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Baylor County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Baylor County is **0.39** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 5.96 inches, which was **+0.64 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 51st out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 85.2 degrees F, which was **+2.7 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 16th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **33-40% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

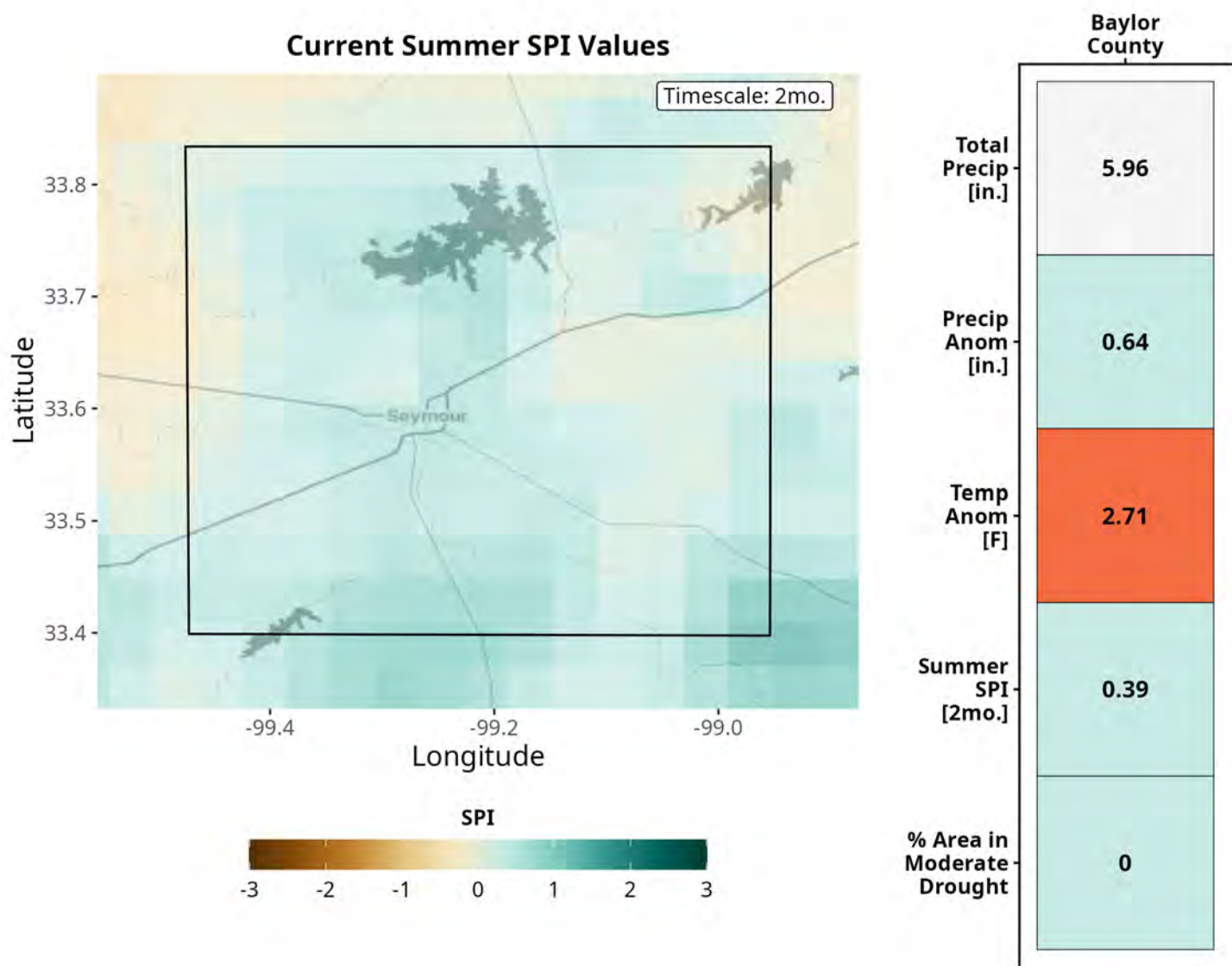


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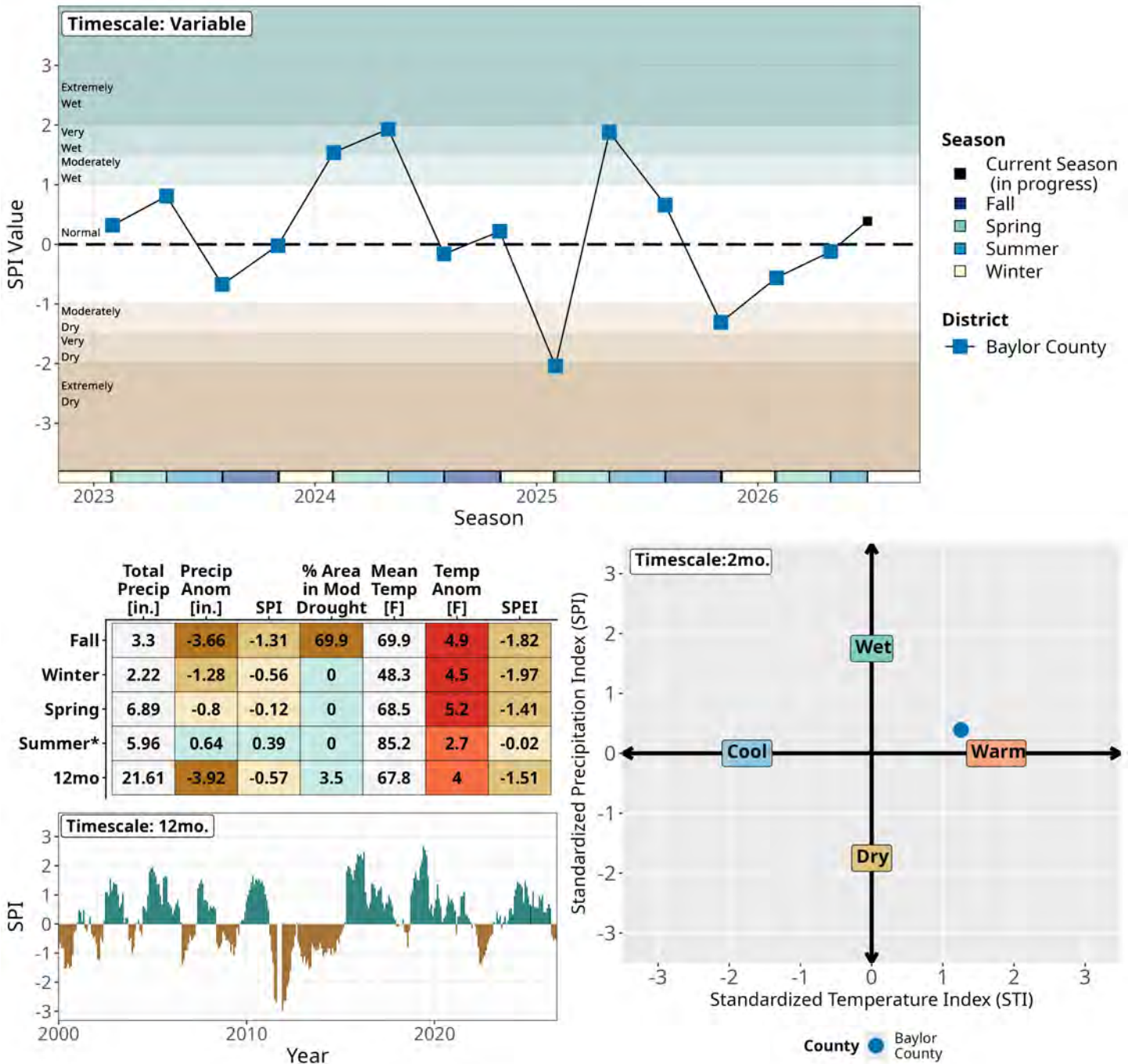


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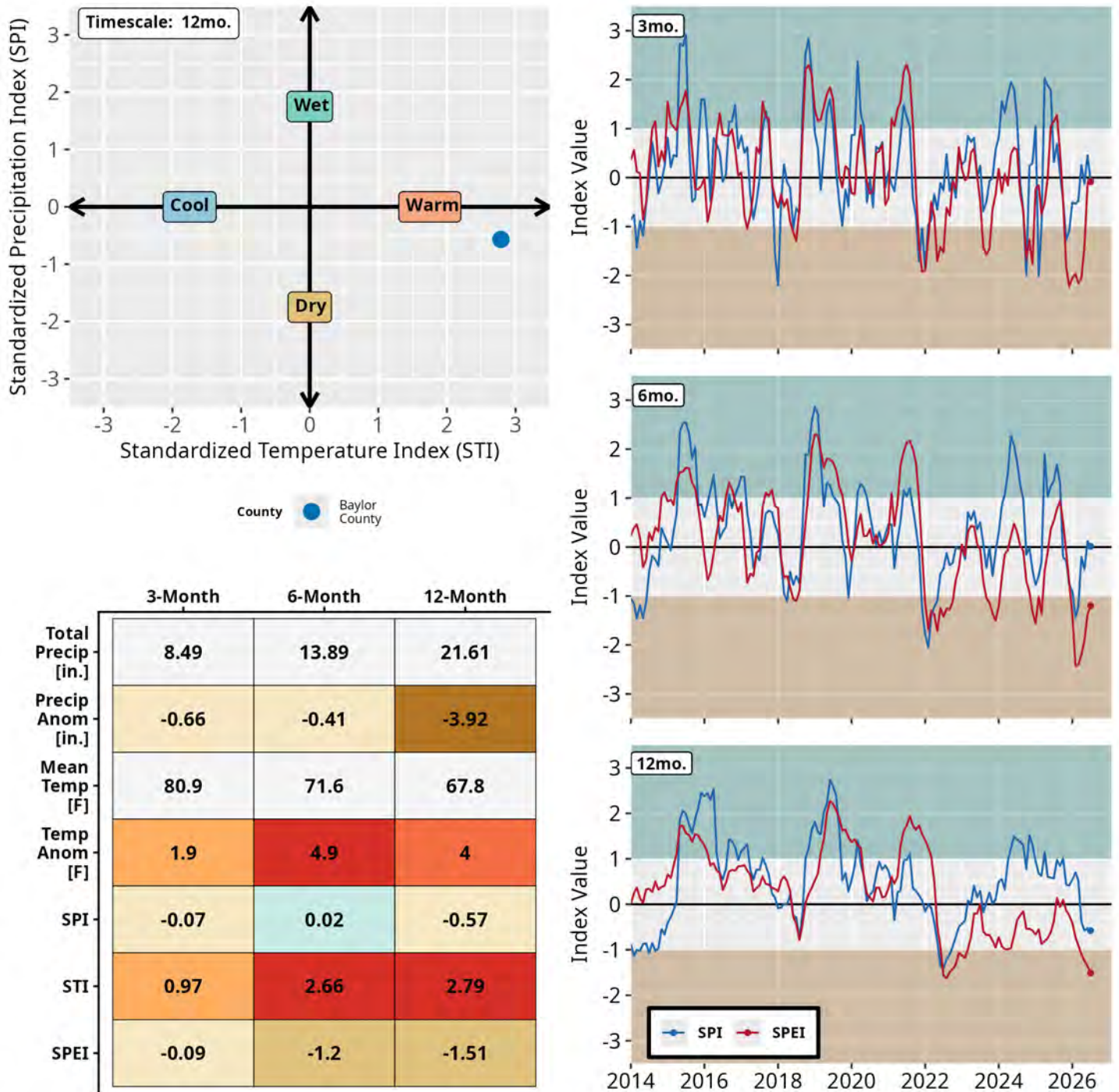


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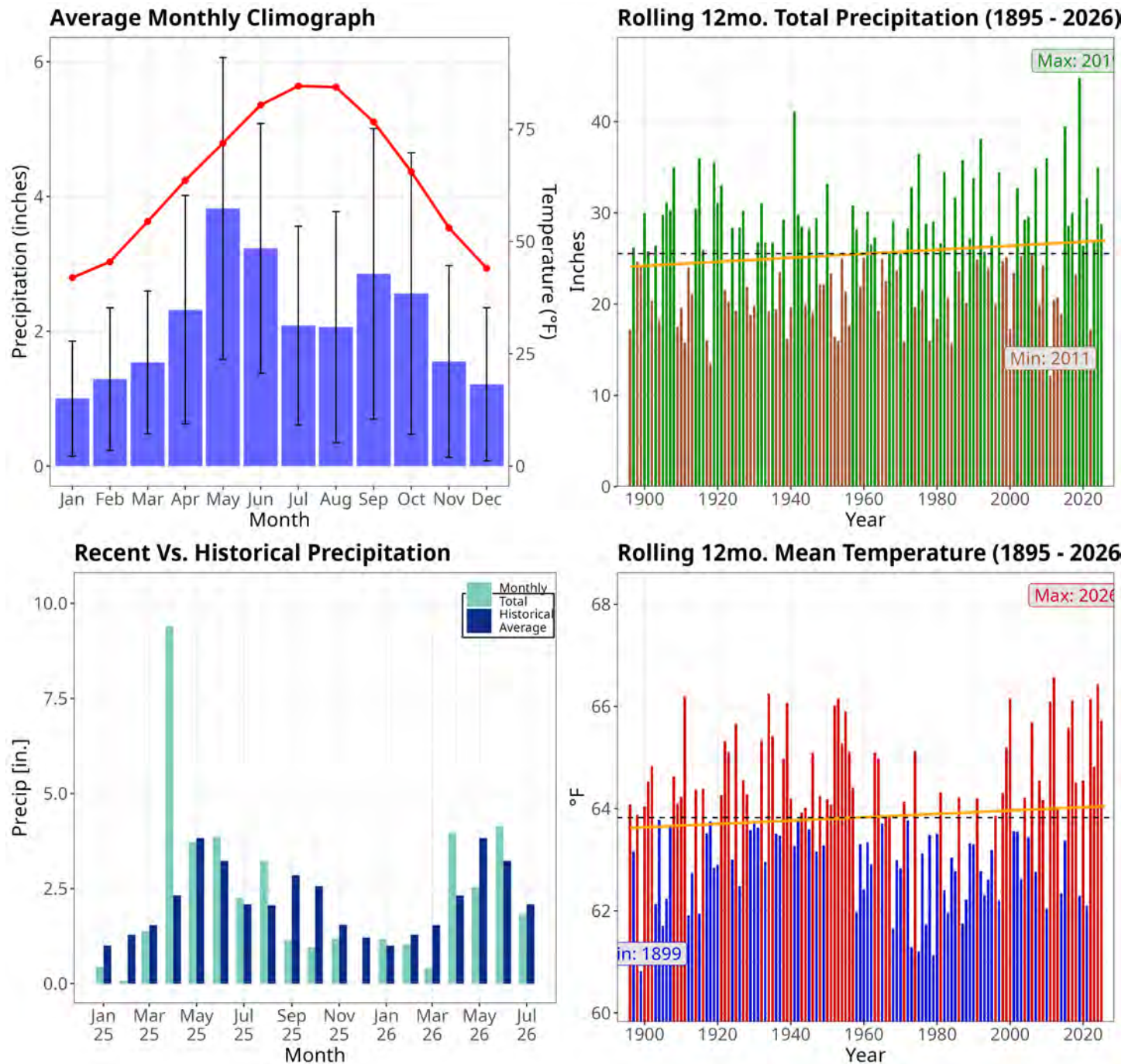


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Castro County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Castro County is **-0.41** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 4.09 inches, which was **-1.25 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 93rd out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 78.9 degrees F, which was **+3.3 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 7th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

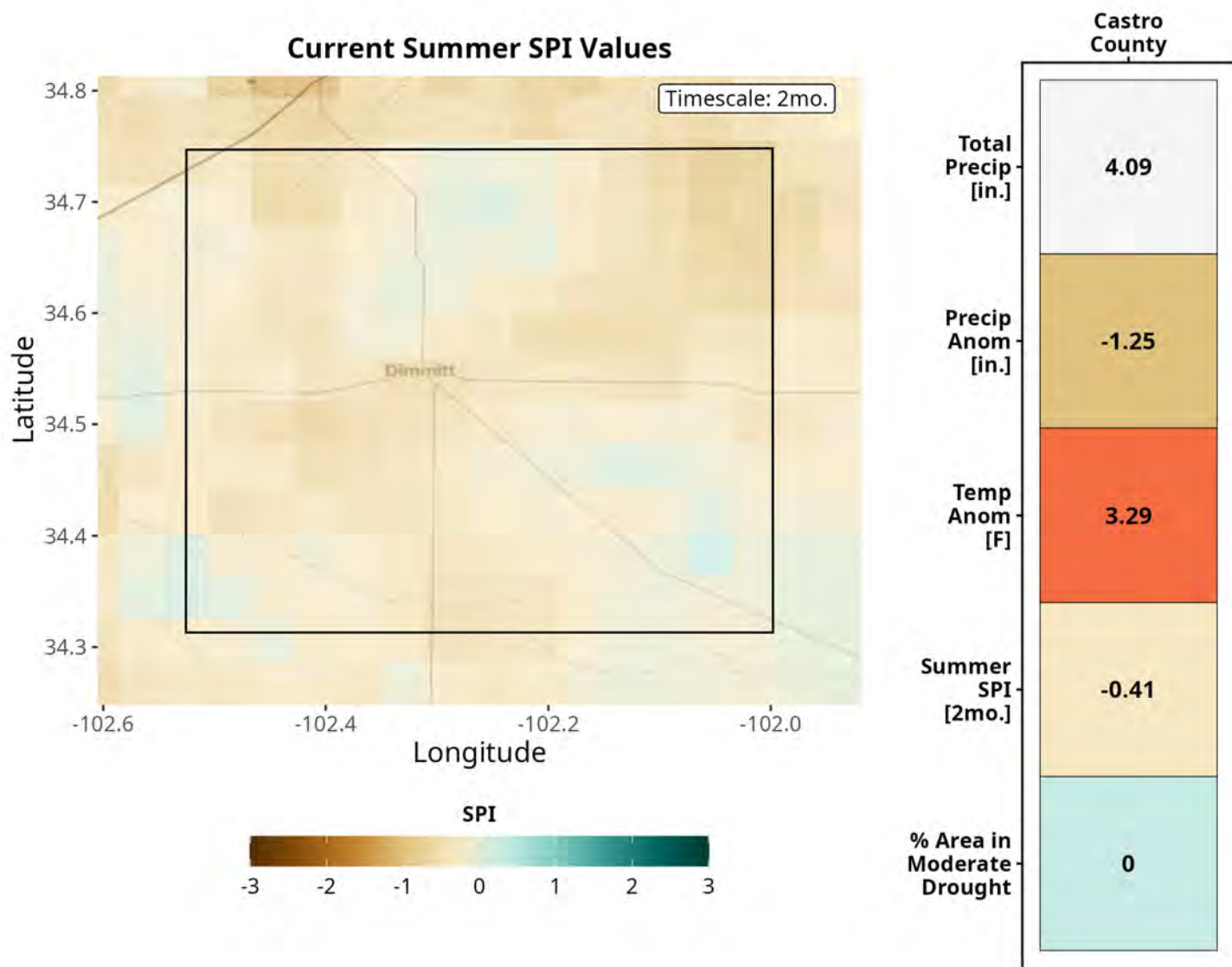


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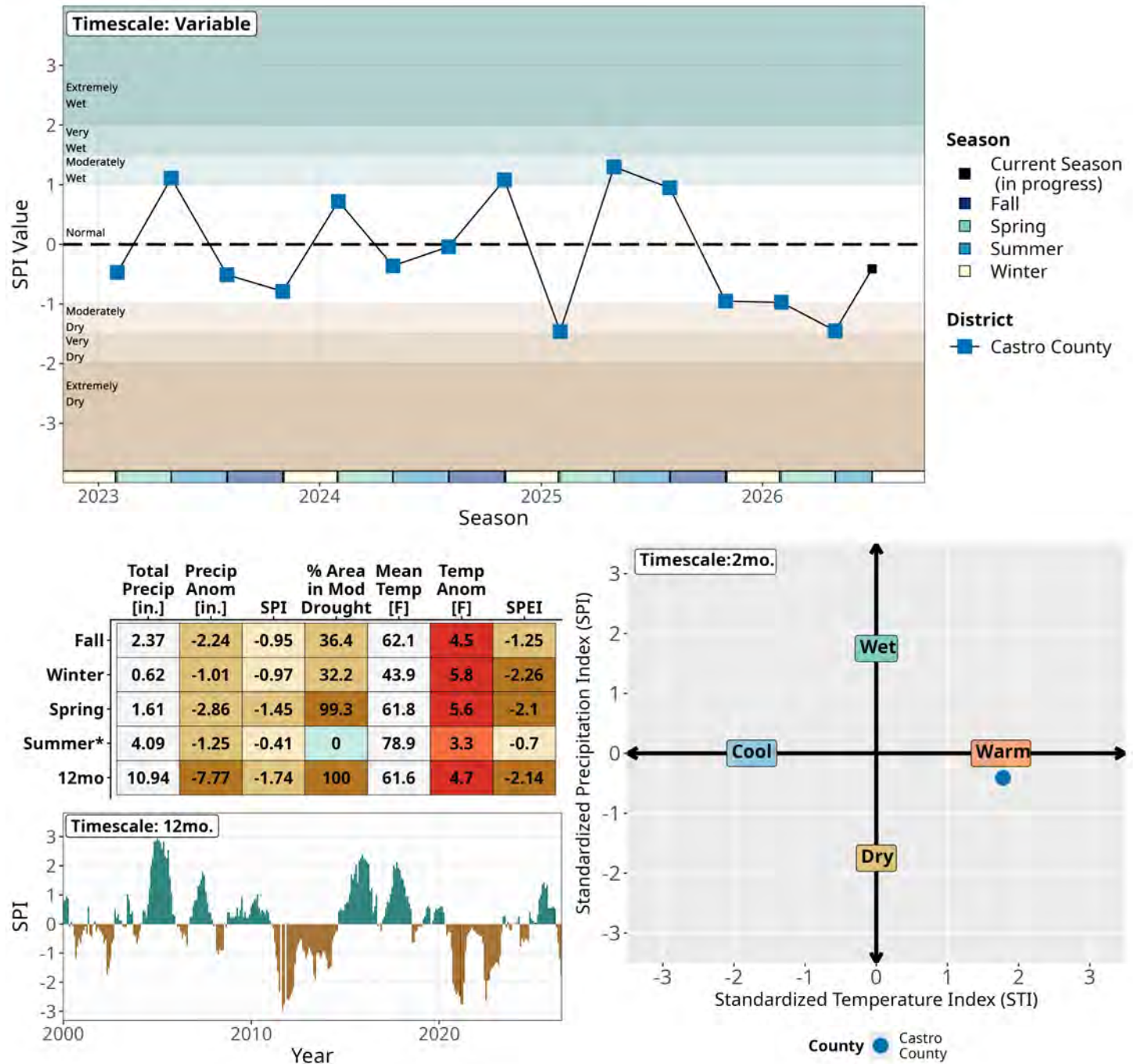


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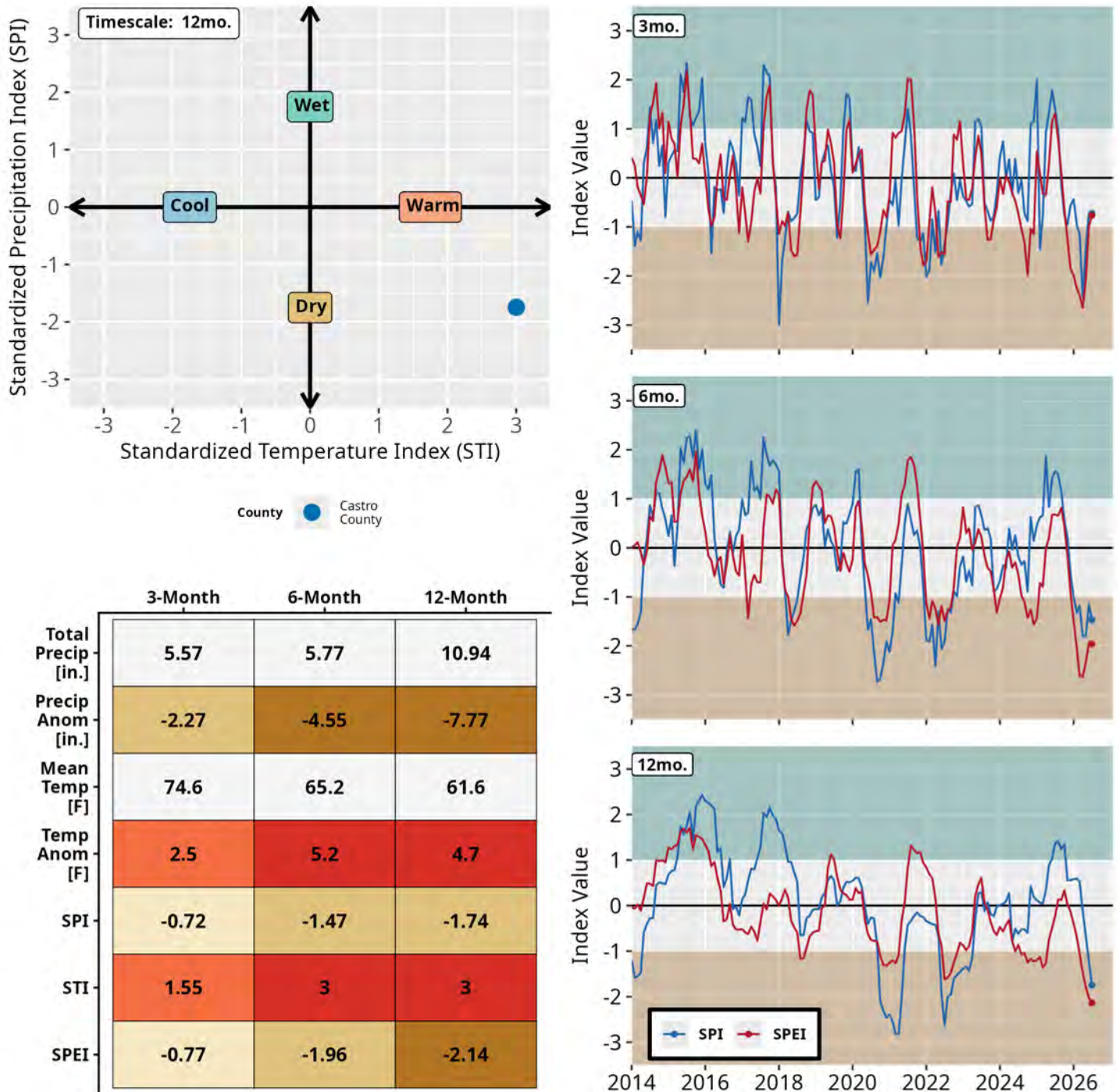


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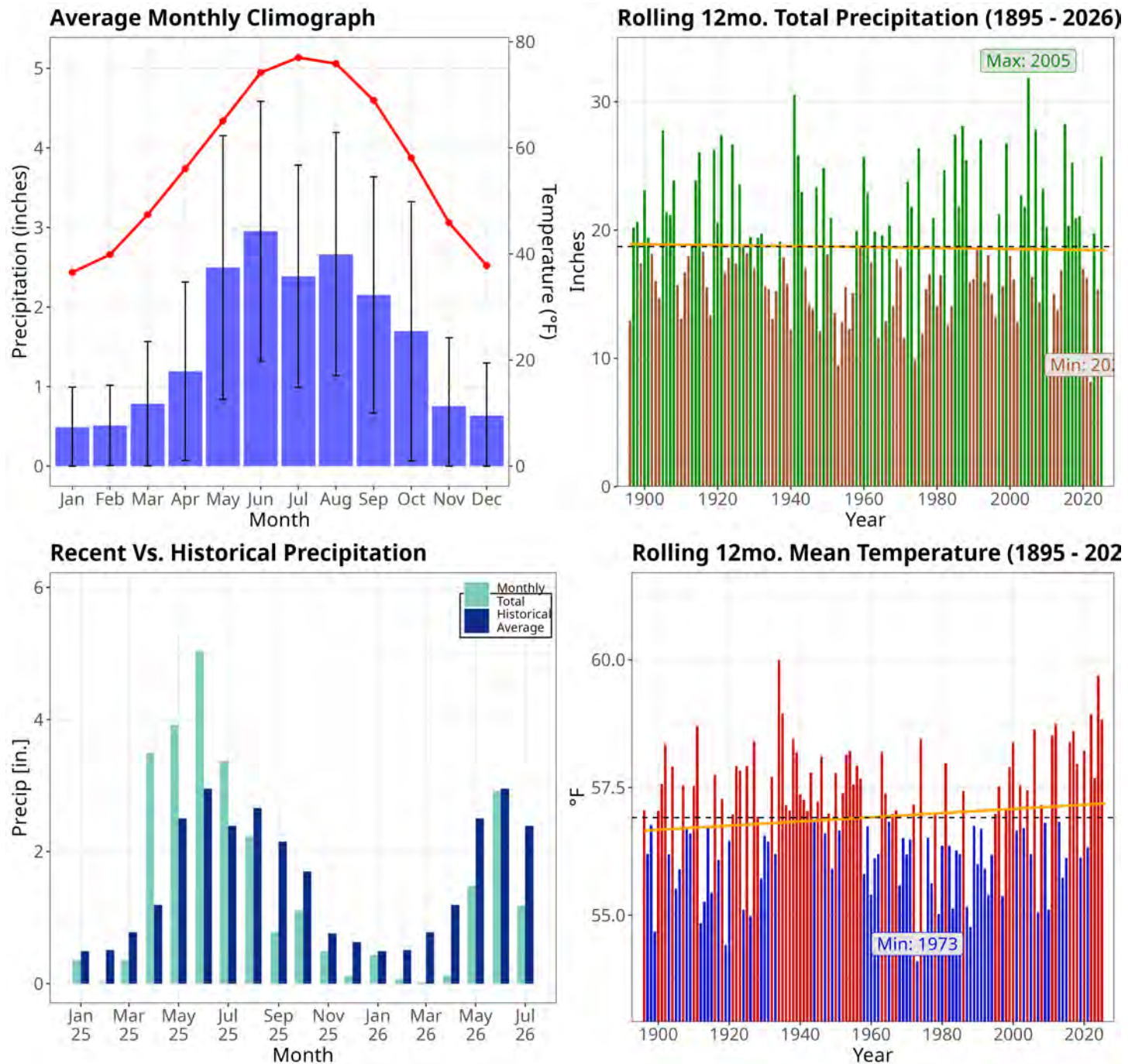


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Dawson County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Dawson County is **0.13** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 4.35 inches, which was **-0.09 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 71st out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 81.8 degrees F, which was **+2.3 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 11th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

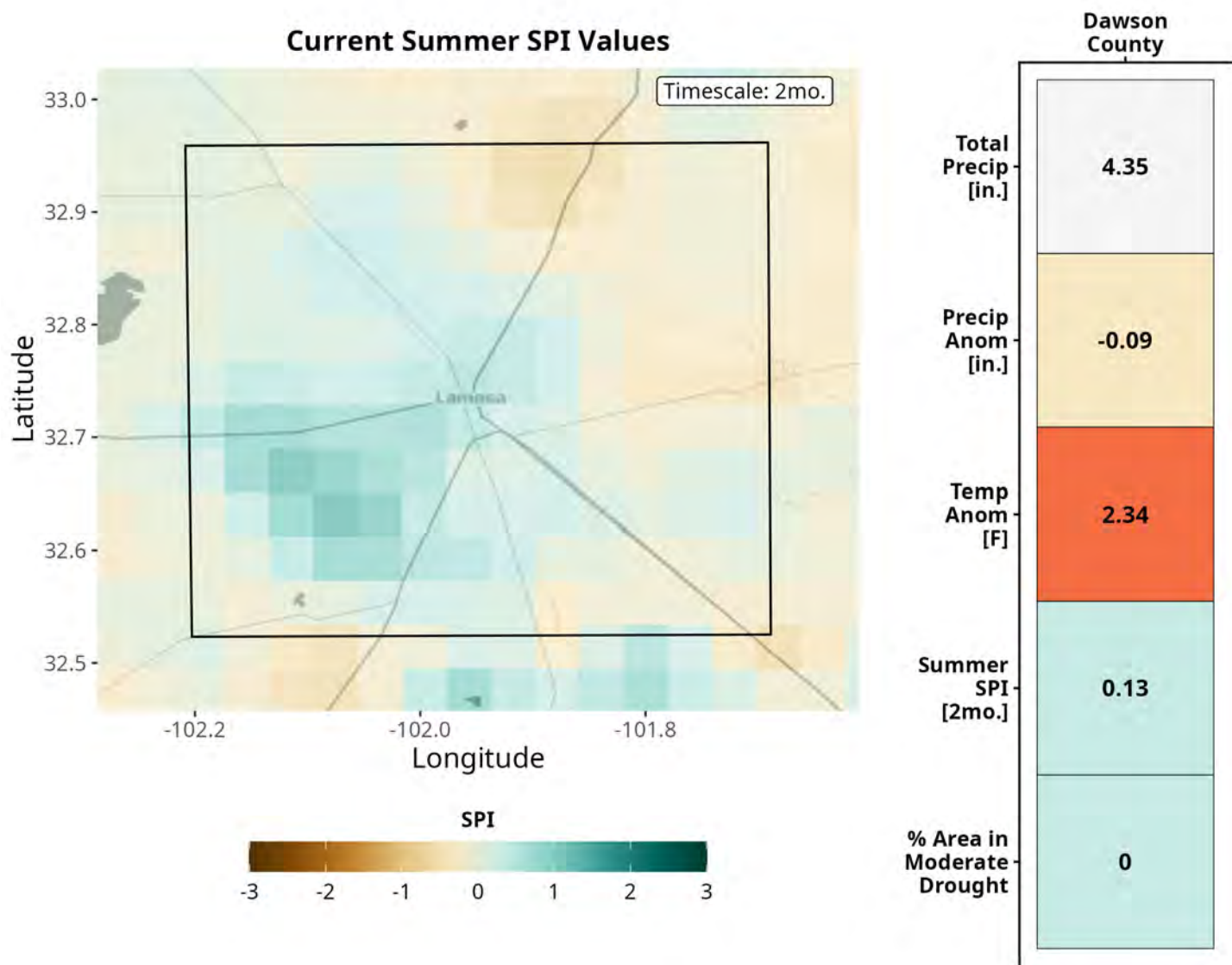


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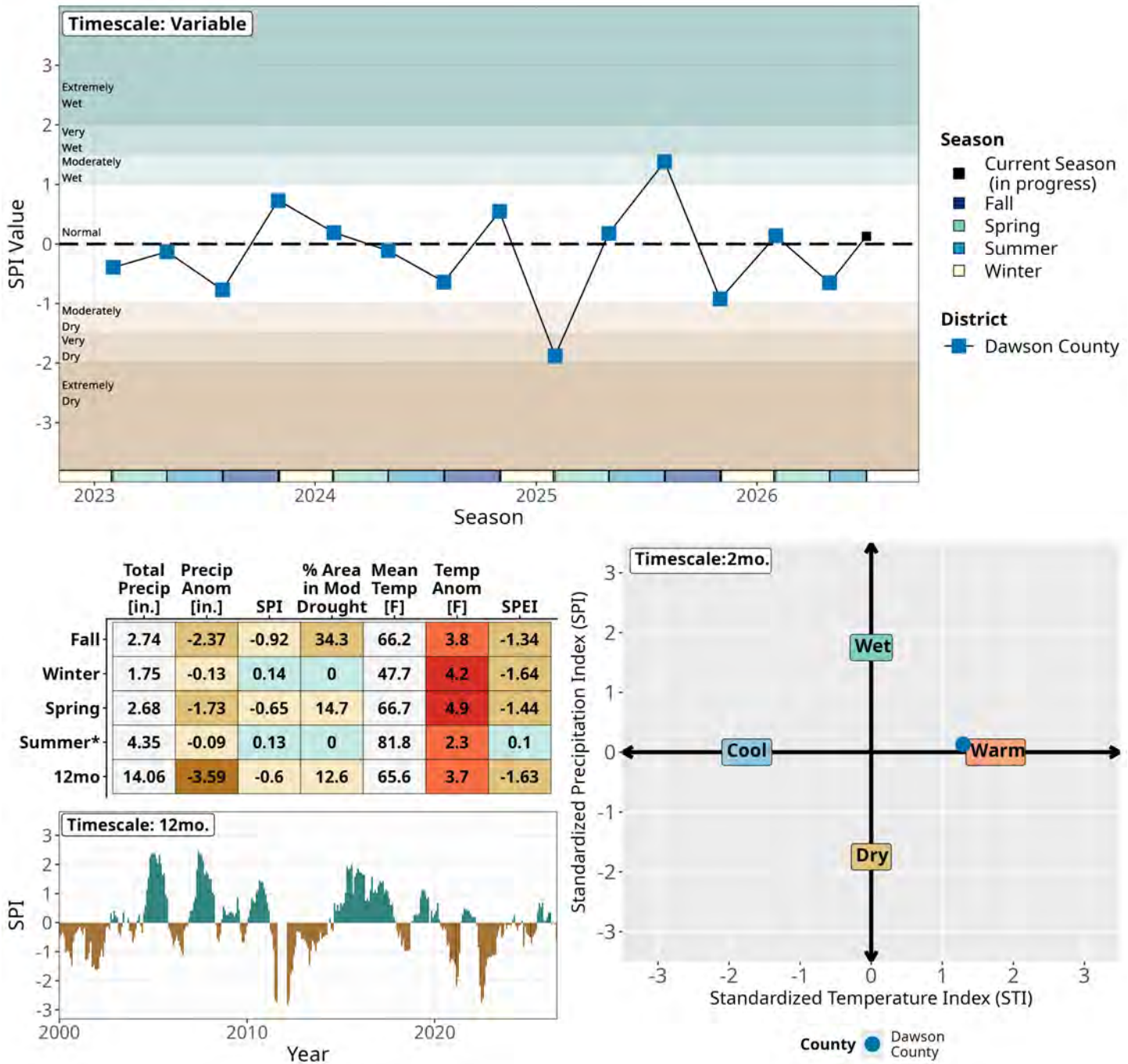


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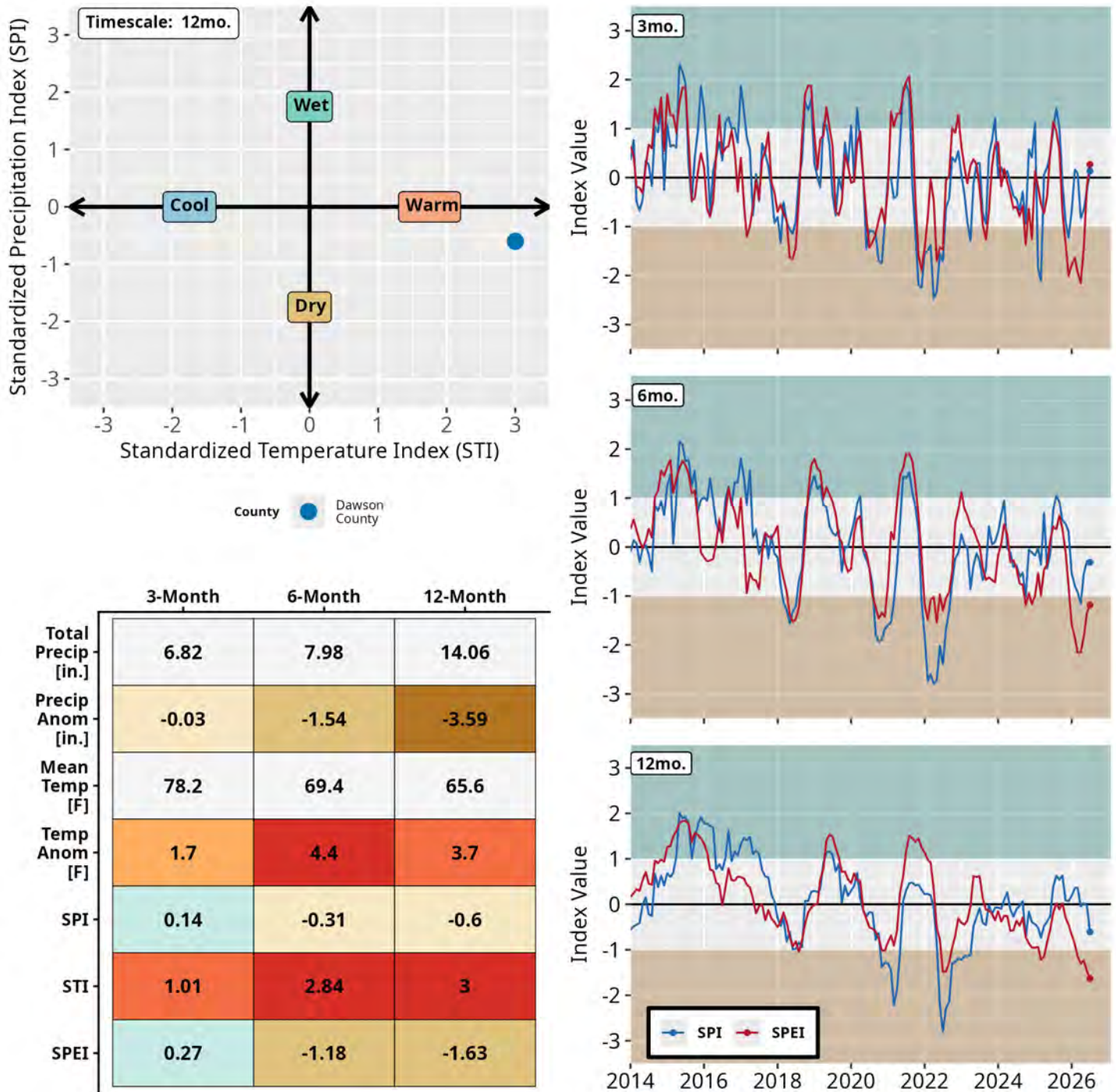


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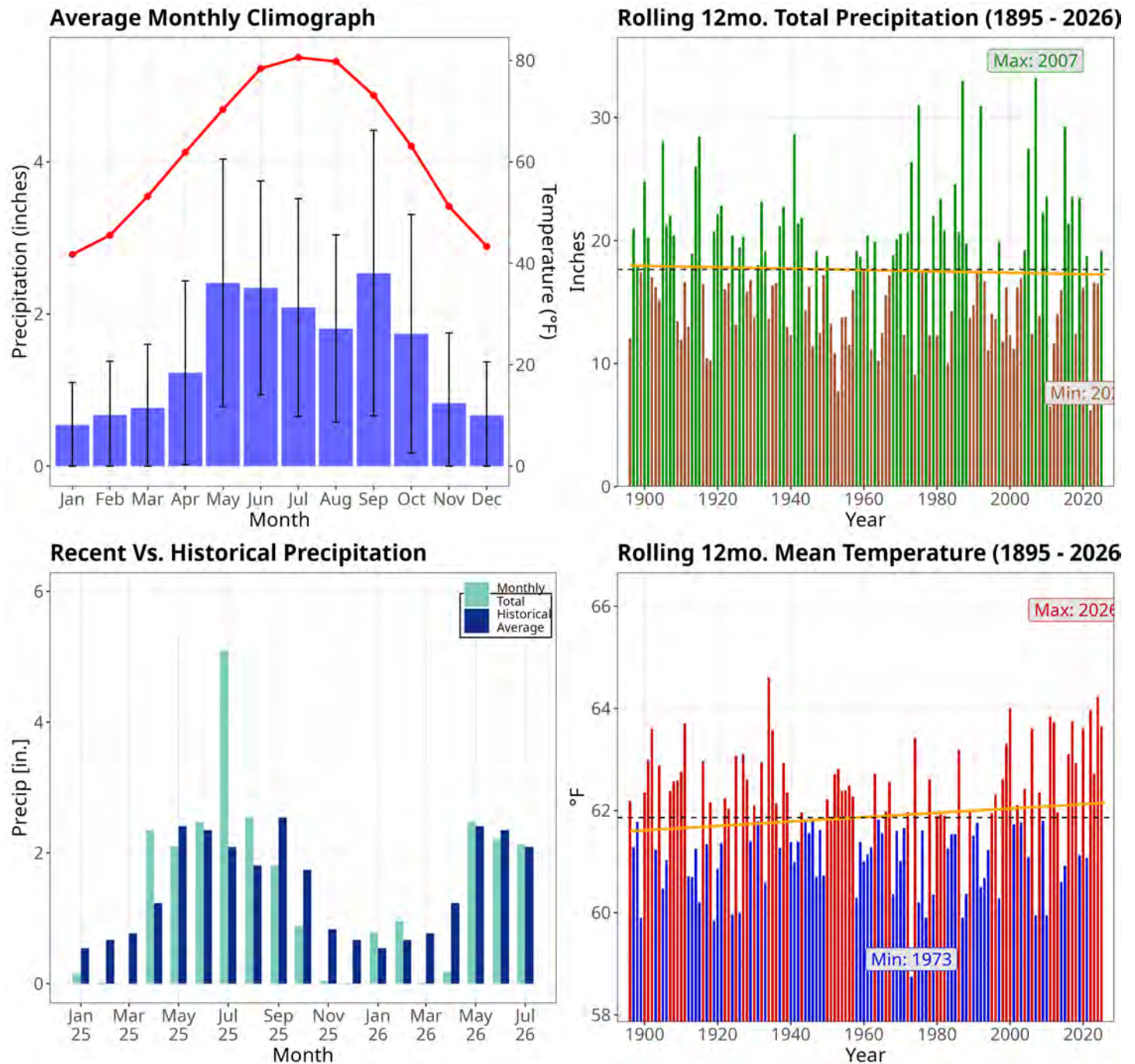


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Ector County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

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- Average June-July precipitation was 3.67 inches, which was **+0.6 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 45th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 82.7 degrees F, which was **+1.6 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 23rd out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

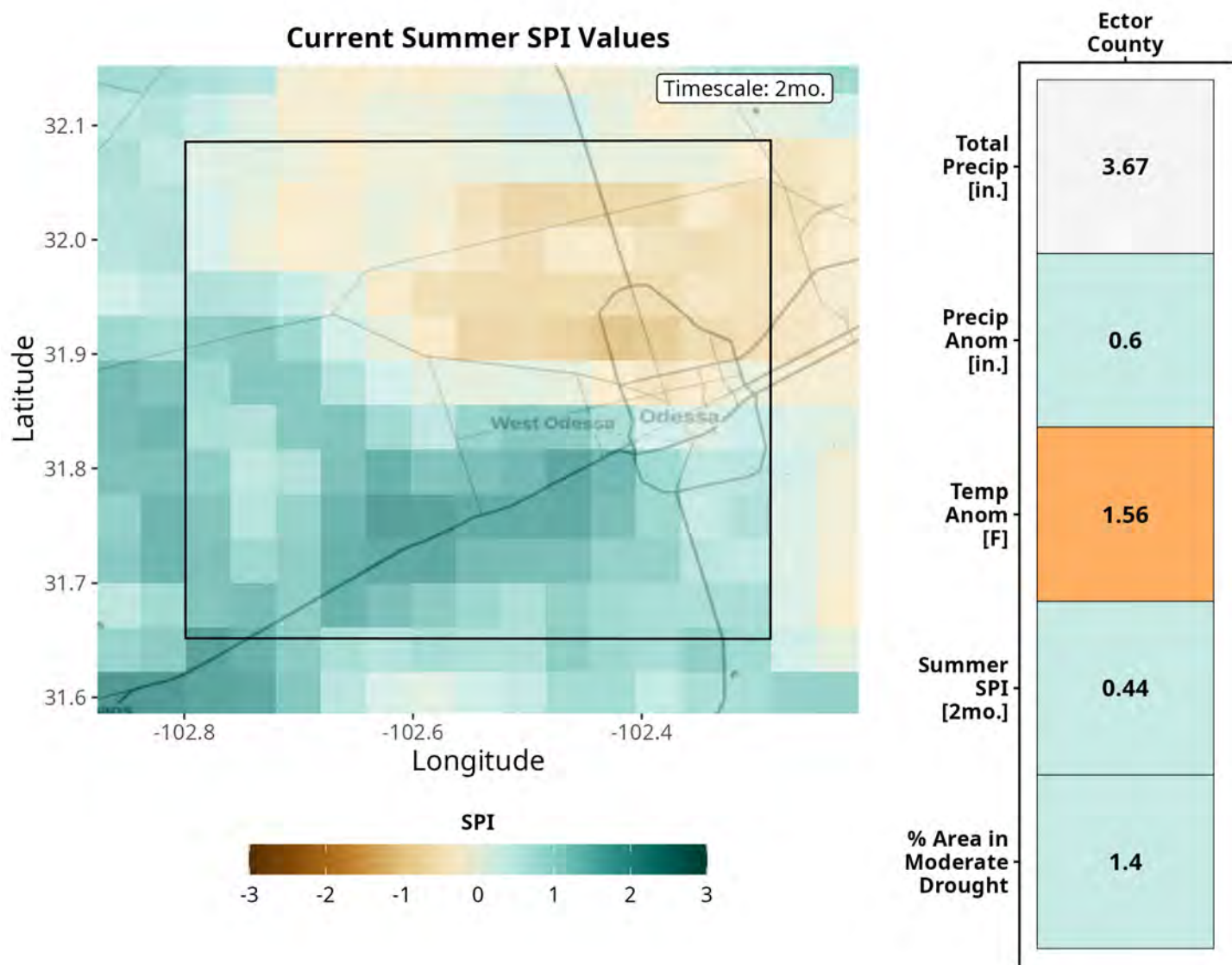


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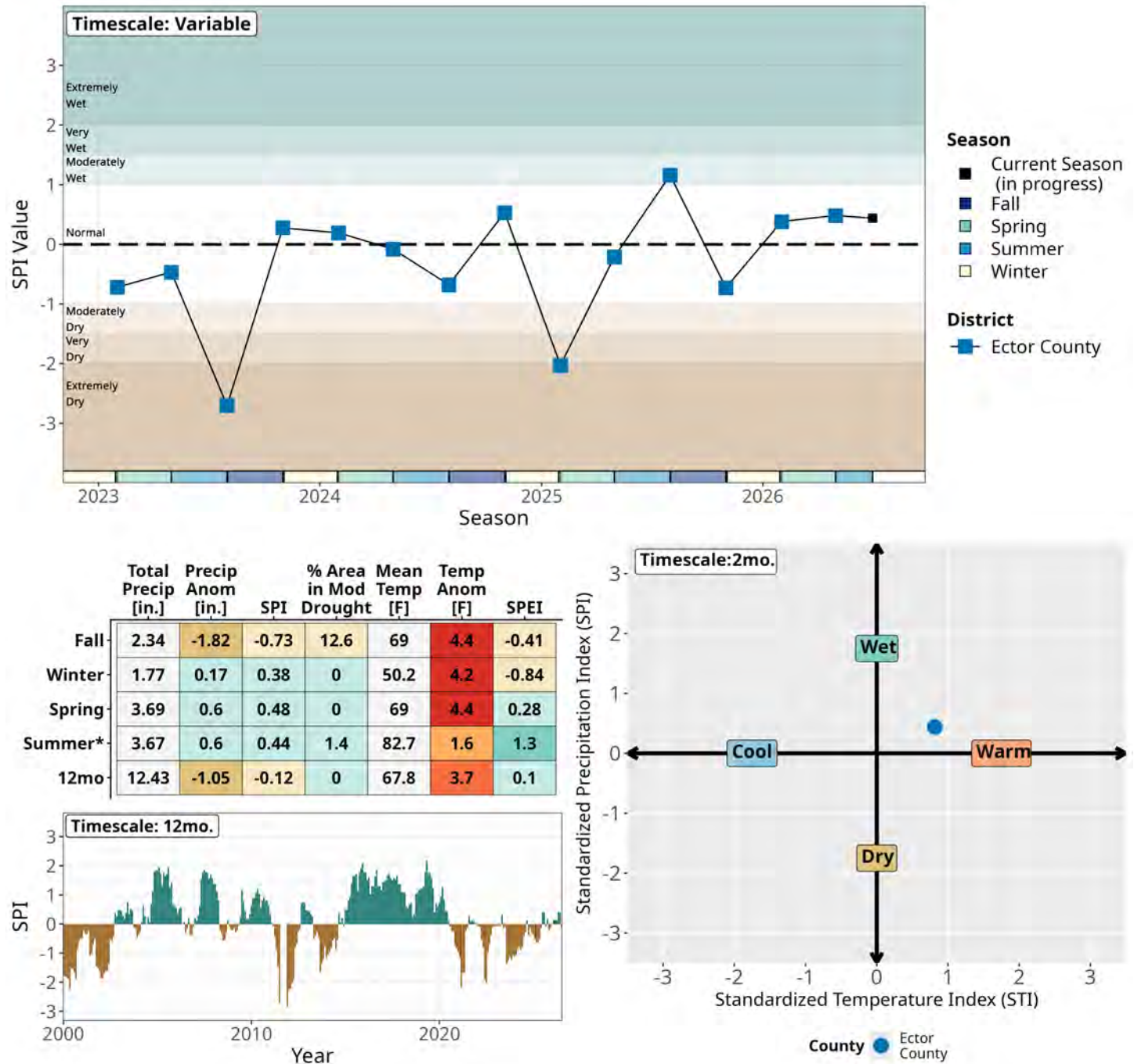


