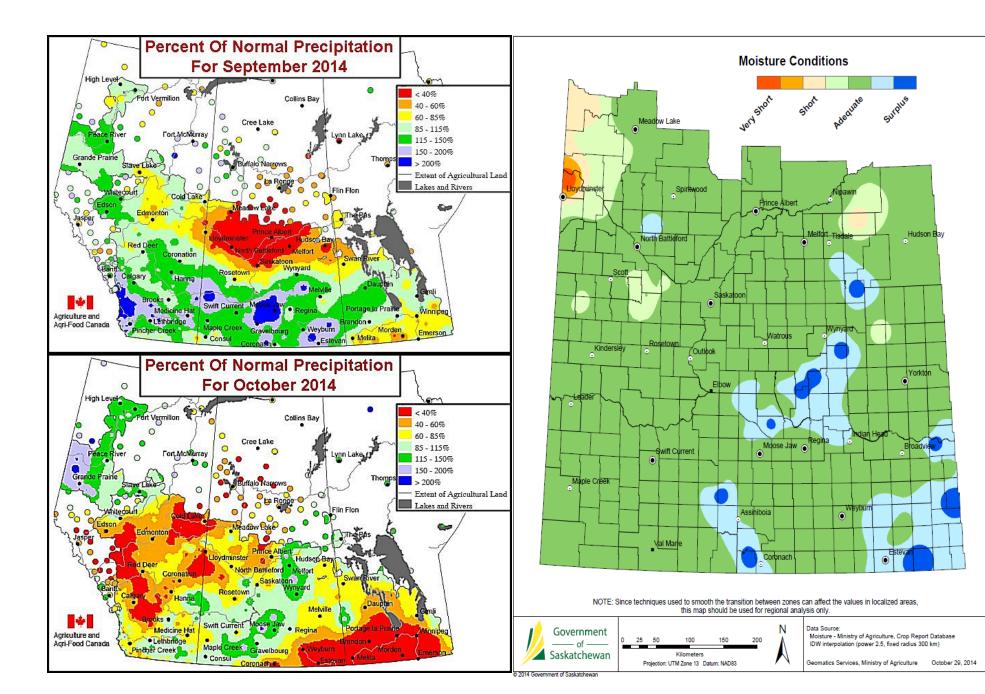
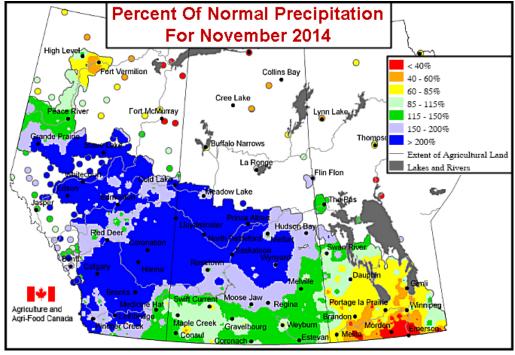
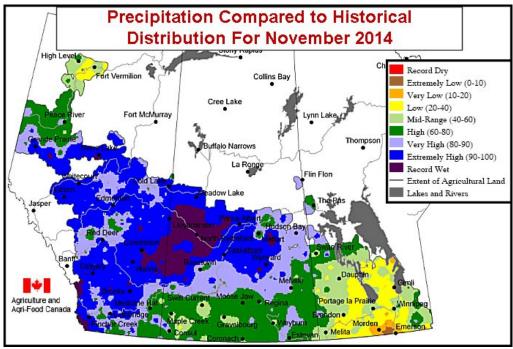


A Record Wet Summer In Saskatchewan And Parts Of Western Manitoba Will Be Remembered Along With Several Other Wet Years In This Current Decade. When Will It Stop Raining? What About Northern Alberta And The Peace River Region?

