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**Children cooled off in the Frog Pond during a heat wave earlier this month.**

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There's no rest in sight for those air conditioners, fans, and sprinklers.

After the weekend's brief break from the heat, steamy temperatures are set to return late this week, and forecasters predict unusually warm, dry weather will prevail through the end of the summer and into the fall.

"It looks like it will stay warmer and dryer than normal for the foreseeable future, especially through August," said AccuWeather.com senior meteorologist David Samuhel.

Highs eclipsing 90 degrees and even another heat wave aren't out of the question, he said.

Samuhel said he doesn't think conditions this month will remain as dry as they have been over the past several weeks. But he doubted there will be enough rain to get us out of [the current drought](#).

In fact, "the drought could get worse," he said.

The lack of rain may help keep humidity down a bit, but there will still be humid days, Samuhel said.

"It doesn't look like it will be extremely humid," he said.

"The dry ground will help some. But with the warmups, there will still be some humidity."

He said above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation are also projected for September and October. The latest forecast from the National Weather Service also calls for above-normal temperatures, but with normal precipitation.

The region has been scorched by particularly hot, dry weather for weeks, [highlighted by a lengthy heat wave at the end of last month](#).

In Boston, a heat wave lasted six straight days. A heat wave is a period of at least three days with



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temperatures of 90 or more. But the measurements in Boston, taken at Logan International Airport, can be affected by cool sea breezes that do not reach the interior.

Altogether, the mercury reached at least 90 in Boston on a dozen days during July, including a high of 98 on July 22.

July is typically the hottest month of the year for the city, with an average temperature of 73.4 degrees, according to weather service records. The average temperature in August, the second hottest month of the year, is 72.1 degrees.

The average temperature in Boston last month was 76.1, which ranked as the 10th hottest July ever recorded, according to data that goes back to 1872.

The hottest July ever was in 1983, when an average temperature of 78 degrees was recorded.

Boston only received 0.87 inches of rain in July, the eighth lowest ever.

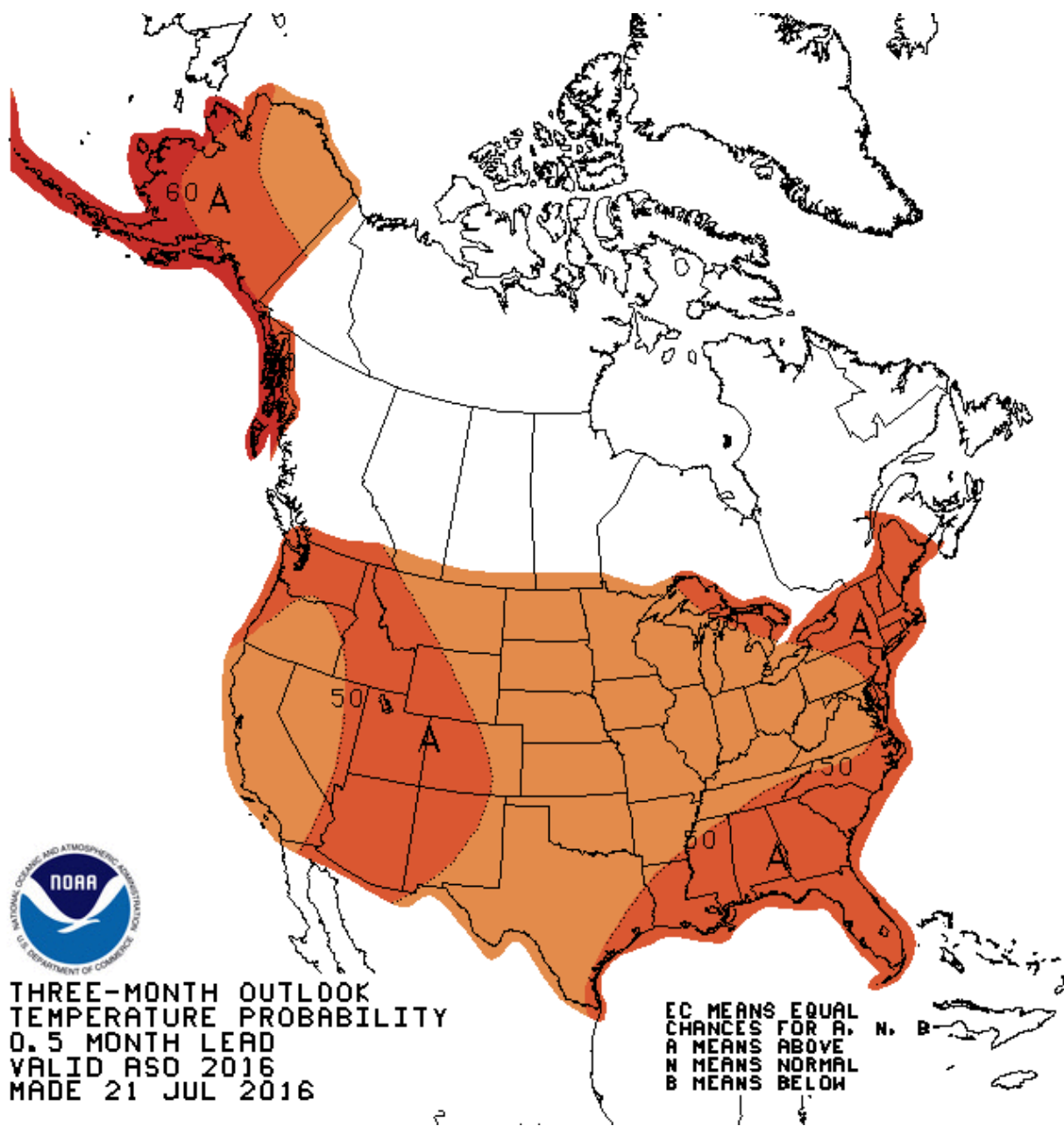
The combined 2.2 inches of rain this June and July made it the fourth lowest June-July rain total ever recorded for Boston.

