

2014 Hurricane Season Prediction

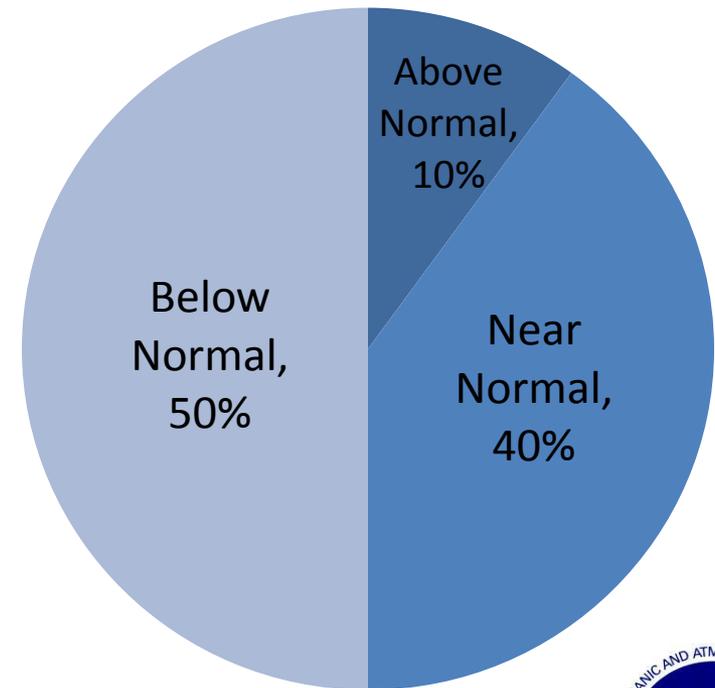
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2014 Atlantic Outlook

- NOAA predicts near-normal or below-normal 2014 Atlantic hurricane season
 - Named Storms: 8 – 13
 - Hurricanes: 3 – 6
 - Major Hurricanes 1 – 2
- Normal:
 - 12 Named Storms
 - 6 Hurricanes
 - 3 Major Hurricanes



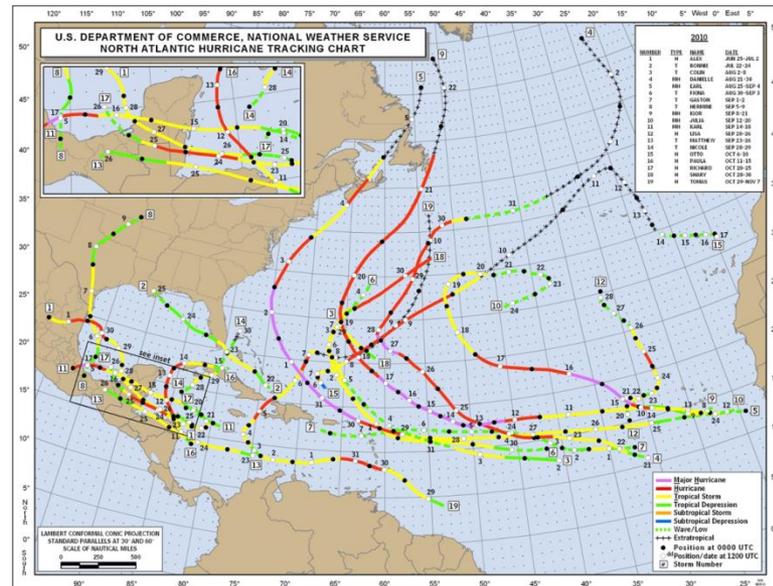
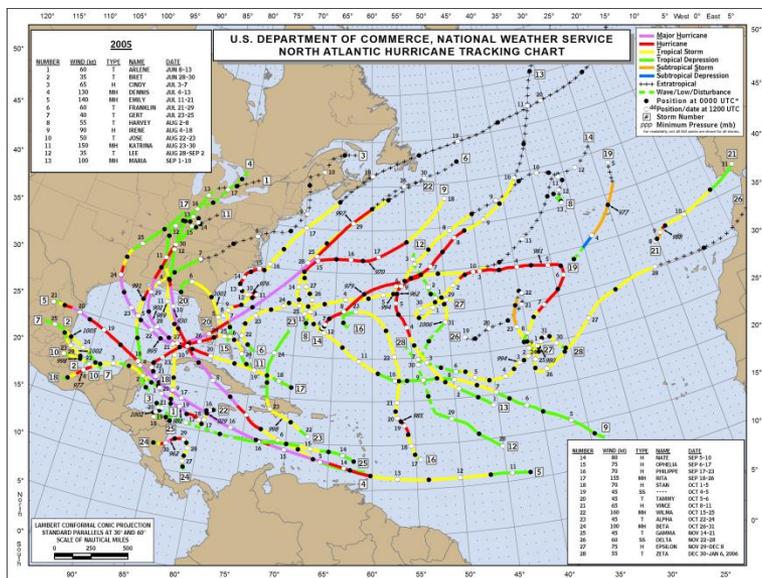
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- Driving factor in outlook is the anticipated development of El Niño.
 - Unusually high sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean.
 - Causes stronger wind shear, which reduces the number and intensity of tropical storms/hurricanes
 - Also strengthens the trade winds and increase the atmospheric stability across the tropical Atlantic, making it more difficult for cloud systems coming off of Africa to intensify into tropical storms.

Take-away

- Just a prediction
- Tracks are not forecasted
- IT ONLY TAKES ONE



HRPDC Efforts

- ReadyHamptonRoads.org Update
 - Preparedness and emergency public information
 - Incorporates information from all PDC localities and partner organizations.
 - Virtual Joint Information Center for collaborating on and coordinating emergency public information
- Cox Preparedness Channel
 - 50 educational and PSA videos about emergency preparedness
 - On Demand, 24 hours a day
- Regional Inclusion Planning

State Efforts



- Governor's Roundtable on Hampton Roads' Hurricane Preparedness
 - Meeting between Governor's office, VDEM, and Hampton Roads Stakeholders to discuss needs and gaps related to hurricane preparedness.
- Presented by Jim Redick, Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, City of Norfolk