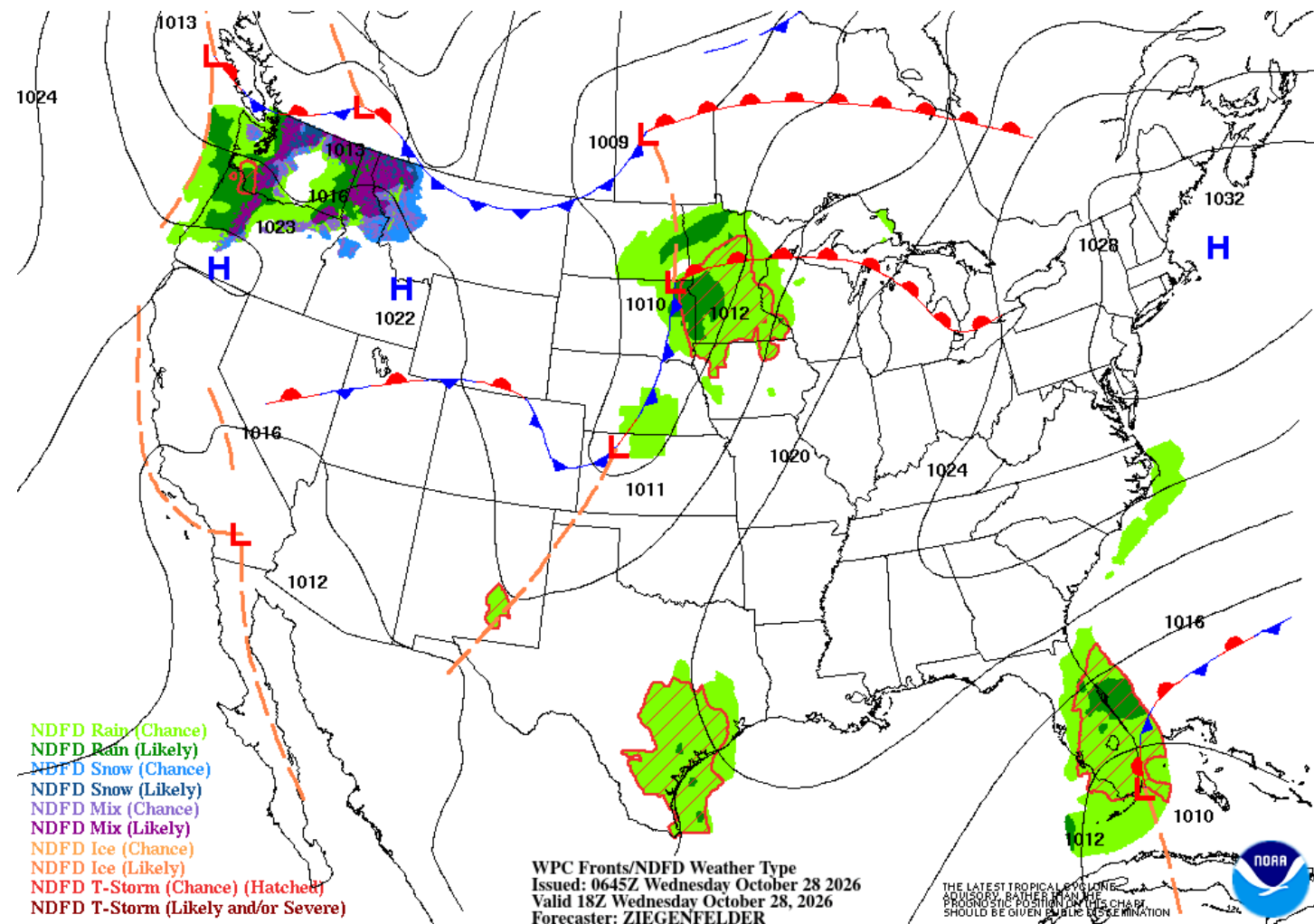
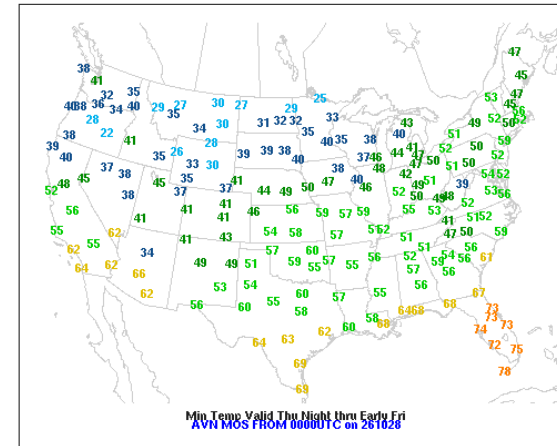
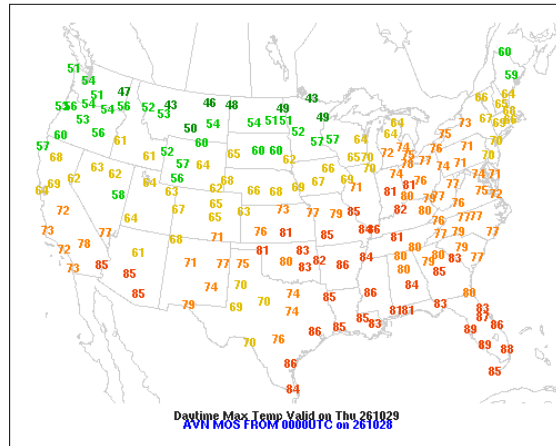
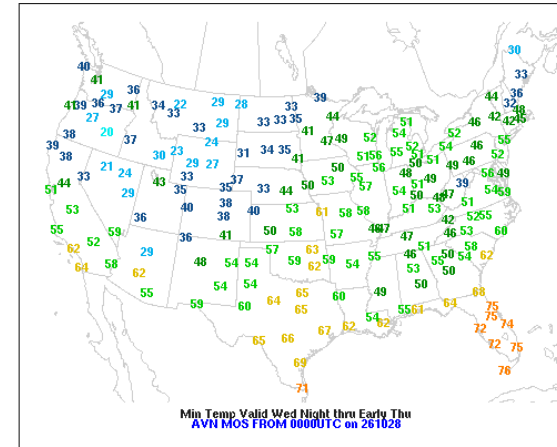
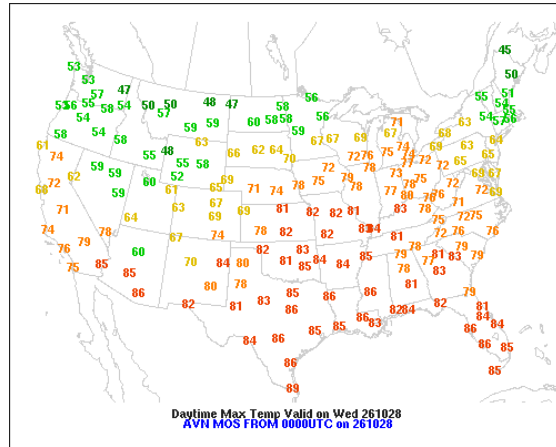




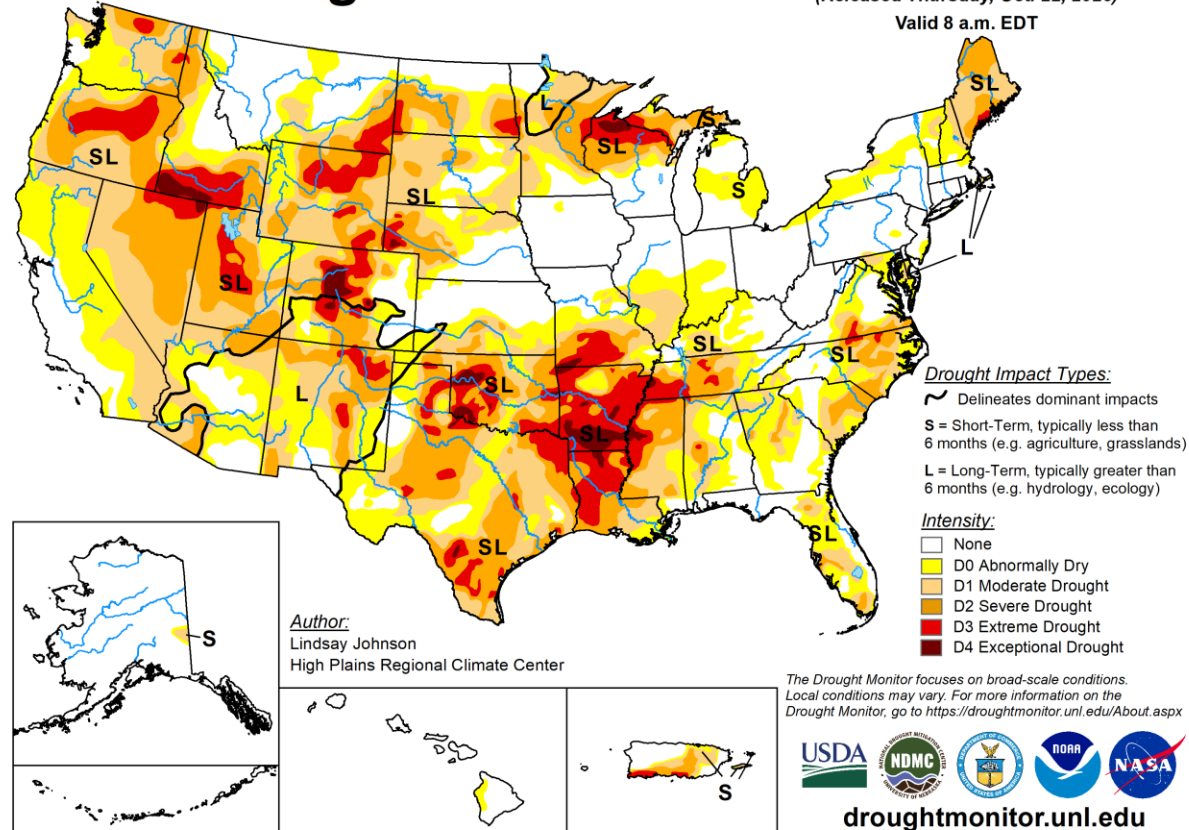
Across the Corn Belt, isolated showers are causing only fleeting harvest delays, except from Nebraska into Minnesota, where recent rainfall was a bit heavier. Compared to the 5-year average, the Midwestern soybean harvest by Oct. 25 was