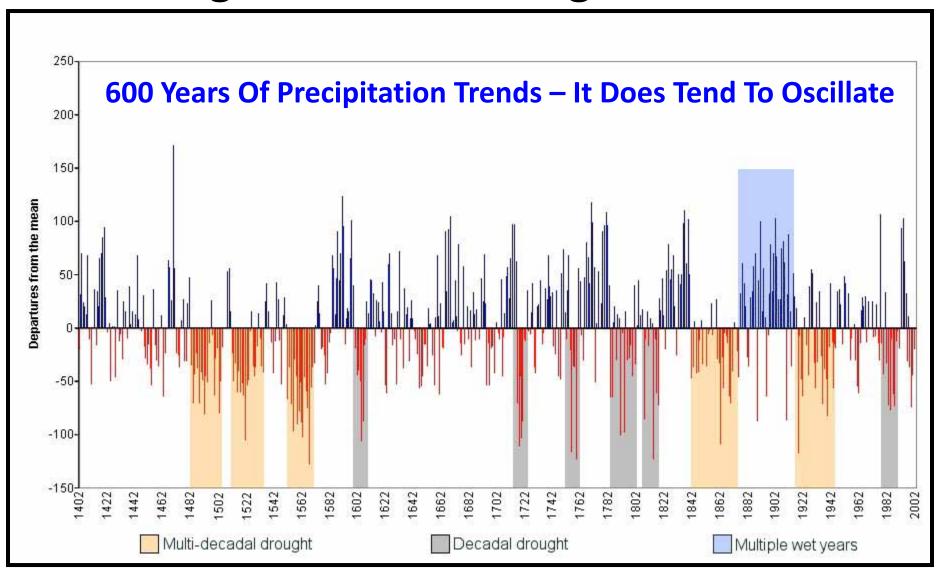


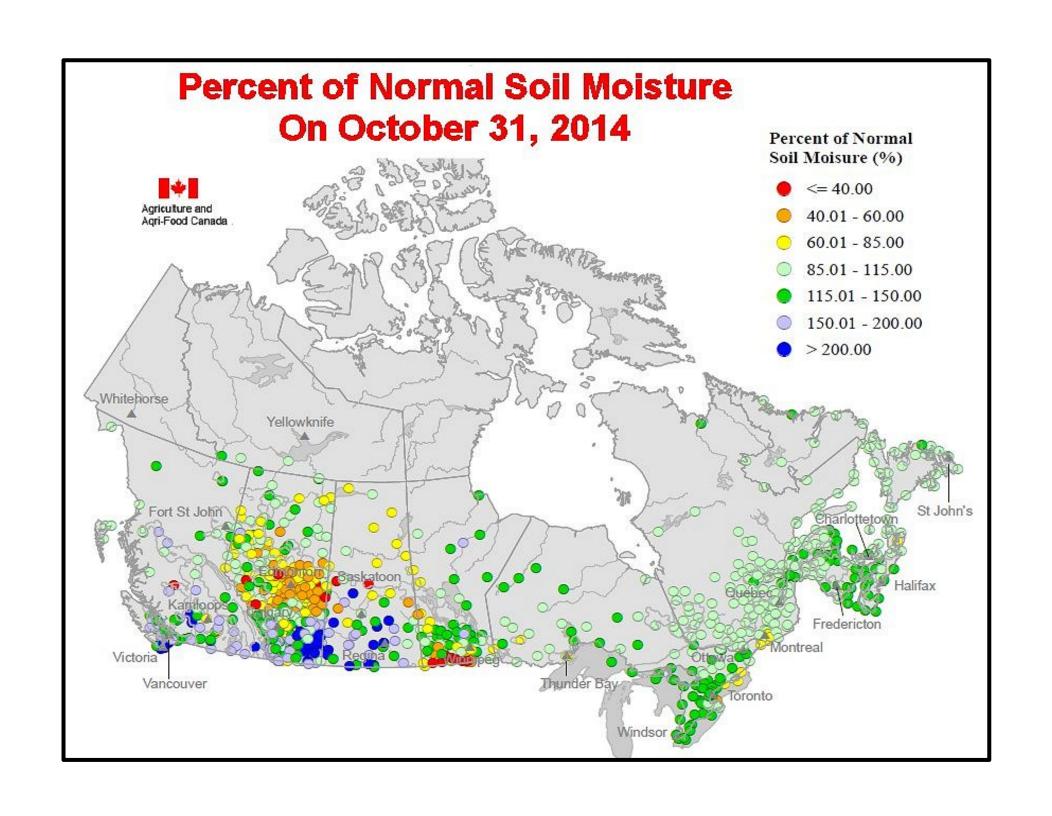


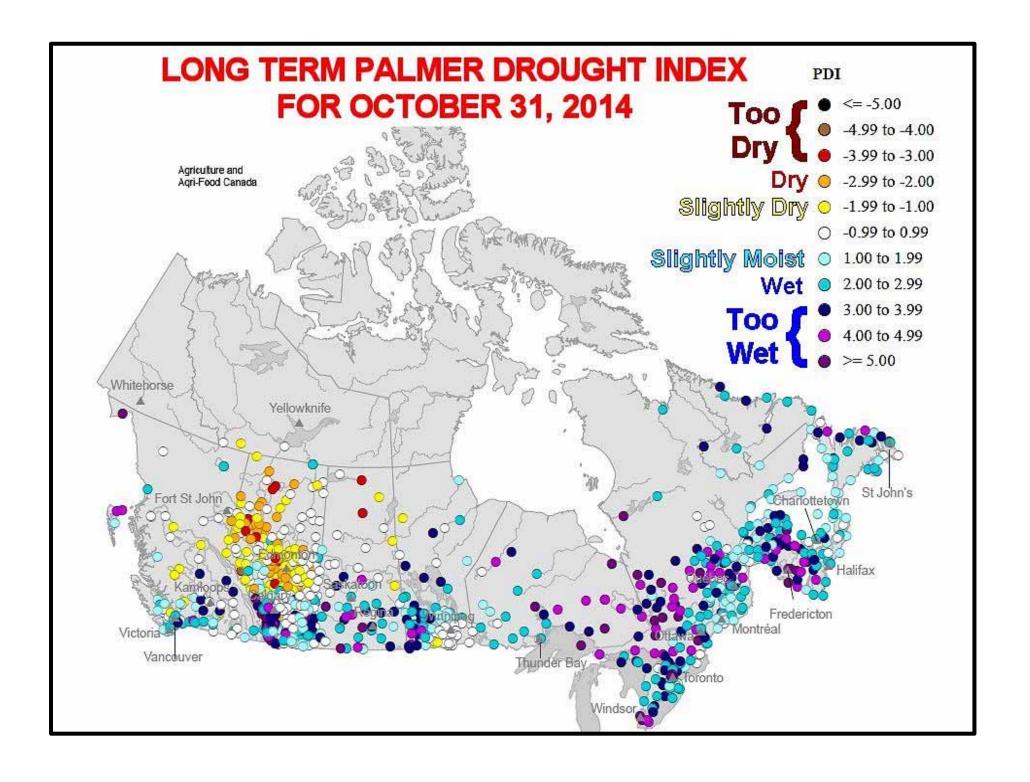


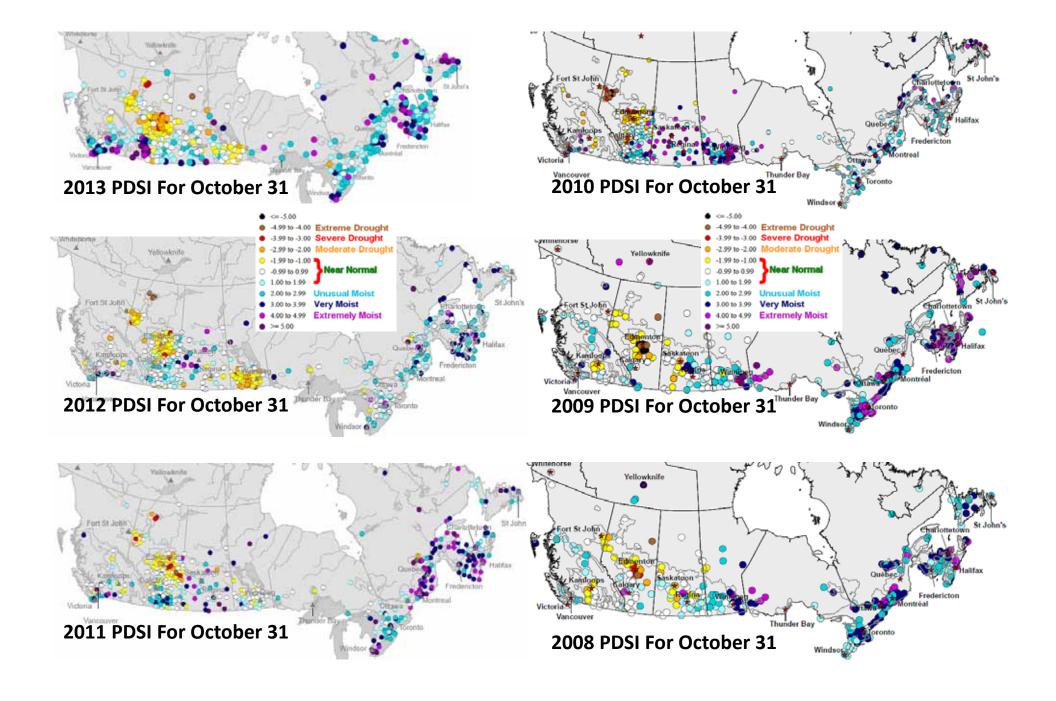
El Nino Was Certainly Not Influencing Canada During November With Precipitation Ranked Over 65 Years Reaching A Record In Northwestern Saskatchewan And East-central Alberta. There Were A Few Other **Pockets Across Alberta And A Part** Of West-central Saskatchewan That **Also Reported Near Record** Moisture For The Month. The **Moisture Boost Came Mostly In The** Form Of Snow And That Raises Some Concern That The Moisture When The Snow Melts May Not **Reach Very Far Into The Ground Leaving Dryness Deep In The Soil Over Portions Of Central And** Northern Alberta.

How Long Before The Drought Years Return?

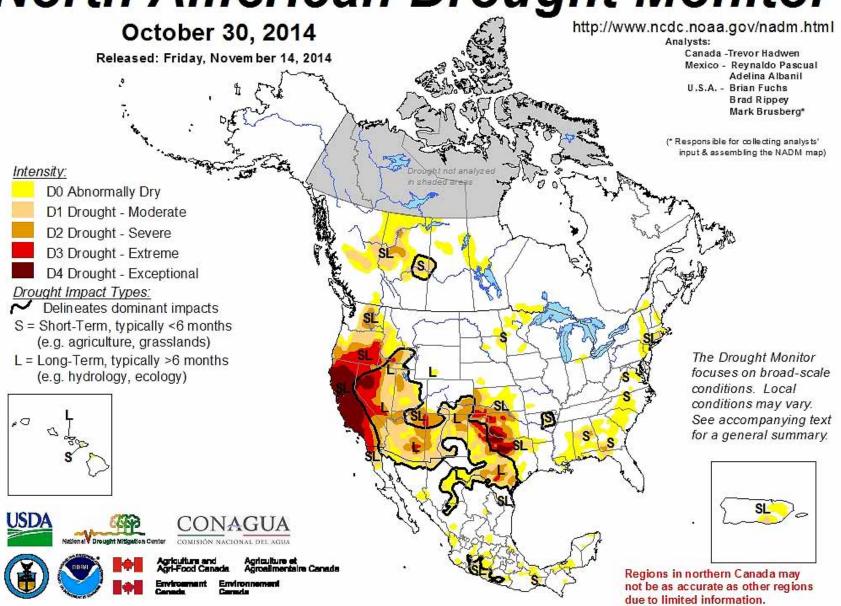


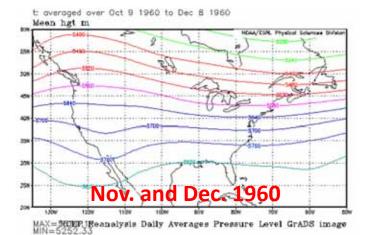


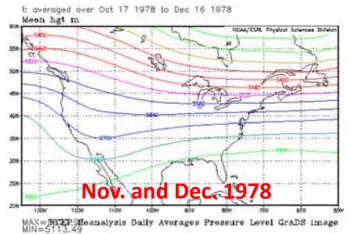




North American Drought Monitor

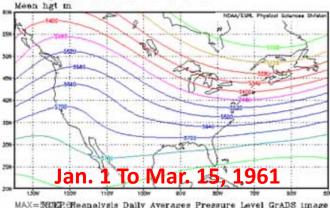






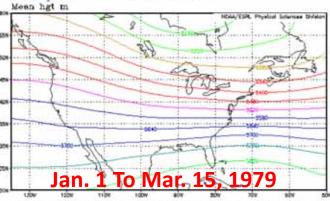
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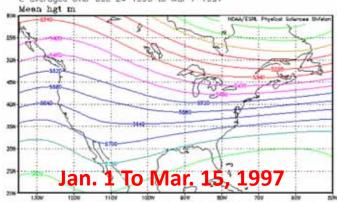
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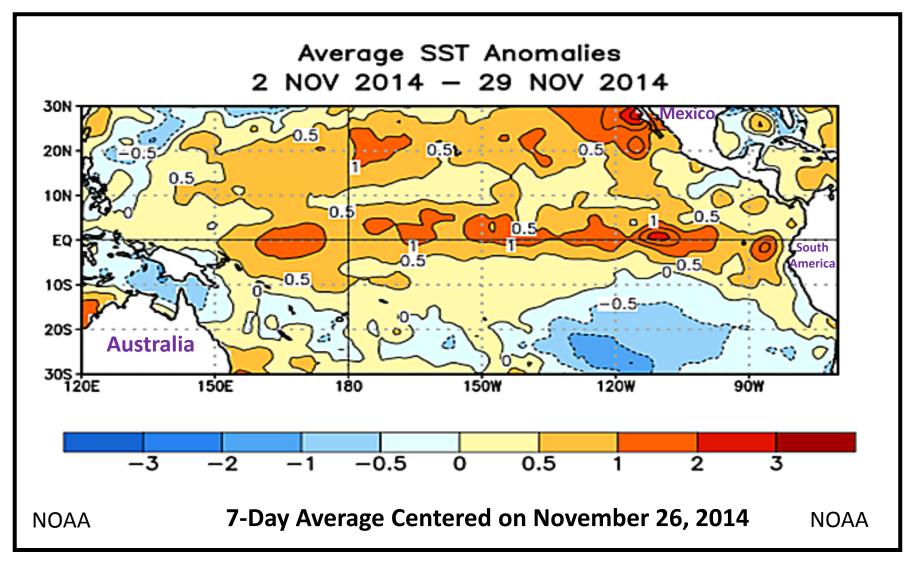
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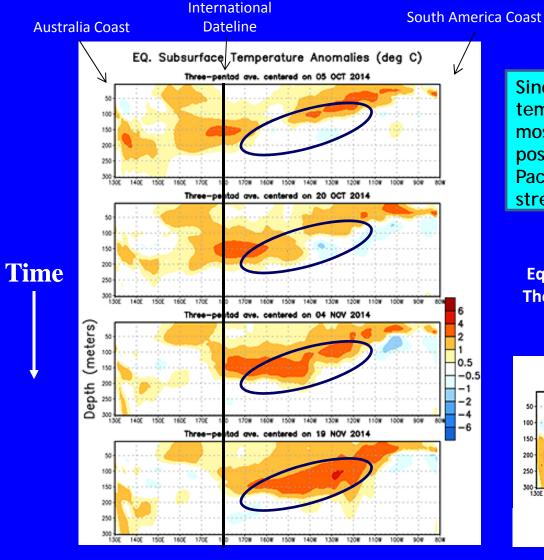
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SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES



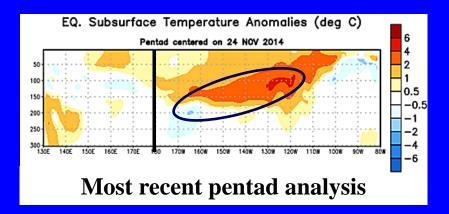
El Nino Conditions Are Evolving And Will Continue To Do So For The Next Few Weeks. Cooler Than Usual Ocean Water Needs To Evolve Better In The Western Pacific Ocean To Induce "Classic" El Nino Conditions.

