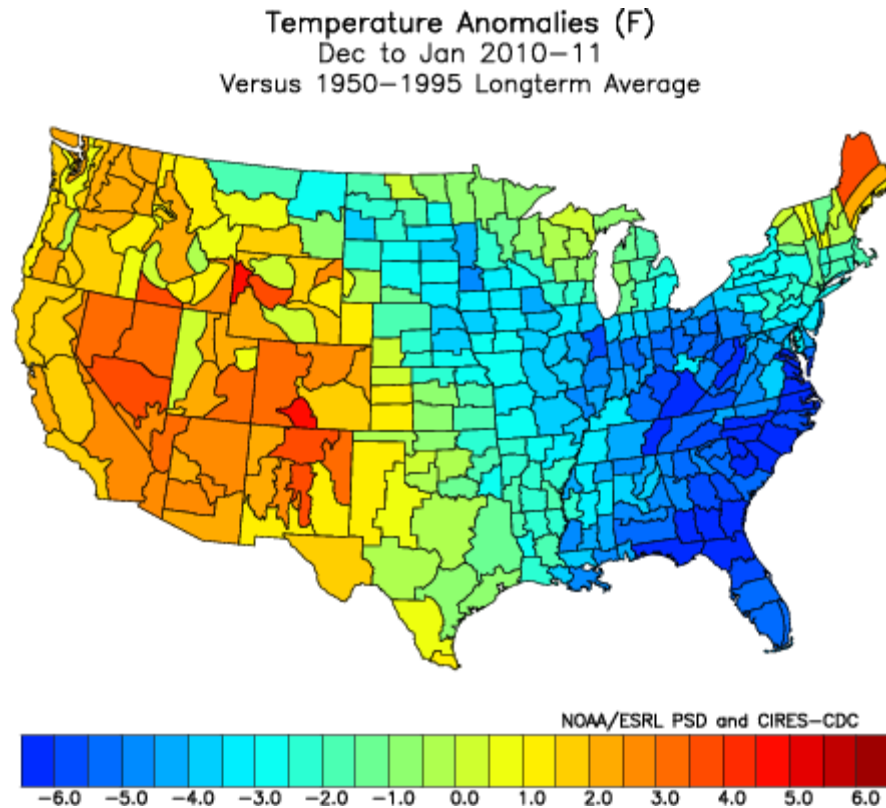


NCDC: Coldest December/January Ever in Florida

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It was cold start to the winter most places east of the Rockies. The temperature in December and January was atypical La Nina with the coldest in the southeast.



The average temperature for the southeast region (NOAA NCDC defines this as Virginia, the Carolinas, Alabama, Georgia and Florida) in December was 39.4F, which was 8.03F below the 20th century (1901-2000) average, the third coldest on record. The December temperature trend for the entire period of record (1895-2010) is 0.06 degrees F per decade.

The average in January 2011 was 42.0 F. This was -4.2 F cooler than the 1901-2000 (20th century) average, the 19th coolest January in 117 years. The January temperature trend for the period of record (1895 to present) is -0.2 degrees Fahrenheit per decade.

Ground zero was Florida with Georgia close behind.

For Florida, the first two winter months were the coldest in the entire record going back to 1895, beating out the cold winters of 1980/81, 1976/77 and 1917/18.

Florida's Coldest January/February (since 1895)				
Rank	Dec/Jan	Dec	Jan	Dec/Jan
1	2010/11	50.3	55.1	52.7
2	1980/81	56.3	49.5	52.9
3	1976/77	56.9	49.7	53.3
4	1917/18	53.9	53.1	53.5
5	1939/40	58.7	49.1	53.9
6	1903/04	53.0	55.0	54.0
7	1969/70	56.2	52.7	54.5
8	1960/61	54.9	54.5	54.7
9	1963/64	52.9	56.5	54.7
10	1957/58	57.6	51.9	54.8
11	1977/78	57.7	52.2	55.0
12	2002/03	57.5	52.4	55.0
13	1930/31	54.6	55.4	55.0
14	2000/01	57.1	53.1	55.1

In Georgia, it was the third coldest December/January period since 1895, falling behind just the incredible 1917/18 winter (the coldest La Nina in the last 110 years) and 1976/77.

Georgia's Coldest January/February (since 1895)				
Rank	Winter	Dec	Jan	Dec/Jan
1	1917/18	39.7	39.4	39.6
2	1976/77	44.1	35.5	39.8
3	2010/11	39.5	41.8	40.7
4	1969/70	44.4	39.2	41.8
5	2000/01	40.4	43.4	41.9
6	1939/40	48.7	35.4	42.1
7	1963/64	39.9	44.2	42.1
8	1903/04	42.2	42.3	42.3
9	1960/61	42.6	42.1	42.4
10	1977/78	46.2	38.7	42.5
11	1935/36	40.5	44.5	42.5
12	1962/63	44.3	42.2	43.3
13	1980/81	46.0	40.7	43.4
14	1981/82	44.0	43.3	43.7