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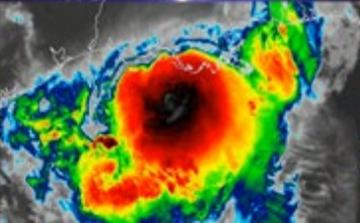
Conversion of Week 3-4 Temperature & Precipitation Outlooks from 2-class to 3-class Systems

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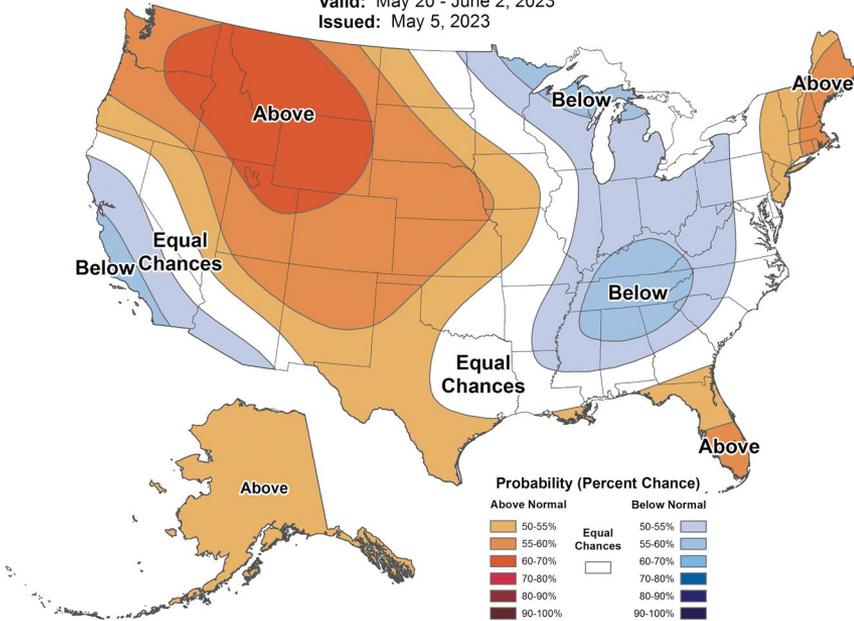
Current Week 3-4 2-Class Product



Weeks 3-4 Temperature Outlook



Valid: May 20 - June 2, 2023
Issued: May 5, 2023



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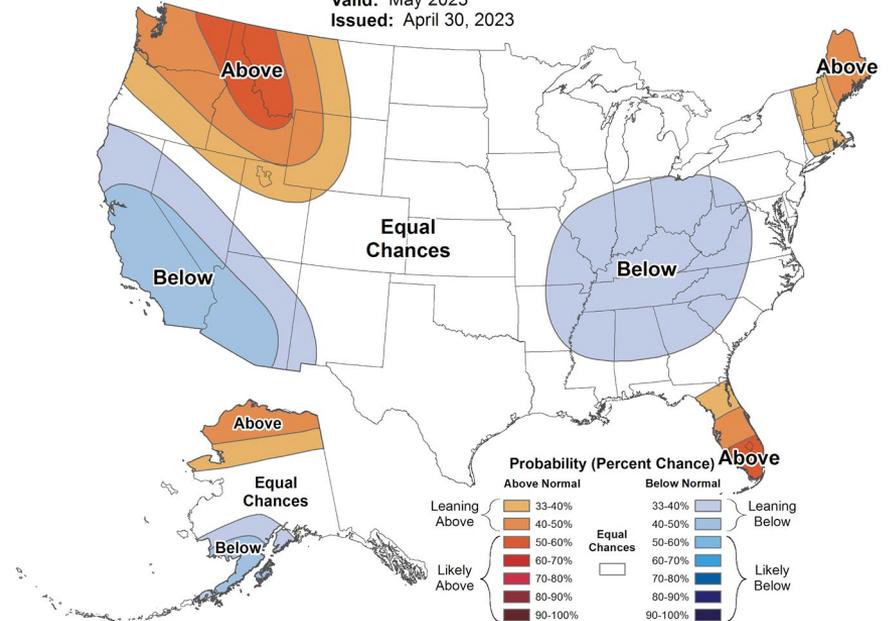
Example of Monthly 3-Class Product



Monthly Temperature Outlook



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3 classes: Below, Near, or Above Normal

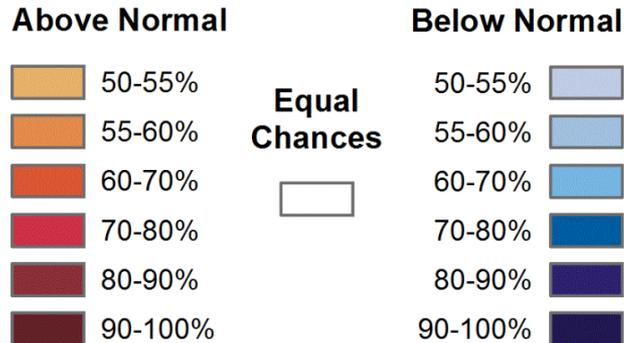


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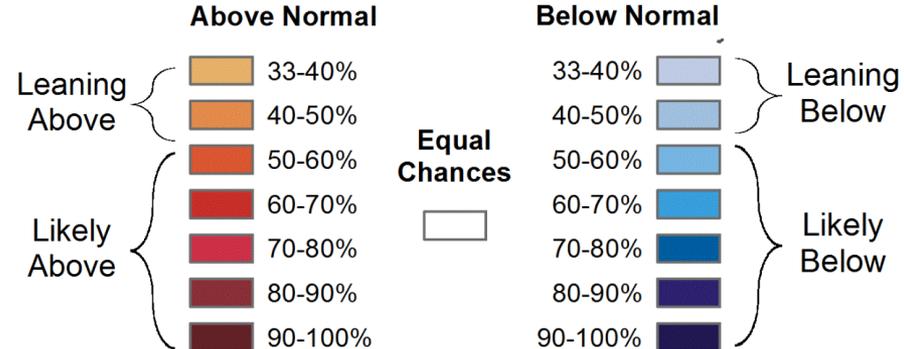
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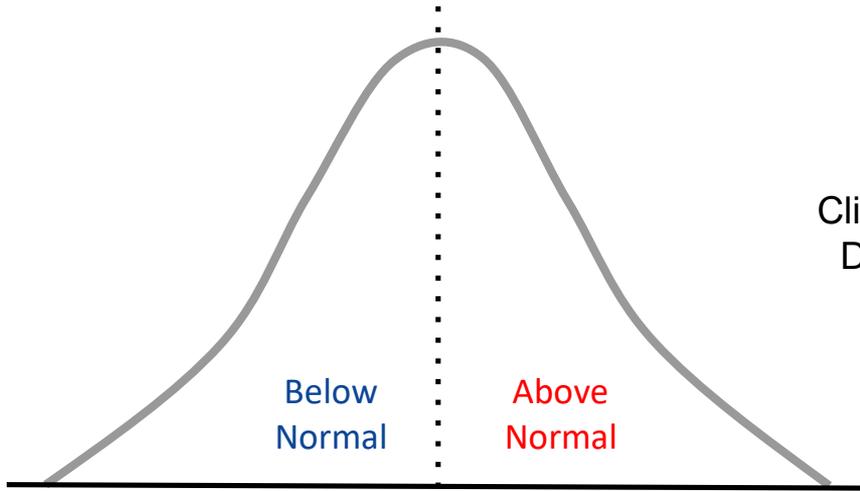
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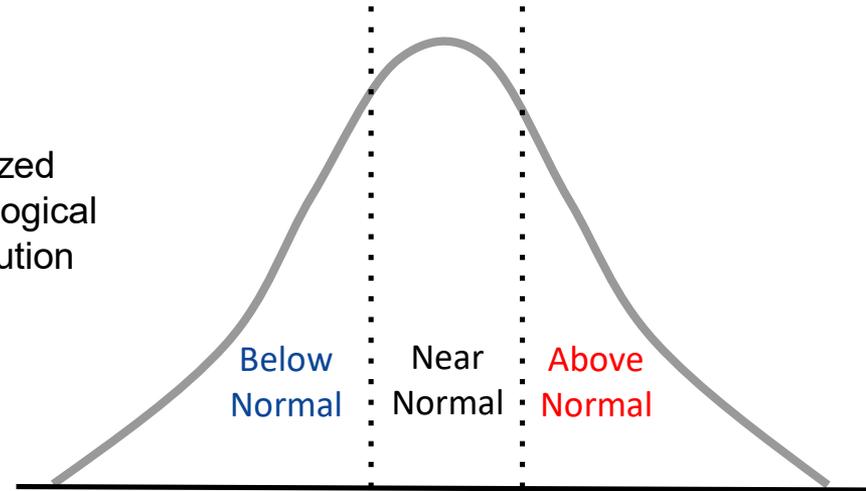
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mean (temperature)
median (precipitation)

