# Influence of the Atlantic on Florida Sea Breeze Variations

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# Anecdote

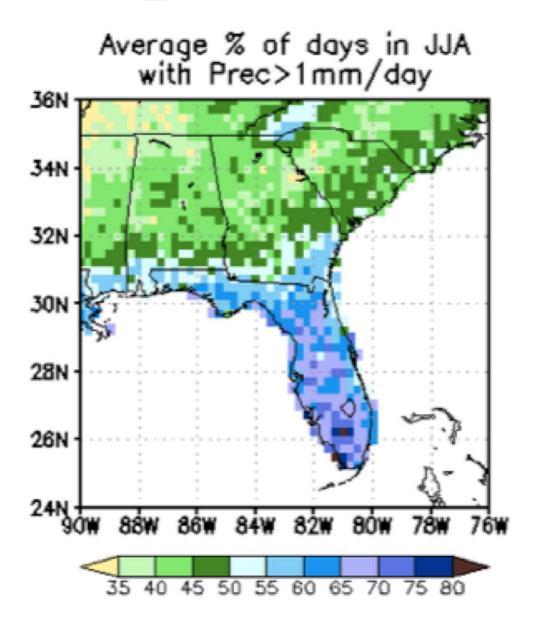
"This year the summer (read seabreeze) rains were far more sporadic, scattered, more localized"

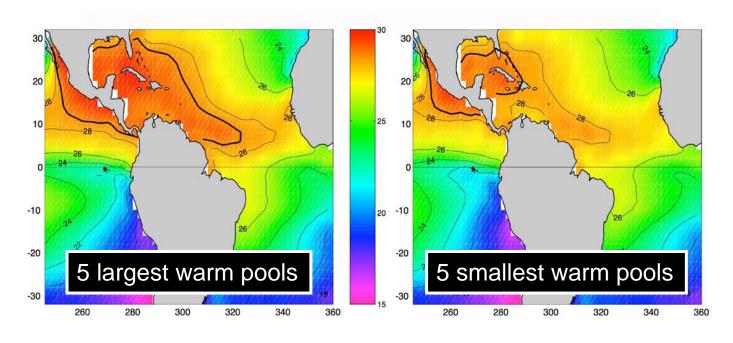
farmers from coastal Alabama, Georgia, and Florida

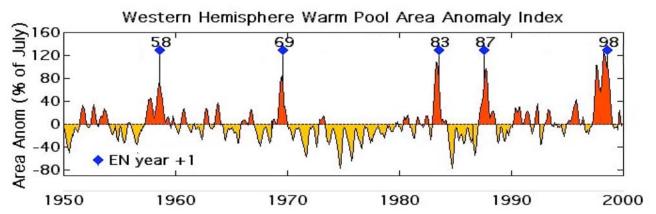
in the Row Crop Working Group meeting of SECC in Camilla, Georgia,

