

[UPDATED] Winter Snow Forecast 2016-2017

Well, I'm starting on this report a little earlier this year because of this news I saw:

[La Niña is officially coming](http://businessinsider.com) (businessinsider.com)

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If a La Niña does form, it won't just increase the risks of a more intense Atlantic hurricane season. It could also lead to warmer and drier winters in the southern part of the US, while the Pacific Northwest, southern part of Alaska, and Midwest could feel the chill of cooler-than-average temperatures.

That would be a change of pace compared with what El Niño did to the US this past winter, when the East Coast had seriously warm December temperatures while the south experienced flooding, and New Mexico, Texas, and parts of Oklahoma spent the weekend getting pummeled with a blizzard.

I'll keep updating this post with updates that come in.

-Tony

[UPDATE 08-02-2016:] El Niño has ended and La Niña is on the way.

This means cold temps and more snow in the upper Midwest and going East while the Southwest won't see what they had last season. Good news for Wisconsin and not so good news for Colorado and California.

And we now have the term "warm blob" going for us... which is nice (or not).

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[US La Nina forecast: Snowy winter on tap for East; Dry weather to alleviate flood woes in South Central](http://accuweather.com) (accuweather.com)

El Niño officially came to an end in early June, and experts are calling for a La Niña to develop in its footsteps.

La Niña is the cool counterpart to El Niño, characterized by unusually low ocean temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific.

La Niña puts emphasis on the northern jet stream while weakening the southern jet stream, keeping moisture in the northern tier of the country.

The jet stream is a narrow zone of strong winds in the upper levels of the atmosphere, separating warm air to the south and cooler air to the north.

At this point in the season, AccuWeather forecasters are predicting a weak La Niña to develop during late fall and into the winter. An area of warmer-than-normal water off the northwestern U.S. coast, nicknamed the “warm blob,” is inhibiting a strong La Niña from forming.

Stay tuned!

-Tony

[UPDATE 08-24-2016:] The Farmer's Almanac Also Predicts More Snow and Cold

Get ready!!

Winter weather map/forecast

[Farmers' Almanac Winter 2016-17](http://farmersalmanac.com) (farmersalmanac.com)

The 2017 Farmers' Almanac, which hits store shelves everywhere on August 15, 2016, forewarns that exceptionally cold, if not downright frigid weather will predominate over parts of the Northern Plains, Great Lakes, Midwest, Ohio Valley, the Middle Atlantic, Northeast, and New England this winter. The Farmers' Almanac's long-range weather predictions also suggest shots of very cold weather will periodically reach as far south as Florida and the Gulf Coast.

In contrast, milder-than-normal temperatures will prevail over the Western States.

Bring it on!

-Tony

[UPDATE 08-24-2016:] Canada Gets Its First Snow Already!

[Canada Just Got Its First Snow Of The Season!](http://unofficialnetworks.com) (unofficialnetworks.com)

Woohoo!

-Tony

[UPDATE 08-25-2016:] Snow at Loveland Yesterday

Loveland Ski Area got snow yesterday!

It's August. ?

-Tony

[UPDATE 10-05-2016:] Record Breaking Snow?

[Meteorologists Predict Record-Shattering Snowfall Coming Soon](#) (empirenews.net)

“For the sake of comparison to the past winter, lets say that your area received a total of twenty inches of accumulative snow for the season. Because this year the snowfall is predicted to start by the end of September or the beginning of October, you can expect to multiply that number by up to five, ten, maybe even twenty times in some areas. In the worst zones, you could see 50 times the amount of snow you’ve had in the past.”

-Tony

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