Idealized
Climatological
Distribution



lower
tercile
threshold upper
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threshold

2 classes: Below or Above Normal

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Project Background

- **Goal:** To convert the Week 3-4 Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks from 2-class to 3-class systems
 - FY22: Development
 - Develop lower and upper tercile climatologies
 - Convert statistical forecast tools
 - Convert dynamical model forecast tools
 - Convert dynamical/statistical model consolidations
 - Perform retrospective verifications
 - FY23: Evaluation
 - FY24: Transition to Operations

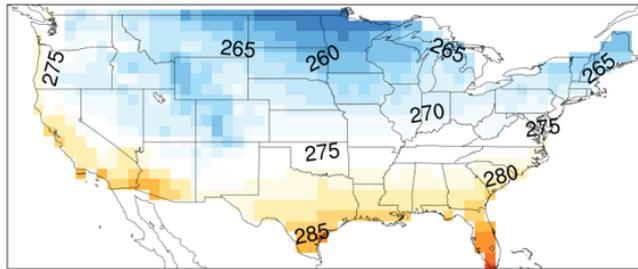
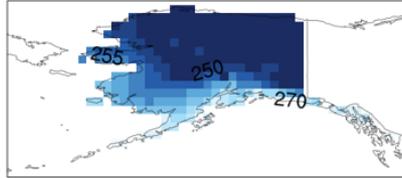
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- **Target audience/stakeholders:** NWS Field Structure (NCEP, NWC, Regional Operating Centers, Weather Forecast Offices, decision makers in several sectors of the U.S. economy, general public and media.
- **Collaborators:** Social science team – ultimately found that having inconsistencies across official forecast products was confusing to the public.

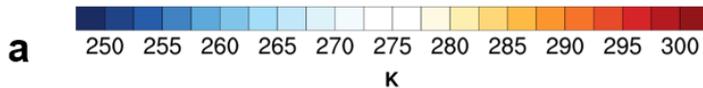
Temperature Climatologies

Temperature: Lower Tercile Threshold (33%)

2-week period beginning January 1

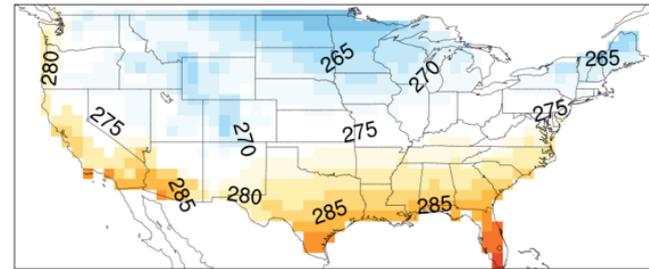
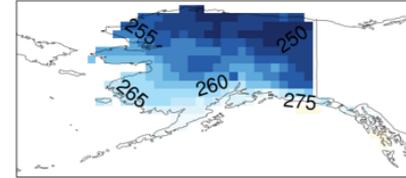


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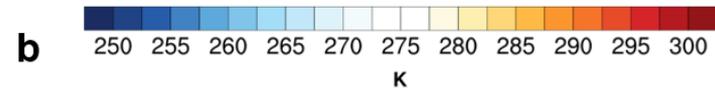


Temperature: Upper Tercile Threshold (67%)

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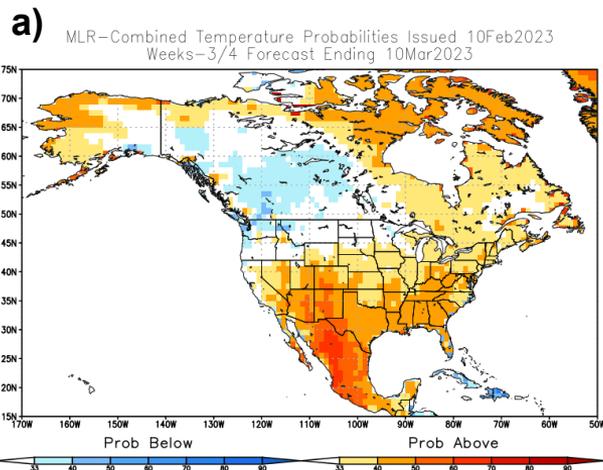


- We defined lower and upper tercile thresholds for 2-week periods for each calendar day.
- The near normal range is just a few degrees celsius or less, making it a small target.

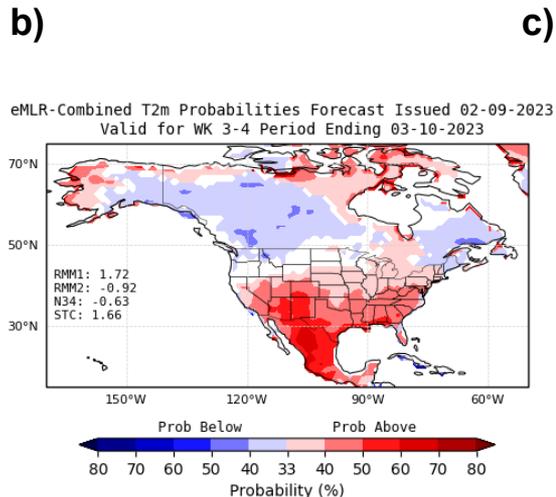
3-Class Statistical Models

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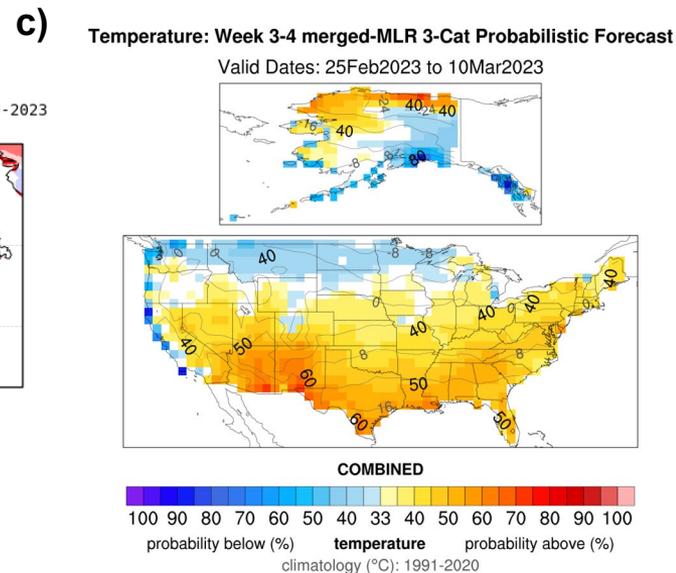
MLR



