2010 Sea Ice Outlook June Report based on May Data

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Prediction - 5.7 million sq km

The prediction is statistical, it is based on a simple regression where the predictor is the previous summer (May-June-July) sea surface temperature in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans near the marginal ice zone. Warmer (colder) than normal SST is associated with a reduction (increase) in ice extent.