Sub-Surface Temperature Departures (°C) in the Equatorial Pacific

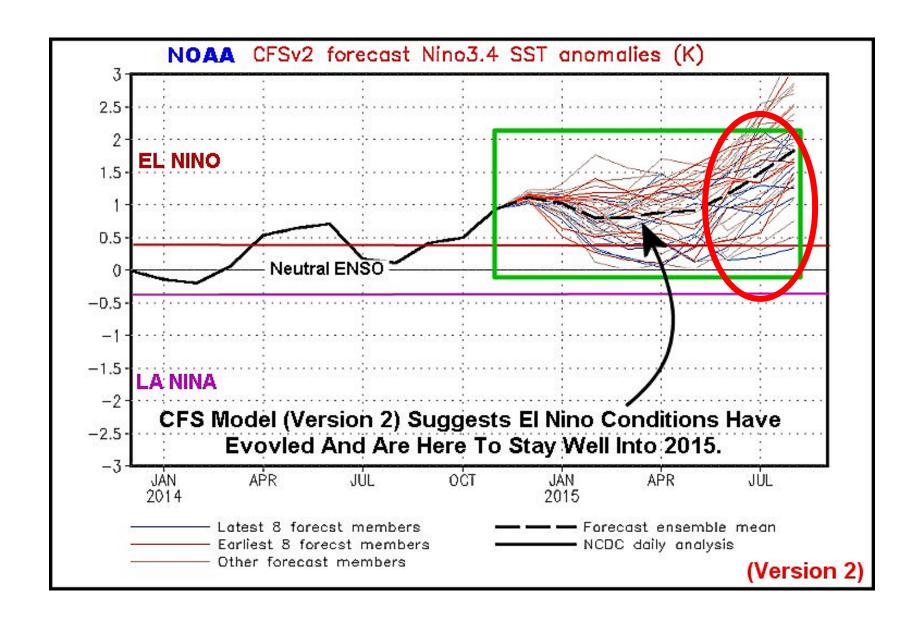


Since mid September, positive subsurface temperature anomalies have stretched across most of the equatorial Pacific. Recently, positive subsurface anomalies in the central Pacific are expanding eastward and strengthening.

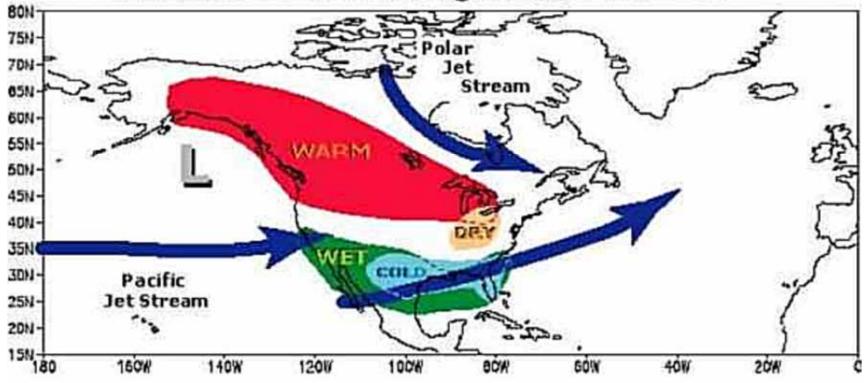
Each Rectangle Box Is A Snapshot Of Eastern
Equatorial Pacific Ocean Temperature Anomalies.
The Top Of Each Box Is The Ocean Surface And The
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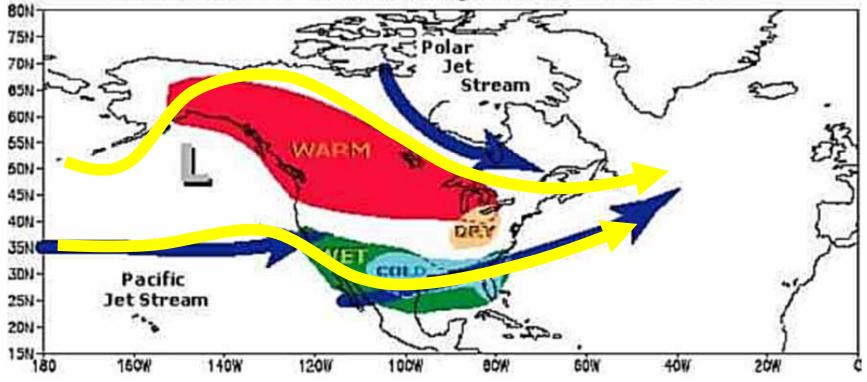


Typical US Temperature, Precipitation and Jet Stream Patterns during El Niño Winters

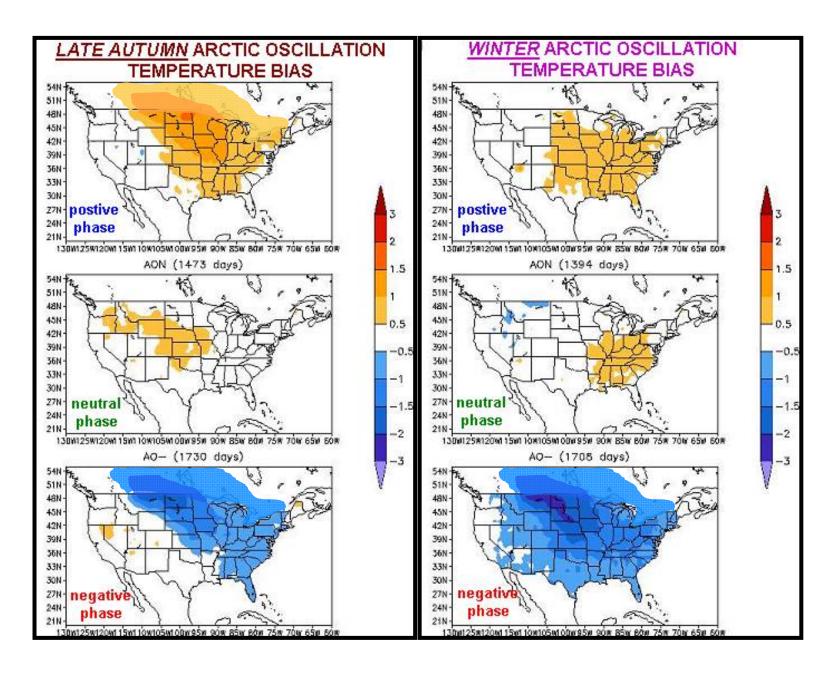


Does This Pattern Look Familiar? It Should. It Is The Same Pattern Shown On The Previous 18-Year Weather Pattern Chart. We Can Make This Easier To See By Adding The Isoheight Lines That We Typically Use For Upper Air Flow Patterns Aloft.

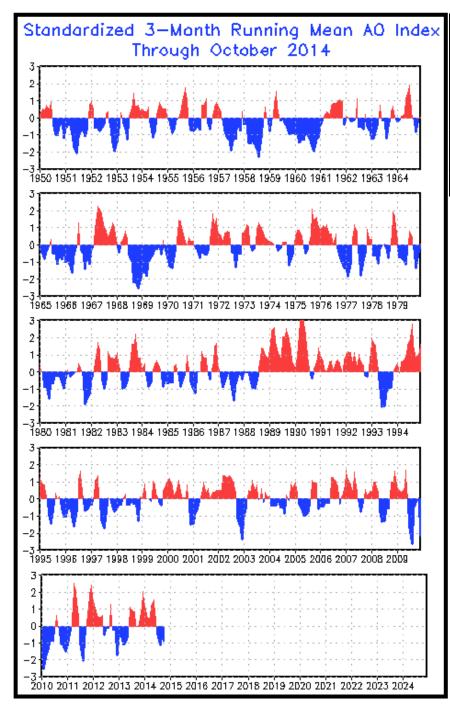
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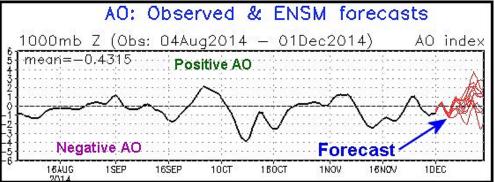


These Yellow Lines Suggest The Pattern El Nino Generates Is The Same
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These Patterns Agree Results In A Strong Signal For Winter Weather And
Confidence Will Be Above Average This Year For Winter Weather Because Of
These Two Coincidental Patterns.

