Arctic Oscillation

in Asia



Positive Phase - Winter

Below-normal surface pressure within the Arctic

Negative Phase - Winter

Above-normal surface pressure within the Arctic

Percent of Years Having Above-Trend DEC-FEB 2m Temperature

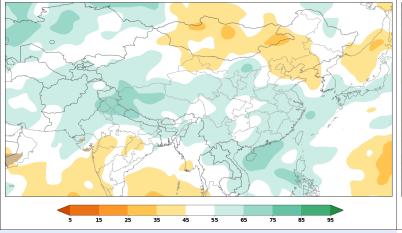
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Percent of Years Having Above-Trend DEC-FEB 2m Temperature 1971 1972 1974 1975 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1994 1998 1999 2001 2006 2007 2011 2014 2016 2019 2021

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Percent of Years Having Above-Normal DEC-FEB Precipitation (ERA5 Reanalysis)
1971 1972 1974 1975 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1994
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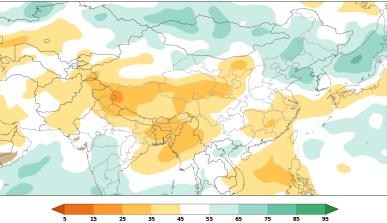
More Heat in Northern Asia

Less Heat in Southern Asia

Less Rain in Northern Asia & More Rain in Central Asia

1976 1977 1978 1984 1985 2000 2003 2009 2012 2020

Percent of Years Having Above-Normal DEC-FEB Precipitation (ERA5 Reanalysis) 1952 1955 1957 1959 1962 1964 1965 1967 1968 1969 1976 1977 1978 1984 1985 2000 2003 2009 2012 2020



Less Heat in Northern Asia

More Heat in Central & Southern Asia

More Rain in Northern Asia and Less Rain in Central Asia

The AO is only one factor in a complex system that influences the Asian climate.

Long-range forecasts provided in the WCS Monthly Reports are the best guide to the season ahead.