August 30, 2010

### CPC\_unified 1979-1998

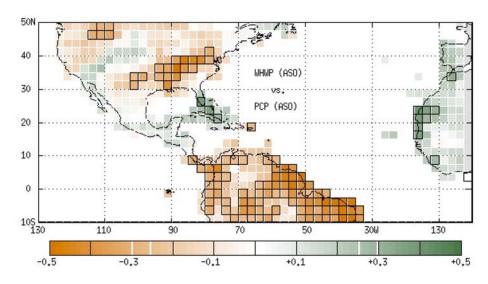


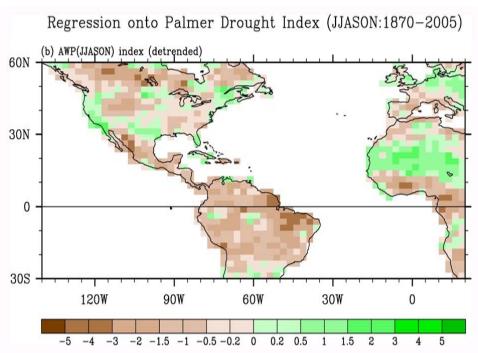


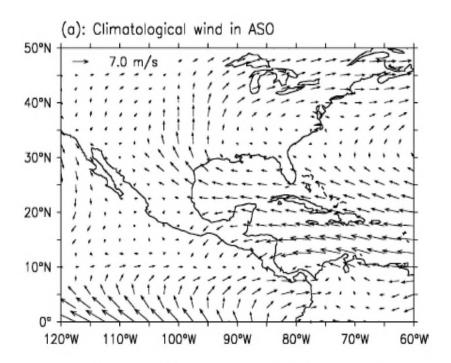


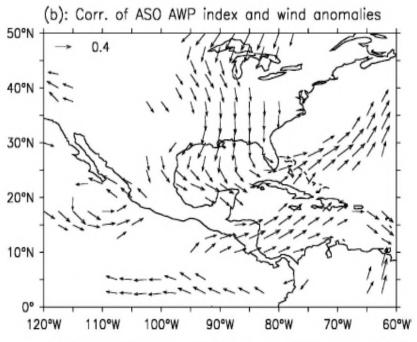
#### **Boreal Summer Correlation**

#### WHWP (ASO) vs. Rainfall (ASO)









CLARReS1.0/R2---COAPS Land Atmosphere Regional Reanalysis at 10km over the Southeast US downscaled from R2 version 1.0; period from 1979-2002---dataset used in this study

CLARReS1.0/ERA40---COAPS Land Atmosphere Regional

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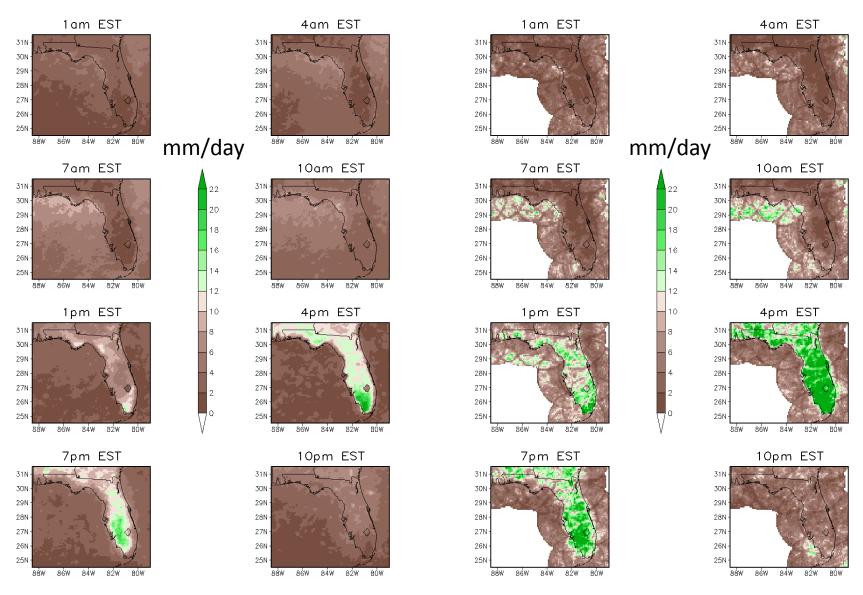


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#### Rainfall climatology at 3 hourly interval for June-July-August