slowest in Nebraska (75% harvested, versus 82% on average) and Iowa (78% harvested, versus 84%). Meanwhile, Midwestern temperatures remain well above normal for this time of year.



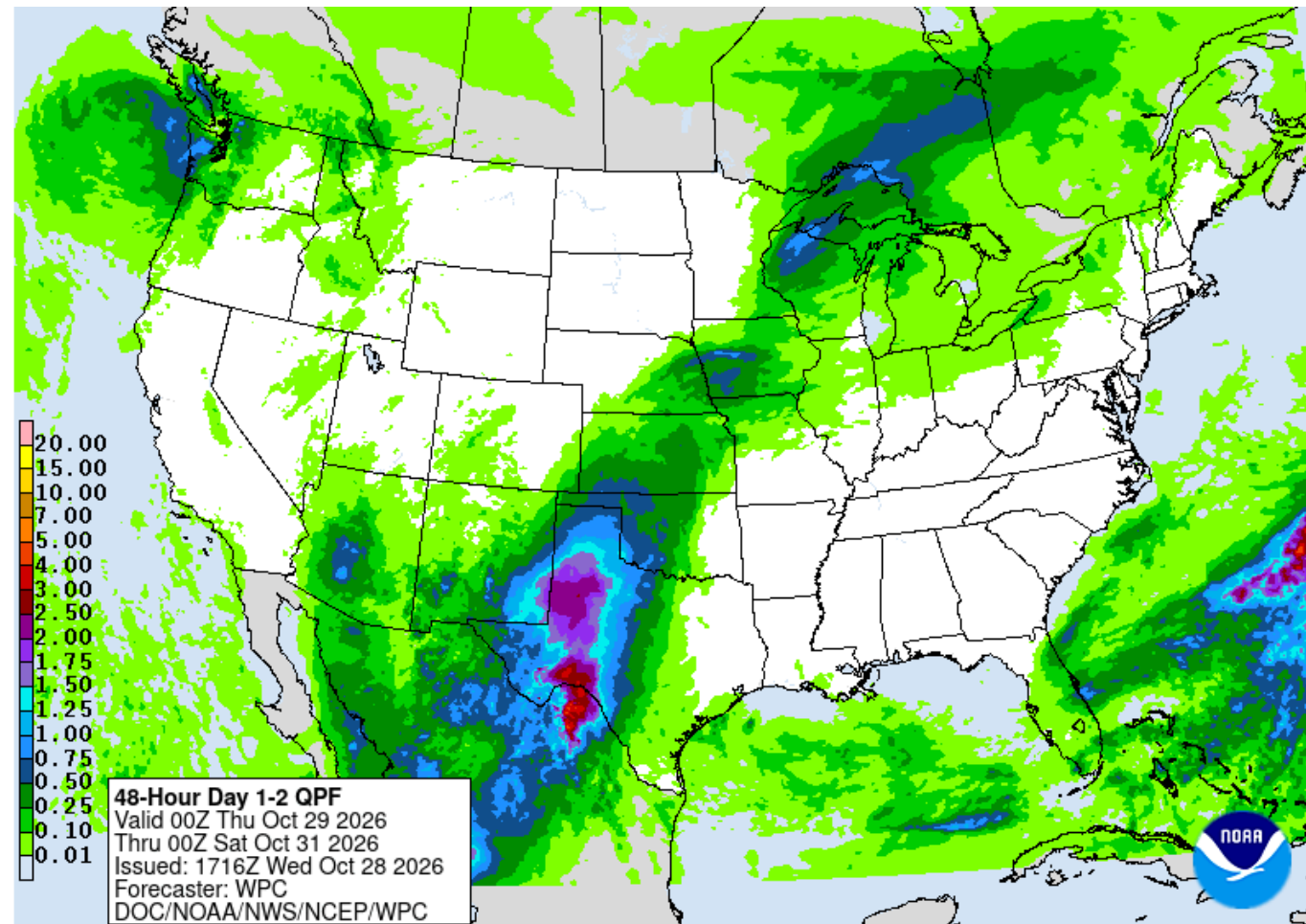
On the Plains, dry weather favors a gradual return to fieldwork, following recent precipitation. Additionally, temperatures have rebounded to significantly above-normal levels across the southeastern half of the region, where Tuesday's maximum temperatures should