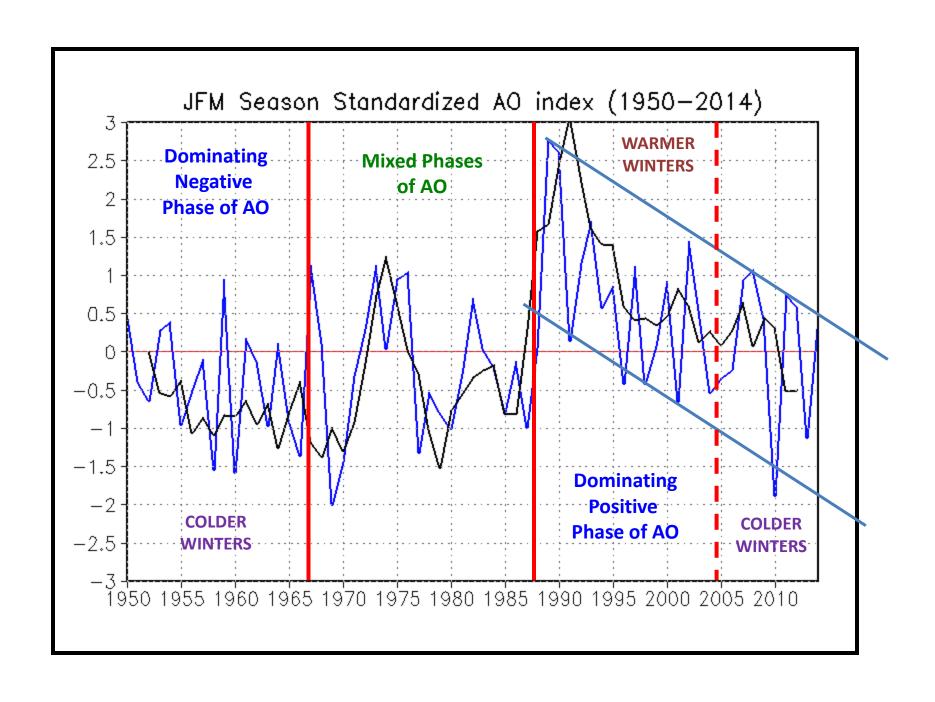


So....What About Arctic Oscillation??????

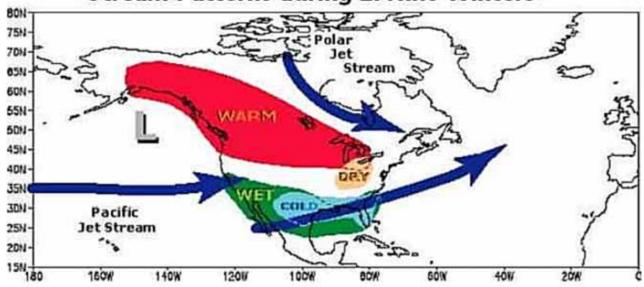




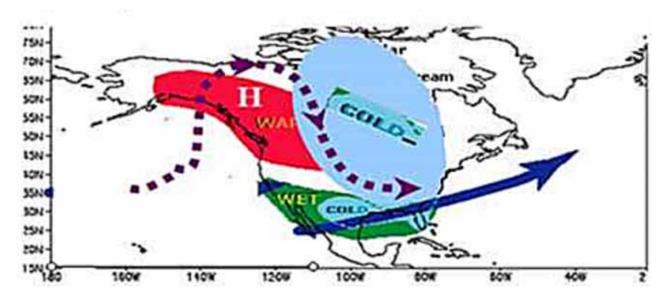
Arctic Oscillation (AO) Has Already Begun To Influence North America With Cooler Than **Usual Temperatures In Early To Mid-October** And Expected Again Soon In Early To Mid-**November. The Negative AO Will Be Accompanied By Supporting Indices From The QBO, PDO And Nino Indices Raising The** Potential For An Active November And **December Across The Central And Southern** U.S. And Some Gyrating Temperatures In The **Eastern Prairies. Temperatures Will Be Warmer Biased In Western North America And Little** Cooler Than Usual At Times In The East And **South. January And February Weather May Suppress Precipitation In The Prairies,** Northern U.S. Plains And Upper U.S. Midwest

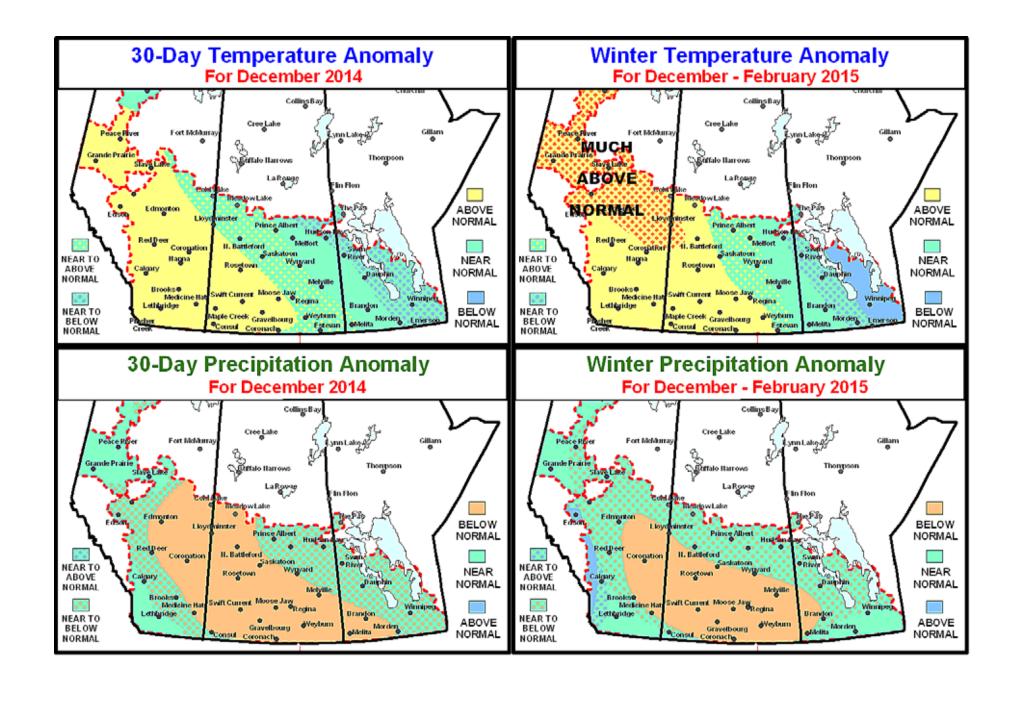


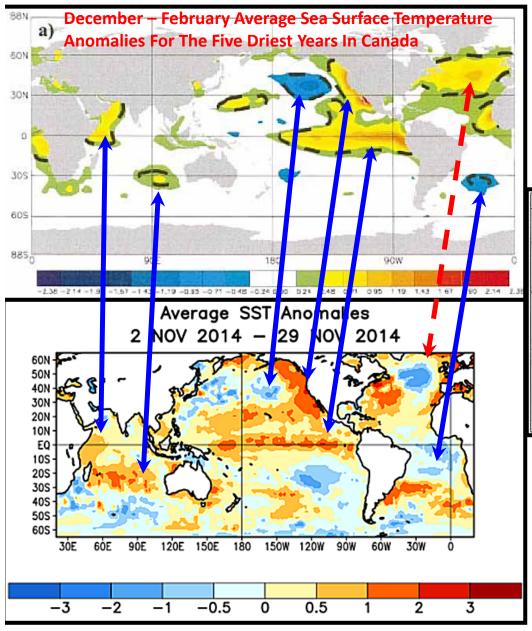
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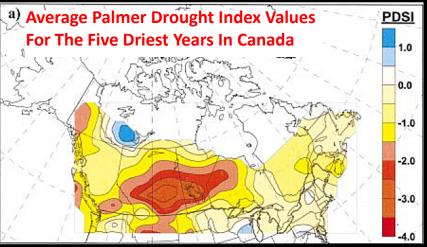
El Nino With Negative Phase of Arctic Oscillation





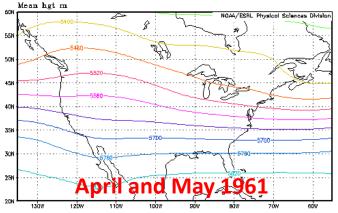


A Research Paper By Shabbar And Skinner
In 2004 Entitled 'Summer Drought Patterns
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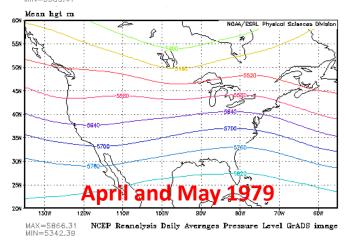


Excepting The North-Central Atlantic
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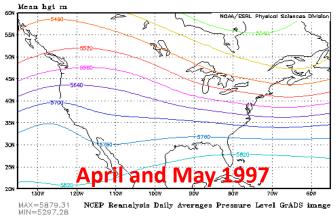
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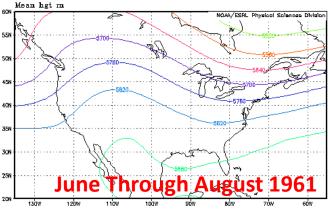
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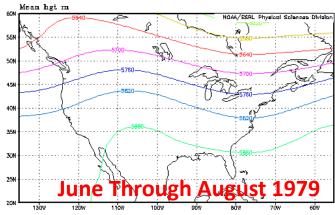


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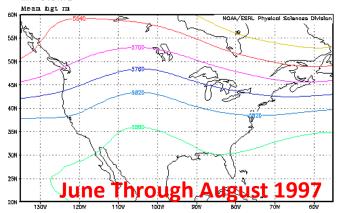


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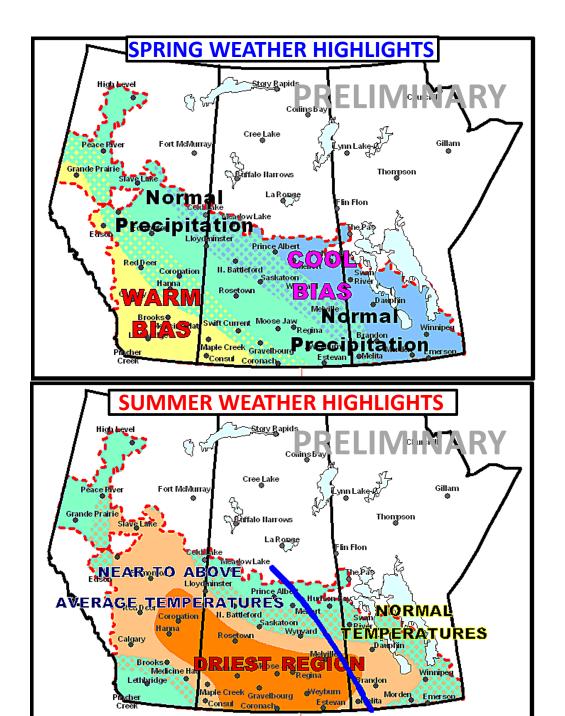
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The Correlations With Ocean Surface
Temperatures, El Nino And The 18Year Cycle Are All Pointing To The
"Potential" For Dryness This Summer.
The Impact Of Dryness Will Vary
Greatly Depending On Location In The
Prairies, Soil Moisture Going Into The
Dry And Warm Period And Just How
Dry And Warm It Will Get.