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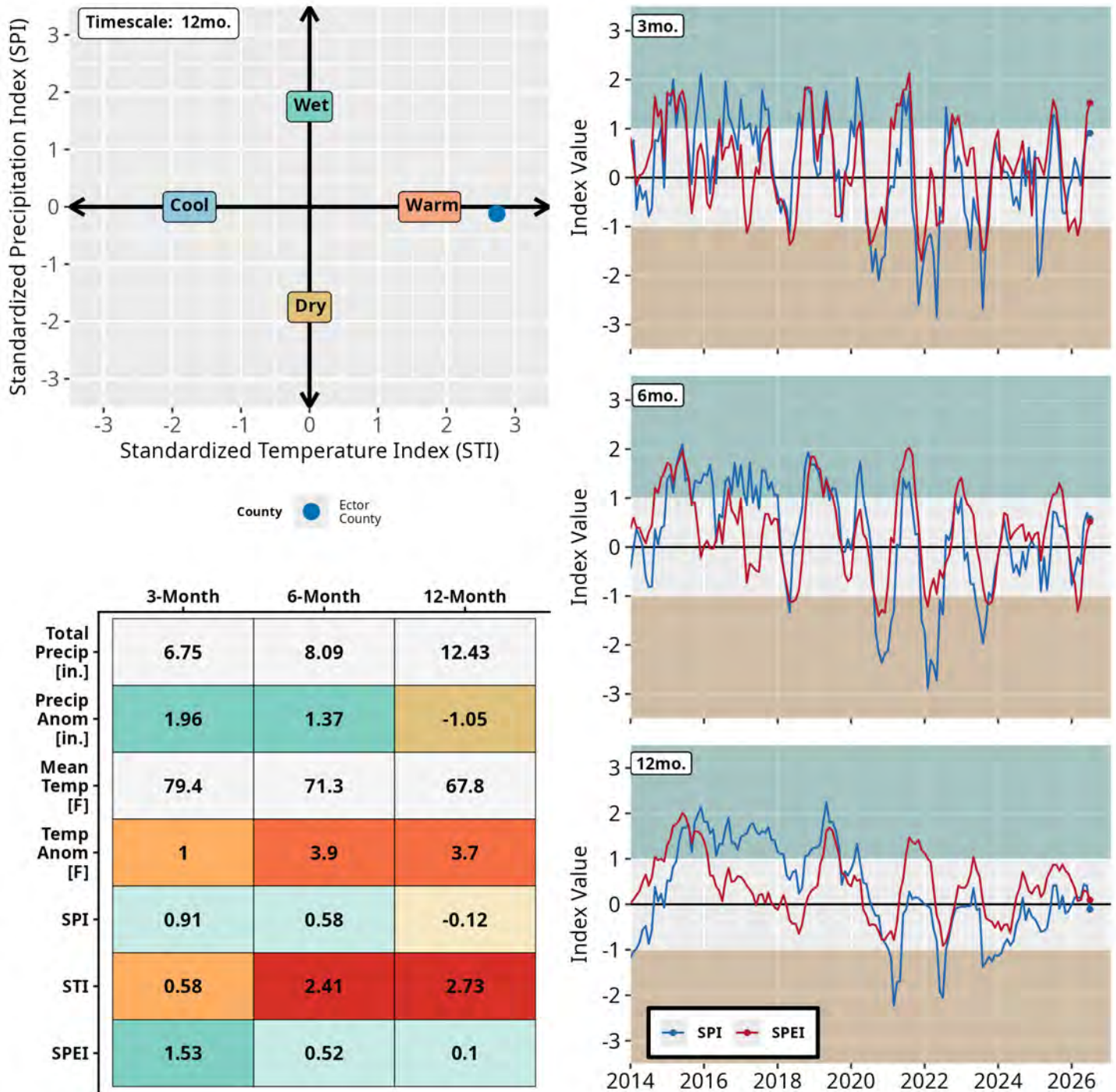


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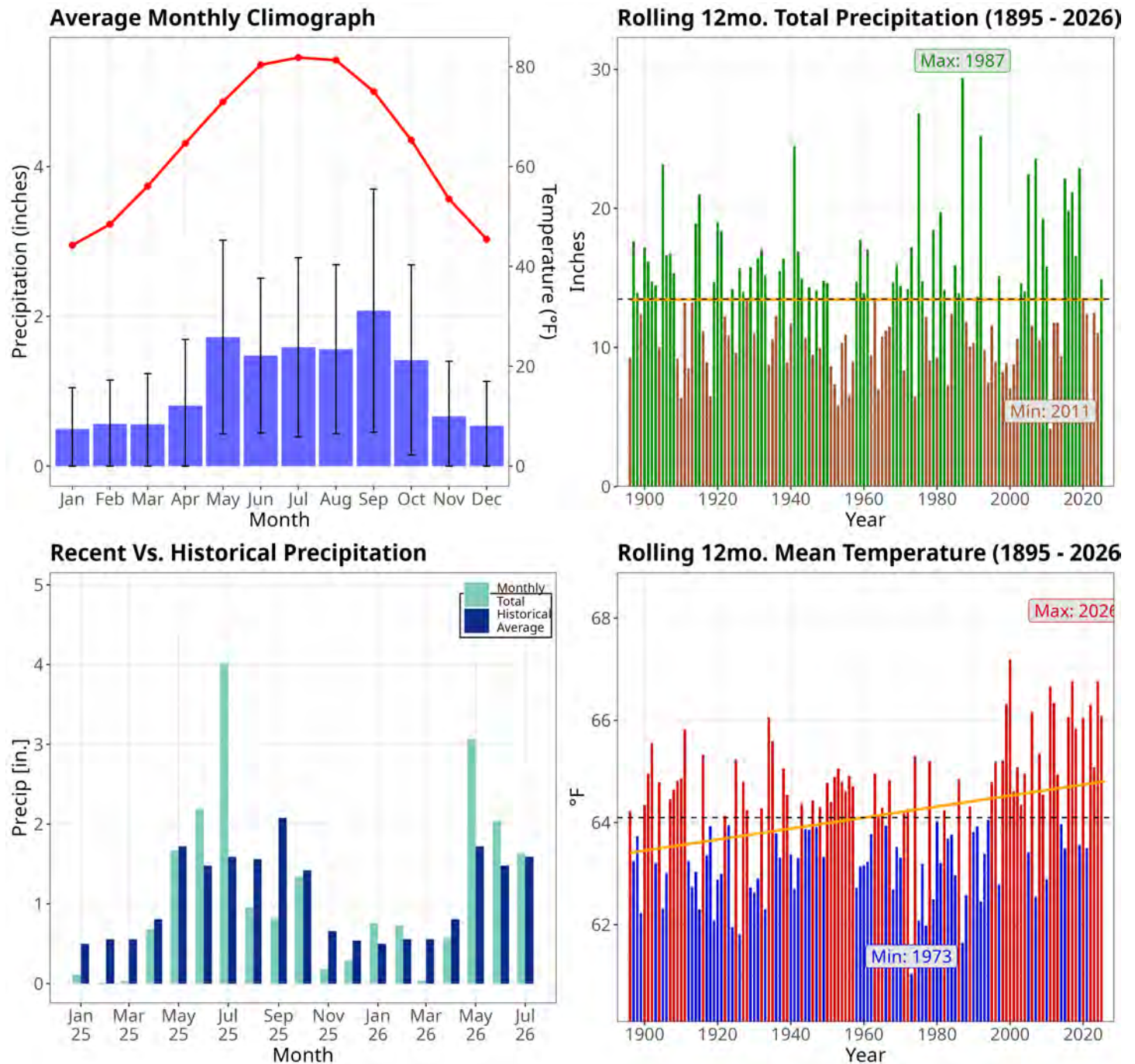


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Floyd County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Floyd County is **-0.98** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 3.07 inches, which was **-2.3 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 109th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 80.9 degrees F, which was **+3 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 9th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
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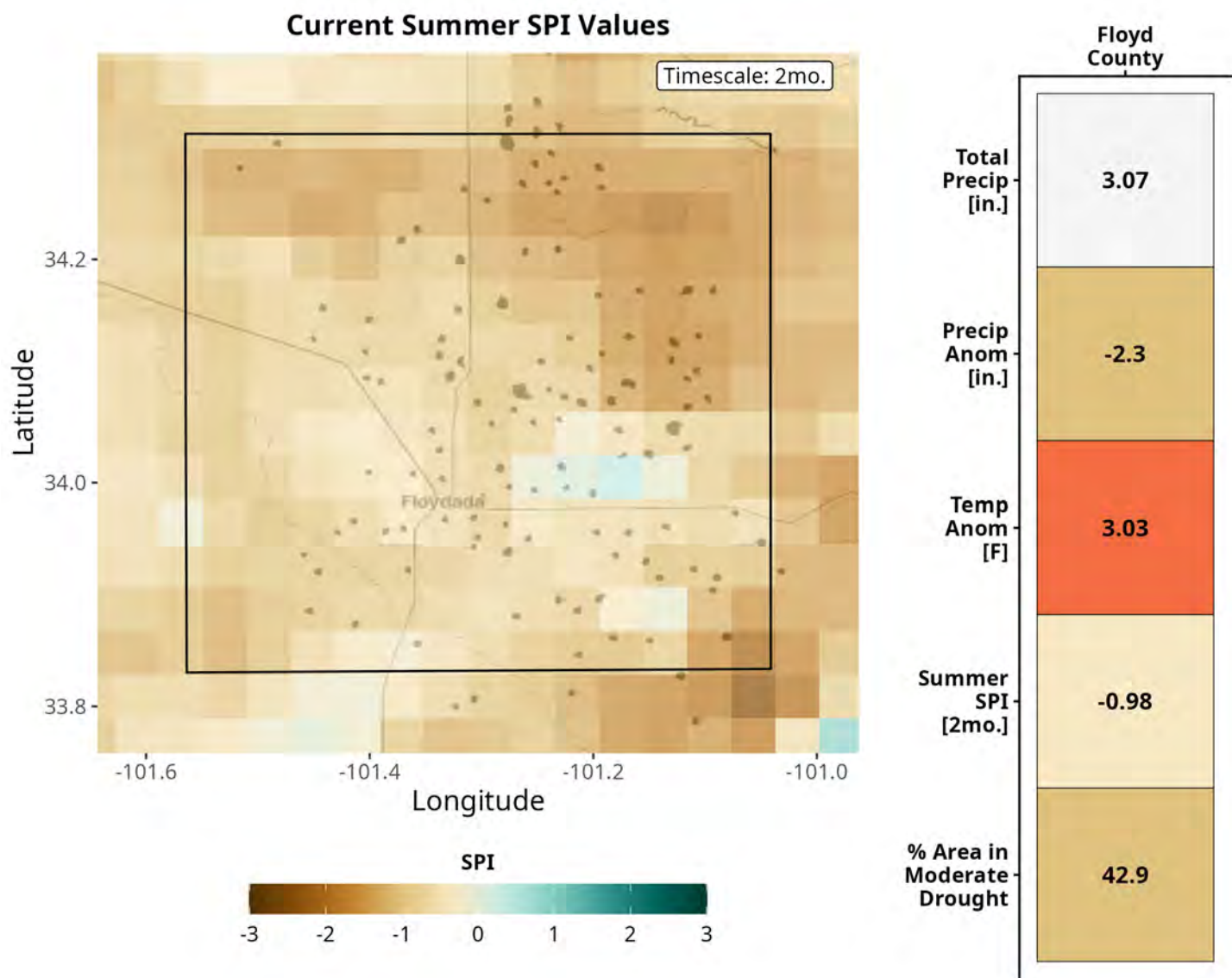
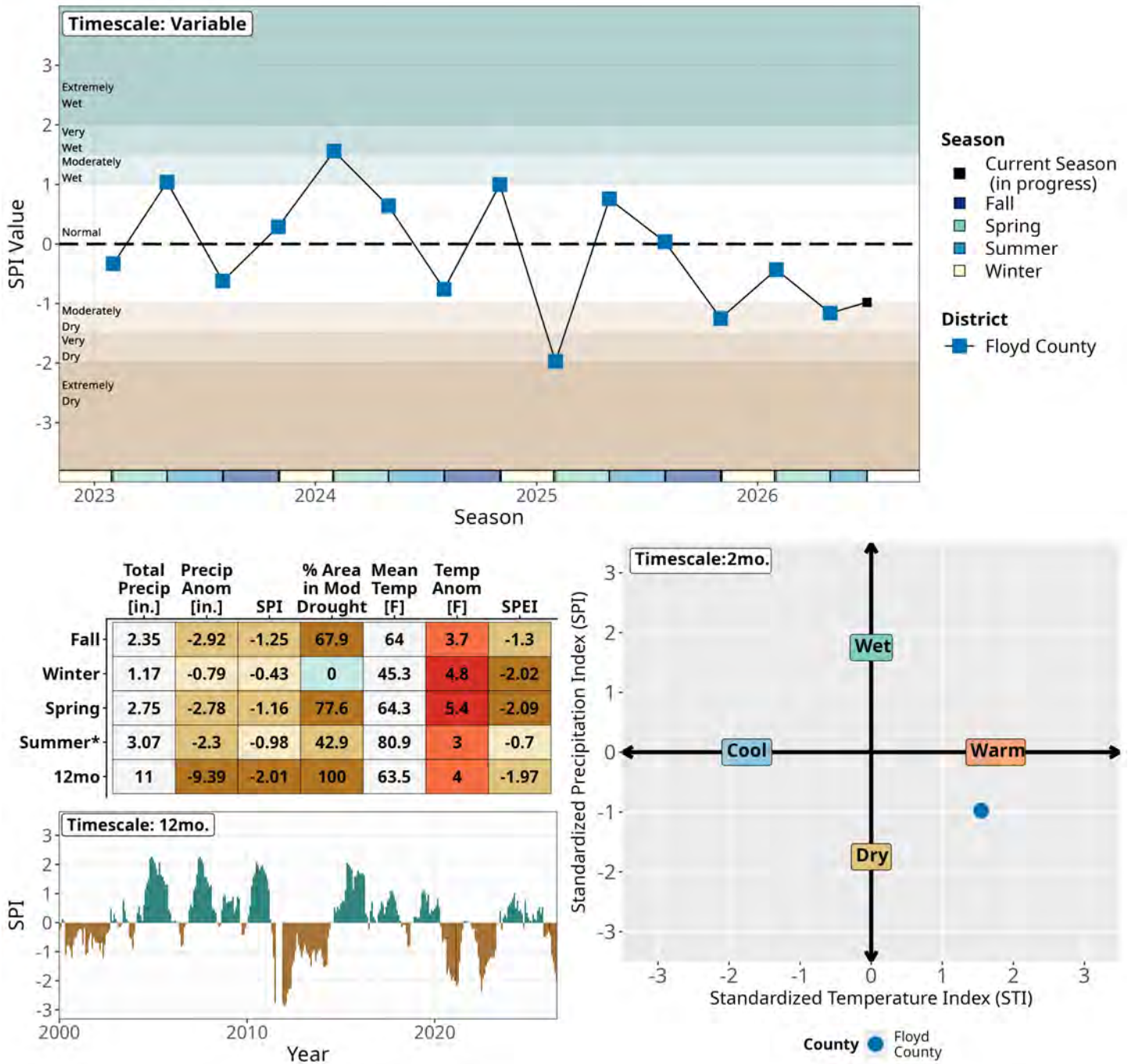


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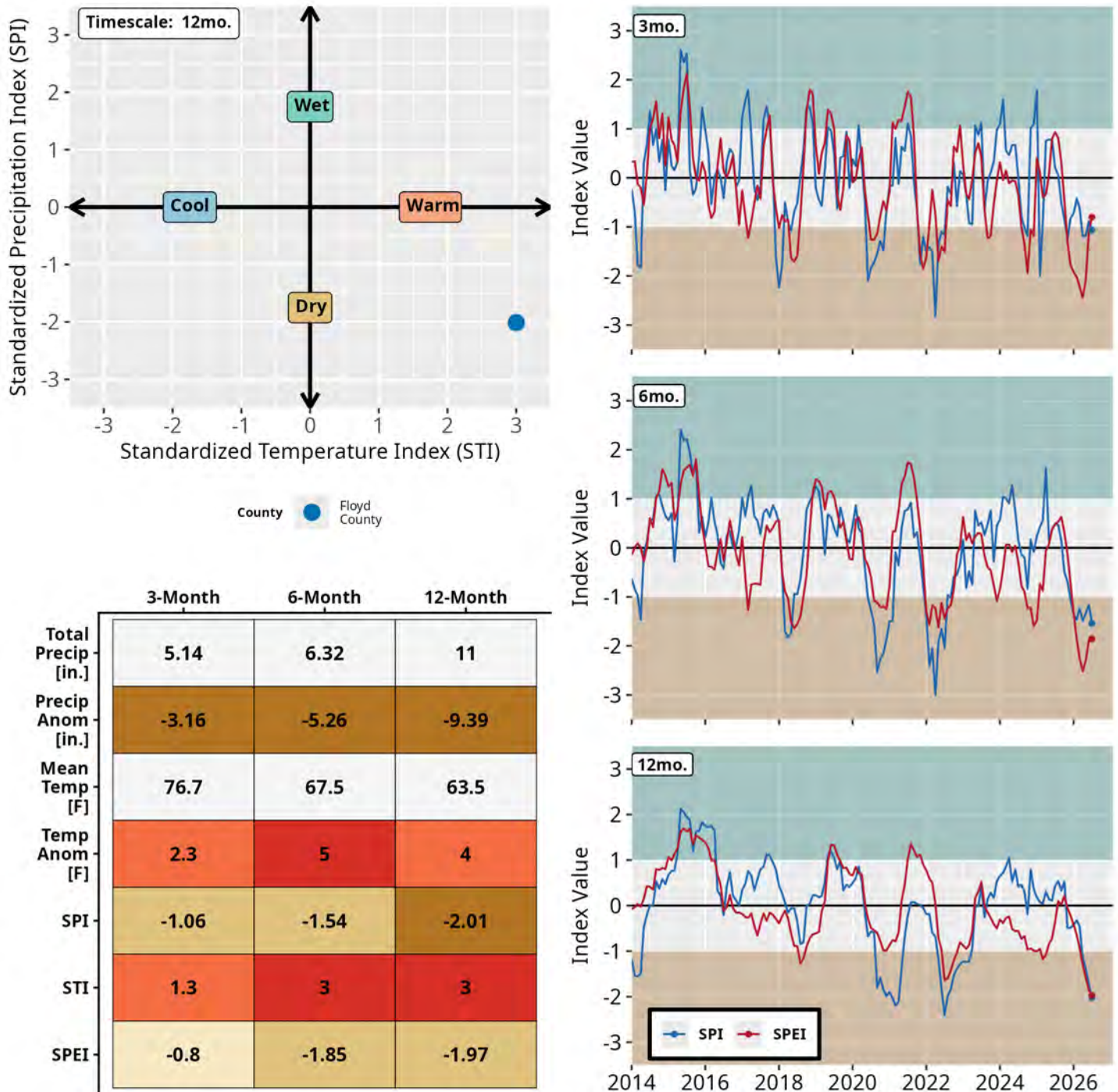


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Climatology and Trends

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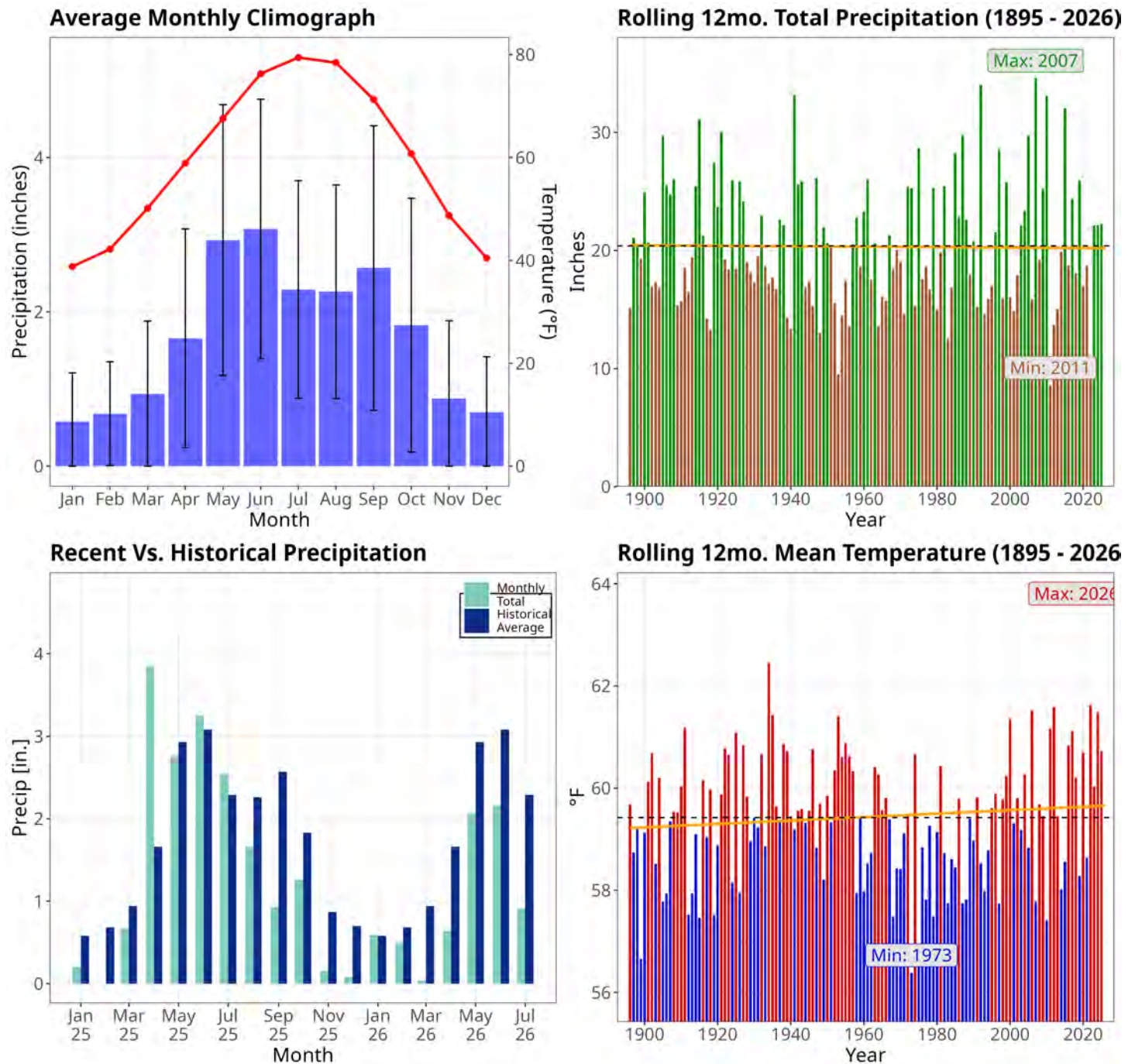


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≤ -2	Extremely Dry

Note:

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Garza County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Garza County is **-0.1** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 4.31 inches, which was **-0.57 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 77th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 83.7 degrees F, which was **+3.5 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 9th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

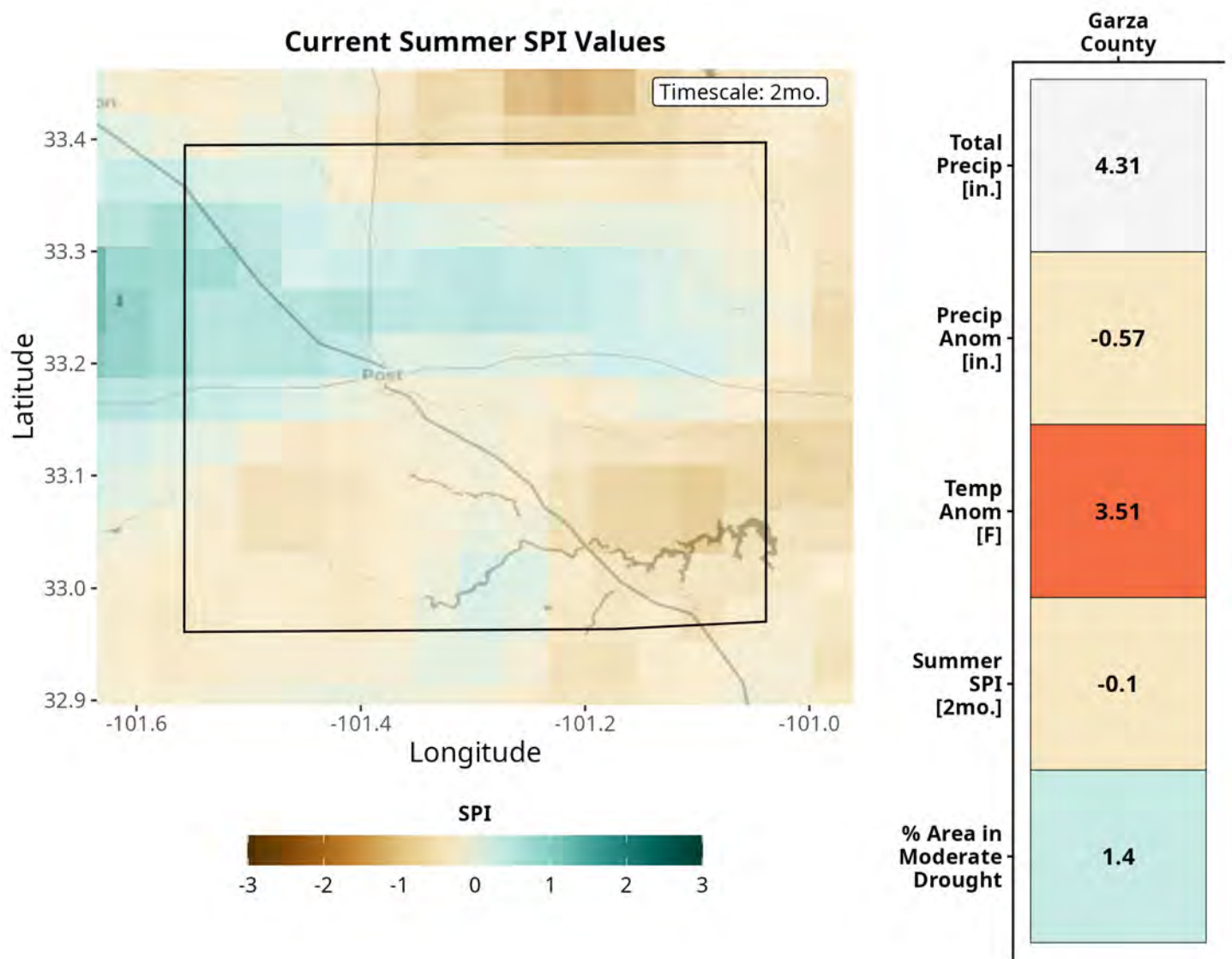


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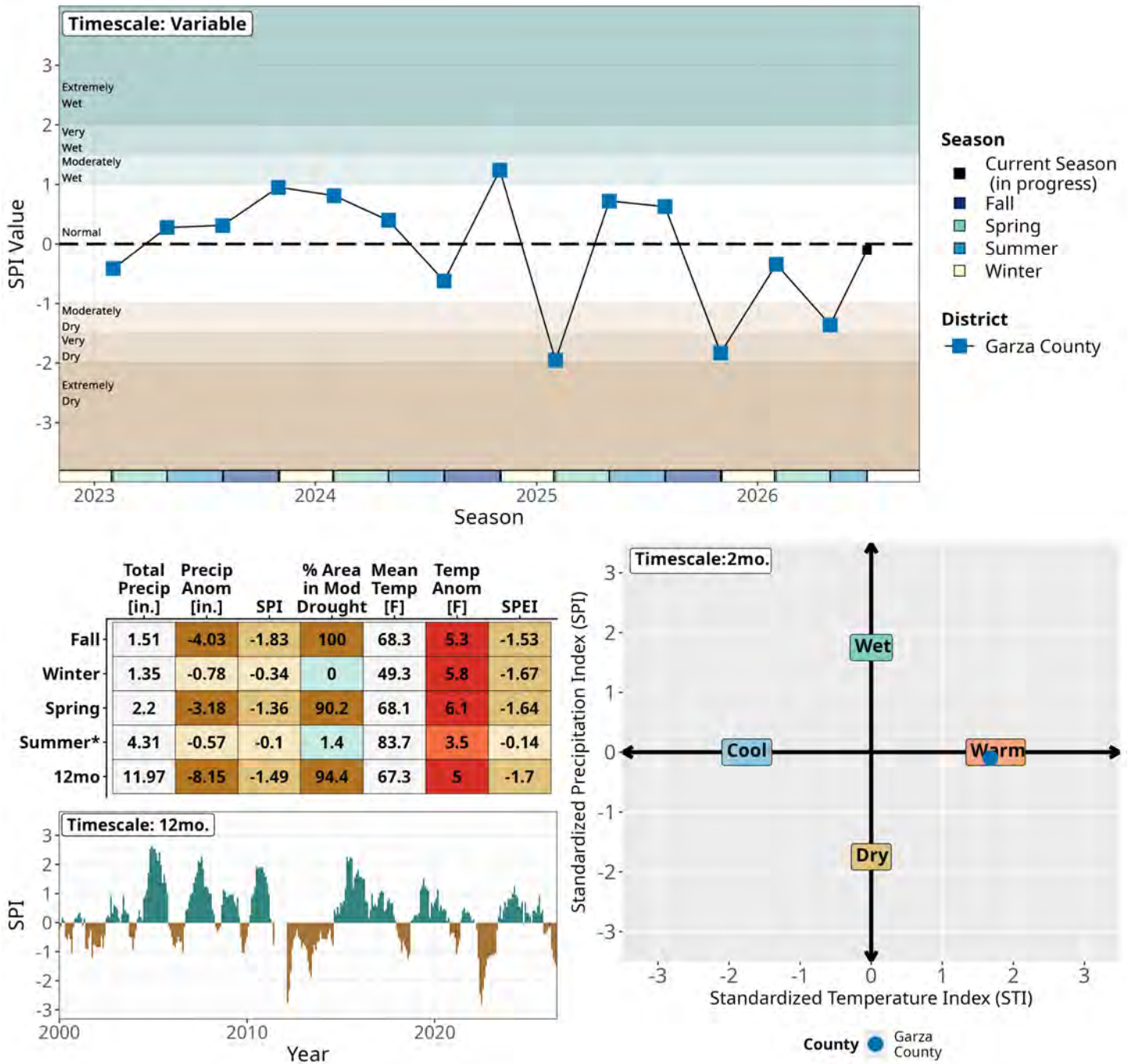


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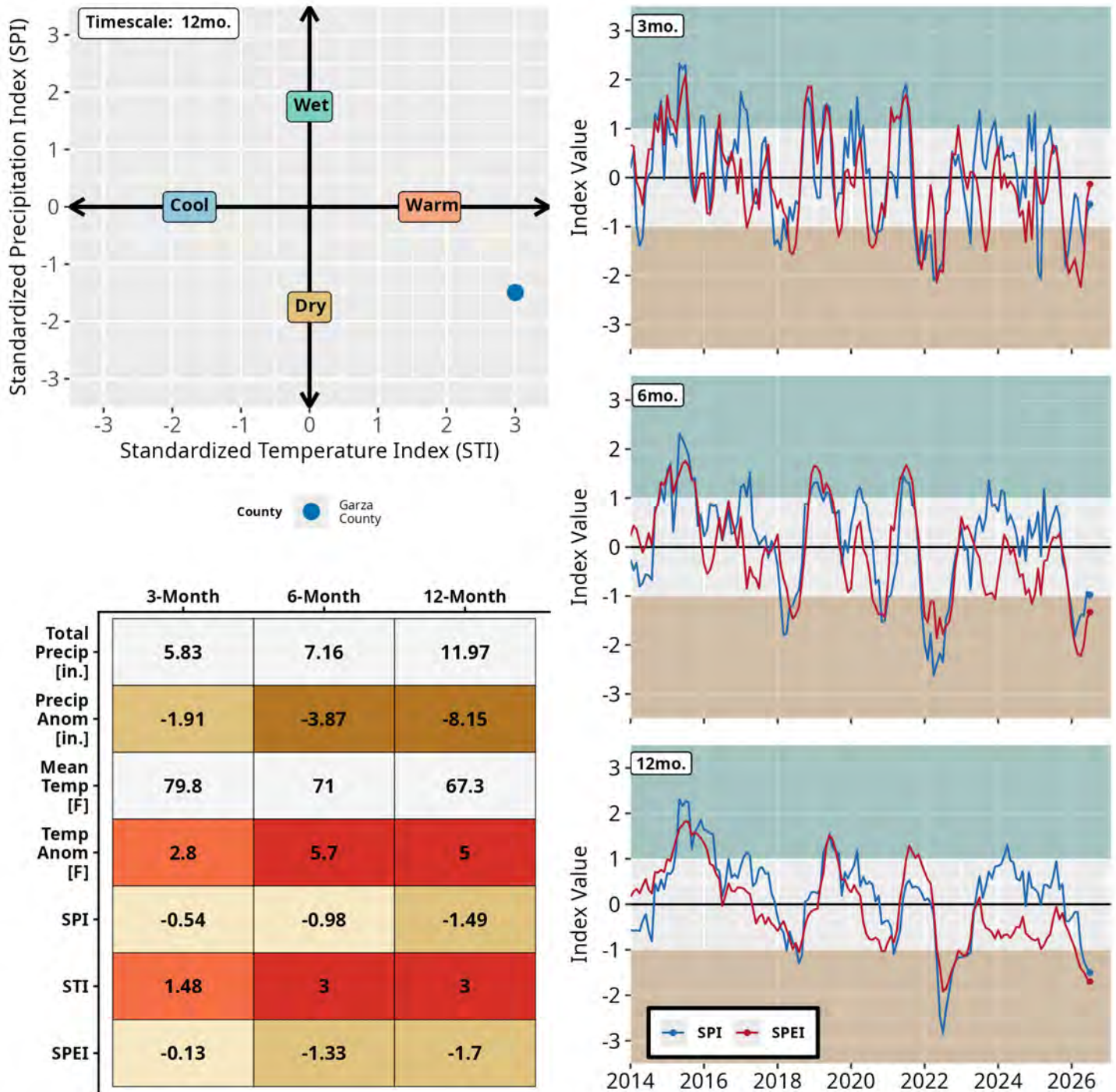


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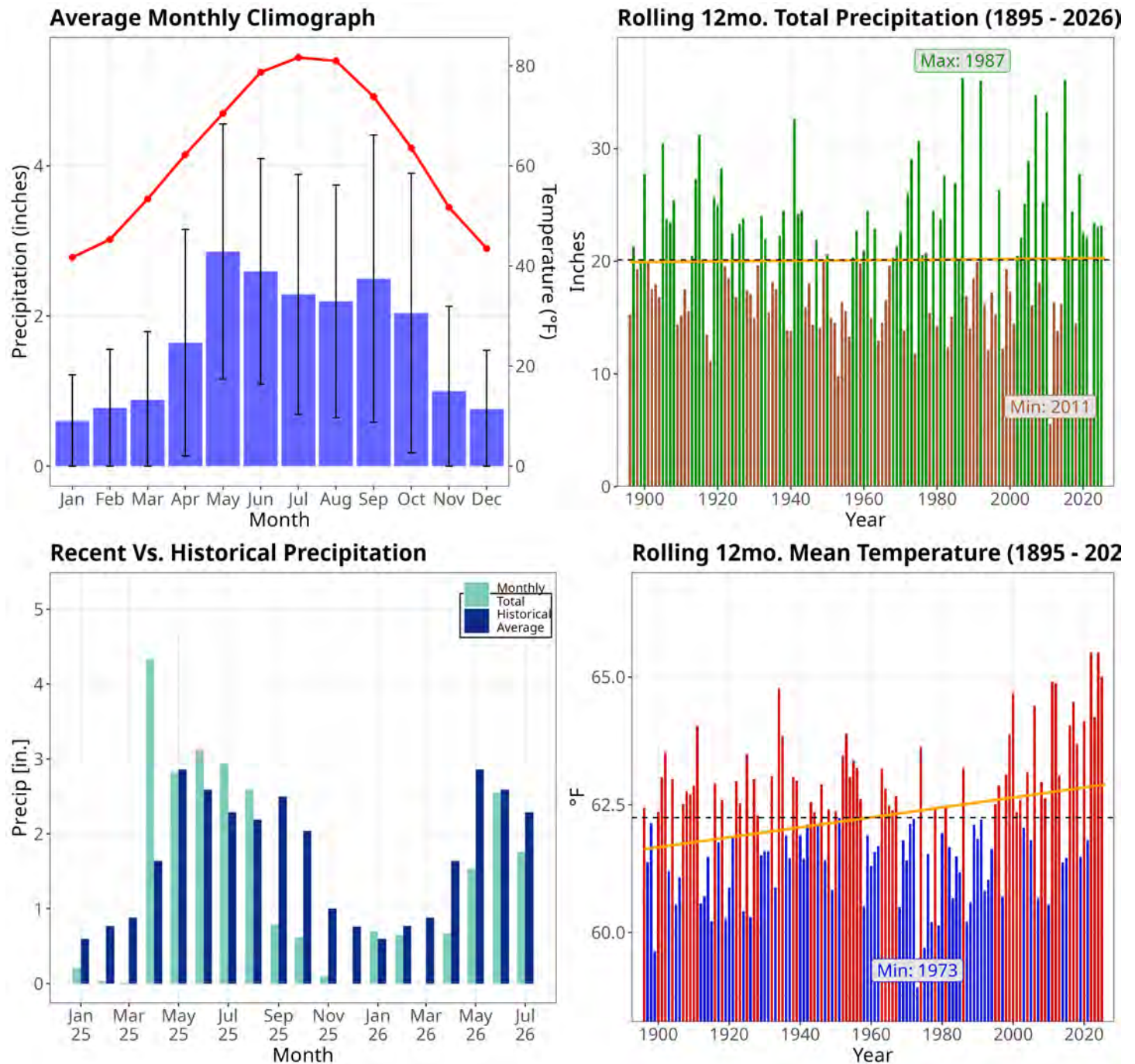


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Glasscock County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Glasscock County is **0.29** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 3.96 inches, which was **+0.28 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 55th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 82.8 degrees F, which was **+1.9 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 20th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

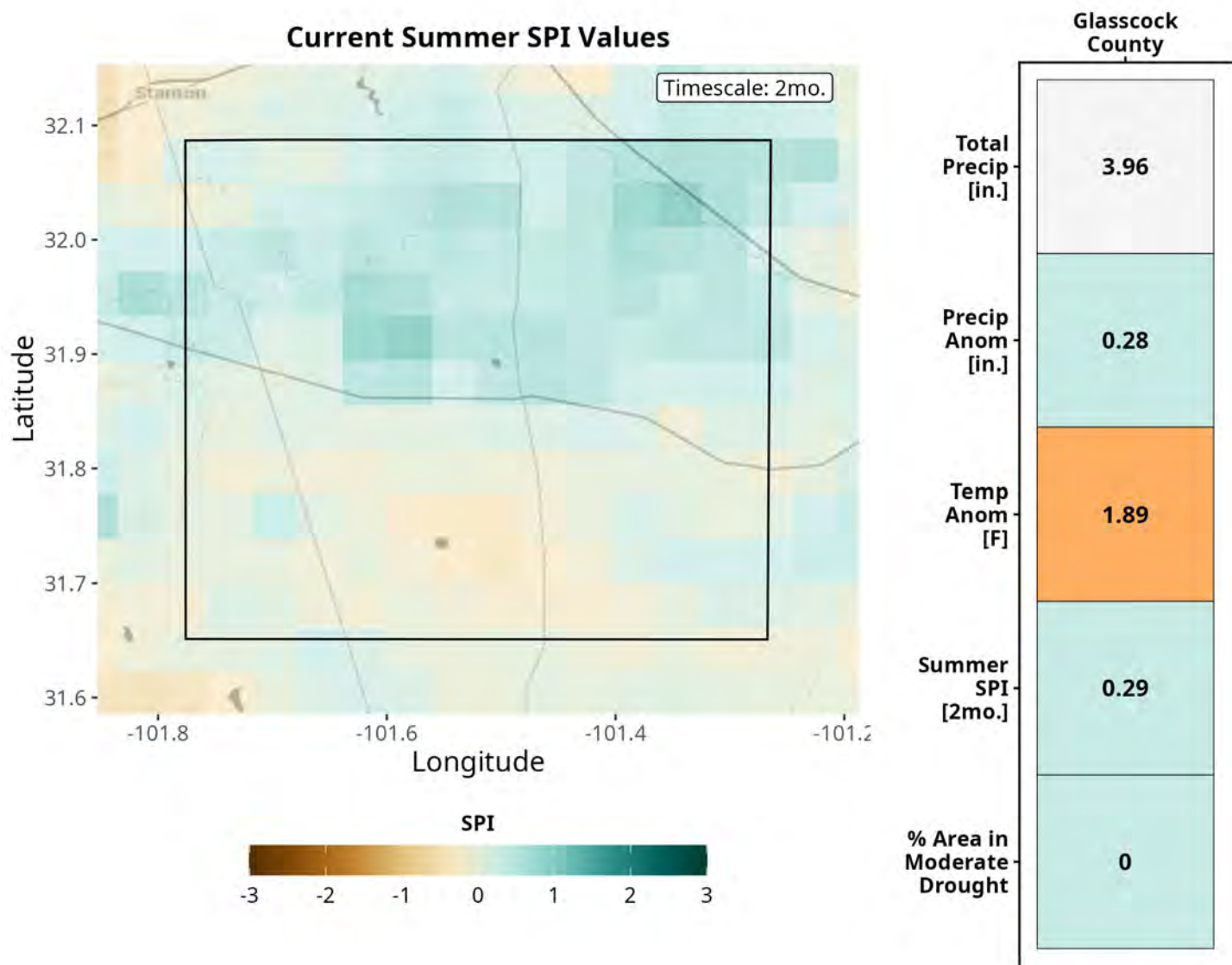


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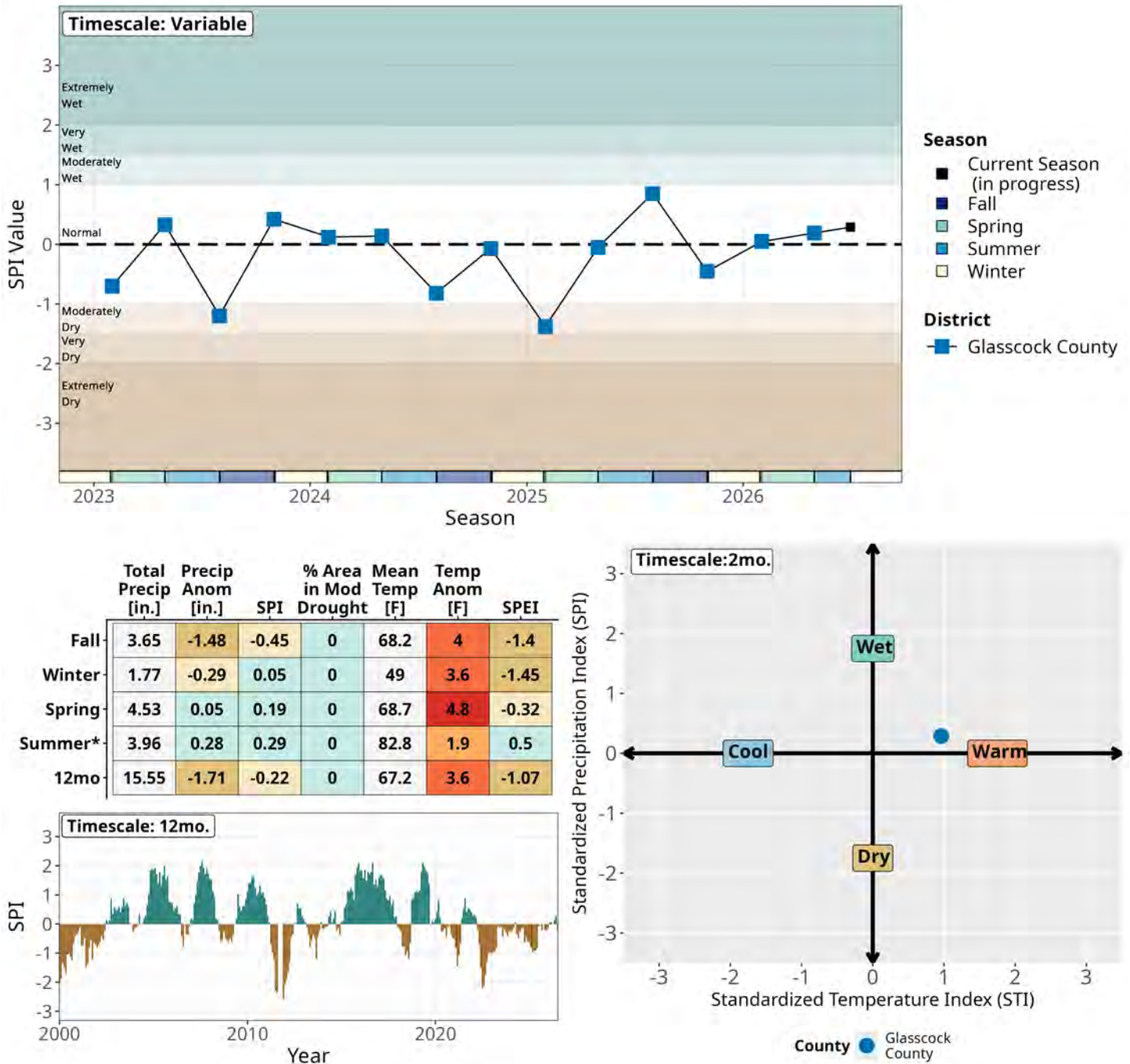


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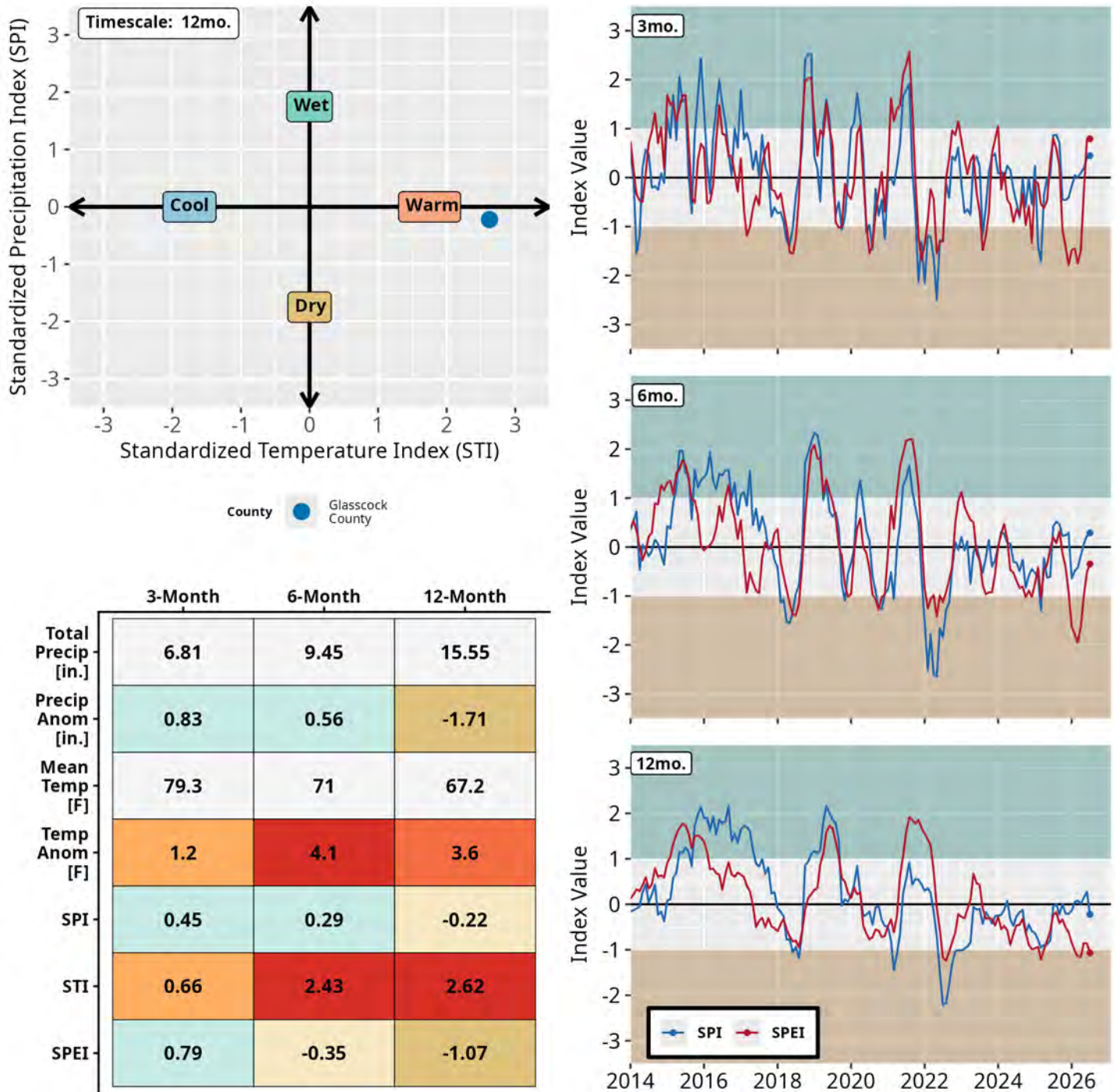


