

NC Drought Review and Outlook

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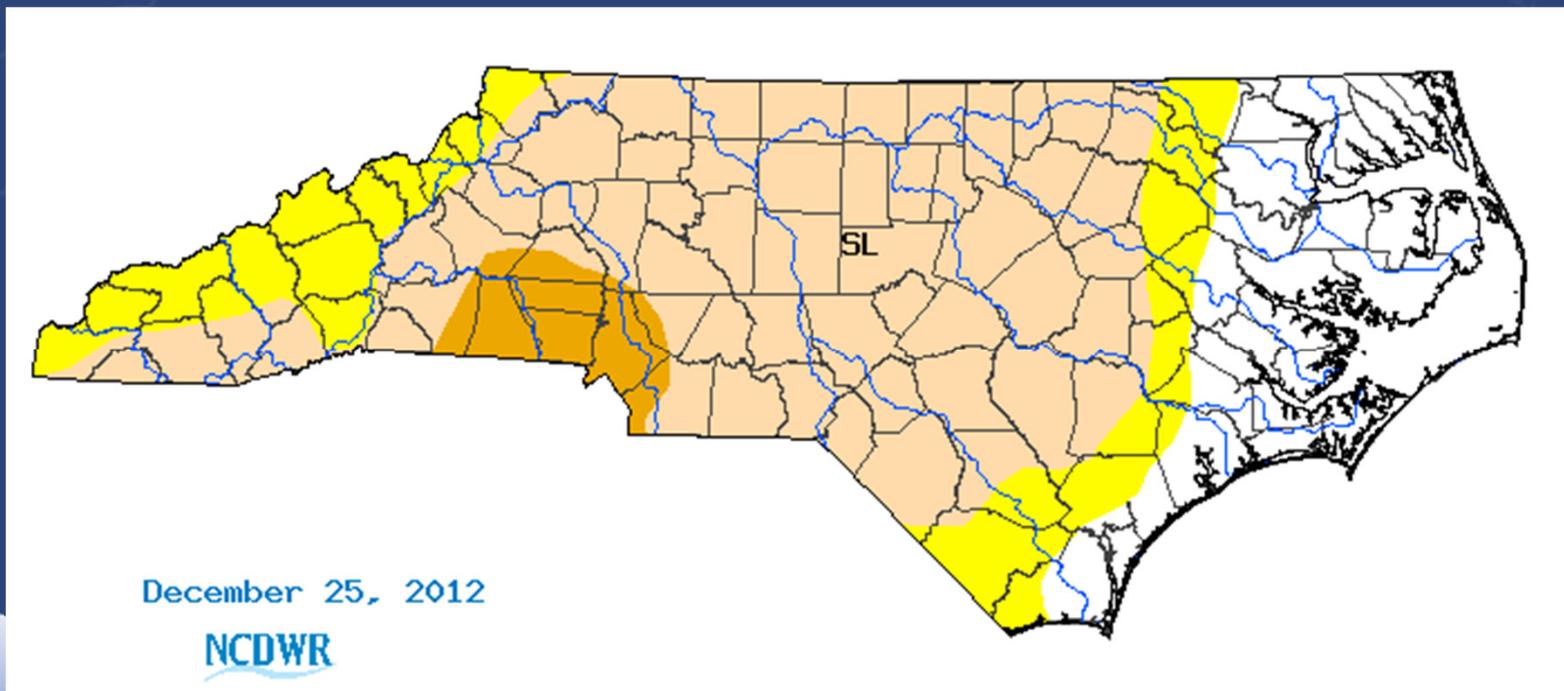


The GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS of NORTH CAROLINA



Drought Review

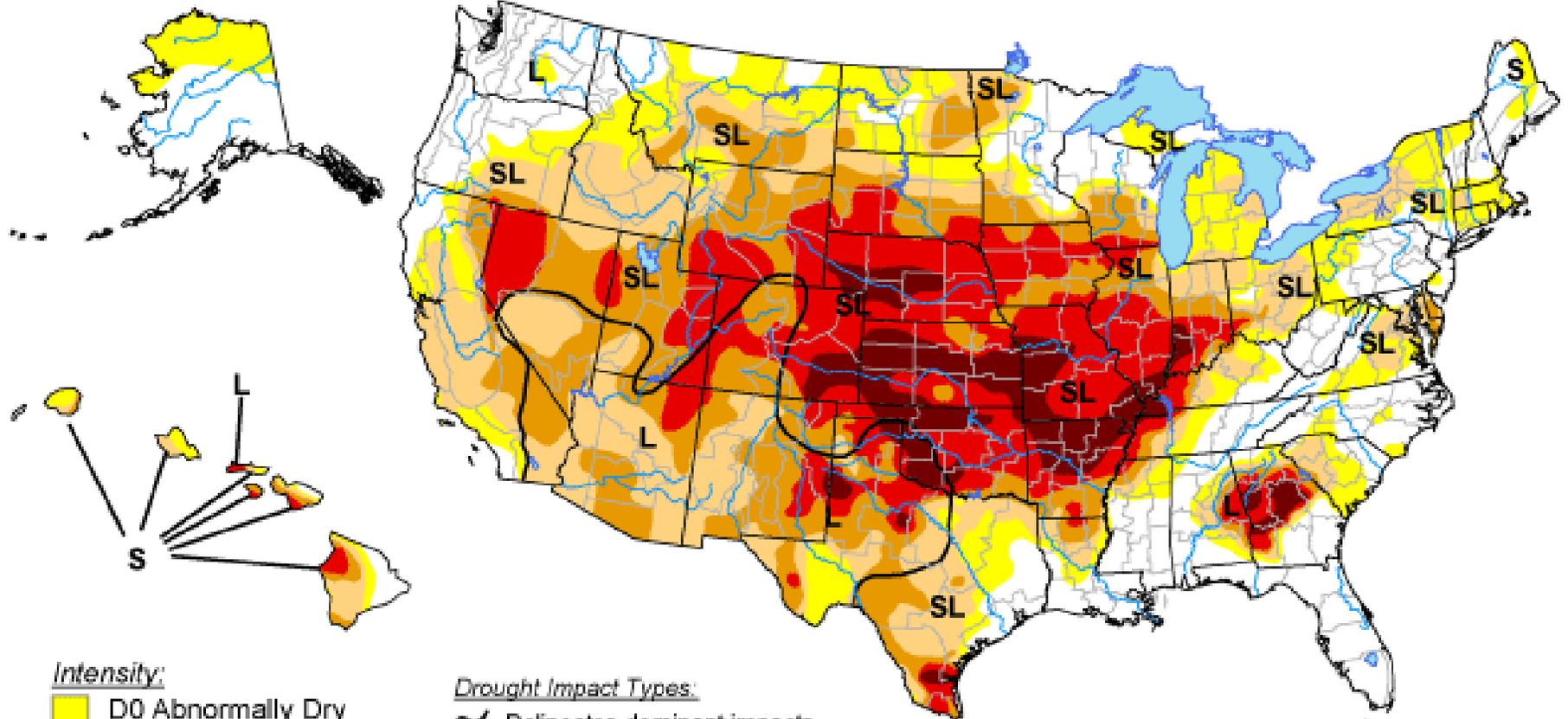
- Some moderate drought in 2012
 - Not widespread, peak in December



U.S. Drought Monitor

August 28, 2012

Valid 7 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Drought - Moderate
-  D2 Drought - Severe
-  D3 Drought - Extreme
-  D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:

-  Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically <6 months
(e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically >6 months
(e.g. hydrology, ecology)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.
Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary
for forecast statements.

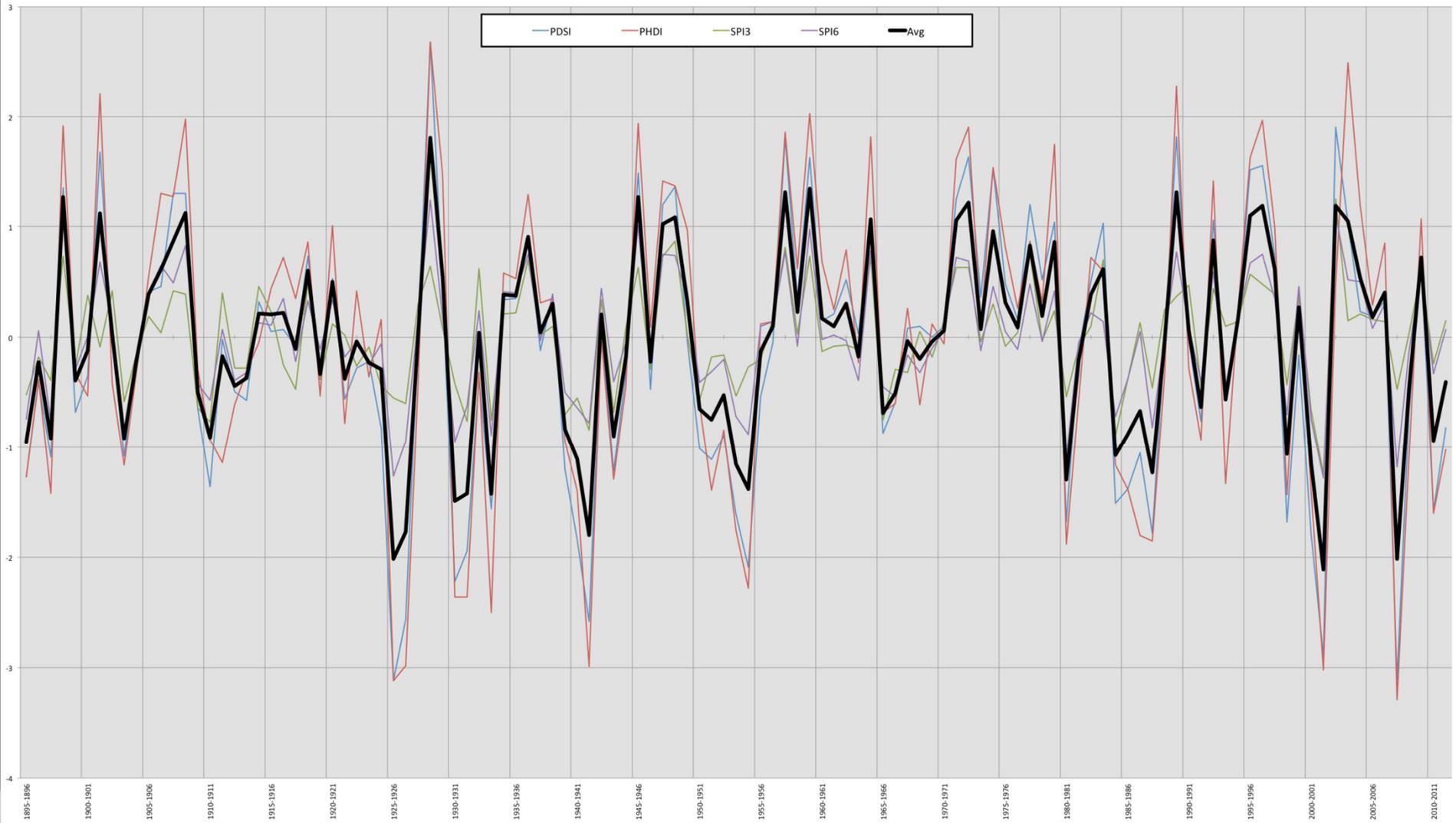
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