range from 75 to 85°F. However, harvest progress for many crops remains behind schedule, with only 56% of the U.S. sorghum acreage harvested by Oct. 25 — compared to the 5-year average of 69%.

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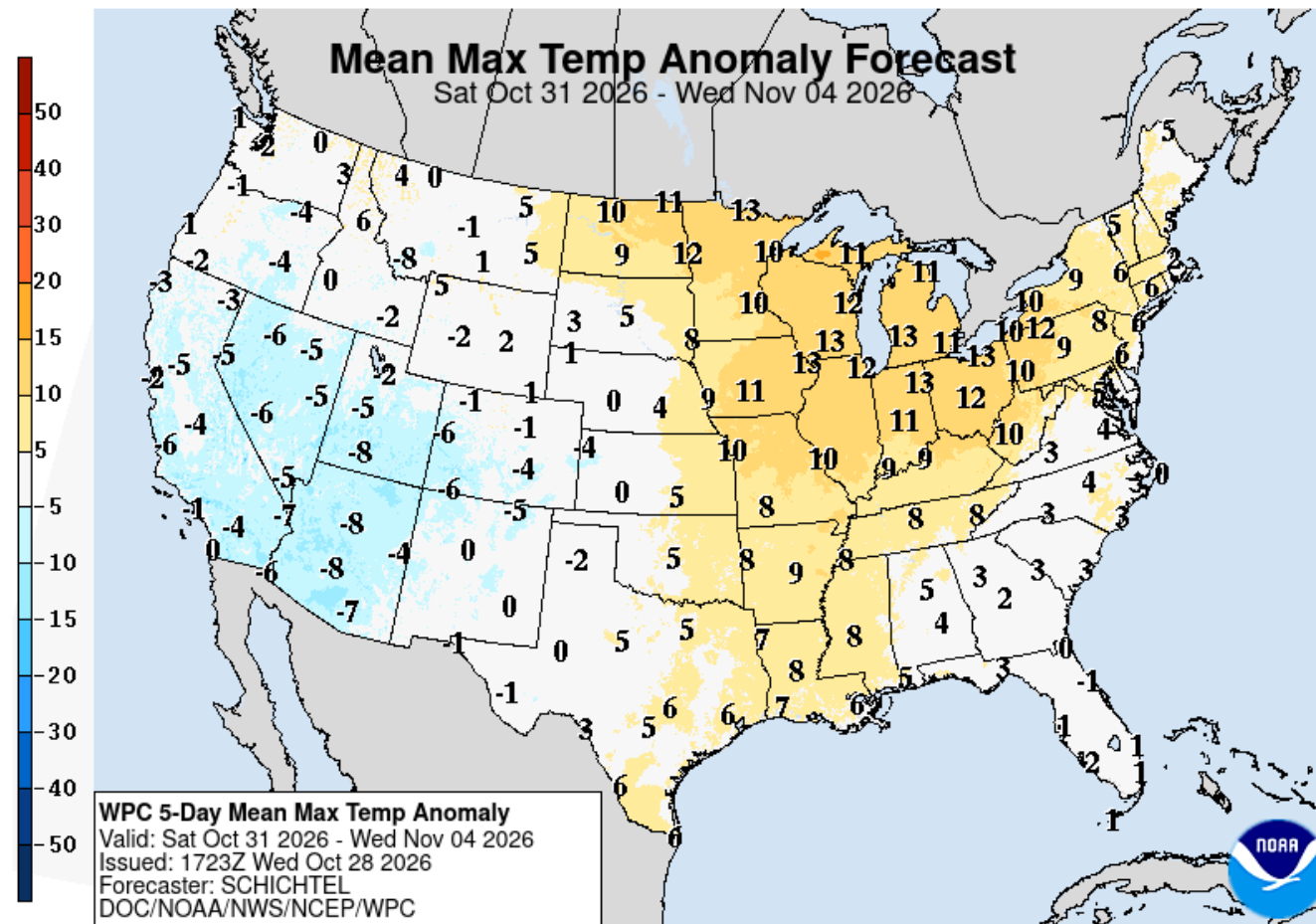
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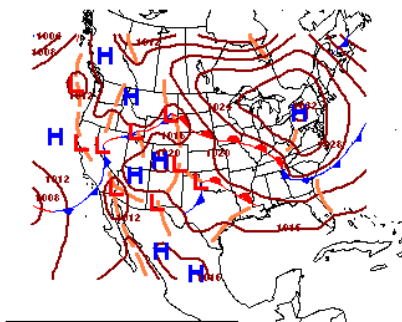
In the South, scattered showers are confined to coastal Texas and parts of Florida's peninsula. Elsewhere, warm, dry weather favors autumn fieldwork, although significant drought continues in most areas from the Mississippi Delta westward. On Oct. 25, statewide topsoil moisture in agricultural regions was rated 94% very short to short in Arkansas and Mississippi, along with 87% in Louisiana.



In the West, unsettled, showery weather is confined to the Pacific Northwest and the northernmost Rockies. Elsewhere, mild, dry weather favors fall fieldwork. In Arizona, 49% of the cotton had been harvested by Oct. 25, ahead of the 5-year average of 44%. Most unmanaged rivers in the Four Corners region are receding, following recent flooding.

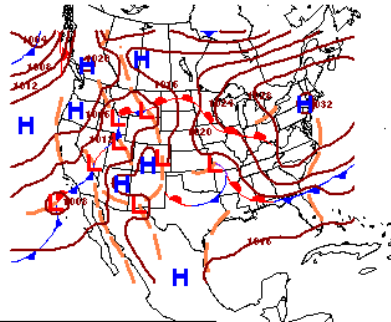


Lack of cold air will be a prominent feature during the next several days, extending the growing season in key agricultural production areas that have not yet experienced a season-ending freeze. During the next 5 days, modest cool spells will be confined to parts of the northern and western U.S.



