

NWS Winter Seasonal Outlook

2022-2023

Weather Forecast Office

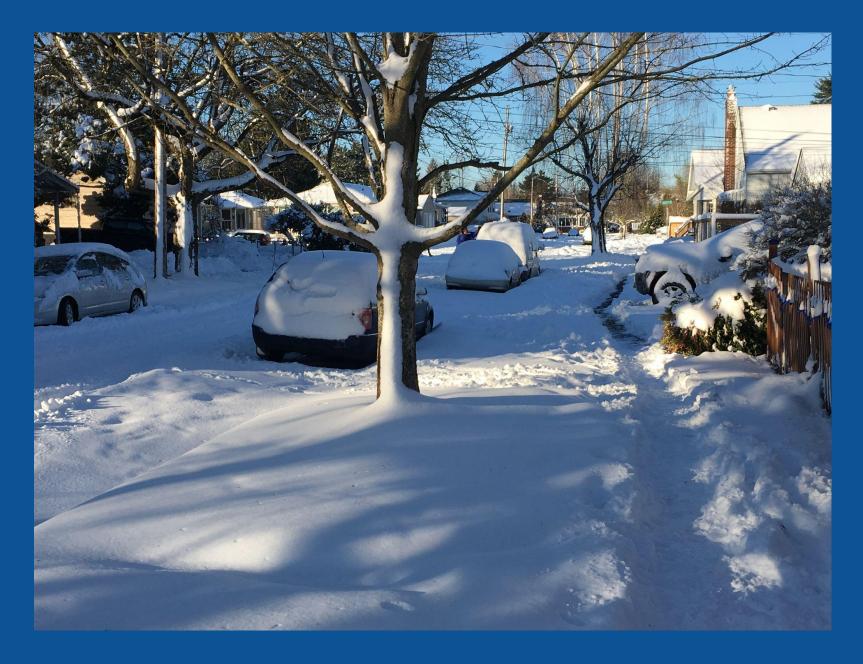
Portland, OR

Tuesday, October 25

Presenter: Rebecca Muessle - Meteorologist











- La Niña conditions now and 80-90% likely to continue through mid-winter
- Third winter of La Niña

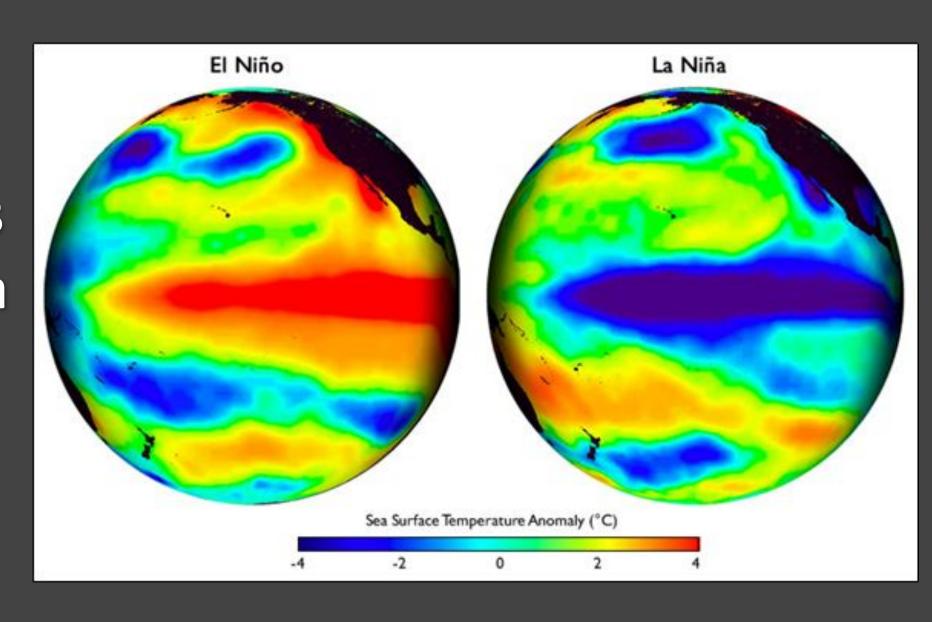
- NWS Climate Prediction Center (CPC) outlooks:
 - 1) Wetter than Normal Fall 2022
 - 2) Equal chances of wetter, drier or near normal precipitation DJF
 - 3) Greater chance for slightly cooler than normal DJF



Winter Season Outlook 2022/2023

What is ENSO?

El Niño and the Southern
Oscillation, commonly referred to as
ENSO, is a periodic fluctuation in sea
surface temperature (SST) and the
overlying atmosphere across the
equatorial Pacific Ocean



- ENSO has three possible stages:
 - ENSO-neutral (near-normal water temps across the equatorial Pacific)
 - La Niña (relatively cool water across the equatorial Pacific above right)
 - El Niño (relatively warm water across the equatorial Pacific above left)

La Niña Categories:

3 consecutive overlapping 3-mo periods with SST anomalies of the following categories:

WEAK: -0.5 to -0.9 °C

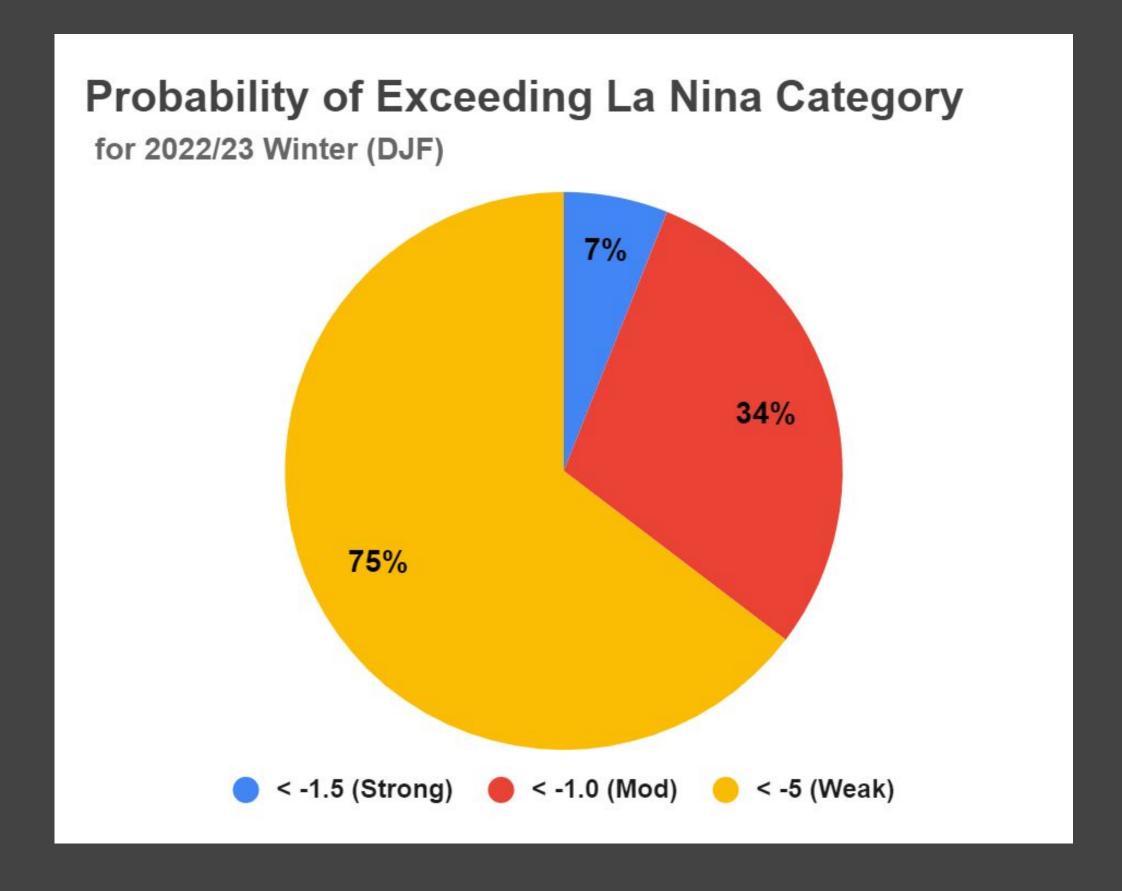
MODERATE: -1 to -1.4 °C

STRONG: -1.5 to -1.9 °C

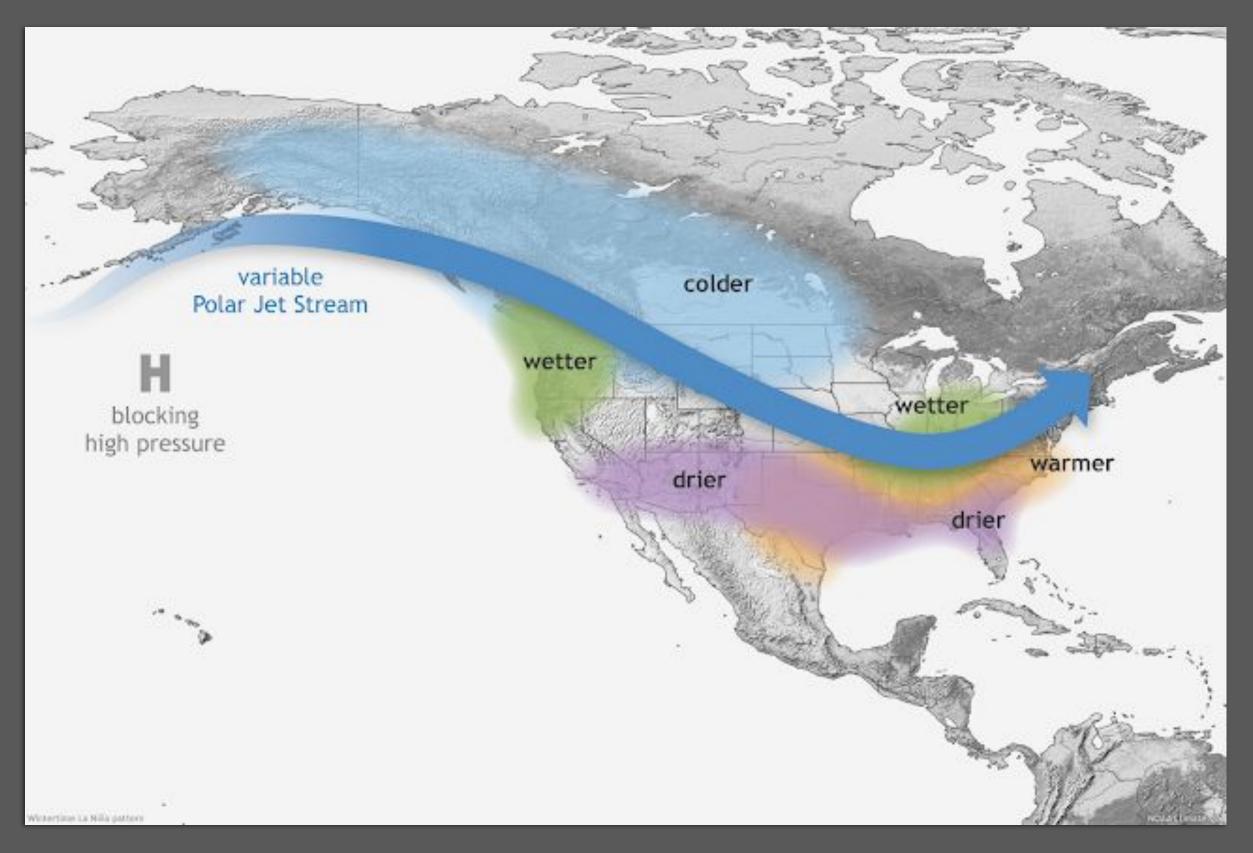
VERY STRONG: ≥ -2 °C

Best chance are for a **WEAK** La Niña for 2022/23 Winter (DJF).

However, a moderate La Nina is possible, especially in December, as La Niña is expected to weaken in Jan and Feb



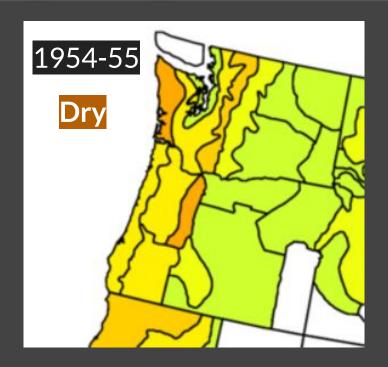
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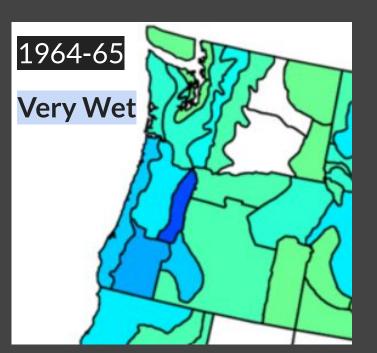


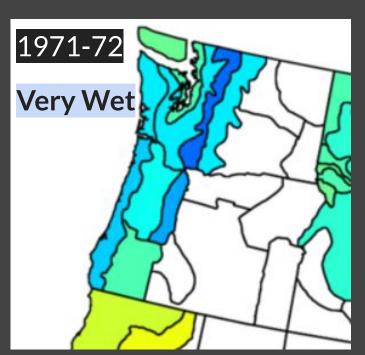
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are below average across most of the Pacific Ocean.
- There is a 75% chance La Niña will continue this winter.
- A 54% chance of transitioning to ENSO
 -Neutral Spring (FMA) 2023
- Favors wetter and cooler than normal conditions for the PNW this winter.

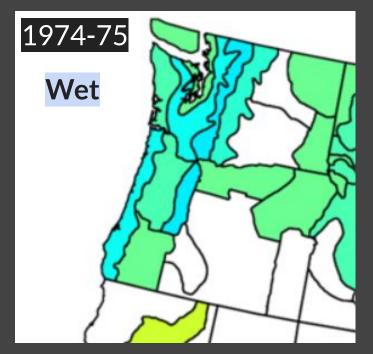


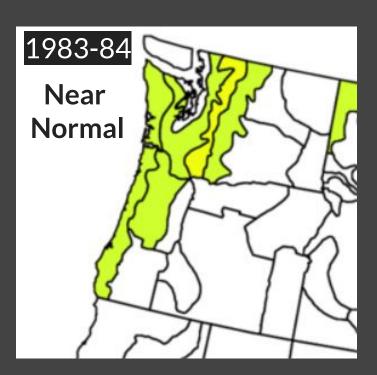
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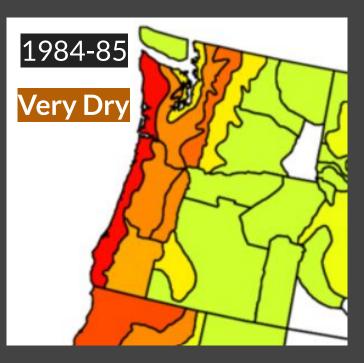


