

El Nino To Remain Strong Into Next Spring

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Thanks to the El Nino weather system, look for cooler, wetter conditions than normal this winter.

That's the word from both South Dakota and Illinois meteorologists.

El Nino will continue to play a significant role in North America's climate for the next several months, according to the latest temperature and precipitation outlooks, released Thursday by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"The current El Nino is forecast to increase in intensity through the winter season," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist, in a news release.

"As a result, this fall we will continue to see the impacts of the warm tropical Pacific Ocean on our climate in the U.S.," she said.

With a strong El Nino, expect warmer conditions in the coming months, Edwards said.

"NOAA's Climate Prediction Center's outlook for September and the season ahead indicate a typical El Nino pattern, with warmer than average conditions expected in the west and southeast," she said.

For South Dakota, Edwards said that this should mean near average

temperatures throughout the month of September.

"An area south of South Dakota - expanding from the Four Corners to the Great Lakes - is forecast to be cooler than average in September. This region just touches southern South Dakota in the updated maps."

Due to the projected El Nino, a large area of the nation is leaning toward wetter than average conditions in September, said South Dakota state climatologist Dennis Todey in a news release.

The highest likelihood focused over the southwest, expanding eastward into the Great Plains, said Todey, an SDSU Extension climate specialist.

"This area also reaches just into the southern counties of South Dakota," he said. "Based on historical data from recent decades, during historical El Nino events, September does not show a strong tendency toward either wetter or drier conditions."

Looking ahead to the months of September, October and November, the area forecast to be cooler than average is restricted to the Southern Plains, Todey said.

"Much of the Northern Plains and Midwest region, including South Dakota, is projected to have equal chances of temperatures that are near above, below or near average,"

he said.

Looking down the line, El Nino looks to create a warmer and drier winter, said Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel during a national conference call.

"El Nino will probably stay strong at the top of the charts all the way through December, January and February, and then taper off," he said. "But it still stays at about 70 percent chance in March, April and May."

That translates into a warmer, drier winter, Angel said.

"For December, January and February, during the core winter months, there is an increased chance of above average temperatures through the central United States," he said.

"El Nino tends to reduce winter snowfall in some cases, so that might be another side effect of El Nino this winter is decreased snow fall."

The effect looks to remain in the spring, Angel said.

"For the March, April, May forecast for us in the Central region, the key thing is slightly increased chances of above average temperatures across the northern tier (of states)," he said.

So what is the impact on the upcoming harvest?

The outlook for fall season precipitation continues to show wetter than average conditions from the Southwest to Mississippi River and Tennes-

see River valleys, Todey said.

"This region includes South Dakota, which is representative of several long-range climate computer models," he said.

Overall, the chances of wetter than average conditions during corn and soybean harvest are increasing, particularly in southern South Dakota.

"It may be wise to consider marketing options and plans for logistics in fall harvest season if this long-range outlook verifies," Edwards said.

The outlook for winter 2015-2016 is projected to be warmer than average across the northern states. At this time, Edwards said there is no particular leaning wet or dry for South Dakota in the winter season outlook.

However, you can't assume one El Nino will act like another, Angel said. He pointed to two extreme examples where El Nino wasn't the whole story.

"We're looking at the wintertime departure during 1997-98, when the winter was so mild that people were playing golf in Chicago in January," he said. "Then, you had 2009-2010 that was much colder than average."

For more information from SDSU Extension, visit online at iGrow.org.

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South Dakota Recognizes Important Work Of Direct Support Professionals

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota is honoring its workers who strive to build a bridge to inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by setting aside Sept. 13-19 as Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week.

Direct support professionals (DSPs) are the primary providers of publicly funded long-term supports and services for individuals with disabilities. They work at the 19 agencies providing community support throughout the state as well as at the South Dakota Developmental Center in Redfield.

