

NOAA's 2016-2017 Winter Forecast

Temperature: December, January, and February

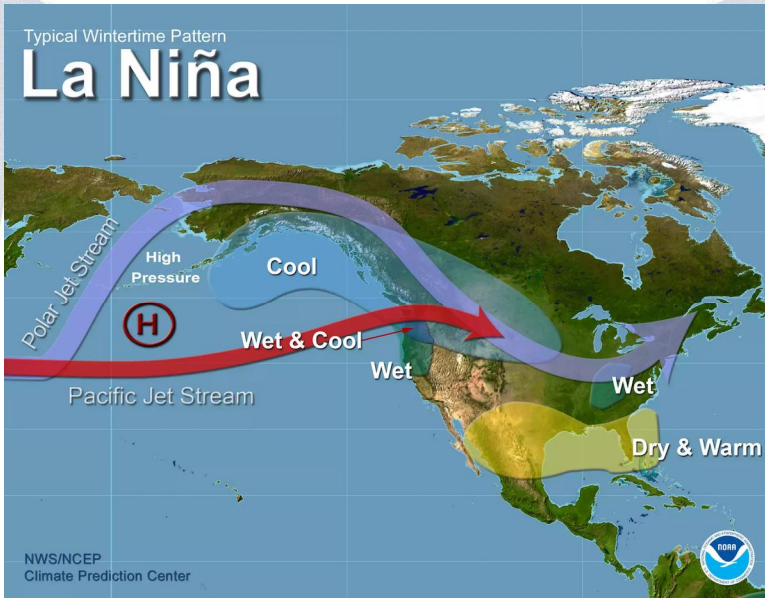
The Northern tier of the US has the best chance to experience colder-than-average temperatures.

Precipitation: December, January, and February

Once again, the northern tier of the US (and Canada) has the best chance of above-average precipitation. Along with a good chance of below average temperatures, this could translate into above average snowfall.

Influence of La Nina

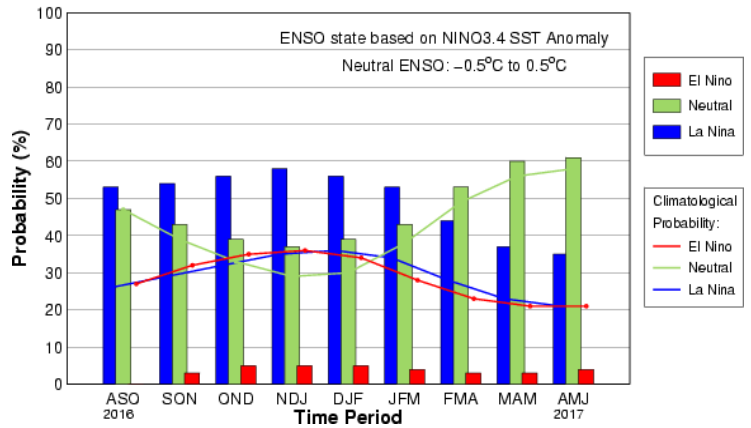
During a La Nina, the ocean water temperature west of South America is colder than average and this affects weather patterns over North America (as well as other areas around the world).



Will we experience a La Nina this winter?

The latest forecasts show a 50-60% chance of experiencing a La Nina this winter. Those are not compelling odds.

Mid-Aug IRI/GPC Model-Based Probabilistic ENSO Forecast



What does this mean?

Lots of forecasters are jumping on the La Nina bandwagon, which points to higher-than-average snowfall across the northern US and into Canada. But, there is only a 50-60% chance of a La Niña, and even if there is a La Niña, it will likely be weak to moderate at best.

IMGA Operator Certification 2016-2017

This year's sessions are on Pressure Testing/Meter Sets, Pipeline Installation and Pipeline Repair. Sessions are being held in Auburn and Pinckneyville again this year. The same tasks will be covered at both locations. The registration fee will include professional certification and evaluation over the covered tasks, classroom facilities, materials and lunch.

We are asking the attendees to please bring equipment relative to these tasks and specific to your system. Upon completion of each session, a certificate will be issued.

Classes scheduled are:

Pressure Testing/Meter Sets in Auburn, December 6 and in Pinckneyville, December 8, 2016.

Pipeline Installation in Auburn, January 24 and in Pinckneyville, January 26, 2017.

Pipeline Repair in Auburn, February 28 and in Pinckneyville, March 2, 2017

For more information or to register, please contact Brenda Rubenacker at 217-438-4642 or brubenacker@imga.org.

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The IMGA office will be closed Monday, December 26, 2016 and Monday January 2, 2017.

We wish you all safe and happy holidays.

Heather, Jeanna, and Brenda

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