Enhanced-MLR

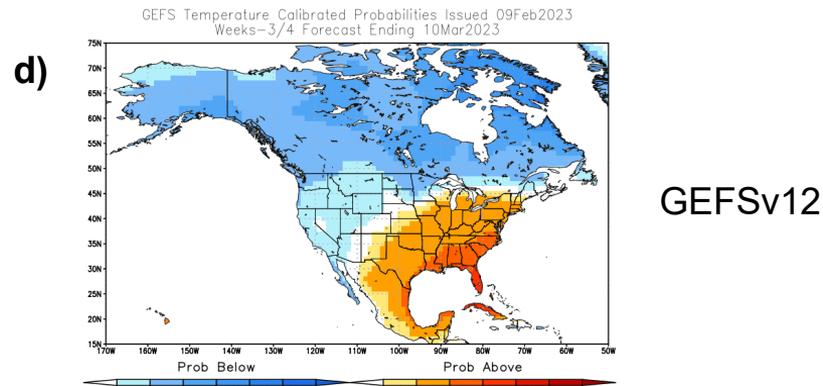
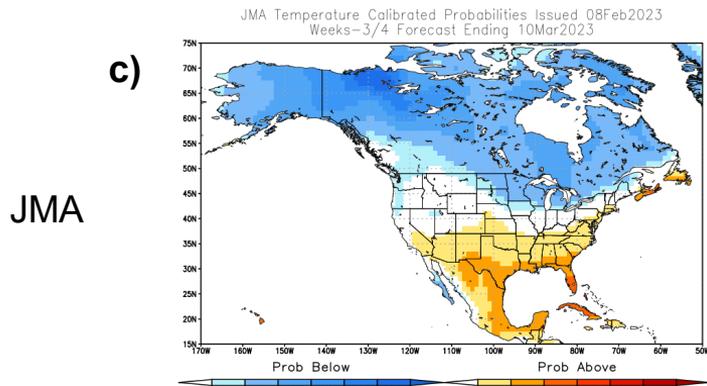
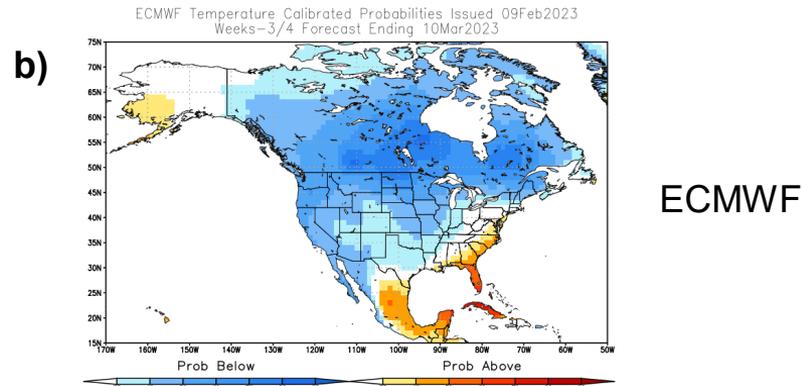
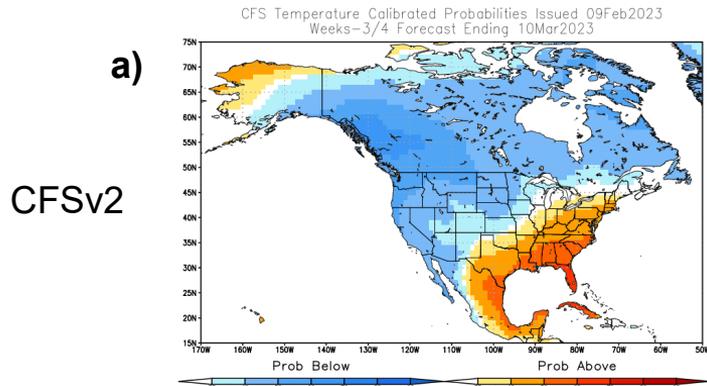


Merged-MLR



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3-Class Dynamical Models

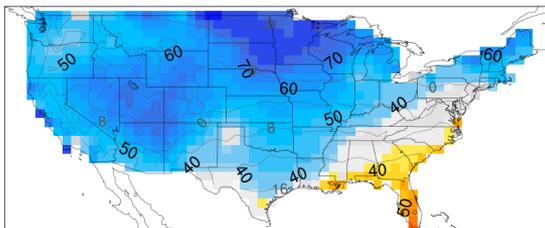
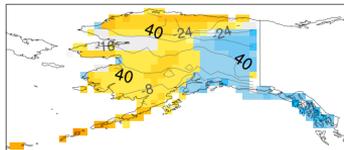


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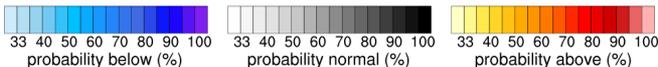
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a) Temperature: Week 3-4 ECMWF 3-Cat Probabilistic Forecast

Valid Dates: 25Feb2023 to 10Mar2023



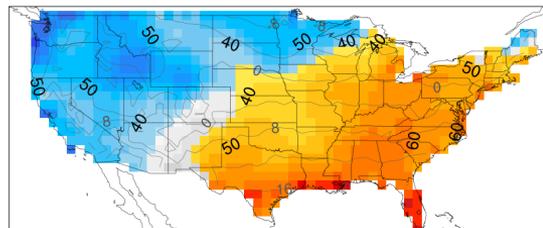
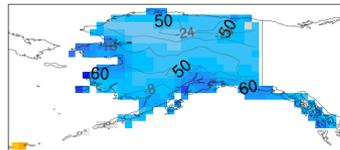
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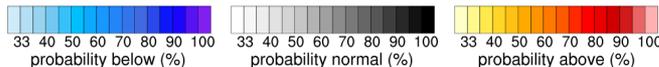
temperature
climatology (°C): 1991-2020

b) Temperature: Week 3-4 GEFSv12 3-Cat Probabilistic Forecast

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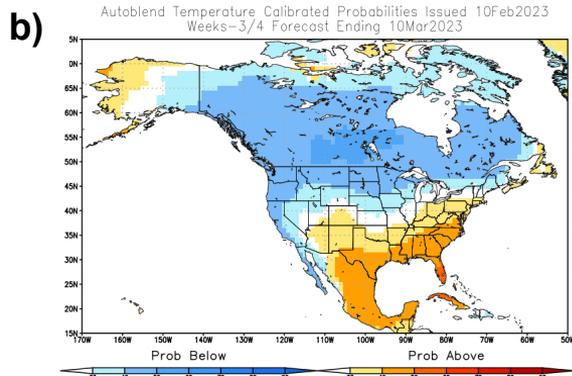
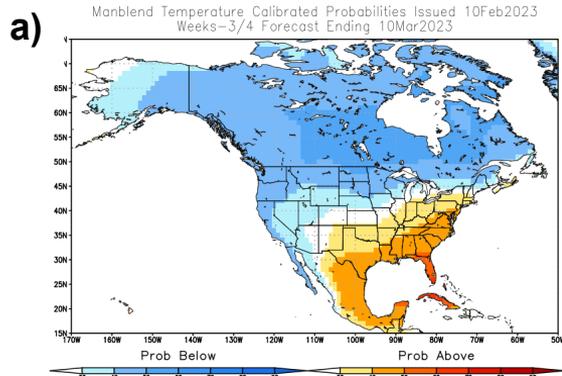
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ECMWF