Overall, this year has been particularly dry.

Precipitation totals measured below average each month except February.

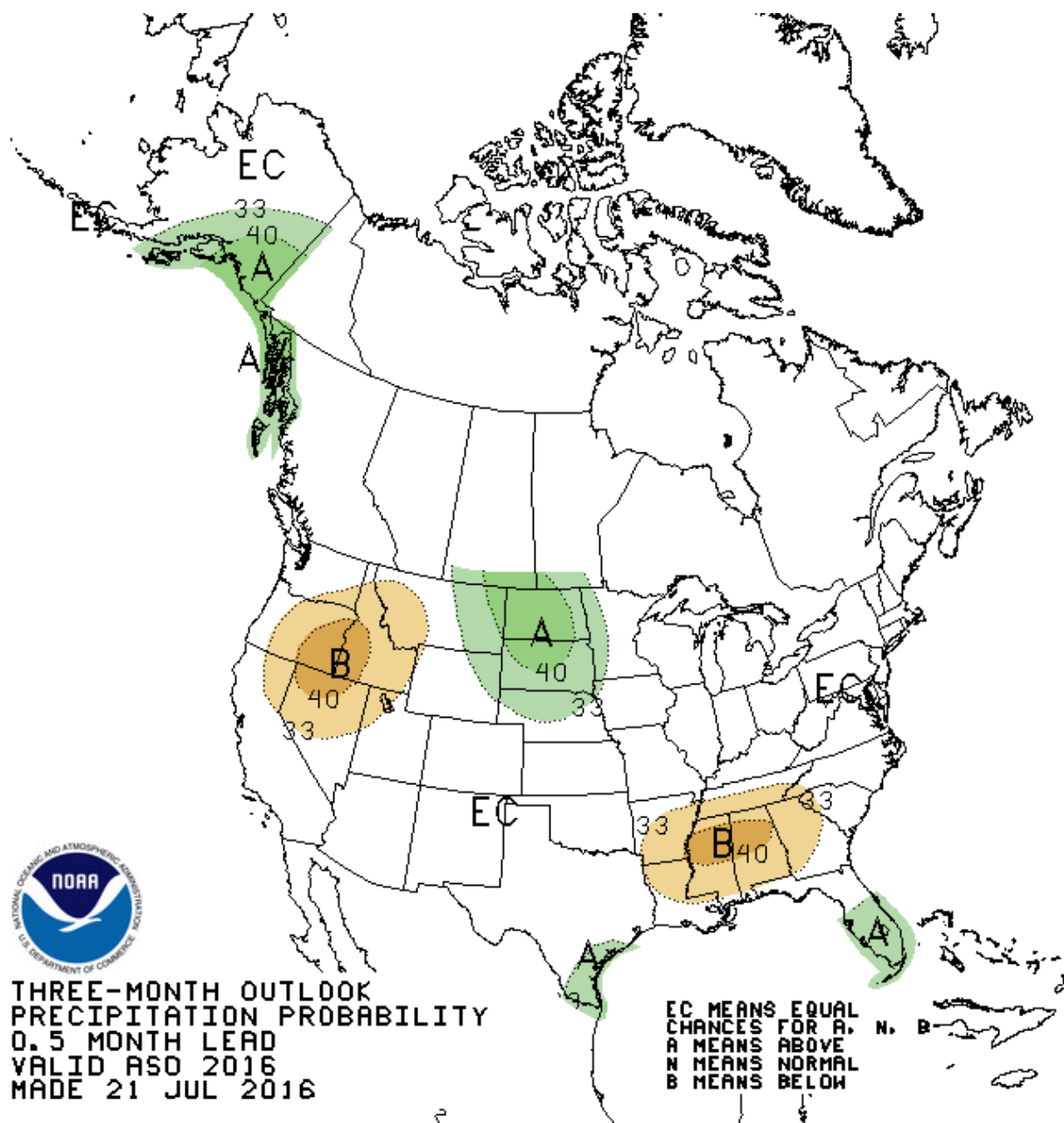
In 2016, through the end of July, just 18.54 inches of precipitation fell. Normally, the city receives 25.27 inches of precipitation through the first seven months of the year.

The US Drought Monitor, a partnership of the federal government and universities, said last week that 40 percent of the state was suffering a severe drought, while other parts were in a moderate drought or abnormally dry.



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