One Out Of The Three Analog Years
Was Favorably Moist In The Spring,
But All Three Years Had Drier Biases
During The Summer And Two Out Of
The Three Years Were A Little Drier
Biased In The Spring, As Well. Alberta
And Parts Of Western Saskatchewan
Will Be High On The Watch List For
Early Impacts Of Dryness, But Many
Other Areas In The Prairies Will Coast
On Abundant Subsoil Moisture For A
While And Then Dry Down In Late
Spring And Summer. A Few Bouts Of
Timely Rain Will Be Needed.

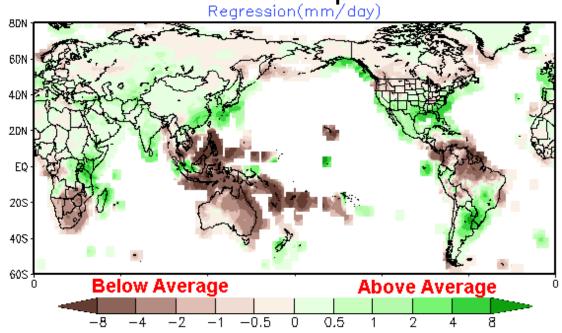
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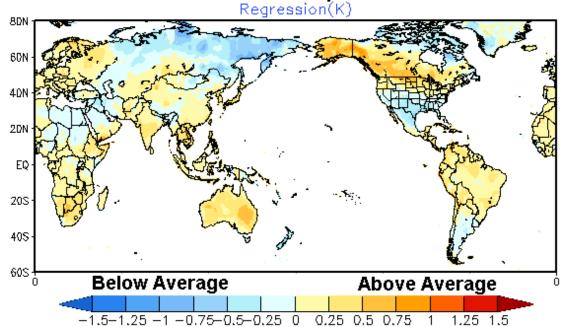
1961 Ranked 37th Wettest Autumn ::: Ranked 15th Warmest Autumn out of 64 Yrs
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* Neutral ENSO Conditions Until May 1997 when El Nino Developed All Other Years Were Neutral ENSO All Year Long

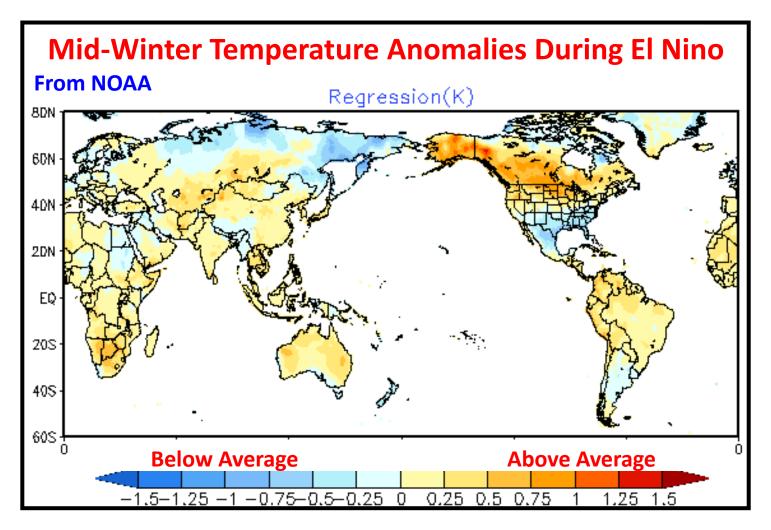
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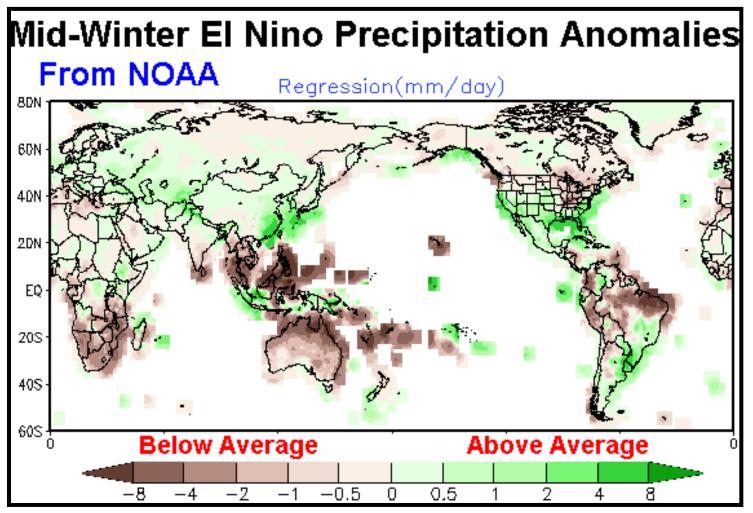
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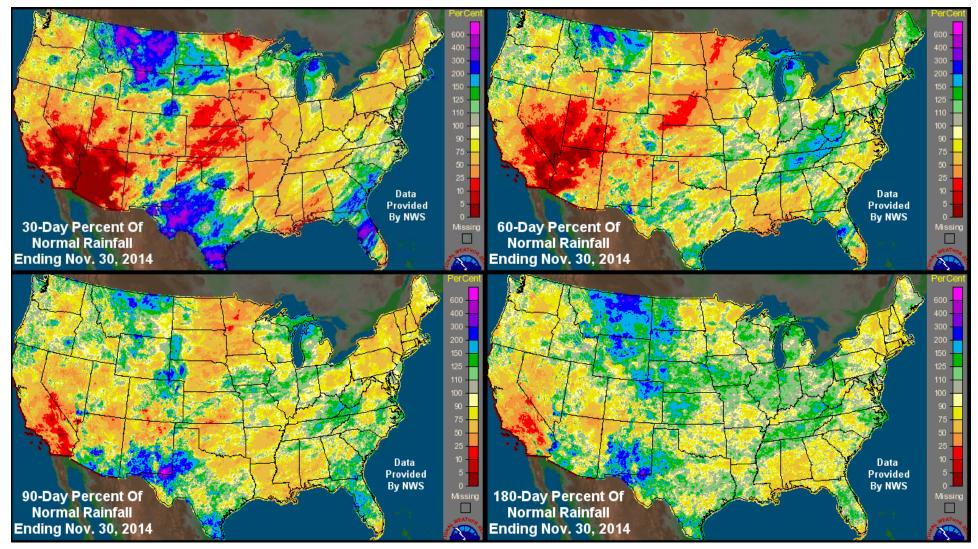
Late Autumn And Early Winter Weather Trends Wetter In The **Southern United States While** Canada And The Northern U.S. **Plains Trend Drier And** Warmer Than Usual. **Temperatures Are Also Cooler** Than Usual In The Southern U.S. And The Combination Of Wet And Cool Conditions May Offer Some Relief To Drought In 2014-15. Much Depends On The Intensity And Persistence Of El Nino. There Is No. **Assurance The Event Can Hold** Together That Long, But The Situation Will Need To Be **Closely Monitored. Drought Usually Impacts Australia And South Africa Cotton Areas At** That Same Time.



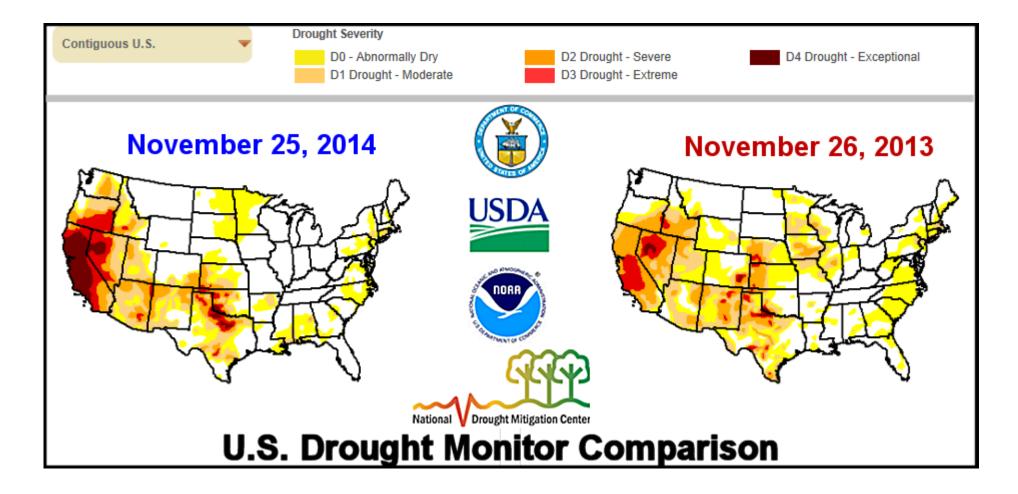
Traditionally El Nino Events In The Northern Hemisphere Winter Season
Usually Produce Warmer Than Usual Weather In Northern Portions Of North
America And In Many Other Areas Around The World Experience A Less
Anomalously Warm Temperature Bias. Cool Weather Tends To Occur In
Northern Asia And In The Southern Portions Of North America. This Year May
Prove A Little Different



Traditionally El Nino Events During The Northern Hemisphere Winter Season Usually Produce a wetter bias in the southern United States, northern Mexico, southeastern China, southern Brazil, eastern Argentina and in a part of southern Asia. Less than usual rain occurs in the tropics from the Amazon River Basin into Australia and portions of Southeast Asia, as well as South Africa.