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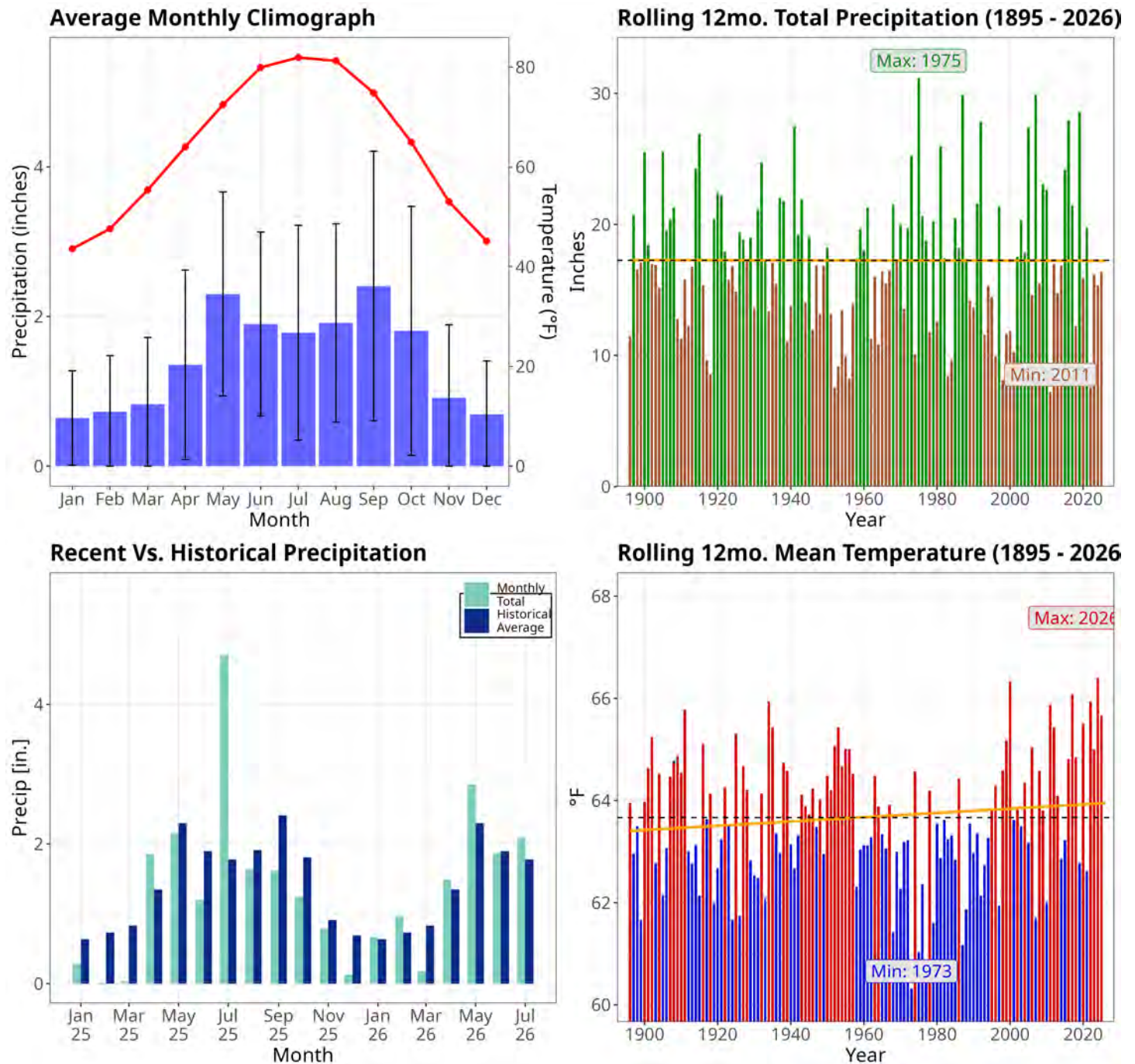


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Hale County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Hale County is **-0.44** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 3.83 inches, which was **-1.39 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 93rd out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 79.8 degrees F, which was **+2.8 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 9th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

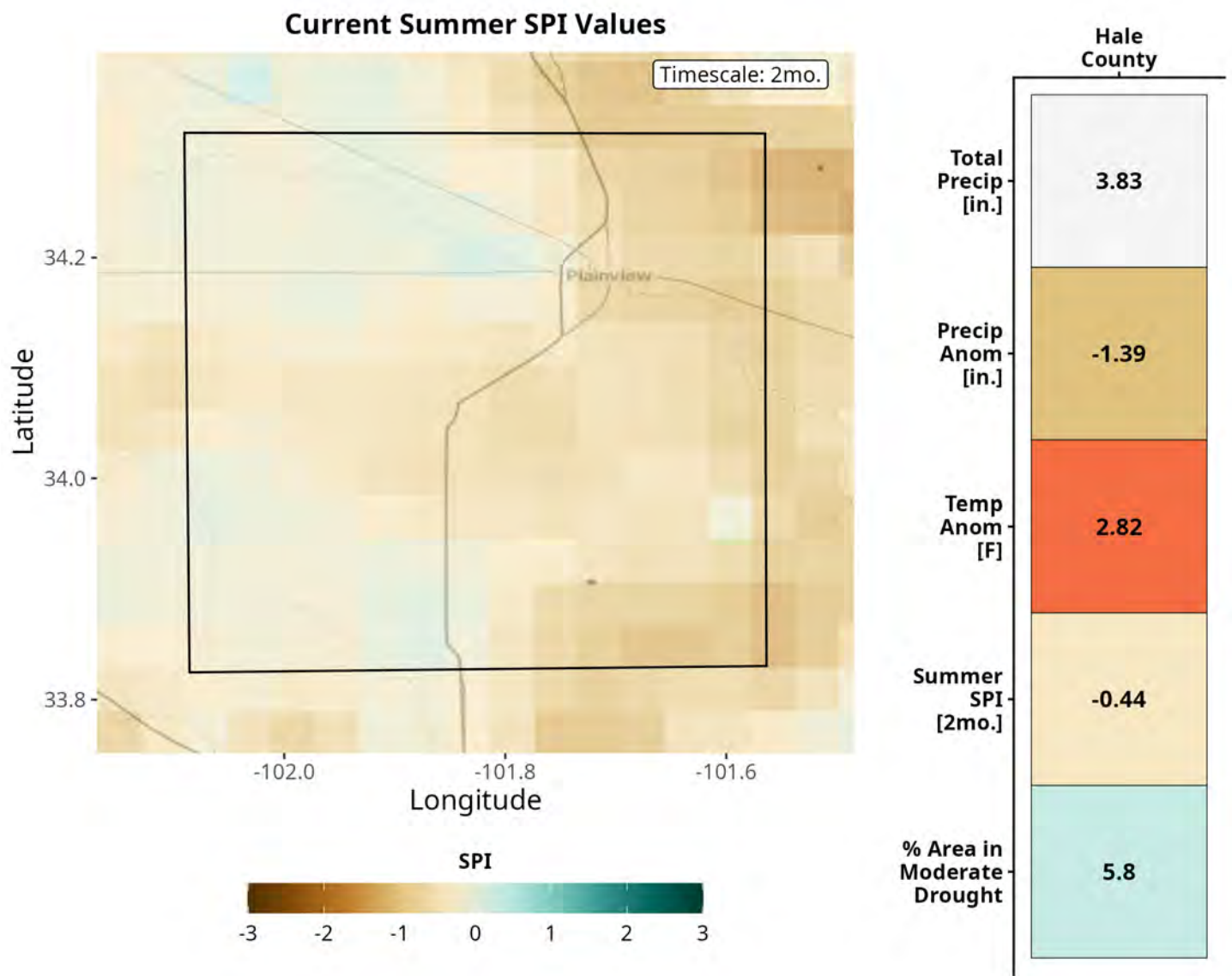


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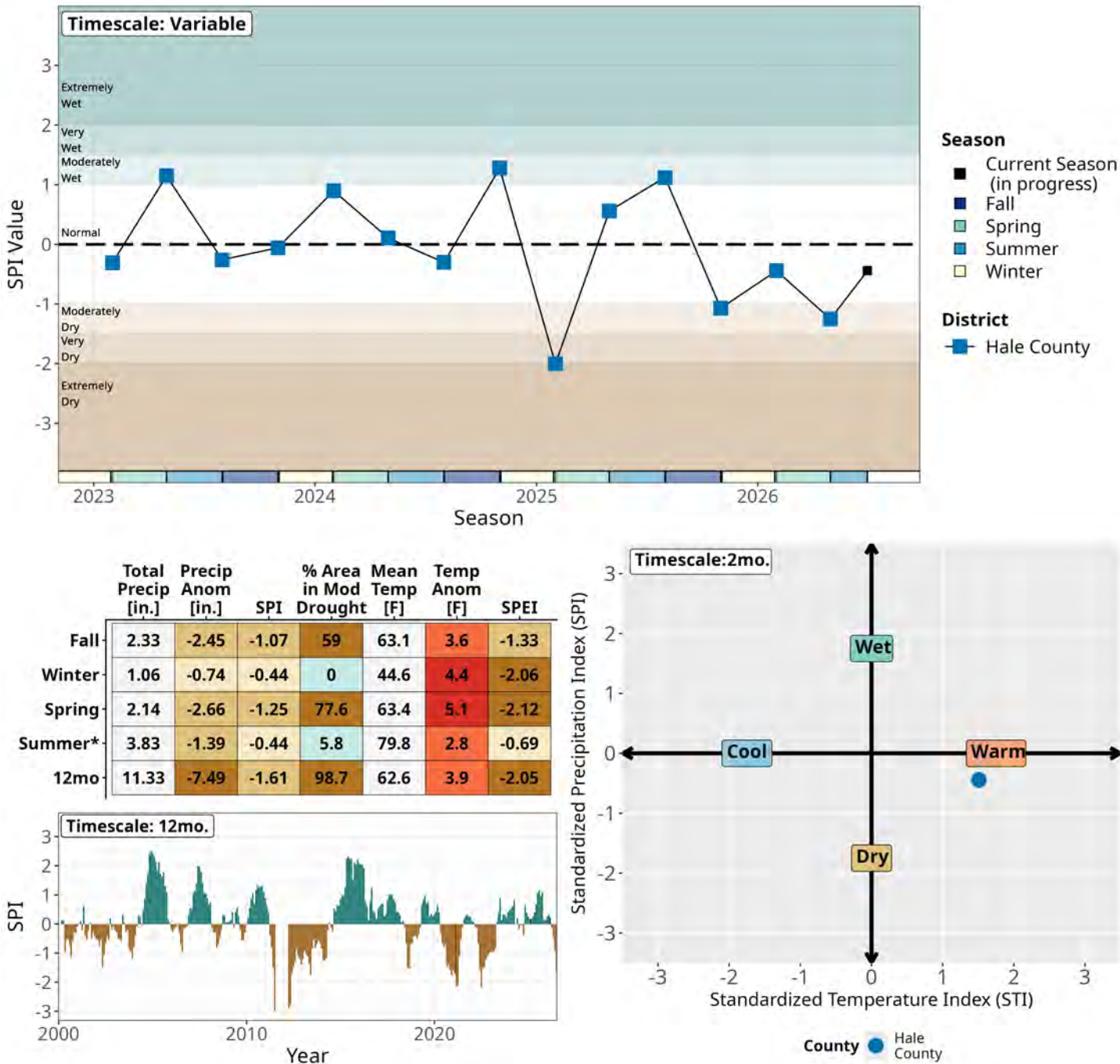


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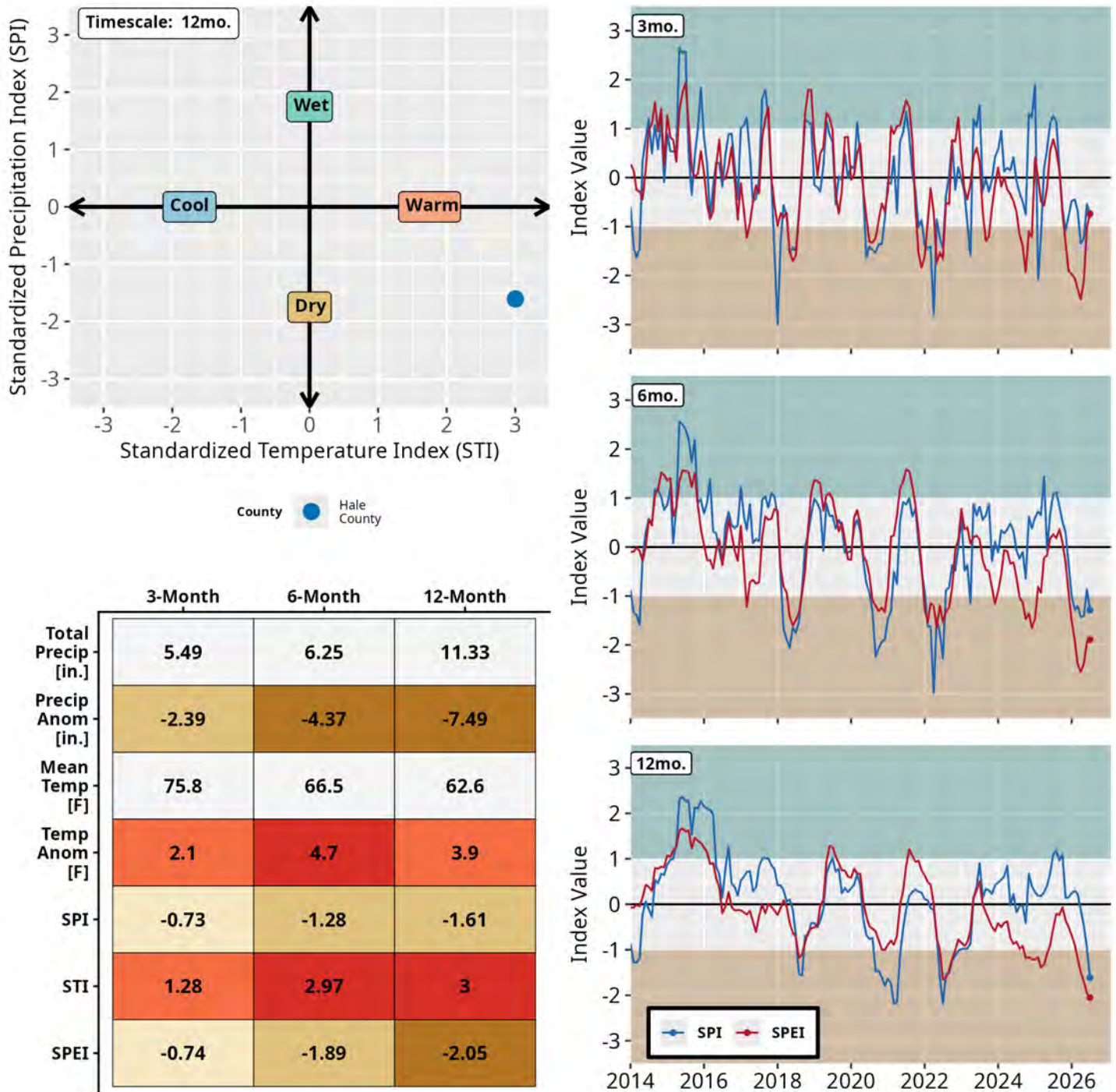


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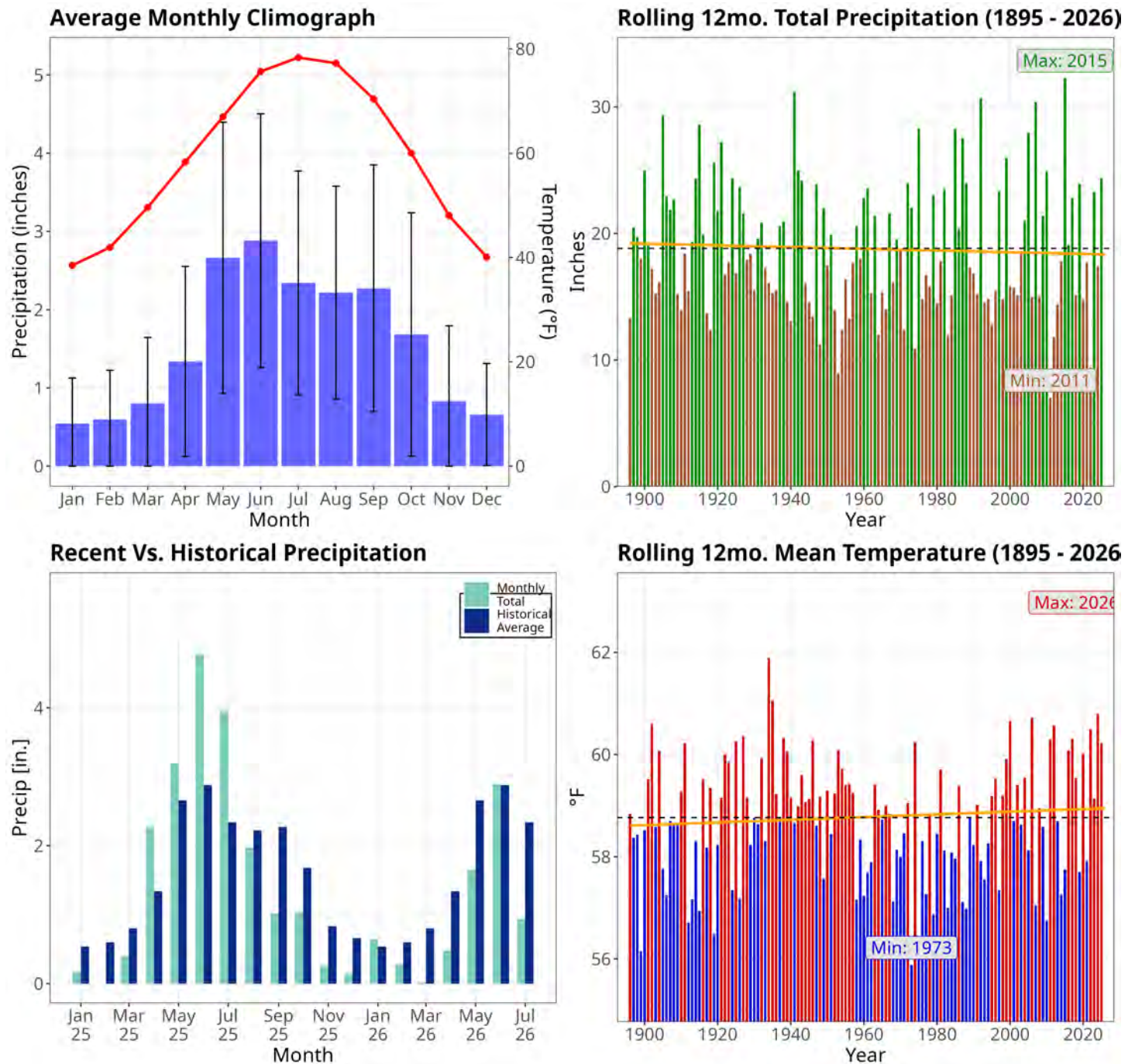


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Kent County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Kent County is **-0.21** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 4.06 inches, which was **-0.88 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 83rd out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 84.6 degrees F, which was **+3.6 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 8th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
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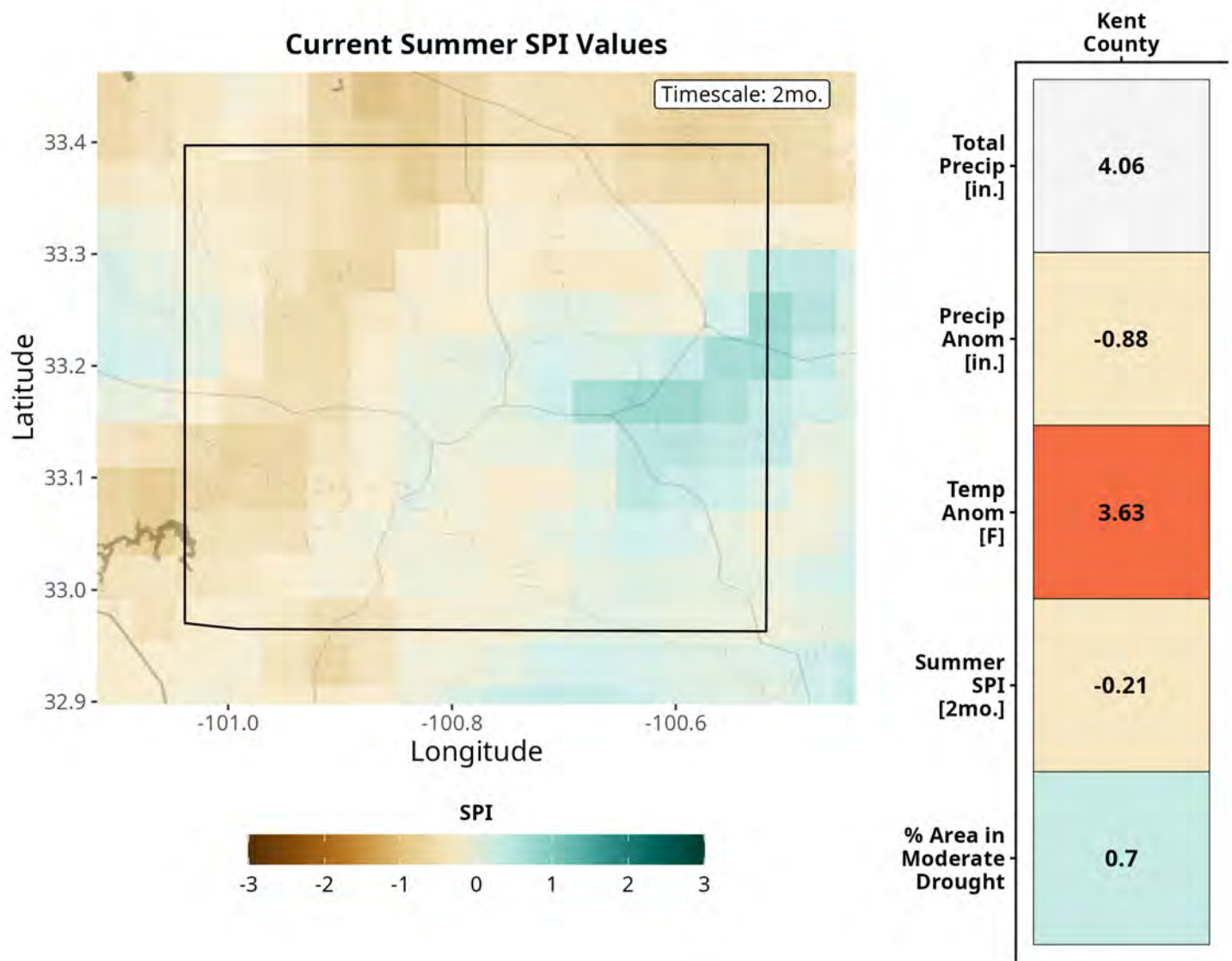


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Seasonal Progression Summary

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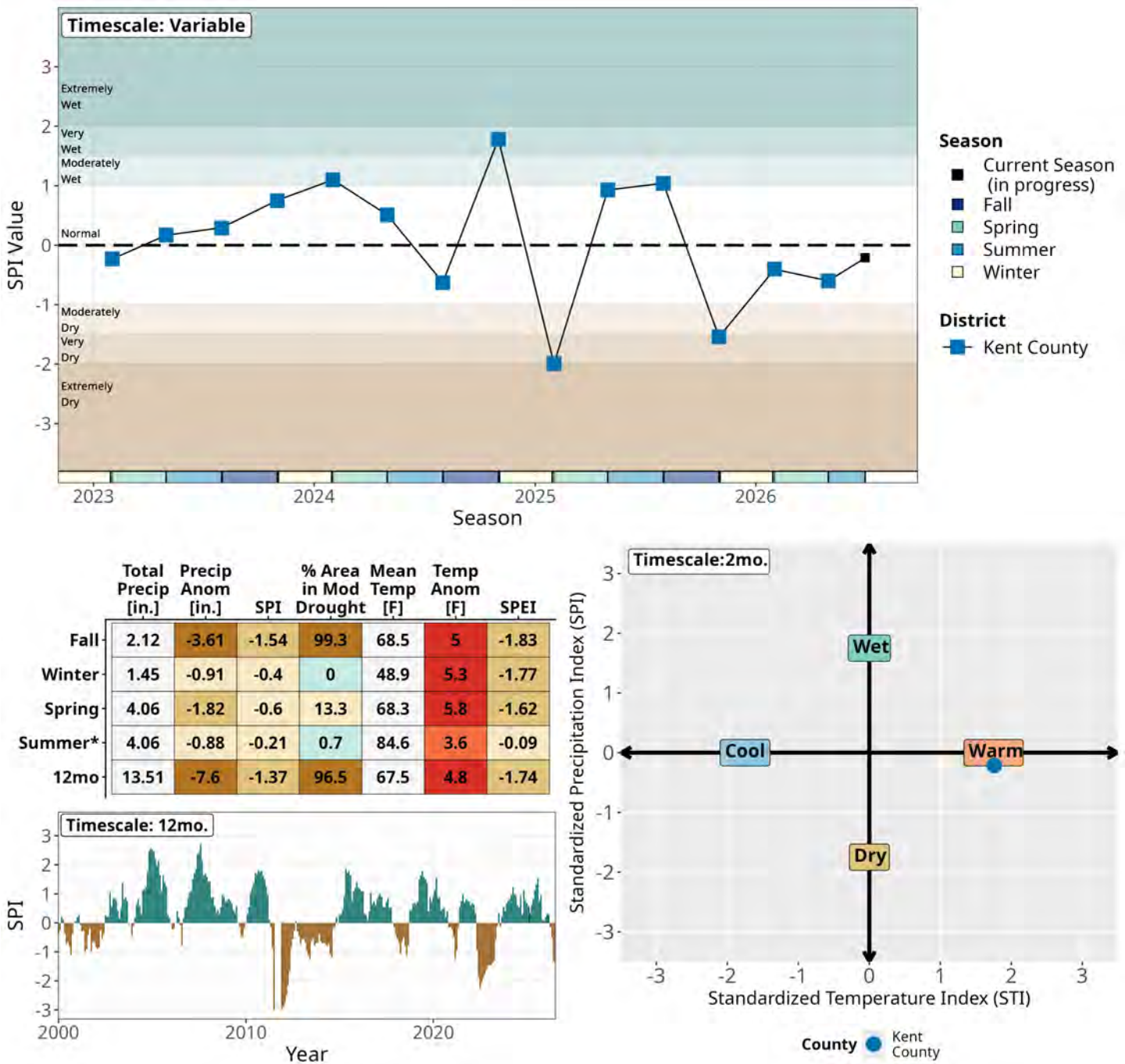


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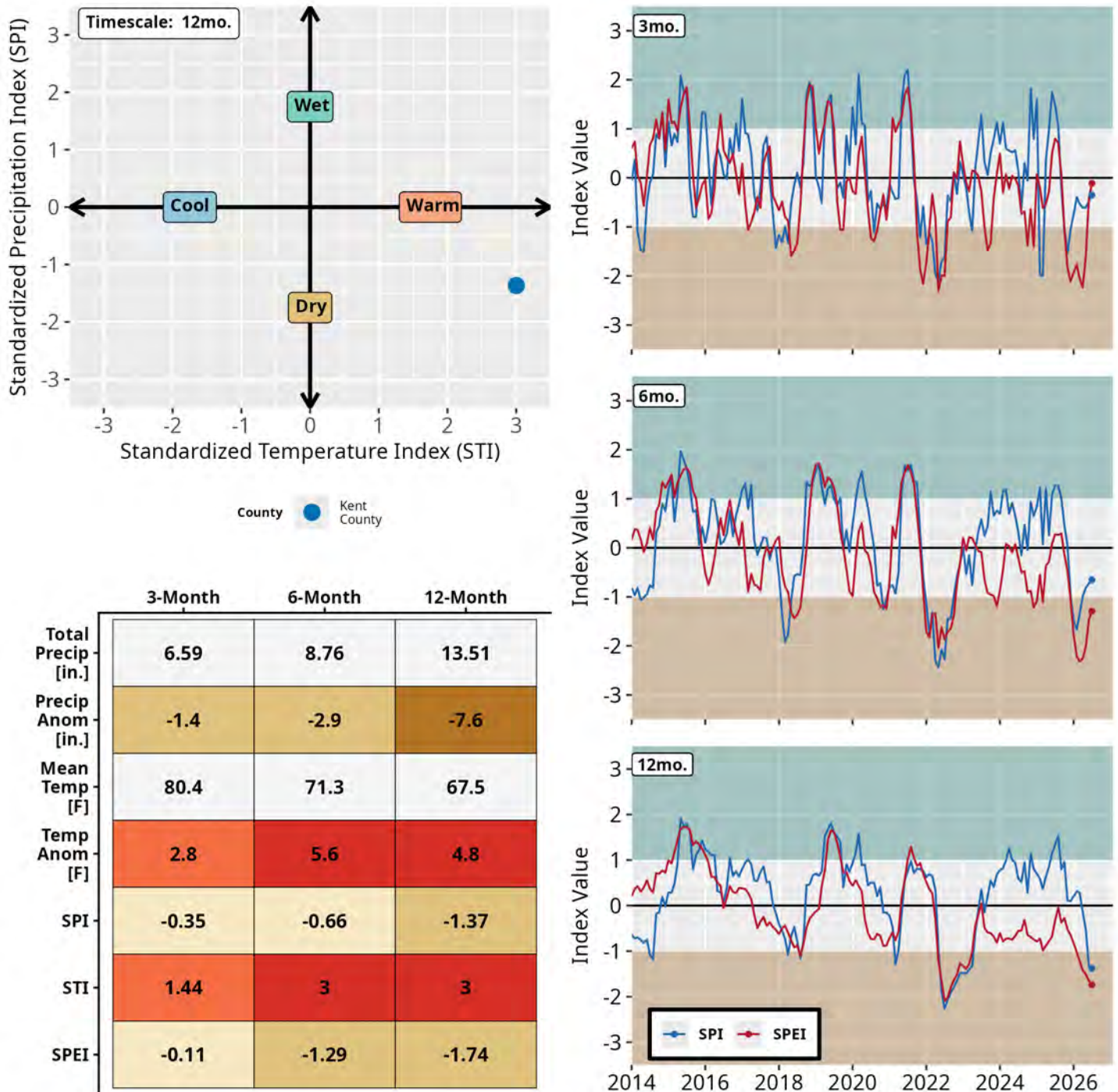


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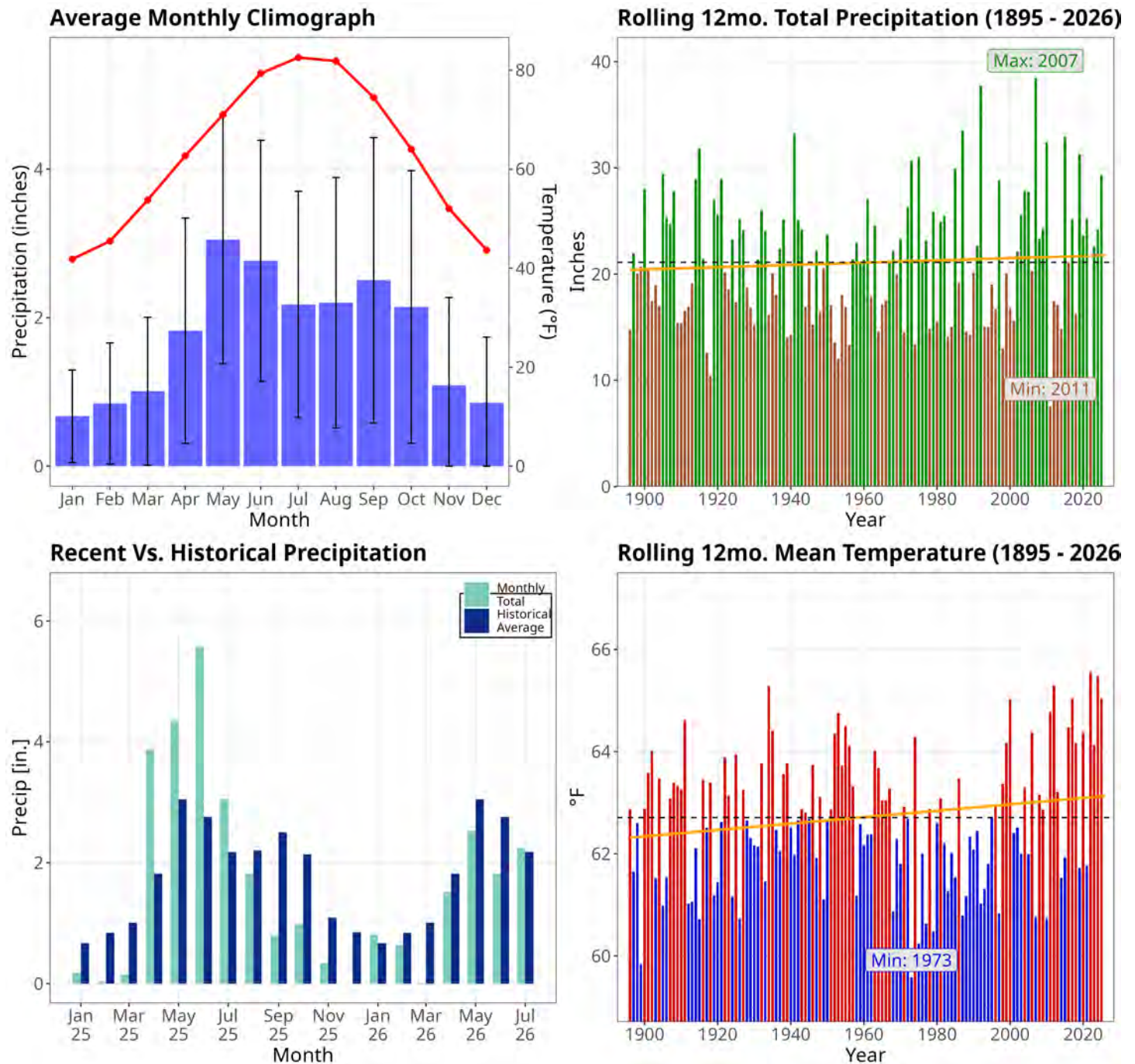


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Lamb County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Lamb County is **-0.27** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 4.09 inches, which was **-0.93 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 87th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 79.4 degrees F, which was **+3 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 9th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

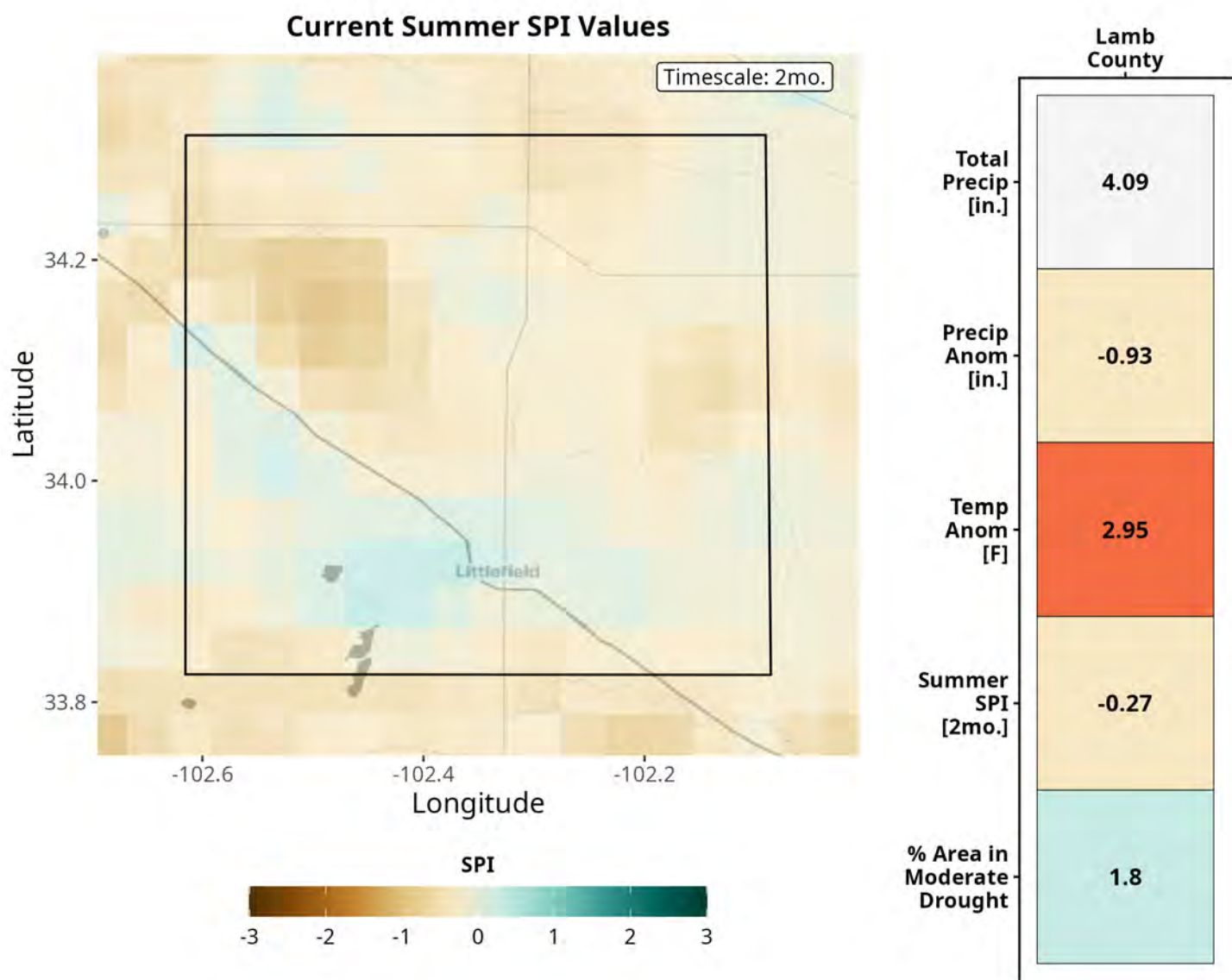


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Seasonal Progression Summary

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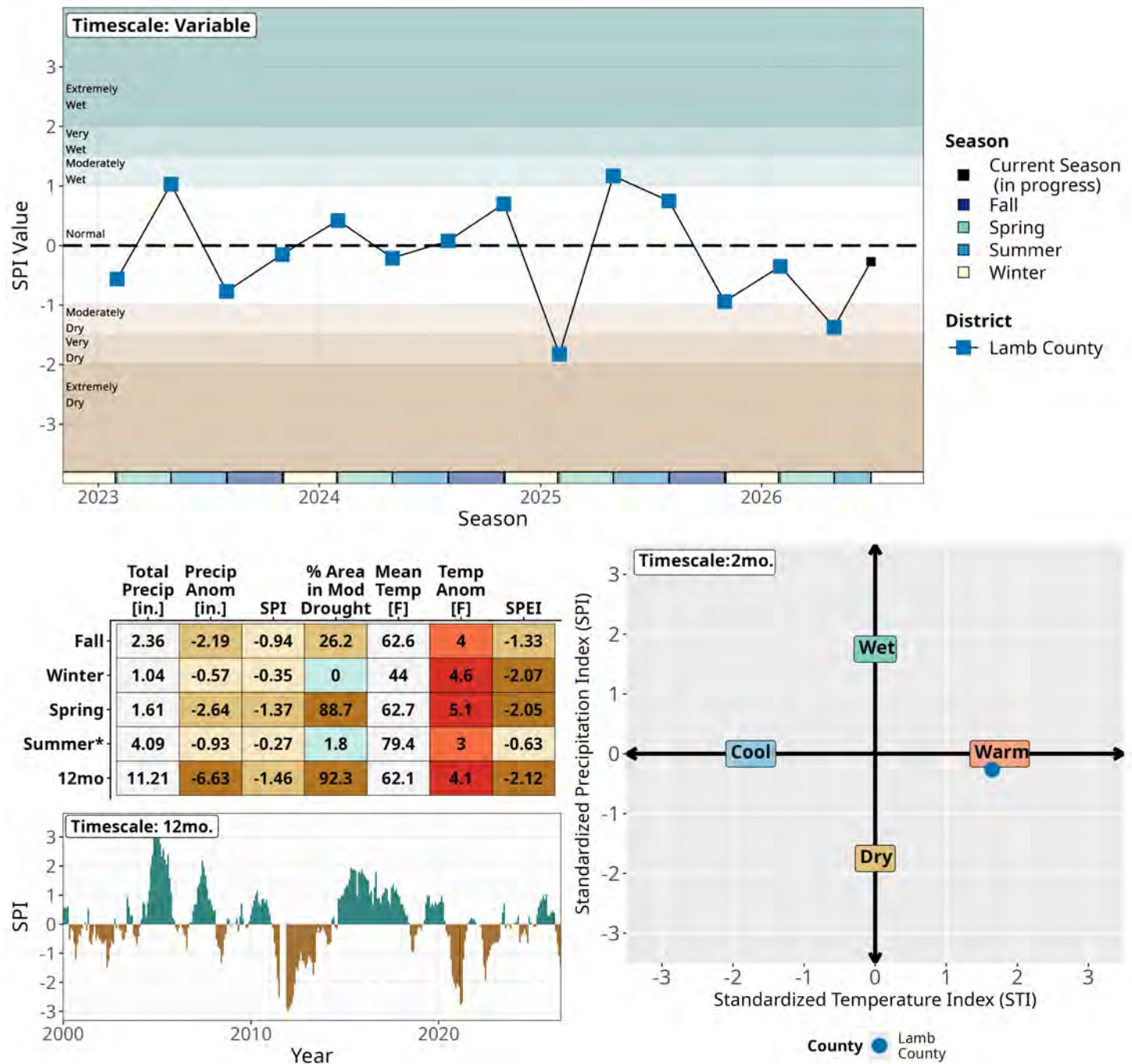


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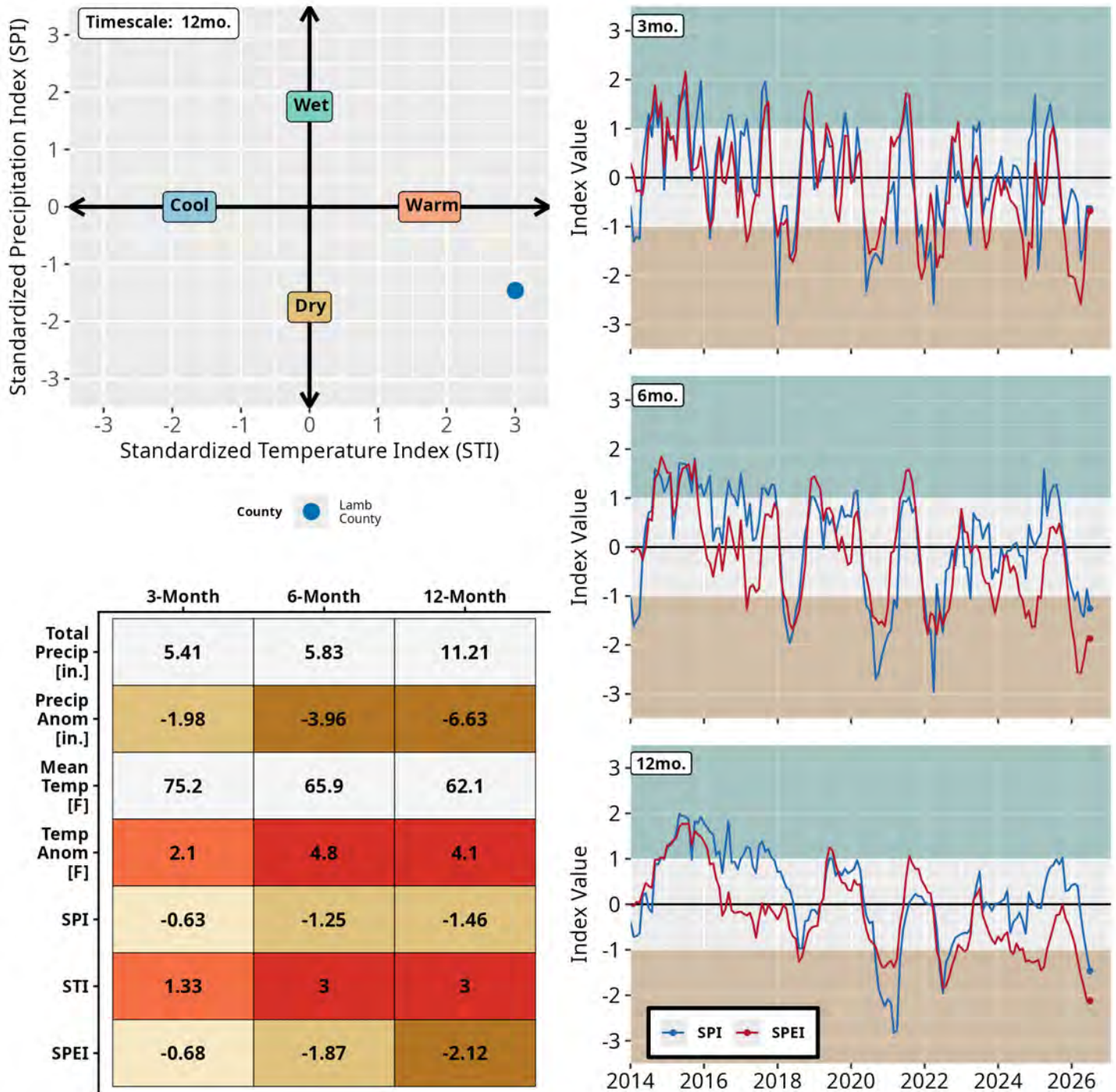


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Climatology and Trends

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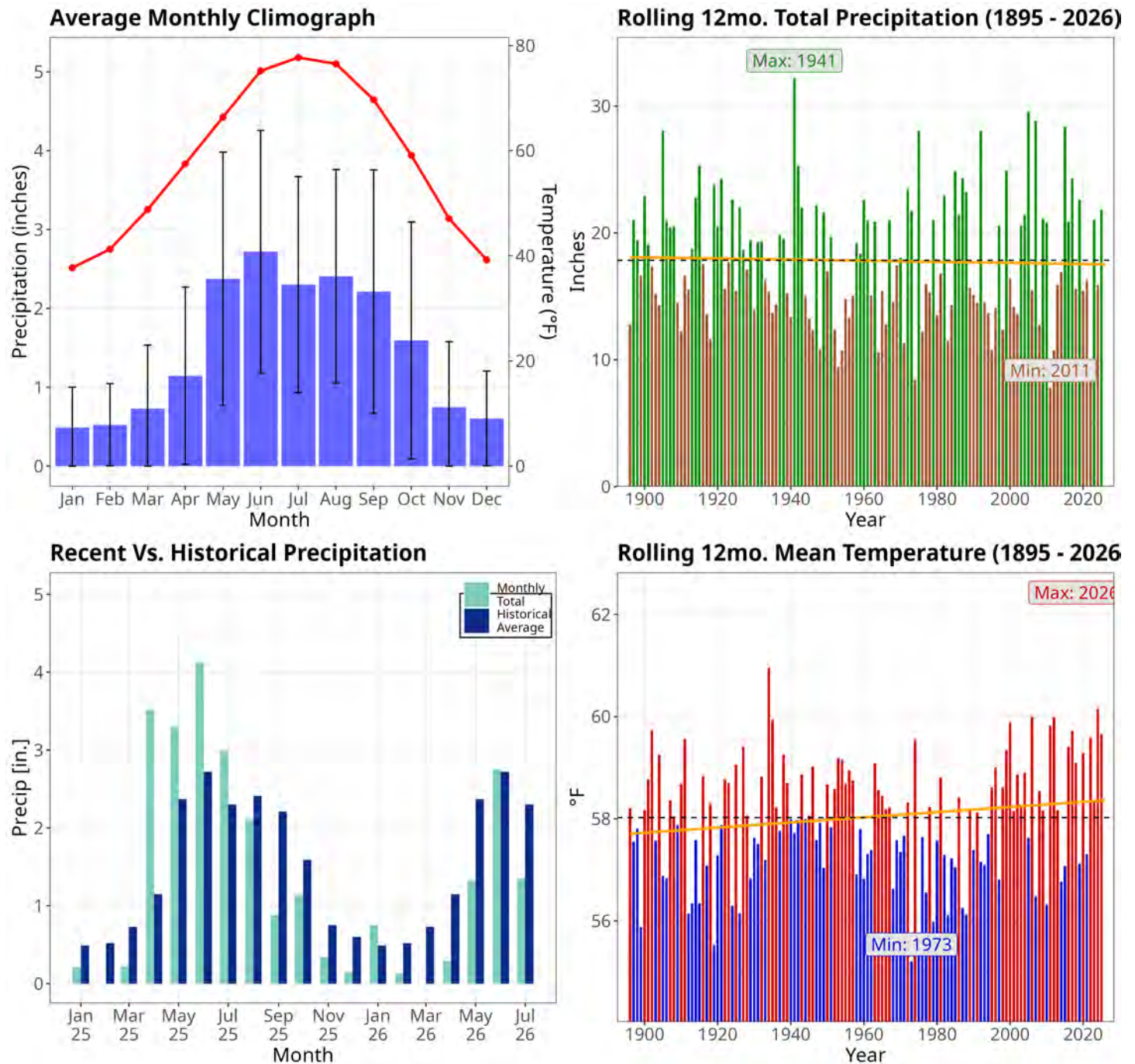


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Mechanics Behind the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

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Note:

Table adapted from <https://drought.unl.edu/Monitoring/SPI/MapInterpretation.aspx>

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Lipscomb County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Lipscomb County is **0.62** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 7.23 inches, which was **+1.35 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 35th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 80.5 degrees F, which was **+3 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 12th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **33-40% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

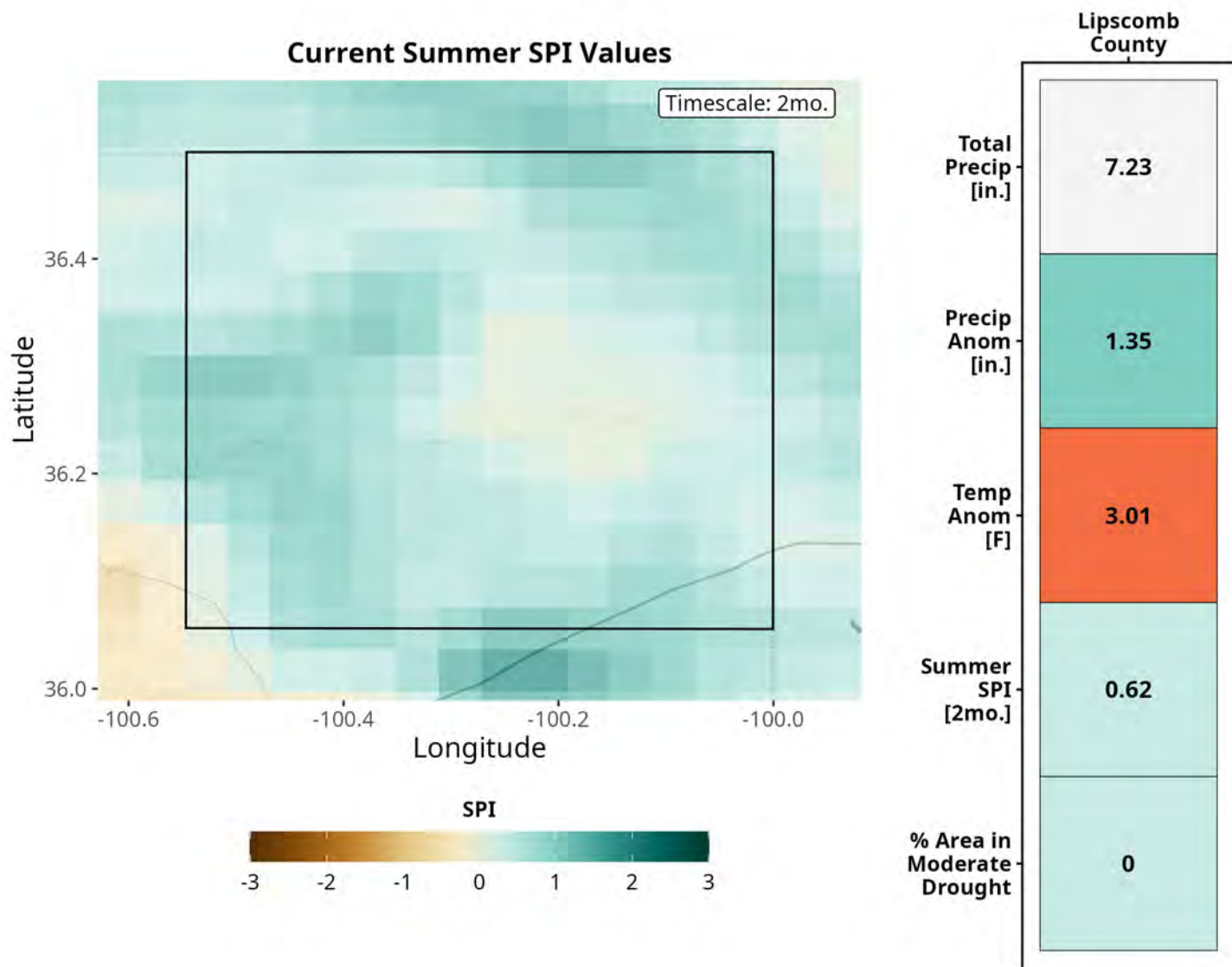


Figure 1: [Left] Lipscomb County Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) values for **Summer 2026 (July 2mo. timescale)**. [Right] Table summarizing climate statistics for **Summer 2026 (June - July)**. Note: Season in progress - partial statistics being reported.

