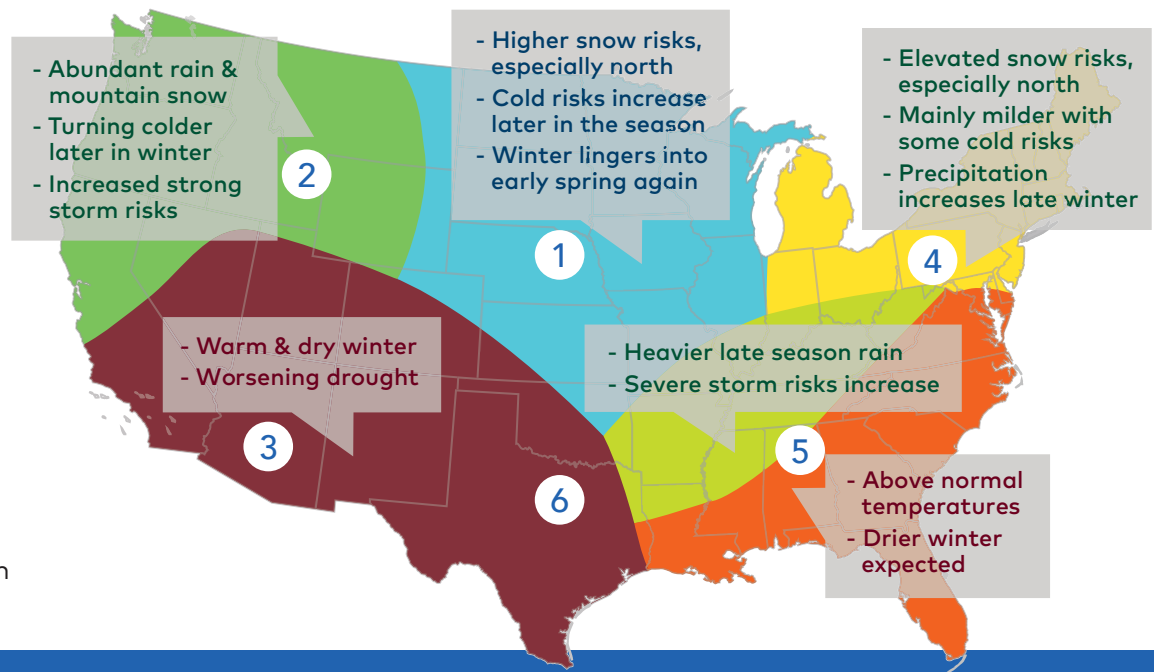


2020-2021 Winter Season Outlook

U.S. Outlook Highlights

- A moderate to strong La Niña is expected this winter.
- Above average temperatures across the South and East.
- Cold risks increase for the north central and northwest regions later in winter.
- Growing drought in the southwestern and south central United States.



1 North Central



Temperature

- Slower start to winter
- Becoming colder in late winter
- Cold risks favor Northern Plains

Precipitation

- Generally, seasonable precipitation
- Slightly elevated snowfall for Upper Midwest
- More mixed precipitation events possible

2 Northwest



Temperature

- Mild start to winter
- Trending colder later in the season
- Lingering winter in March

Precipitation

- Above average rain/snow for most of the region
- Significant rain/snow events possible
- Widespread drought improvement expected

3 Southwest



Temperature

- Warm winter expected again
- Late season cool risks for CA/NV
- Warmth favors southern deserts

Precipitation

- Worsening drought conditions for most
- Some late-season relief possible in northern CA
- Wildfire risks linger into early winter

4 Northeast



Temperature

- Early season cool risks
- Warmer pattern for Jan. and Feb.
- Chill returns for March

Precipitation

- Generally, drier start to winter
- Wetter pattern develops later in winter
- Increased snow risks for Great Lakes/New England

5 Southeast



Temperature

- Above normal temperatures
- Mid-season warmth expected
- Cool risks in place Nov./Mar.

Precipitation

- Dry near Gulf/Southeast Coasts
- Late winter rains favor the Tennessee Valley
- Late winter severe weather risks

6 South Central



Temperature

- Above normal temperatures likely
- Brief intense cold shots possible
- Spring warmth shows up early

Precipitation

- Dry start to winter
- Drought enhancement in the Southern Plains
- Late-winter rains reach Ark-La-Tex region

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