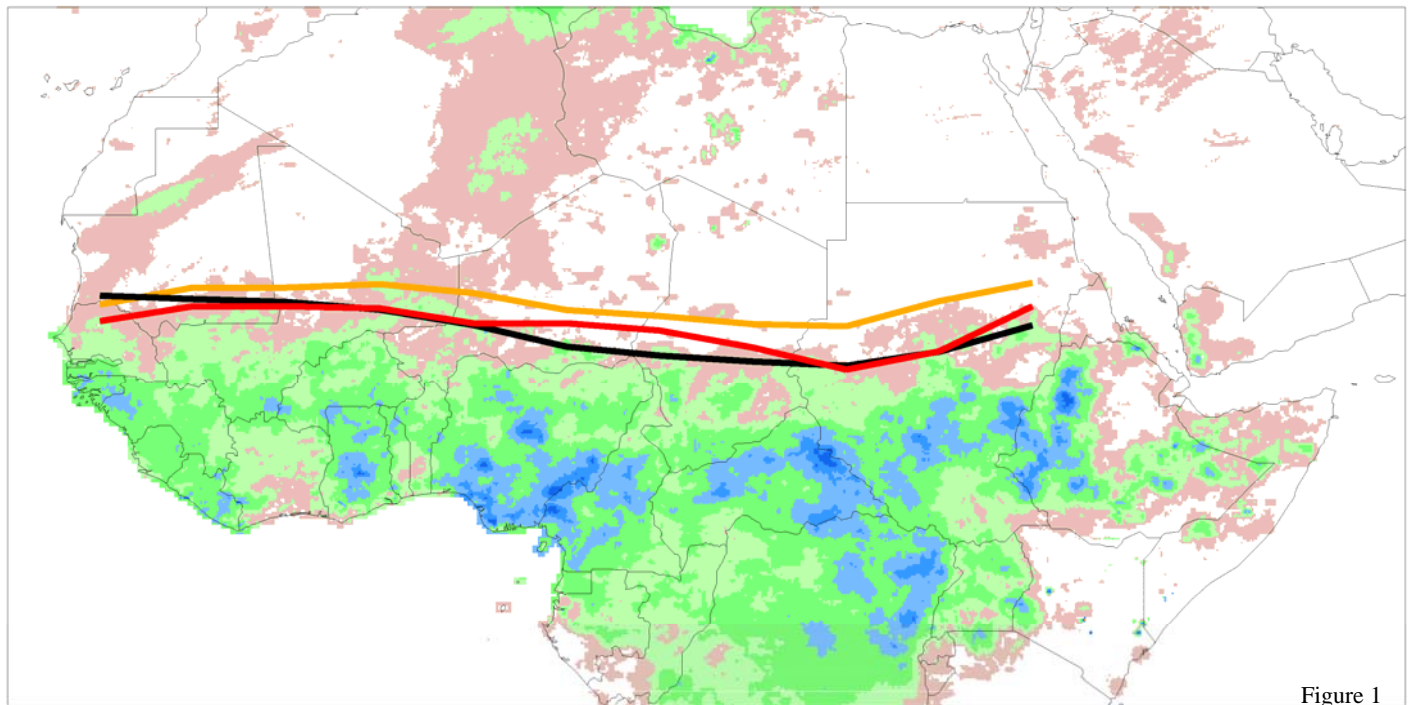


# Current vs Mean Position of the Africa ITCZ

As analyzed by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center

## October 2006 Dekad 1



Accumulated Dekadal Precipitation:



█ Current 10-Day Average  
█ Mean 10-Day Average  
█ Previous 10-Day Average

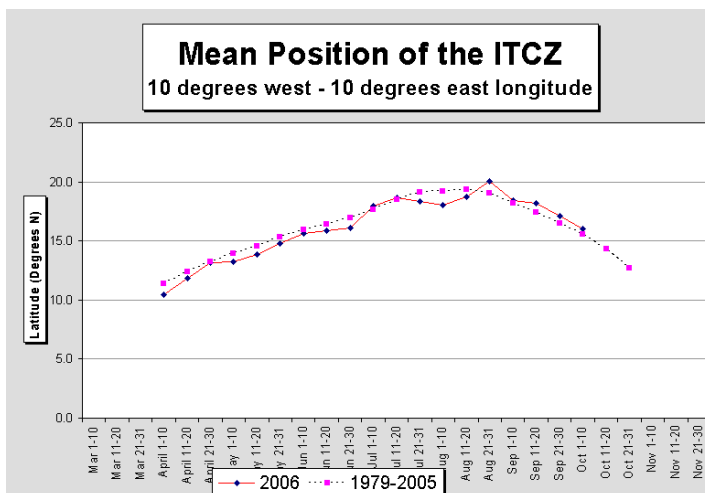


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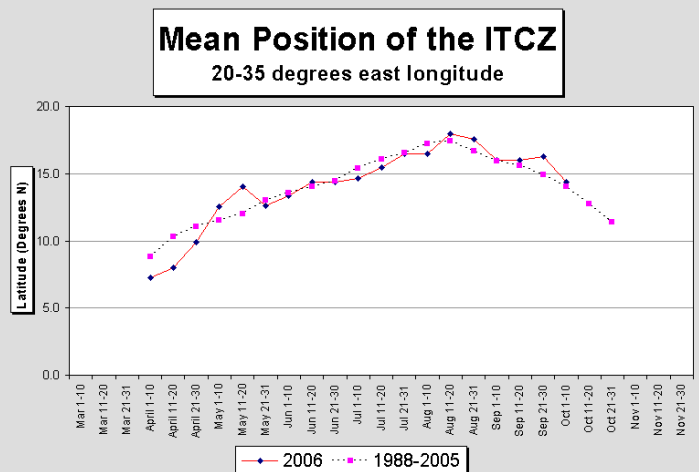


Figure 3

During the period from October 1 – 10, 2006, the African portion of the Intertropical Convergence Zone was located near 15.3 degrees north latitude, which is slightly north of the climatological mean of 15.1N. See Figure 1. During the period, the ITCZ continued to move to the south moving almost uniformly by about 1 degree. In the west, averaged from 10W-10E, the ITCZ was located near 16.0N, which was its position last year, and is only 0.1 of a degree north of its climatological mean. In the east, averaged from 20E-35E, the ITCZ was near 14.4N, compared with a normal position of 14.0N and a position last year of around 13.9N.