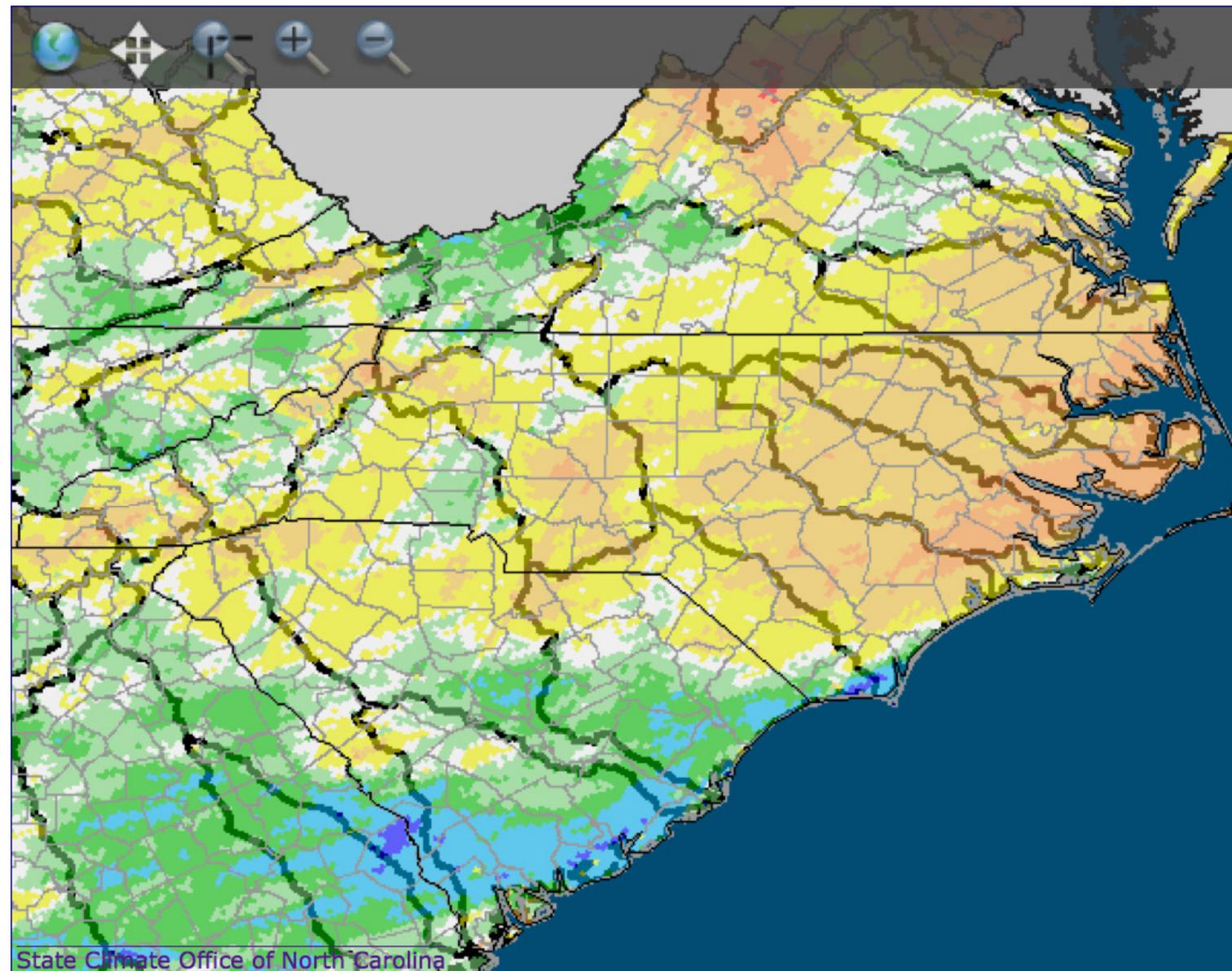


Released Thursday, August 30, 2012

Author: Brian Fuchs, National Drought Mitigation Center

Drought History: North Carolina Statewide Average Annual Drought Severity





Time Period:

Last 30 days

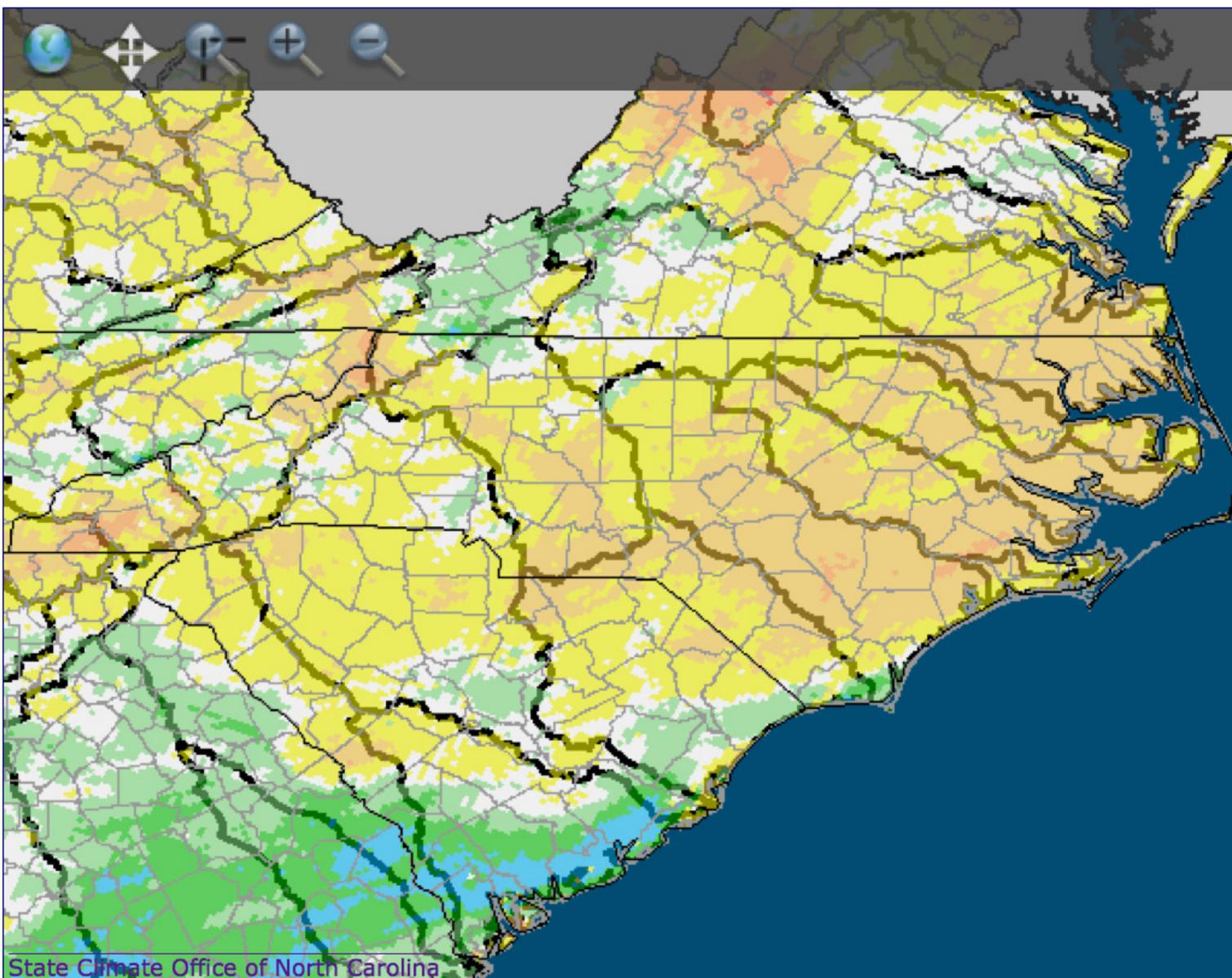
Map depicts % of normal during previous 720 hours ending at 7am on Apr 16, 2013, EST using the daily mpe files.