Seasonal Progression Summary

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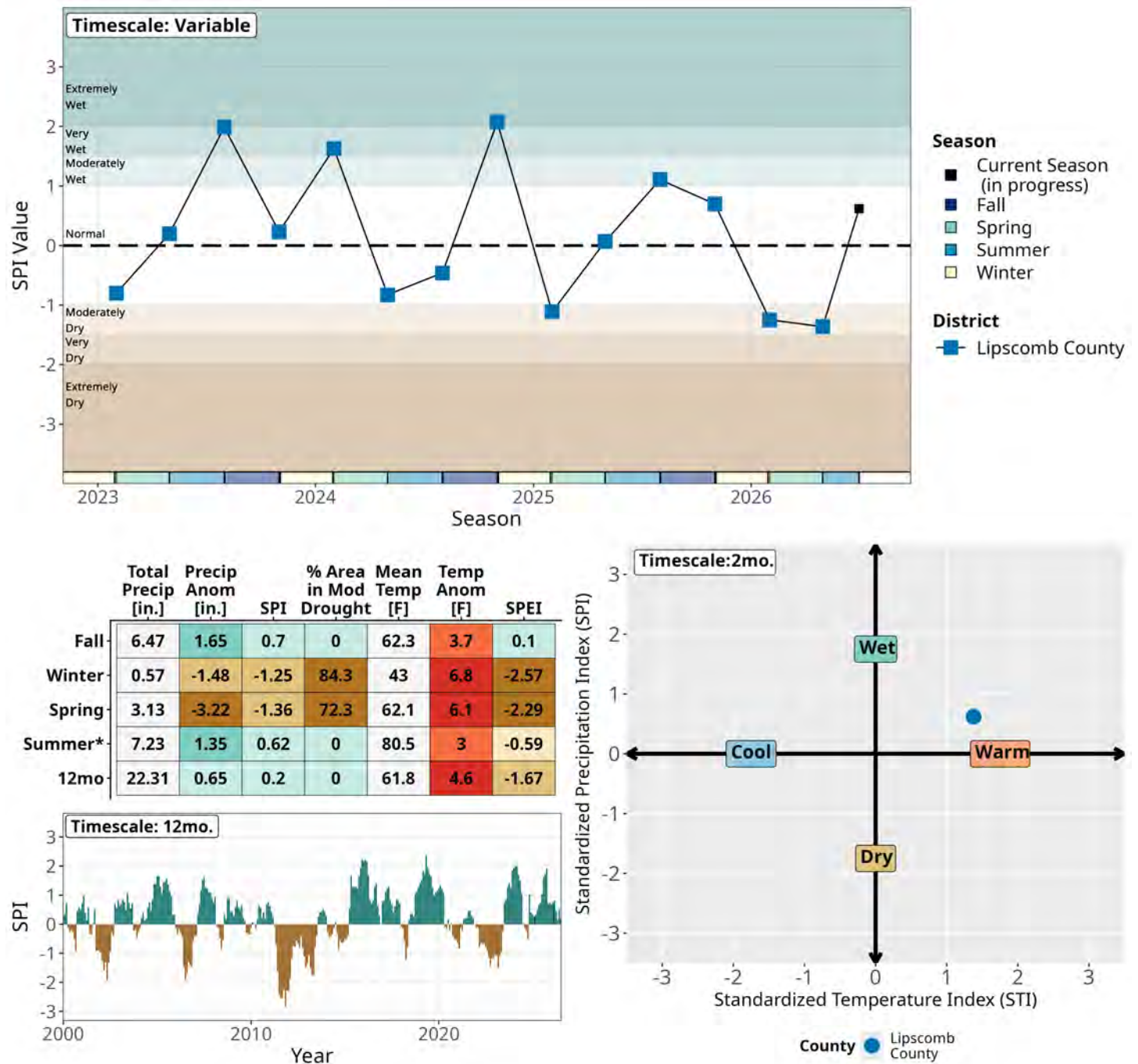


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Temperature Impacts on Drought

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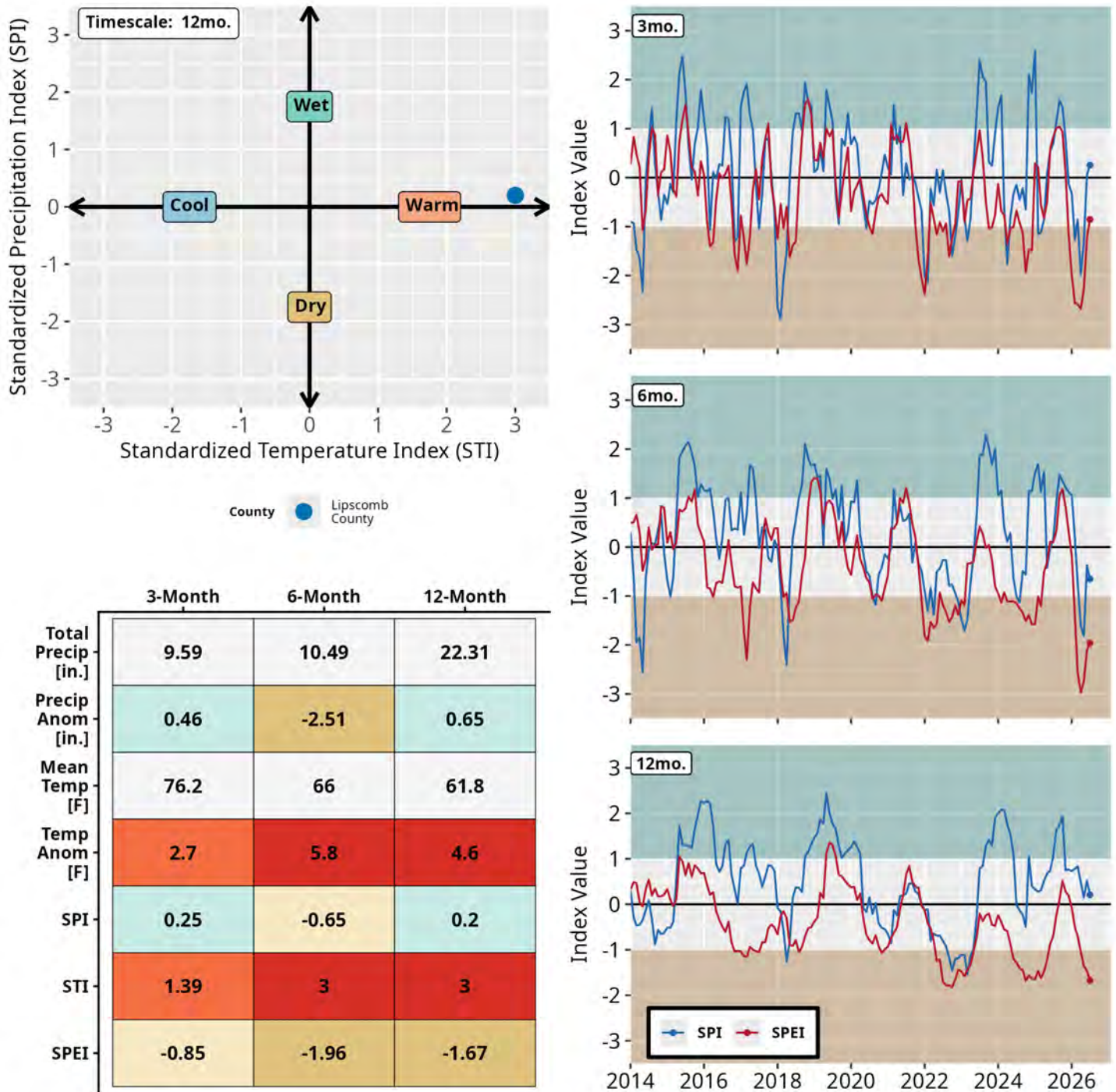


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Climatology and Trends

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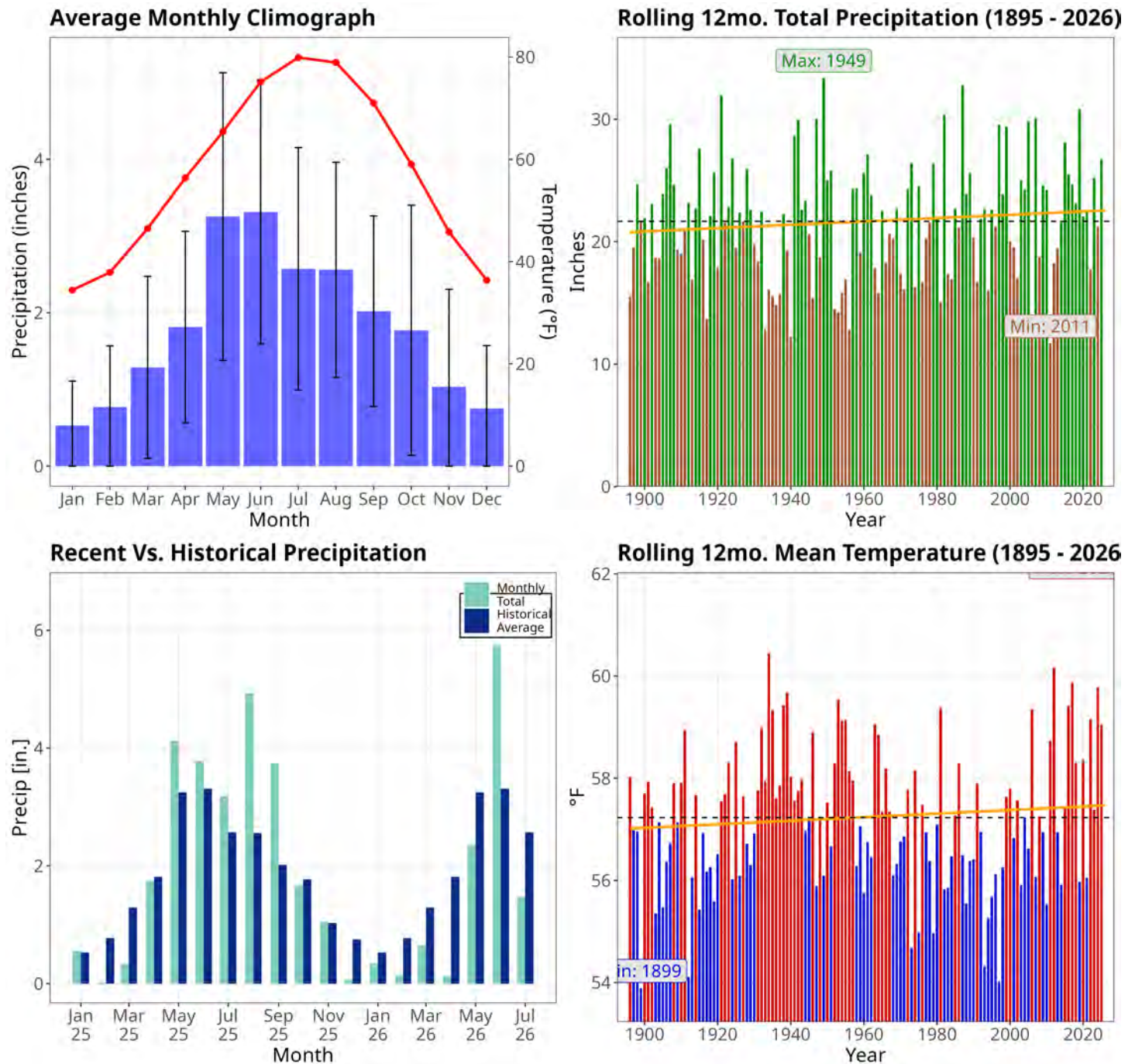


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Table 1: SPI Drought Categories

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1.5 to 1.99	Very Wet
1 to 1.49	Moderately Wet
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≤ -2	Extremely Dry

Note:

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Loving County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Loving County is **-0.1** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 2.77 inches, which was **-0.39 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 79th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 83.8 degrees F, which was **+1.6 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 21st out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

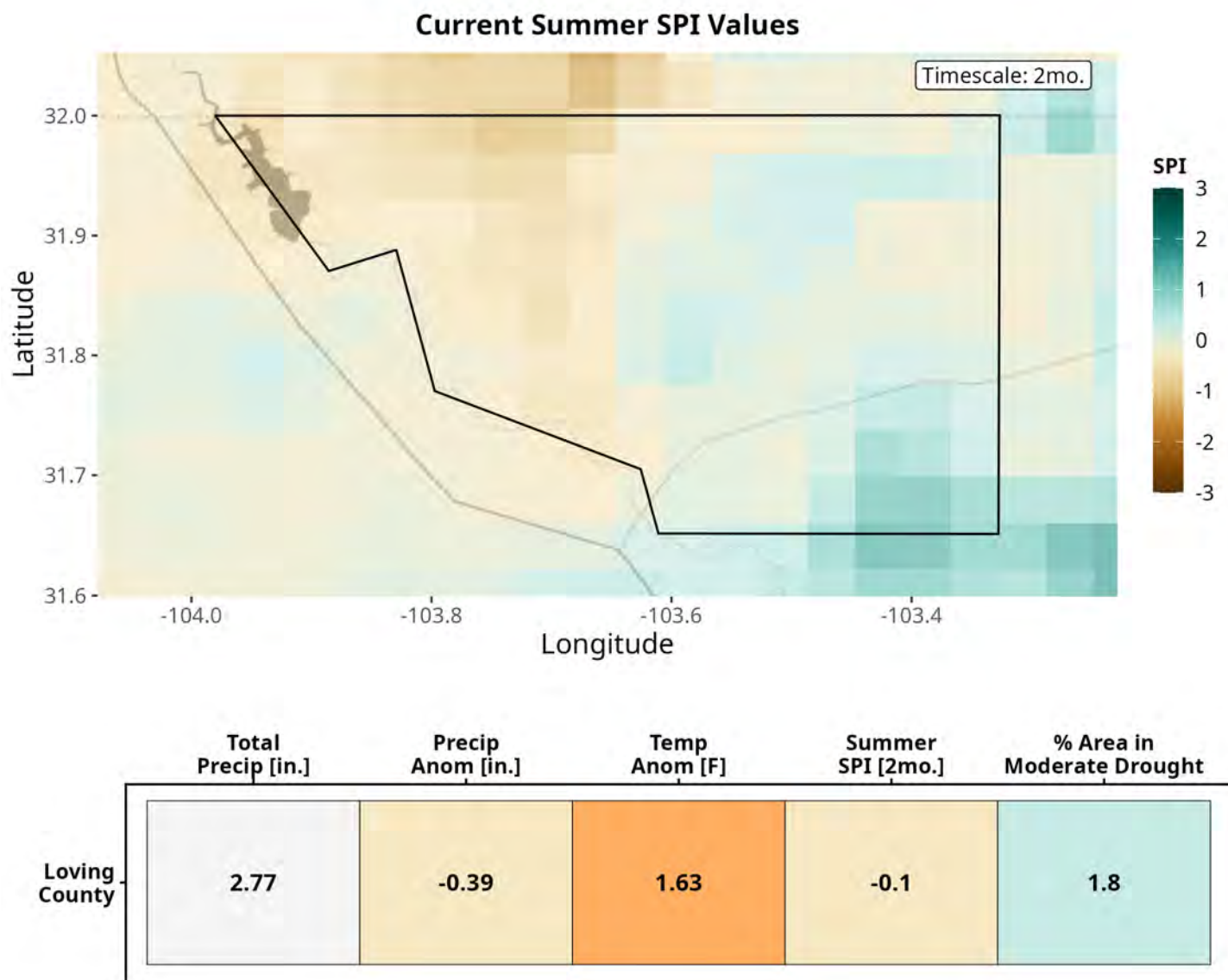


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Seasonal Progression Summary

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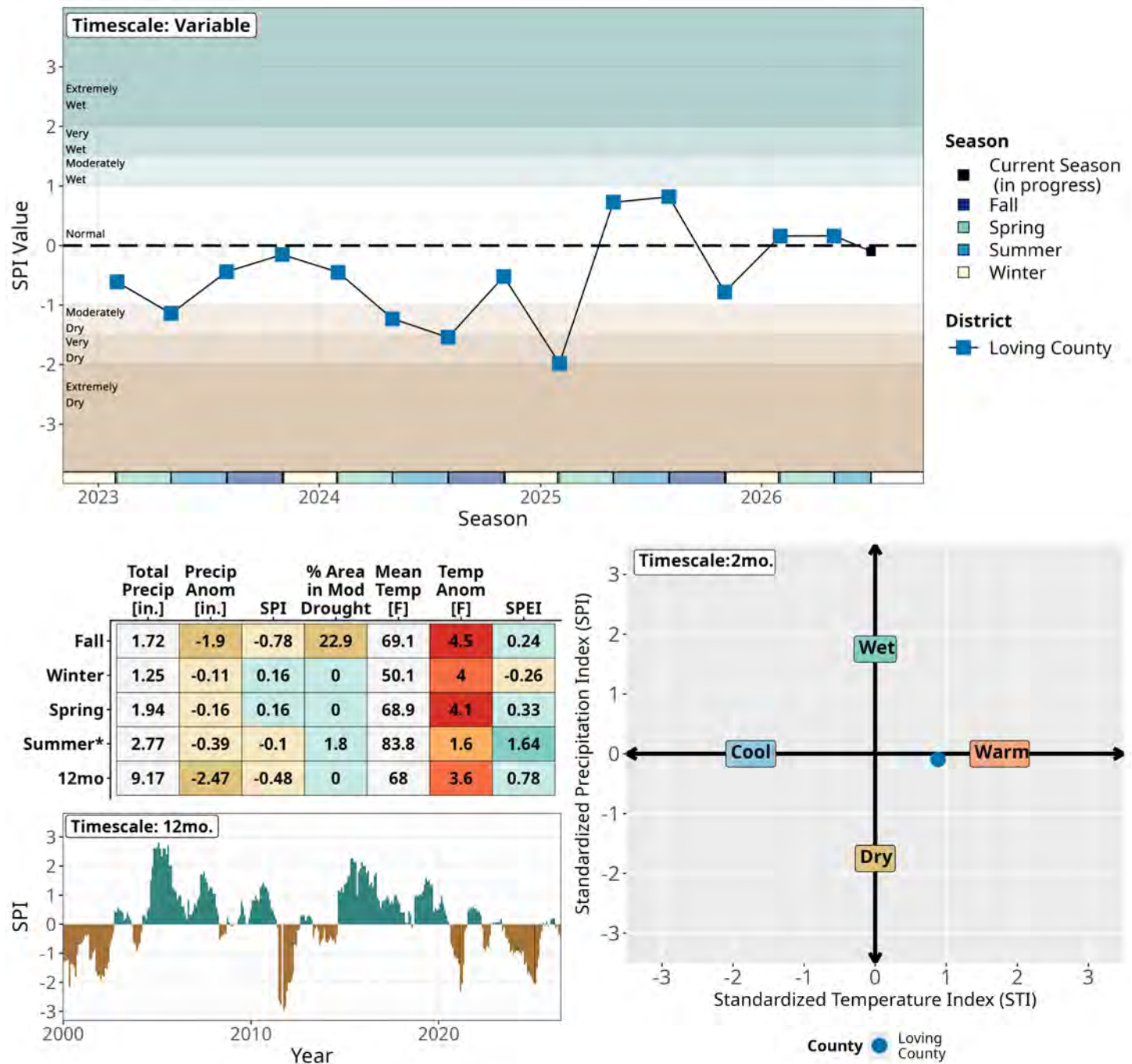


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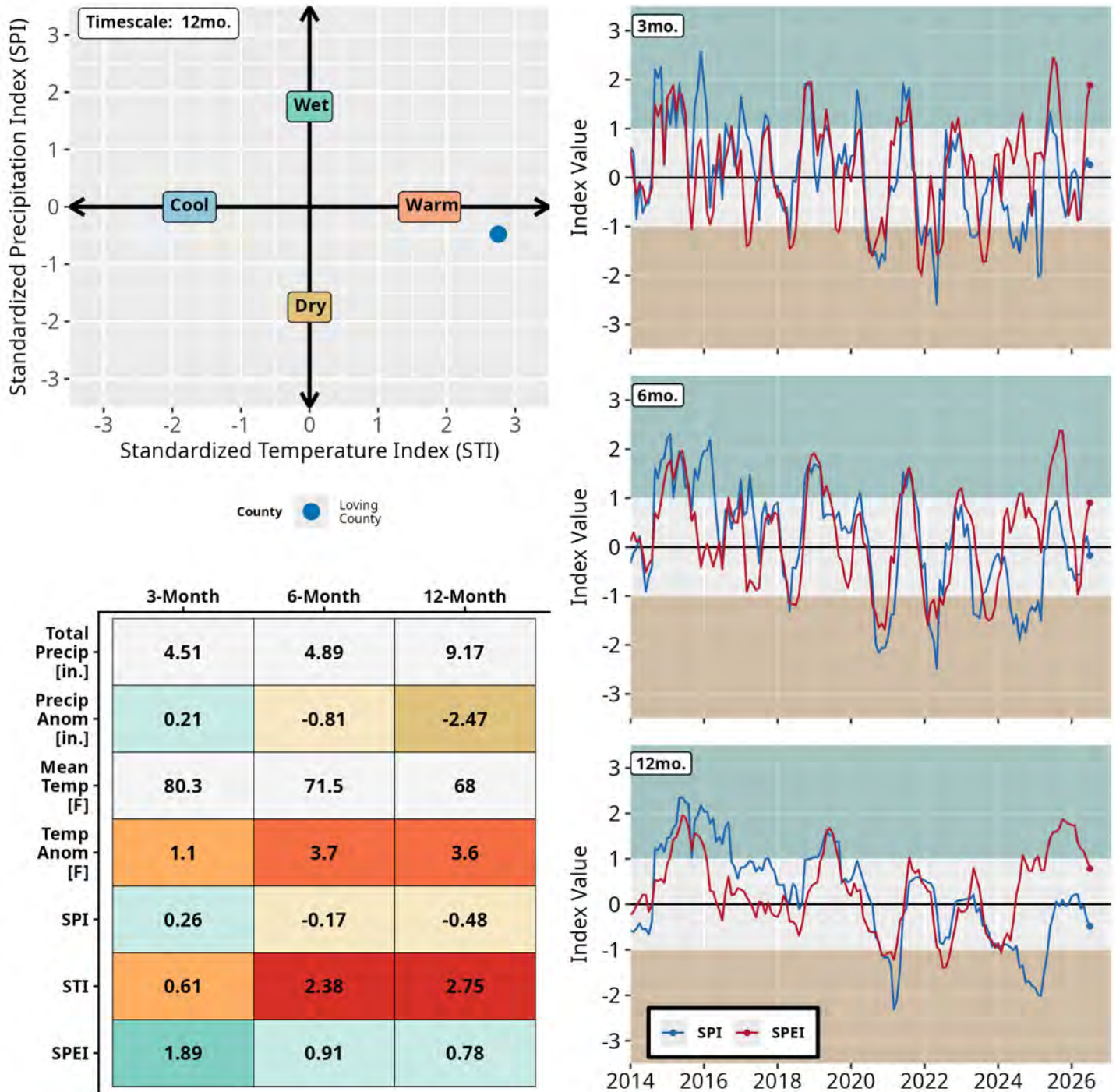


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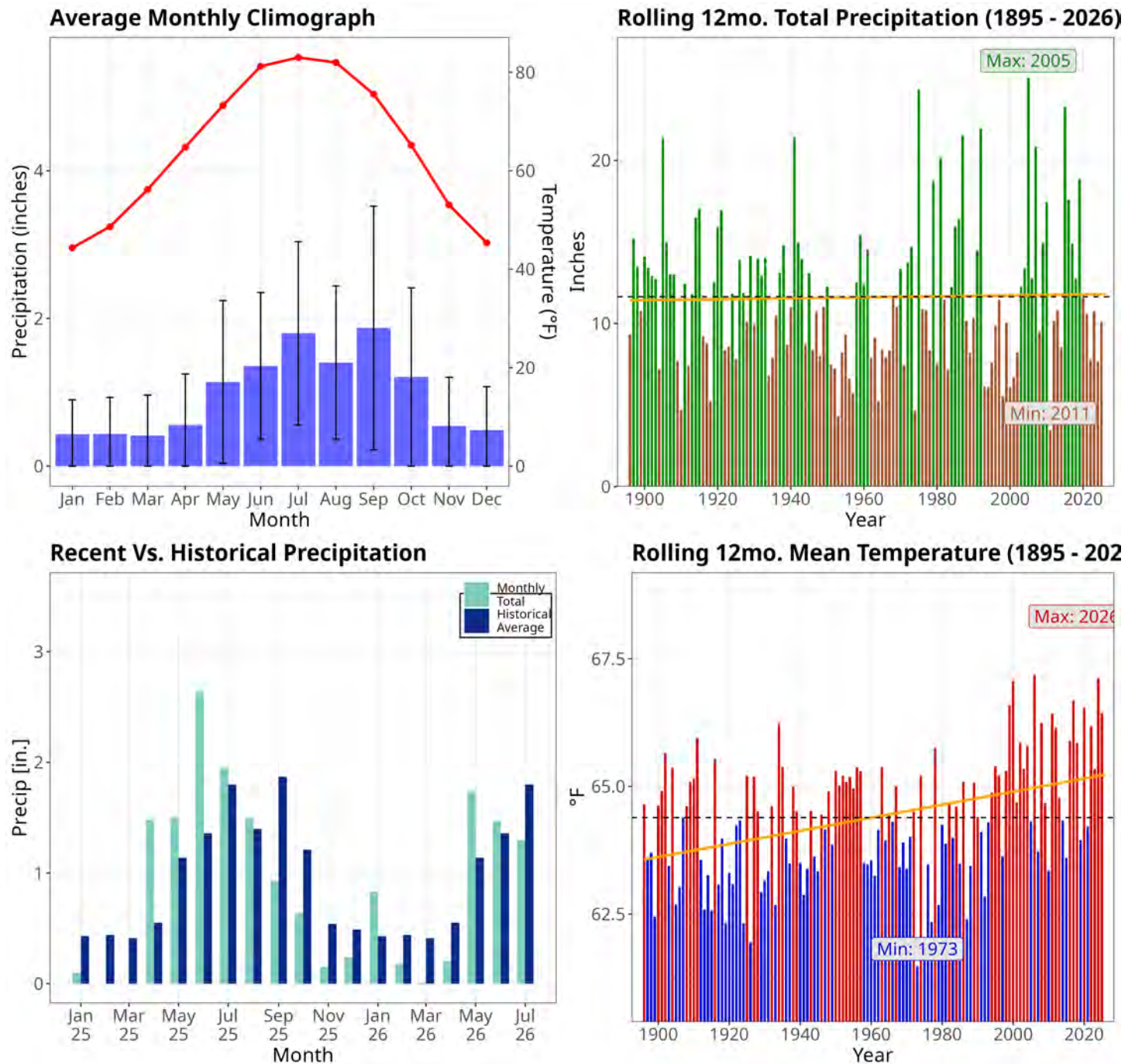


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Mechanics Behind the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

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Lynn County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Lynn County is **0.3** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 5.35 inches, which was **+0.49 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 57th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 81.5 degrees F, which was **+2.8 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 10th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

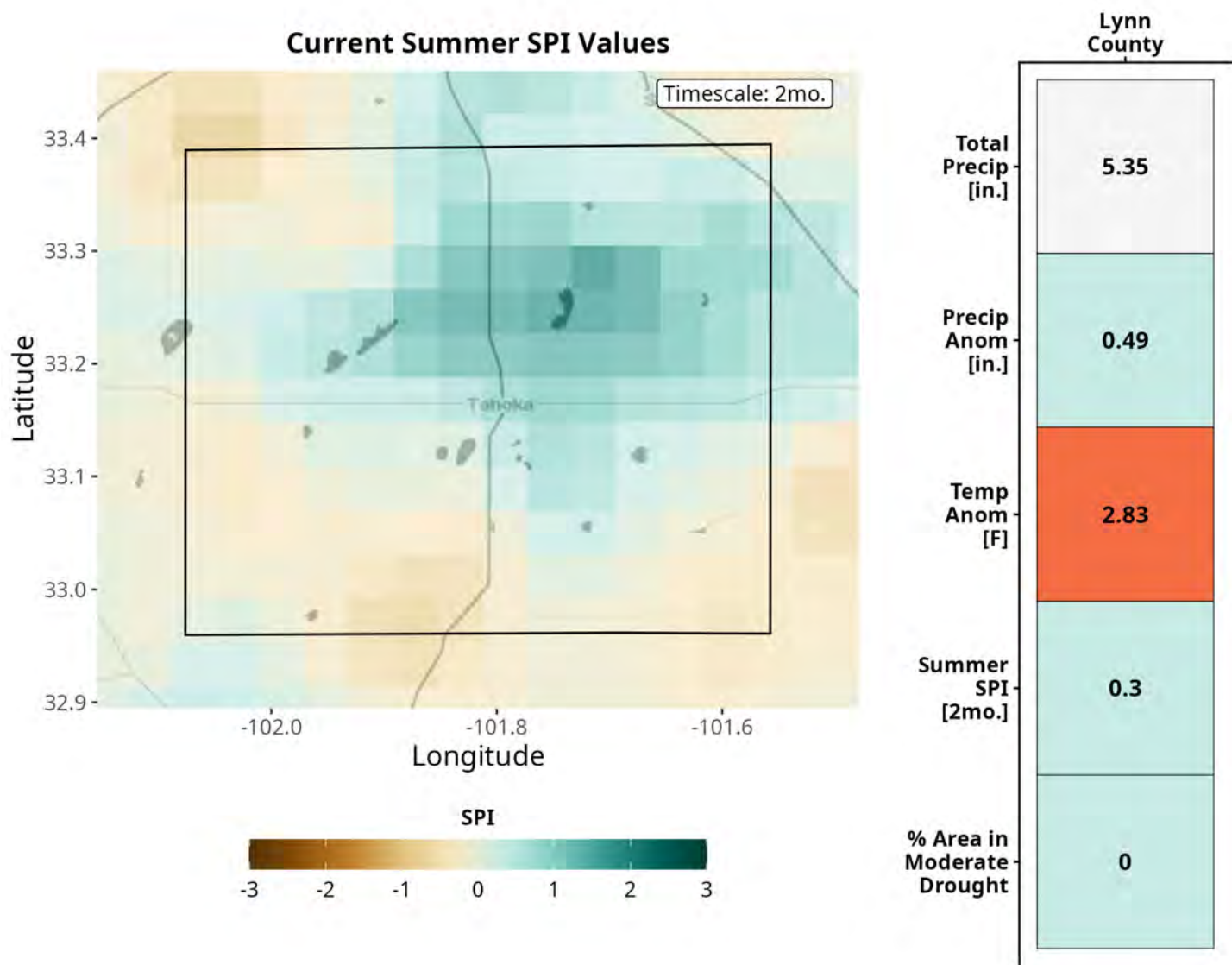


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Seasonal Progression Summary

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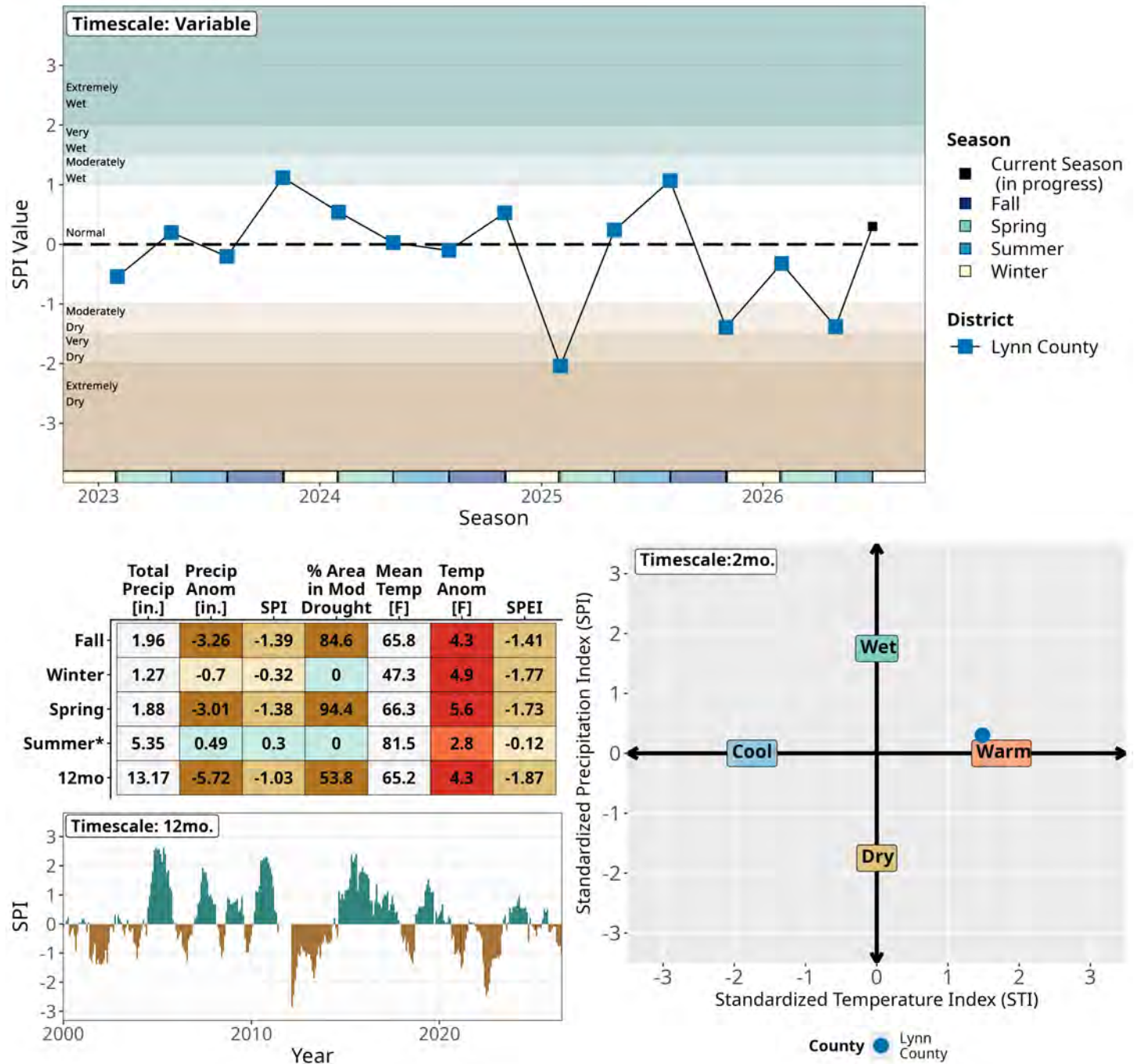


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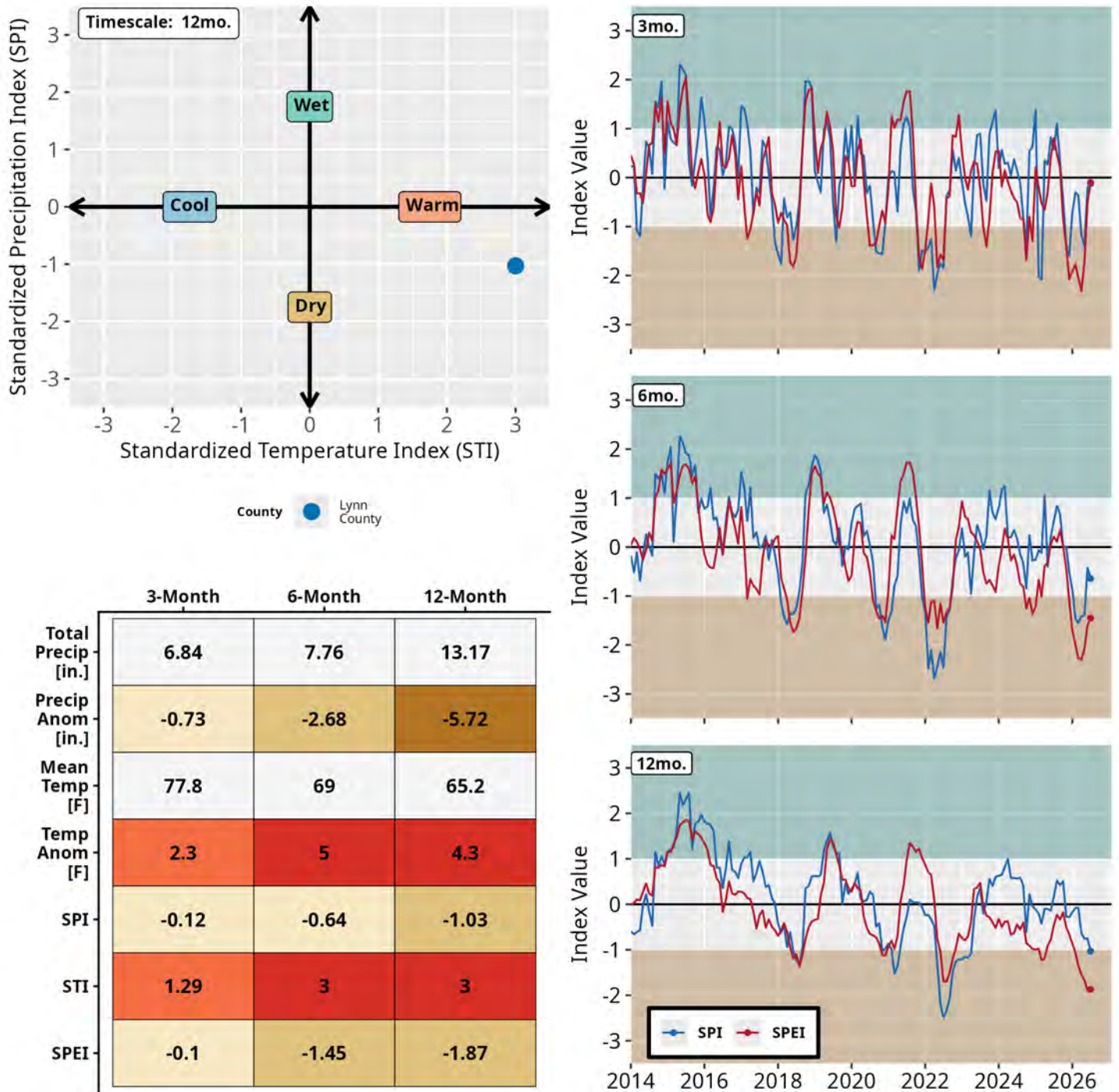


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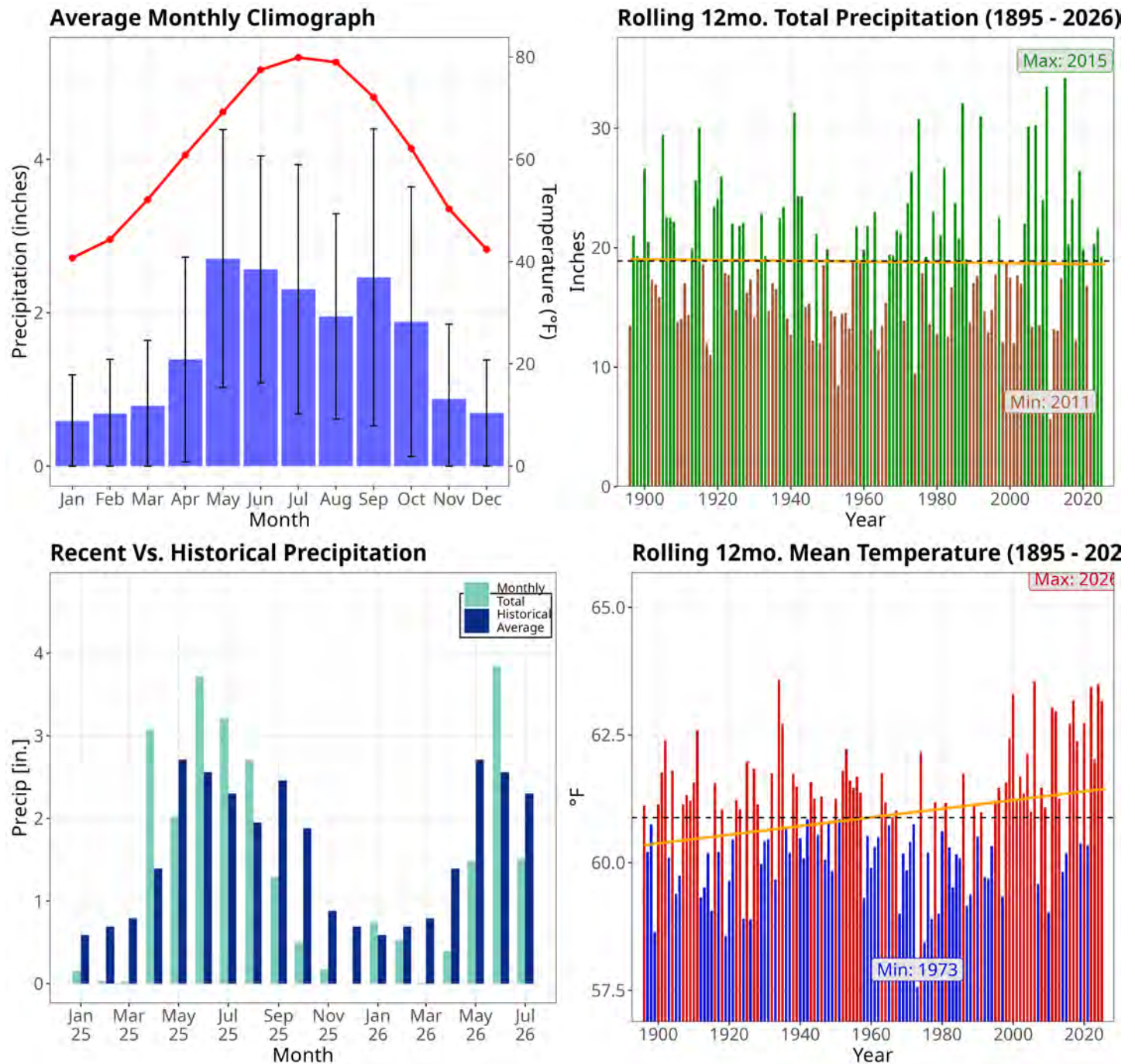


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Menard County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Menard County is **1.05** (Moderately Wet).
- Average June-July precipitation was 6.96 inches, which was **+2.44 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 17th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 80.7 degrees F, which was **+0.1 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 62nd out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

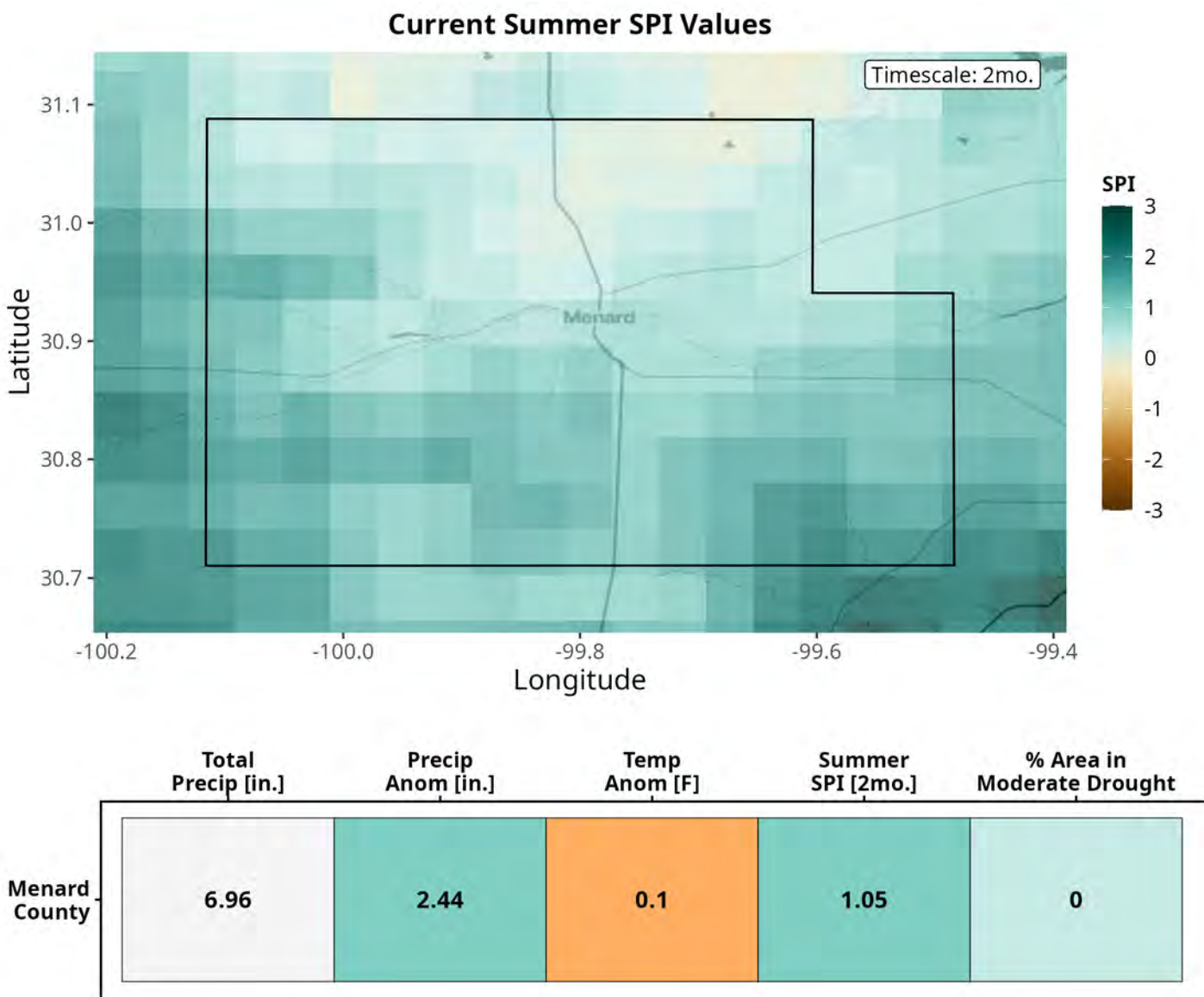


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Seasonal Progression Summary

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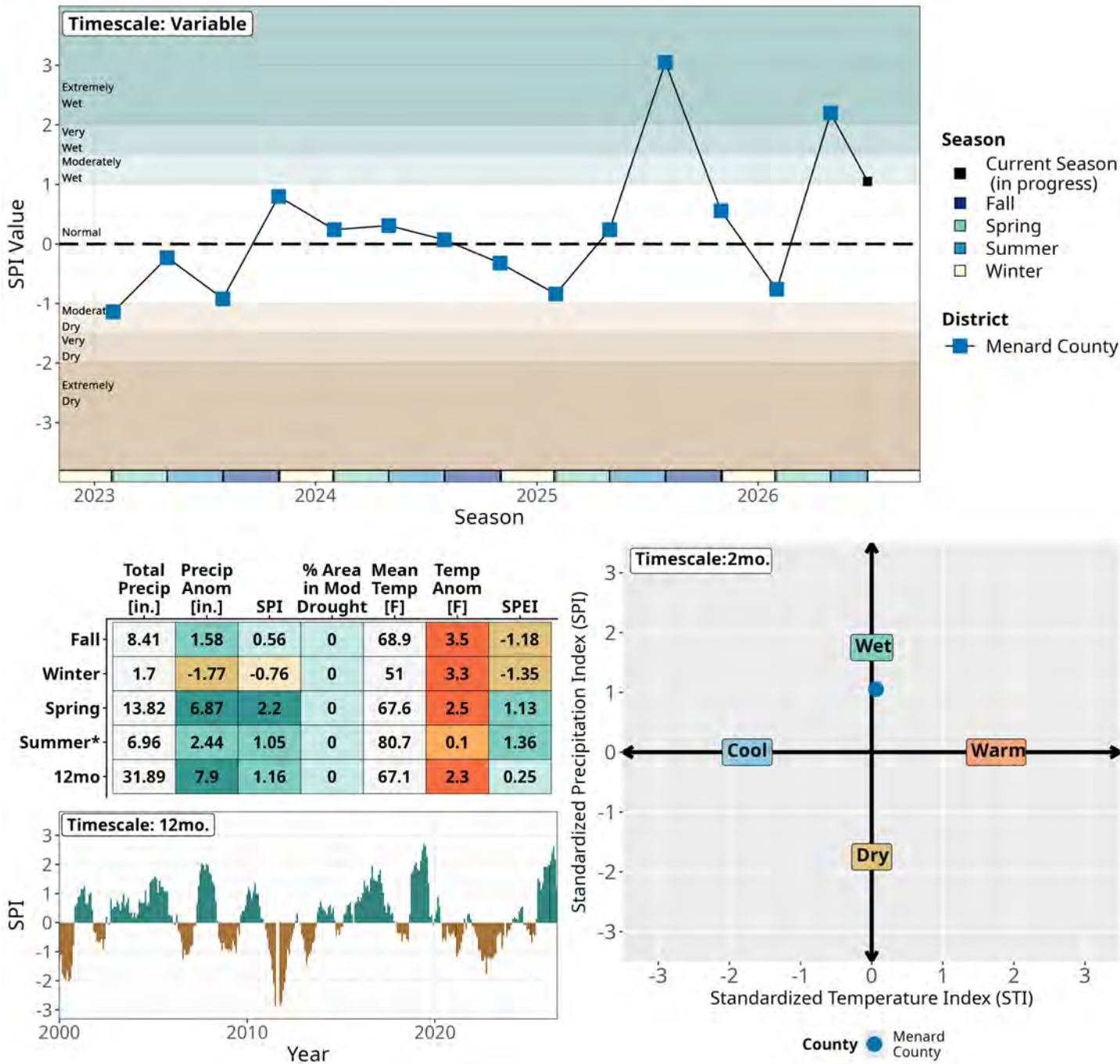