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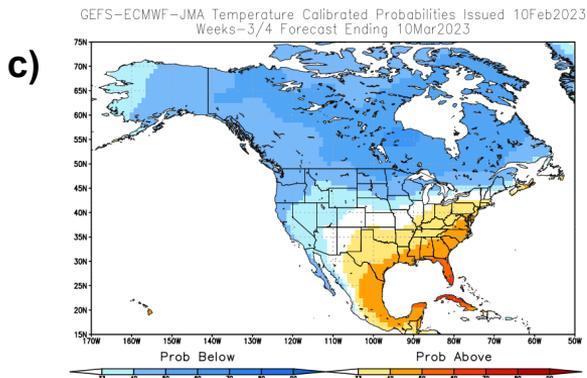
Examples of 3-class probabilistic temperature forecasts from the dynamical models post-processed on the Ensemble Subsampling Page: **a) ECMWF** and **b) GEFSv12**

3-Class Consolidation Products



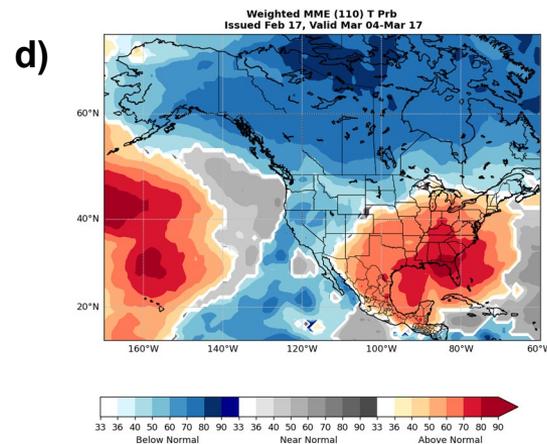
Manual
Blend

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Equal-weighted Blend

SubX MME



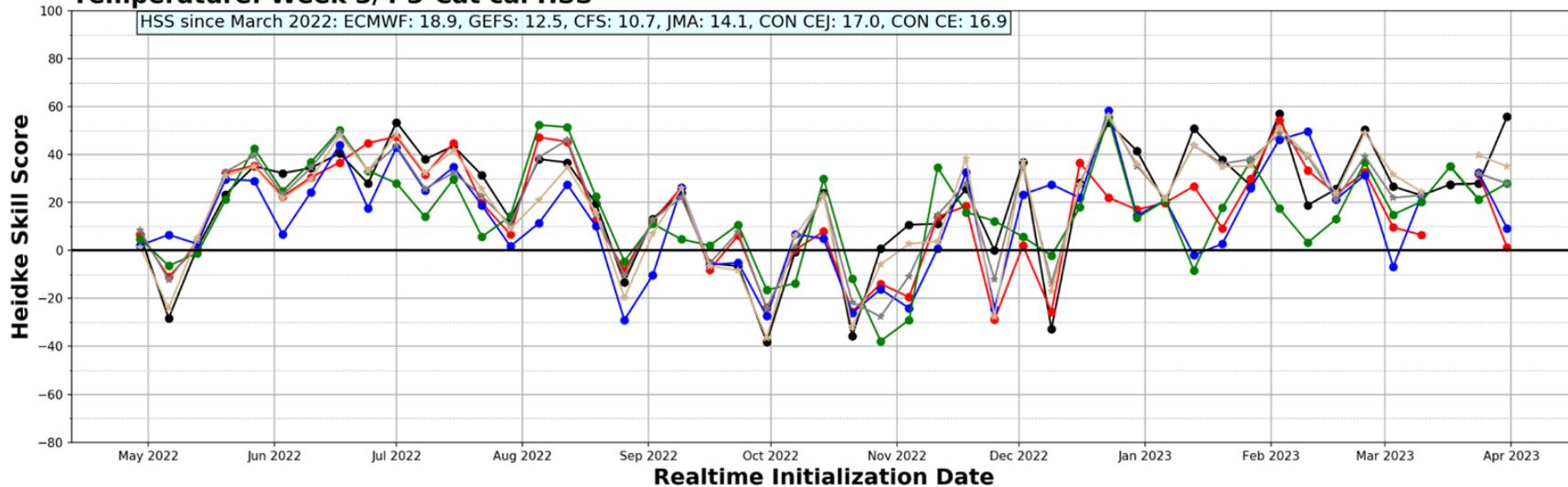
Examples of consolidated 3-class probabilistic temperature forecasts: **a)** manual blend, **b)** autoblend, **c)** equal-weighted, and **d)** SubX multi-model ensemble



Dynamical Model Verifications

ECMWF: 21.4, GEFS: 15.8, CFS: 13.7, JMA: 16.8

Temperature: Week 3/4 3-Cat cal HSS



- 3-class Heidke Skill Scores (HSS) for probabilistic temperature forecasts from the dynamical models
 - ~60% of their 2-class HSS counterparts
- Lower skill scores are partly attributable to near normal being forecasted much less than it is observed.

FY2023 Project Activities

- Continue to evaluate and quality control the 3-class products
 - Identify methods to produce more near normal forecasts in both the dynamical and statistical models
- Transition the experimental Week 3-4 Ensemble Subsampling tool to operations
- FY23 Milestone: *Development of an improved Week 3-4 temperature consolidation first guess*

Summary

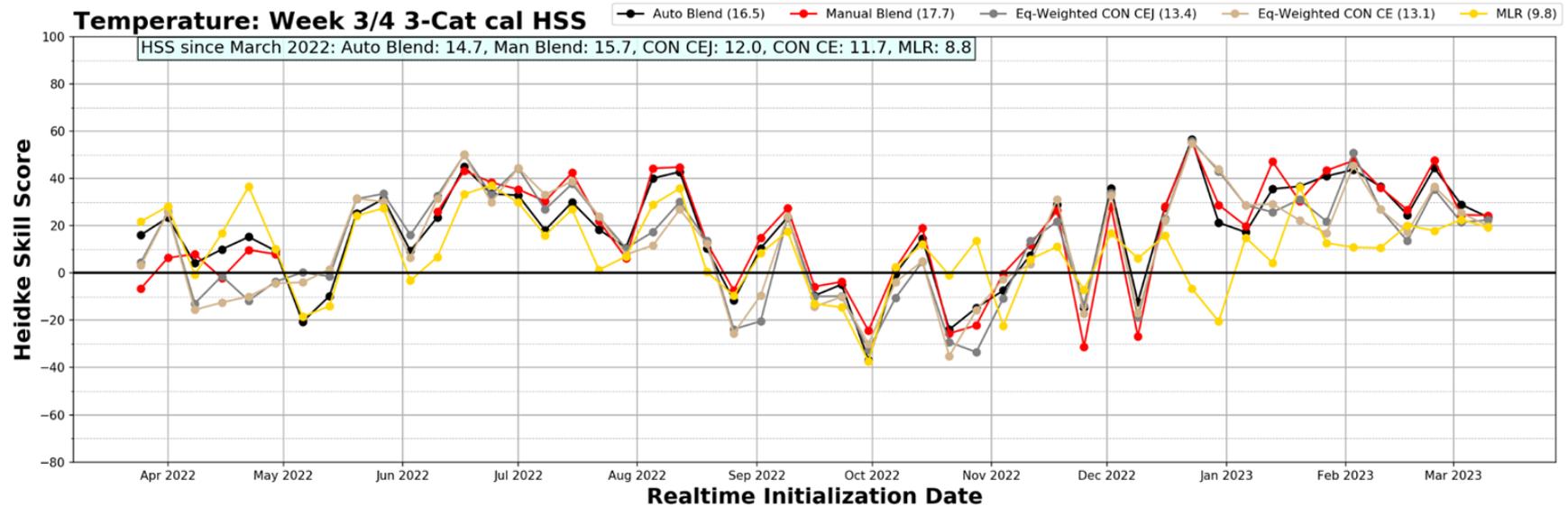
- Lower and upper tercile climatologies have been derived from both observations and models.
- Statistical, dynamical, and consolidation forecast tools have been converted to 3-class.
- A retrospective verification has revealed that 3-class skill scores are approximately 60% of their 2-class counterparts. Some of this decline in skill is attributable to near normal being forecasted less than observed.
- The 3-class tools are running experimentally during FY23 with an expected transition to operations in FY24.