In his Executive Proclamation, Gov. Dennis Daugaard underscored the importance of DSPs, stating they help foster empathy and genuine understanding of people with disabilities as well as enrich their lives. The proclamation also points out people with disabilities may be better able to find and keep work with the support of DSPs, echoing a priority of Daugaard's Employment Works Initiative.

"South Dakota's community supports and services rely on the state's workforce of DSPs," said Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Gloria Pearson. "This statewide observation is one way to honor these dedicated and compassionate professionals, who work hard to help keep people with intellectual and developmental disabilities connected to their families, friends and communities."

Thousands of South Dakotans with disabilities are able to live and work as independently as possible because of the essential supports provided by DSPs, strengthening and enriching the communities in which they live.

Various programs, activities and ceremonies will take place across South Dakota Sept. 13-19 to honor the state's long-term supports and services workforce. DHS will offer an online salute to select DSPs Sept. 14-18 at dhs.sd.gov/SuccessStories. National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week will also kick off Sept. 13 to celebrate DSPs across the country.

Southeast CASA Services Seeking Volunteers

When children have been removed from their home due to parental abuse or neglect and placed in foster care, their best interests could easily slip through the cracks. But a small, determined, group of volunteers from Clay County will make sure that the best interests of these children are heard in court.

The Southeast CASA Program, Court Appointed Special Advocates, has been advocating for children in Yankton County for three years, and recently began advocacy services for the children in Clay County as well. No longer will abused and neglected children in Clay County go without a say in their future.

A CASA advocate promotes and protects the

best interests of the child until he or she is placed in a safe and permanent home. A child with a CASA volunteer is half as likely to languish in foster care, and much more likely to grow up in a safe, permanent home. Ideally, that will be back with parents who have made improvements in their ability to properly care for their child. If that is not the case, the Court needs factual information to support an alternative decision that would be best for the child.

"We are committed to ensuring that every abused or neglected child in foster care has a dedicated CASA volunteer assigned to them. To do this, we need to recruit more CASA volunteers from Clay County," said Sherri Rodgers-Conti, the

Program Director for Southeast CASA.

Training sessions for new volunteers are set to take place in September, and interested adults are encouraged to begin the application process soon.

"A person who would make a good CASA is someone who is dedicated to children," Rodgers-Conti said. "The 30-hour CASA training prepares the volunteers for the work that needs to be done in a case."

For more information, those interested in becoming CASA volunteers should contact Program Director and trainer Sherri Rodgers-Conti at 605-760-4825, or by email at contactus@southeastcasa.org.

Korean War Veterans Might Qualify For Ambassador Peace Medal

Korean War veterans who served in the Korean Theatre of War from June 25, 1950, through October 25, 1954, may be eligible for the Ambassador Peace Medal. The Ambassador Peace Medal is for the Korean War Veterans who sacrificed for Korea's democracy and freedom and is aimed at expressing the Korean Government's gratitude and respect to them.

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs is taking the lead in informing veterans of this medal and is planning on recognizing the recipients in January of 2016.

"Recognizing these heroes one era at a time provides us an opportunity to thank and honor the sacrifices they made," said Larry Zimmerman, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "Every veteran has a story to tell and along with that military service comes a variety of medals and awards."

Veterans that served during this time frame are encouraged to contact their local County or Tribal Veterans Service Officer for an application. Veterans will need a copy of their DD214 form as well.

"Our Korean War Veterans are a great, tough, honorable generation", said Zimmerman. "This small token from South Korea is a chance for all of us to get to know these heroes and thank them individually."

For further information on obtaining this medal, please contact your local Veterans Service Officer. The Clay County Veterans Service Office is located on the second floor of the County Courthouse in Vermillion. Grab your DD-214 and come and see us.

Get To The Point Set For Sept. 26

The Clay-Union foundation host it's second 'Get to the Point' half marathon on Sept. 26th, at Casey's, exit 18 off I-29 at Elk Point. The registration is online at www.runsignup.com under Get to the Point. Early registration saves some money. All proceeds support the local mentoring program.