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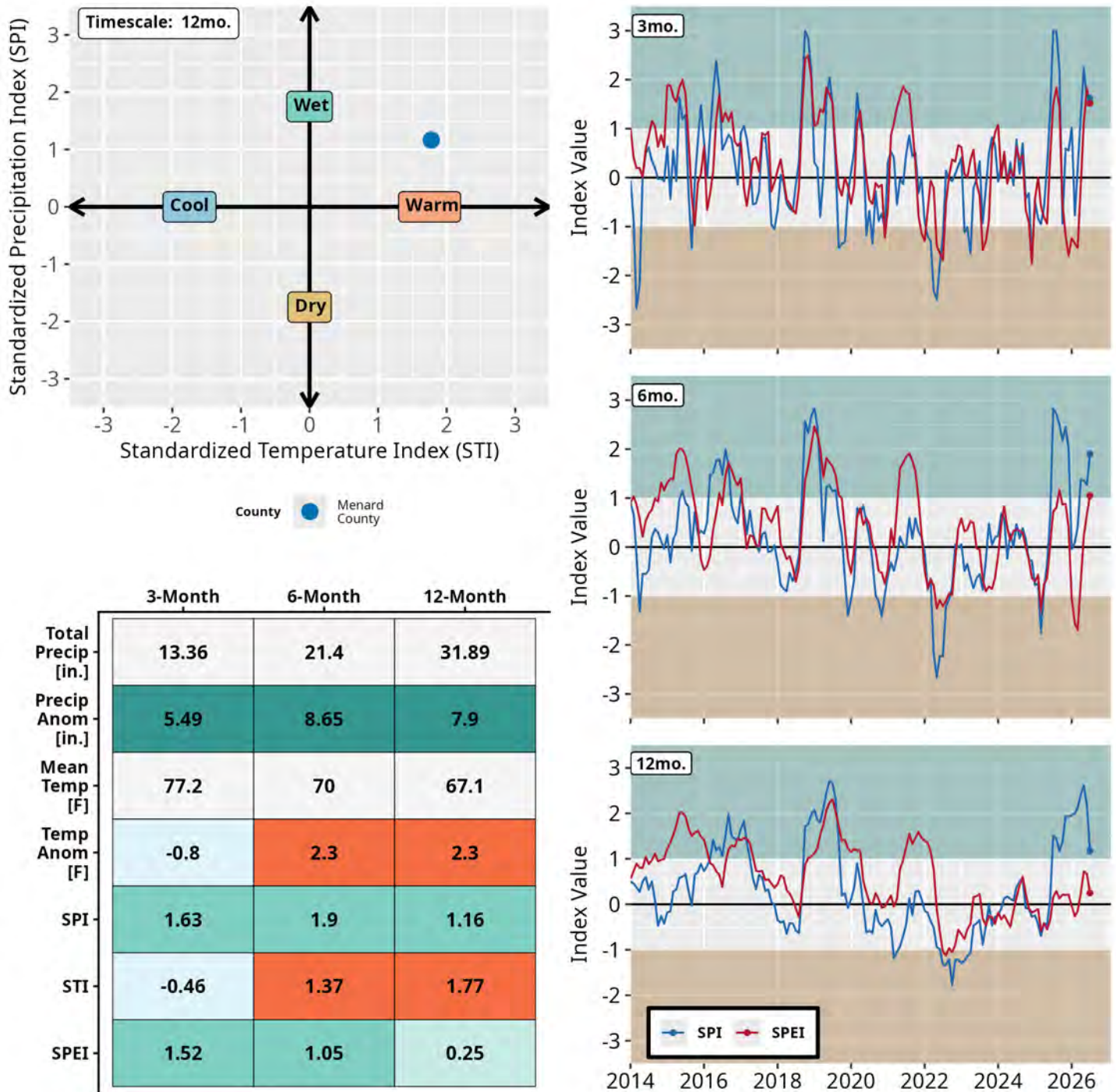


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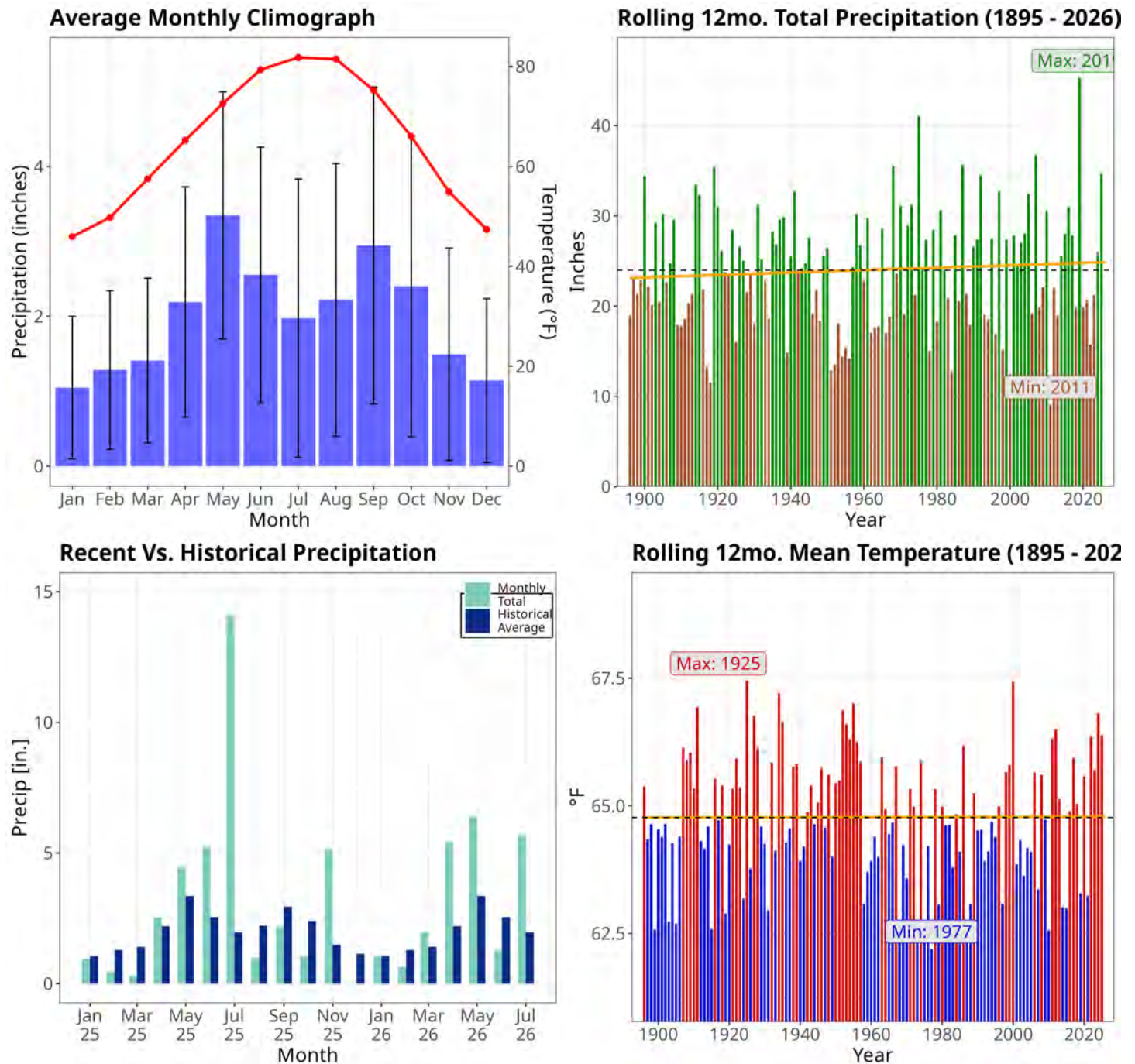


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≤ -2	Extremely Dry

Note:

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Midland County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Midland County is **0.01** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 2.9 inches, which was **-0.37 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 69th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 83.1 degrees F, which was **+1.8 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 22nd out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

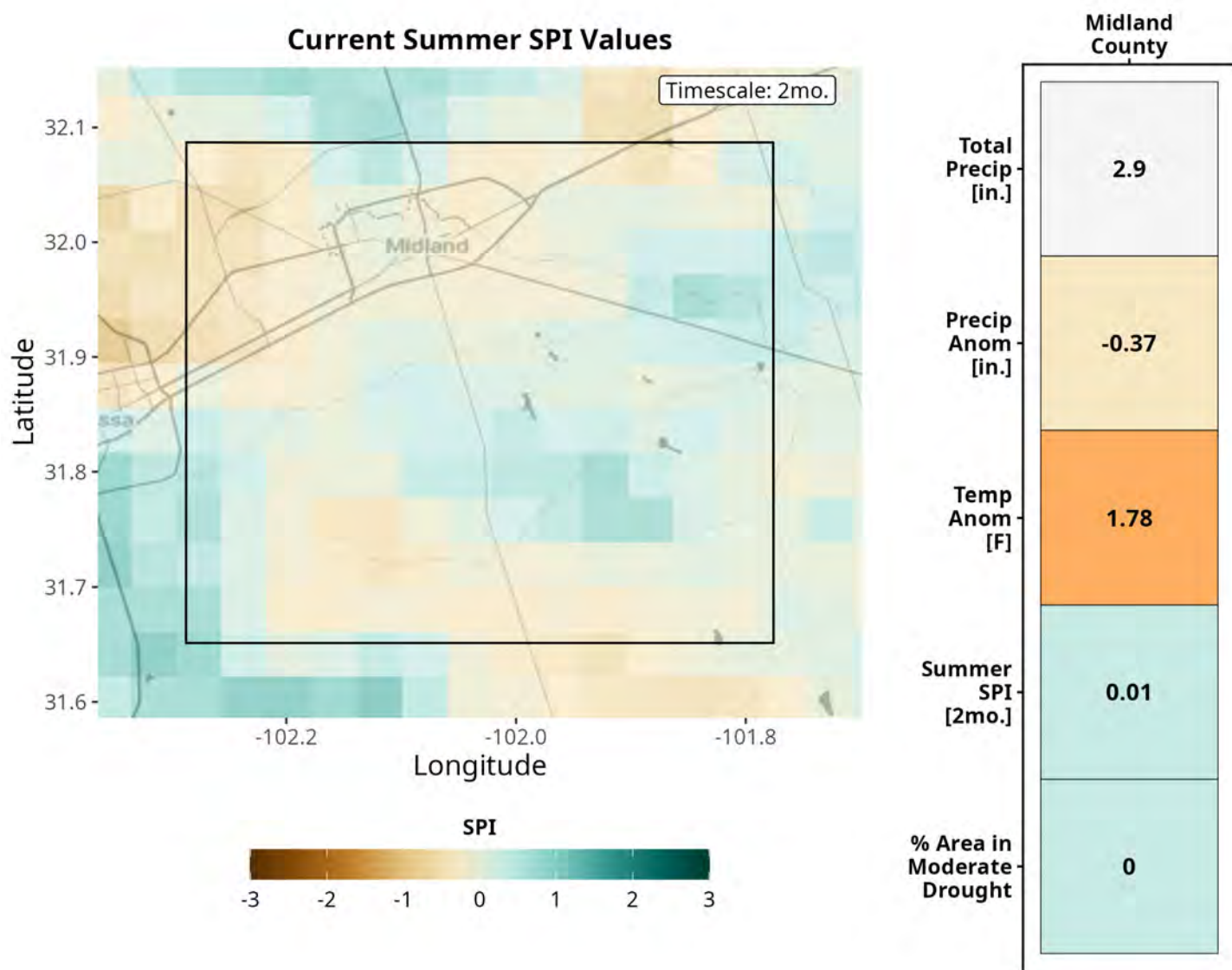


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Seasonal Progression Summary

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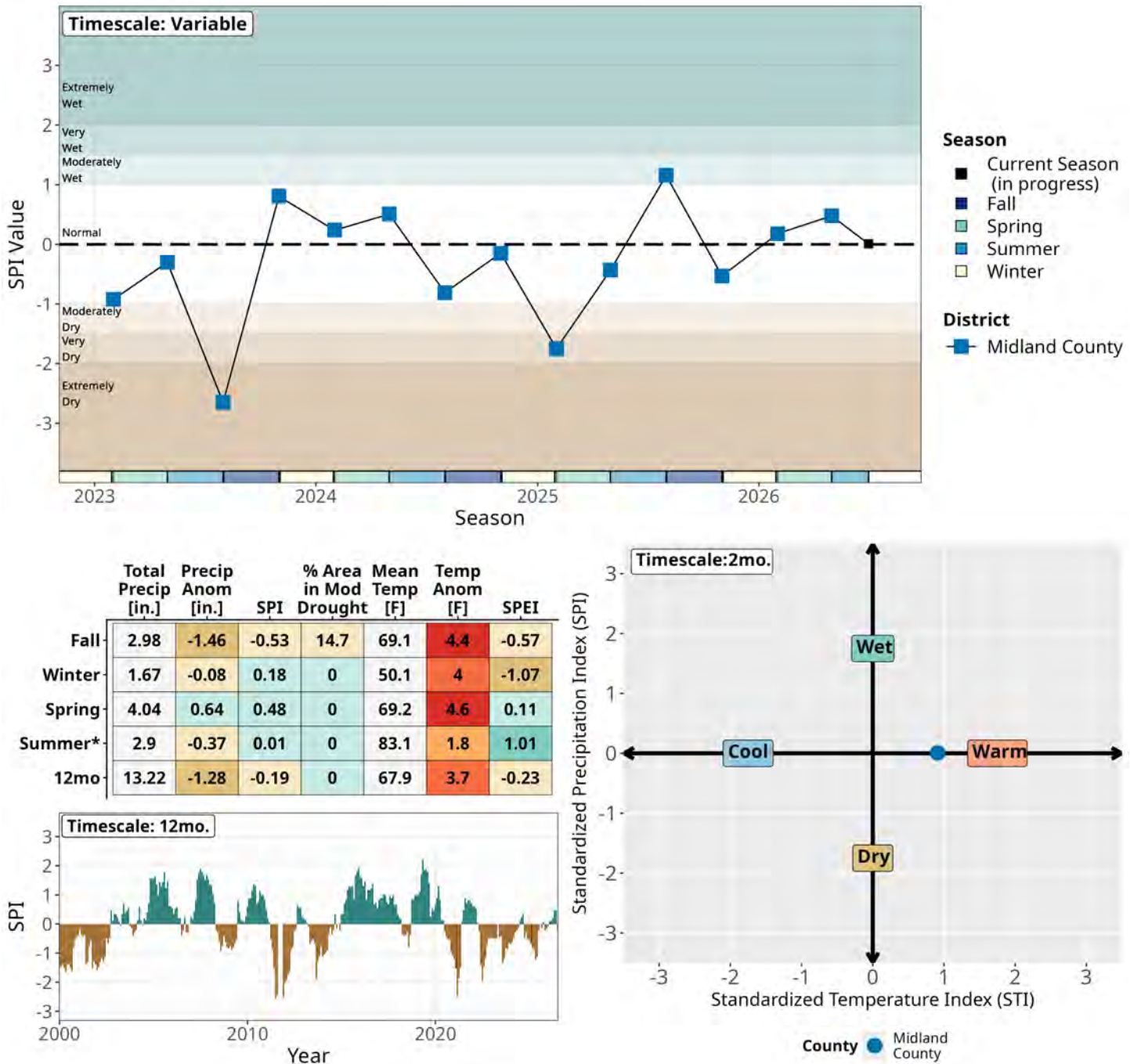


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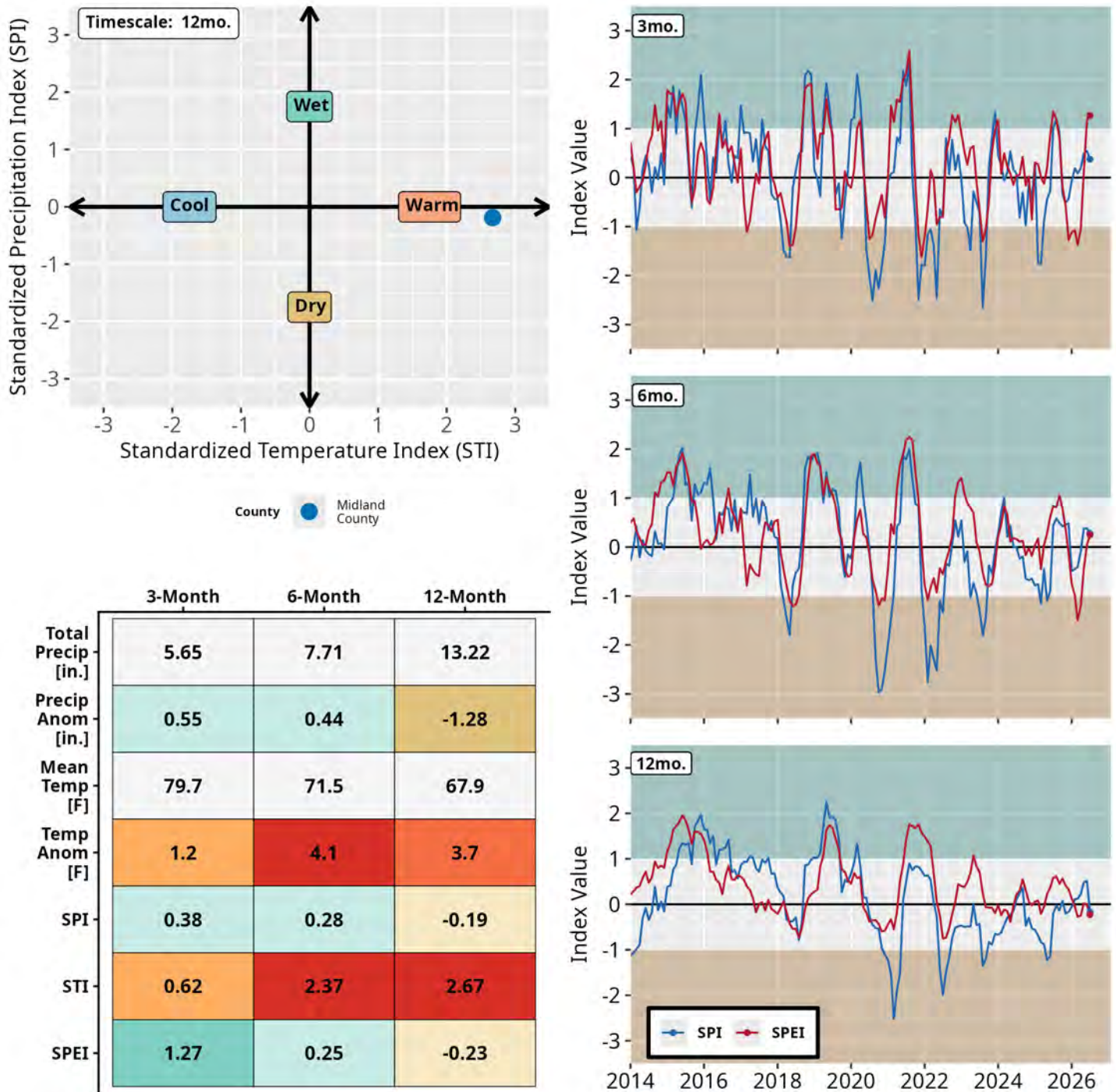


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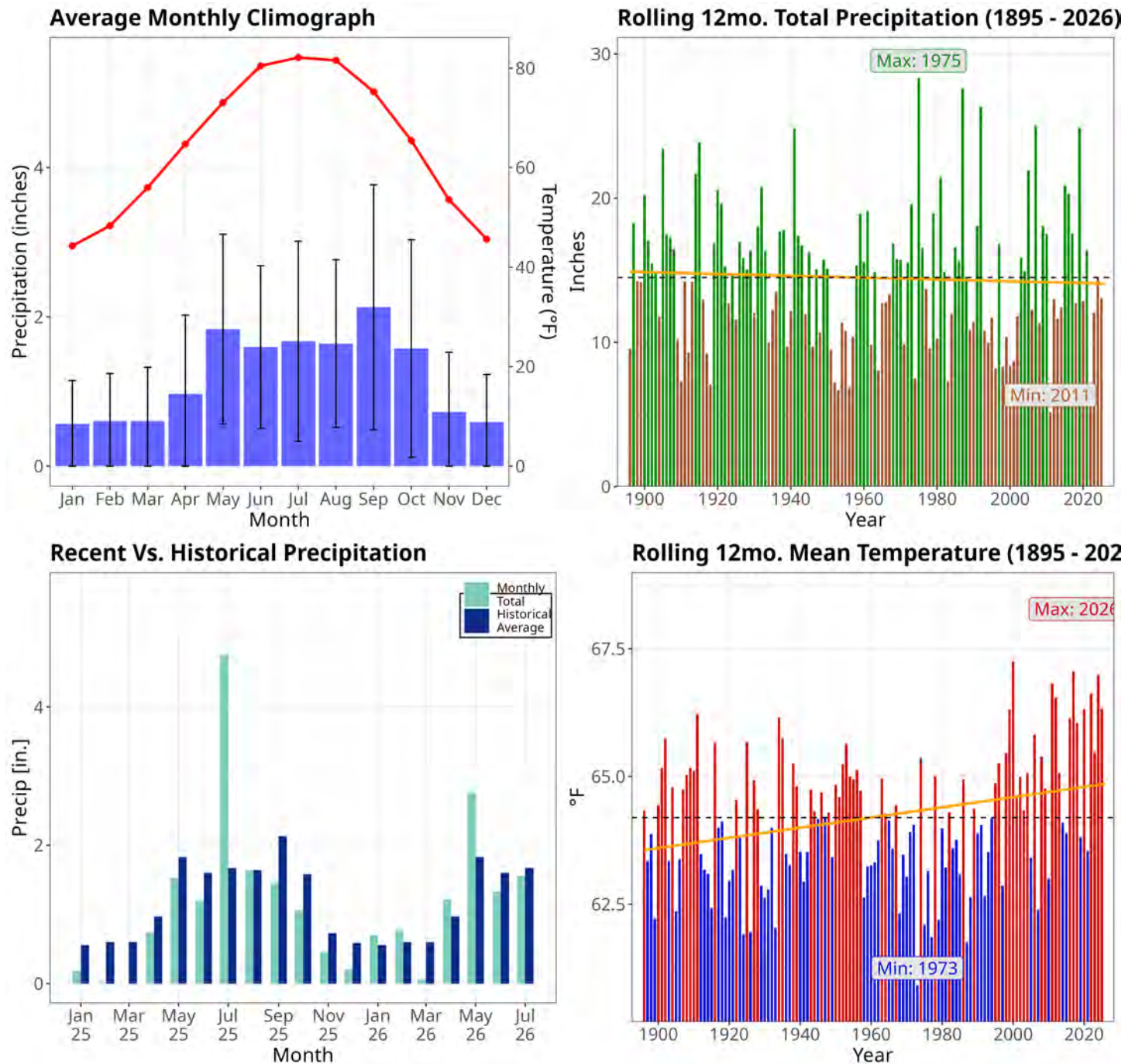


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Mitchell County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Mitchell County is **0.38** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 4.8 inches, which was **+0.54 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 52nd out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 83.8 degrees F, which was **+2.4 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 14th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

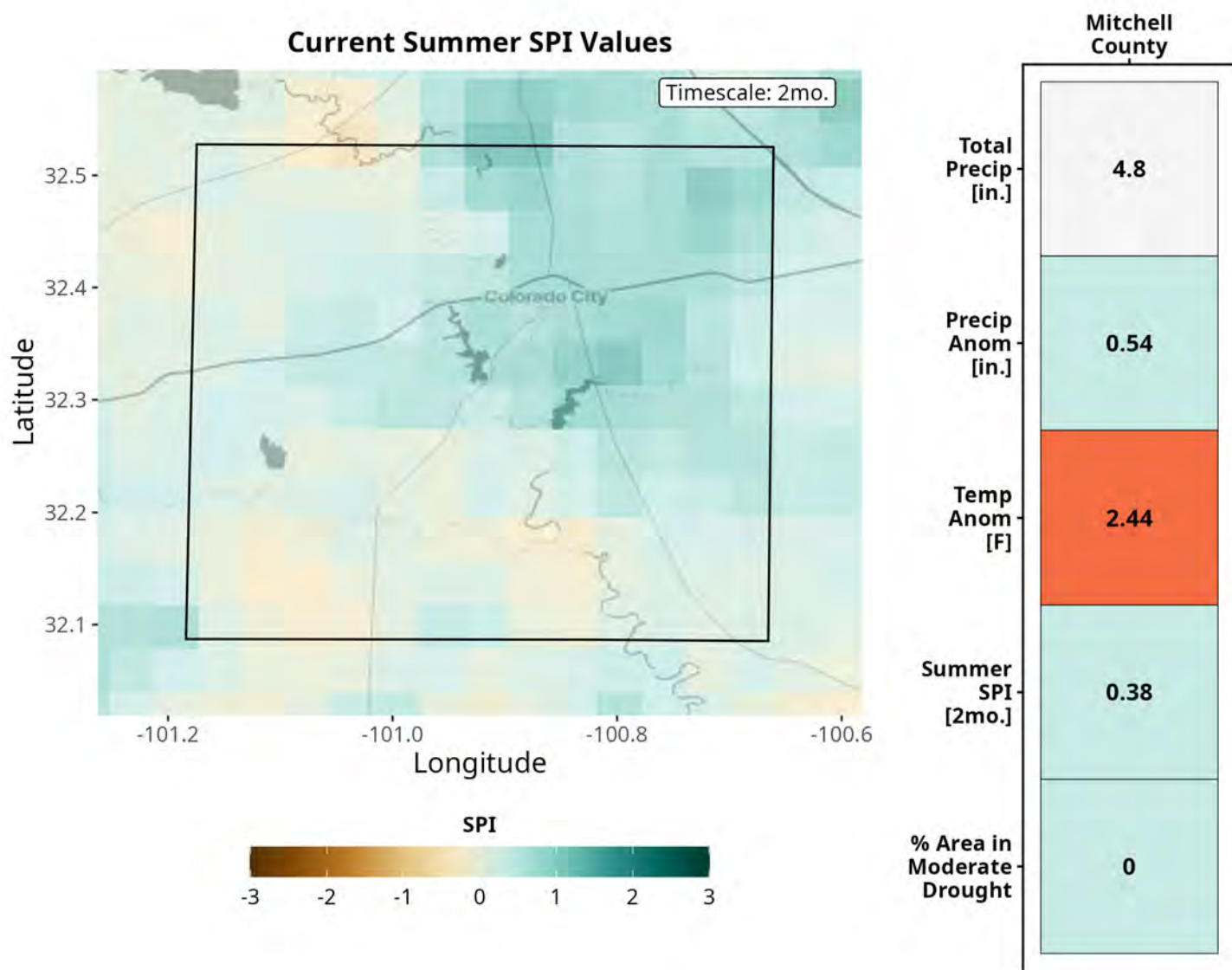


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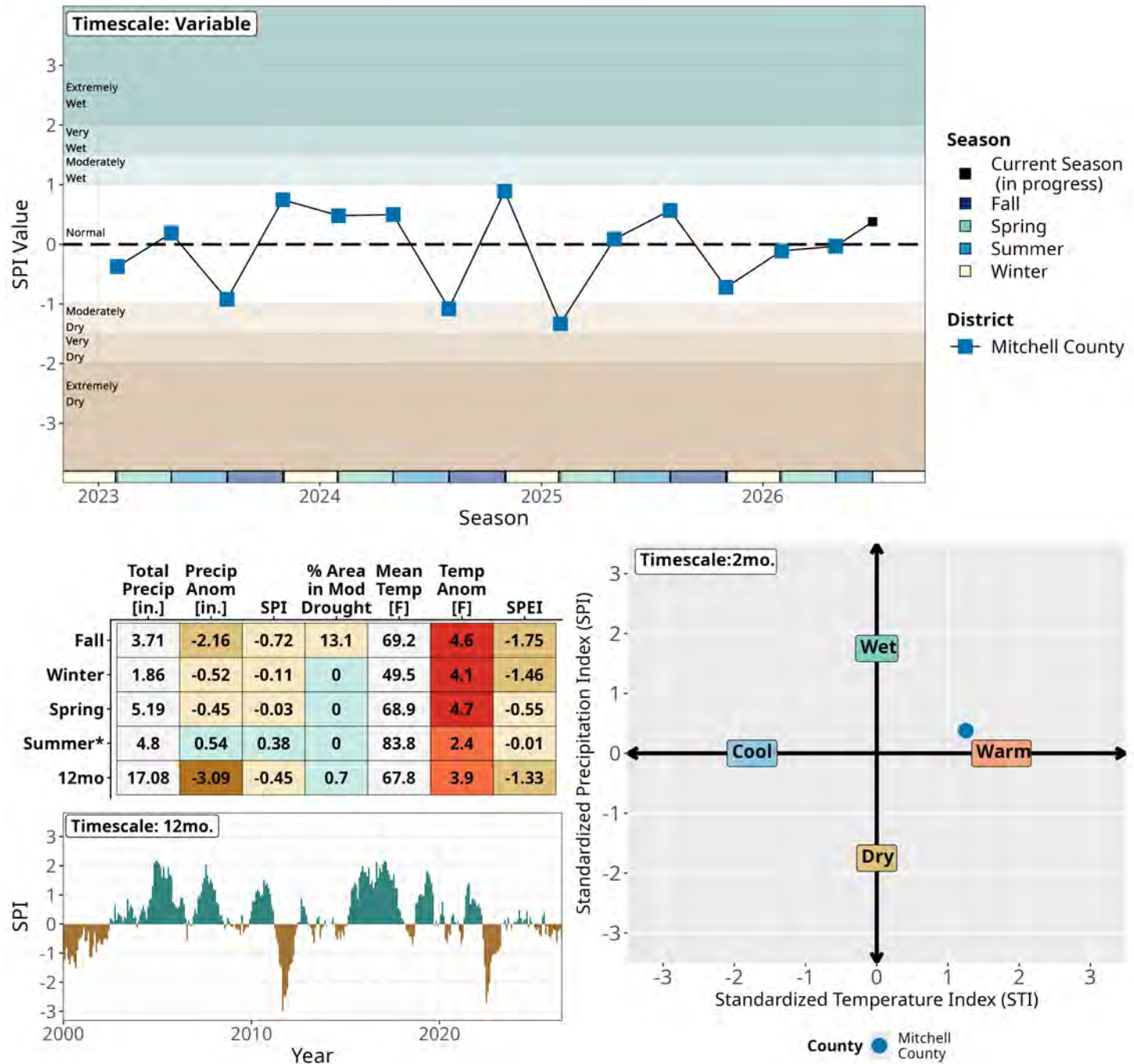


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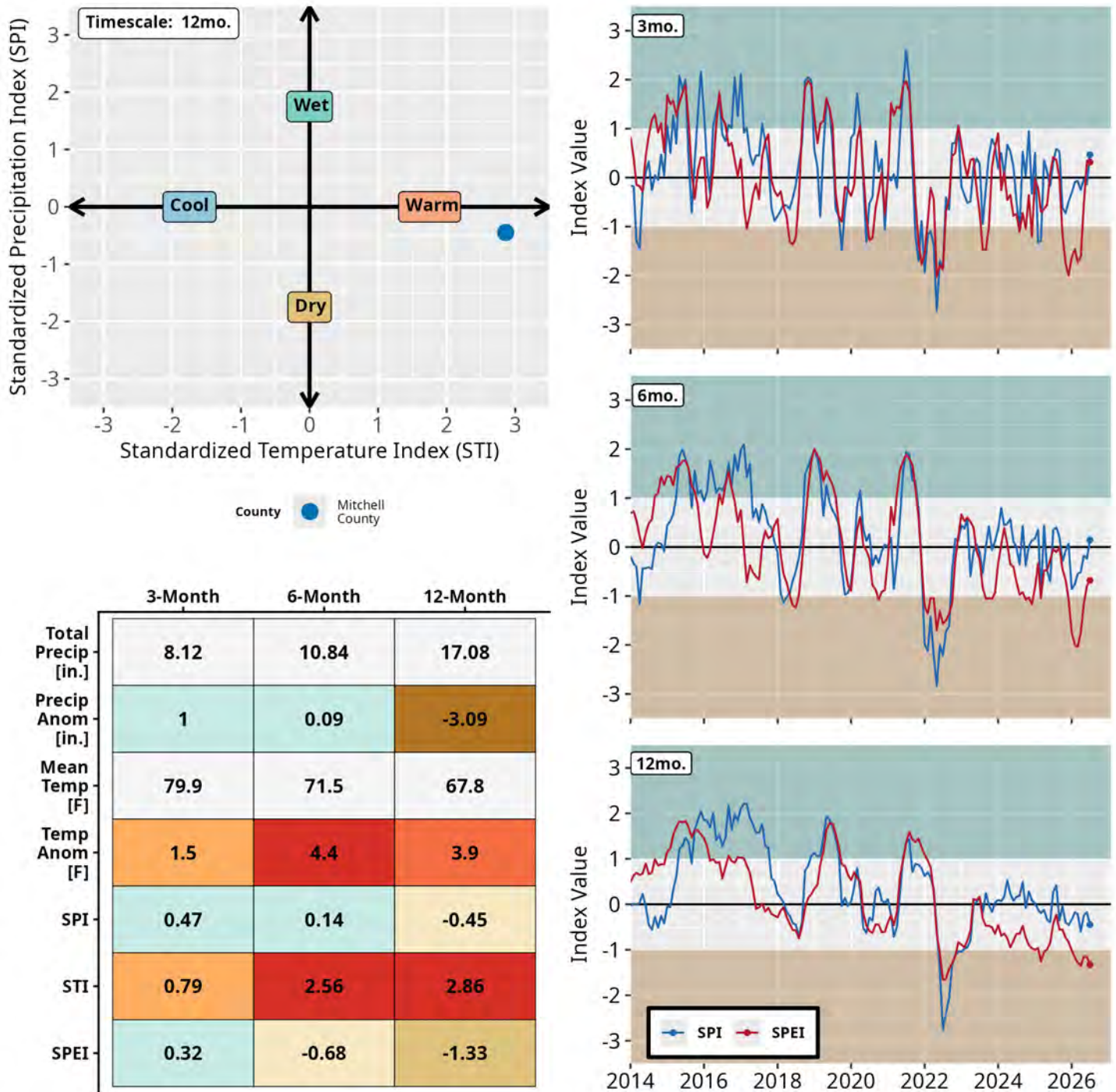


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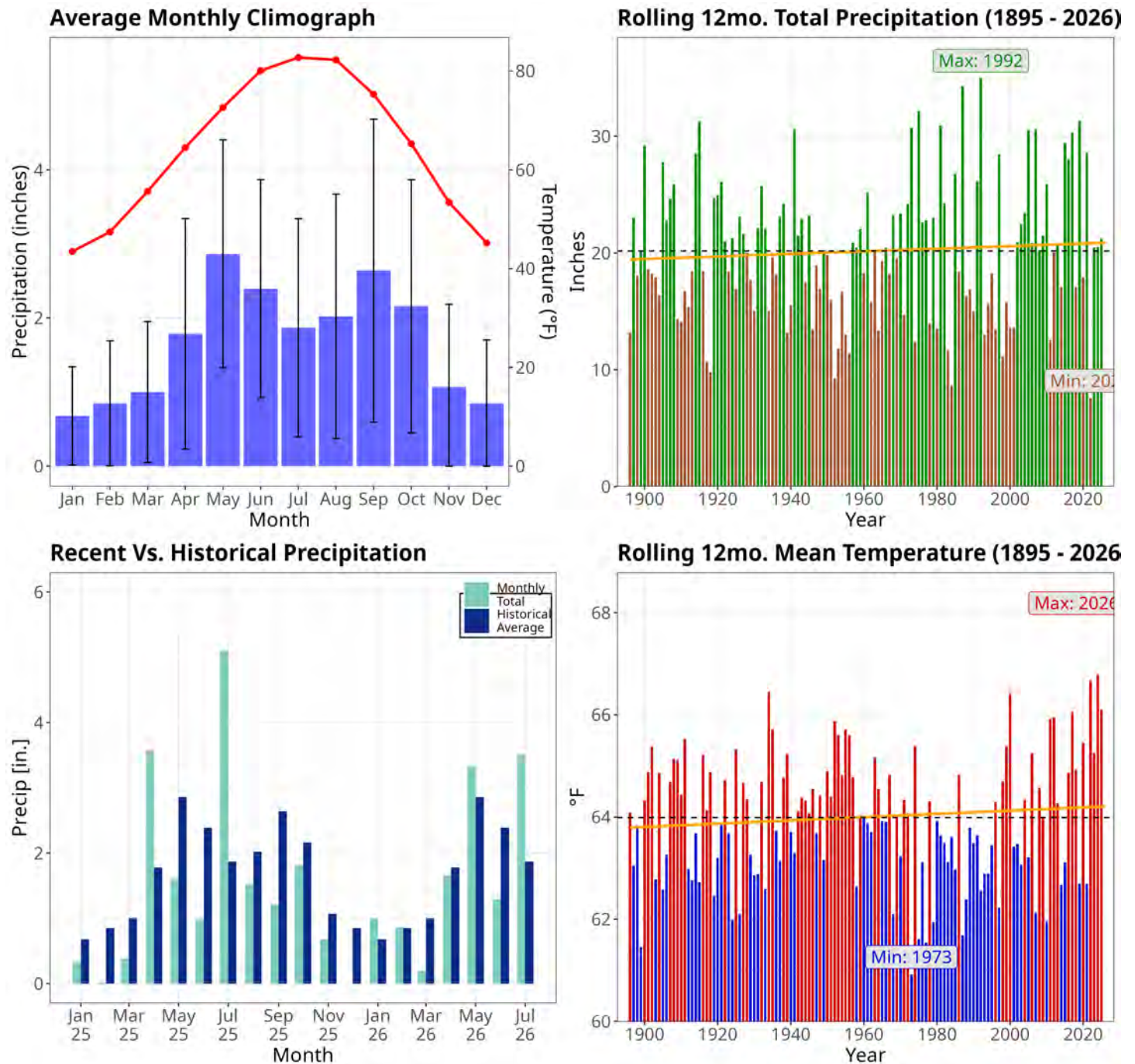


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1.5 to 1.99	Very Wet
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-1.5 to -1.99	Very Dry
≤ -2	Extremely Dry

Note:

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Motley County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Motley County is **-0.97** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 3.07 inches, which was **-2.26 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 111th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 83.6 degrees F, which was **+3.5 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 7th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

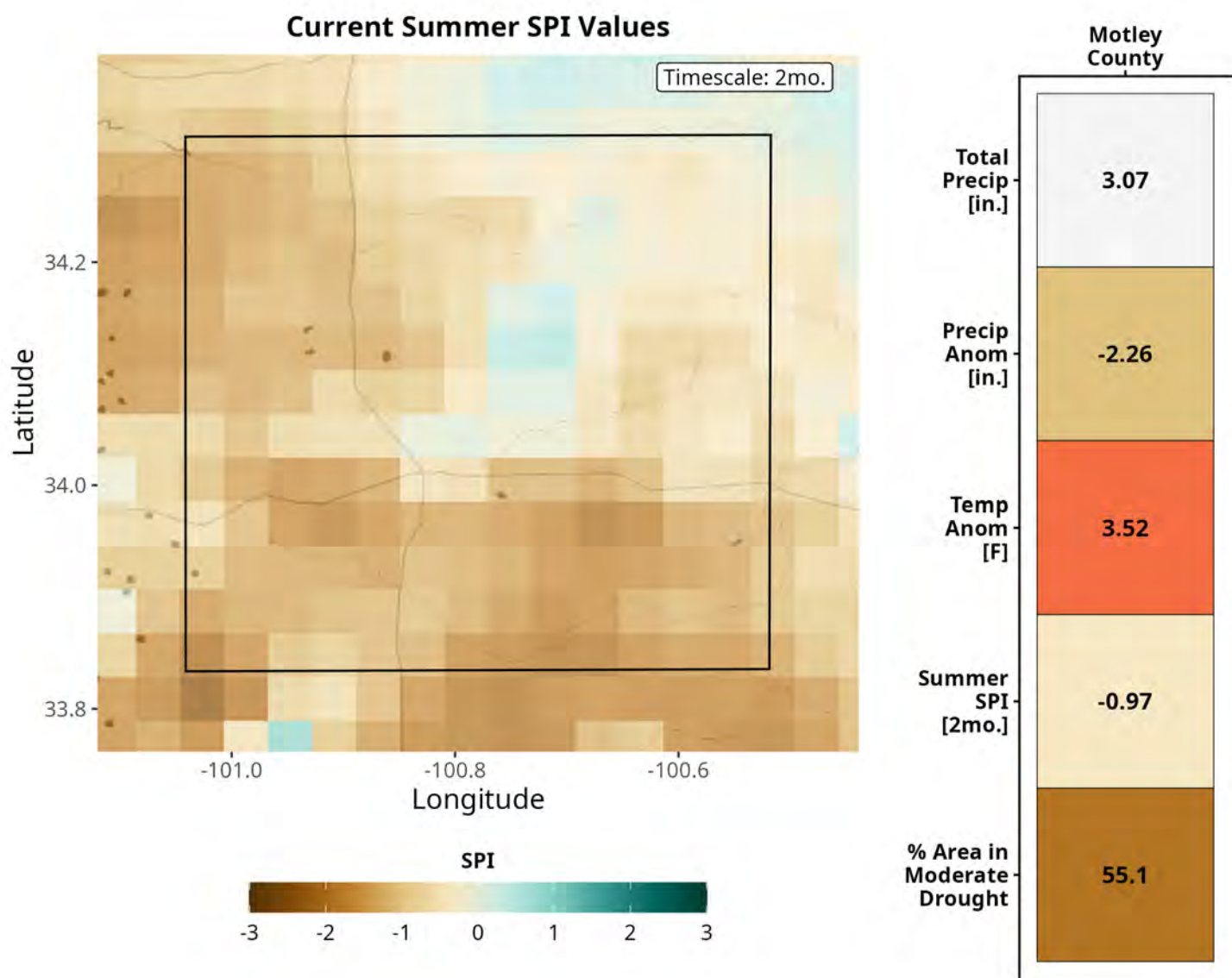


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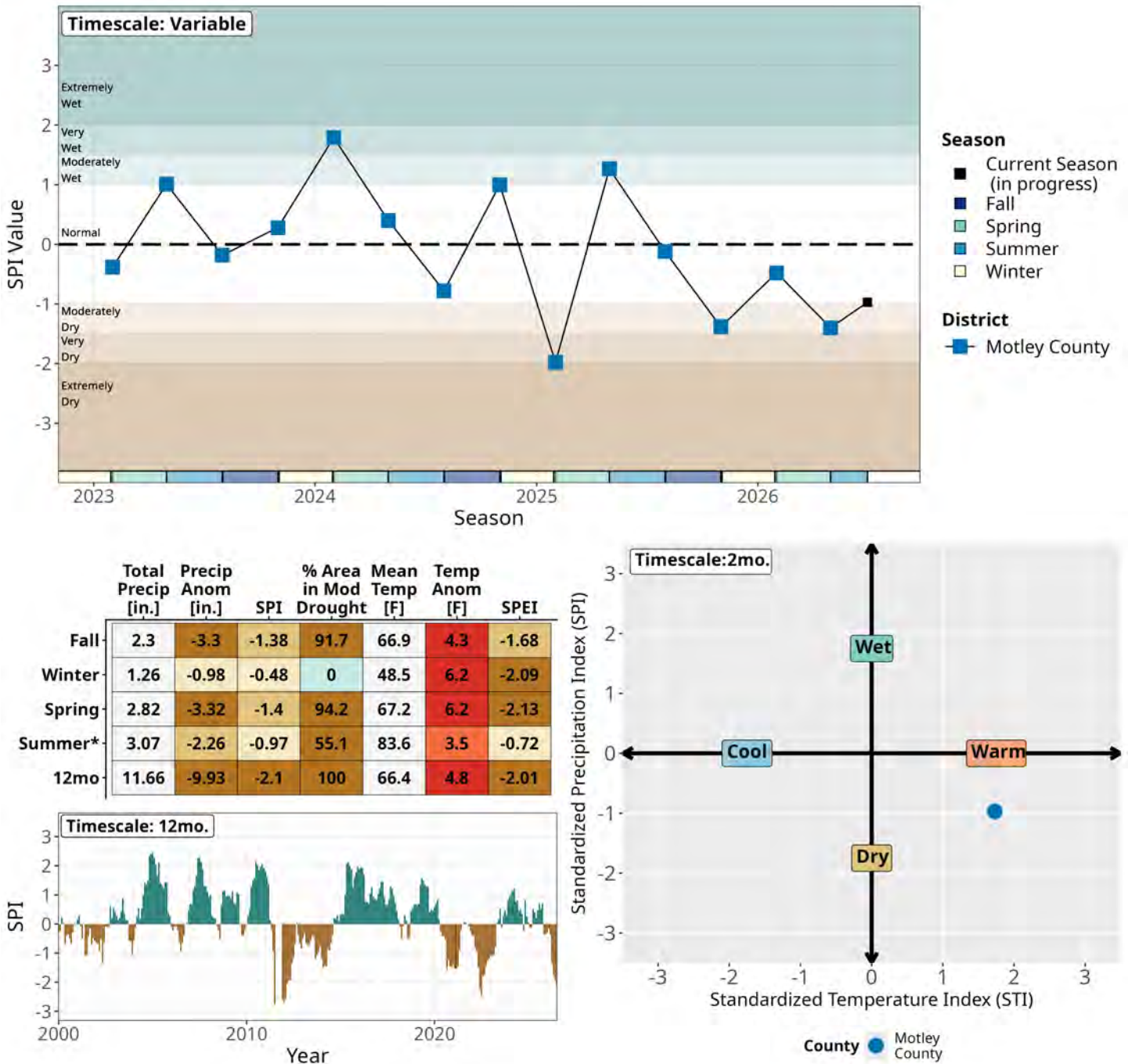


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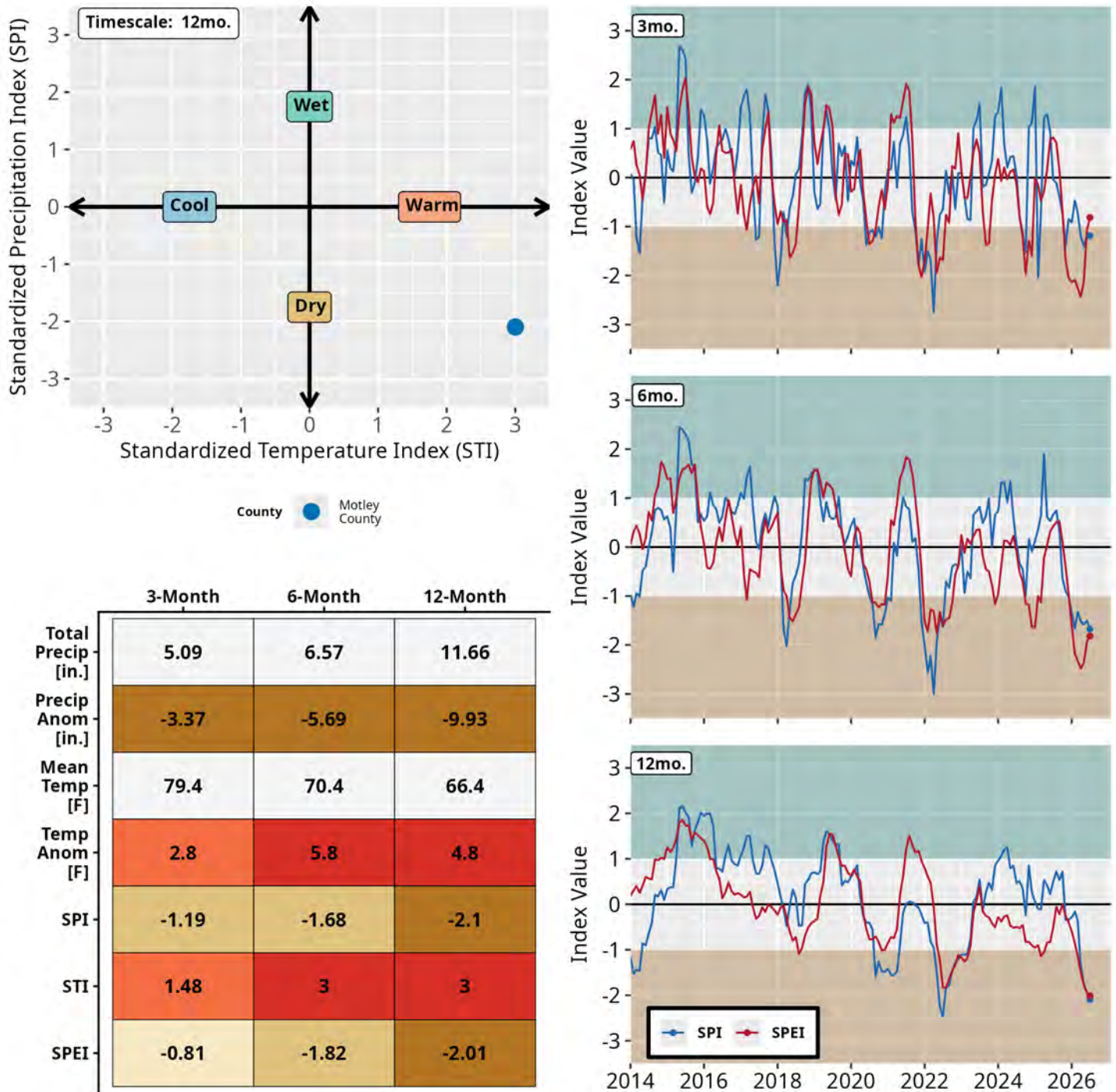


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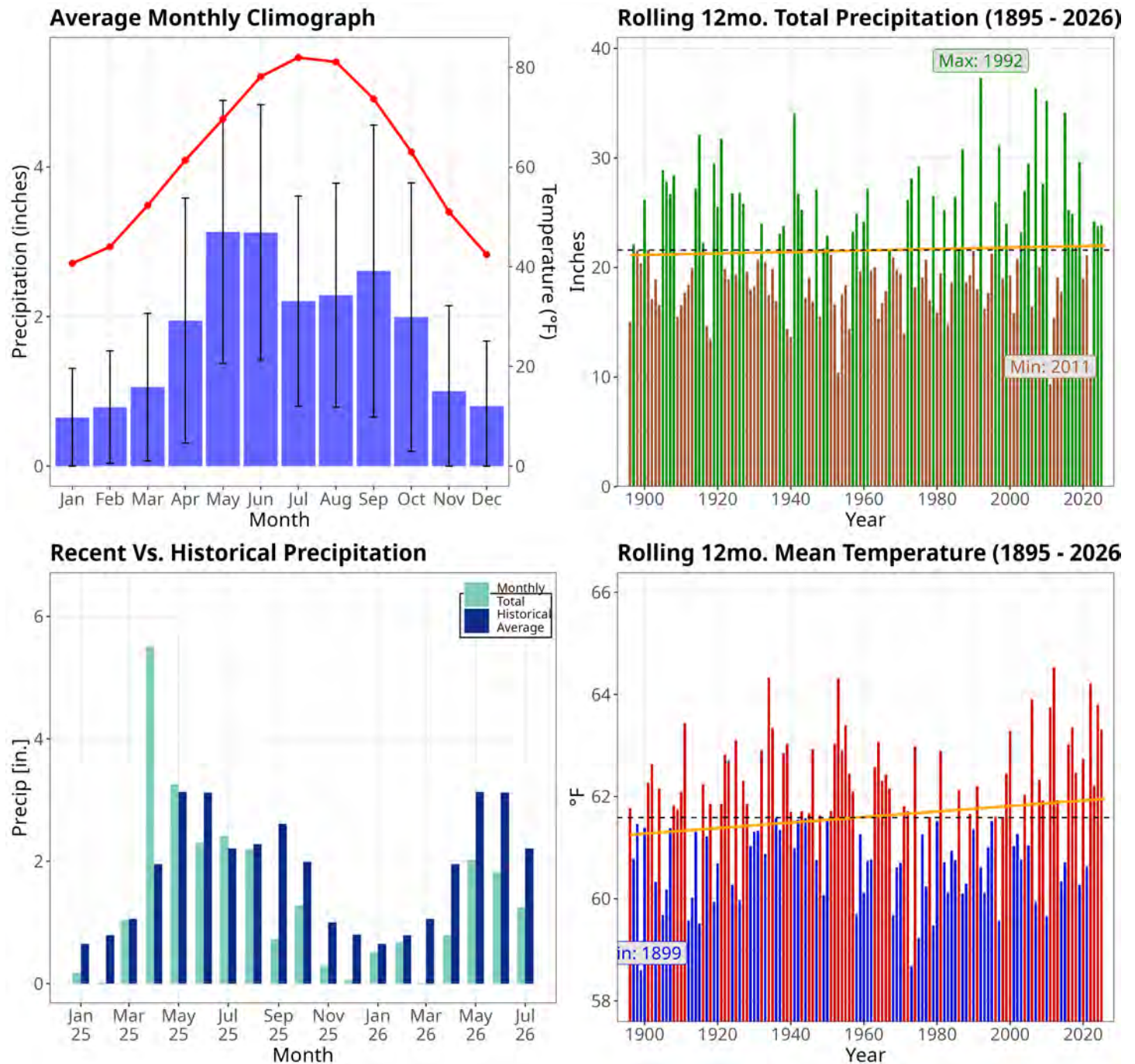


