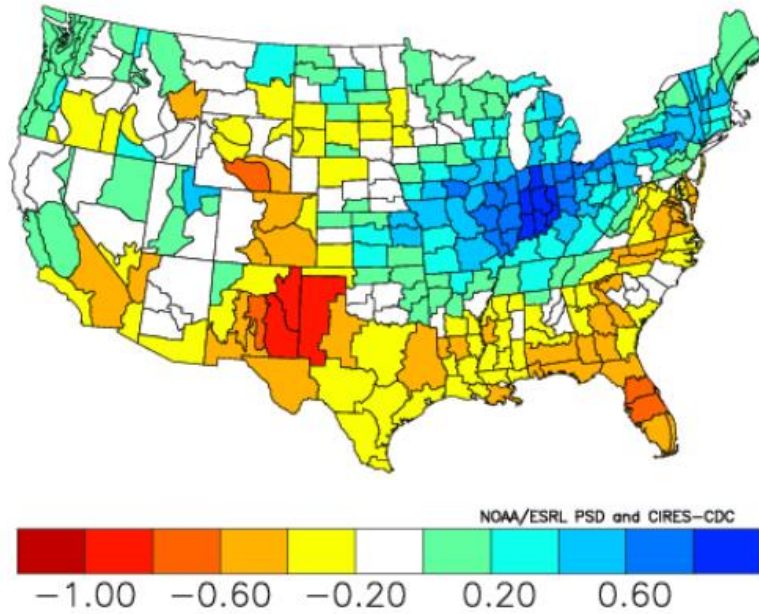
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Composite Standardized Temperature Anomalies  
Jan to Feb 2000,1950,1928,1902,2008,1982,1955  
Versus 1895–2000 Longterm Average



In analyzing the nine climate regions during November 2012, the West and the Southwest regions boasted the largest anomalies. The west was 3.0 degrees warmer than average, while the southwest was 4.3 degrees warmer than average in November. Reviewing years with similar anomalies, and then noting which years overlap for both regions, temperature and precipitation composites for the January-February period that followed can be generated.

Composite Standardized Precipitation Anomalies  
Jan to Feb 2000,1950,1928,1902,2008,1982,1955  
Versus 1895–2000 Longterm Average



The composites show that the January-February period following Novembers similar to this one were above average in terms of temperature from the Southern Plains across to the Southeast and up the entire East Coast into New England. Meanwhile, composite precipitation products show drier than normal conditions across the South and coastal Mid-Atlantic, and wetter than normal conditions in the Mid-West and Northeast.