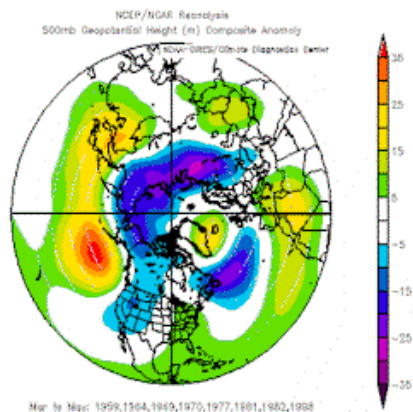


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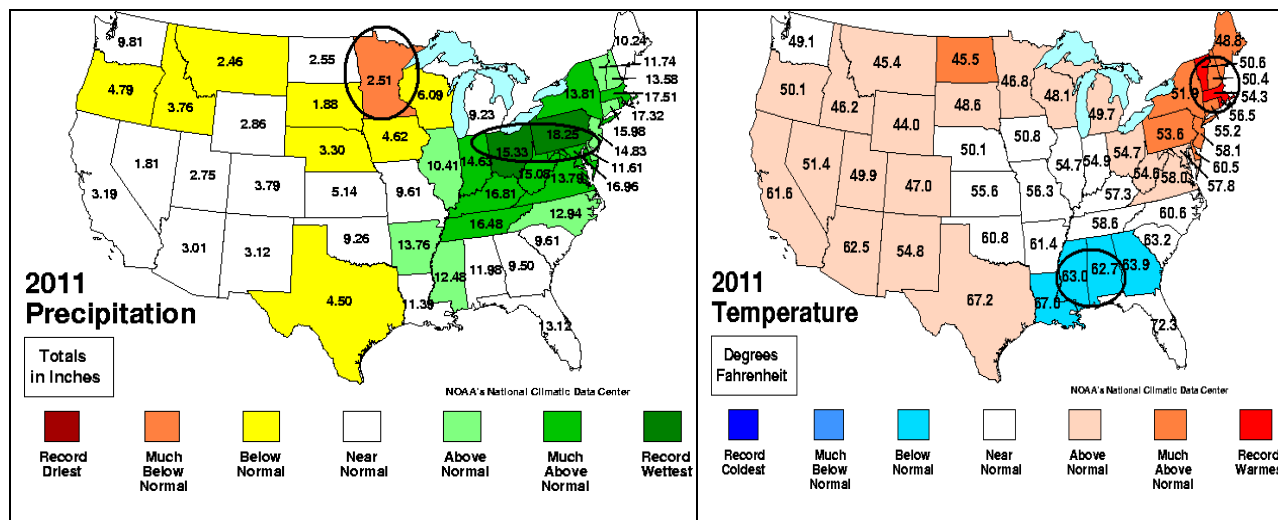
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FEATURED CLIMATE HIGHLIGHT

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The fall of 2011 produced some remarkable anomalies across the nation, including the wettest autumn in Pennsylvania and Ohio, one of the driest in Minnesota along with the warmest fall in Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and a cool autumn in the Gulf States (AL, MS).



In comparing previous years when similar anomalies occurred from September through November, the following years were common to at least two of these four areas:

2011	18.25	2011	2.51	63.033	2011	50.567	2011
2010	11.95	1993	4.61	62.9	2008	47.567	2007
2006	14.12	1987	4.43	63.167	2006	48.667	2005
2005	12.82	1976	1.72	63.067	1997	47.933	2001
2004	14.92	1974	3.9	62.633	1995	47.833	1999
2003	15.85	1967	2.68	63.267	1993	47.8	1982
2002	12.7	1966	4.49	62.667	1992	47.5	1979
1999	12.37	1963	4.16	63.033	1991	48.233	1975
1996	15.92	1962	4.36	62.7	1987	48.7	1971
1995	12.65	1956	4.42	62.633	1979	48.9	1970
1993	13.93	1953	3.77	59.233	1976	47.667	1968
1990	12.15	1952	1.77	62.033	1974	48.367	1963
1985	13.79	1948	4.06	63.133	1969	50.4	1961
1979	13.57	1944	4.17	62.567	1968	47.567	1959
1977	13.59	1939	3.16	61.133	1967	47.5	1954
1975	13.77	1937	3.87	62.867	1957	48.633	1953
1972	11.96	1936	3.71	61.033	1952	48.367	1948
1970	12.3	1935	4.04	62.233	1943	47.867	1947
1950	13.1	1932	4.44	62.867	1937	49.033	1946
1945	14.78	1923	3.52	62.3	1932	47.8	1934
1942	12.15	1917	4.23	60.9	1917	50	1931
1927	11.96	1916	4.51	62.433	1903	48	1927
1926	13.3	1912	4.07	62.6	1901	47.9	1915
1911	11.72	1910	3.84	62.567	1898	47.867	1909
1907	11.83	1897	4.01	60.767	1895	48.5	1900

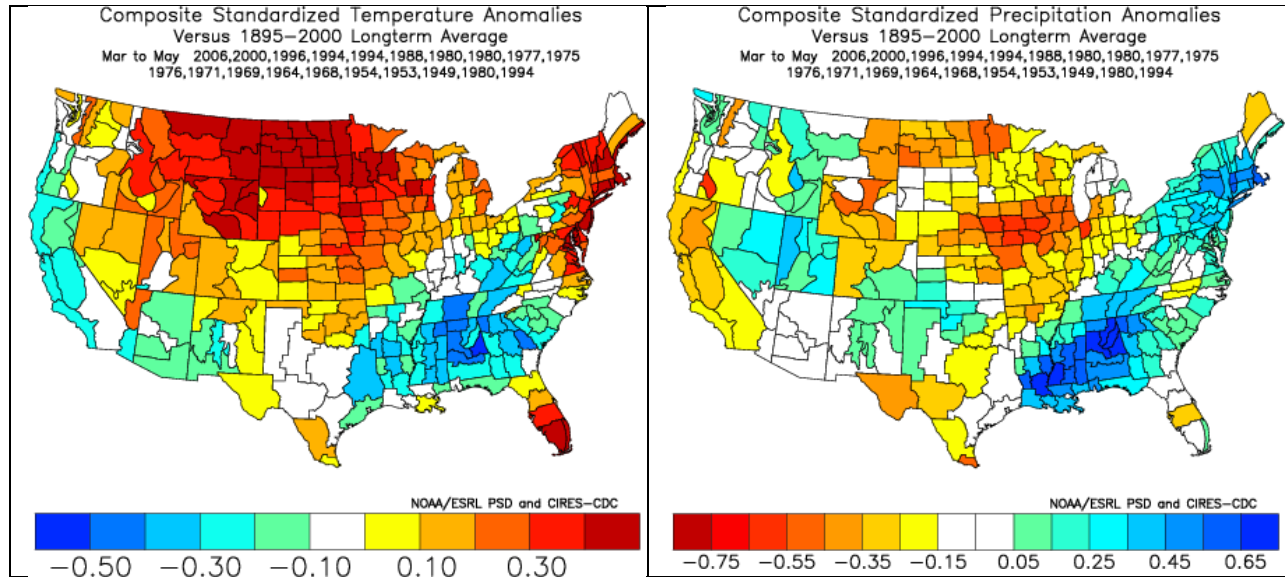
PA - WET

MN - DRY

MS - COOL

VT - WARM

The following are the composite of temperature and precipitation anomalies for the following spring:



Summary: Warmer than average conditions are expected across the northern Plains and parts of the Northeast. Rather moist conditions are also likely from the lower Mississippi Valley into parts of the Northeast. This pattern for the spring seems closer to a weakening El Nino rather than a moderate La Nina.