Legend:

-  County Lines
-  $\le 5\%$
-  5 to 10 %
-  10 to 25 %
-  25 to 50 %
-  50 to 75 %
-  75 to 95 %
-  95 to 105 %
-  105 to 125 %
-  125 to 150 %
-  150 to 200 %
-  200 to 300 %
-  300 to 400 %
-  400 to 600 %
-  > 600 %
-  HUC6

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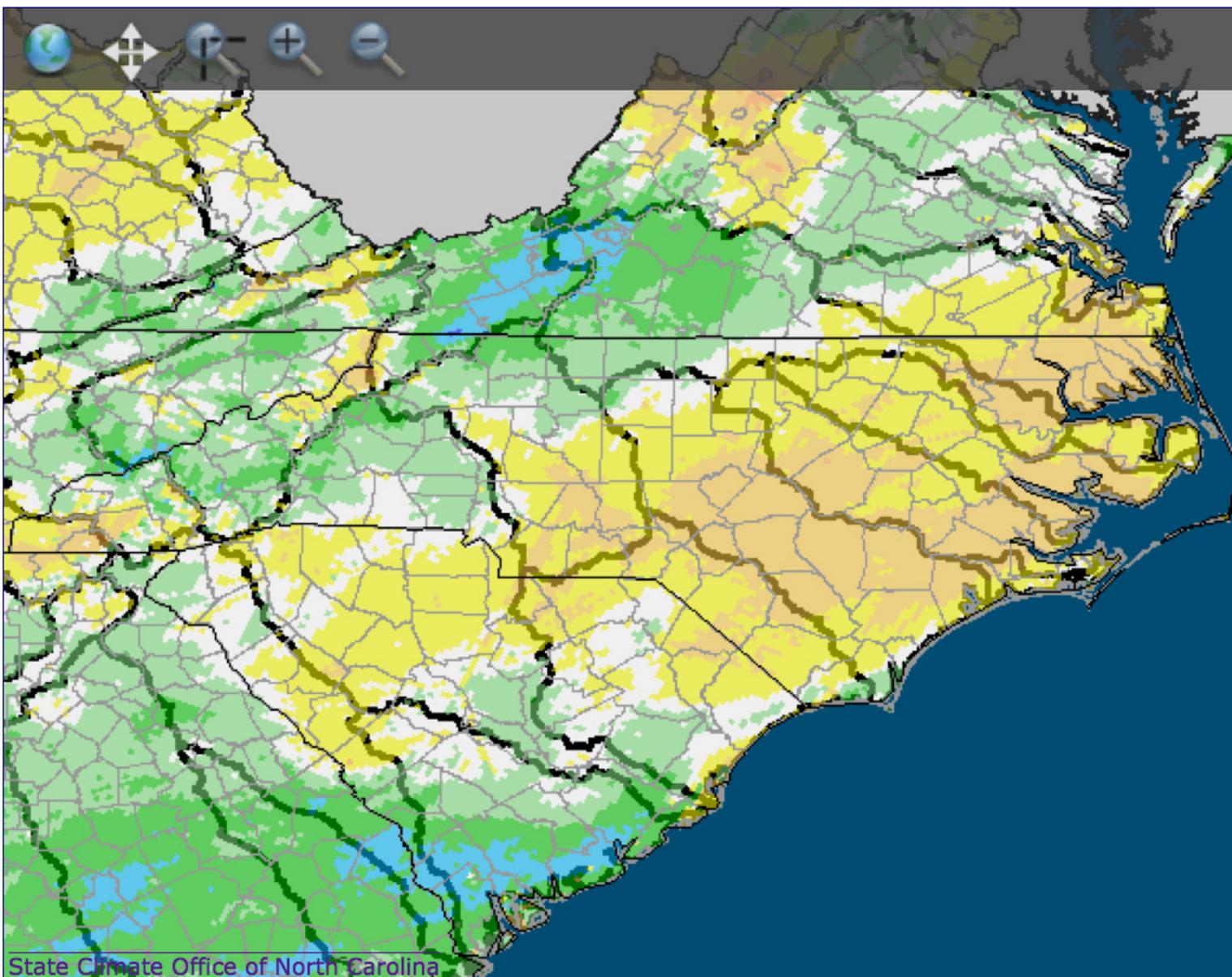
Last 60 days

Map depicts % of normal during previous 1440 hours ending at 7 am on Apr 16, 2013, EST using the daily mpe files.

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-  50 to 75 %
-  75 to 95 %
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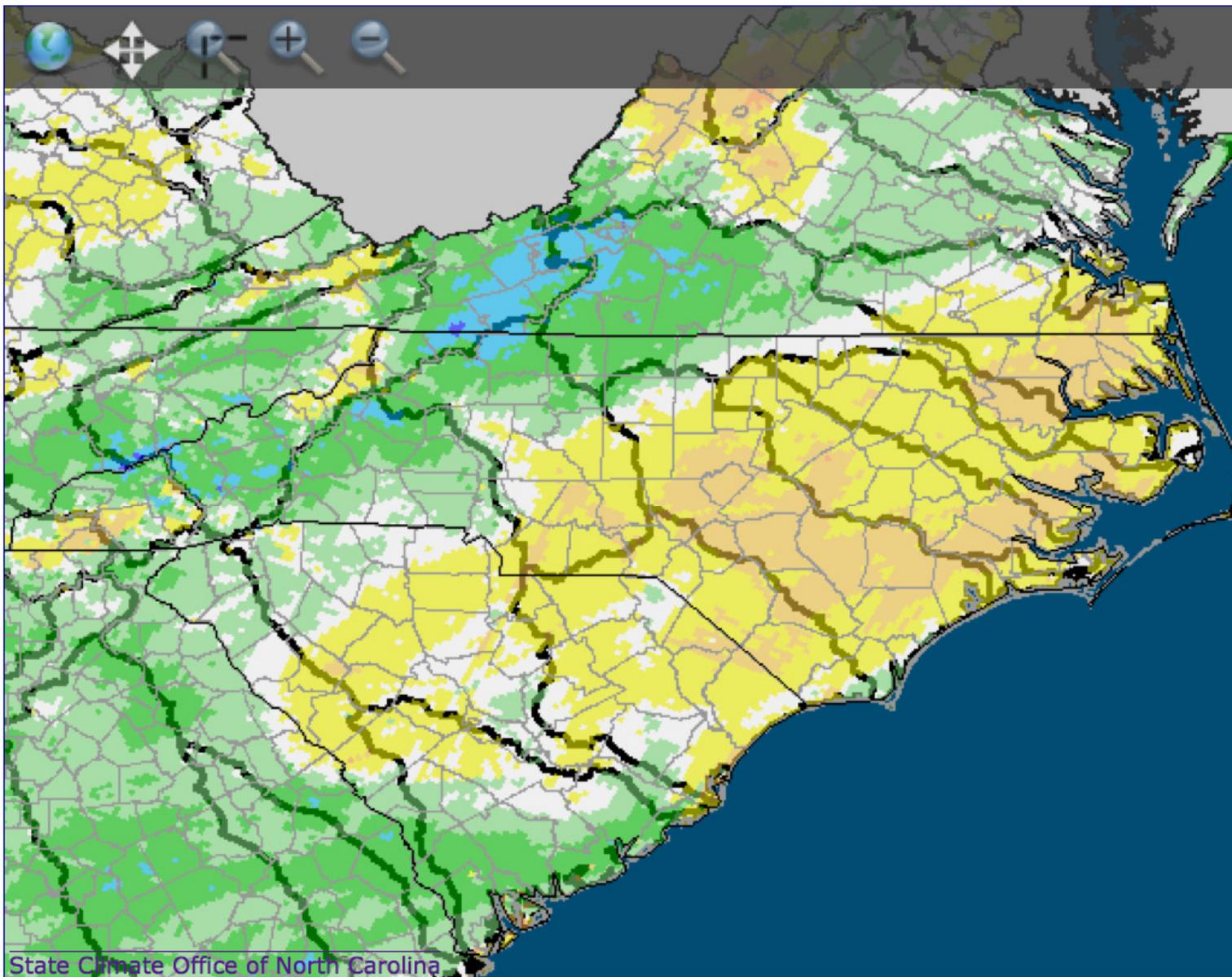
Last 90 days ▾

Map depicts % of normal during previous 2160 hours ending at 7 am on Apr 16, 2013, EST using the daily mpe files.

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-  25 to 50 %
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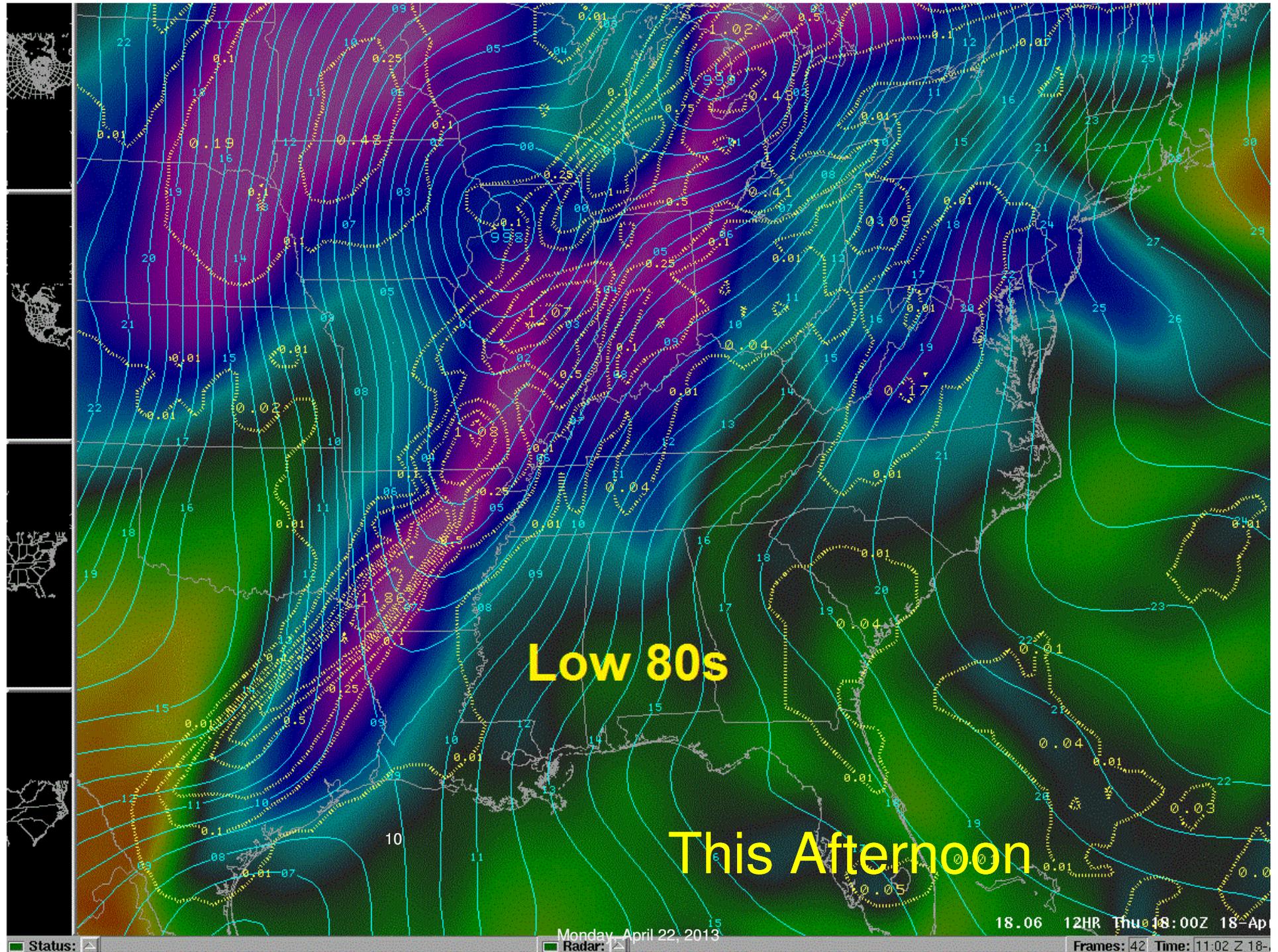
Time Period:

Last 120 days ▾

Map depicts % of normal during previous 2880 hours ending at 7 am on Apr 16, 2013, EST using the daily mpe files.

Legend:

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- 10 to 25 %
- 25 to 50 %
- 50 to 75 %
- 75 to 95 %
- 95 to 105 %
- 105 to 125 %
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Low 80s

This Afternoon

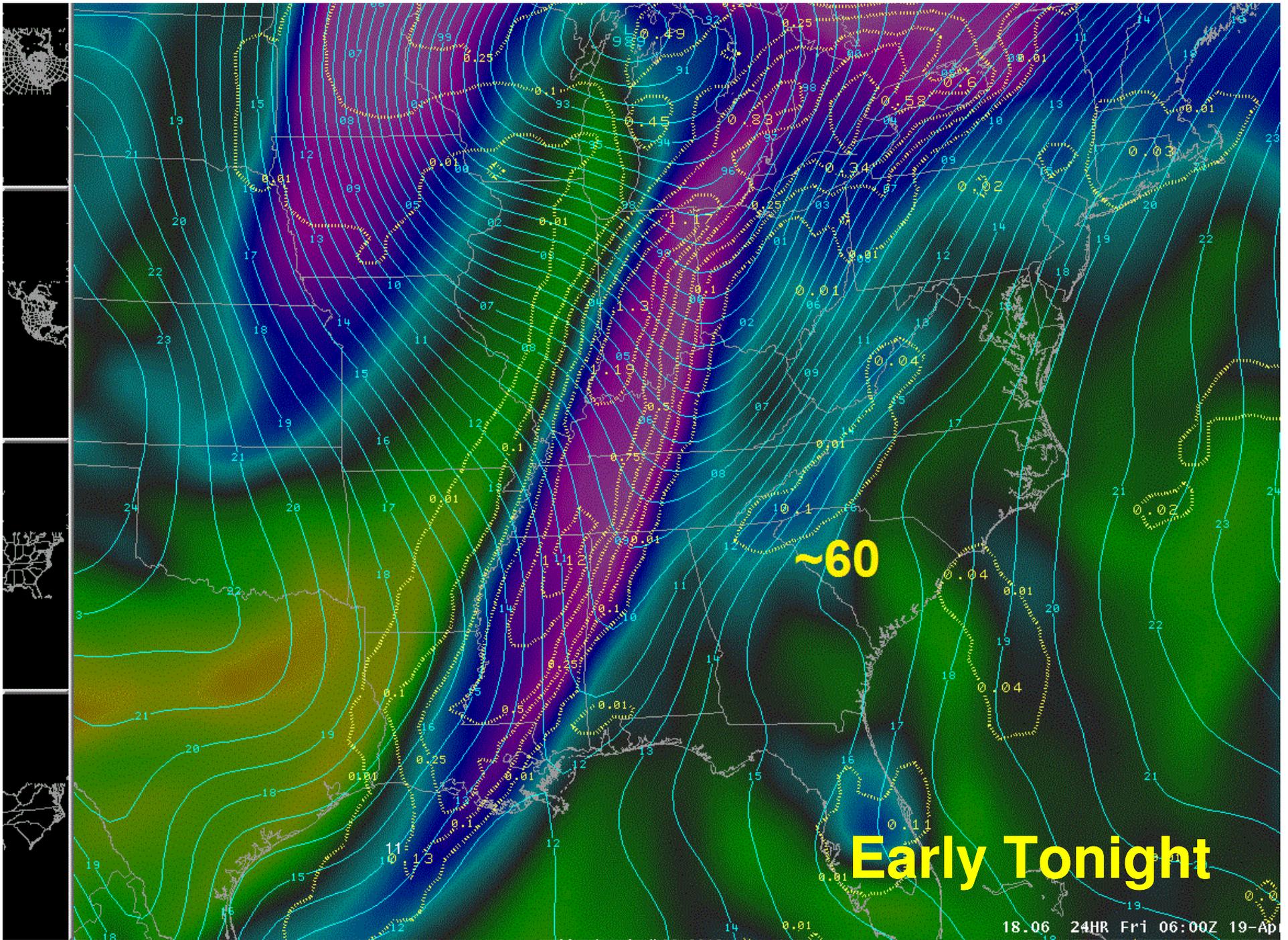
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Status:

Radar:

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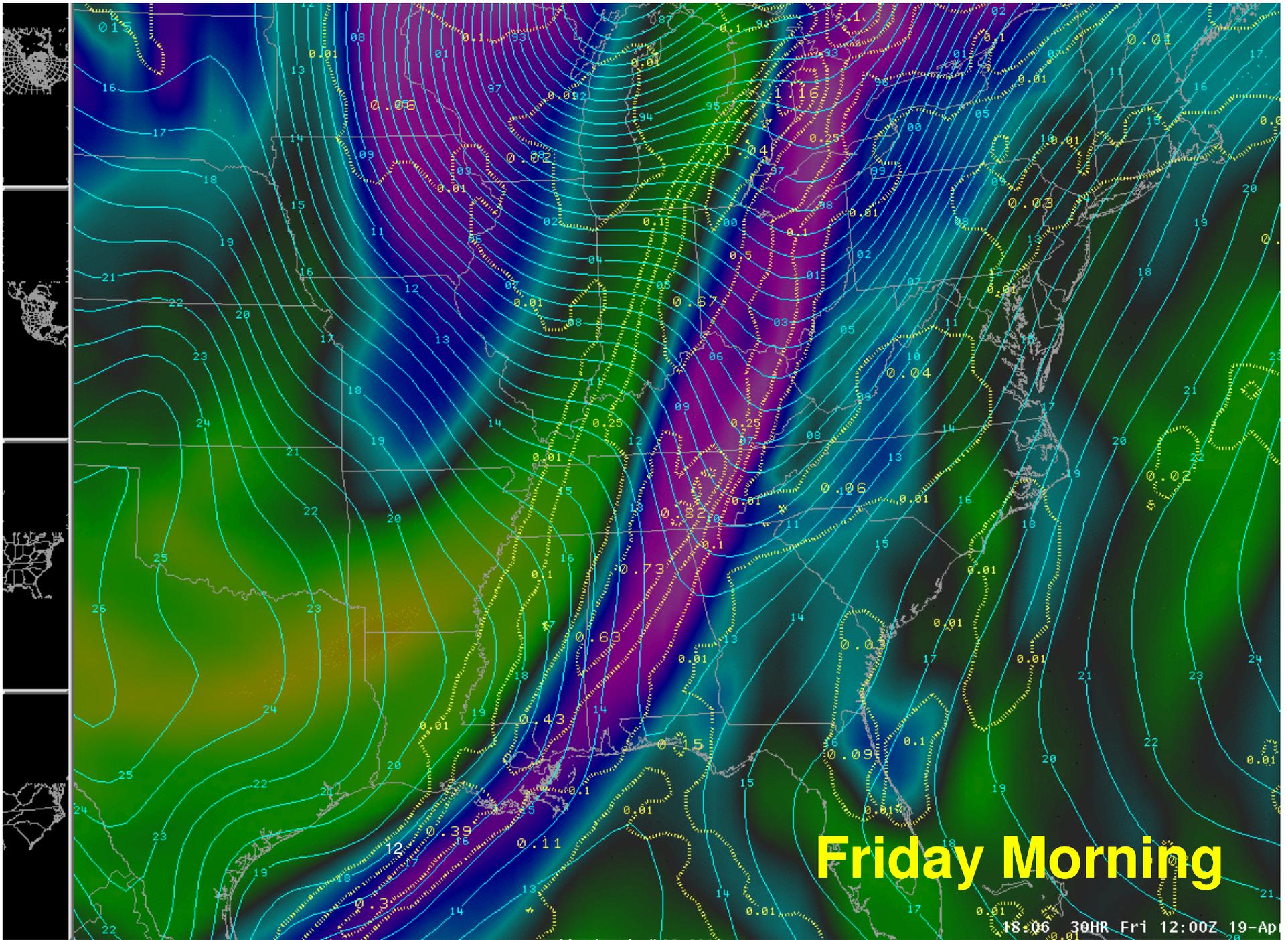