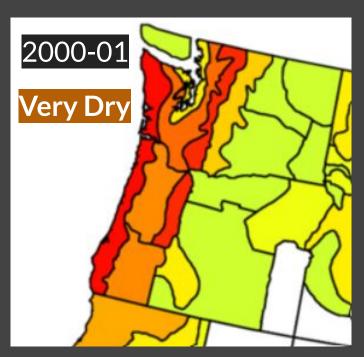


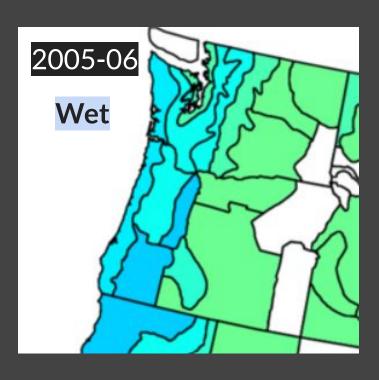


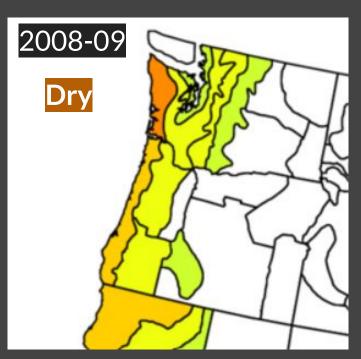


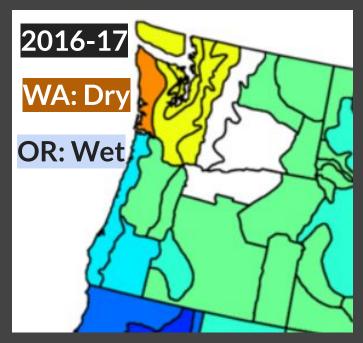








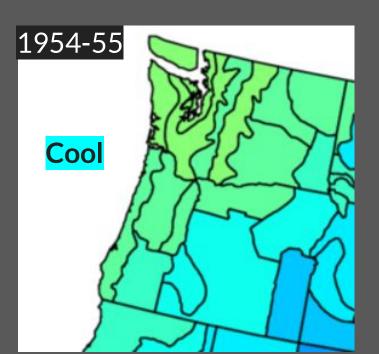


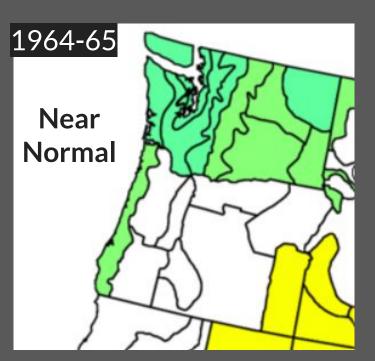


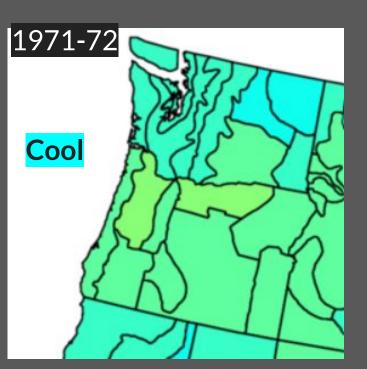


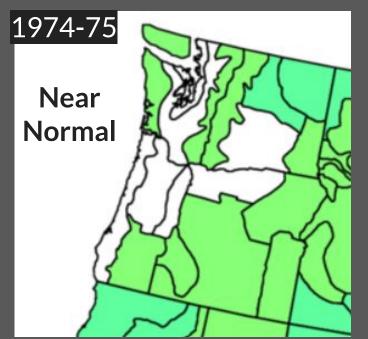


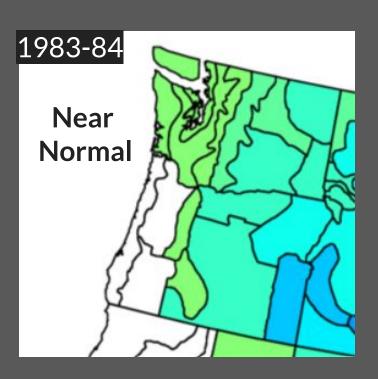
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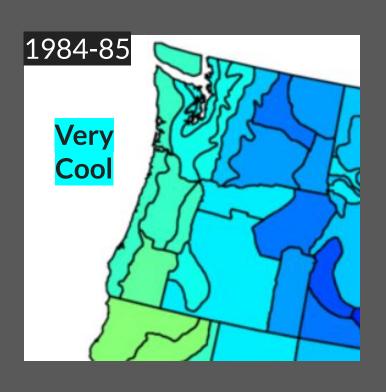


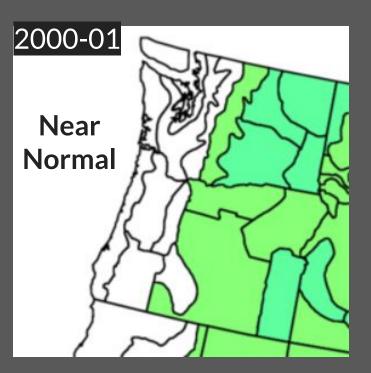


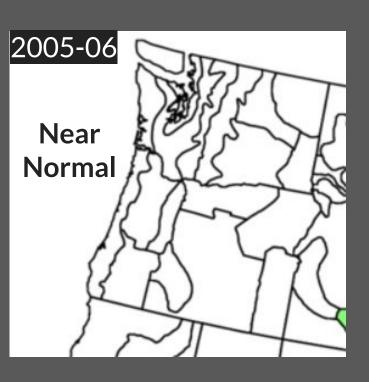


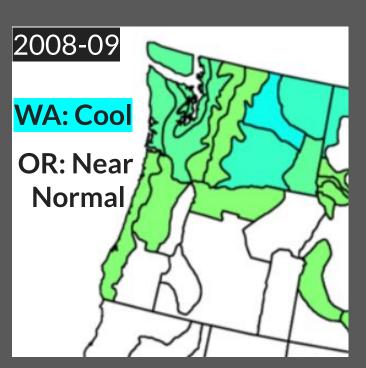


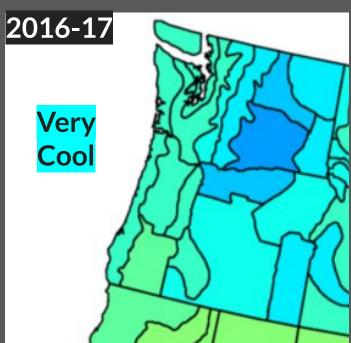


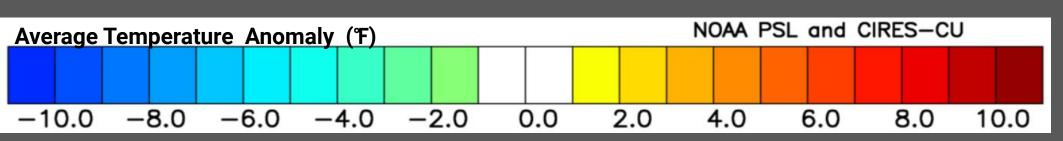








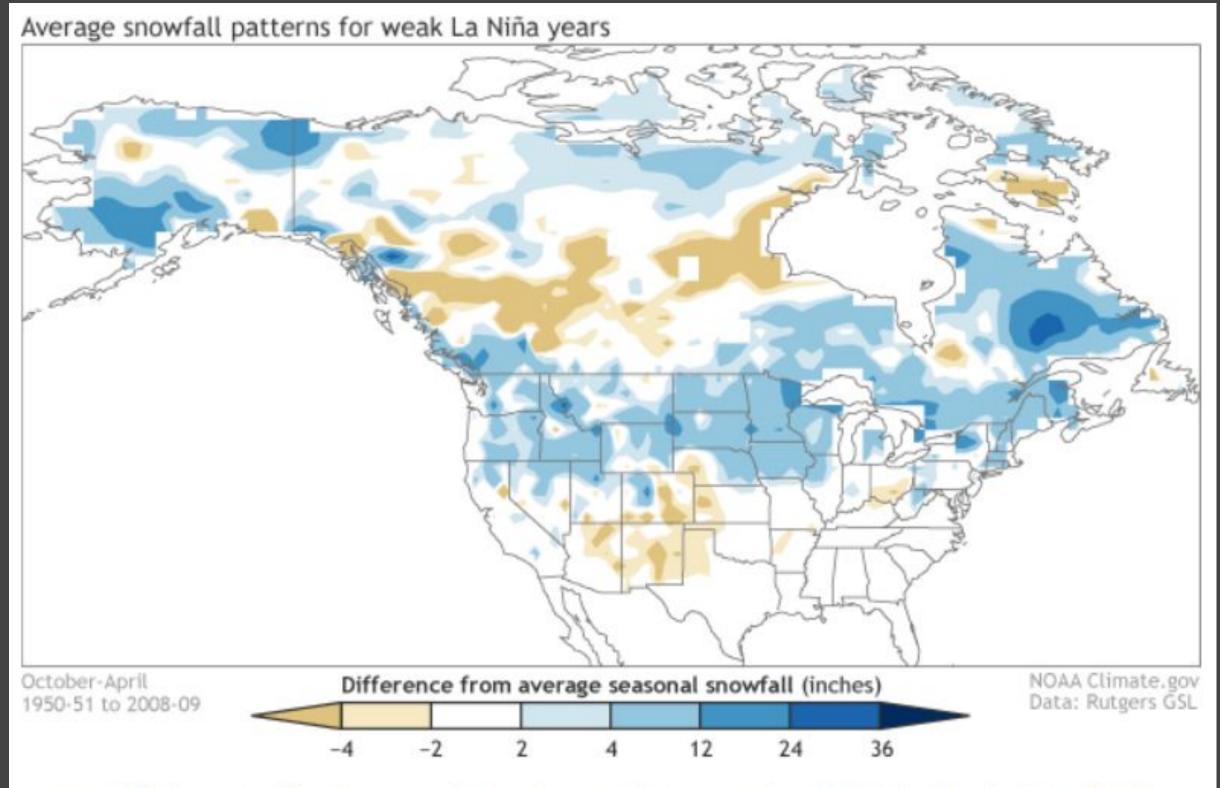




Average Snowfall for weak La Nina Years (Oct - Apr)

1950 - 2009 (missing two weak La Nina events).