#### CLARReSv1.0/R2

#### Observations/Radar based



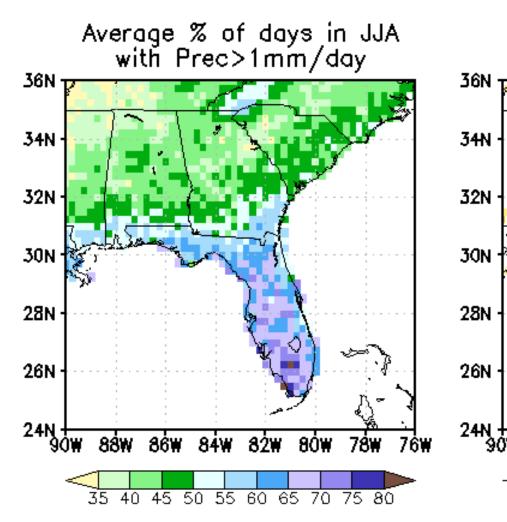
#### CLARReS10/R2 1979-2000

# Average % days in JJA with Prec>1mm 36N 34N 32N 30N 28N 26N 24N + 90W

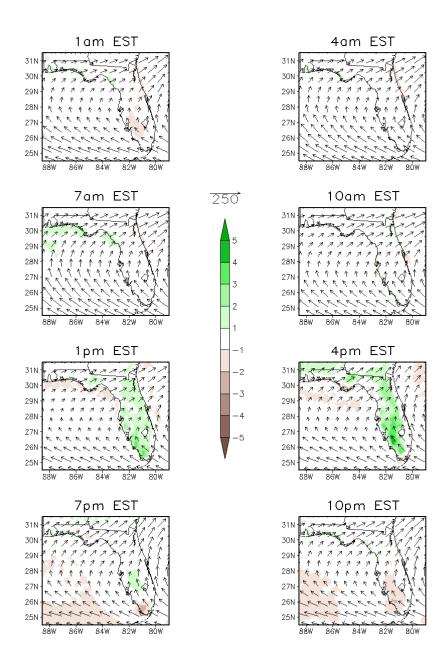
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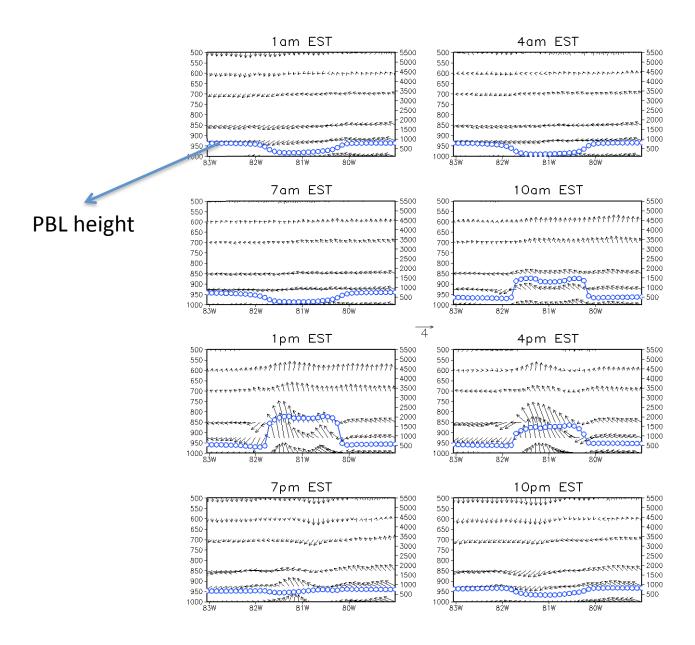
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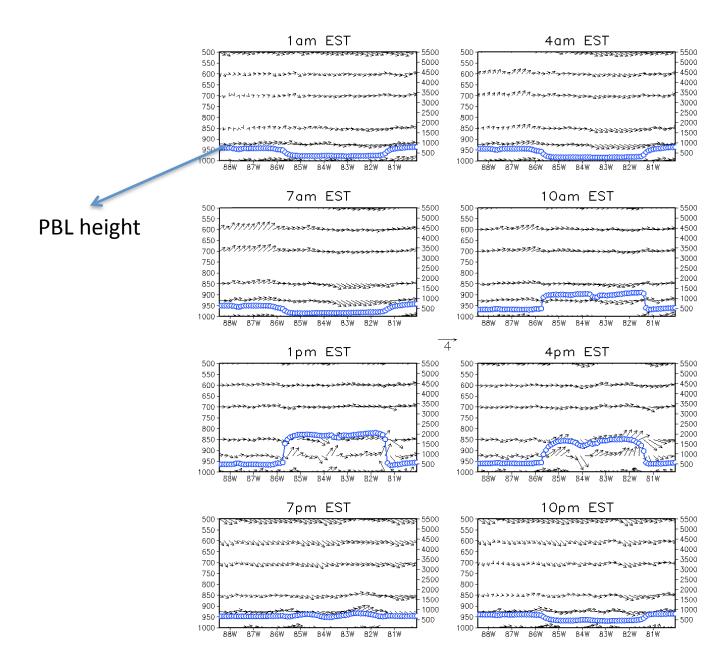
#### Vertically integrated climatological moisture flux convergence and moisture flux vectors



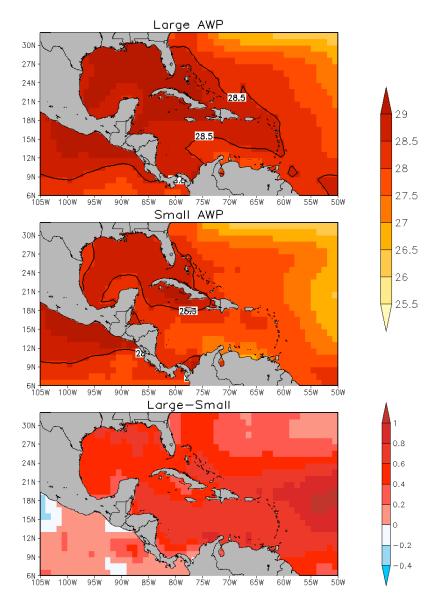
#### JJA climatological cross-section through 26°N (from Naples through FIU)



