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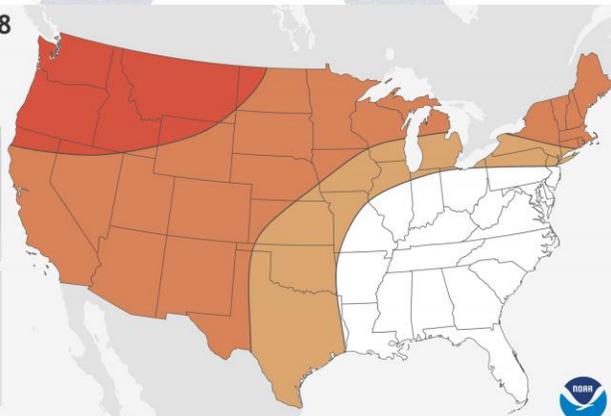
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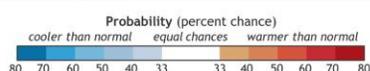
Winter Outlook favors warmer temperatures for much of U.S.

Winter 2018

U.S.
Temperature
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Temperature Outlook
for Dec 2018 - Feb 2019
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NWS Climate Prediction Center
Map by NOAA Climate.gov

A mild winter could be in store for much of the United States this winter according to NOAA's Climate Prediction center. In the U.S. Winter Outlook for December through February, above-average temperatures are most likely across the northern and western U.S., Alaska and Hawaii.

Additionally, El Niño has a 70 to 75 percent chance of developing. "We expect El Niño to be in place in late fall to early winter," said Mike Halpert, deputy director of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. "Although a weak El Niño is expected, it may still influence the winter season by bringing wetter conditions across the southern United States, and warmer, drier conditions to parts of the North."

El Niño is an ocean-atmosphere climate interaction that is linked to periodic warming in sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific. During the winter, typical El Niño conditions in the U.S. can include wetter-than-average precipitation in the South and drier conditions in parts of the North.

Temperature

Warmer-than-normal conditions are anticipated across much of the northern and western U.S., with the great-

est likelihood in Alaska and from the Pacific Northwest to the Northern Plains.

The Southeast, Tennessee Valley, Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic all have equal chances for below-, near-, or above-average temperatures.

No part of the U.S. is favored to have below-average temperatures.

Precipitation

Wetter-than-average conditions are favored across the southern tier of the U.S., and up into the Mid-Atlantic. Northern Florida and southern Georgia have the greatest odds for above-average precipitation this winter.

Drier-than-average conditions are most likely in parts of the northern Rockies and Northern Plains, as well as in the Great Lakes and northern Ohio Valley.

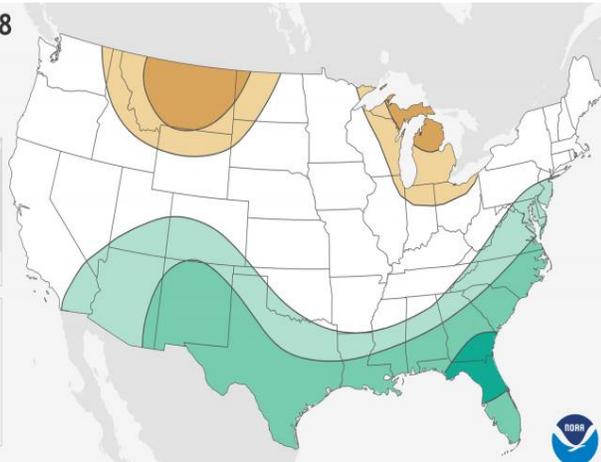
Drought

Drought conditions are likely to persist across portions of the Southwest, Southern California, the central Great Basin, central Rockies, Northern Plains and portions of the interior Pacific Northwest.

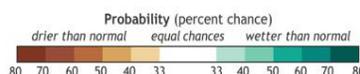
Drought conditions are anticipated to improve in areas throughout Arizona and New Mexico, southern sections of Utah and Colorado, the coastal Pacific Northwest and the Central Plains.

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Operator Qualification Certification

Our first session of OQC will be held December 4th, at Franklin & December 6th, at Pinckneyville on Odorization & Purging. The next sessions will be January 29th & January 31st, 2019 for Tapping & Valves, and February 26th & February 28th, 2019 for Regulating Devices.

These certification sessions are essential for small system operators to increase their knowledge, skills and abilities in preventing, mitigating, and repairing damage to gas distribution systems. The certification is done with both hands on demonstrations and written tests. Please call 217-438-4642 with any questions or to register. Or you may mail your registration to IMGA, c/o Brenda Rubenacker, 1310 West Jefferson St, Auburn, Il 62615



HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS.

THE IMGA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING, THE FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY.

PLEASE HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH OF 2019.

FROM THE IMGA EXEC BOARD: CRAIG, MIKE, BILL, STEVE, DARRELL, AND PAUL, AND THE IMGA OFFICE STAFF: HEATHER, JEANNA, AND BRENDA

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