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Palo Pinto County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Palo Pinto County is **0.15** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 5.35 inches, which was **+0.02 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 64th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 84 degrees F, which was **+1.5 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 27th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

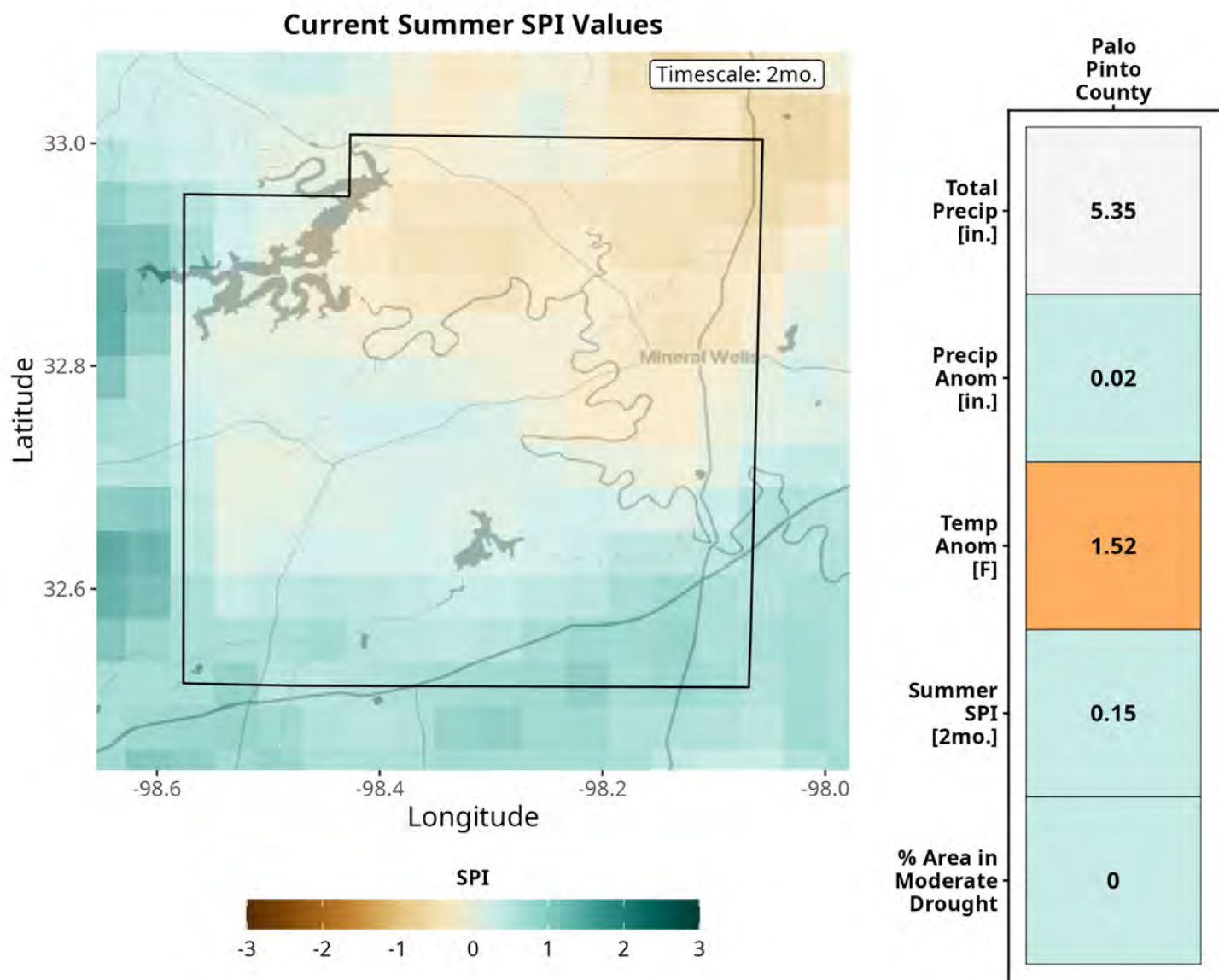


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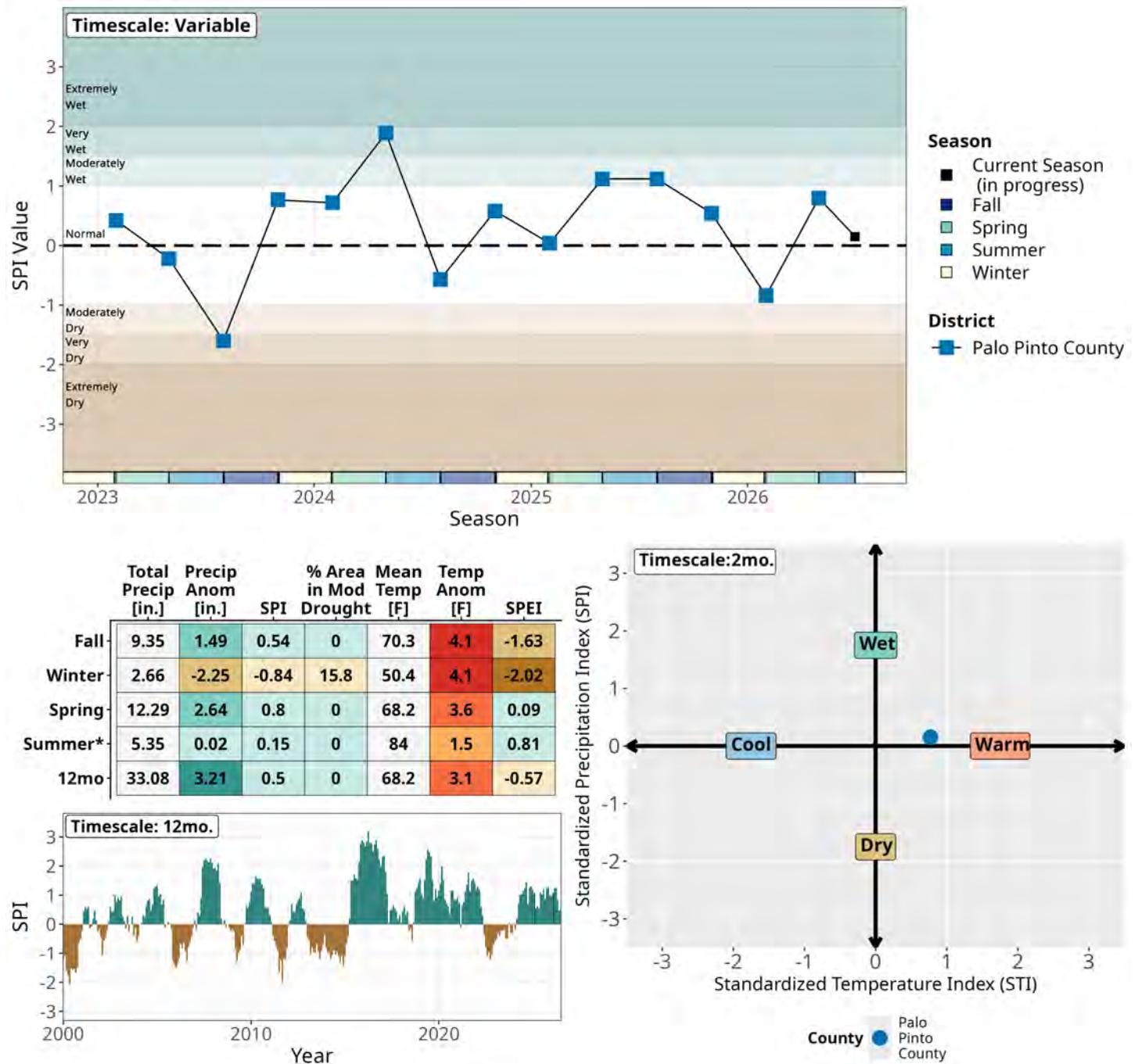


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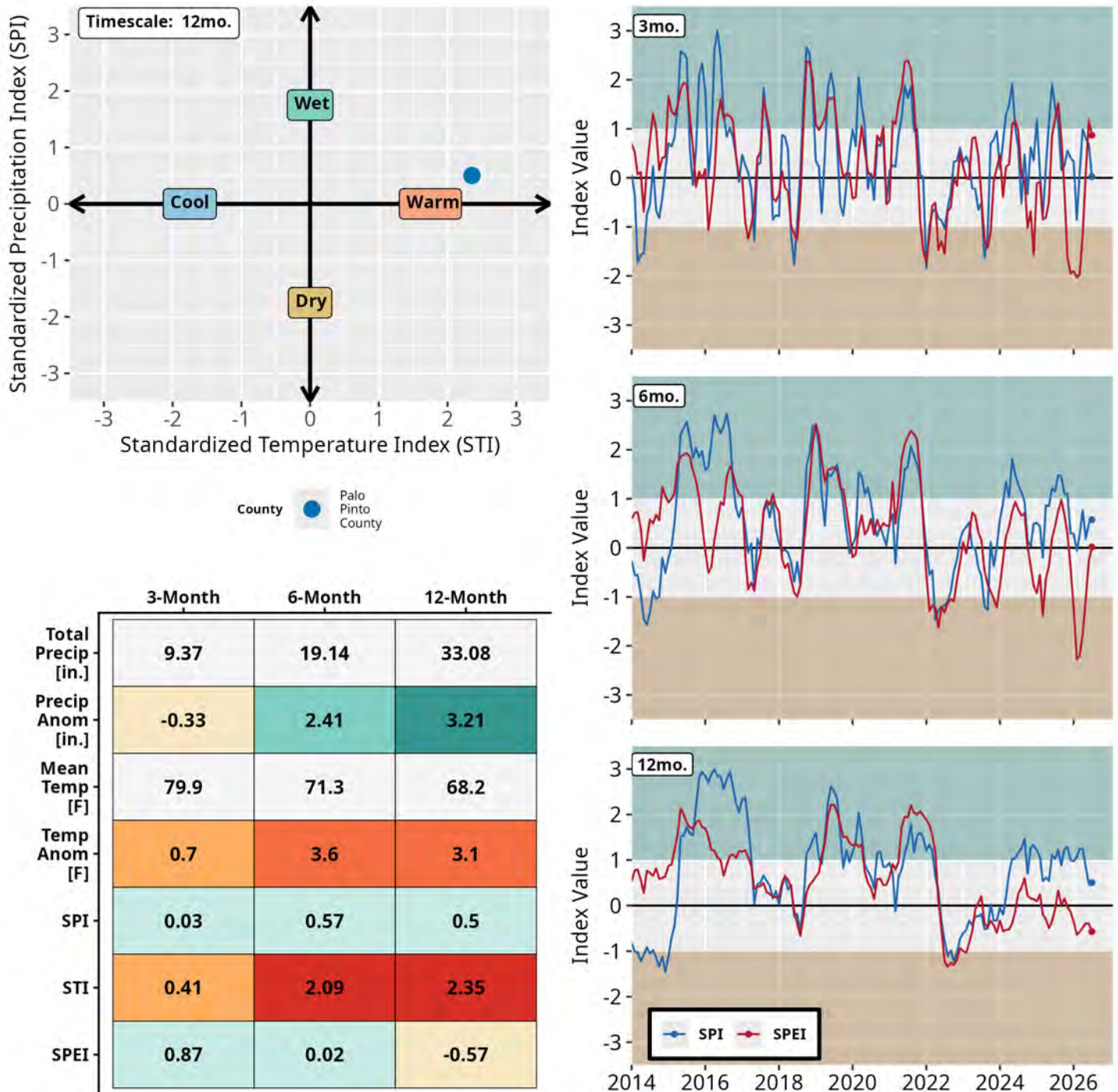


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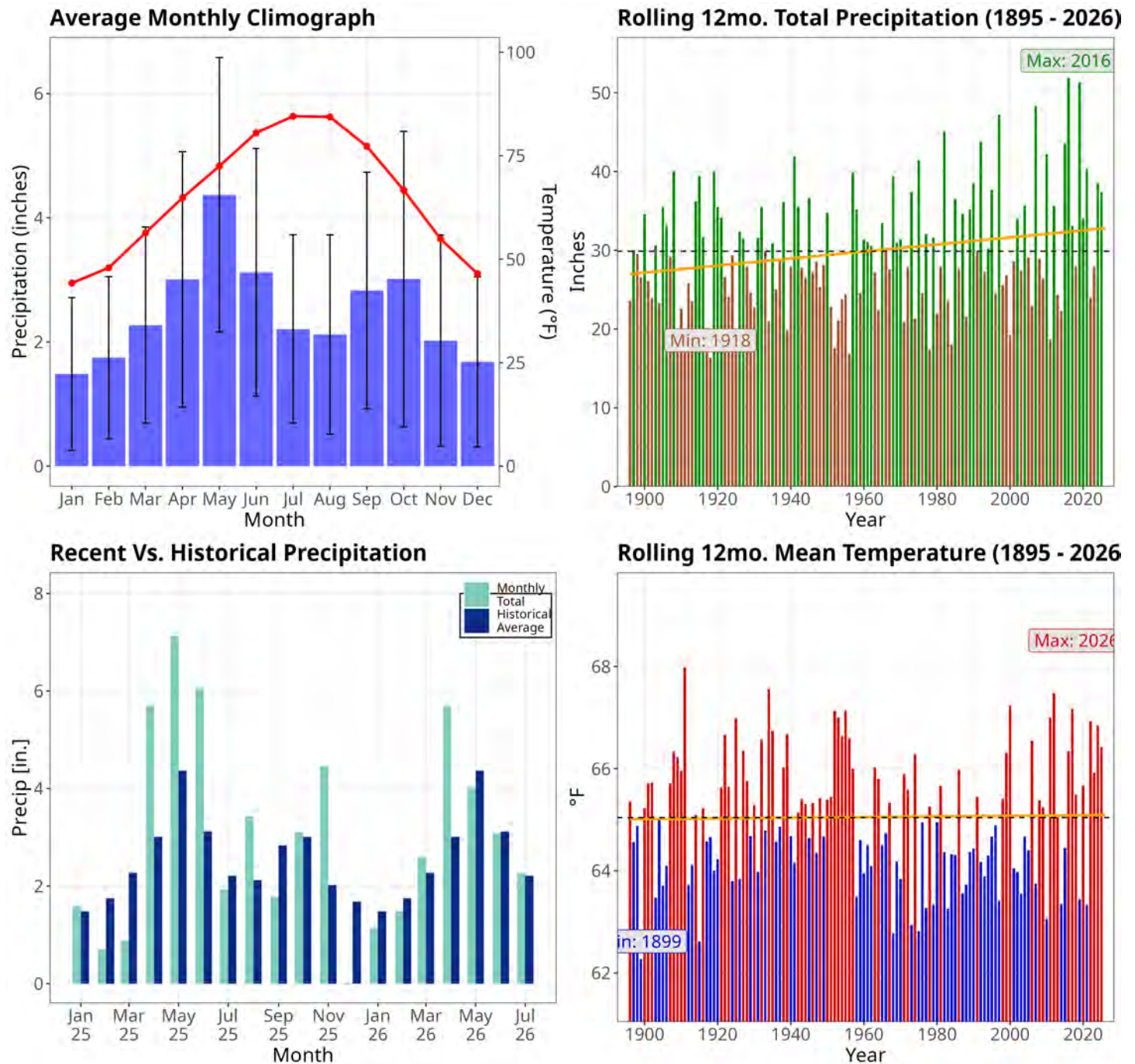


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Parker County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Parker County is **0.34** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 6.1 inches, which was **+0.59 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 53rd out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 83.8 degrees F, which was **+1.8 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 21st out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **40-50% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

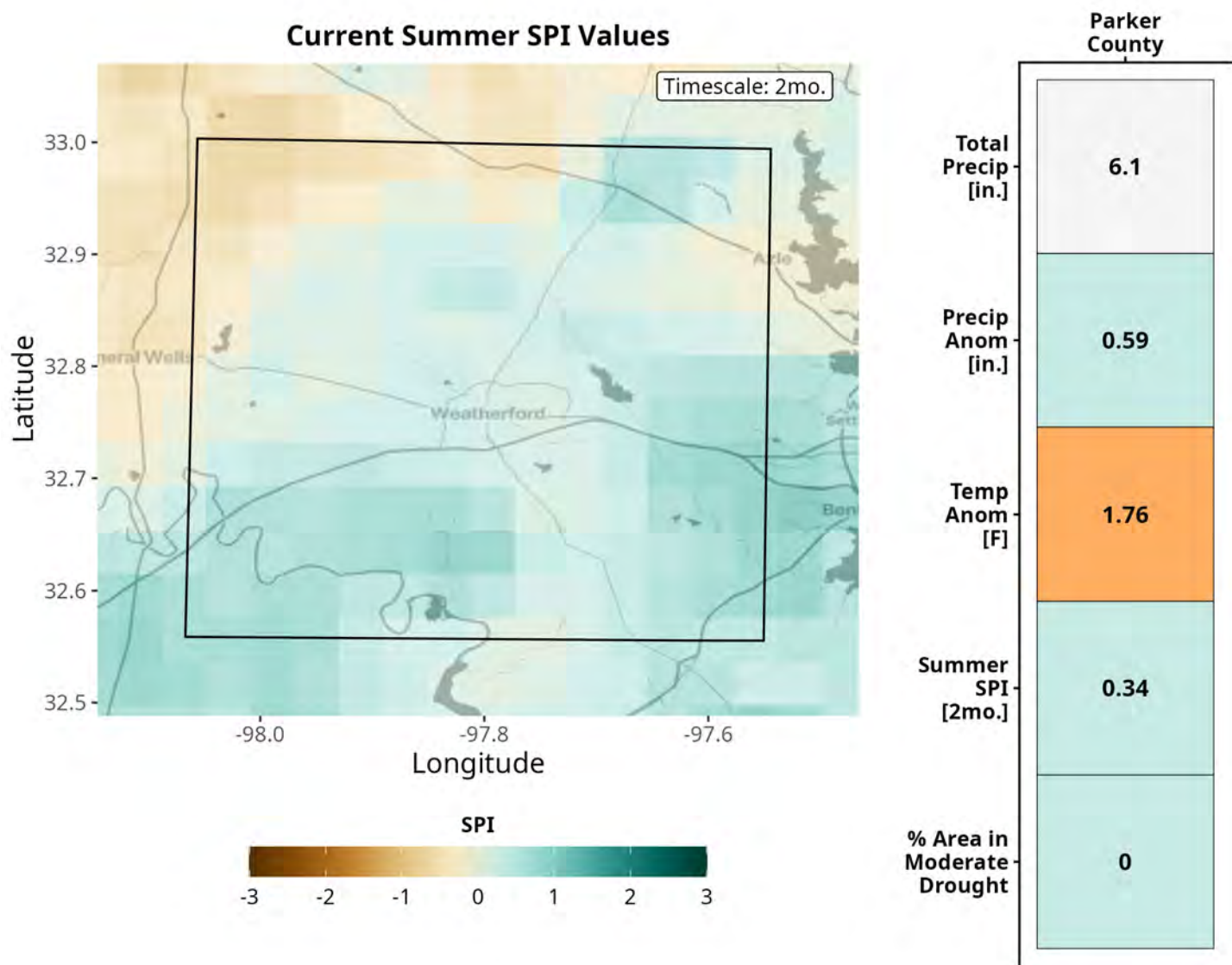


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Seasonal Progression Summary

This section contains seasonal drought information for the Parker County. Season lengths are based on historical climatology and typical land management schedules (see *Climatology and Trends* section). **Season lengths for the Parker County are: Winter (Dec-Feb); Spring (Mar-May); Summer (Jun-Aug); Fall (Sep-Nov).**

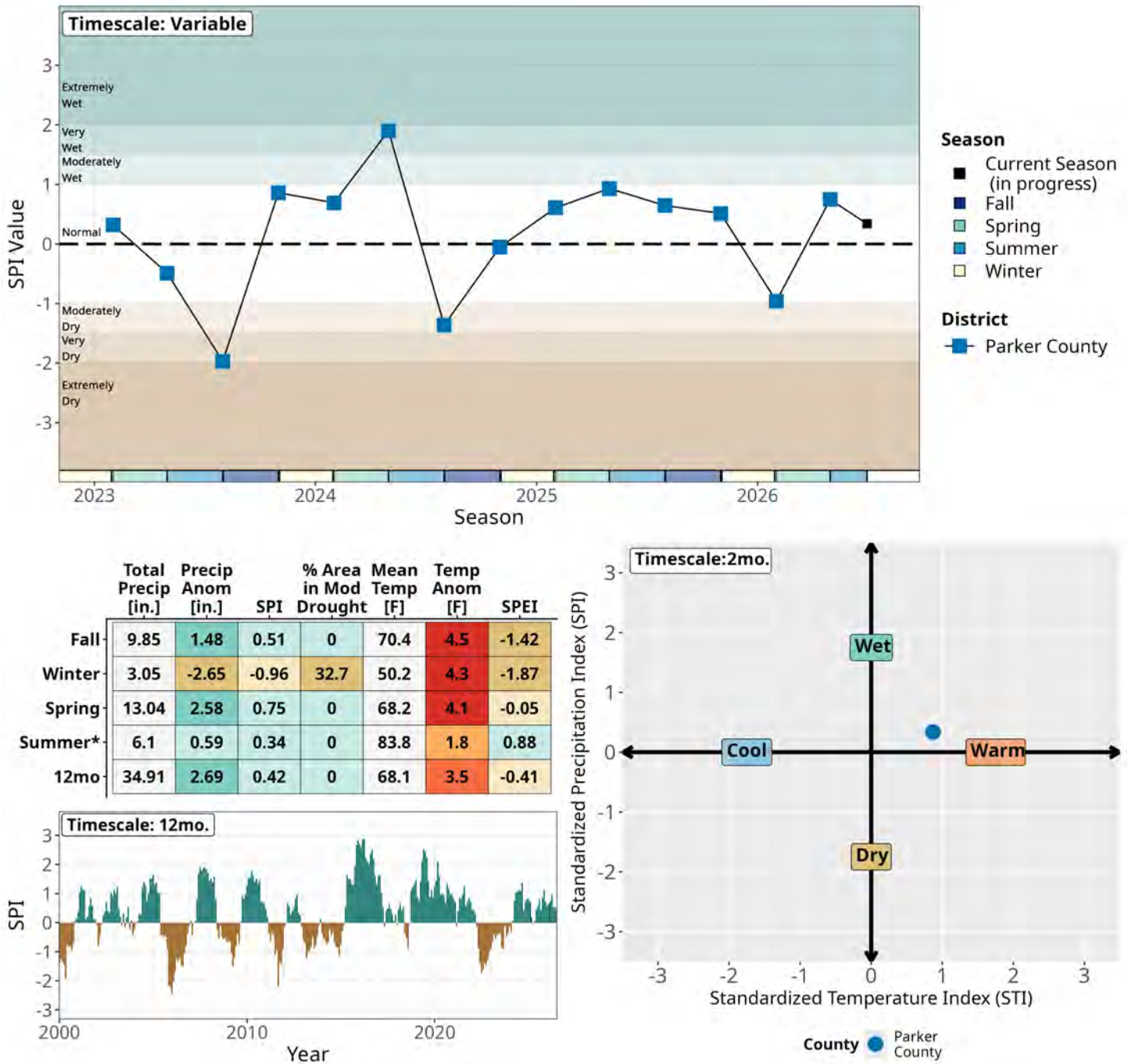


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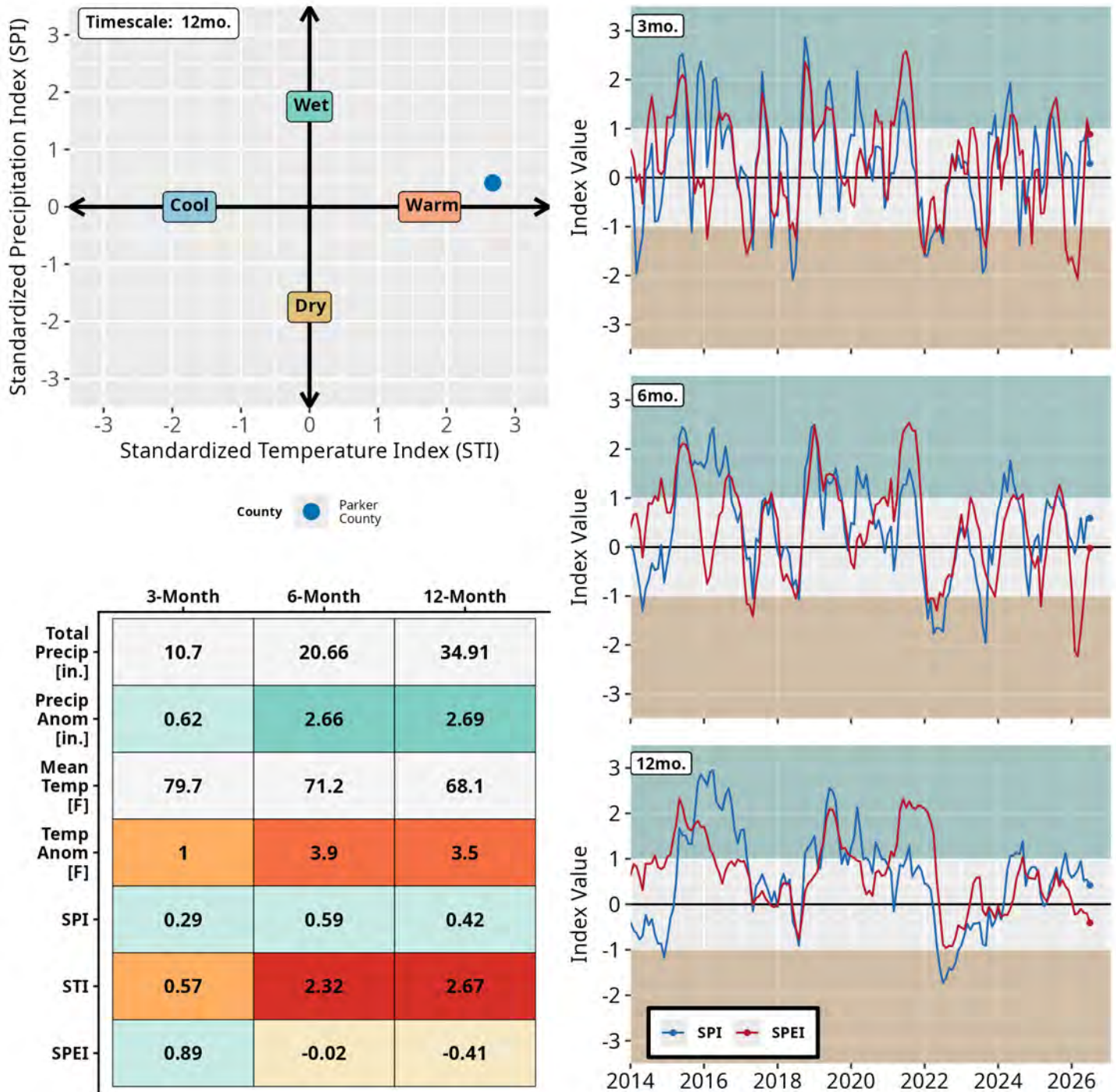


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Climatology and Trends

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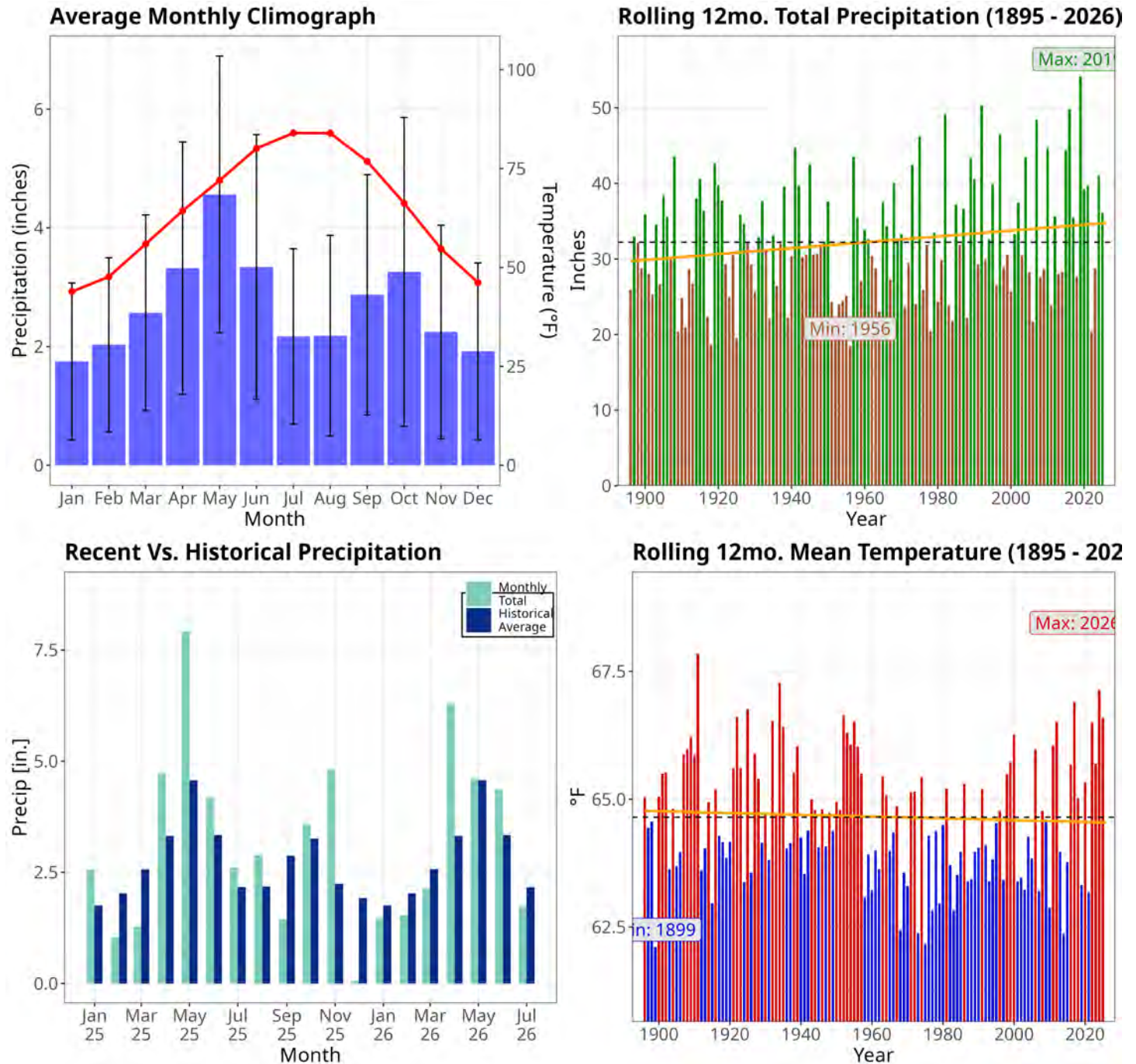


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≤ -2	Extremely Dry

Note:

Table adapted from <https://drought.unl.edu/Monitoring/SPI/MapInterpretation.aspx>

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Potter County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Potter County is **-1.19 (Moderately Dry)**.
- Average June-July precipitation was 3.09 inches, which was **-2.41 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 119th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 81 degrees F, which was **+3.8 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 5th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **33-40% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

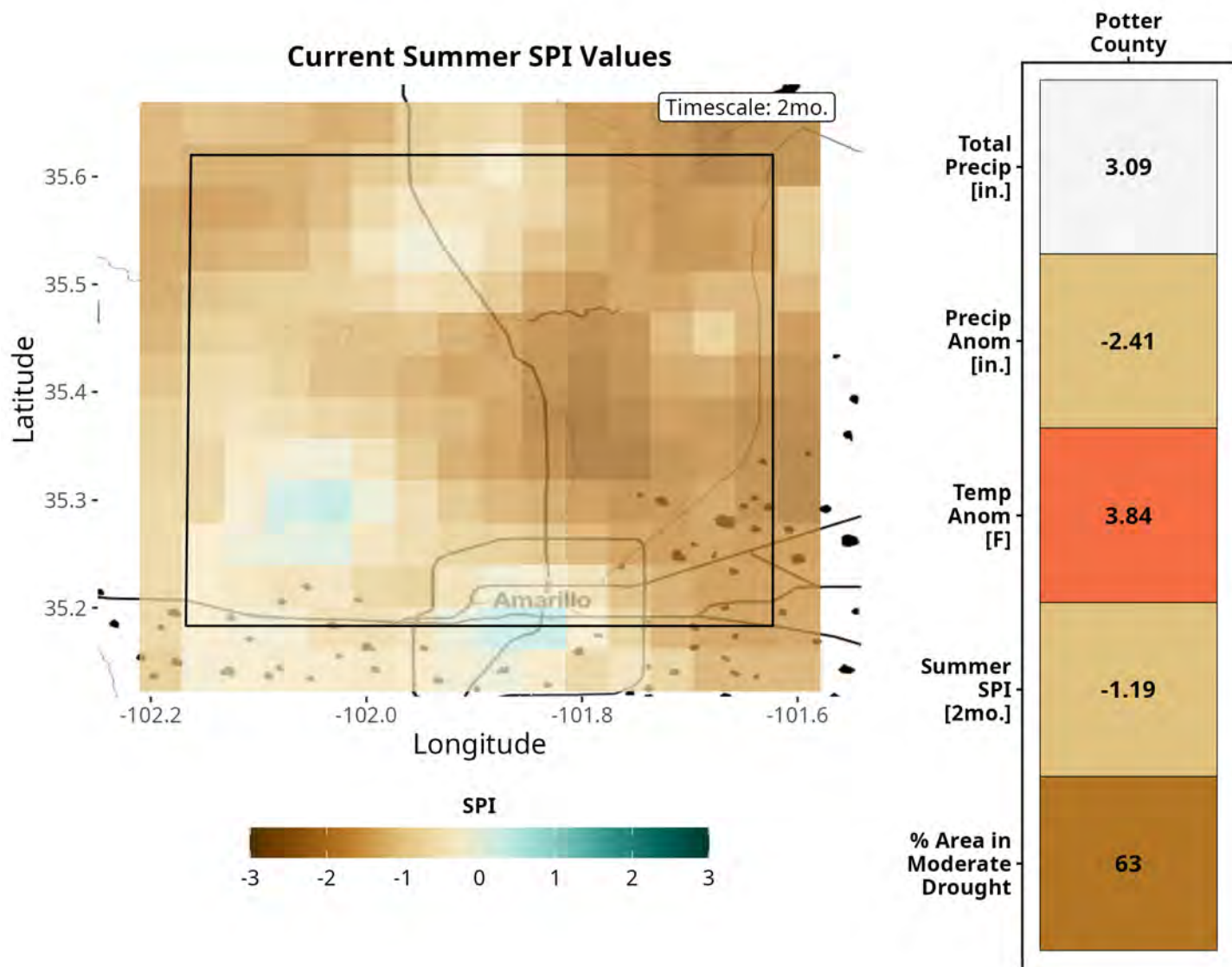


Figure 1: [Left] Potter County Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) values for **Summer 2026 (July 2mo. timescale)**. [Right] Table summarizing climate statistics for **Summer 2026 (June - July)**. Note: Season in progress - partial statistics being reported.

Seasonal Progression Summary

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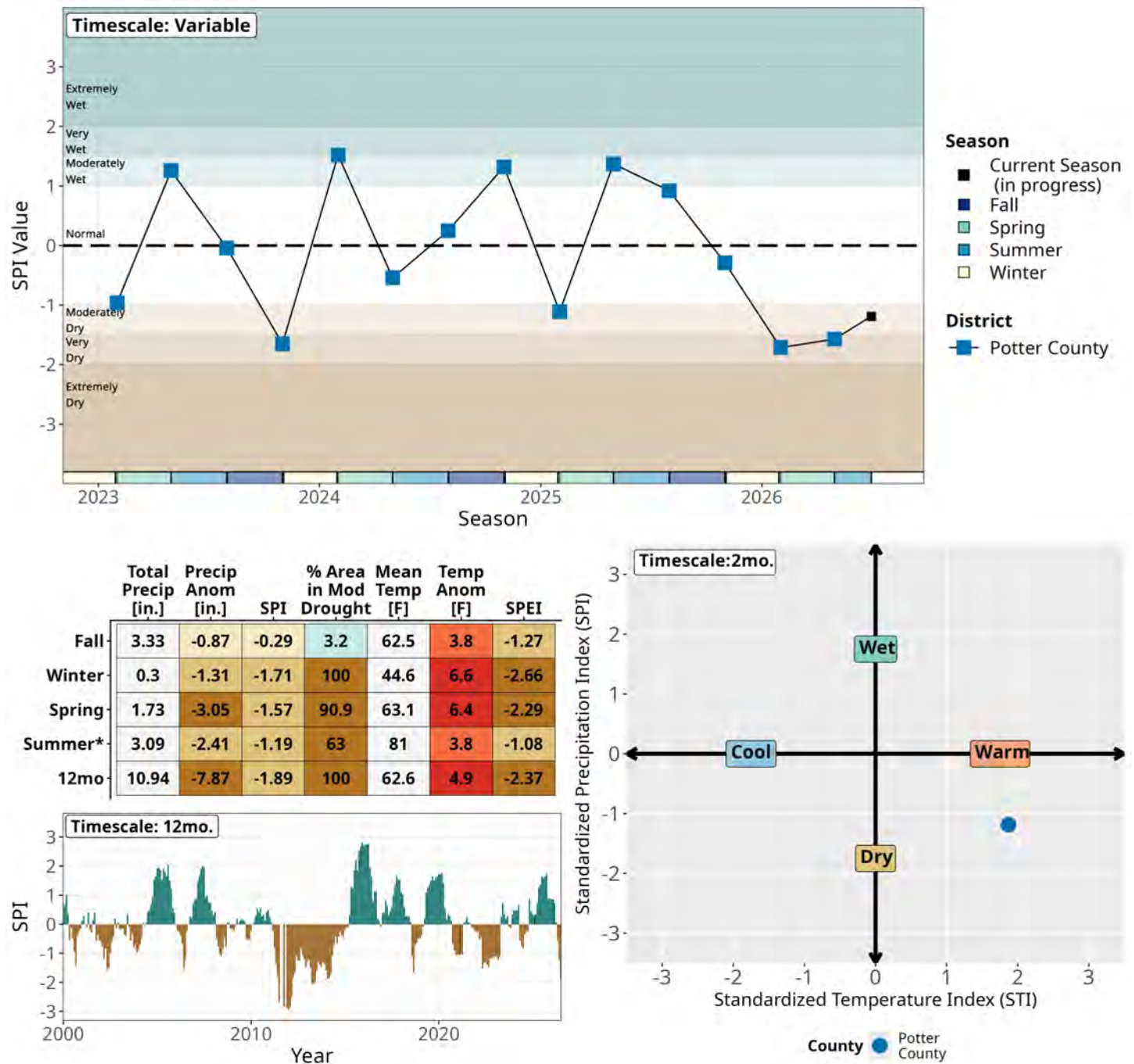


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Temperature Impacts on Drought

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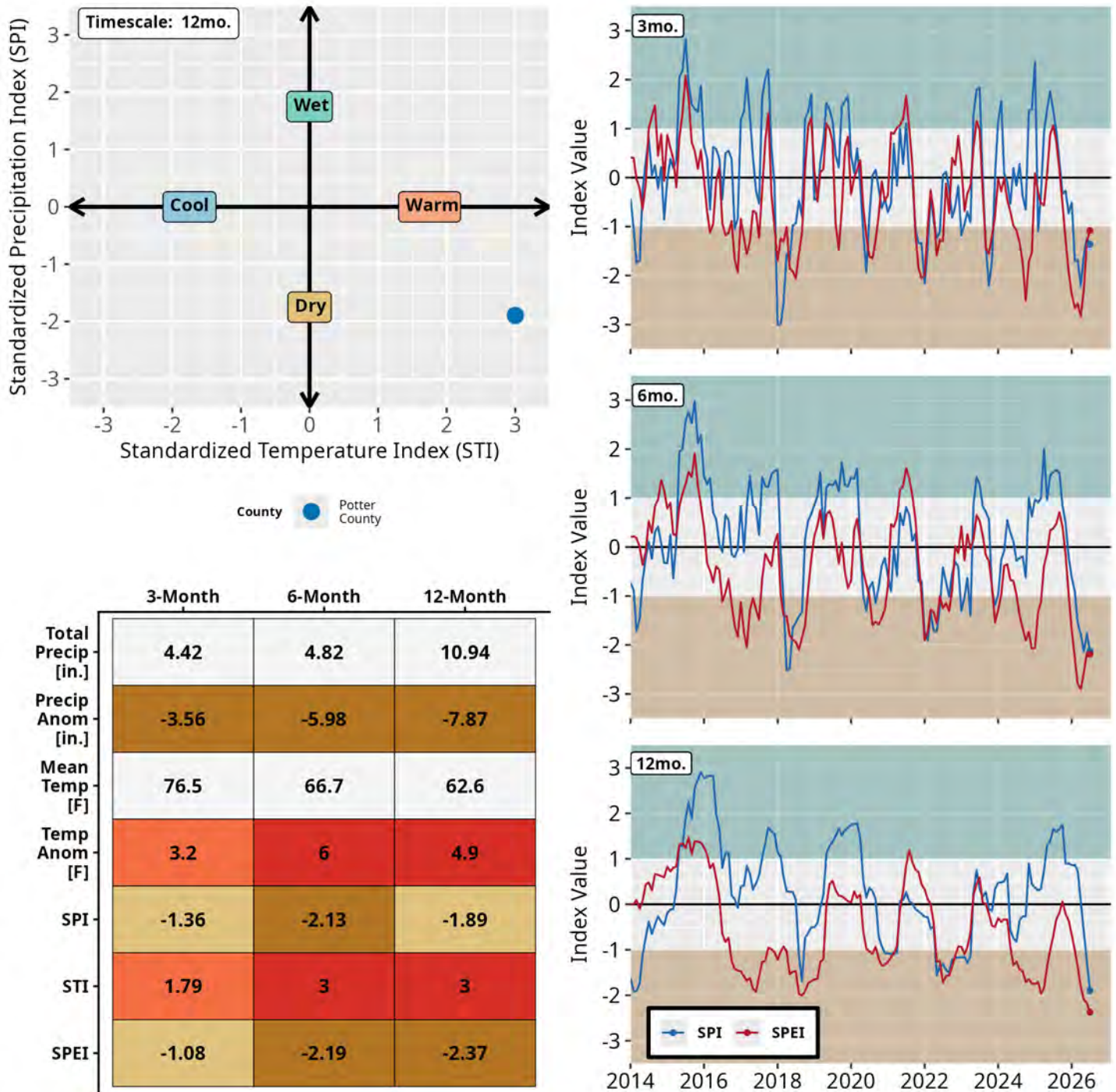


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Climatology and Trends

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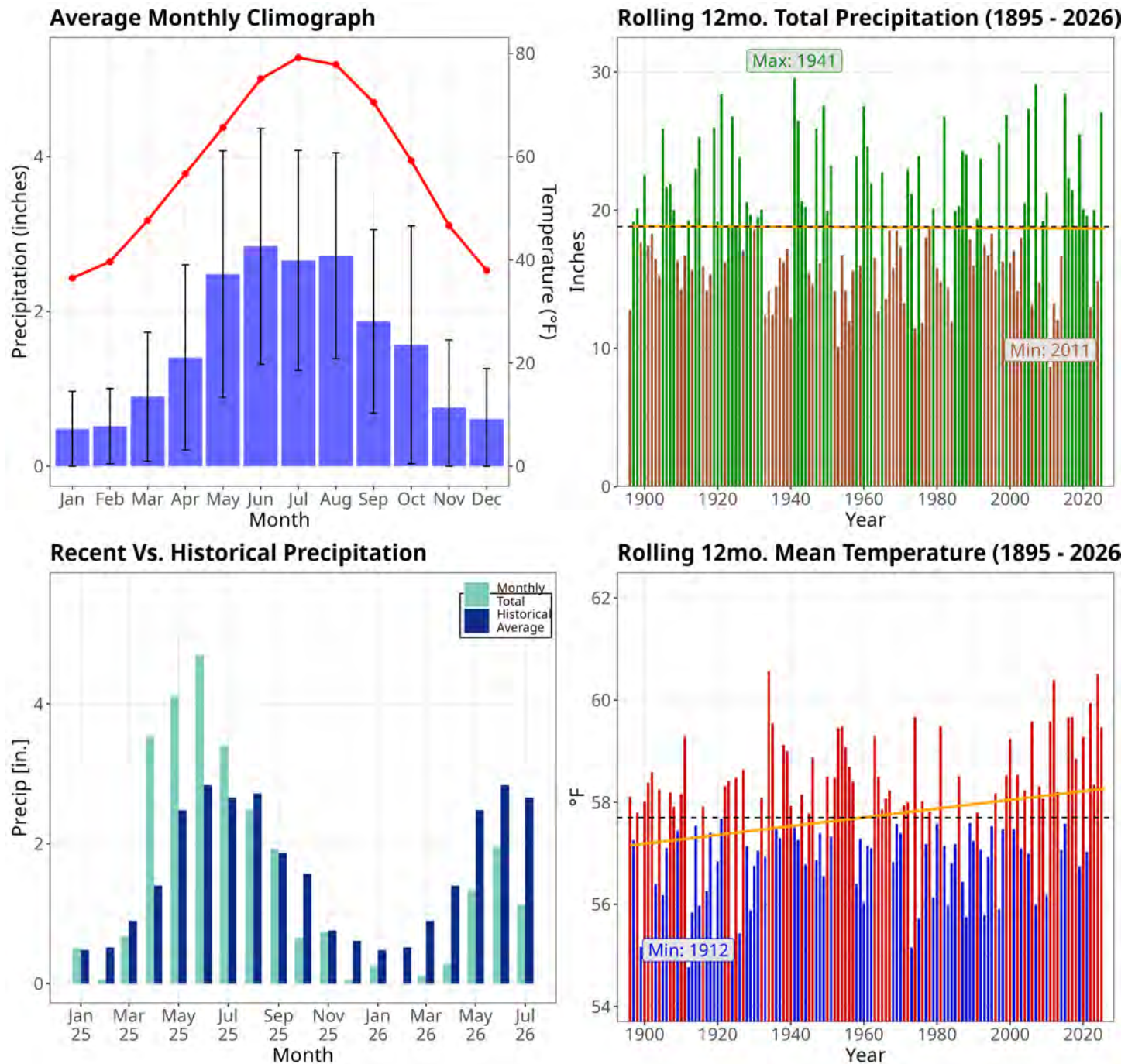


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Table 1: SPI Drought Categories

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≥ 2	Extremely Wet
1.5 to 1.99	Very Wet
1 to 1.49	Moderately Wet
-0.99 to 0.99	Near Average
-1 to -1.49	Moderately Dry
-1.5 to -1.99	Very Dry
≤ -2	Extremely Dry

Note:

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Reagan County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Reagan County is **0.02** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 3.2 inches, which was **-0.31 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 71st out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 82.2 degrees F, which was **+1.5 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 24th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

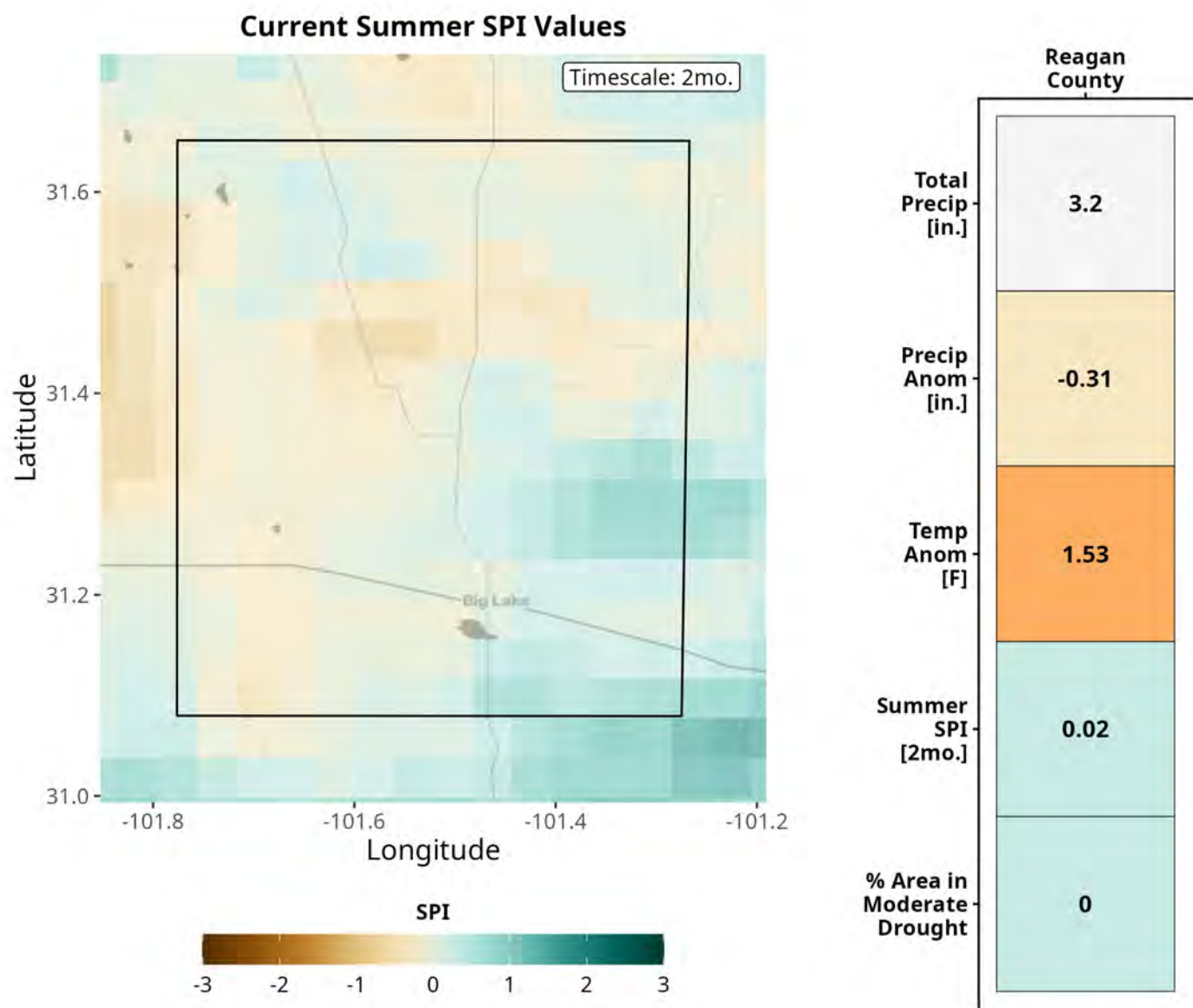


Figure 1: [Left] Reagan County Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) values for **Summer 2026 (July 2mo. timescale)**. [Right] Table summarizing climate statistics for **Summer 2026 (June - July)**. Note: Season in progress - partial statistics being reported.

