

***NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
PRODUCT/SERVICE DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT (PDD)
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CLIMATE DIAOGNOSTIC BULLETIN

Part 1 - Mission Connection

1. Product/Service Description:

The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) issues this monthly report on the status of the ocean-atmosphere climate system in the tropics and extratropics.

2. Purpose/Intended Use:

CPC issues this bulletin to provide insight into climate outlooks by reviewing past climate conditions and looking ahead to implications on the upcoming seasons.

3. Audience:

The product is intended for use by decision makers (having a technical background in climate variability) in weather and climate sensitive activities sensitive to seasonal and inter-annual climate variation.

4. Presentation Format:

The report is presented in a hard copy subscription publication and on the CPC web site.

5. Feedback Method:

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Part 2 - Technical

1. Format and Science Basis:

CPC reports on the previous months status of the ocean-atmosphere climate system in the tropics and extratropics and provides analysis of various seasonal outlook guidance tools.

- Tropical Highlights
- Forecast Forum
 - + Outlook statement
 - + Discussion
- Extratropical Highlights
 - + Northern Hemisphere
 - North America
 - Europe and Asia
 - + Southern Hemisphere

The following is generic table of contents. (text and graphics). The current version is on the CPC web site at

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/bulletin/

2. **Availability:**

CPC issues the bulletin on the 15th of the month (if a weekday), or the first weekday after the 15th on the CPC web site listed in section a. It is also available in hard copy subscription. Those desiring hard copy subscription may ask to be added to the mailing list by sending their request to:

Climate Prediction Center
Attn: Climate Diagnostics Bulletin
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There is no subscription charge.

3. **Additional Information:**

- Valid Time: This product is valid until the next issuance.
- Product Expiration Time: This product expires with the next issuance.
- Creation Software: CPC issues the publication on the web (in HTML) and by hard copy subscription.