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Dreaming of a white Christmas? Good luck



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Are you dreaming of a white Christmas? Keep dreaming.

Long-range forecasters expect the recent balmy weather — driven by a strong El Niño — to continue into January.

Even in midst of a strong El Niño, it can snow.


But the latest two-week outlooks from the National Weather Service — which run through Christmas Eve — suggest that snowfall before Christmas is growing increasingly unlikely.

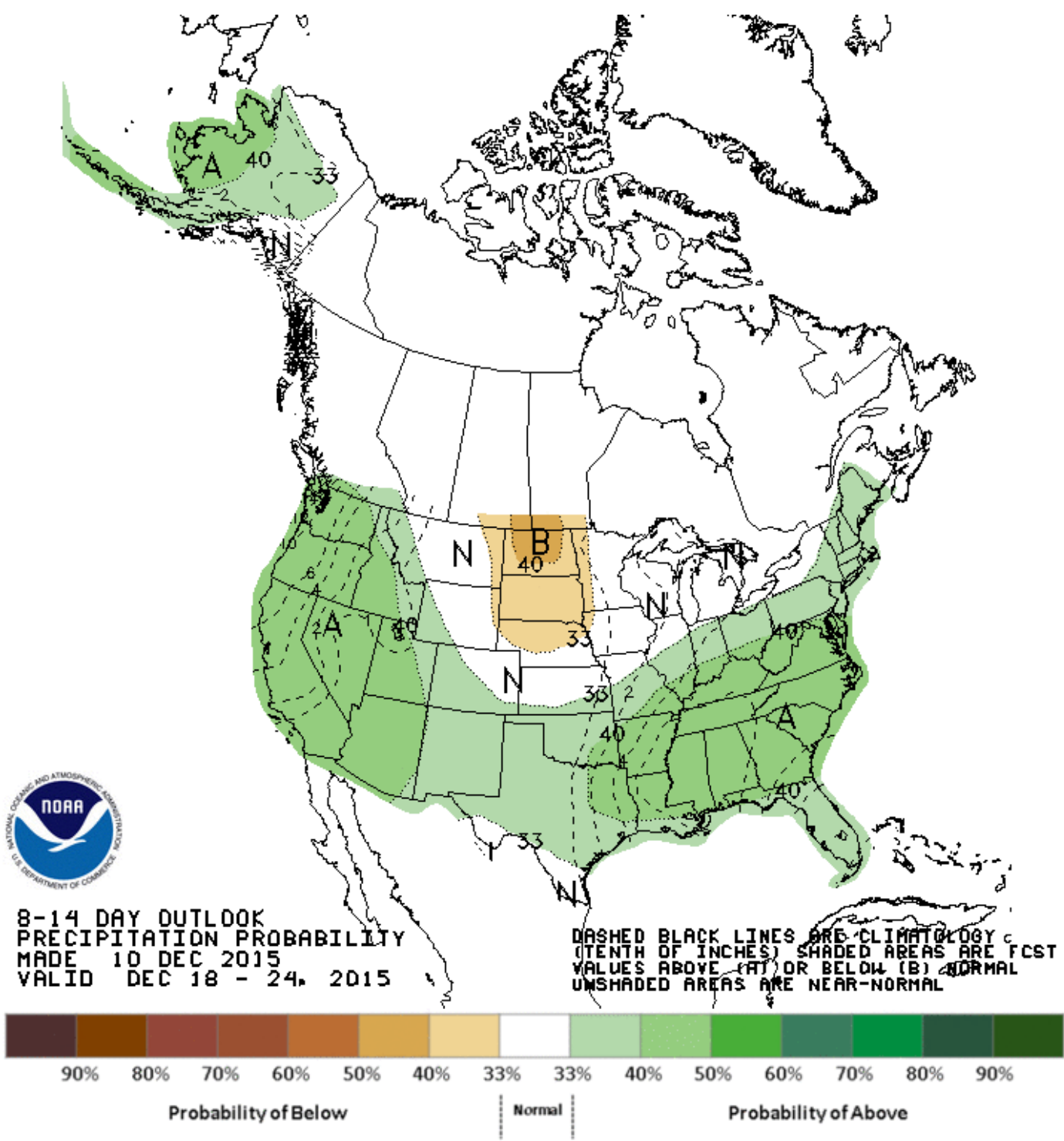
The probability for precipitation will be slightly above normal.