Extra Slides

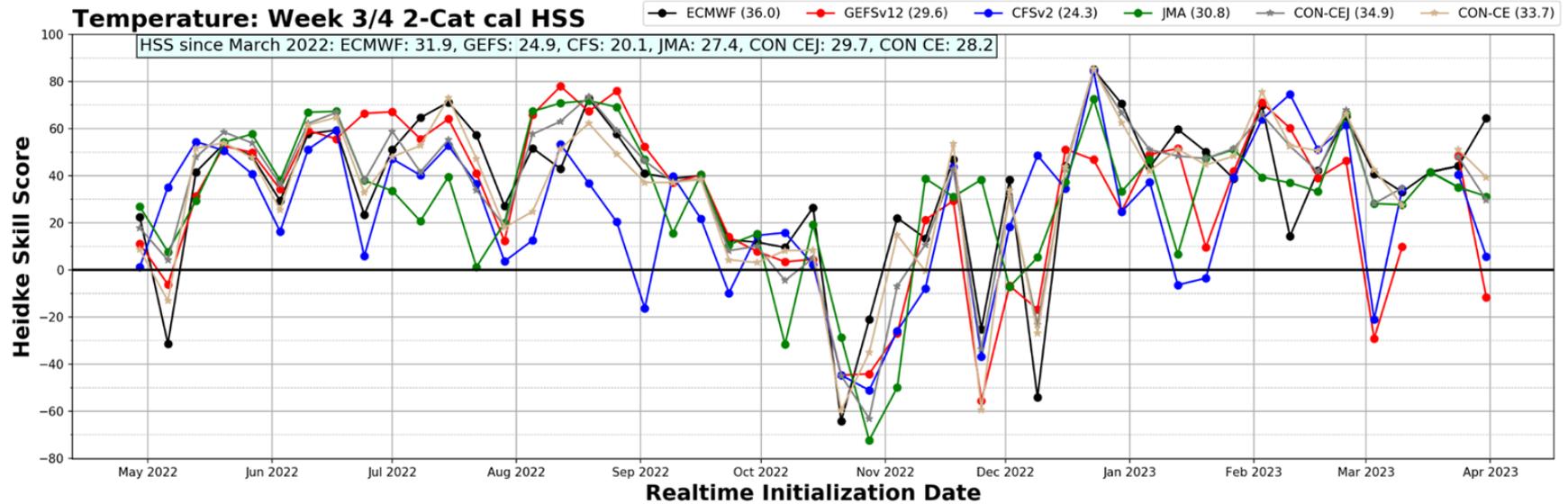


Consolidation and MLR Verifications



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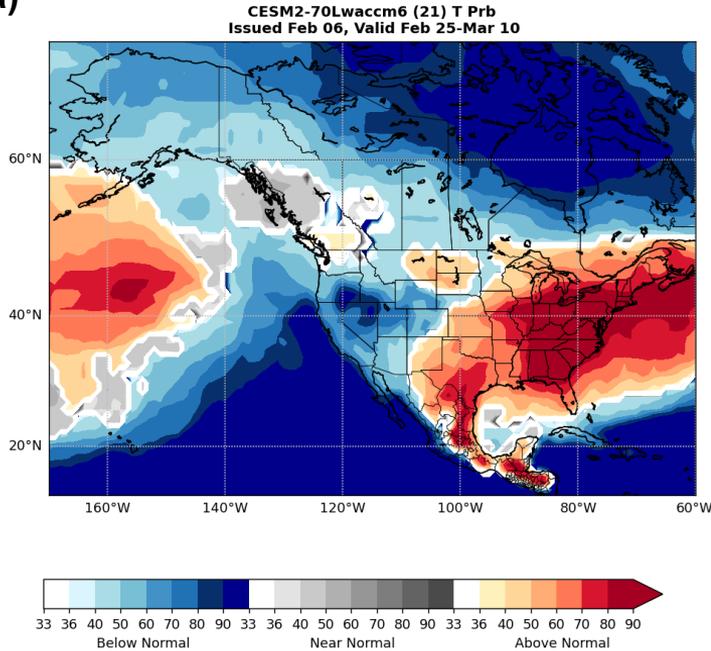
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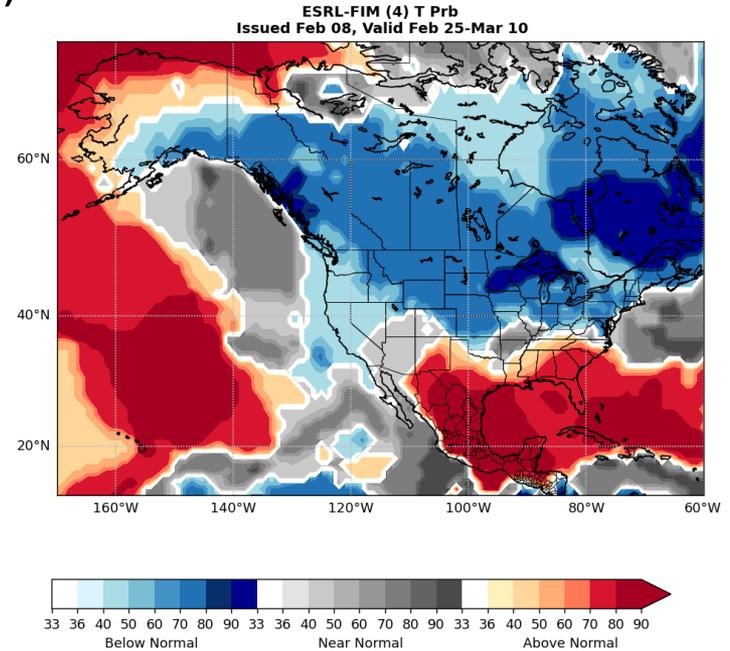
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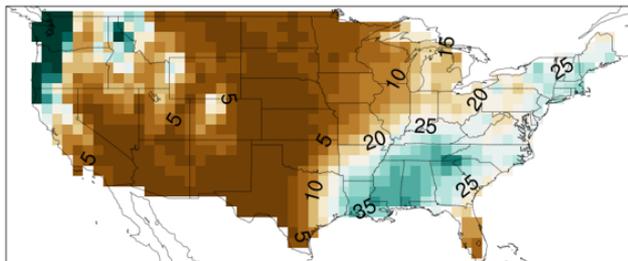
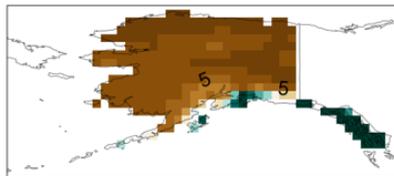