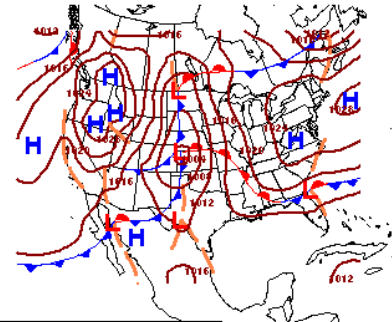
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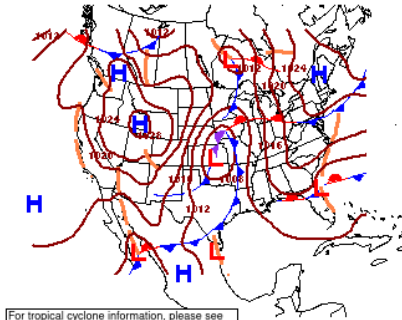
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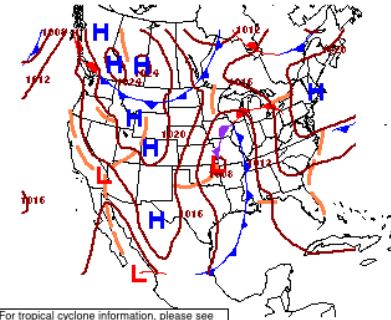
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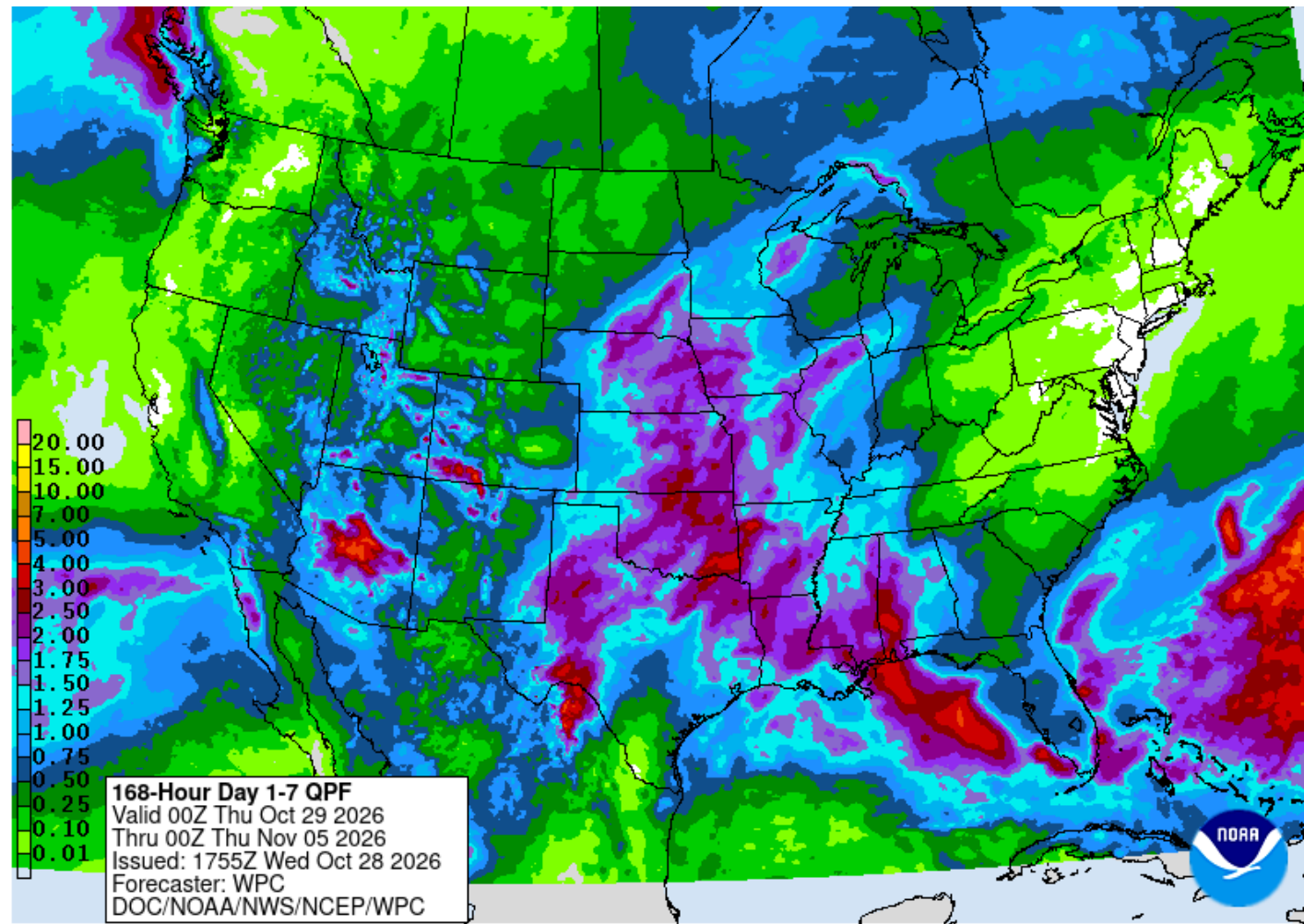


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Meanwhile, the current tranquil weather regime will be gradually replaced by increasingly showery weather, as a mid-latitude cold front interacts with residual tropical moisture associated with former eastern Pacific Hurricane Vance. During the weekend, a new Pacific storm system will deliver additional precipitation across the western and central U.S.