Shows 4 to 12 inches more snow than average for the OR and WA Cascades

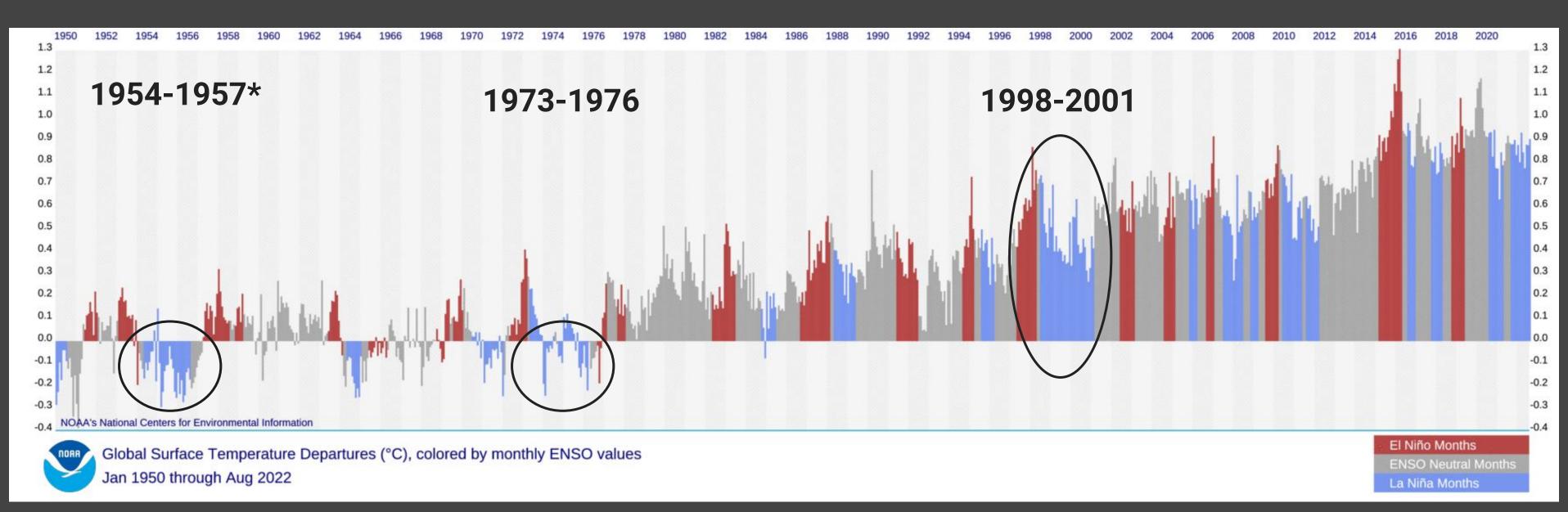


Snowfall departure from average for weaker La Niña winters (1950-2009). Blue shading shows where snowfall is greater than average and brown shows where snowfall is less than average. Climate.gov figure based on analysis at CPC using Rutgers gridded snow data.



ENSO Status: 'Triple Dip' La Niña Advisory

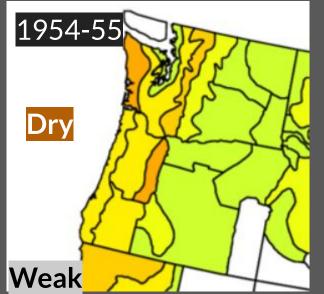
Monthly Global Temperature Departures (°C) since 1950. Blue shaded = La Nina Years, Red = El Nino Years.

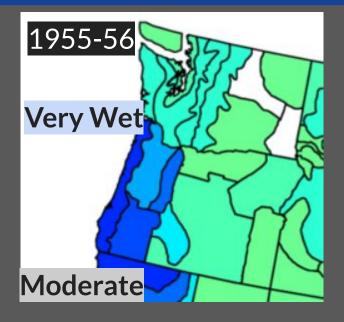


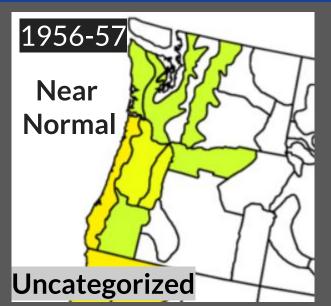
Three* occurrences since 1950 - very small sample size



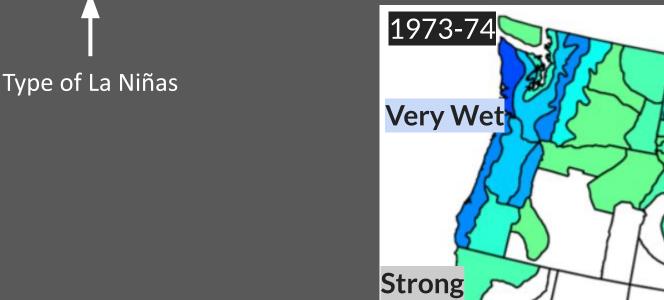
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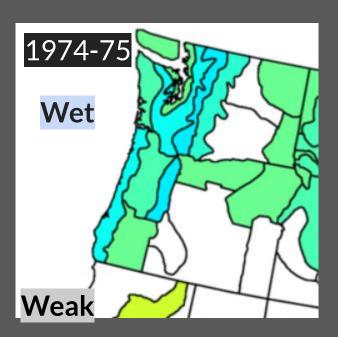


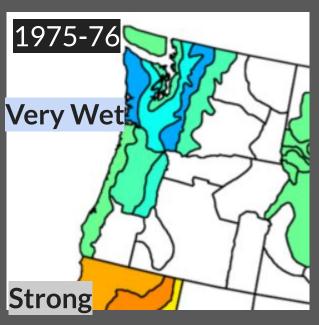


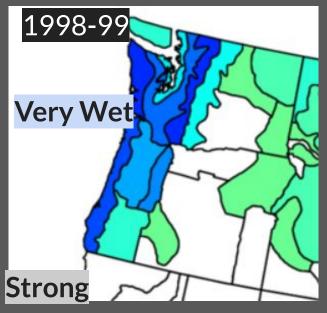


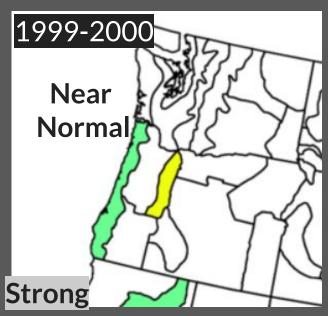


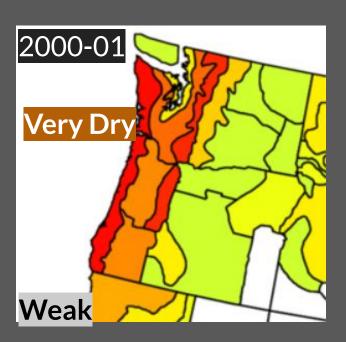








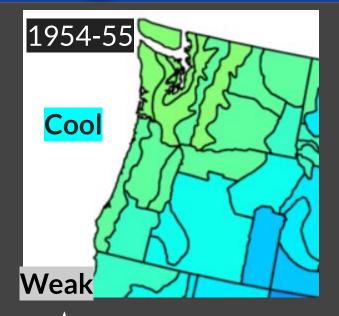


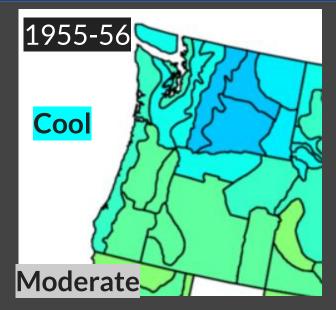


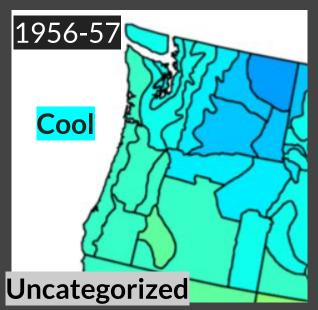
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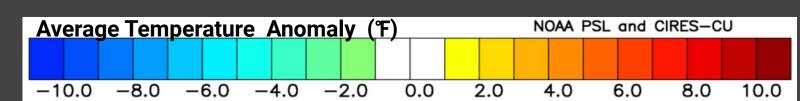
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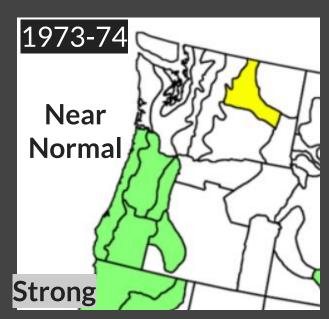
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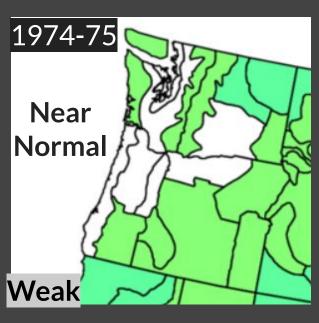