Same day registration should begin as soon as the tables are set up, roughly 7:20 a.m., with walkers leaving at 8:15 a.m. and runners leaving at 8:30 a.m. Food, snacks, beverages and dri-fit shirts will be given to

those registered.

Dri-fits will be as available, so earlier registration helps with the total count.

The route is a flat course on blacktop. Ribbons will be given out for the top three male and female runners in each age division.

The GTTP had 52 entries last year, from five states and Poland. This year, the goal is to double the number of entries.

Contact John Gille at 605-421-5050 for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

Kammer Earns UNL degree

LINCOLN, Neb. – Sean Michael Kammer of Vermillion was among nearly 750 students granted degrees during the summer all-university commencement ceremony Aug. 15 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Kammer earned a doctor of philosophy from the Graduate College.

The graduates were from 35 states, the District of Columbia and 25 countries.

Machinery Auction Thursday, Sept 10, 2015 5:30 PM

John Deere 4430 Tractor, Ford TW20 Tractor, Frontier Hydro-Swing

We will sell the following at public auction located at 28959 454th Ave, Viborg, SD located from Viborg, SD, 2 miles west on 291st St and 1 1/2 miles north on 454th Ave.

Machinery: JD 4430 tractor, 5122 hrs, quad, 18.4-38 tires, dual hubs, Koyker 565 loader, bale spear; Ford TW20 tractor, 8032 hrs, 18.4-38 tires; IHC Super H tractor; Frontier MC 1216 hydro-swing; NH 664 round baler; NH side delivery rake; NH hay inverter; IHC 490 disk, 21 ft; Wilrich 24' field cultivator; Case 400 AR 5 bottom plow; JD 7000 8RW planter; 5 section drag; NU-Built gravity wagon, 2 Lundell gravity wagons; silage wagon; 2 flatbeds; 7 section drag; stalk chopper; FarmKing 960 snowblower; elevator.

Misc: cattle tub; headgate; corral panels with transport; JD 826 snowblower; 8' x 20' home made trailer; (2) 500 gallon fuel tanks, Filrite pumps; duals; post pounder; cattle bunks; pto wire winder; 2pt bale mover; hay and creep feeder; tools, plus much more.

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It is an honor to offer the following tracts of land located in the highly productive and tightly held Norway and Hurley Townships of Turner County, SD. These tracts would command top rental rates and returns to investors with great eye appeal. Both are located along a hard surfaced highway and will be available to farm for the 2016 crop season.

TRACT ONE: 160-ACRES
LEGAL: The SW 1/4 of Section 20, 98-53 Turner County, SD.
LOCATION: From north edge of Hurley, SD go 2 1/2 miles west north side of the road or at the junction of 283rd St. and 453rd Ave.

- 154.98 acres tillable with the balance in RROW and drainage ditch that divides the farm into two fields.
- Soil production rating of 81.4 predominant soils Chancellor silt loam (80) Egan-Trent loam (92)
- Available to farm, operate or lease out for the 2016 crop year
- Annual Taxes are \$4,333.30. Great eye appeal land that has been well farmed.
- This tract has a blue line running through it and would be affordable to install drain tile to make every acre highly productive.
- Base & Yield info, wetland maps, and other pertinent info found in the buyers packet

TRACT TWO: 165-ACRES
LEGAL: NE 1/4 of Section 25, 98-54 Turner County, SD.
LOCATION: From Tract One 1-mile west south side of the road or at the junction of 452nd Ave and 283rd St.

- 102.11 acres under cultivation, 60.31 acres in hayland, balance found in trees and RROW.
- Soil production rating of 50.4. Predominant soil Salmo silt loam (32) and Lamo silt loam (69)
- Available to farm, operate or lease out for the 2016 crop year. Sellers to have the property surveyed to determine the boundary lines.
- Annual taxes are \$2,657.74 Base & Yield info, wetland map, and other info found in the buyers packet.
- Cattlemen or hay producers check out this tract lots of possibilities for rotational grazing, hay production or can continue with row crop production.

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