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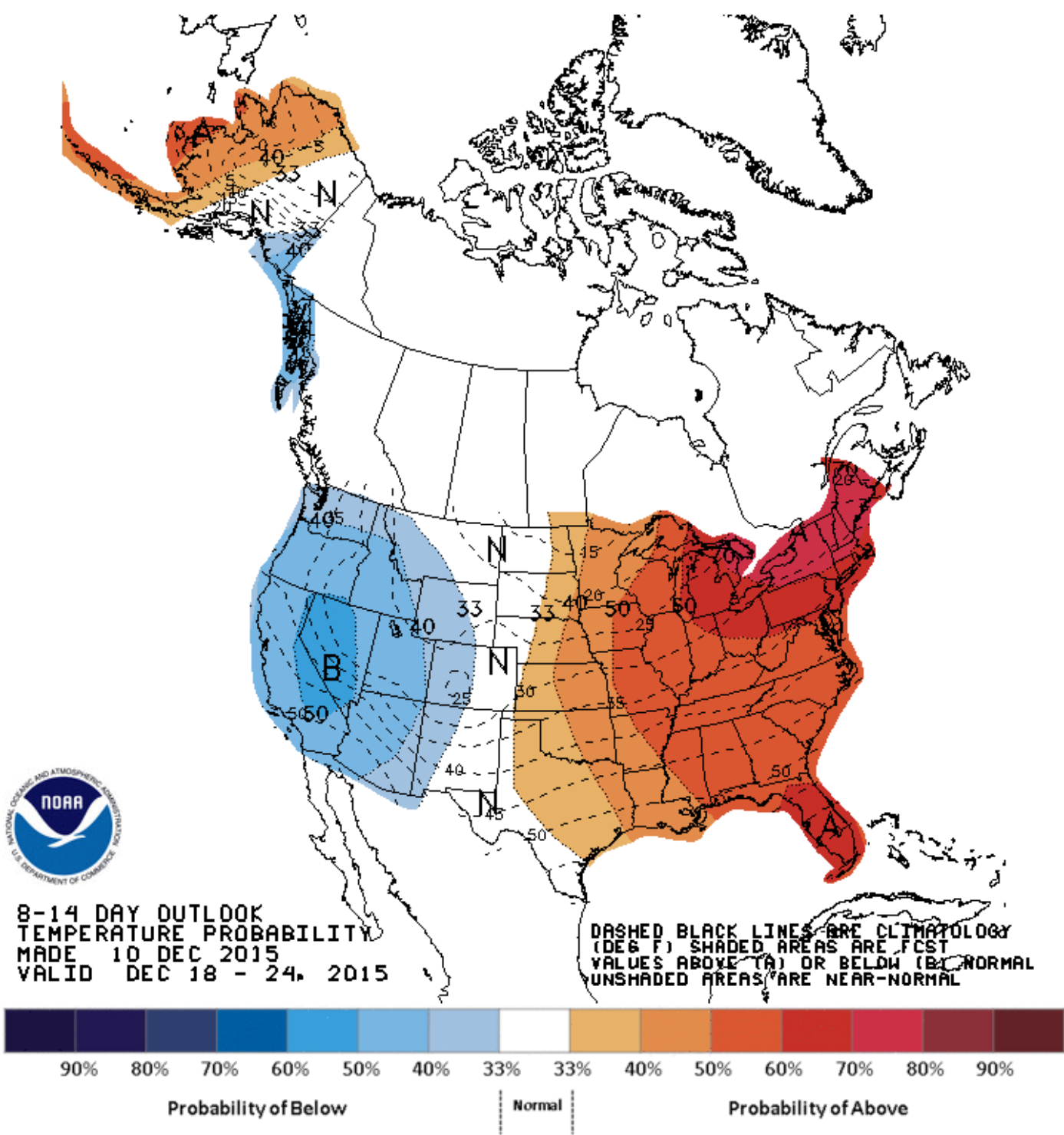
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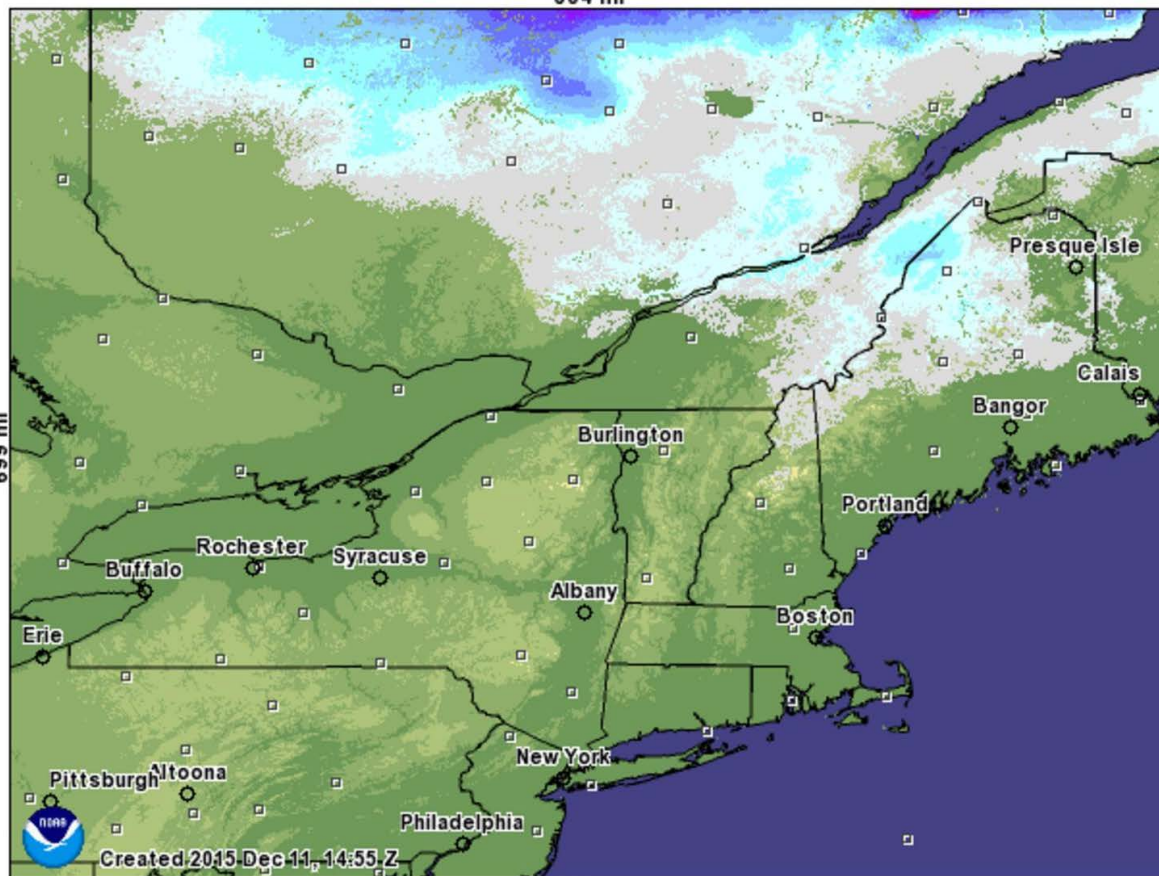
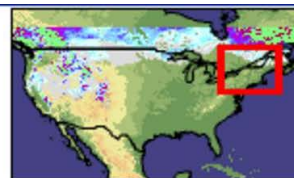
But it is likely to all fall as rain as temperatures are expected to be significantly above average.