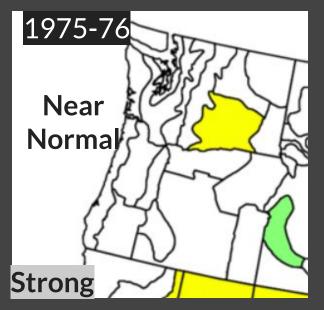


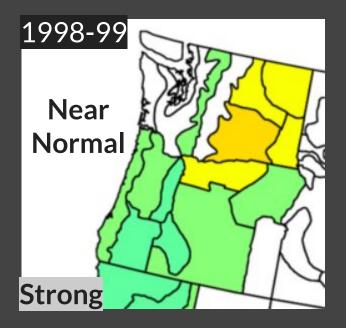


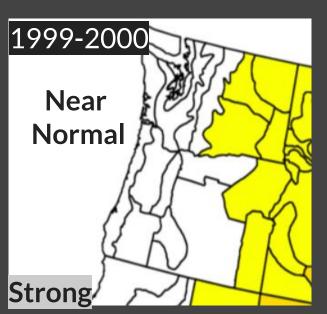


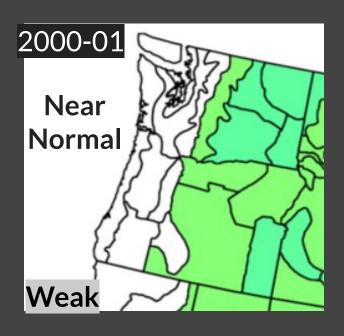








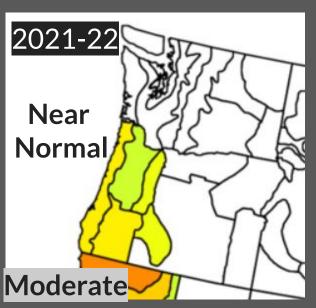






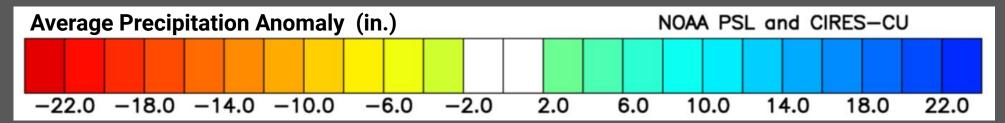
Triple Dip La Niña: in Progress



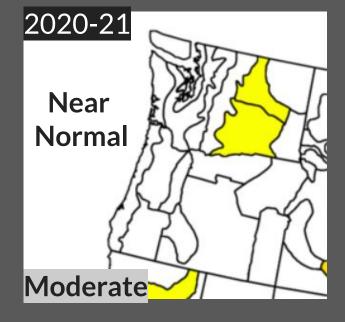


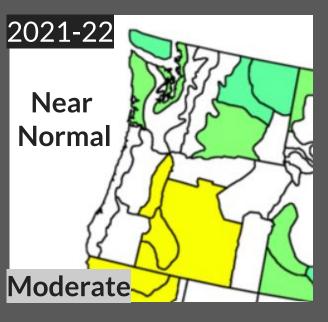


← Winter (DJF) Precipitation

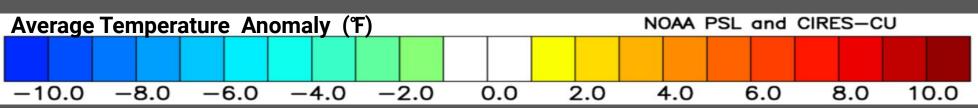


Winter (DJF) Temperature













CPC November 2022: 1 Month Outlook

Nov 2022 **Outlook Favors**



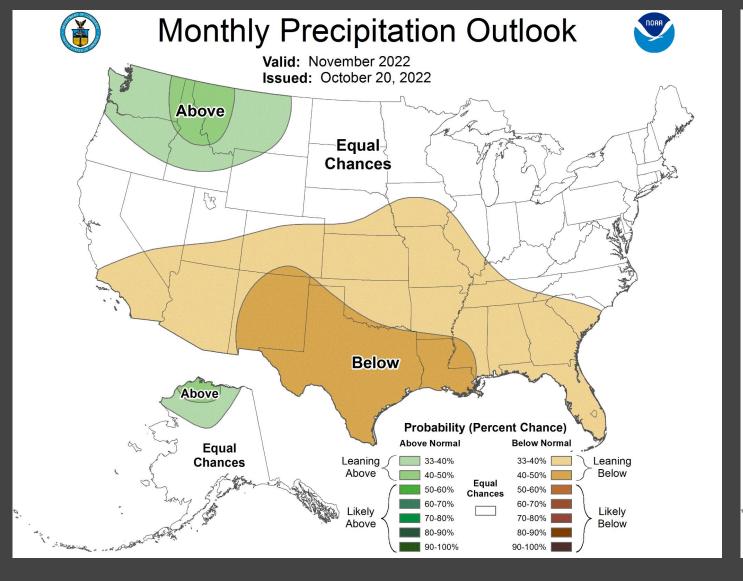
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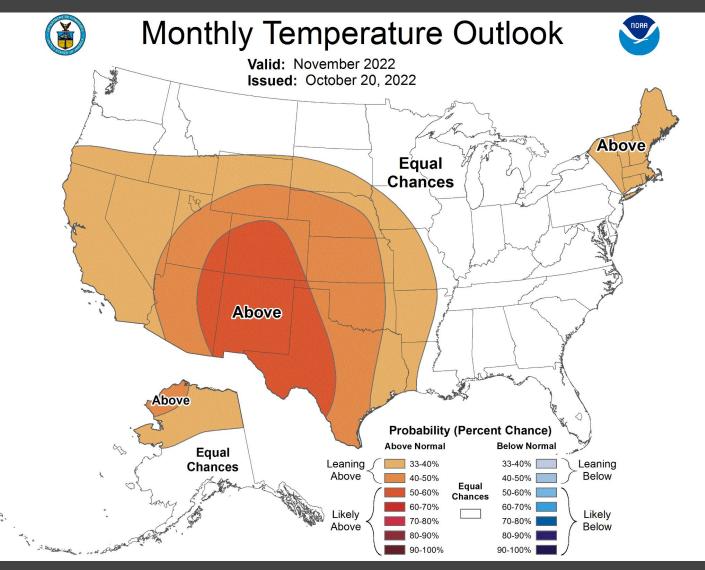
North: Greater Chance for Above Normal