Seasonal Progression Summary

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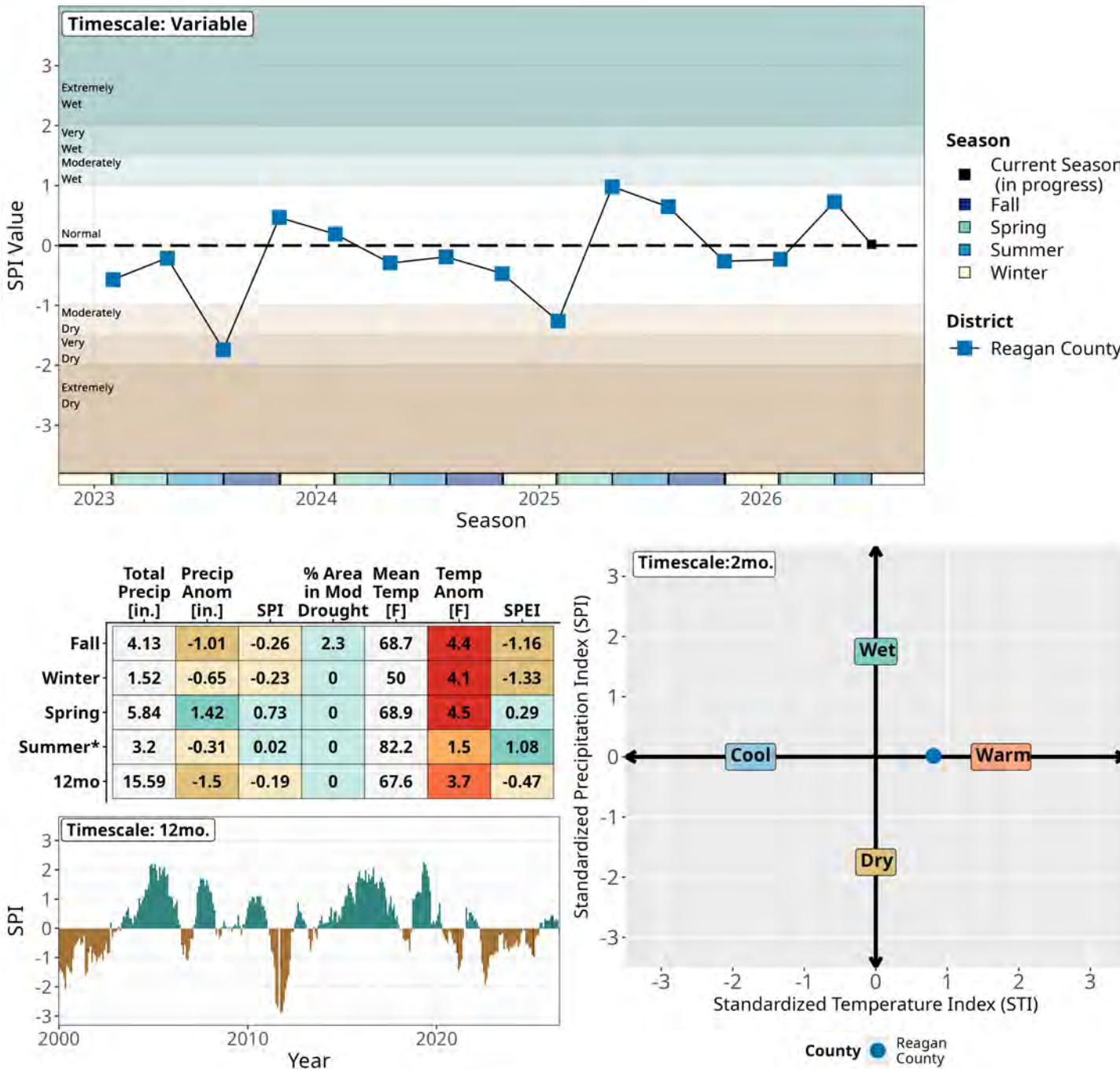


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Temperature Impacts on Drought

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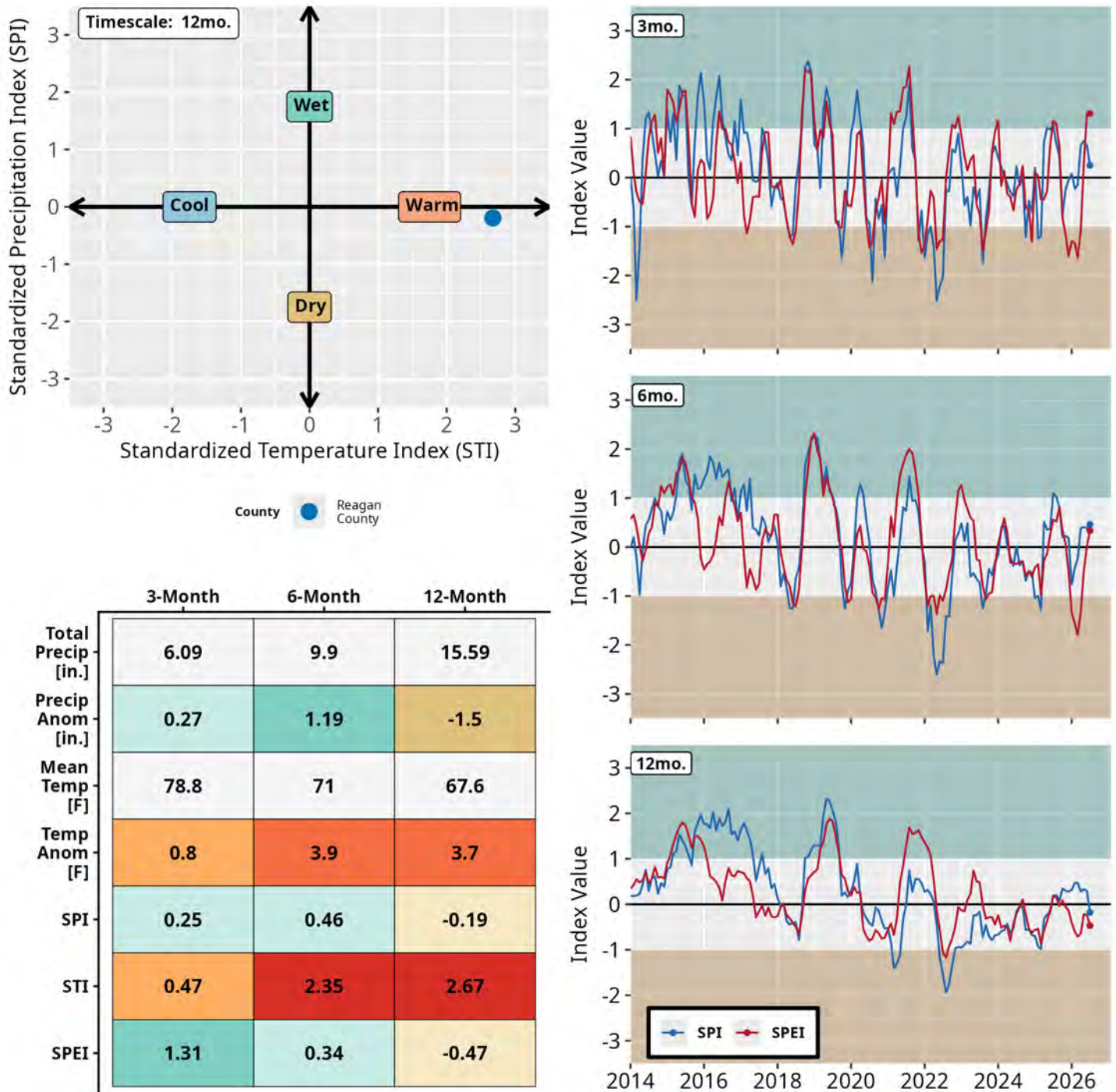


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Climatology and Trends

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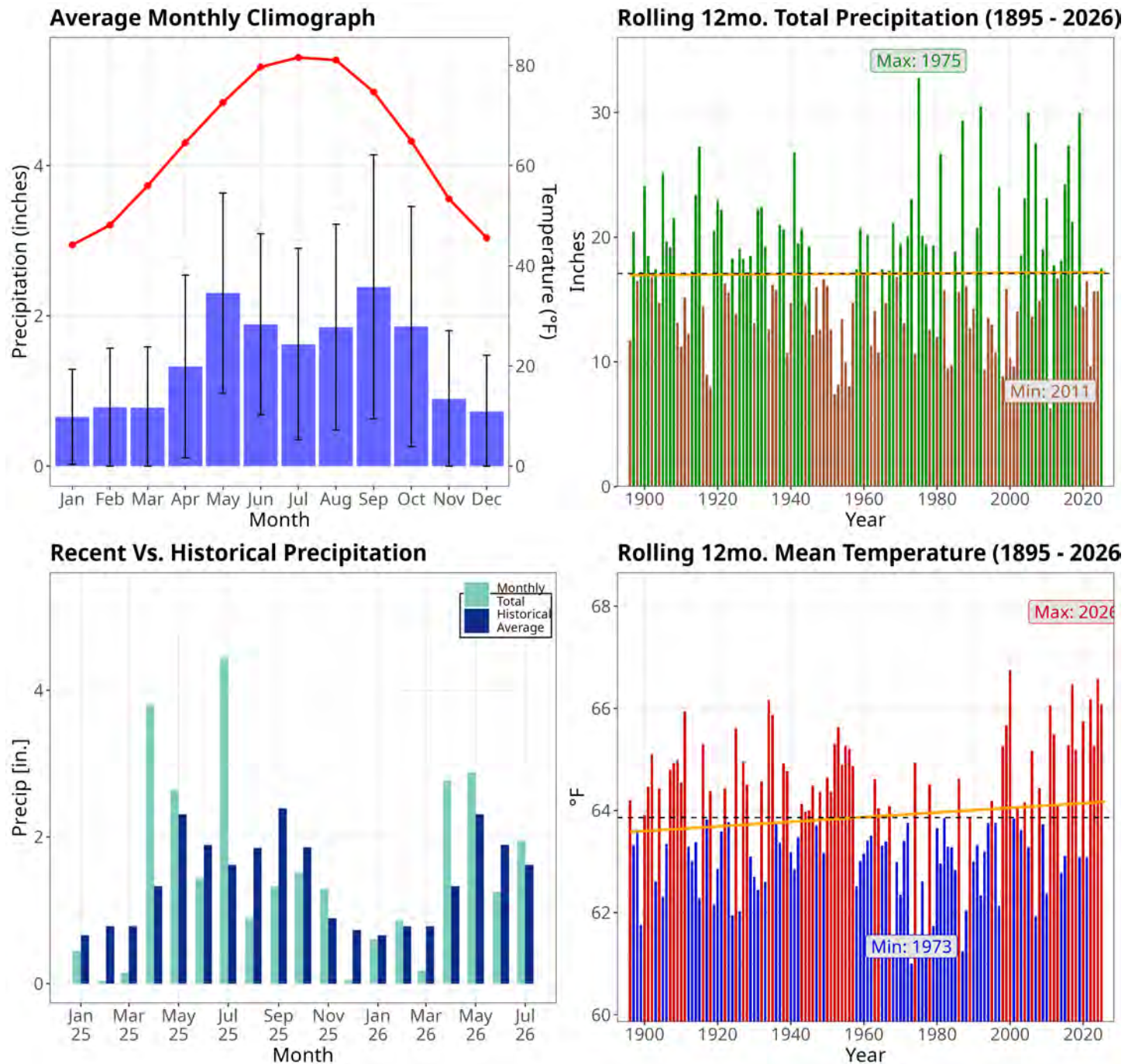


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Mechanics Behind the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

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1.5 to 1.99	Very Wet
1 to 1.49	Moderately Wet
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Runnels County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Runnels County is **0.96** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 6.82 inches, which was **+2.33 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 22nd out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 82.4 degrees F, which was **+0.9 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 45th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

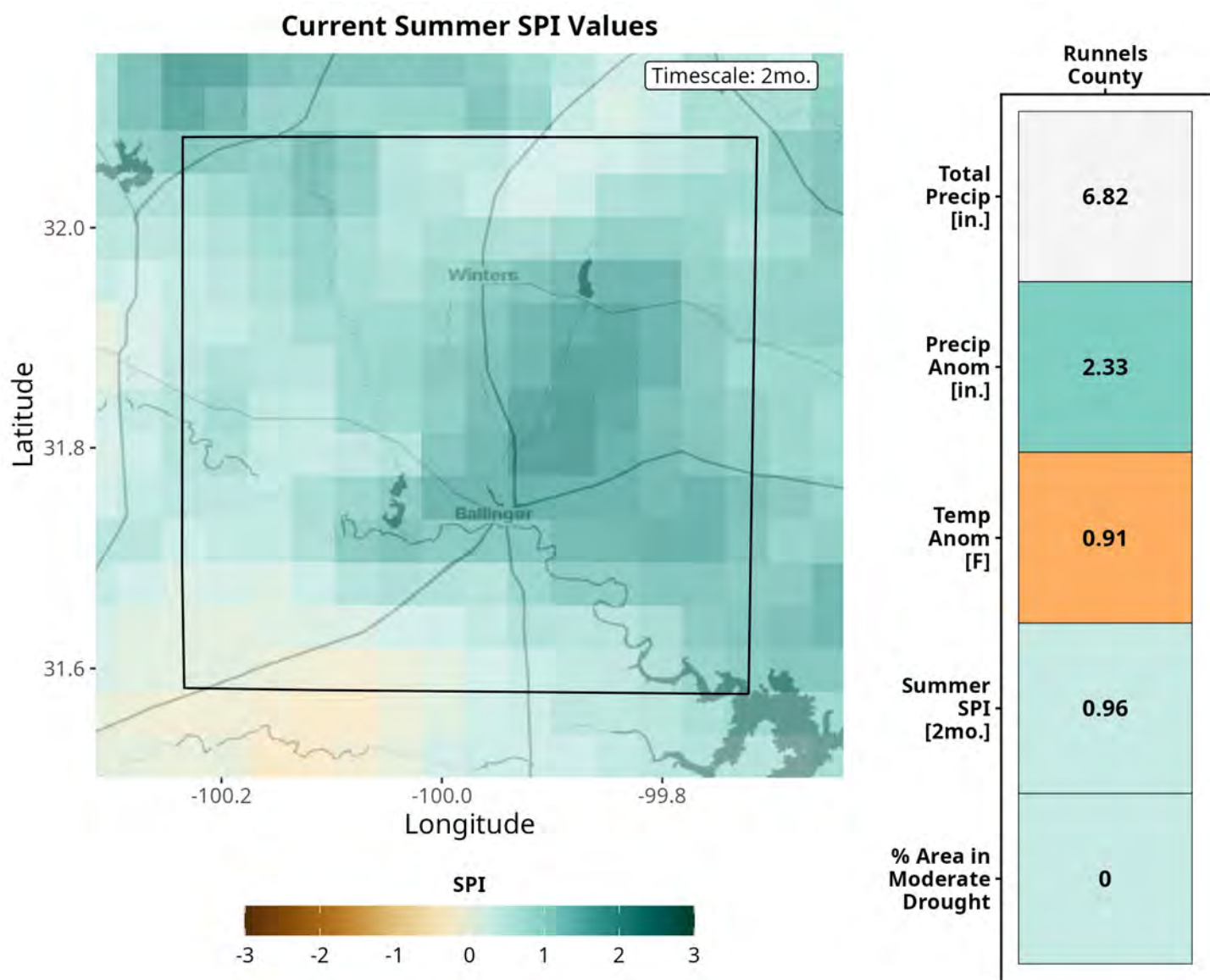


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Seasonal Progression Summary

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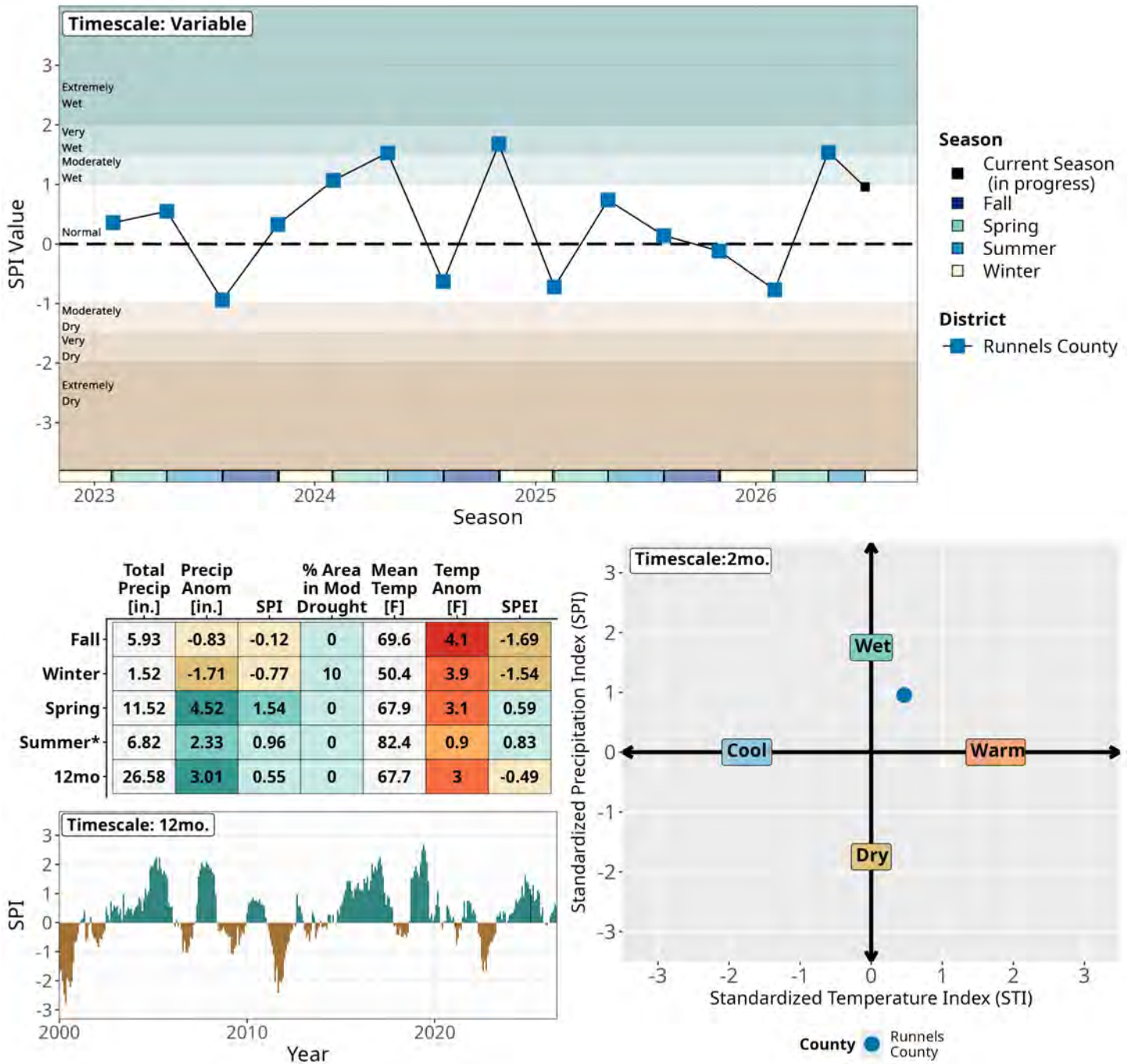


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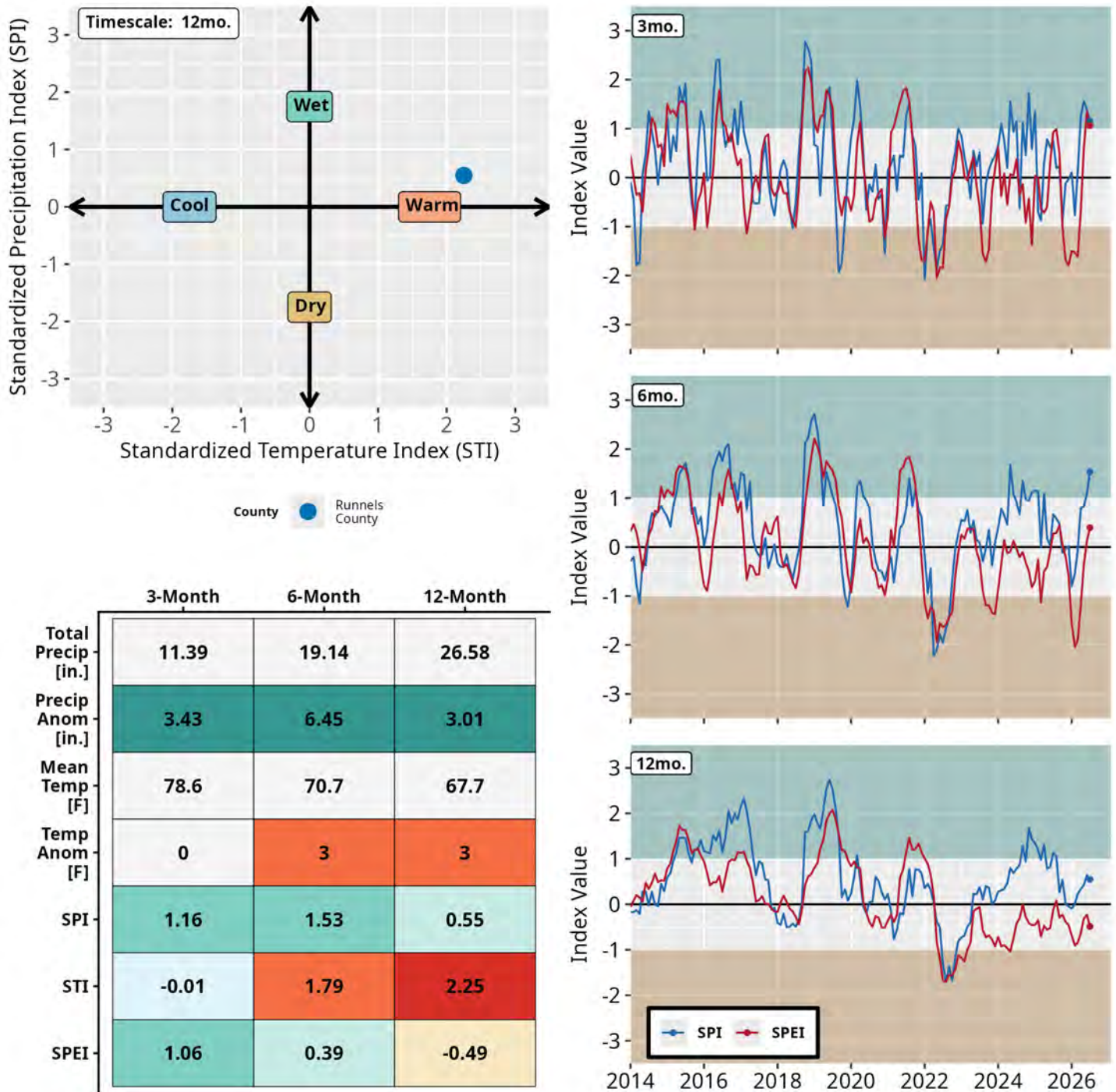


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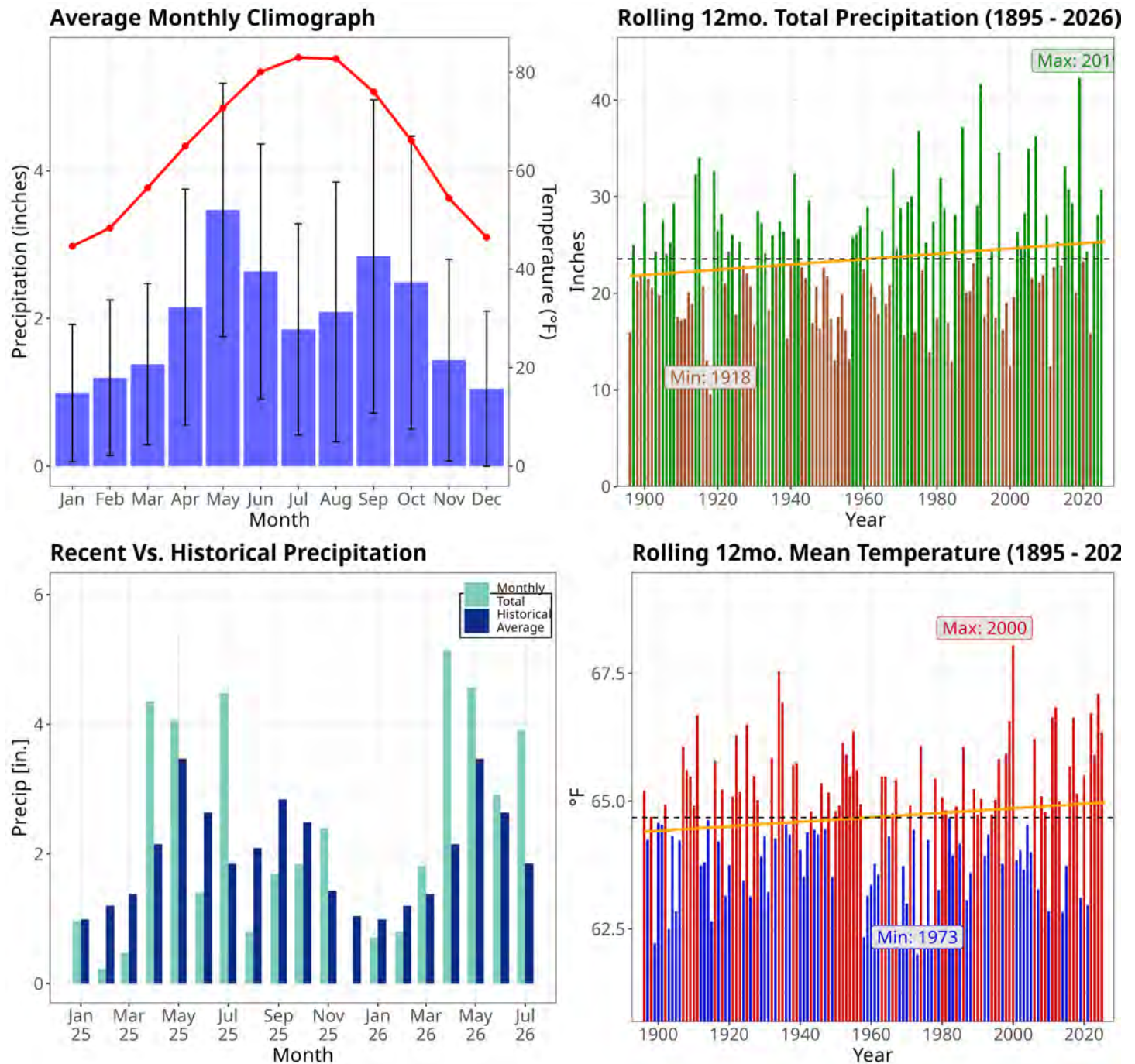


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Schleicher County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Schleicher County is **1.56** (Very Wet).
- Average June-July precipitation was 7.97 inches, which was **+3.93 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 7th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 80.6 degrees F, which was **+0.6 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 45th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

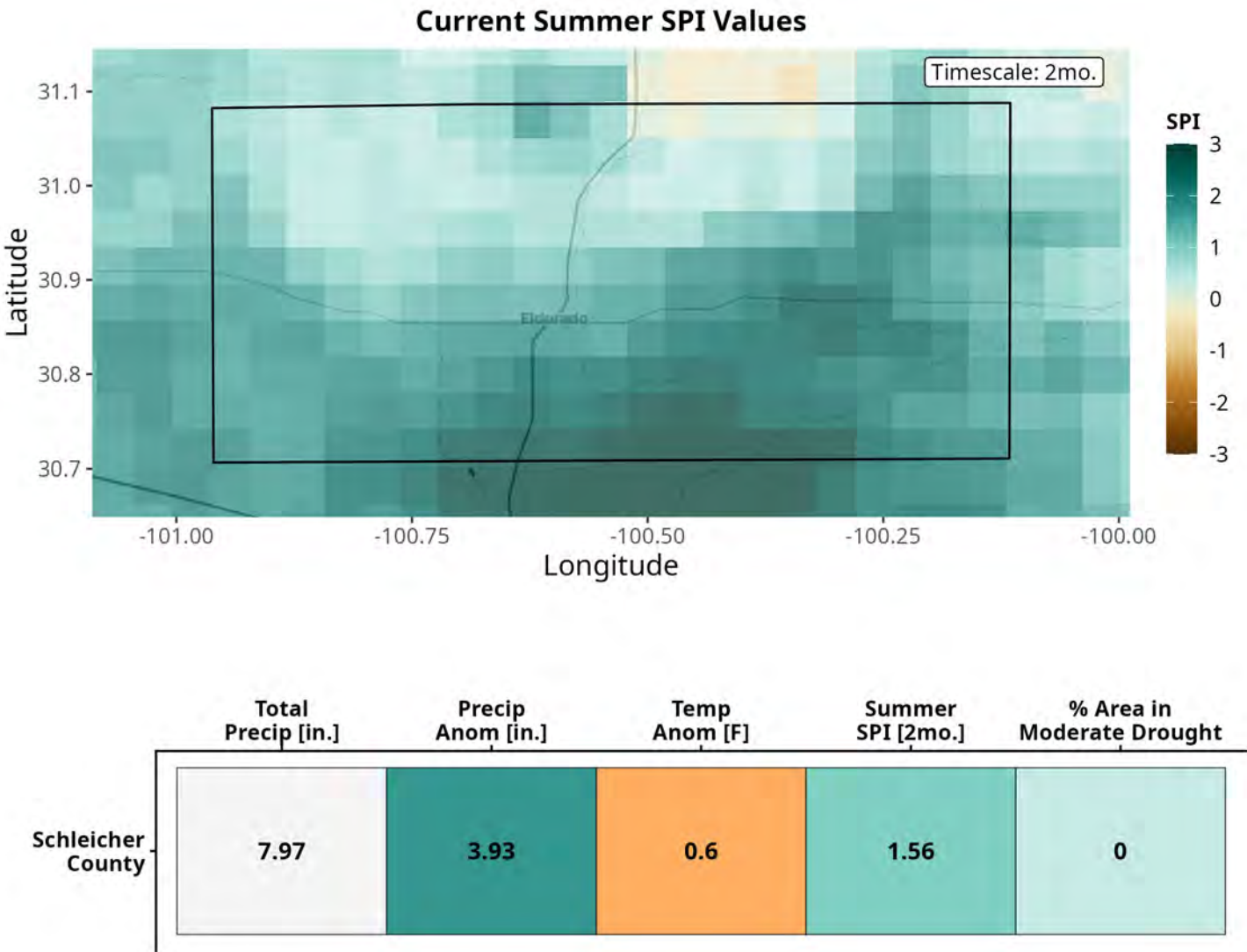


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Seasonal Progression Summary

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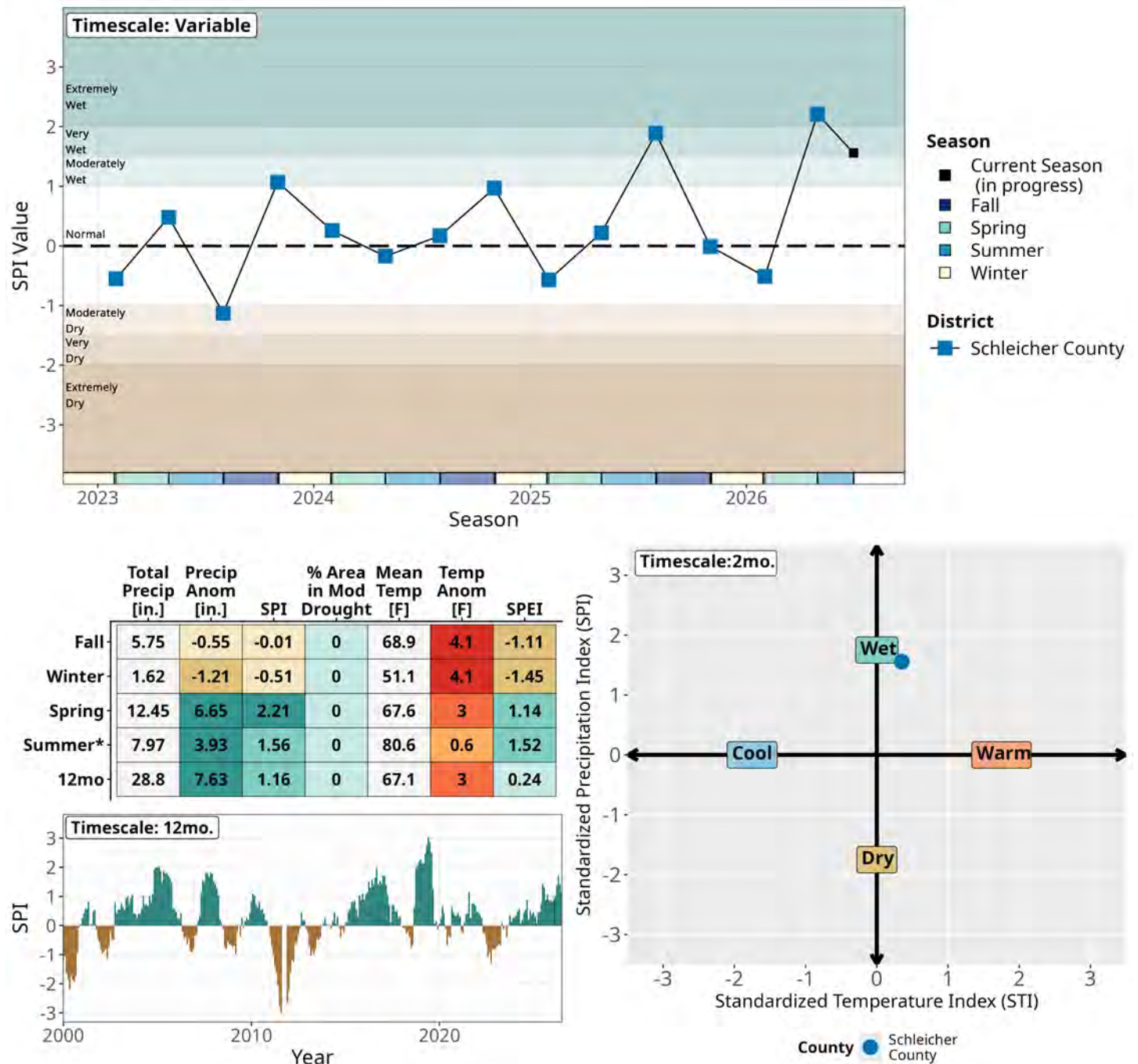


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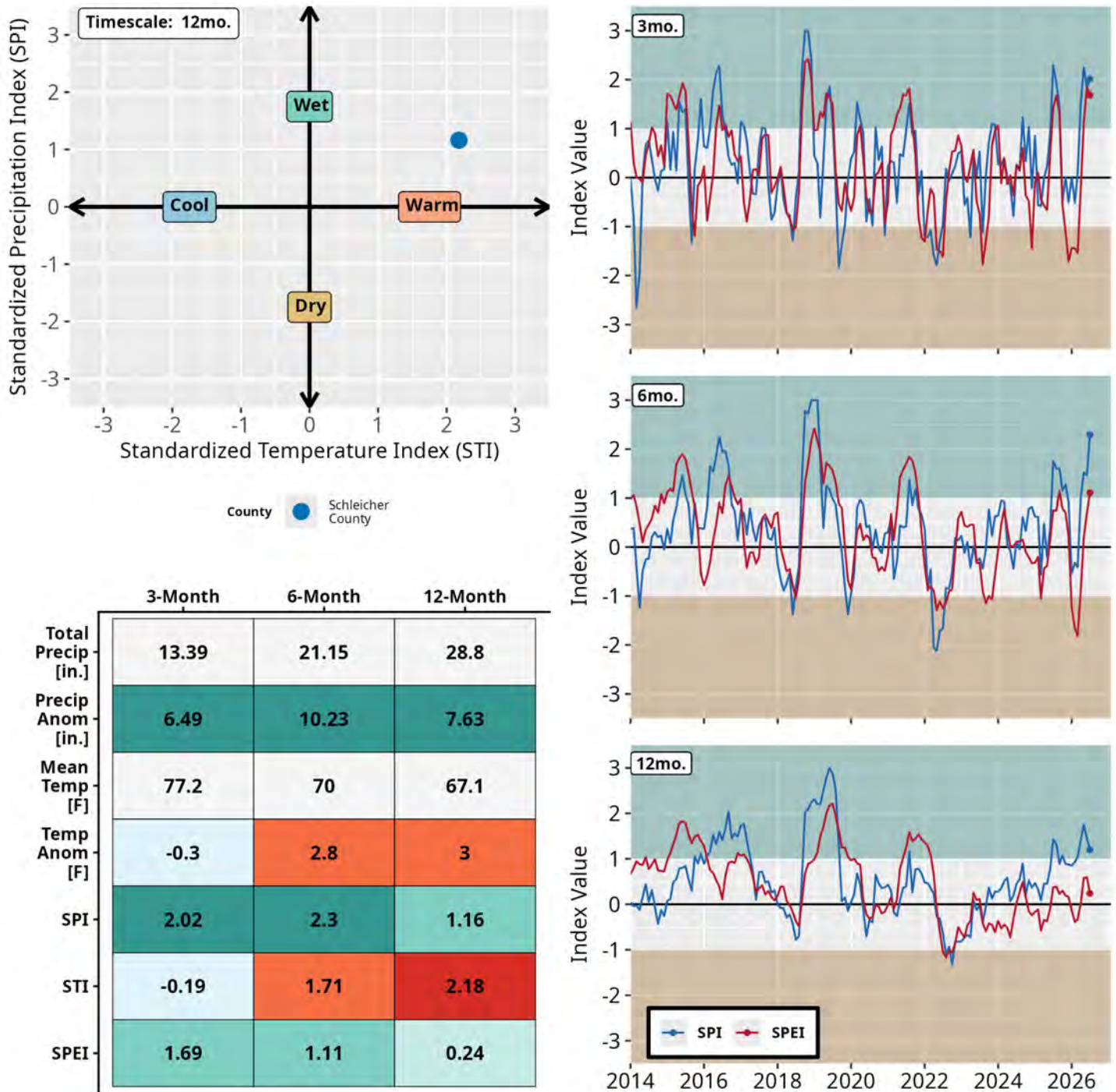


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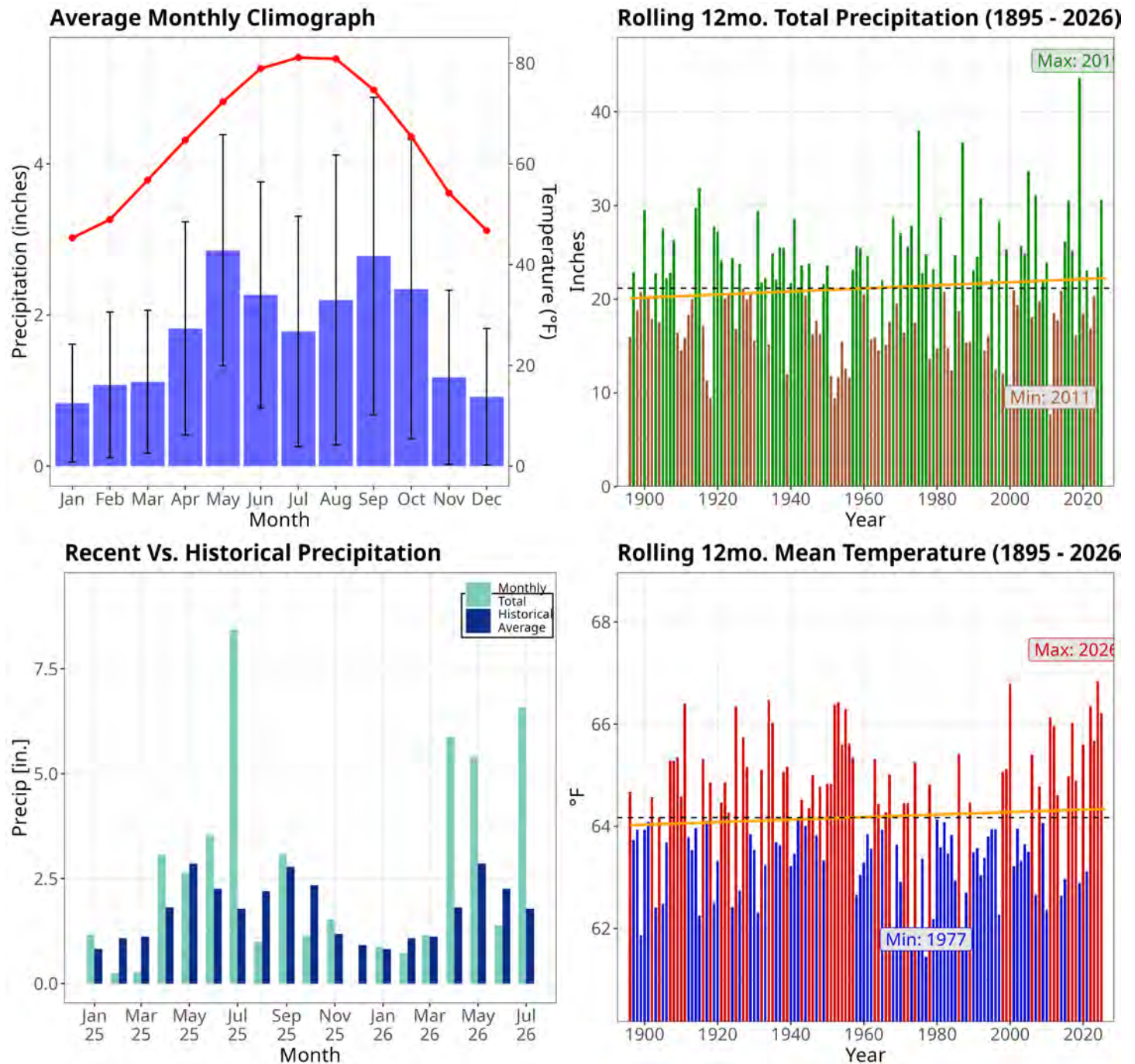


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Tom Green County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Tom Green County is **0.21** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 4.17 inches, which was **+0.06 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 64th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 82.6 degrees F, which was **+1.4 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 30th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

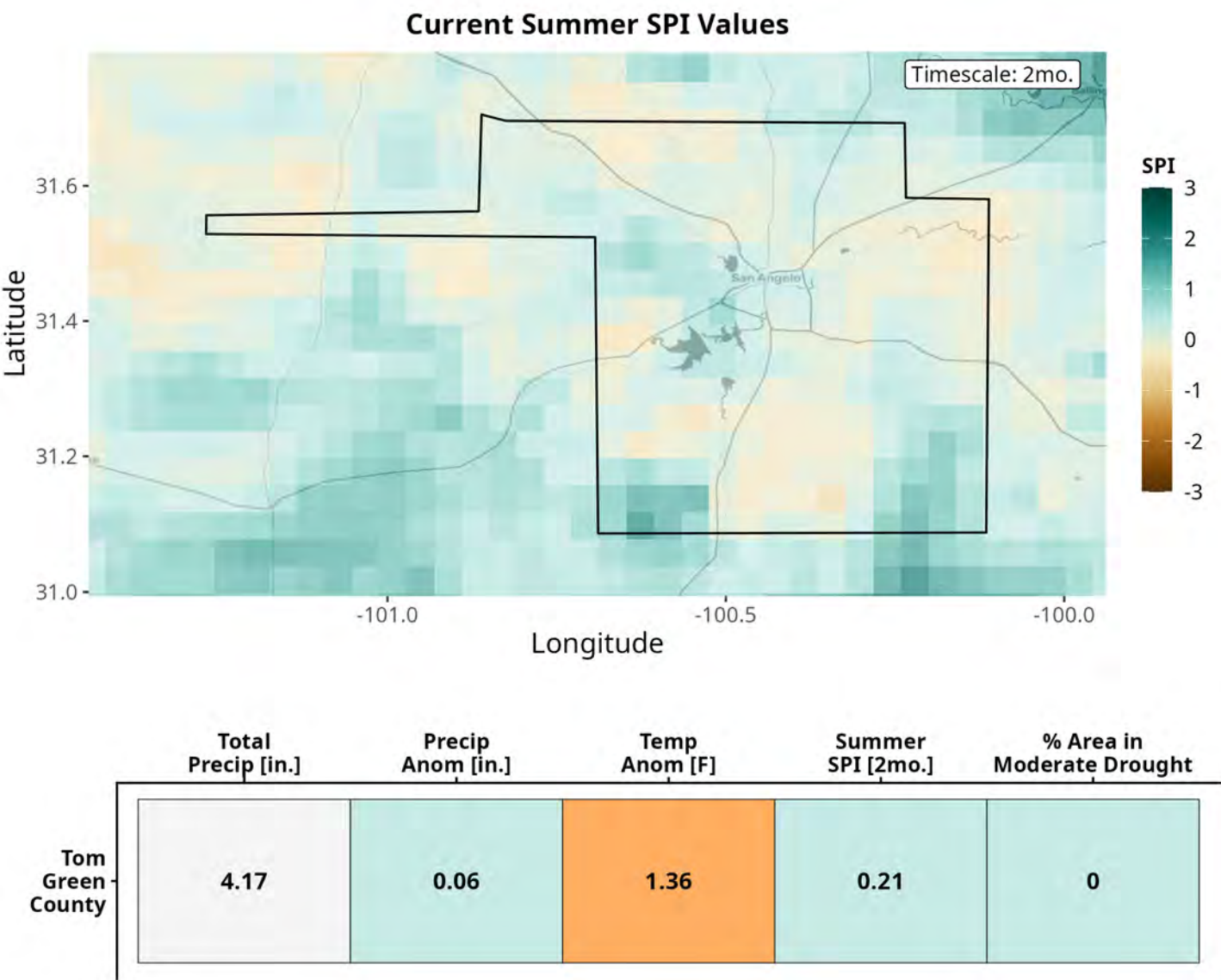


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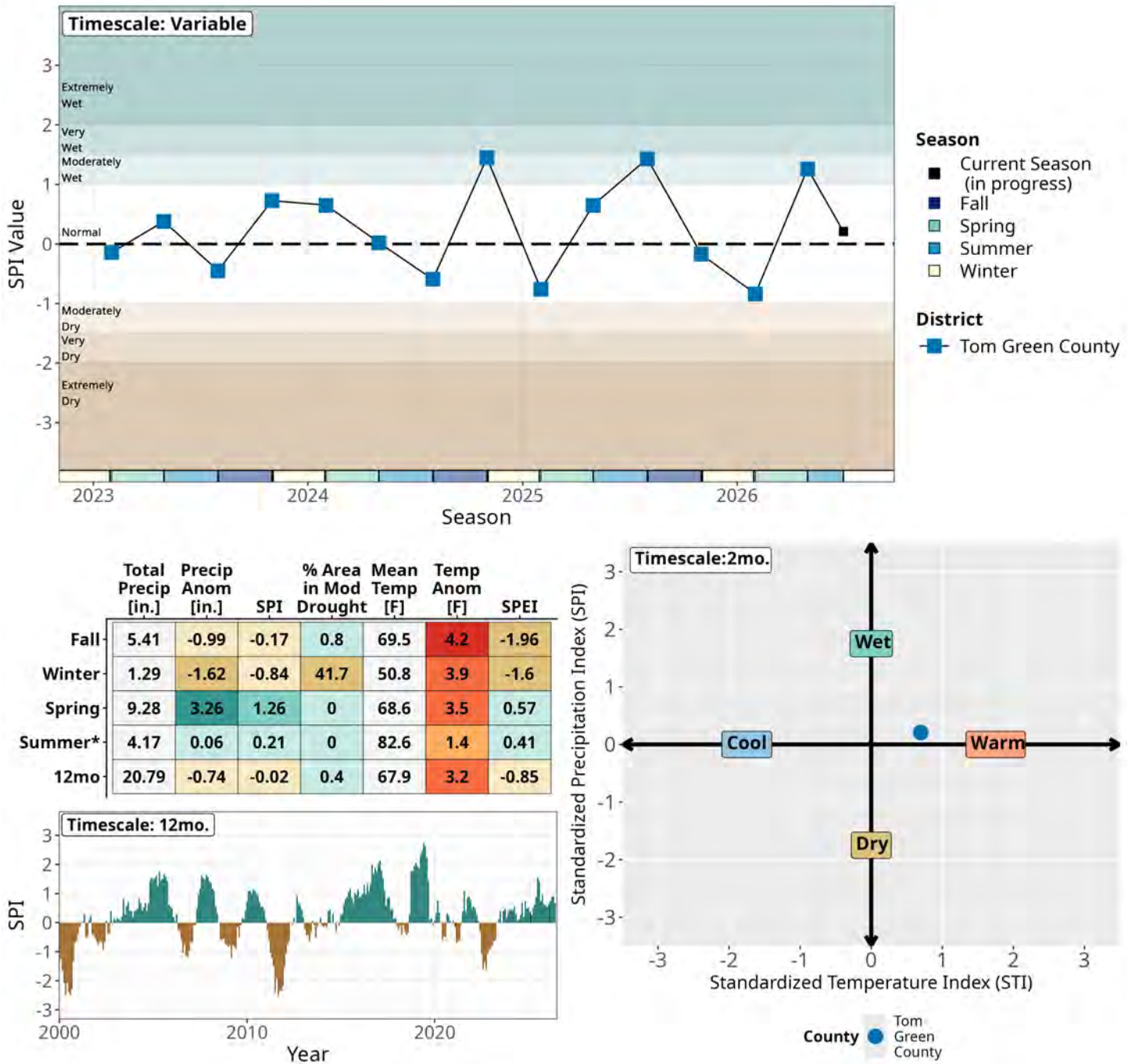


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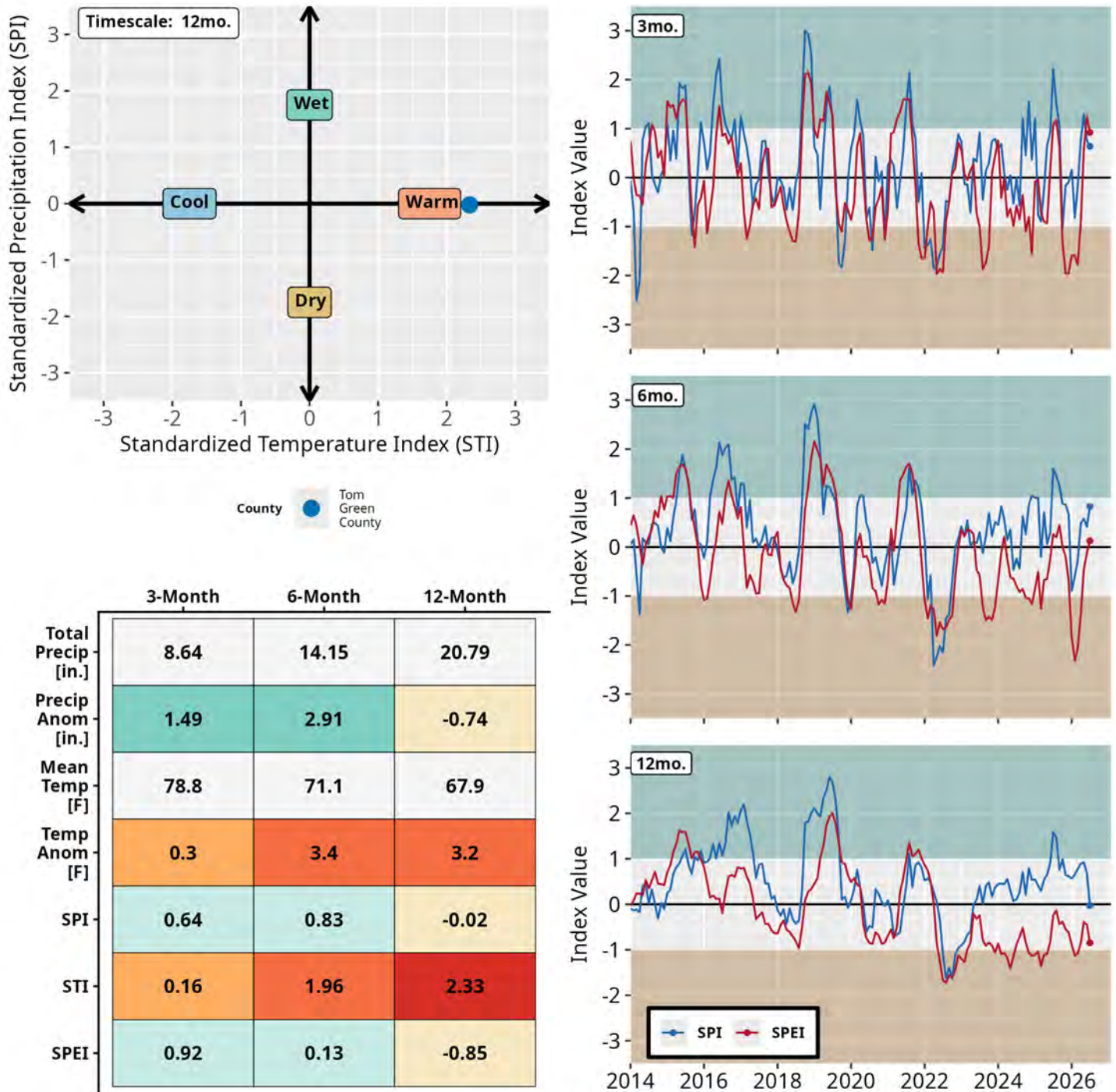