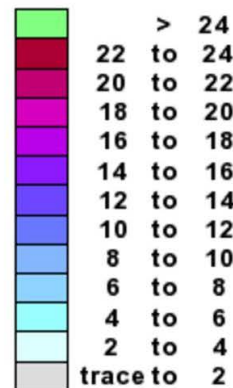
Right now, there is no snow on the ground across the vast majority of New England.

Modeled Snow Depth (Shallow-snow Legend) forecasted for 2015 December 11, 17:00 UTC

604 mi



Inches of depth



Not Estimated

Elevation in feet



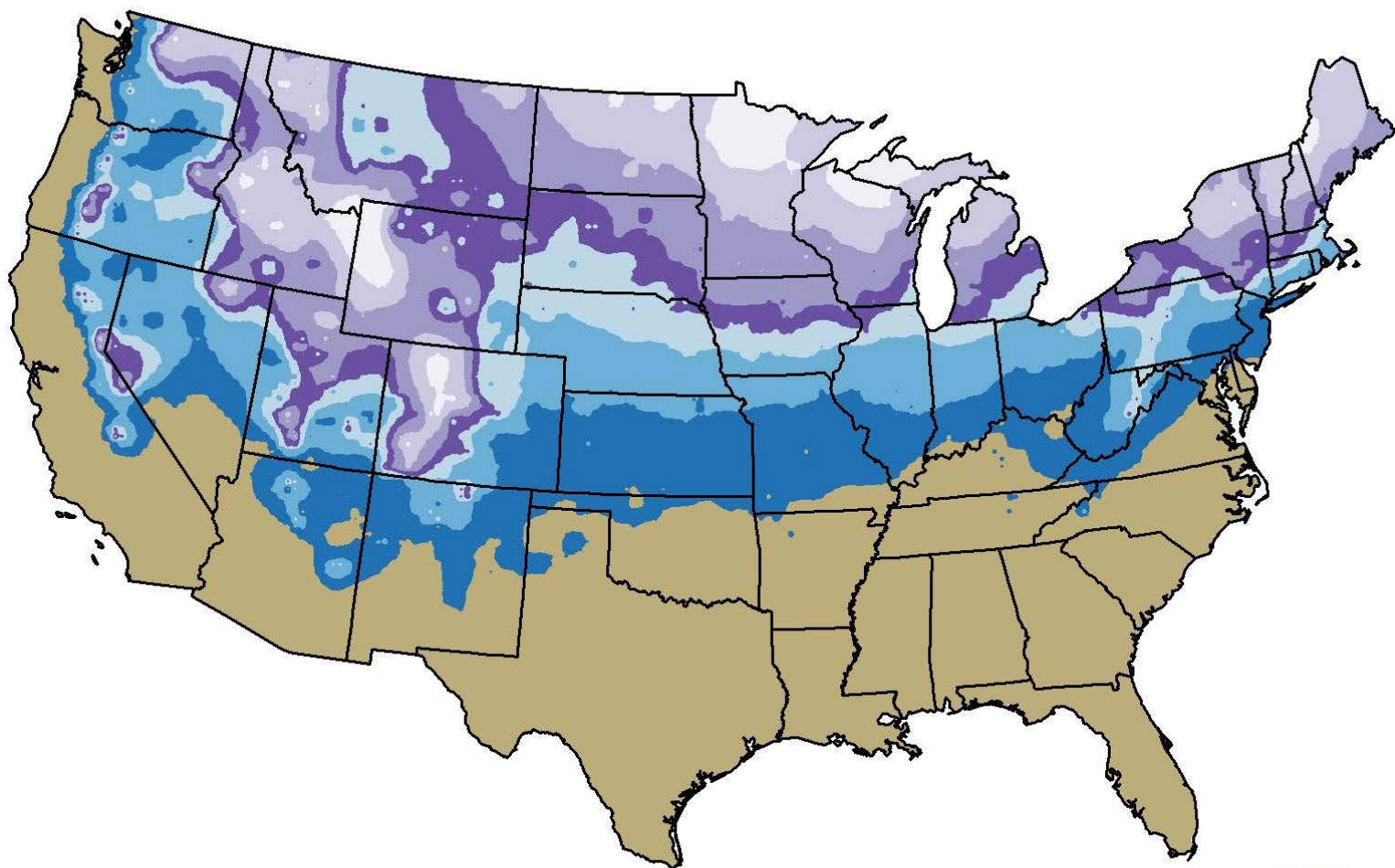
Historically, the odds of a white Christmas — defined by federal weather officials as 1 inch of snow on the ground on Christmas Day or an inch of fresh snowfall that day — have not been all that great — 50 percent at best for Eastern Massachusetts.

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