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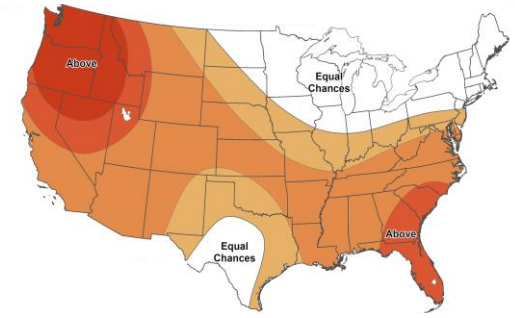
El Niño is likely to emerge soon

- ✓ El Niño is likely to emerge soon (82% chance in May-July 2026) and continue through the Northern Hemisphere winter.
- ✓ El Niño, soil moisture, and MJO composites were all relied on for the June & summer outlooks.
- ✓ Equal chances for (below-, near-, & above-normal) temperatures across the Midwest are associated with El Niño (the JAS & ASO seasons lean cold there).

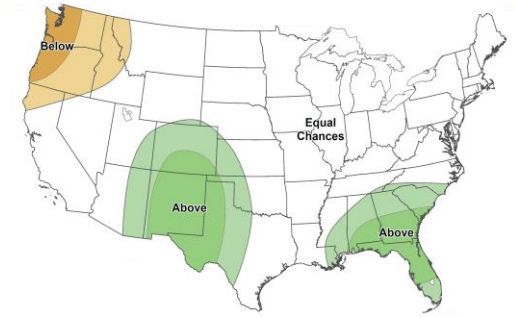
June 2026 Temperature & Precipitation Outlooks

- Above-normal temperatures are favored from the Ohio/Tennessee River Valleys west into the Central Plains, and into Colorado and Wyoming.
- An early and active monsoon season is expected this year. This favors above-normal precipitation spreading into parts of Colorado and western Kansas. Equal chances are favored across the remainder of the region.

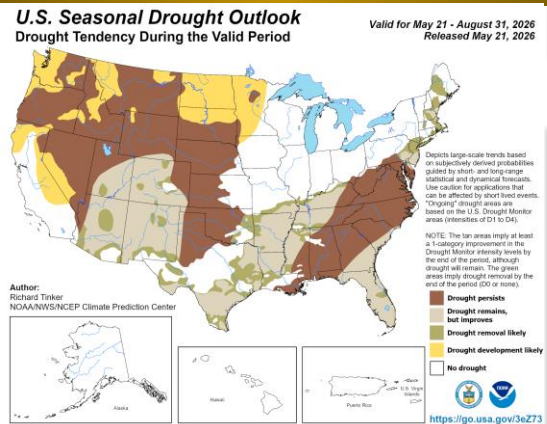
One Month Temperature Outlook



One Month Precipitation Outlook



Seasonal Drought Outlook

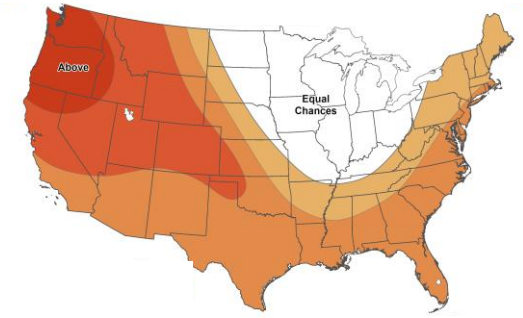


- Drought is expected to persist across Wyoming and parts of the Northern & Central Plains.
- Drought development is expected in North Dakota, northern South Dakota, and western Minnesota.
- Drought improvement is expected in Colorado, southeast Missouri, and Kentucky.

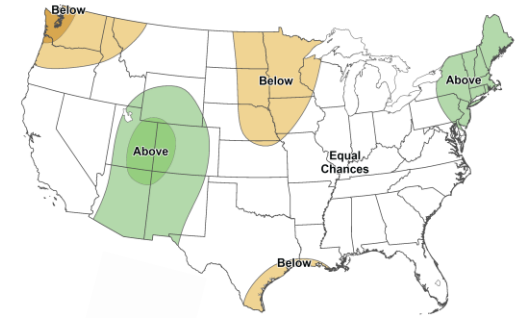
June-July-August 2026 Temperature & Precipitation Outlooks

- Above-normal temperatures are favored from eastern Kentucky through southwest Missouri northwest into Wyoming and the western Dakotas.
- Drier-than-normal conditions are favored across the eastern Dakotas, eastern Nebraska, Minnesota, western Wisconsin, & western Iowa.
- An active monsoon continuing into summer favors above-normal precip across much of CO & WY.