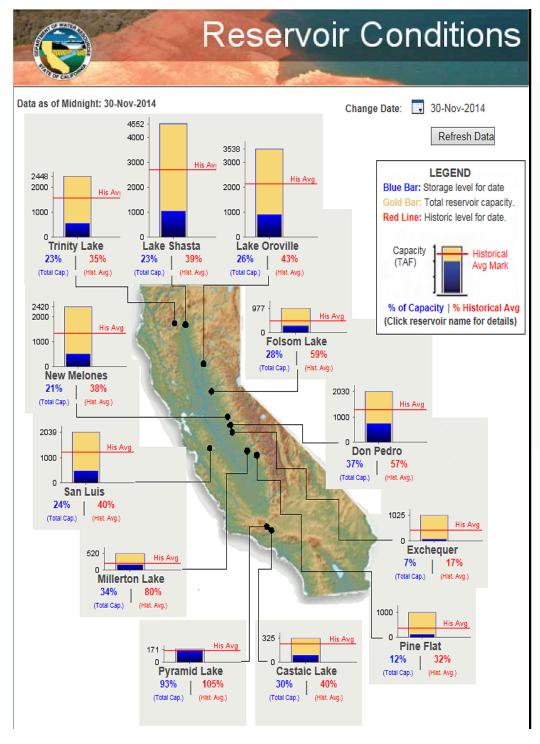


After A Wet Summer In Portions Of The Northern Plains And Upper, Midwest Conditions
More Recently Have Been Trending Drier. This Drier Bias Extends Into Southeastern Canada's
Prairies And Will Be Of Interest In The Spring When It Will Be Determined How Much
Standing Water Will Be Present In The Region Causing Delays To Planting. El Nino And The
18-year Cycle Suggest Less Than Usual Winter Precipitation And That May Help Quite A Bit.

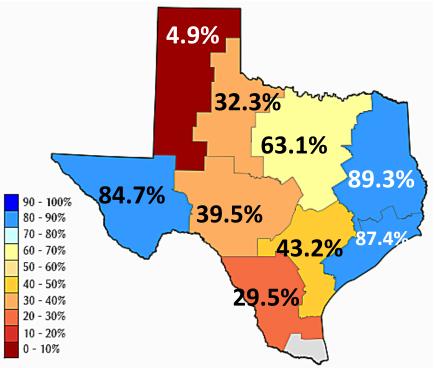


Percentage Of Nation Enduring Various Stages Of Drought

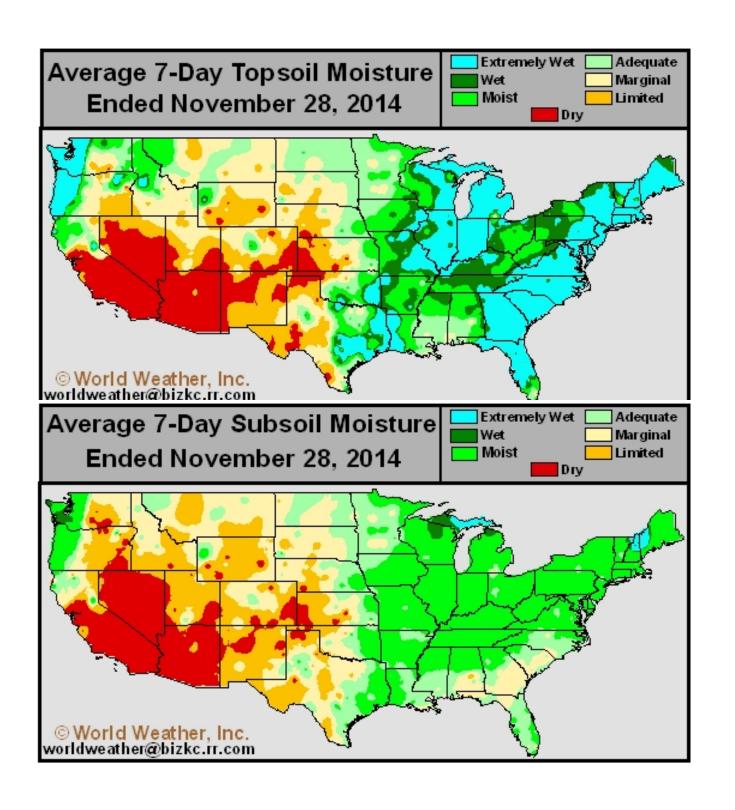
Week	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
2014-11-25	52.73	47.27	28.91	16.81	8.72	3.68
2013-11-26	43.82	56.18	30.57	16.49	3.8	0.39

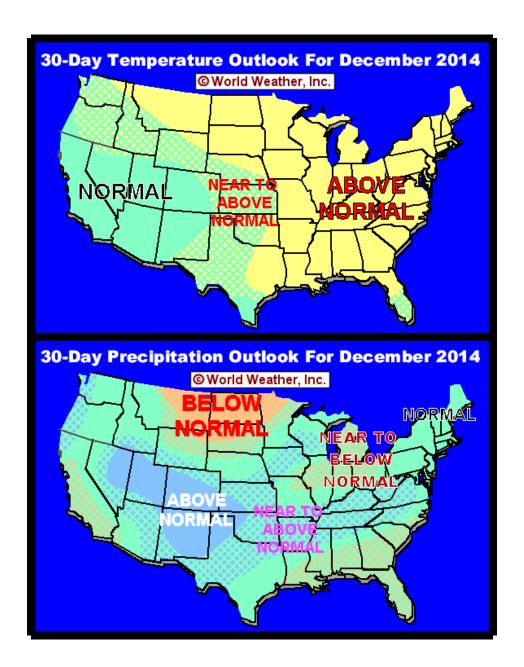


Texas Water Reservoir Levels As A Percent Of Capacity On Dec. 1, 2014

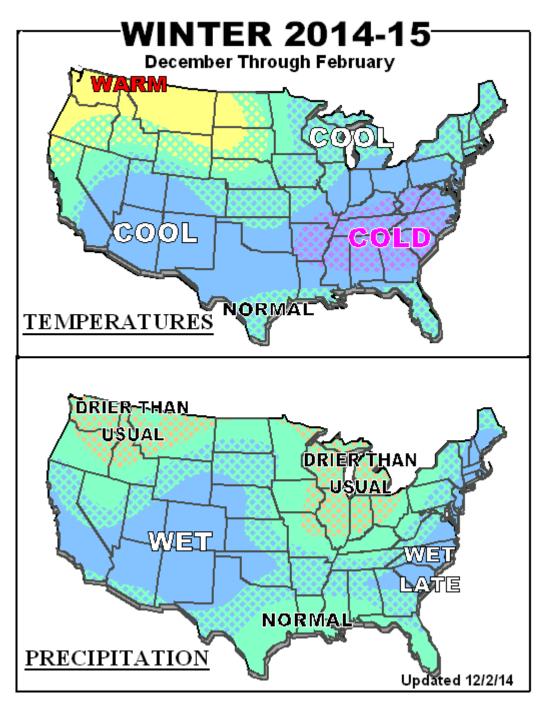


Despite Big Improvements In Texas
Rainfall This Year Water Storage Is Still
Very Low Keeping Concern Running High
That Dryness Might Return. California's
Water Supply Is Not Much Better, But
Rain This Week Begin To Ease Some Of
The Dryness

