

## Summer 2016 Weather Outlook

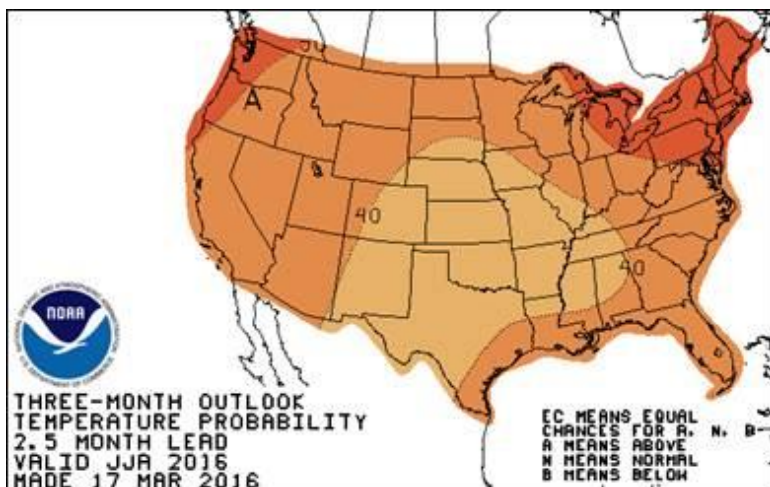
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As we wind down this winter, you may recall that it was marked by significant El Niño conditions. This current El Niño is only the third unusually large version since 1950 and the first since 1997/98. The prior two strong El Niño winters were immediately followed by its counterpart, called a La Niña. A La Niña often, though not always, follows an El Niño. La Niña conditions tend to produce hot, dry summers in some parts of the U.S. It also typically causes mostly the opposite effects of El Niño such as above-average precipitation across the northern Midwest, the northern Rockies, Northern California, and the Pacific Northwest's southern and eastern regions. Meanwhile, precipitation in the southwestern and southeastern states is below average. This also allows for the development of many stronger-than-average hurricanes in the Atlantic and less in the Pacific.

### Current Long Range Summer Forecast from NOAA:

Below are the most current NOAA temperature and precipitation forecasts for the heart of the summer (Jun-Jul-Aug). The temperature outlook is above normal with higher departures to the east and west ends of the country. The precipitation outlook is shown to be "EC" meaning equal chances of above or below.

### NOAA Jun-Jul-Aug 2016 Temperature Outlook



### NOAA Jun-Jul-Aug 2016 Precipitation Outlook