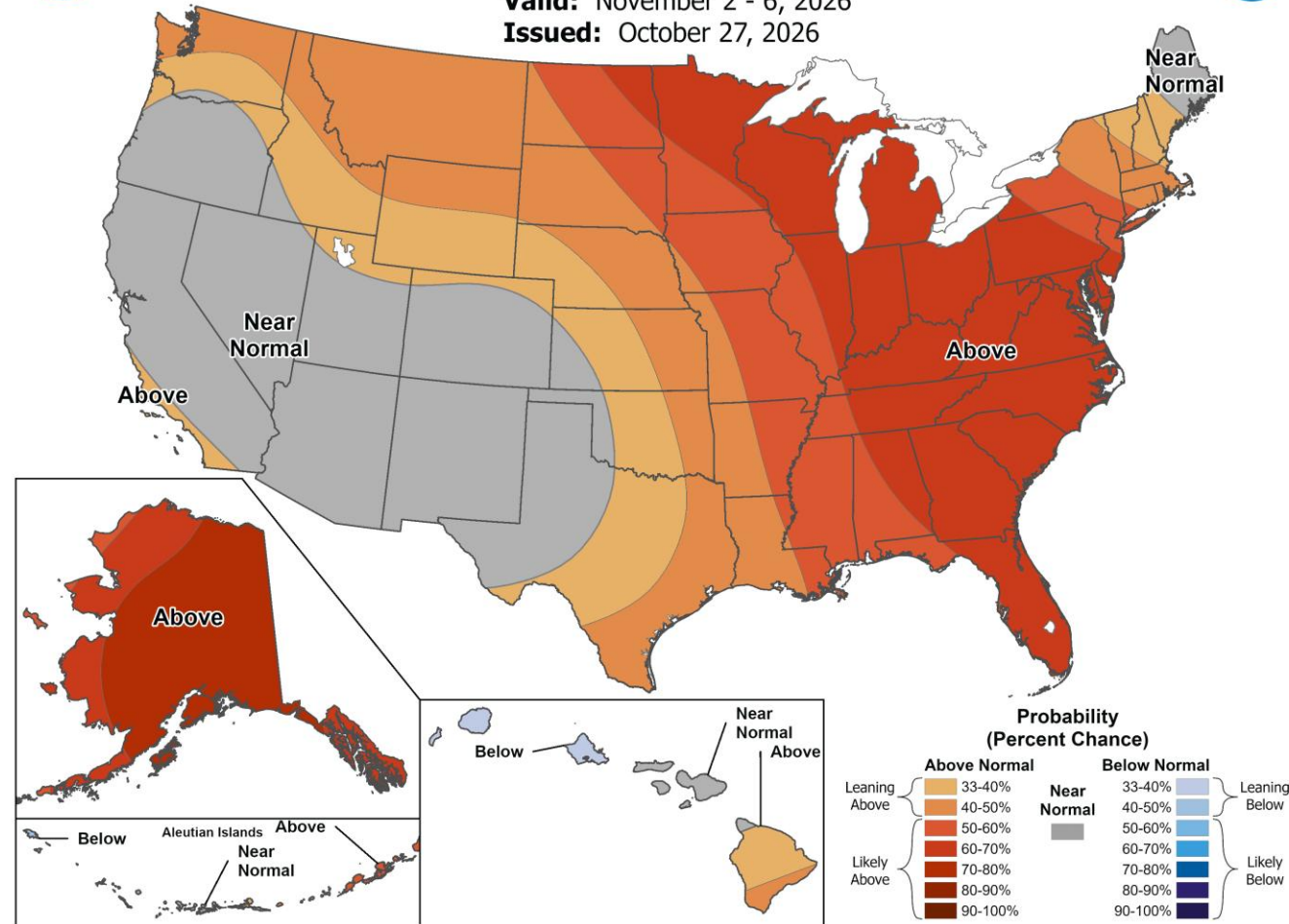
Seven-day precipitation totals should reach 1 to 3 inches in parts of the southern U.S., with locally significant showers extending as far north as the central Plains and Intermountain West. Only a few areas, including northern California, the Dakotas and the middle and northern Atlantic states, will remain dry through the weekend.



