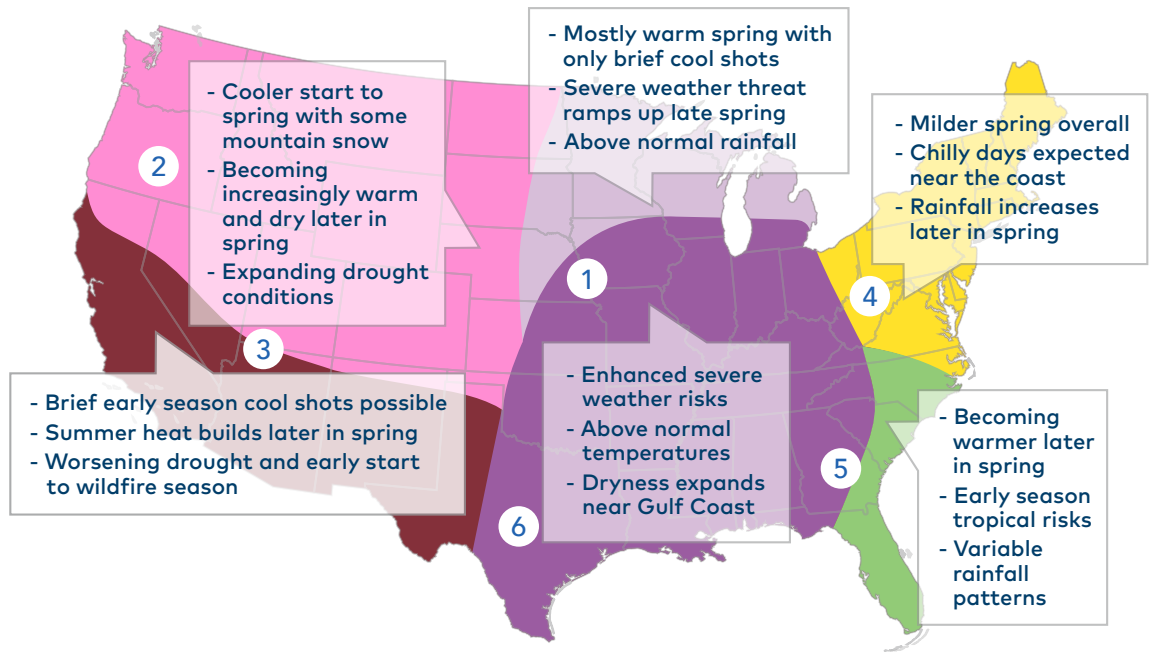


DTN 2021 Spring Outlook

U.S. Outlook Highlights

- Transition to neutral ENSO continues this spring
- Severe storm threats increase from the Plains to the Appalachians
- Generally warmer spring temperatures for most of the country
- Growing drought in the West and parts of the Plains



1 North Central



Temperature

- Overall warmer than normal
- Brief cooler shots are possible
- Much warmer than spring 2020

Precipitation

- Severe weather threat increases later in spring
- Above normal rainfall for most of Upper Midwest
- Dryness continues across the Dakotas

2 Northwest



Temperature

- Cooler start to spring
- Becoming warmer in late spring
- Summer temperatures begin early

Precipitation

- Mountain snow risks last through April
- Dry pattern sets in later in spring
- Drought expansion is likely by summer

3 Southwest



Temperature

- Generally warm spring coming
- Summer heat builds in May/June
- Early spring storms slow warm up

Precipitation

- Early spring storms bring more rain/mountain snow
- Dry pattern takes over later in spring
- Worsening drought/early start to wildfire season

4 Northeast



Temperature

- Increased temperature variability
- Cool periods for coastal areas
- Brief potent warm-ups expected

Precipitation

- Dry start to spring, especially near the coast
- Increased rainfall expected for May and June
- Enhanced severe weather west of Appalachians

5 Southeast



Temperature

- Predominantly above normal
- Brief early cool shots
- Increasingly muggy by late spring

Precipitation

- Enhanced rains take aim at TN Valley
- Increased severe weather risks
- Early season tropical system possible

6 South Central



Temperature

- Above normal temperatures likely
- Cooler interludes in early spring
- Summer warmth shows up early

Precipitation

- Continued drier than normal for most areas
- Drought enhancement in the southern Plains
- Elevated severe weather risks

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