Examples of 3-class probabilistic temperature forecasts from experimental dynamical models participating in SubX: **a)** CESM2-70Lwaccm6 and **b)** ESRL-FIM

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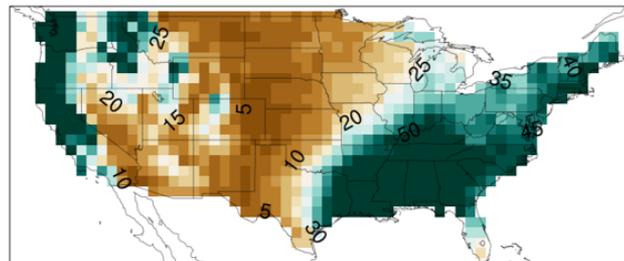
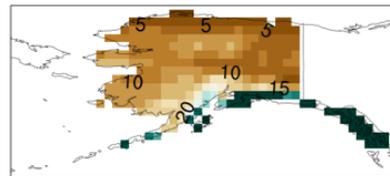
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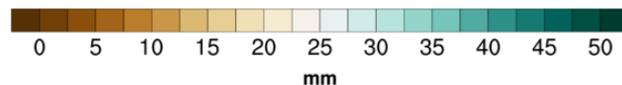
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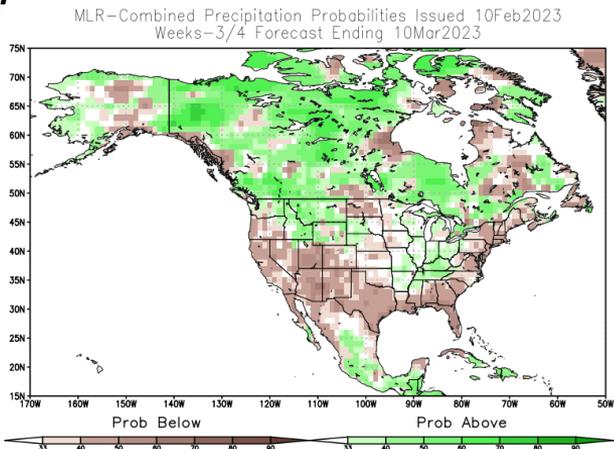
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- We defined lower and upper tercile thresholds for 2-week periods for each calendar day.
- The lower tercile threshold is often zero in arid areas, making the below normal category ill-defined.