South: Equal Chances for Above, Near, or **Below Normal**



Equal Chances for Above, Near, or Below **Normal**







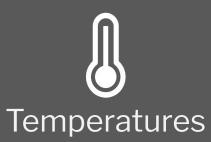


CPC Dec 2022 - Feb 2023: 3 Month Outlook

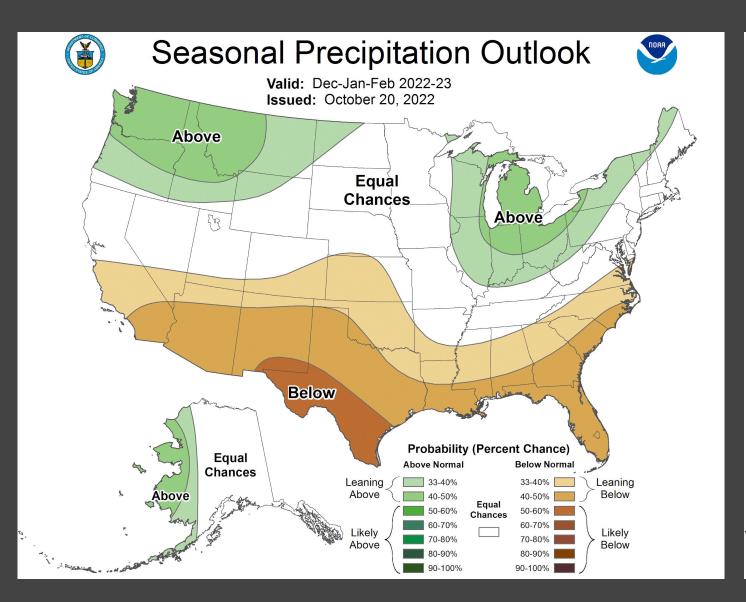
Dec-Feb Outlook Favors

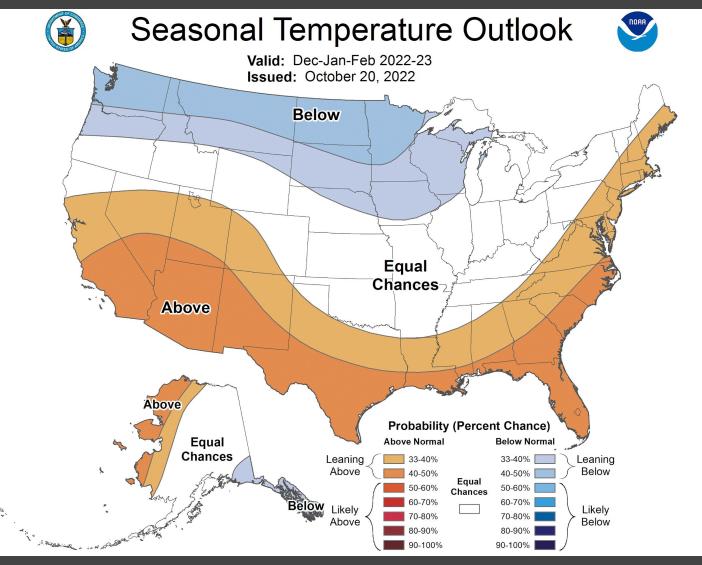


Greater Chances for Above Normal



Greater Chances for Below Normal





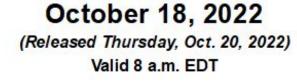


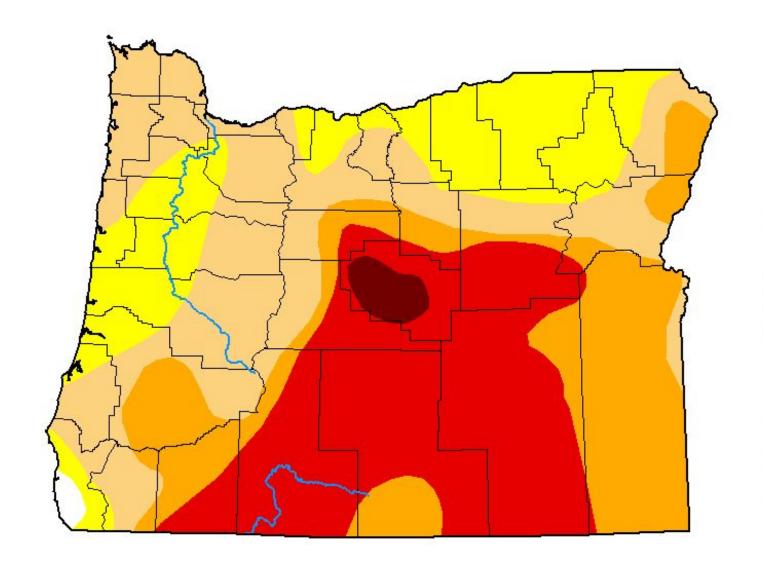




Oregon Drought Monitor







Intensity:

None

D0 Abnormally Dry

D1 Moderate Drought

D3 Extreme Drought

D2 Severe Drought

D4 Exceptional Drought

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droughtmonitor.unl.edu



D0 - Abnormally Dry

· Ski season is impacted

100.0% of OR



D1 - Moderate Drought

· Some fields are left fallow

· Water levels begin to decline; recreation and other uses are impacted

100.0% of OR



D2 - Severe Drought

Pastures are brown; hay yields are down, and prices are up; producers are selling cattle

· Fire risk increases

 Marshes are drying up, little water is available for waterfowl and wildlife; bears are moving into urban areas

96.5% of OR



D3 - Extreme Drought

• Planting is delayed

· Wildfire activity is high

· Reservoirs and lakes are very low compared to normal; irrigation water is scarce

of OR

72.1%



D4 - Exceptional Drought

· Power generation is reduced

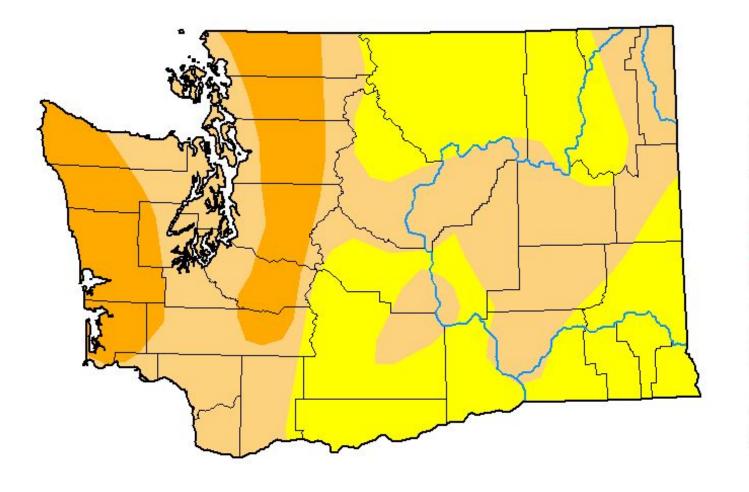
26.6% of OR



U.S. Drought Monitor Washington

October 18, 2022

(Released Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022) Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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None

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D0 - Abnormally Dry

· Ski season is shortened; visitation is lower

100.0% of WA (D0-D4)



D1 - Moderate Drought

· Fire danger increases

Possible dust storms

· River flow is low

38.4% of WA

(D1-D4)



D2 - Severe Drought

Wheat and corn are stunted; harvest is early

• Producers feed cows earlier; silage is harder to find

• Number of wildfires increases; grasses are brown

of WA (D2-D4)

0.0%



D3 - Extreme Drought

· Crop and hop yields are poor; wheat protein content is higher

 Unprecedented wildfires occur; call is issued for citizen volunteers to fight fires; firefighting funds are running out

Tourism is reduced, and recreation is altered

0.0% of WA

(D3-D4)



D4 - Exceptional Drought

 Washington has experienced little or no exceptional (D4) drought, so there are no D4-level drought impacts recorded in the Drought Impact Reporter.

of WA (D4)