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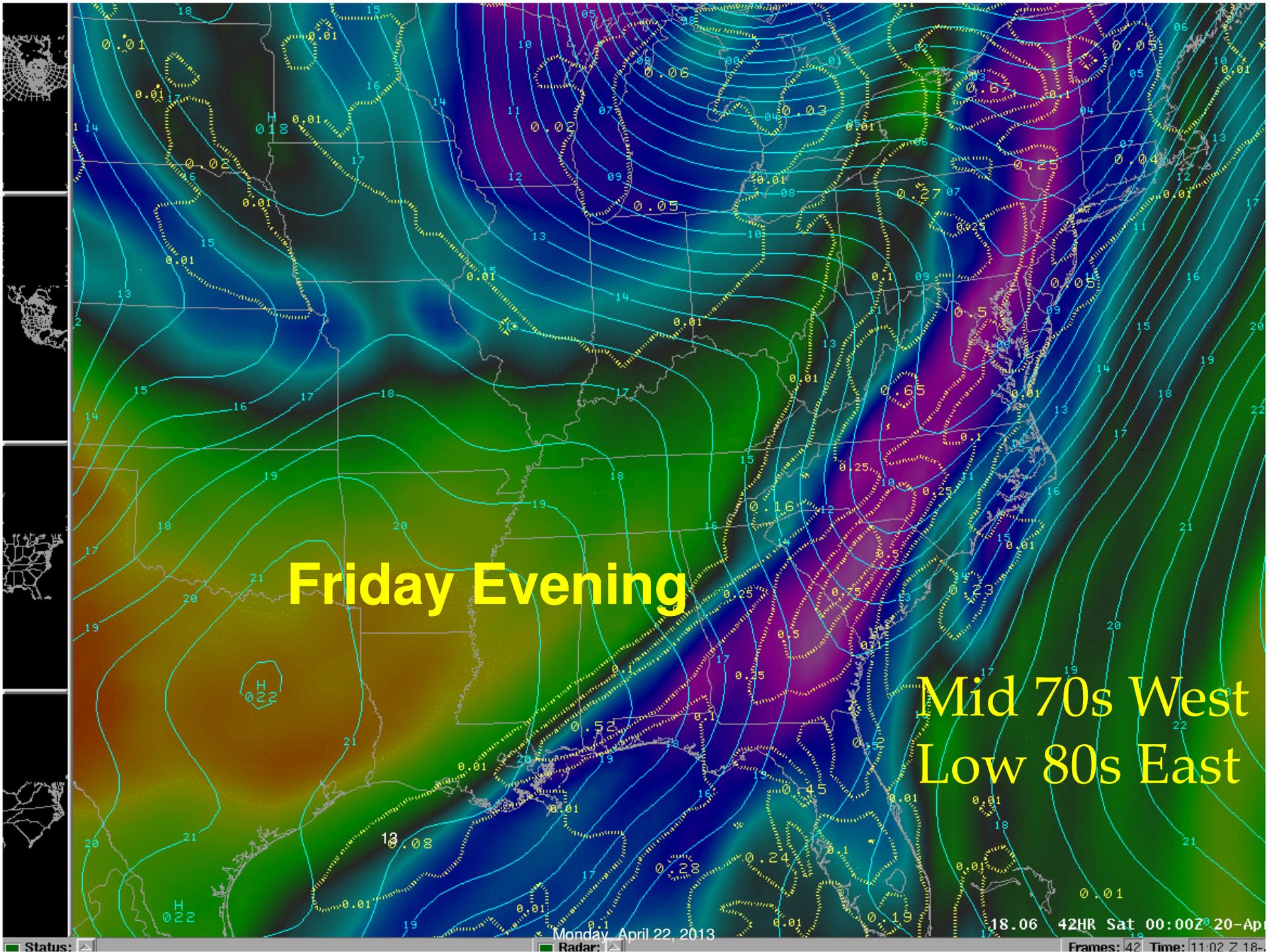
Friday Morning

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Friday Evening

Mid 70s West
Low 80s East

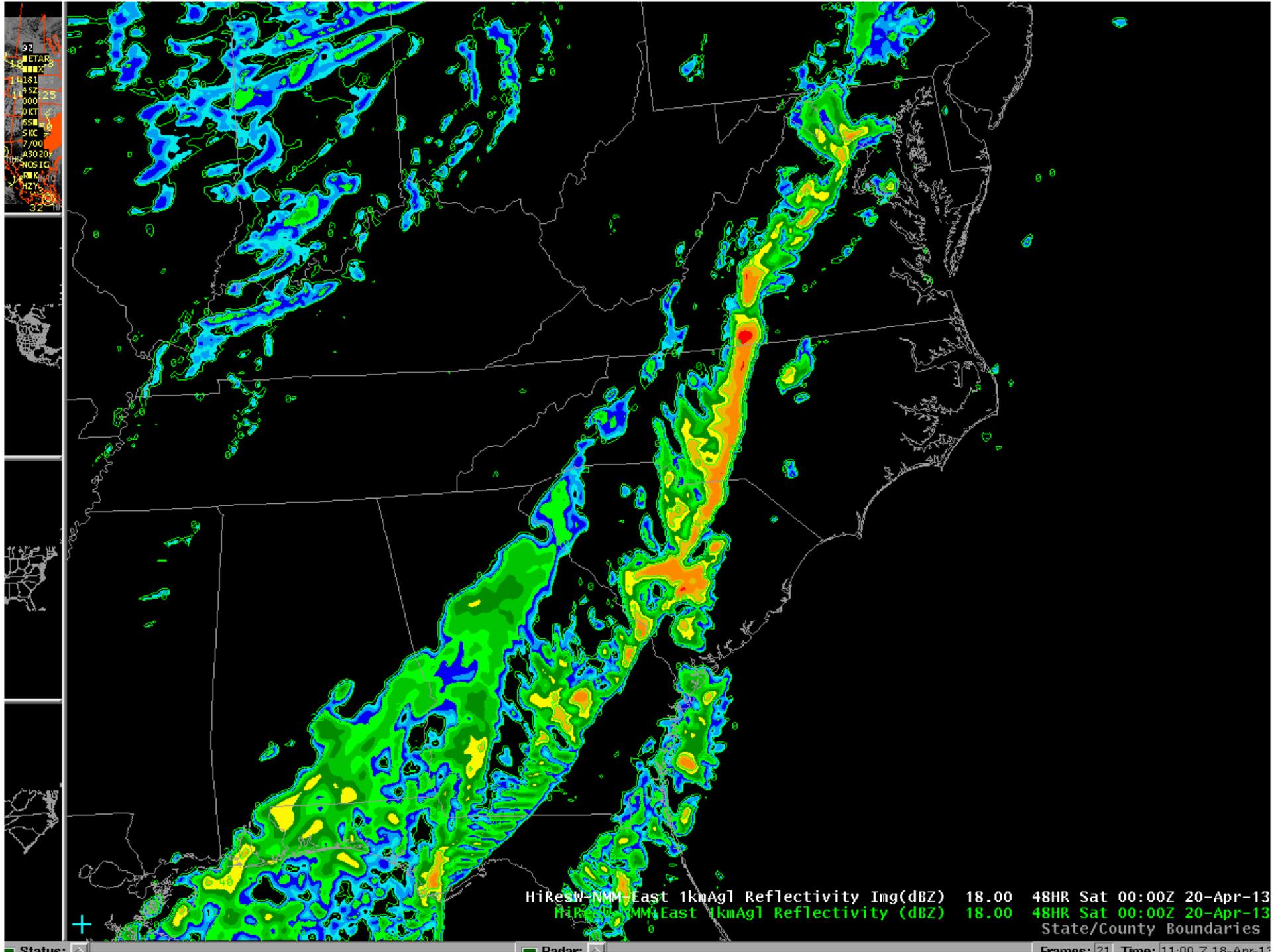