3-Class Statistical Models

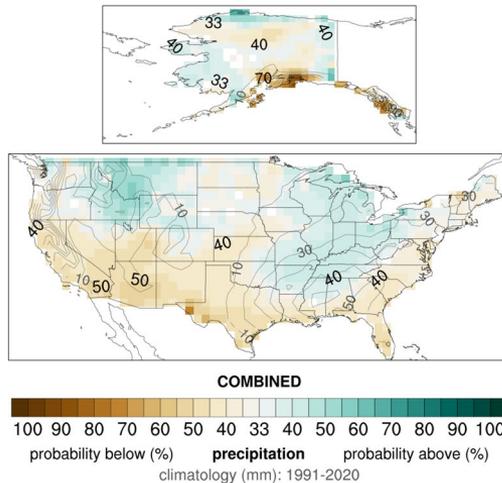
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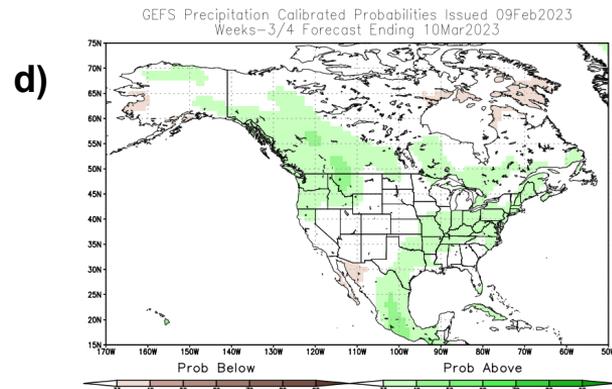
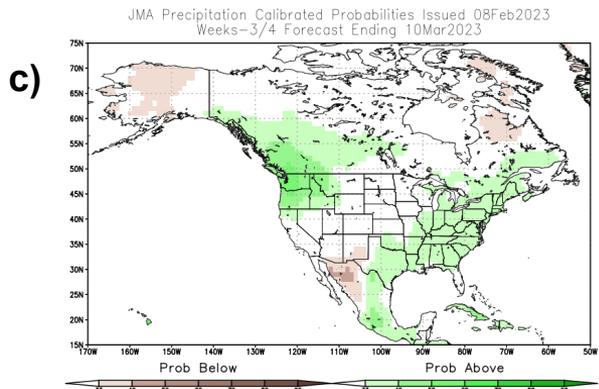
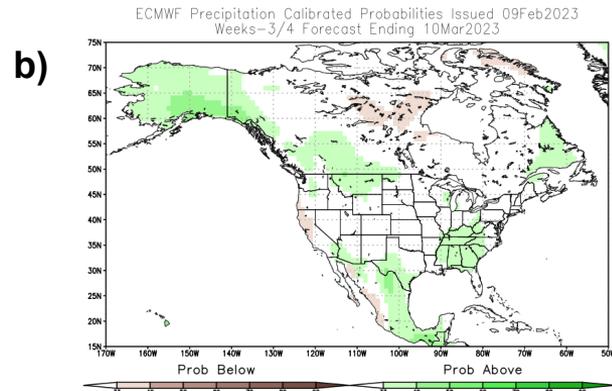
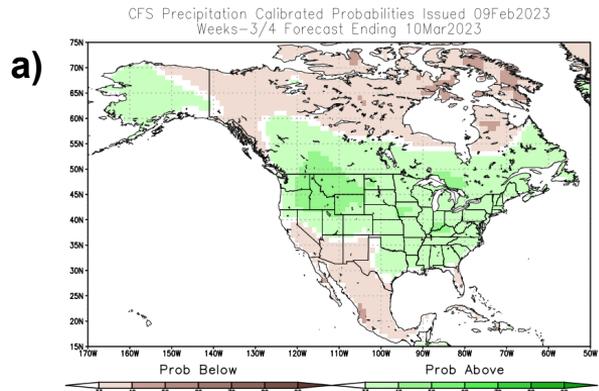
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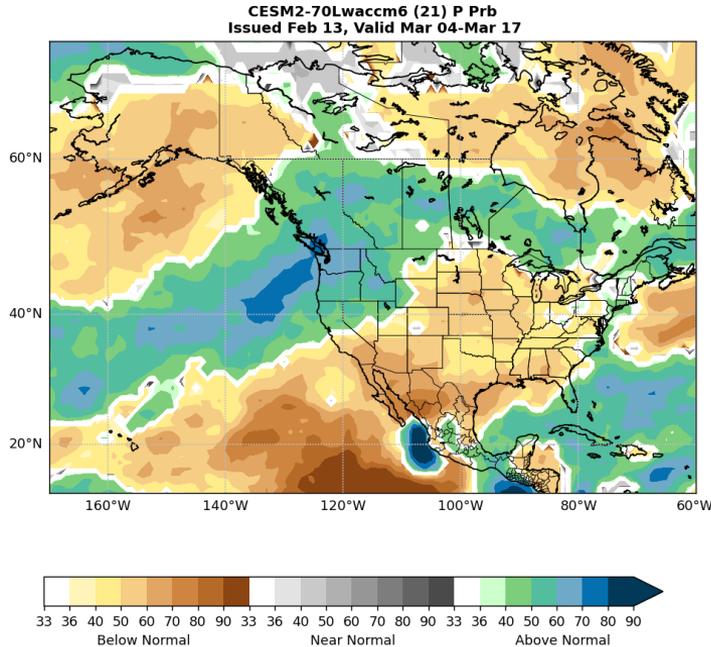
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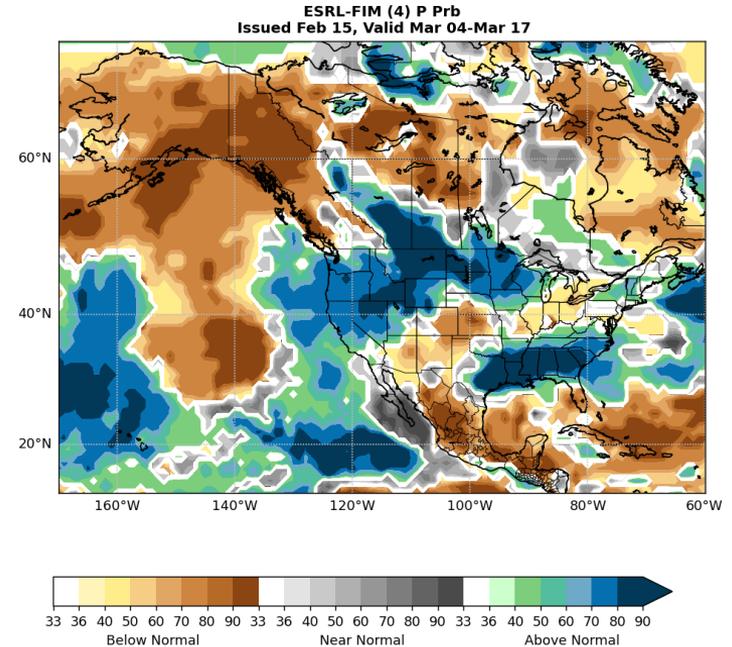
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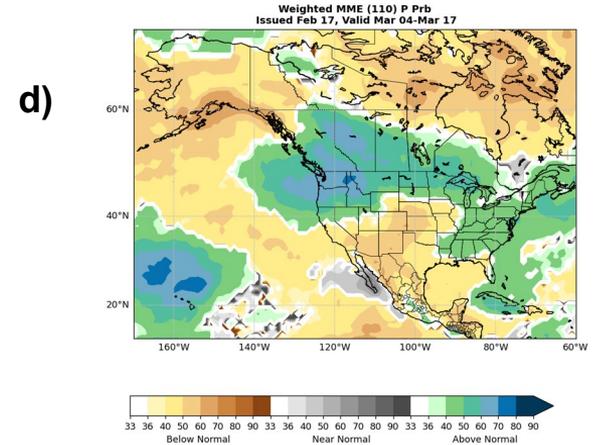
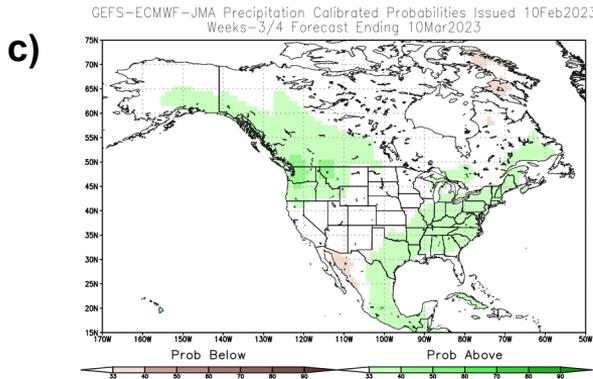
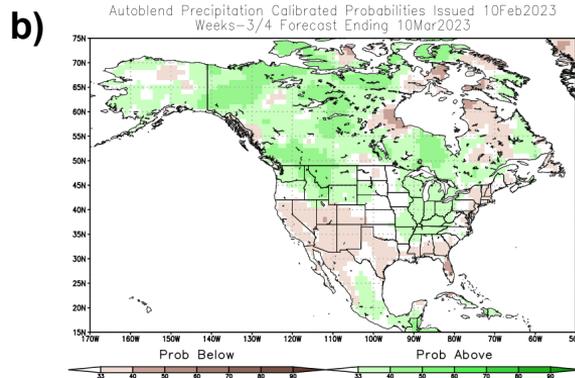
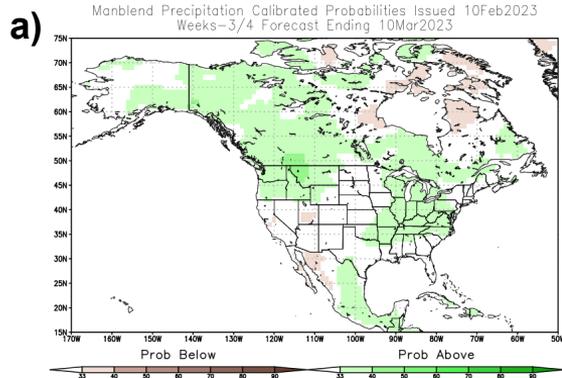


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3-Class Consolidations



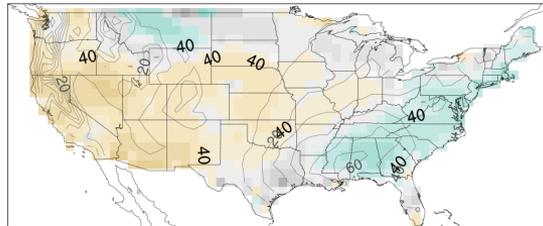
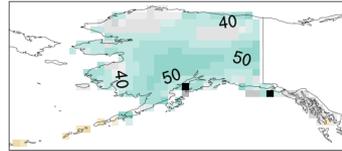
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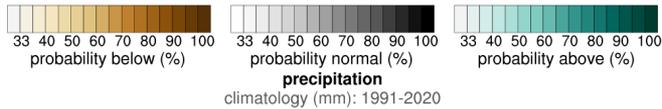
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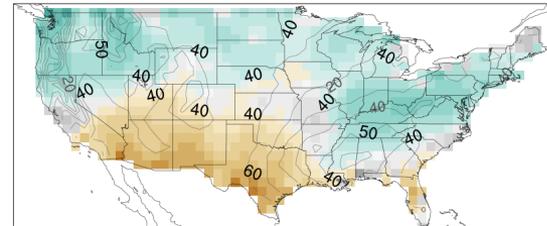
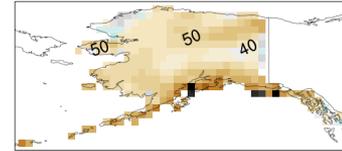
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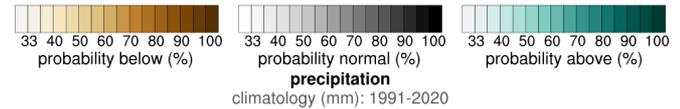
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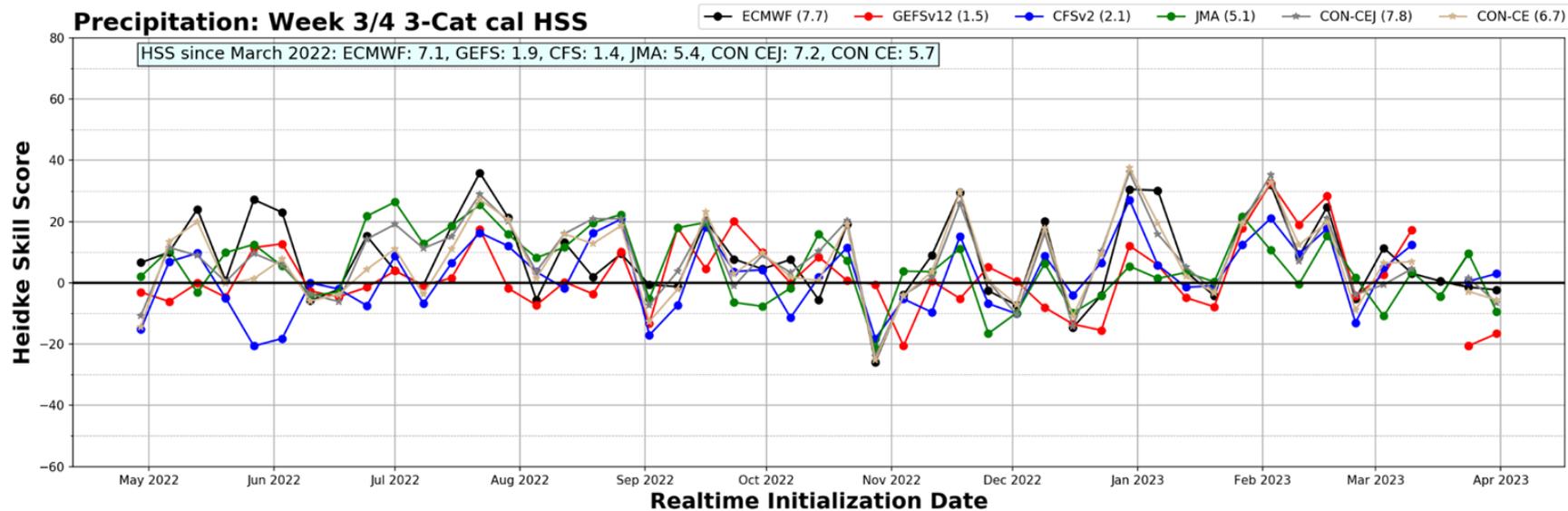