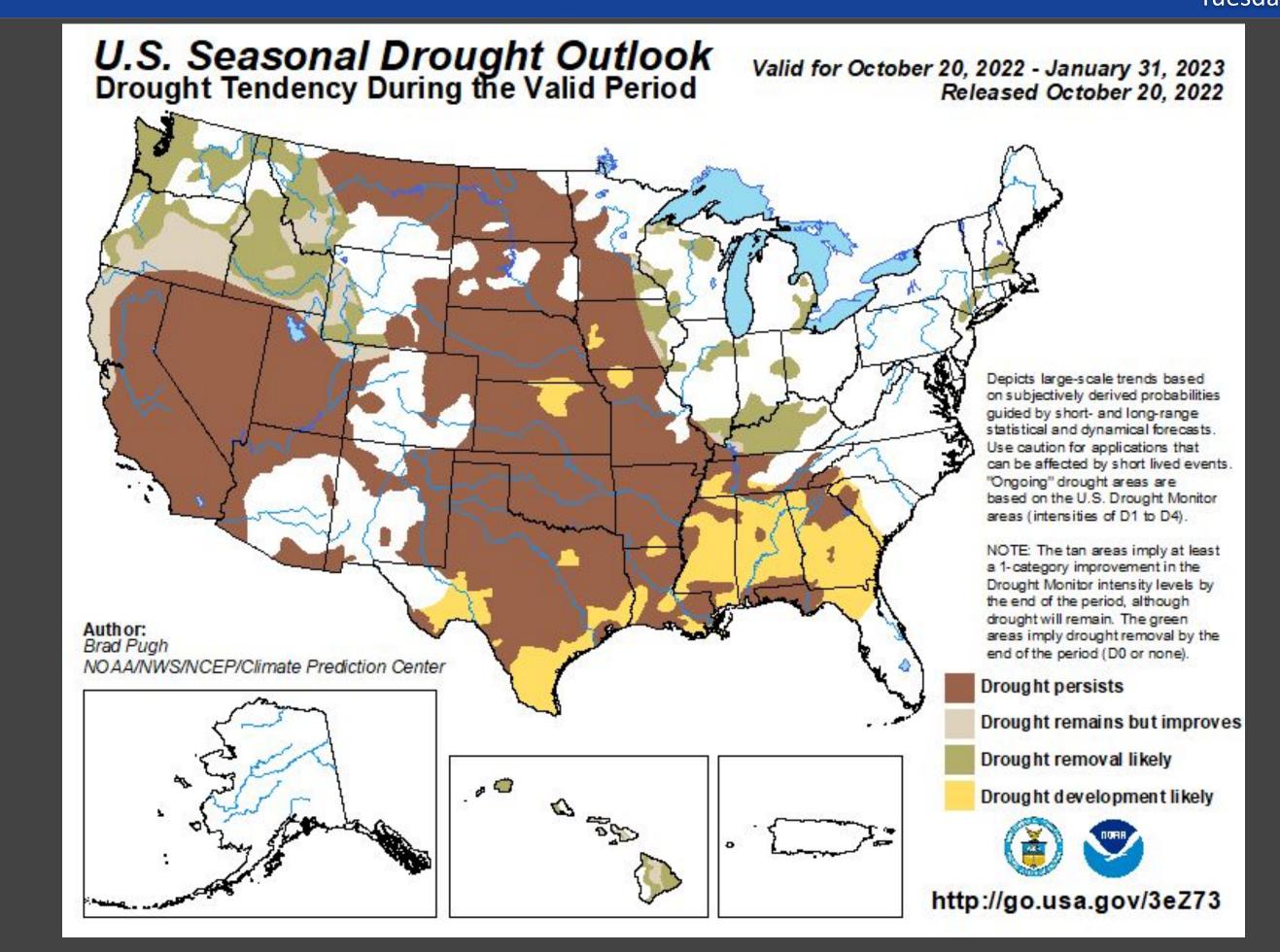
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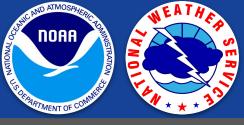


CPC Oct - Dec 2022: Seasonal Drought Outlook

Oct-Jan
Outlook Favors

Drought conditions improving or even ending across much of Oregon & Washington

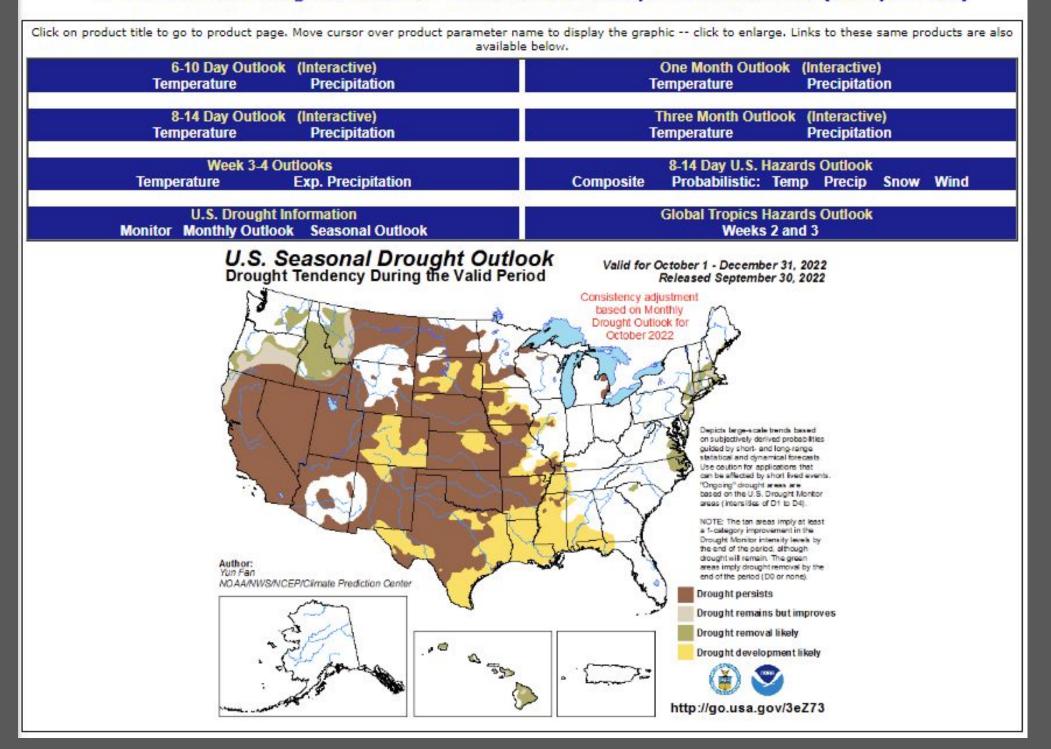




CPC Website - New Climate Tools

Climate News

- 75% chance of La Niña during Northern Hemisphere winter (December-Februray)
 2022-23, with 54% chance for ENSO-neutral in Februray-April 2023 (13 Oct 2022)
- NOAA still expects above-normal Atlantic hurricane season (4 Aug 2022)
- Updated Atlantic hurricane season outlook (4 Aug 2022)
- 47th Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop Announcement (15 Apr 2022)





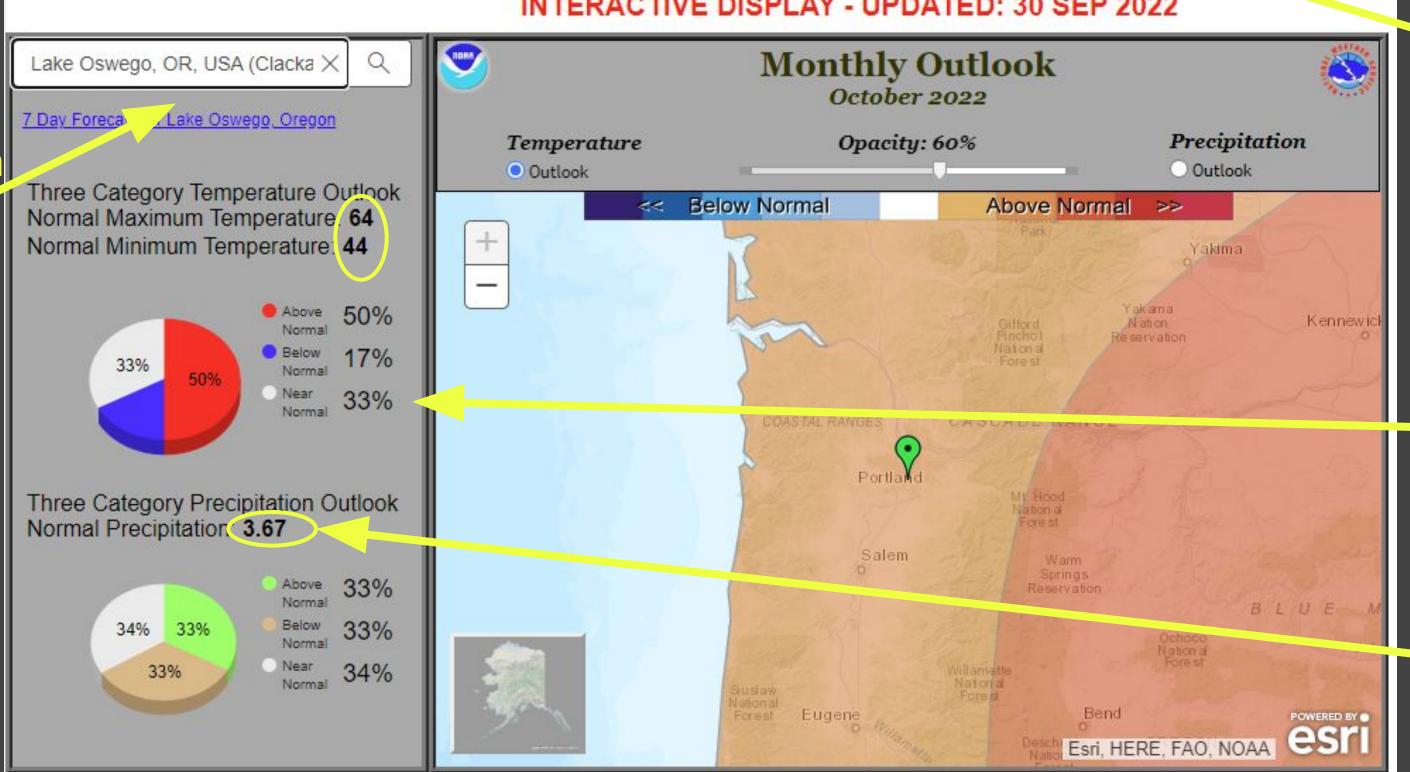


CPC Interactive Outlooks: 1 Month Outlook

One Month Outlook (Interactive) 6-10 Day Outlook (Interactive) **Precipitation Temperature** Precipitation Temperature

INTERACTIVE DISPLAY - UPDATED: 30 SEP 2022

type location in search window



Click Link

Can see the outlook forecast for all three categories at a particular location.