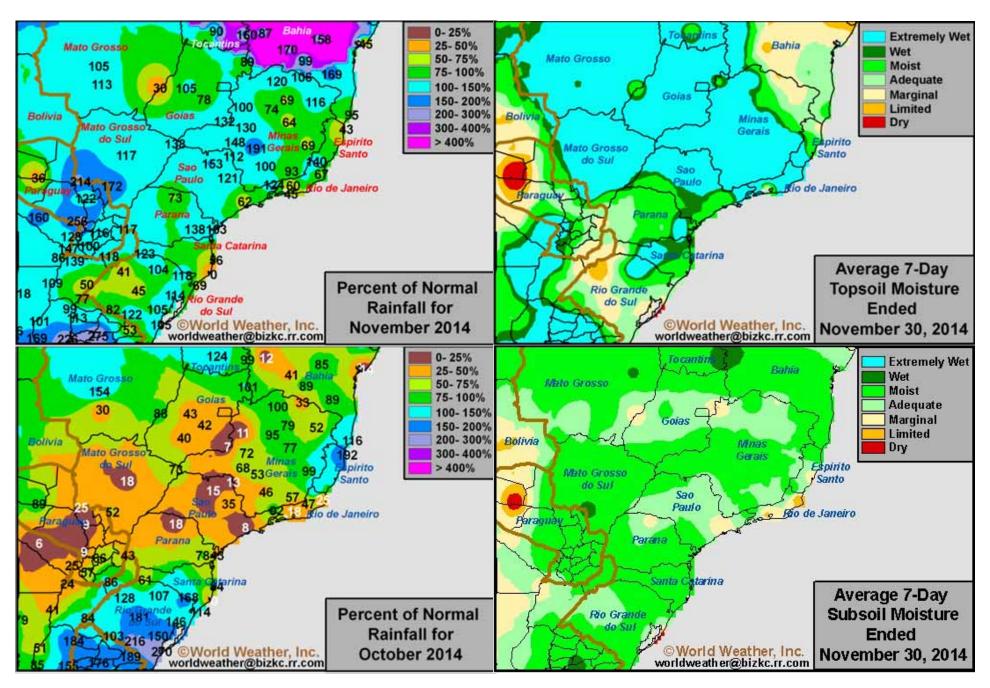




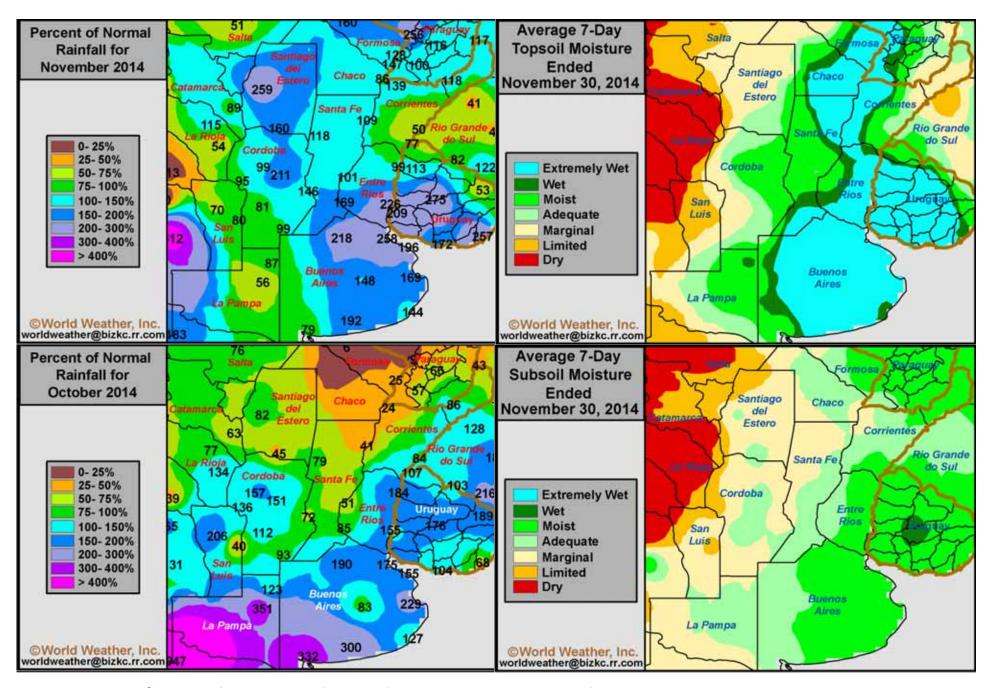
December In The U.S., Like That Of Canada Will Be Warmer Than Usual In A Big Part Of The U.S. Midwest And Northern Plains. The Warmer Bias In The **Southeastern States Should Begin To** Abate In The Second Half Of December, **But A Warmer Than Usual Bias Will** Prevail. A Couple Of Larger Storms In The Southwestern U.S. Late This Month Will **Not Only Improve Rainfall Potentials In** California And The Southwestern States. **But In Texas And A Part Of The Central** Plains, As Well. Temperatures In The Southwest Will Trend Cooler Than Usual **During Late Month. Precipitation Will Be** Less Than Usual In The Northern Plains (Associated With Canada's El Nino Based Dry And Warm Bias) And In Portions Of The Northern Midwest And Southeastern States, As Well.



Winter Will Be Influenced By Many **Different Weather Features. The** Weak El Nino, 18-Year Cycle And **Arctic Oscillation Will Have The Greatest Influence. However, Pacific Decadal Oscillation And The Quasi-Biennial Oscillation Will Have Some** Influence, Each Of These Seem To Agree That The Southeastern U.S. Will Be Colder Than And Wetter Than Usual This Winter. There Is **Much Agreement About The Southwestern States Being Cool, As** Well, And The Central And Southern Plains Wetter Than Usual, El Nino Will Help The Pacific Northwest And **Midwest Have Some Below Average Precipitation Biases At Times During** The Heart Of Winter, But Arctic Oscillation, El Nino And The 18-year **Cycle Will Combine To Produce** Some Infrequent, But Quite Potent **Cold Surges Into The Eastern Half Of** The Nation.

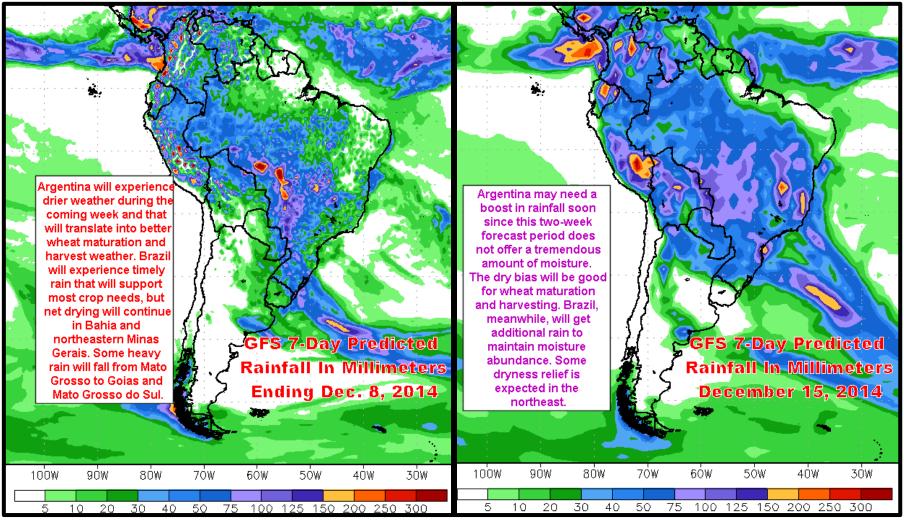


Brazil Rainfall Improved Greatly During The Second Half Of November

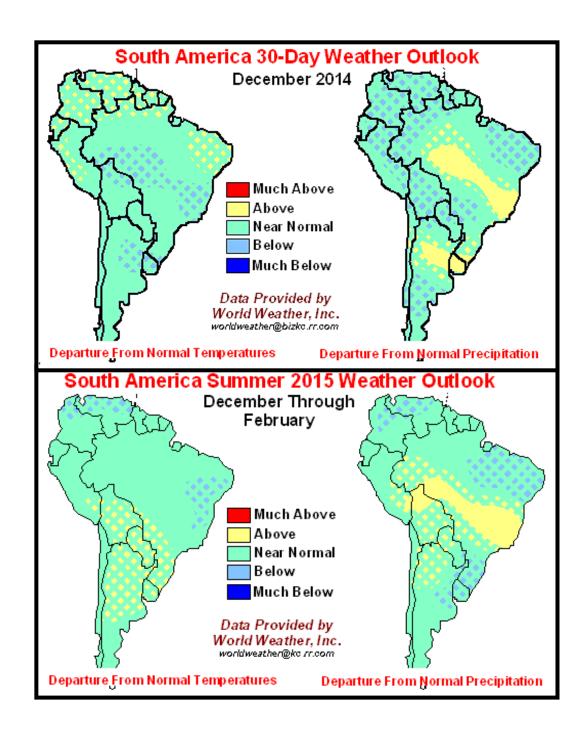


Argentina's Weather Turned A Little Wet For Winter Wheat Harvesting, But Summer Crops Are Doing Well. Greater Rain May Be Needed In The West Soon

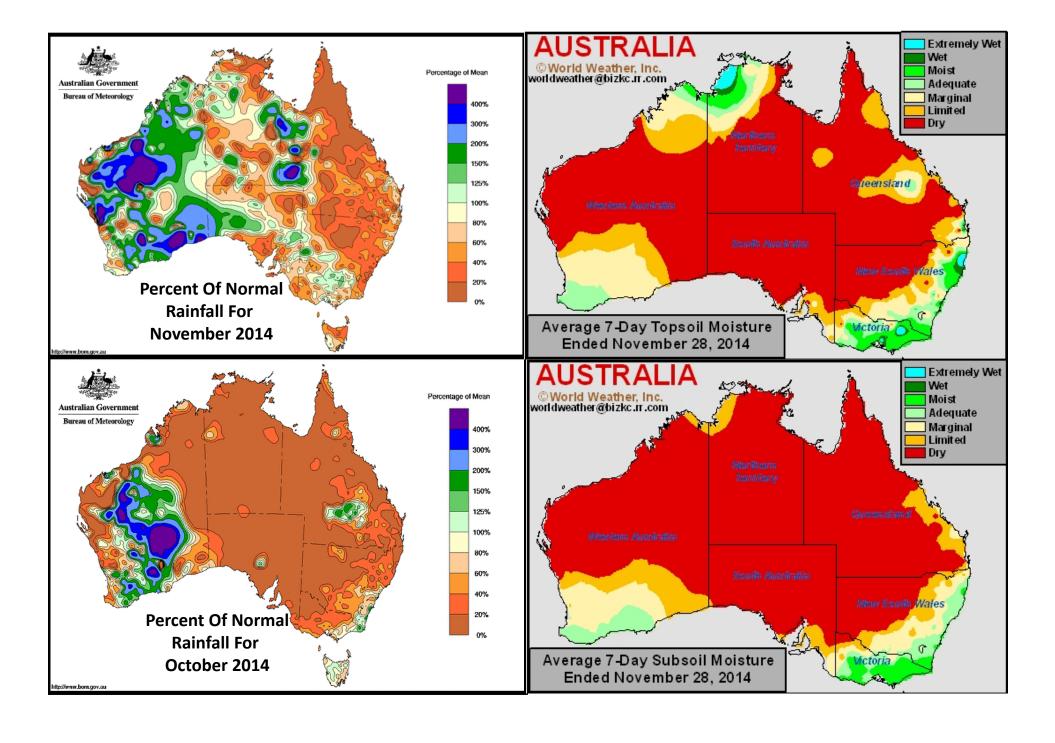
Two-Week Weather Outlook For South America

