Tools for Verifying Seasonal Forecasts

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Excel

- A template and detailed documentation are available on how to calculate some of the procedures recommended in the CCl verification guidance.

- Note that even some of the apparently simpler scores are not very easy to calculate in CPT, especially if there are missing values. A version of Office 2010 or later is recommended.

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CPT

The Probabilistic Forecast Verification (PFV) view option within the Climate Predictability Tool (CPT) uses CPT's retroactive verification tools to assess the quality of past probabilistic forecasts, such as those issued through the Regional Climate Outlook Forums.

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Results

To see the results go to the menu Tools ~ Verification:

Attributes Diagrams: one for each category, and one for all categories combined

ROC Diagrams: one curve for each category

Scores: a table of scores for probabilistic forecasts

Skill Maps: maps of scores for probabilistic forecasts

Tendency Diagram: graphs showing unconditional biases

Ranked Hits Diagram: graphs showing frequencies of observed categories having the highest probability

Weather Roulette: graphs showing estimates of forecast value

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