Also, the climatological normals

Climate predictions can have skill in predicting seasonal totals and averages. However, most impacts are associated with short-duration storm systems.



NWS Updates



NWS Marine Forecast Update: Marine Zones

- New marine zone configurations were implemented in September with breakpoints at Cape Falcon, OR and Cape Foulweather, OR.
- Created 6 zones, excluding the Columbia
 River Bar, instead of the previous 4 zones.
- More precise and representative wording is used in the Coastal Waters Forecast to inform mariners of adverse conditions.





NWS Marine Forecast Update: Marine Website

Marine Portland, OR Weather Forecast Office Weather.gov > Portland, OR > Marine Forecasts Rivers and Lakes Climate and Past Weather Current Hazards Current Conditions Radar Education & Forecasts Observations Warnings & Forecast Advisories Guidance Outreach Coastal Waters Forecast Coast Guard Bar Obs Marine Histogram **Wave Forecast** Coastal Waters Forecasts Surf. Misc. Forecasts, and Weather Transmitters S Washington, N Oregon Surf - Pacific, Clatsop, and Lincoln County N Washington & Puget Sound Surf - Curry County southward Quicklook Forecast NOAA Radio Transmitter - Oregon NOAA Radio Transmitter - Washington Extreme S California

Washington/Oregon United States (Graphic interface)

Offshore and High Seas Forecasts - OPC

- Pacific and Atlantic (Graphic interface)
- Current Sea State Maps
- Pacific Surface Analysis
- 24-hour Wind & Wave Forecast

United States Marine Forecast

NOS Tide Predictions NOS Tidal Current Predictions

- Toke Point Willapa Bay, WA
- Astoria, OR
- Garibaldi, OR
- South Beach Newport, OR
- NOS Tide Predictions Homepage

- Portland Forecast Discussion
- Seattle Forecast Discussion
- Medford Forecast Discussion

Columbia River - Sand Island Tower (midchannel)

Forecast Discussions

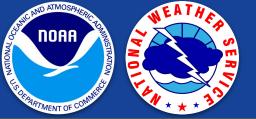
- Tillamook Bay Entrance
- Yaquina Bay Entrance
- NOS Current Predictions Homepage

New website: https://www.weather.gov/pqr/Marine

Site Includes:

- **Forecasts** Coastal Water Forecast, Surf, Discussions, Tides and Currents
- Observations Buoys, wind stations, satellite, radar, and observed water levels.
- Warnings and Advisories All current warning text products and hazard criteria.
- **Education and Outreach** Safety messaging and Marine WRN Ambassador links.





NWS Marine Forecast Update: Experimental CWF

Experimental through July 23

Output for
Portland
waters can be
found here

PZZ251-182200- Experimental Coastal waters from Cape Shoalwater WA to Cape Falcon OR out

228 AM PDT Tue Oct 18 2022

10 NM-

.TODAY...NE winds to 5 kt, backing to N early this afternoon, then becoming NW 10 to 15 kt early. Seas 5 to 7 ft, occasionally to 9 ft. Wave Detail: W 6 ft at 14 seconds.
.TONIGHT...N winds 10 to 15 kt. Seas 5 to 6 ft, occasionally to 8 ft. Wave Detail: W 6 ft at 14 seconds and NW 2 ft at 8 seconds.
WED. N winds 10 to 15 kt. Seas 5 to 6 ft, occasionally to 8 ft.

.WED...N winds 10 to 15 kt. Seas 5 to 6 ft, occasionally to 8 ft, building to 7 to 9 ft, occasionally to 11 ft in the afternoon. Wave Detail: NW 8 ft at 16 seconds. Areas of dense fog in the morning. Patchy dense fog in the afternoon.

.WED NIGHT...N winds 10 to 15 kt. Seas 9 to 11 ft, occasionally to 14 ft. Wave Detail: NW 10 ft at 15 seconds.

.THU...N winds 5 to 10 kt. Seas 8 to 10 ft, occasionally to 13 ft. Wave Detail: W 9 ft at 14 seconds. Patchy dense fog in the morning.

.THU NIGHT...NW winds 10 to 15 kt, easing to 5 to 10 kt after midnight. Seas 8 to 9 ft, occasionally to 11 ft. Wave Detail: NW 8 ft at 12 seconds. A chance of rain after midnight.

.FRI...NW winds 10 kt, backing to S in the afternoon, then becoming W 20 kt. Seas around 8 ft, occasionally to 10 ft. Rain. .SAT...NW winds 20 kt, easing to 15 kt after midnight. Seas 14 to 15 ft, occasionally to 19 ft. Numerous showers.

Directly from the Nearshore Wave Prediction System (NWPS) without forecaster input

- Swell and wind wave terminology is replaced with 'Seas'
- Further detail into the direction and wave periods.
- No changes to wind or weather descriptors proposed at this time.

PZZ251-182345-

Official

Coastal waters from Cape Shoalwater WA to Cape Falcon OR out 10 NM-

227 AM PDT Tue Oct 18 2022

.TODAY...E wind less than 10 kt, becoming N in the afternoon. Wind waves E 1 ft at 4 seconds, shifting to the N at 4 seconds in the afternoon. W swell 6 ft at 13 seconds.

.TONIGHT...N wind 10 to 15 kt. Wind waves N 2 ft at 4 seconds. W swell 6 ft at 12 seconds.

.WED...N wind 10 to 15 kt. Gusts to 20 kt in the afternoon.
Wind waves N 3 ft at 5 seconds. W swell 5 ft at 12 seconds,
building to 8 ft at 15 seconds in the afternoon. Areas of dense
fog in the morning. Patchy dense fog in the afternoon.
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N 3 ft at 5 seconds. W swell 10 ft at 14 seconds.

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.FRI...W wind 20 to 25 kt. Wind waves 6 ft. NW swell 8 ft. .SAT...NW wind 20 to 25 kt. Wind waves 6 ft. NW swell 15 ft.

The **new**proposed format
removes "wind
wave" and
"swell"
terminology.



https://www.weather.gov/wrn/winter safety



FREEZING RAIN IS THE WORST

- Freezing rain is more dangerous than snow, as ice can form on pavement
- Watch out for falling branches and powerlines
- Don't drive if there is, or recently was, freezing rain





https://www.weather.gov/wrn/winter-graphics-SP





¿Está listo para las TORMENTAS DE HIELO?

- Pode ramas débiles o dañadas cerca de su vivienda
- No deje los limpiaparabrisas extendidos
- Tenga suficiente comida y medicamentos para una semana
- No estacione su auto debajo de árboles
- Mantenga su dispositivos cargados

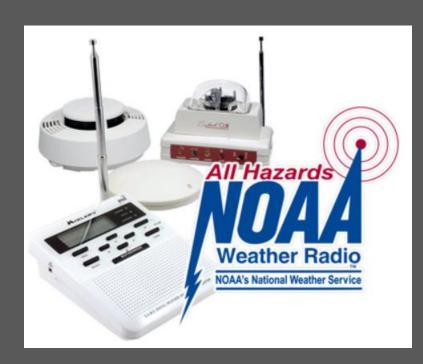




Weather Safety Resources - Deaf & Hard of Hearing

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