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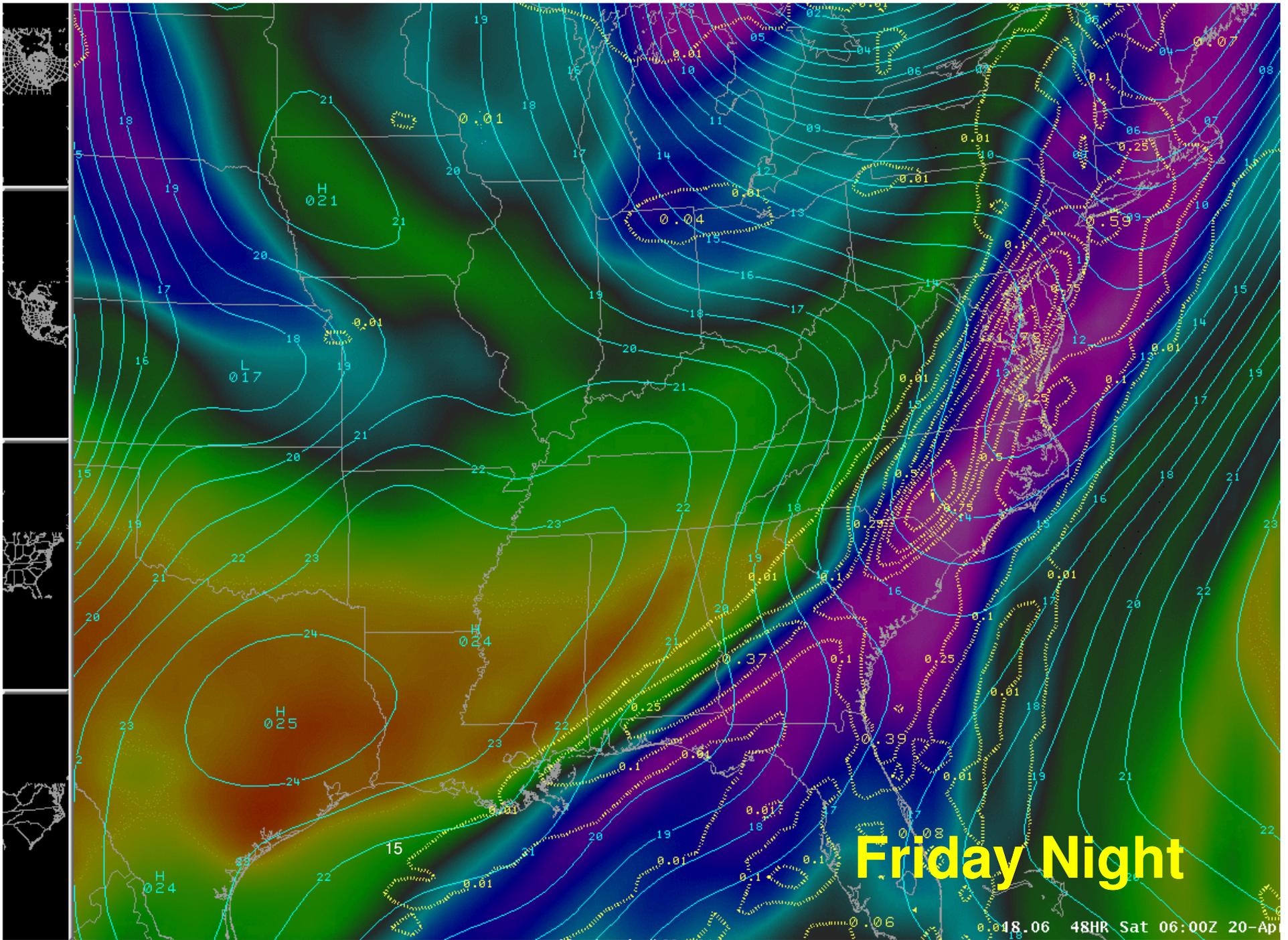
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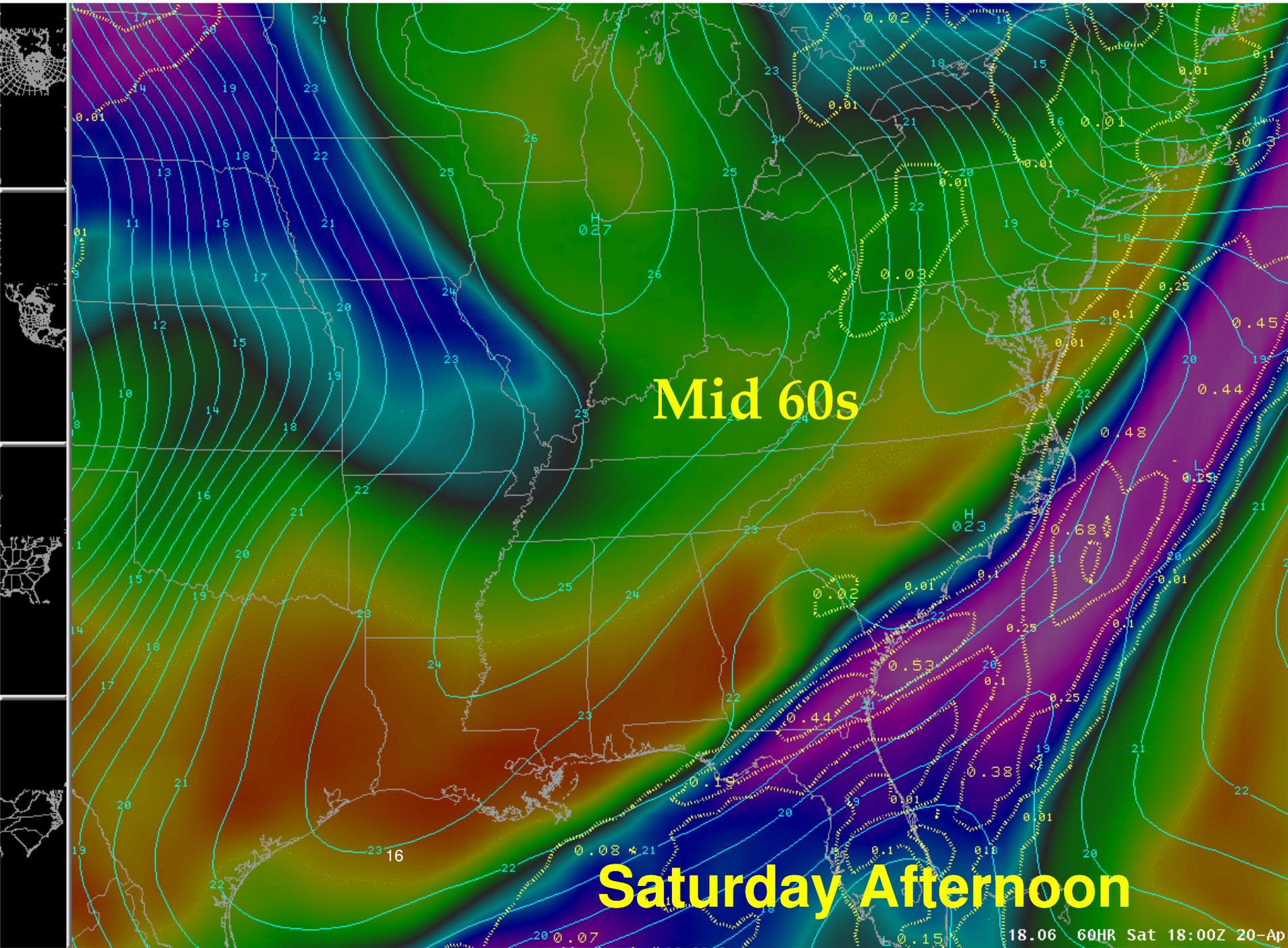
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Mid 60s