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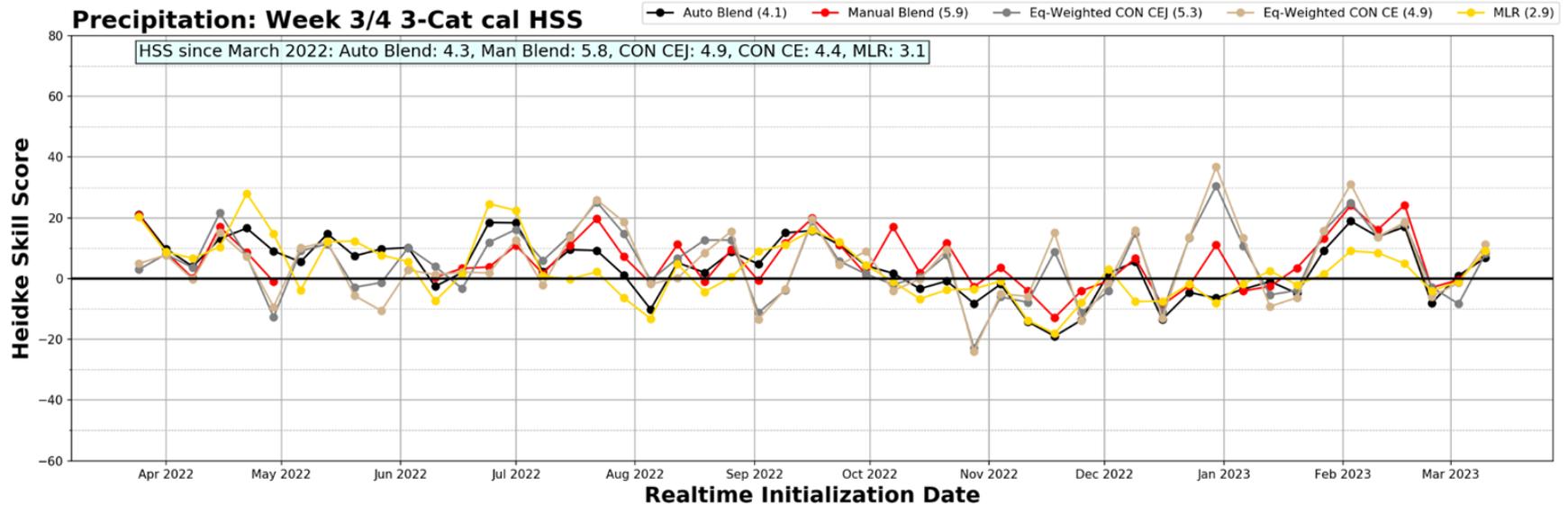
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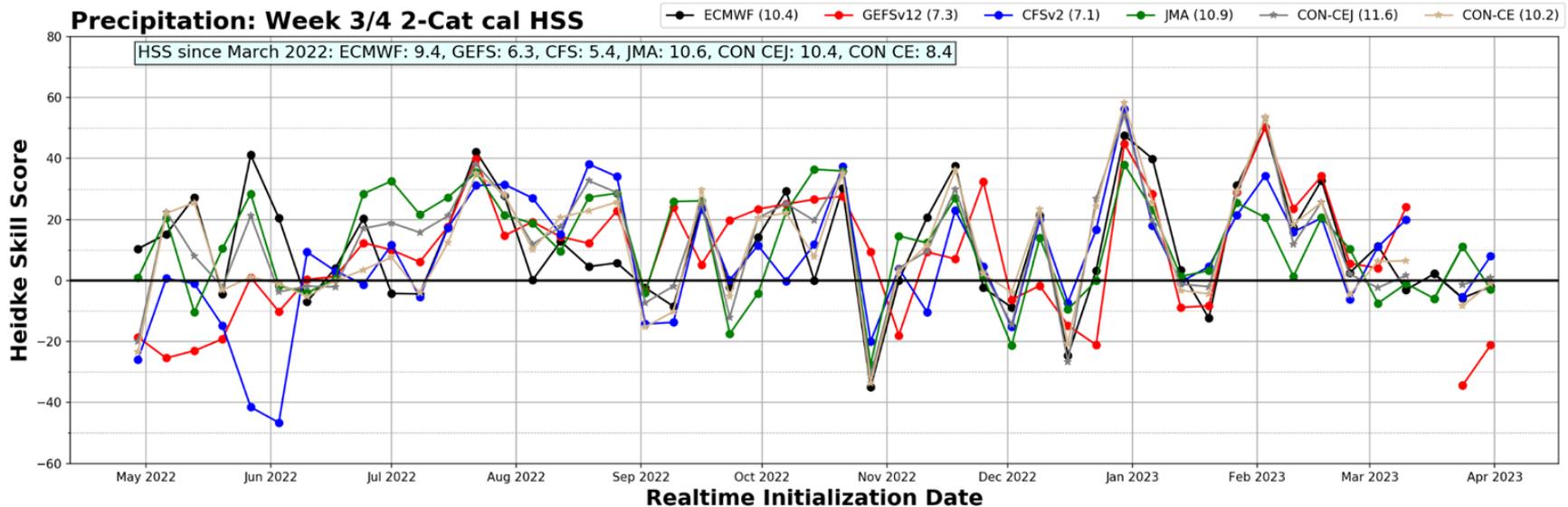
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Dynamical Model Verifications (2-cat)



- 2-class Heideke Skill Scores (HSS) for probabilistic temperature forecasts from the dynamical models
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Outline

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