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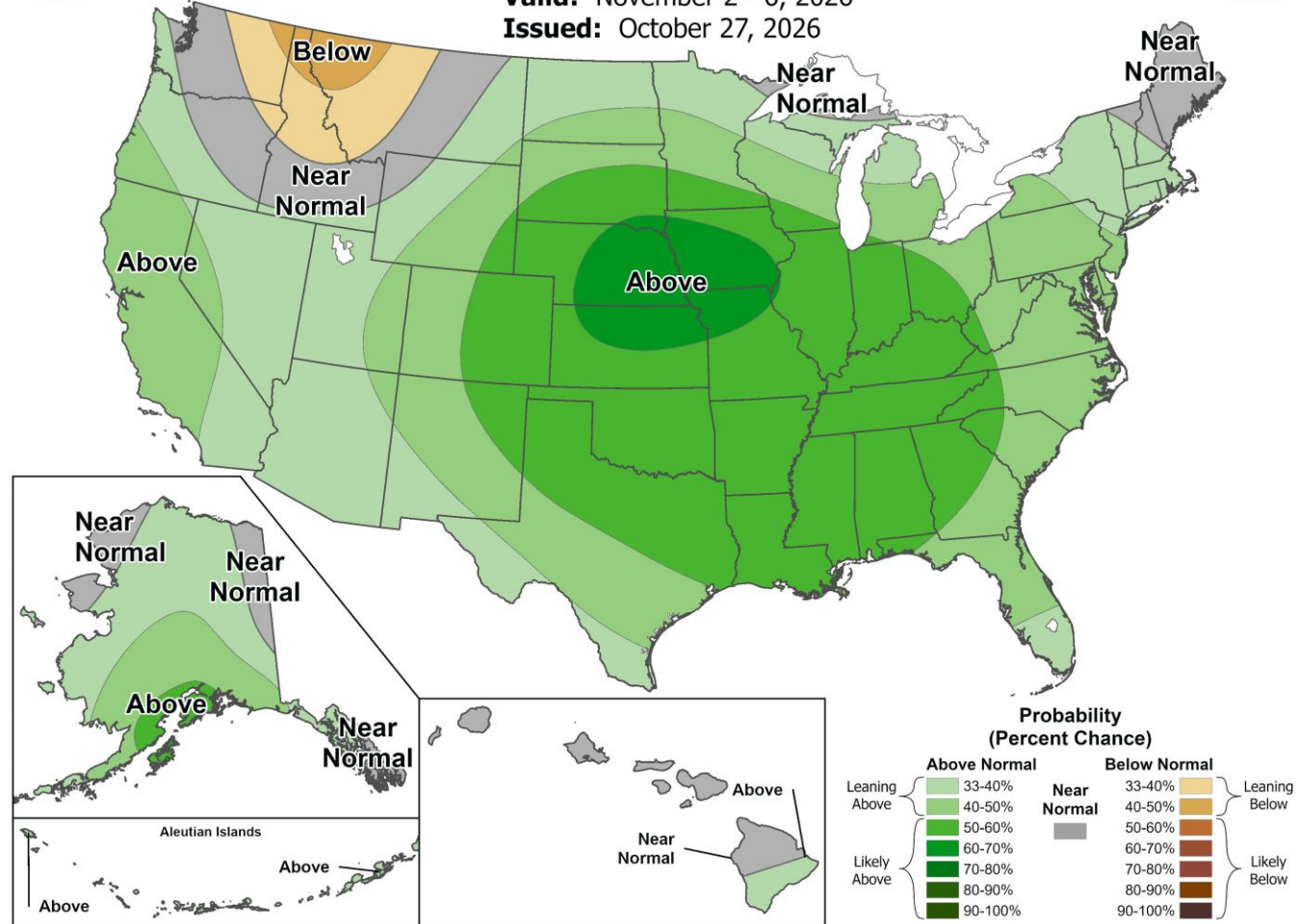
Looking ahead, the 6- to 10-day outlook calls for near- or above-normal temperatures nationwide, with the Great Lakes region and middle and southern Atlantic states having the greatest likelihood of experiencing unusual warmth.



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Meanwhile, wetter-than-normal weather nearly nationwide should contrast with below-normal precipitation in the northern Rockies and environs.