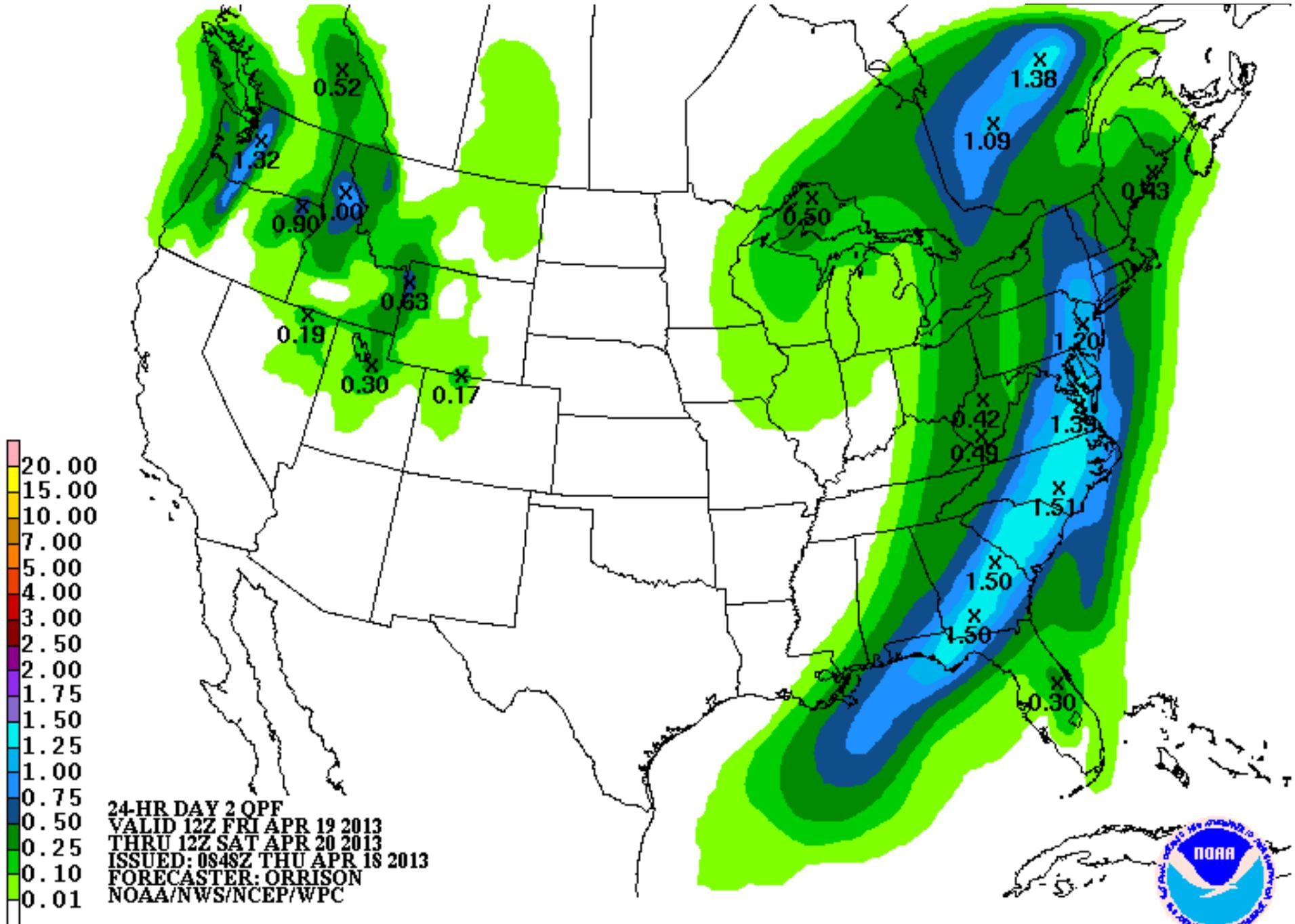
Saturday Afternoon

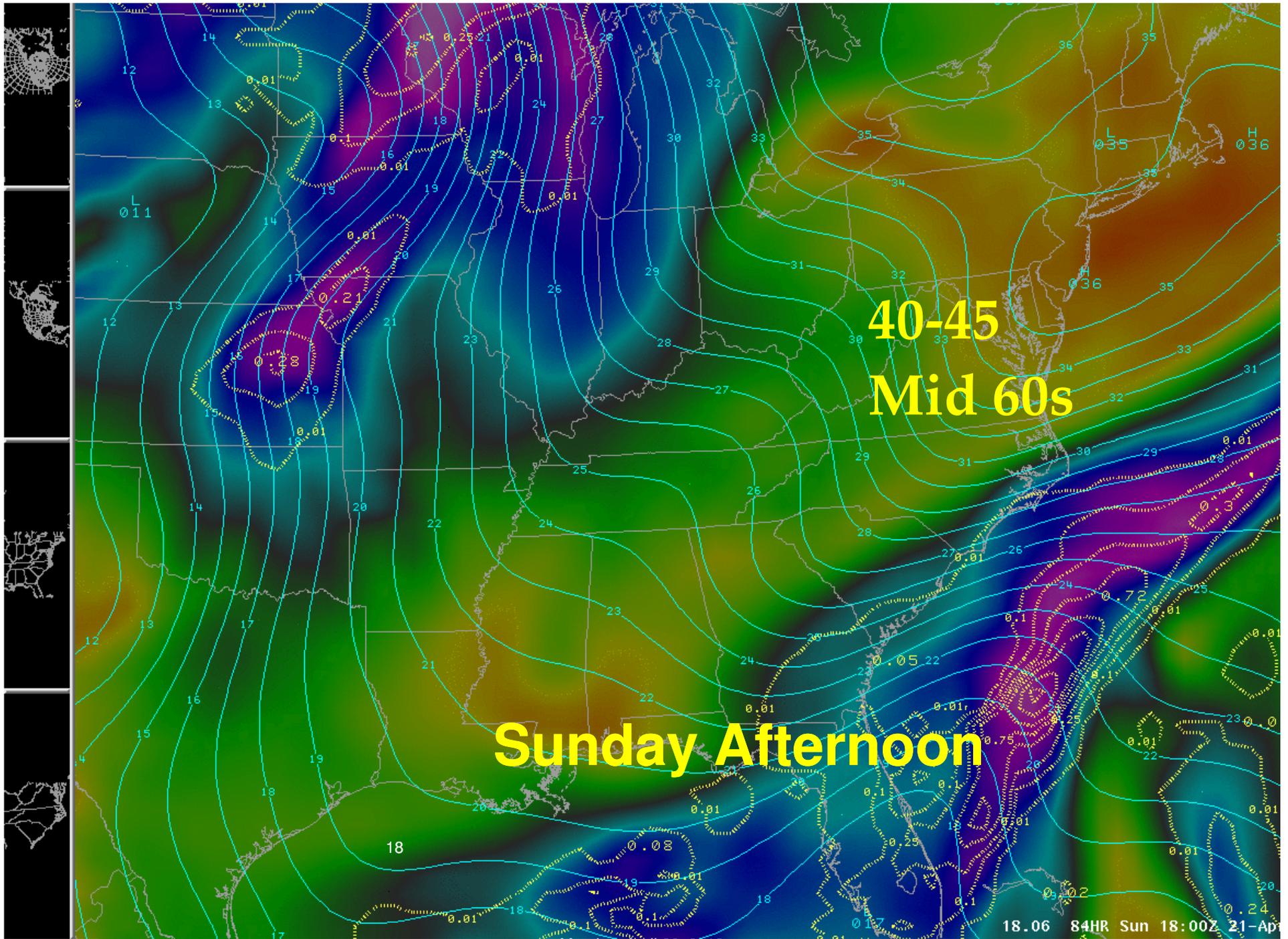
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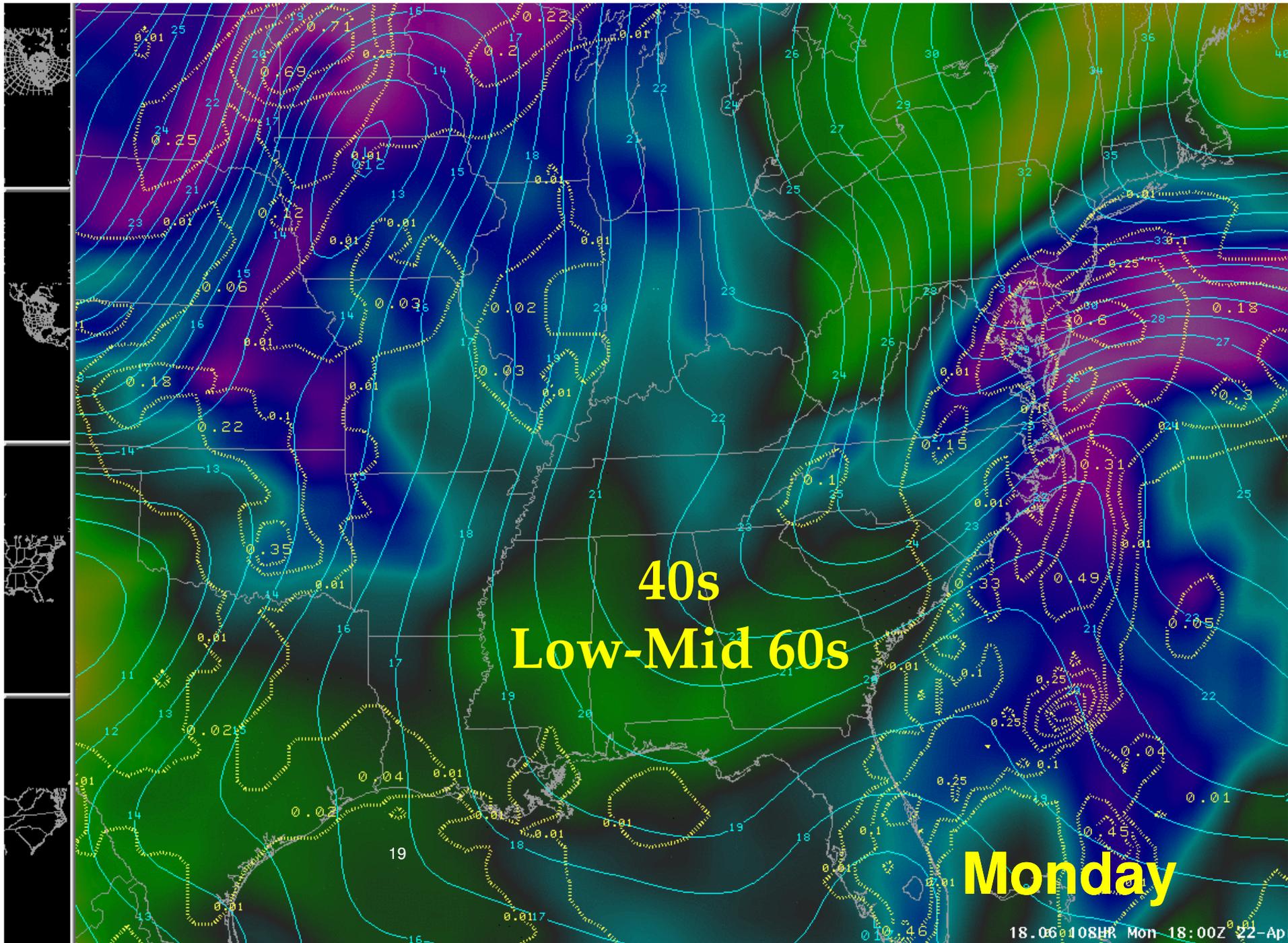
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40-45
Mid 60s