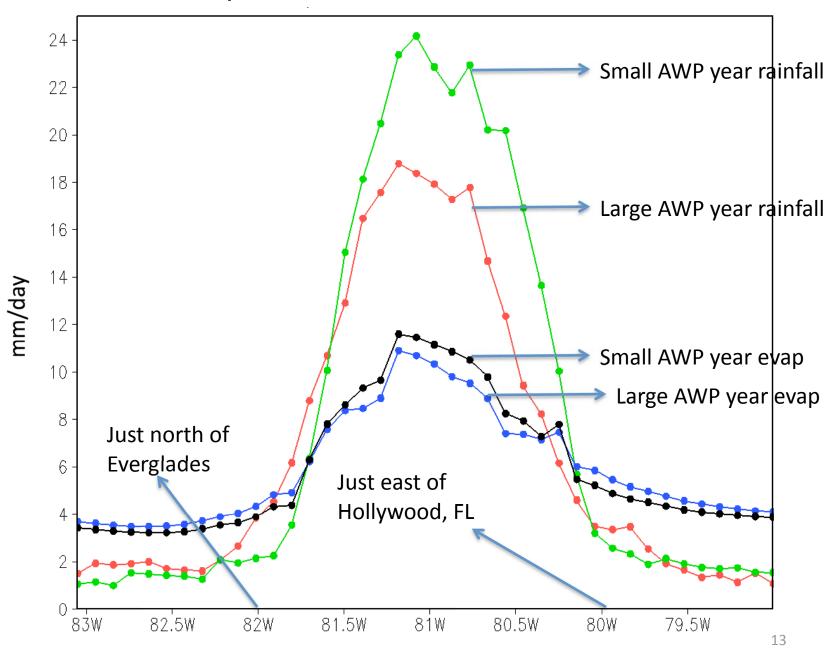
#### JJA climatological cross-section through 30<sup>o</sup>N (through Panama City)

