An “EDDI month” is 30 days, so this 3-month map is based on evaporative demand from February 4 to May 4, 2017 (90 days).

The most recent EDDI maps lag the current date by ~5 days—so this map was released around May 9, 2017.

Evaporative demand was unusually high for Feb 4-May 4 in the Ohio Valley, Florida, and the western Great Plains. (ED4 means that conditions this dry are expected in only 2% of Feb 4-May 4 periods.)

Evaporative demand was unusually low for Feb 4-May 4 in the Pacific Northwest into the Rockies.

The names, colors, and percentile breaks for the EDDI Drought categories are analogous to the US Drought Monitor.

The Drought and Wetness categories mirror each other; e.g., ED2 and EW2 have the same expected frequency.