Sunday Afternoon



40s
Low-Mid 60s

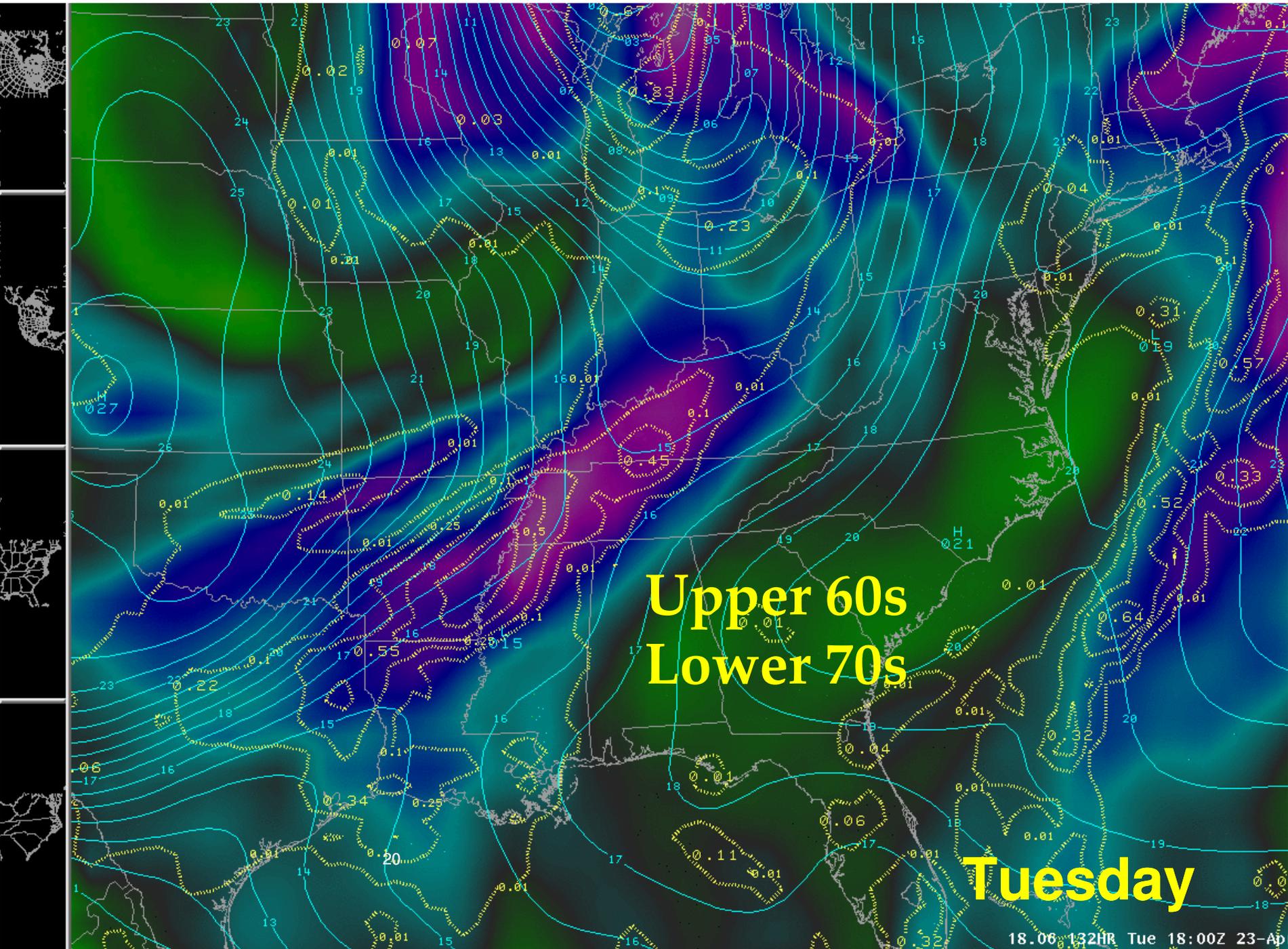
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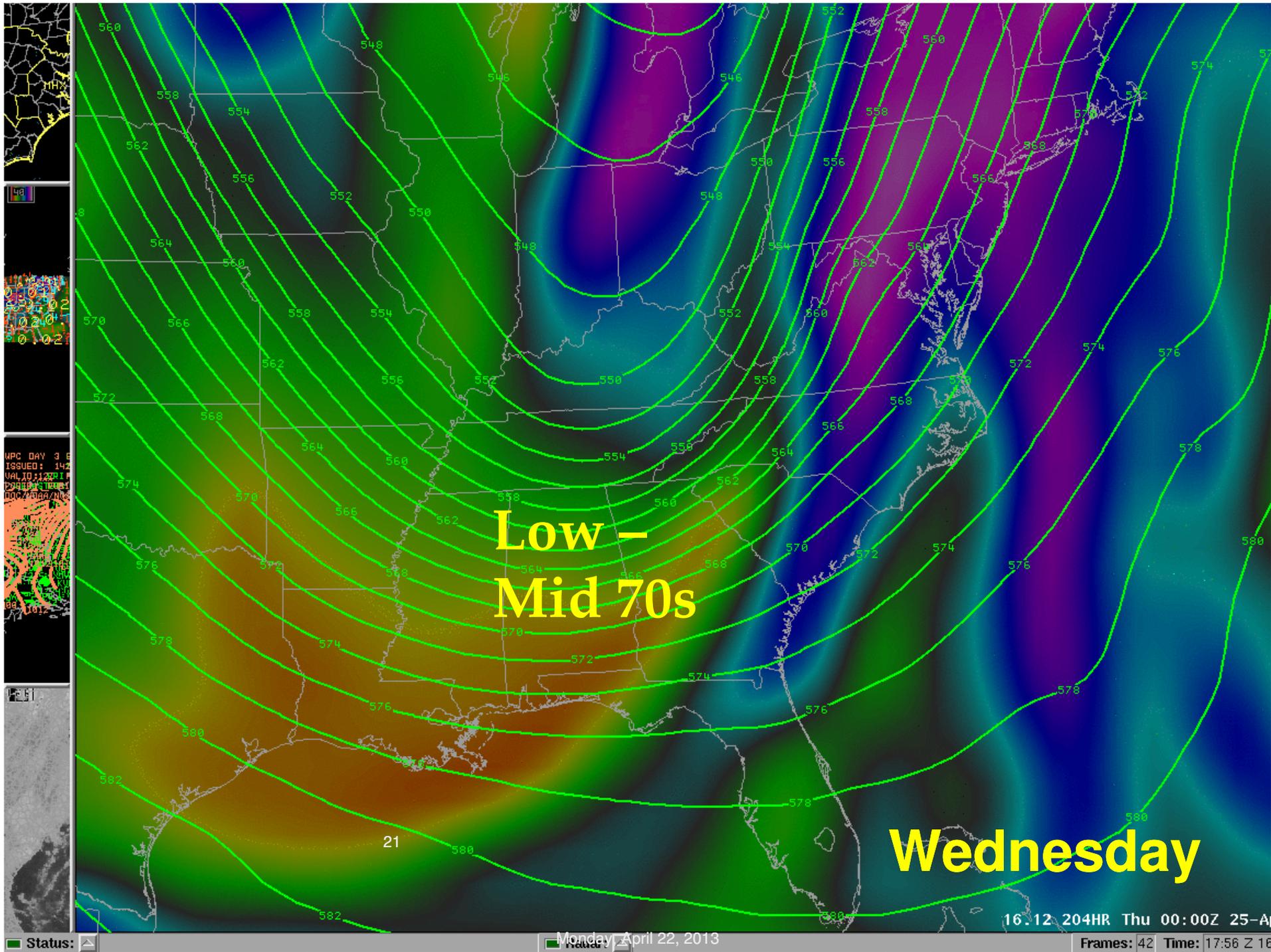
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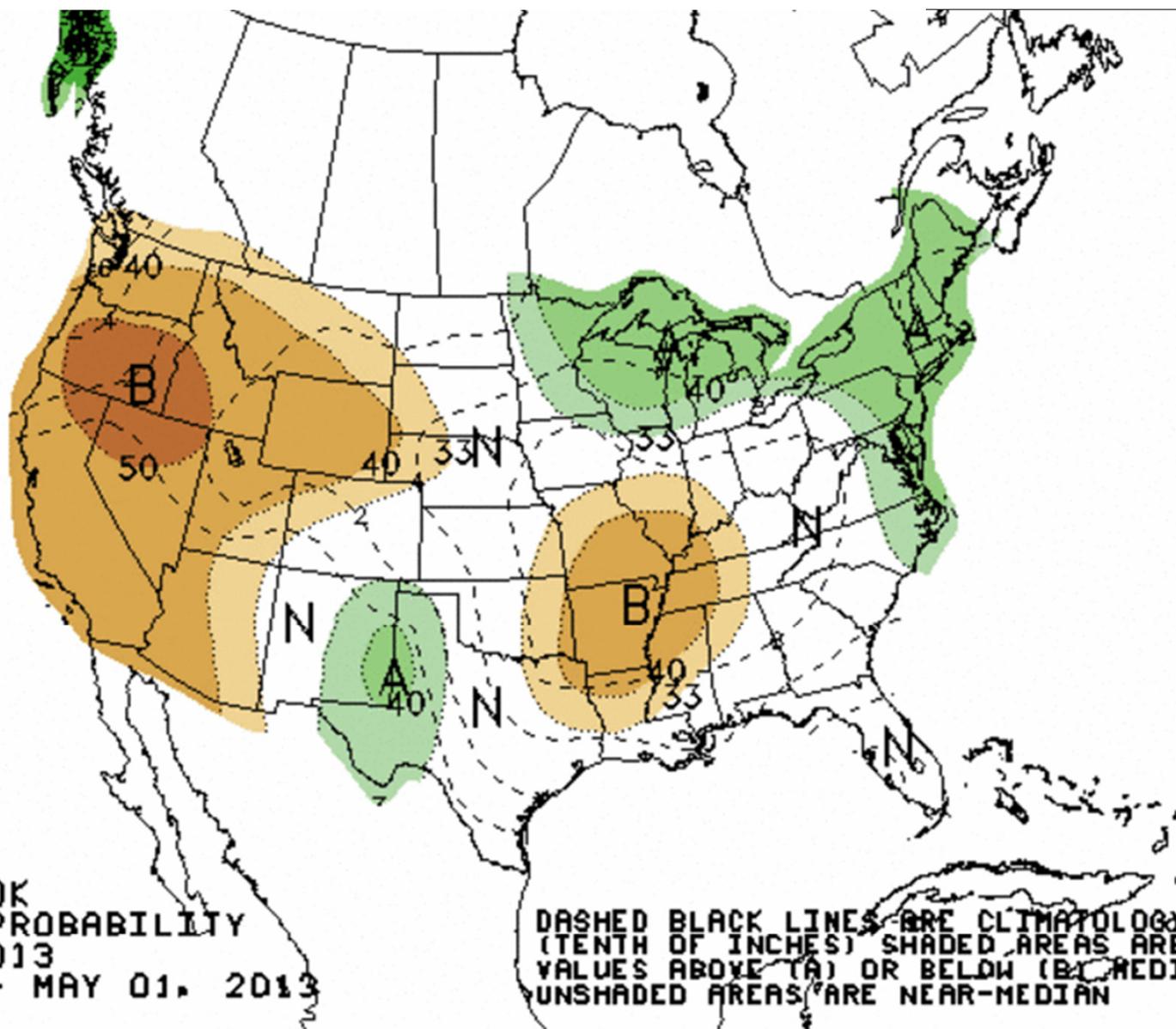


**Low -
Mid 70s**

Wednesday



8-14 DAY OUTLOOK
PRECIPITATION PROBABILITY
MADE 17 APR 2013
VALID APR 25 - MAY 01, 2013



DASHED BLACK LINES ARE CLIMATOLOGY
(TENTH OF INCHES) SHADED AREAS ARE FCS
VALUES ABOVE (A) OR BELOW (B) MEDIAN
UNSHADED AREAS ARE NEAR-MEDIAN



90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 33% 33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90%

Probability of Below

Normal

Probability of Above

Coming Soon

- New Radar-based drought tools
 - Standardized Precipitation Index
 - Partially corrects for radar dry bias
- Publicly available before August
 - Available for testing in next few weeks



Outlook

- El Nino had a false start in Fall 2012
- Neutral conditions so far
- Little guidance for summer 2013
 - Persistence suggest warmer than long term average
 - No clue on precipitation pattern



Mid-Mar 2013 Plume of Model ENSO Predictions