Three Month Temperature Outlook



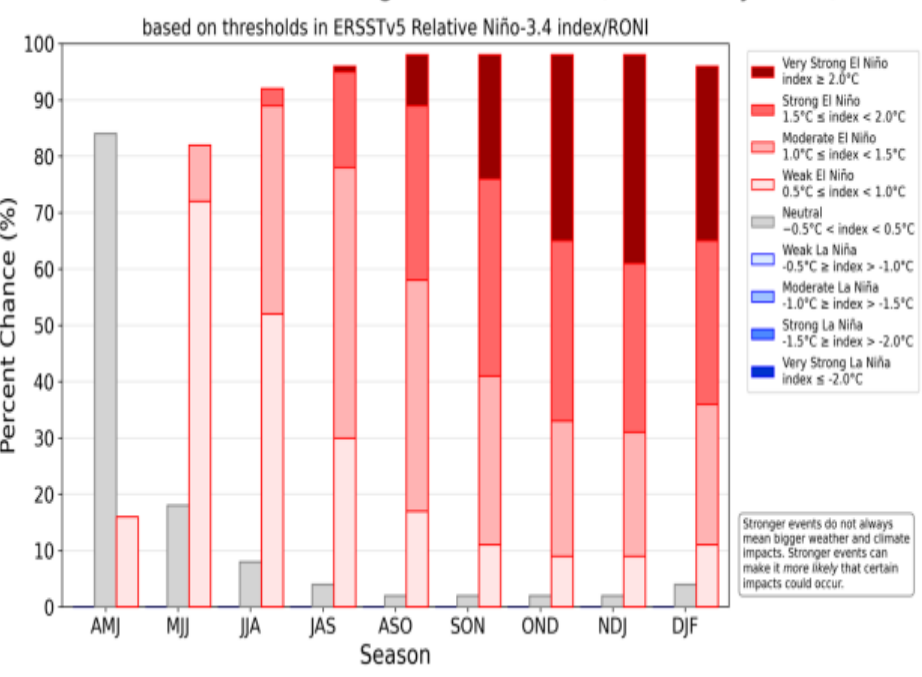
Three Month Precipitation Outlook





ENSO Status: El Niño Watch

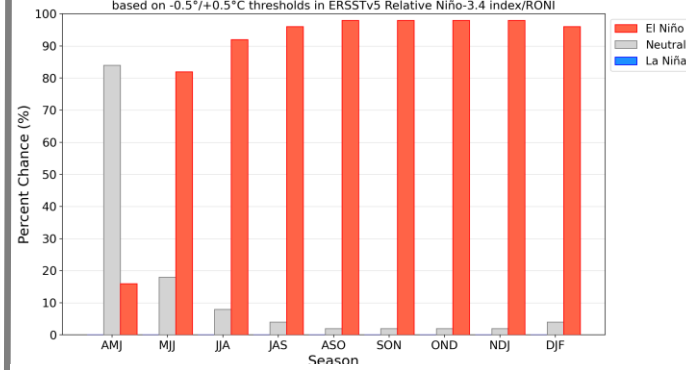
NOAA CPC ENSO Strength Probabilities (issued May 2026)



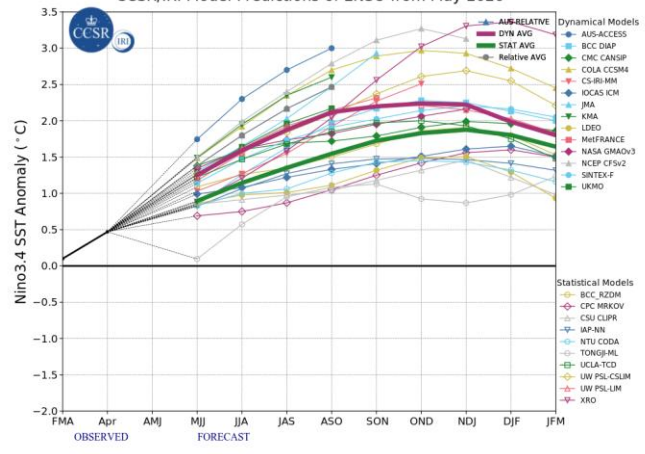
While confidence in the occurrence of El Niño has increased since last month, there is still substantial uncertainty in the peak strength of El Niño, with no strength categorization exceeding a 37% chance. It is important to remember, stronger El Niño events do not ensure strong impacts; they can only make certain impacts more likely.

IRI/CPC Probabilistic ENSO Forecast/Plumes

Official NOAA CPC ENSO Probabilities (issued May 2026)



CCSR/IRI Model Predictions of ENSO from May 2026



- El Niño is likely to emerge soon (82% chance in May-July 2026) and continue through Northern Hemisphere winter 2026-27 (96% chance in December 2026 – February 2027).

Useful Links/Info:

- Latest information from [NOAA Climate Sea Surface Temperatures](#) from the Climate Prediction Center
- [Latest ENSO Discussion](#) from the Climate Prediction Center
- [Drought Information](#) from the US Drought Monitor
- [Interactive GIS Mapping](#) from NCEI (Anomalies/Rankings)

Other Teleconnection Info

- The progression of the MJO in the western Pacific could result in cooler temperatures across the eastern and central CONUS around the start of June, but the MJO generally has weaker impacts for this time of year.