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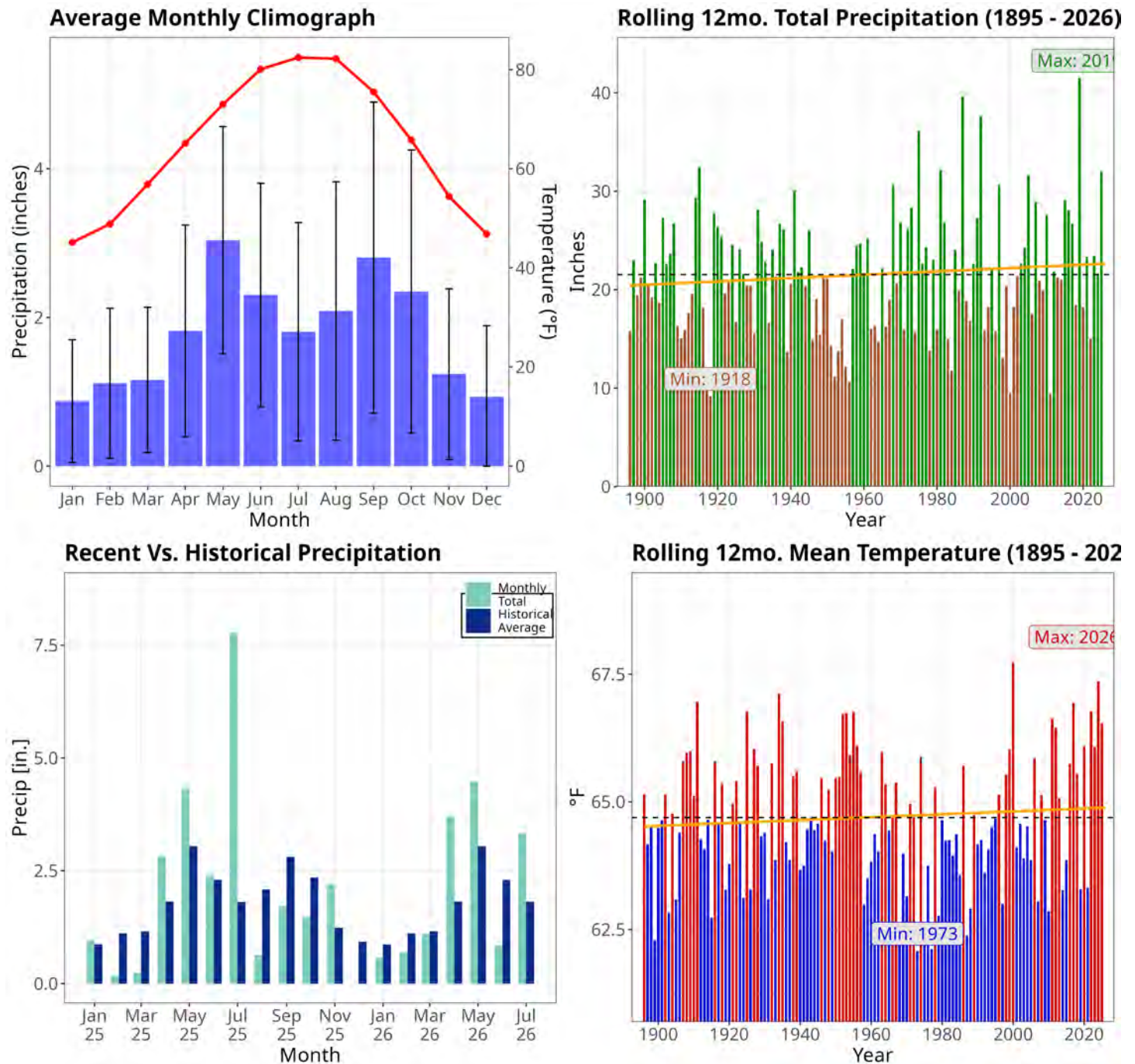


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Upton County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Upton County is **-0.06** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 2.65 inches, which was **-0.36 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 71st out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 83 degrees F, which was **+1.4 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 29th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
- The 1-month outlook for August predicts a **33-40% chance of drier-than-average precipitation** and a **40-50% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. The 3-month seasonal outlook for August-October predicts **equal chances of above, below or normal precipitation** and a **50-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures**. (More information at [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#))

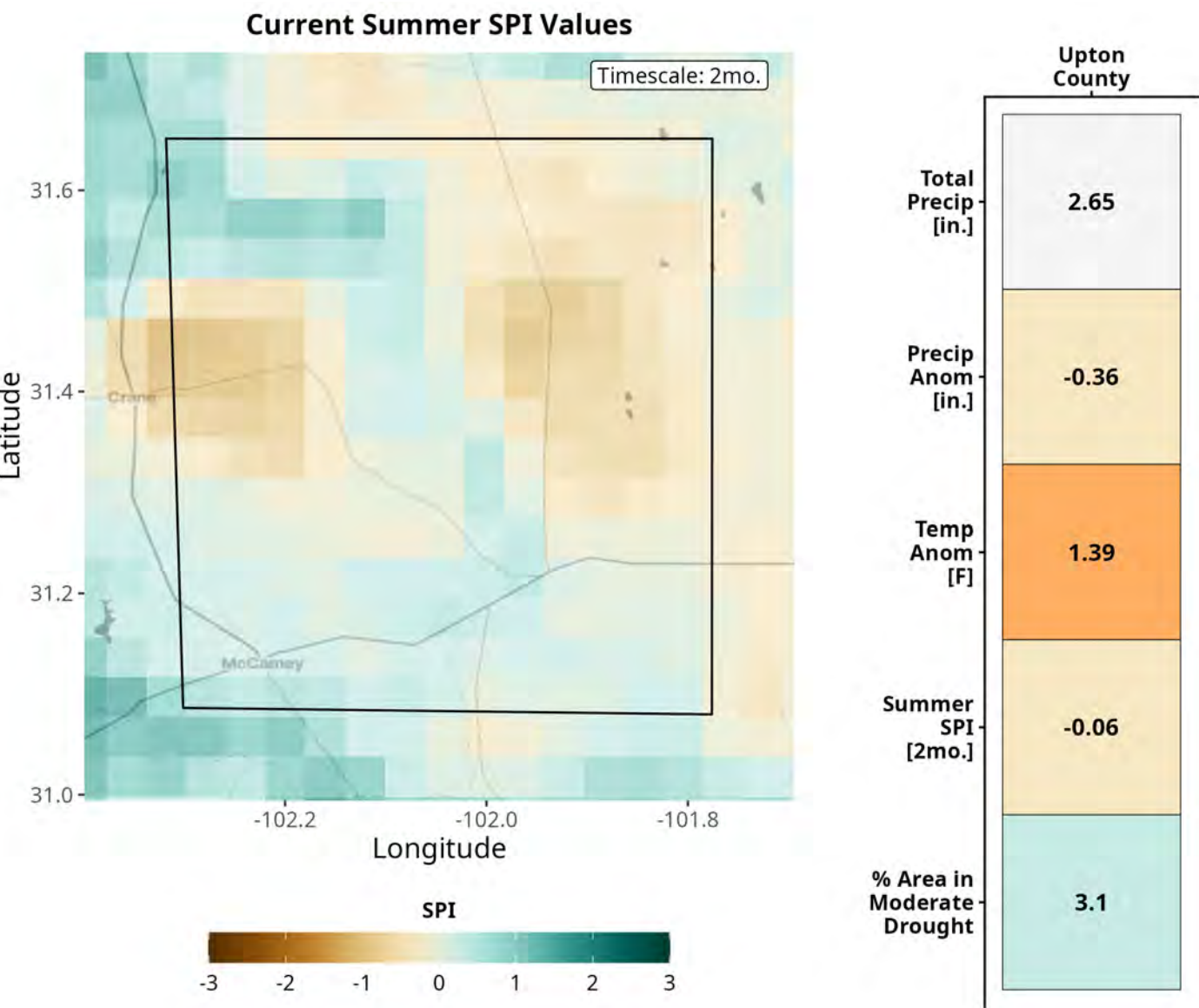


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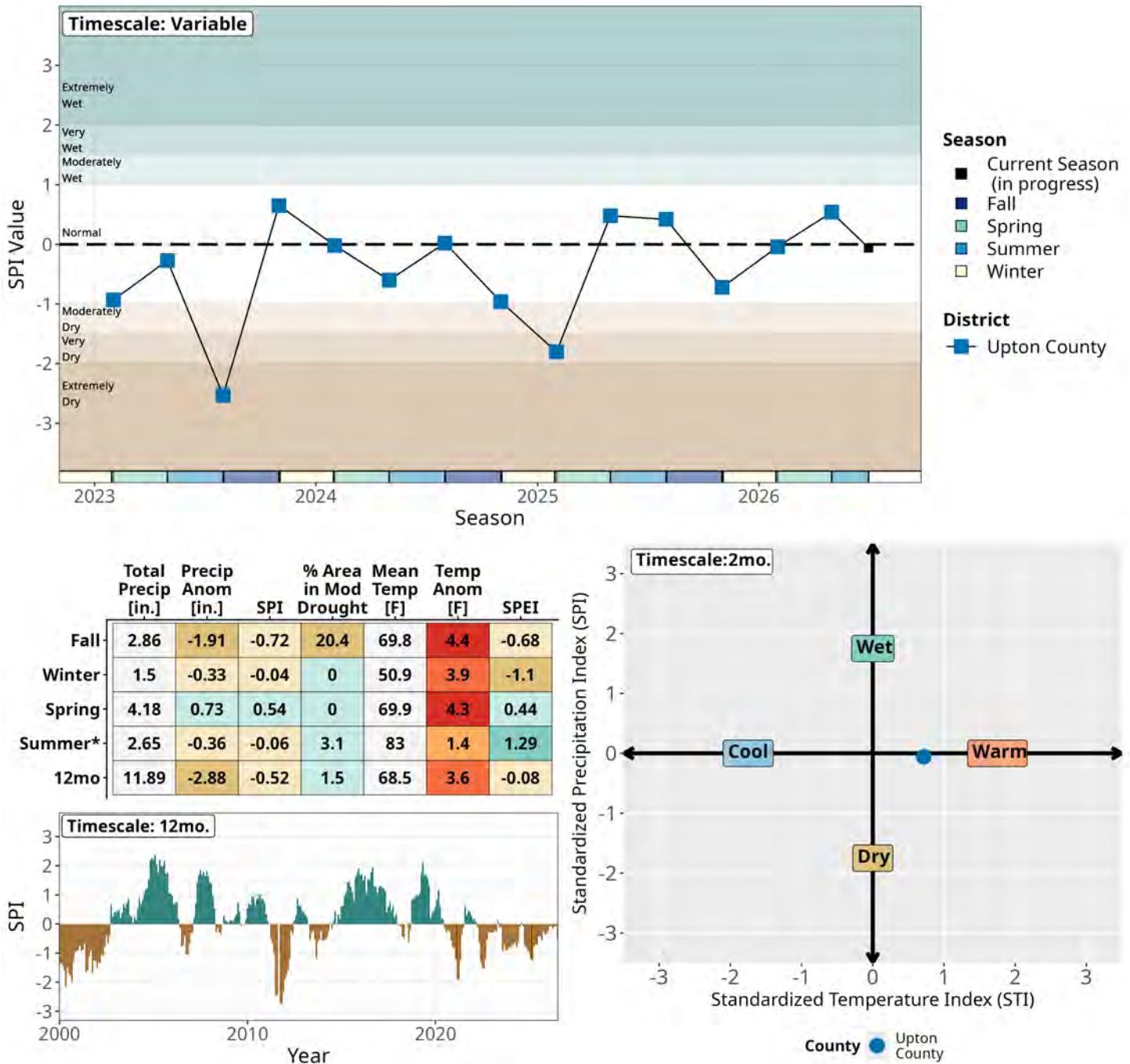


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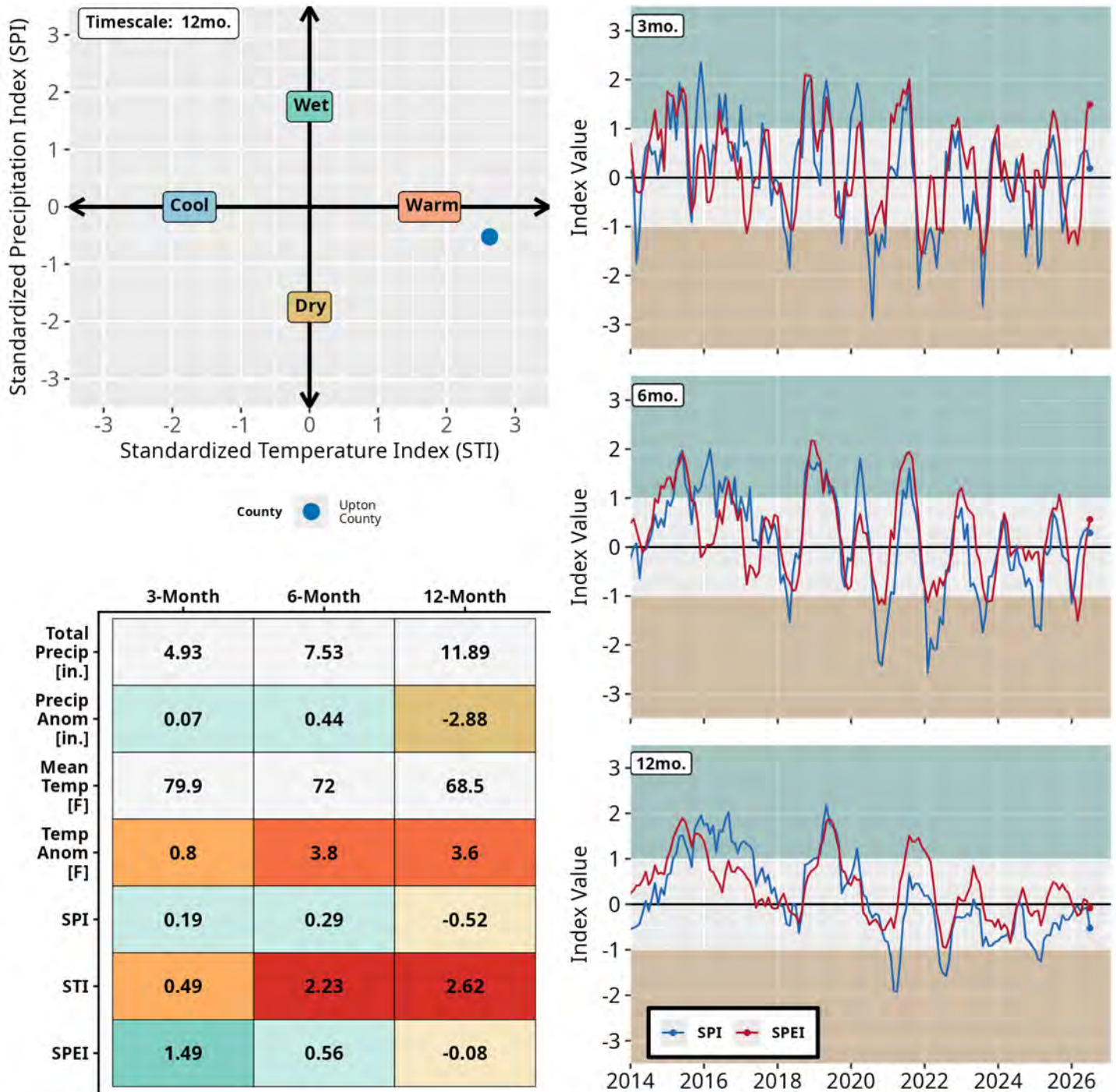


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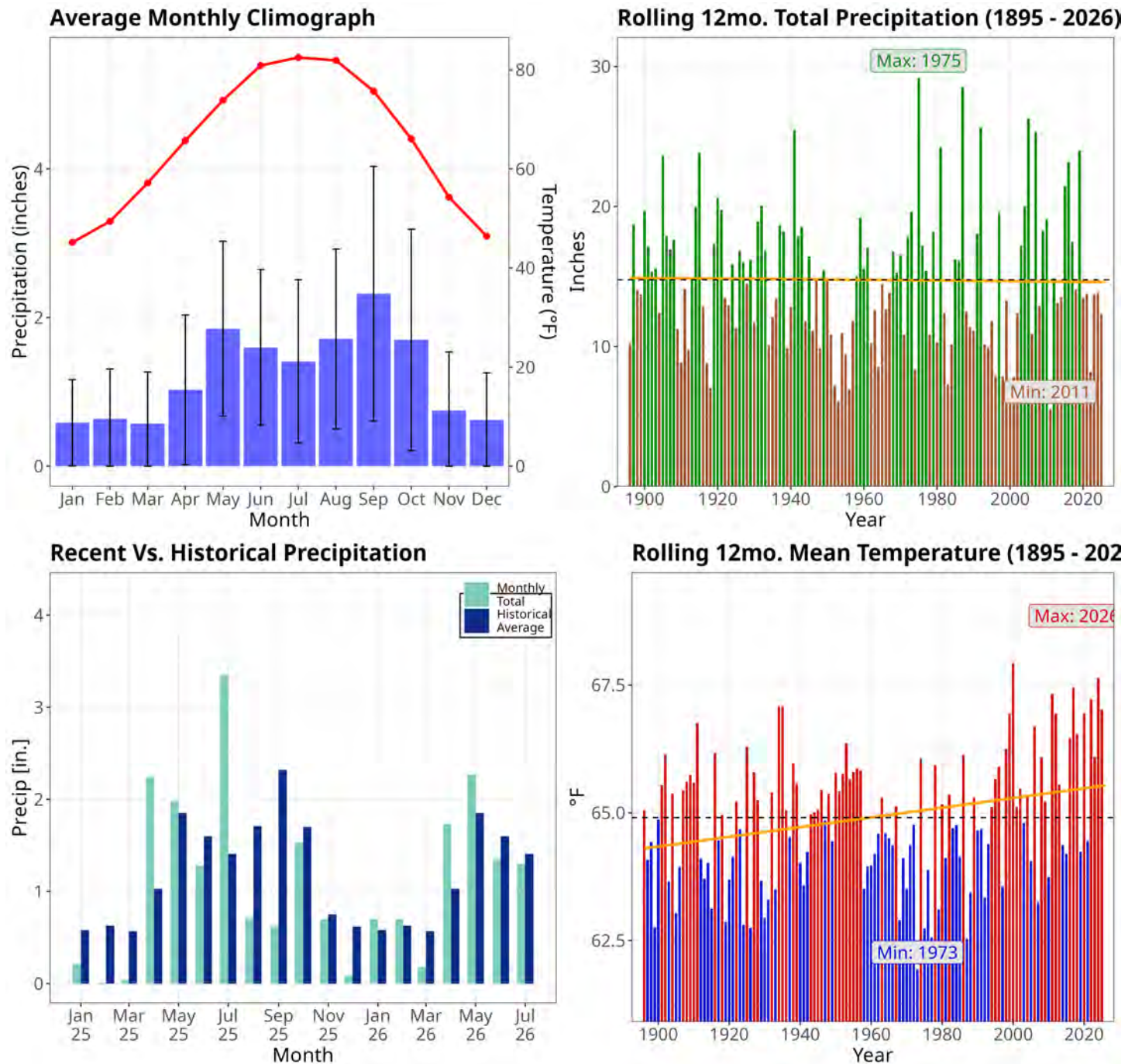


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Wichita County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

- The current average 2-month (June-July) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Wichita County is **0.27** (Near Normal).
- Average June-July precipitation was 5.71 inches, which was **+0.32 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 55th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 84.7 degrees F, which was **+2.2 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 21st out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
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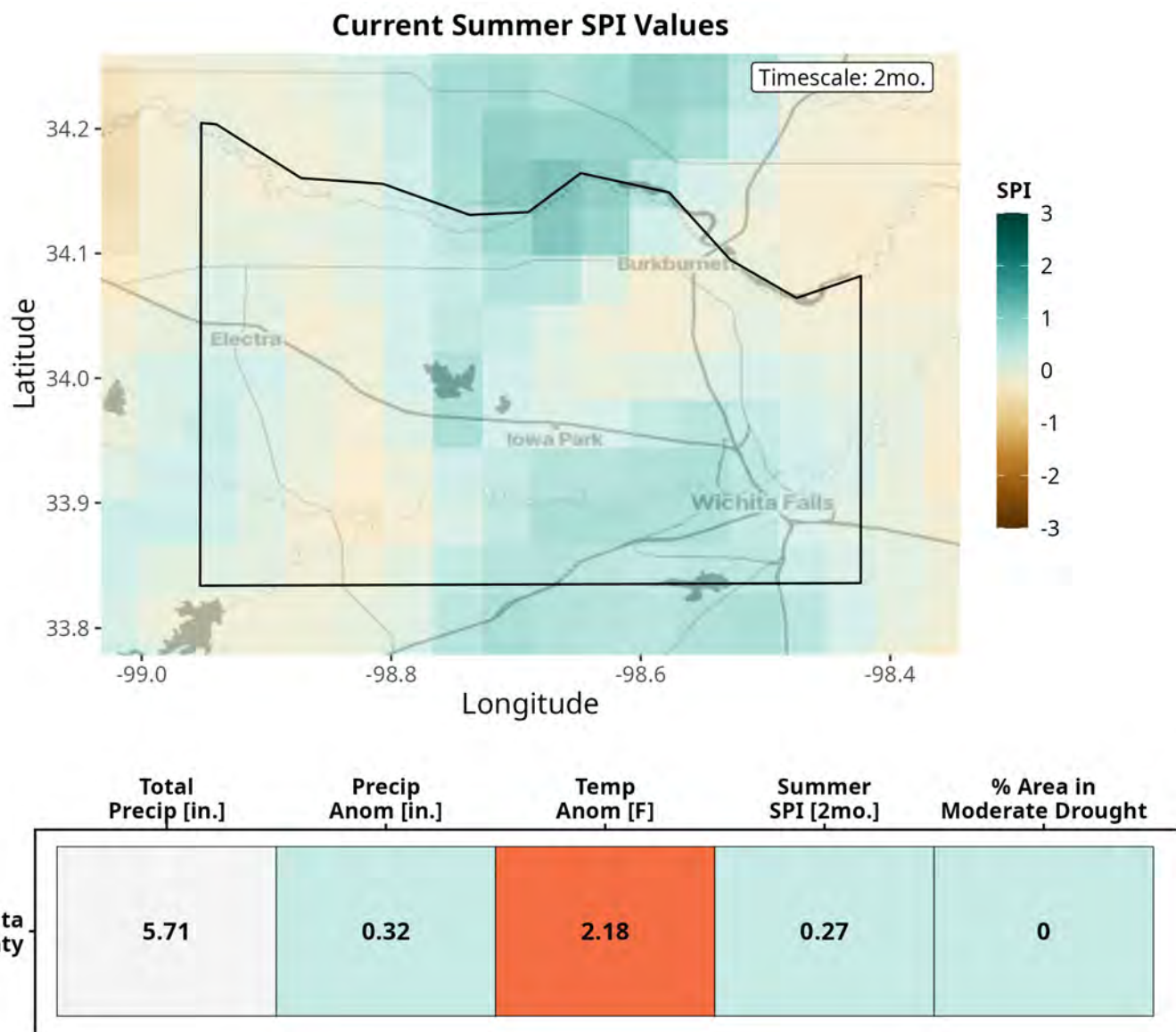


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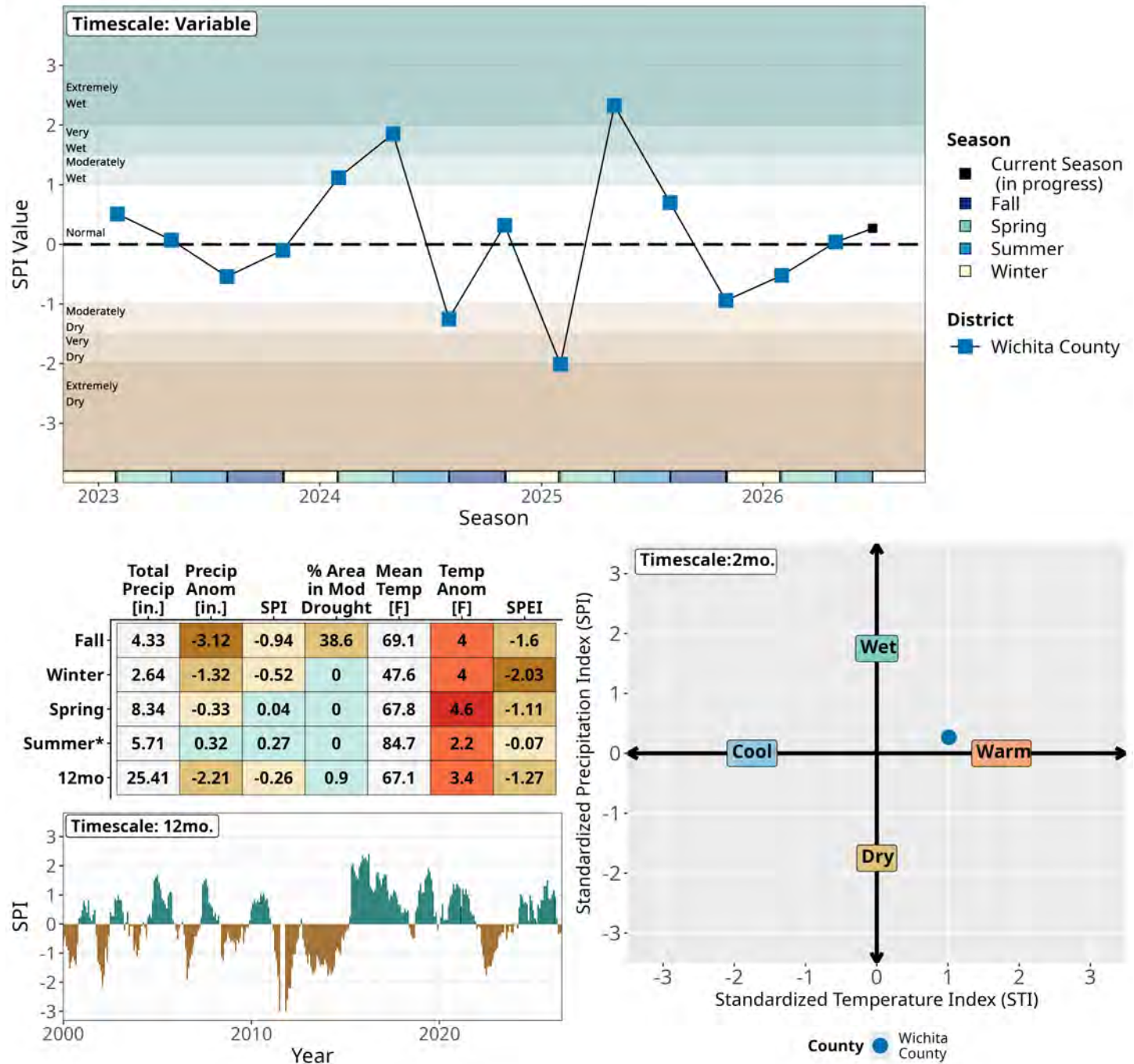


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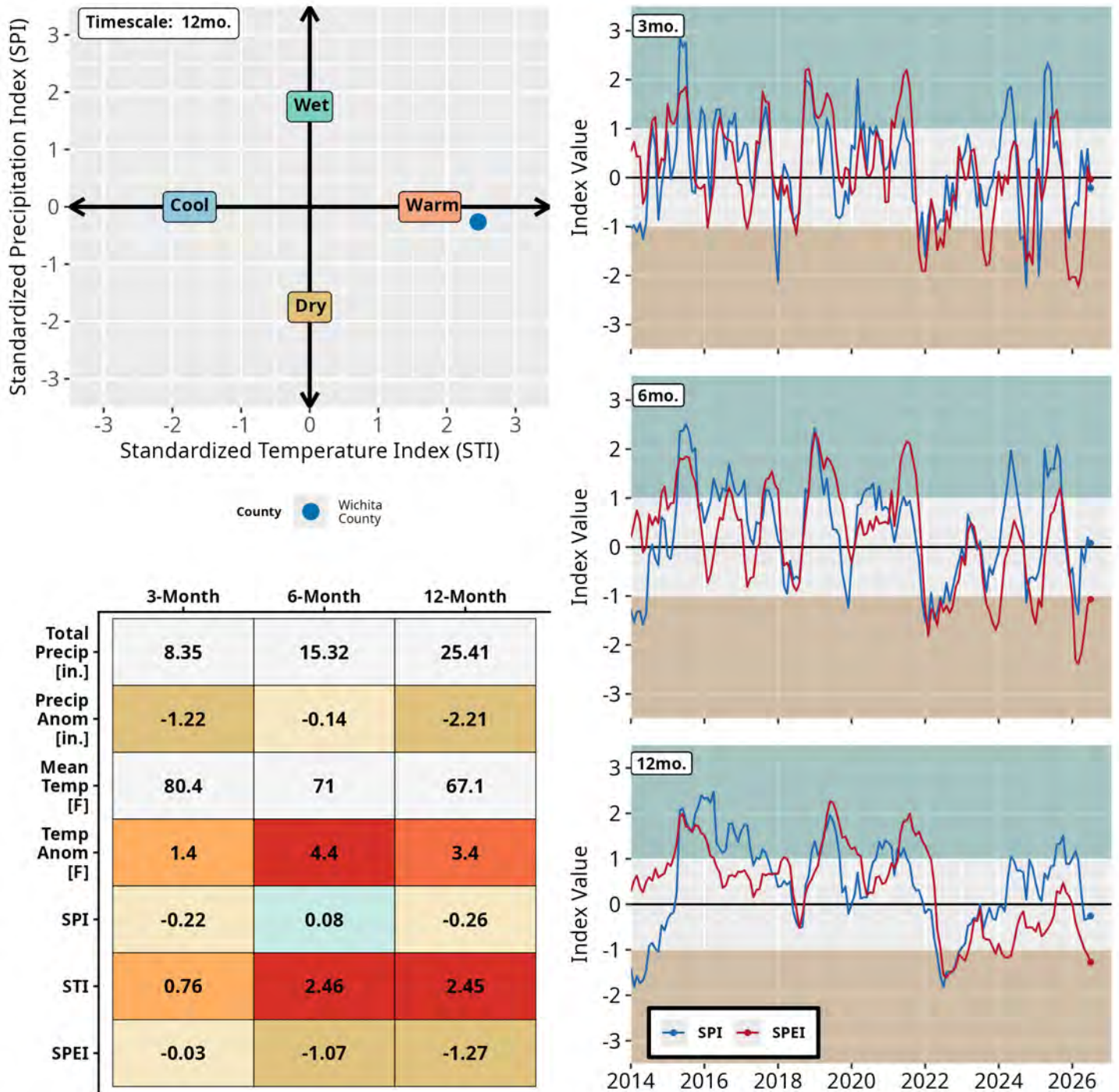


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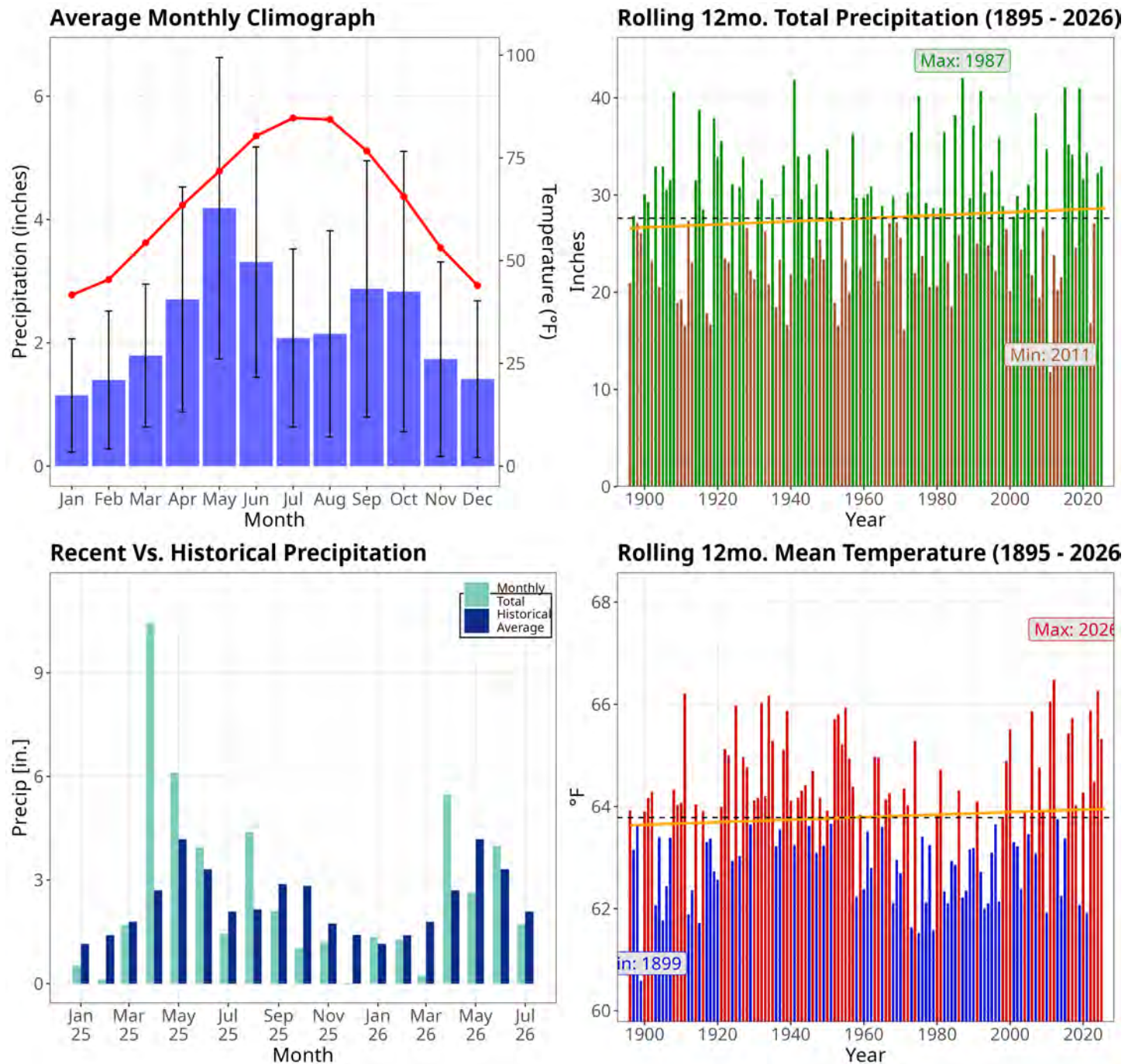


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Winkler County Climate Report: July 2026

Highlights

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- Average June-July precipitation was 3.96 inches, which was **+0.8 inches** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 40th out of 132 years in total precipitation (Rank 1 is the wettest year).
- Average June-July temperature was 83.2 degrees F, which was **+1.4 degrees F** different from the long-term average. This value ranks 28th out of 132 years in average temperature (Rank 1 is the warmest year).
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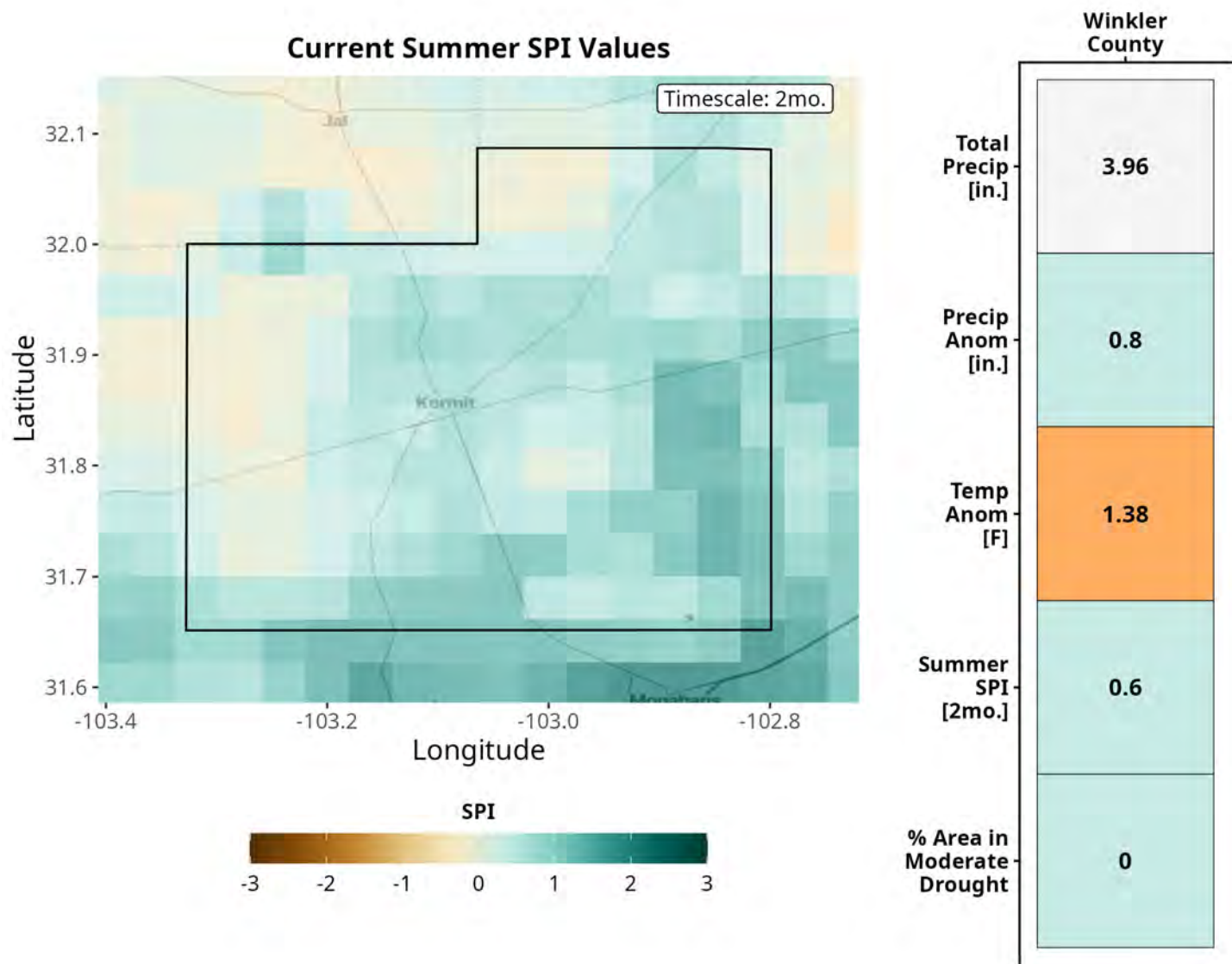


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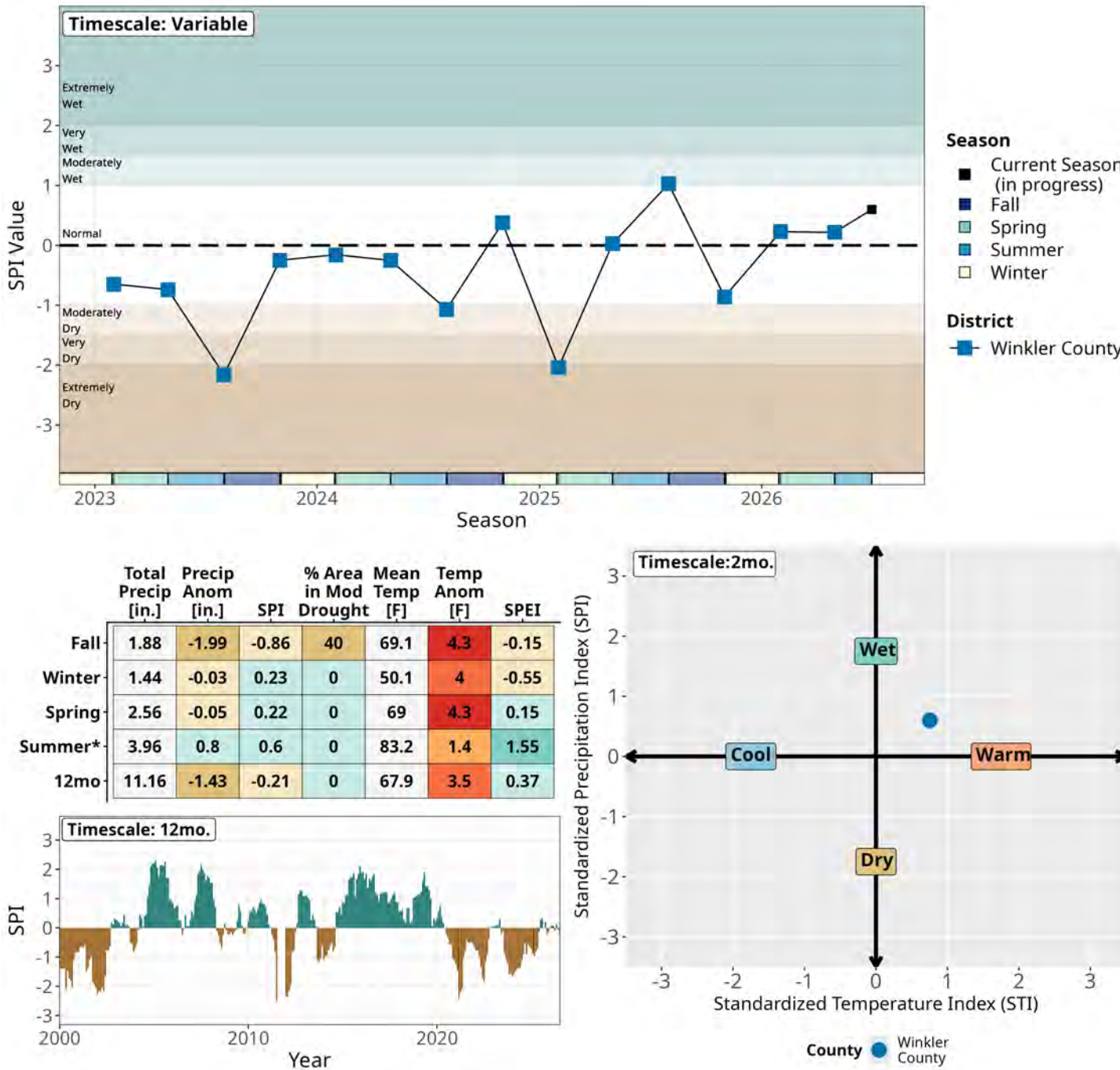


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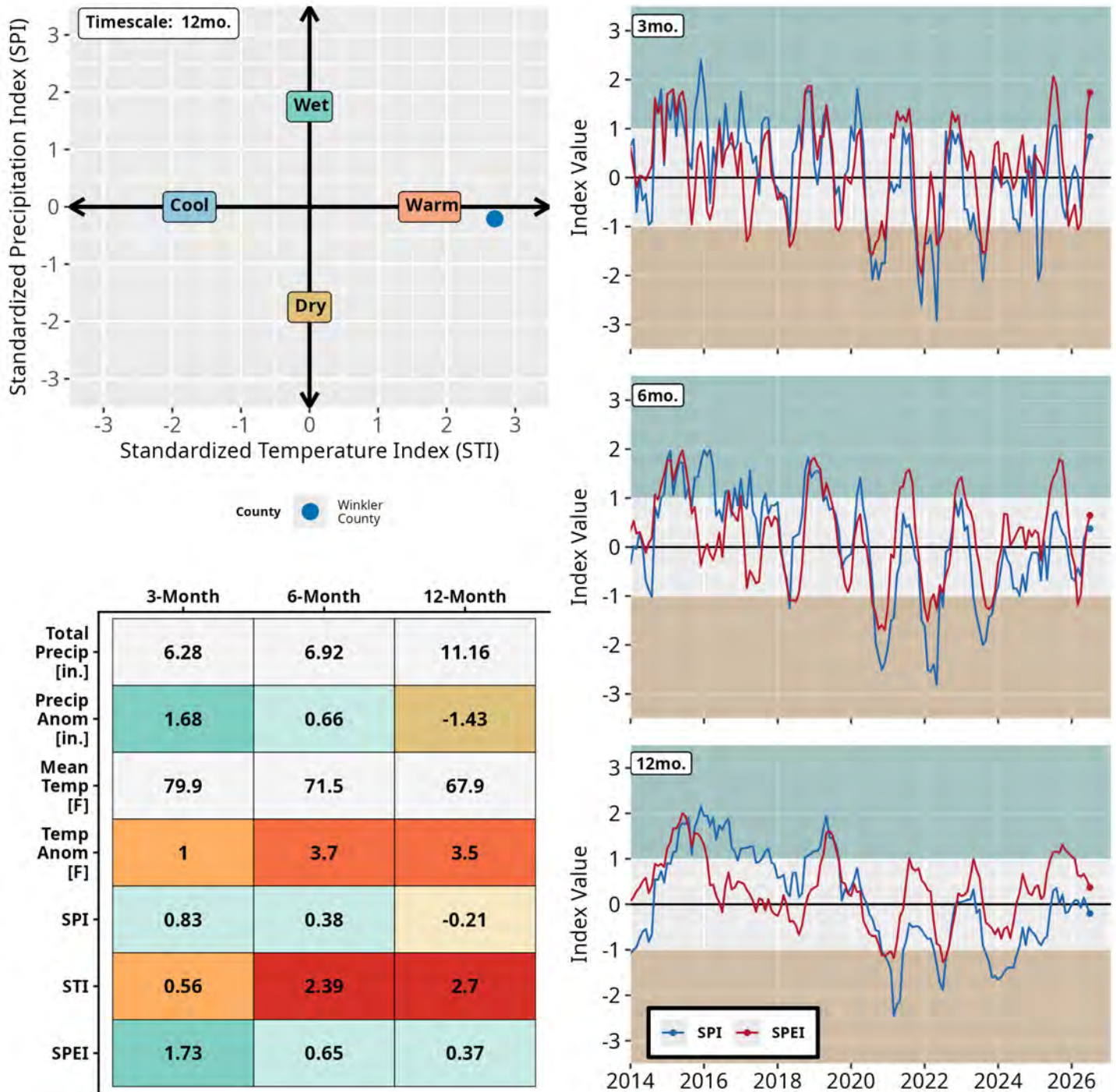


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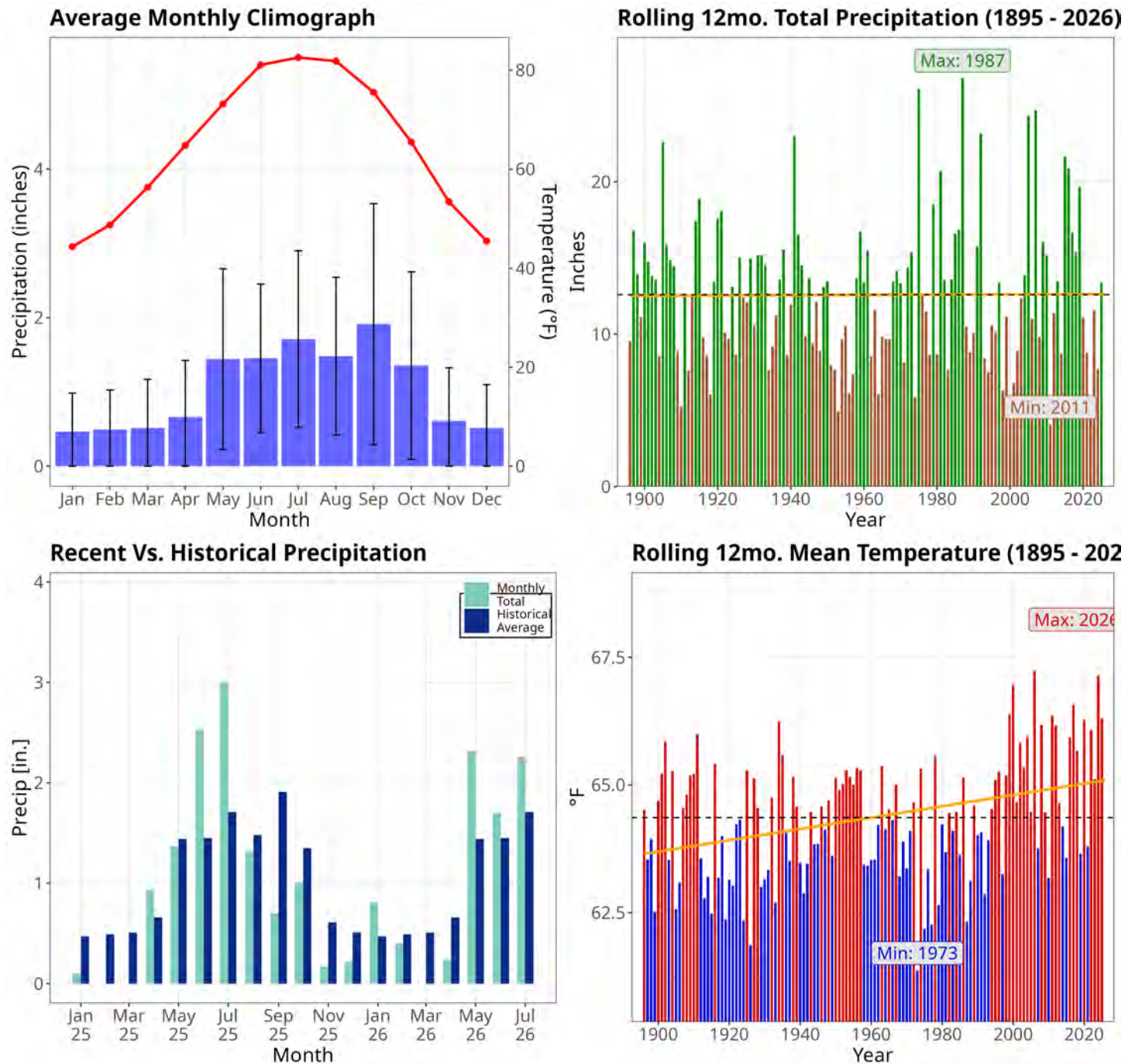


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