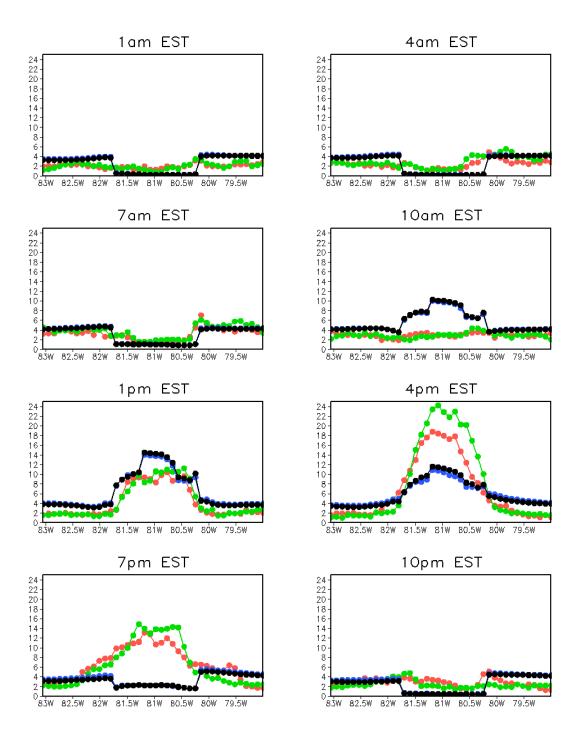


#### Composite of SST for the 5 largest and 5 smallest AWP years from 1979-2001

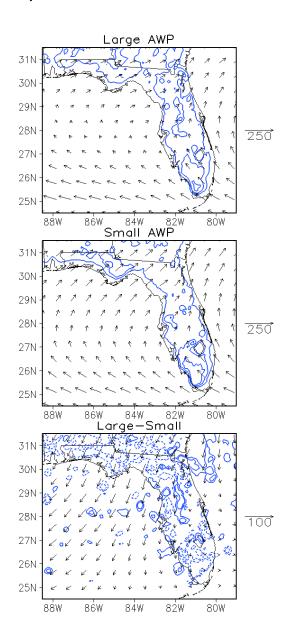


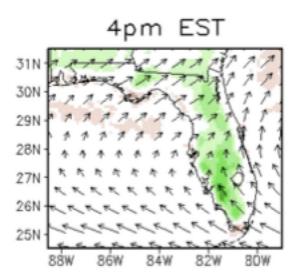
## 4 pm LST CLARReSv1.0/R2



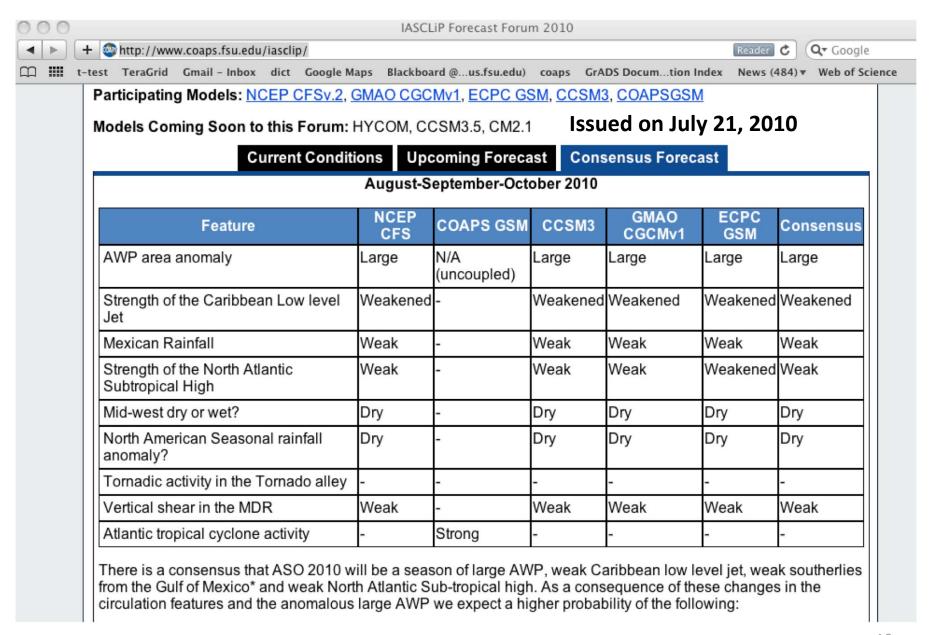


# Composites of moisture flux vectors and rainfall (contoured)



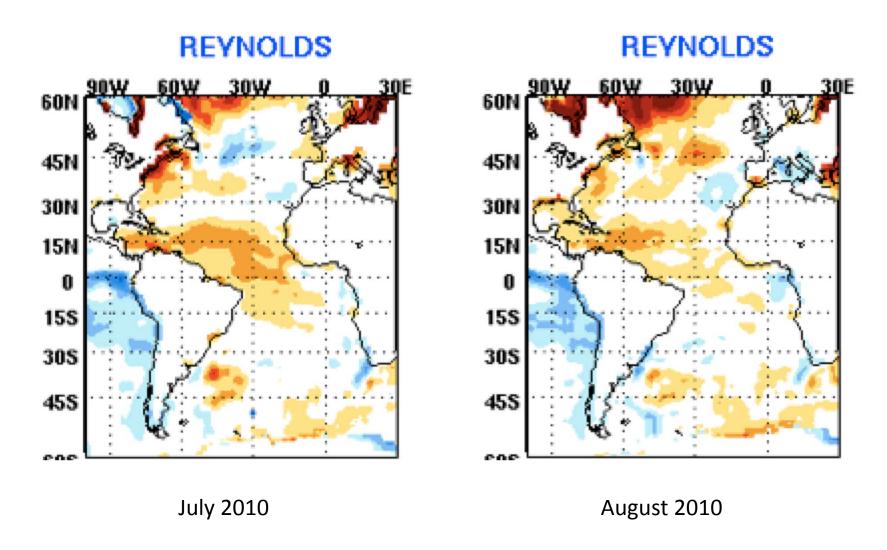


#### Warm pool in current season



Source: NASA

#### **SST ANOMALIES**



## Conclusions

- The farmers experience of sea breeze being scattered and less reliable this year seems to confirm our theory of the AWP influence.
- Atlantic warm pool variations and the vacillations of the large-scale winds do indeed influence the sea breeze in peninsular Florida with a possibility of its influence also over panhandle Florida, and other southeastern coasts.
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