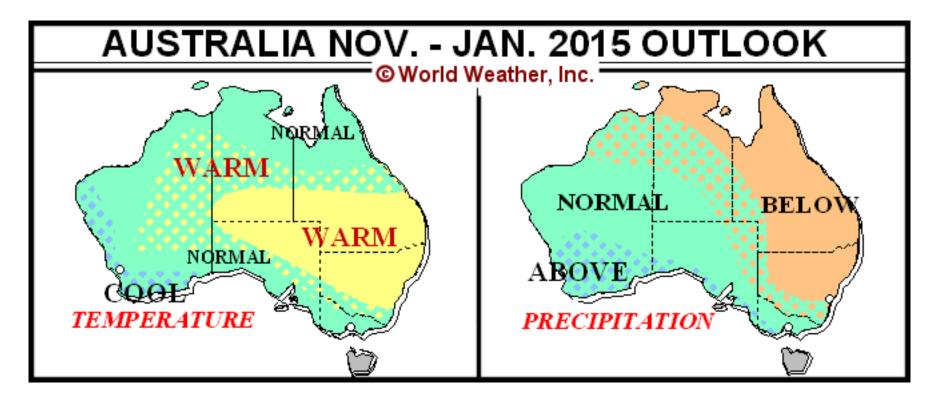


Seasonal Rains Finally Arrived In Brazil And The Outlook Is For An Abundance Of Moisture Over The Next Two Weeks Maintaining A Fine Outlook For 2015 Production. Dryness Earlier In The Season Will Reduce The Second Season Corn Crop. <u>Argentina Will Need Greater Rainfall To Assure The Best Summer Crop Production – Especially In The West</u>

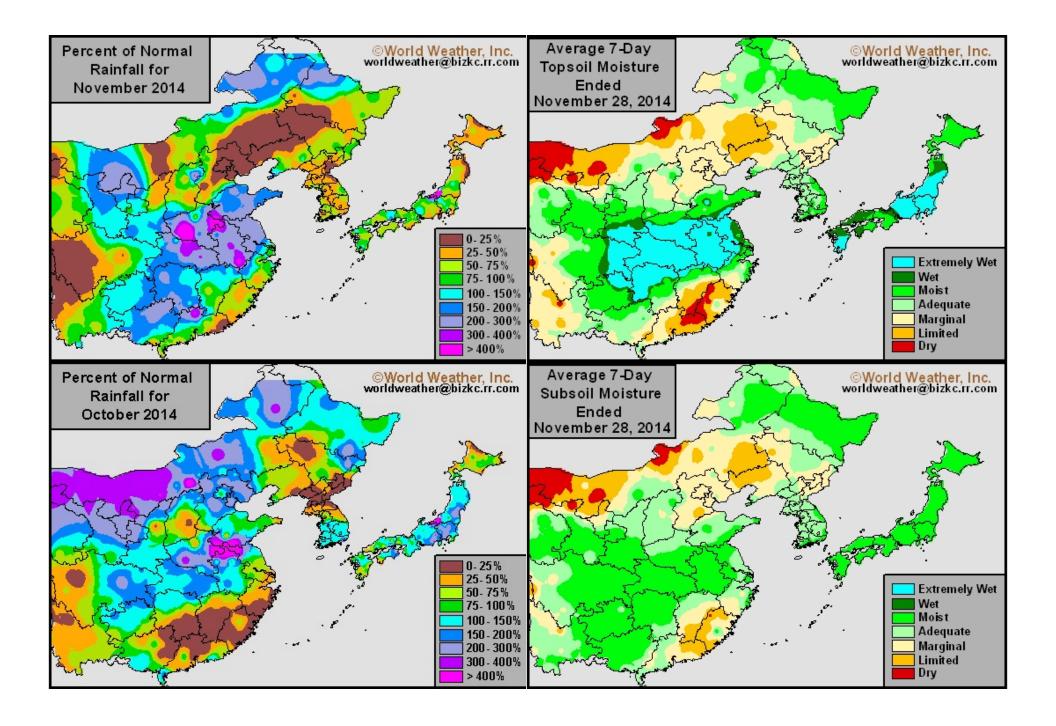


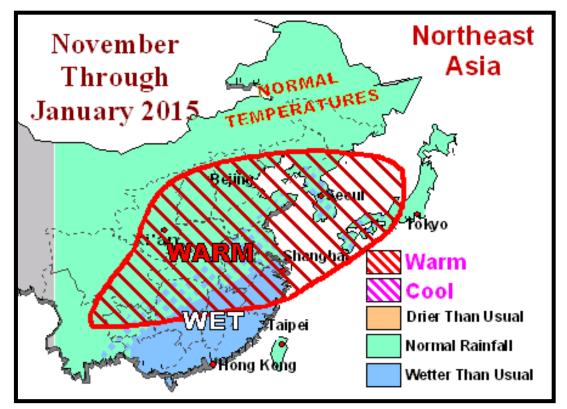
Weather In December And Through Much Of The Summer Season Will **Include Greater Than Usual Rainfall** In A Portion Of Center West And **Center South Brazil And – At Least** For December – In A Part Of Central **And Eastern Argentina And Uruguay. Temperatures Will Be A** Little Warmer Bias This Summer In **Argentina Where There Will Be Some Need For Timely Rainfall** Throughout The Season. December Temperatures, However, In Most Of South America's Grain And Oilseed **Areas Will Be Near To Below Average. Net Drying May Become** Of Interest In A Part Of Southern **Brazil In January And February And Some Drier Biased Conditions Will** Prevail In Northeastern Brazil Most Of The Summer.





El Nino Will Control The Summer Weather Pattern In Australia With Most Of The East And Northern Parts Of The Nation Expected To Be Drier And Warmer Than Usual. Wetter Biased Conditions May Evolve In Western Australia While All Other Areas Will See Near To Below Average Precipitation. The Environment Will Be Stressful For Cotton, Corn, Soybeans, Sunseed And Sorghum In The East While Winter Crops Should Finish Up In The South In A Relatively Good Environment. Grain Quality Concerns For Southern Winter Crops in Australia Are Not Likely To Become Much Of An Issue, Despite Some Showers Over The Next Few Weeks.

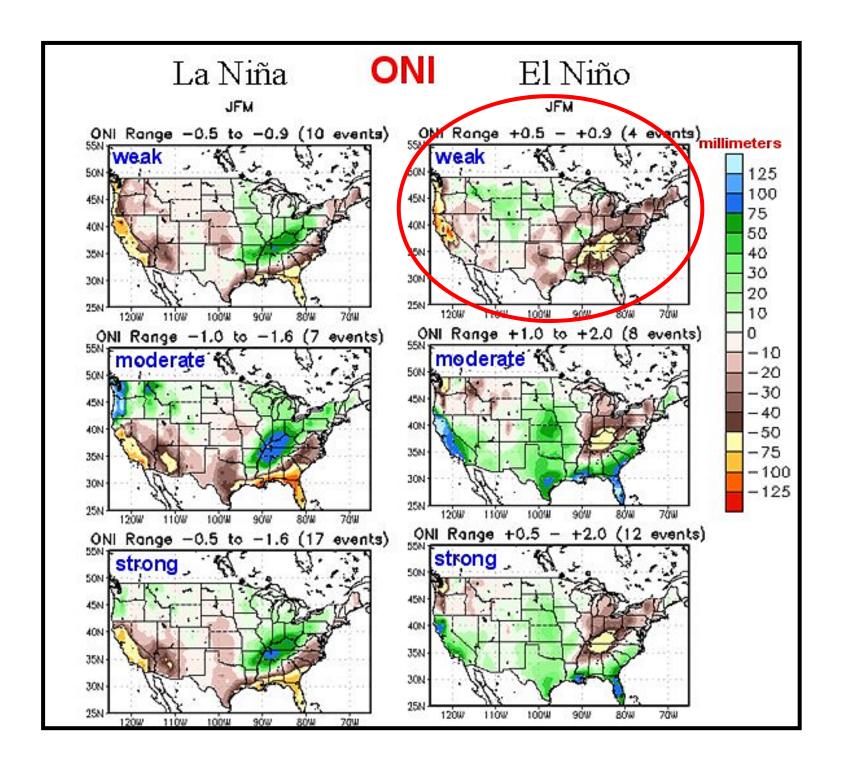


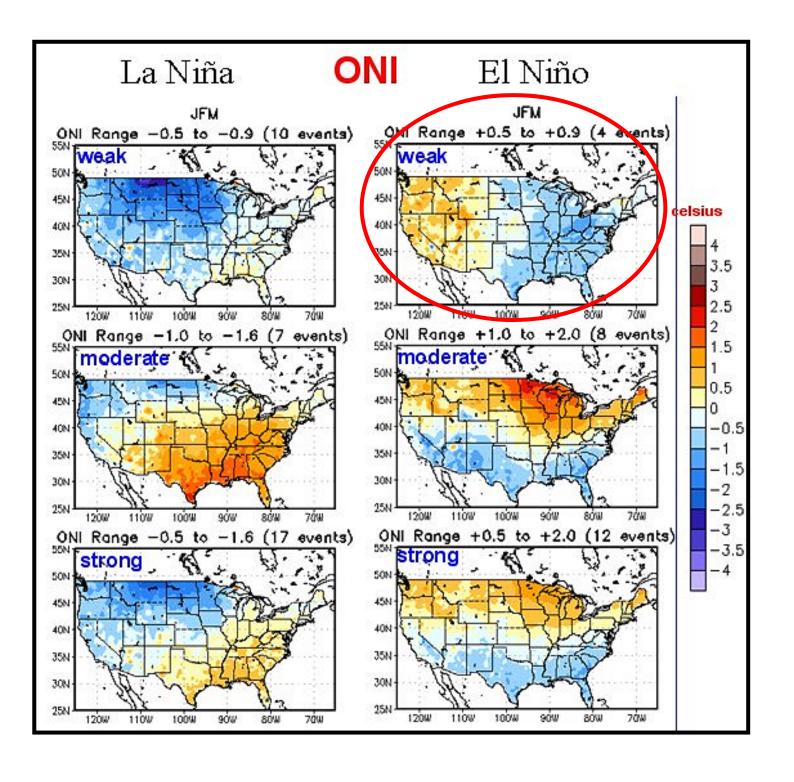


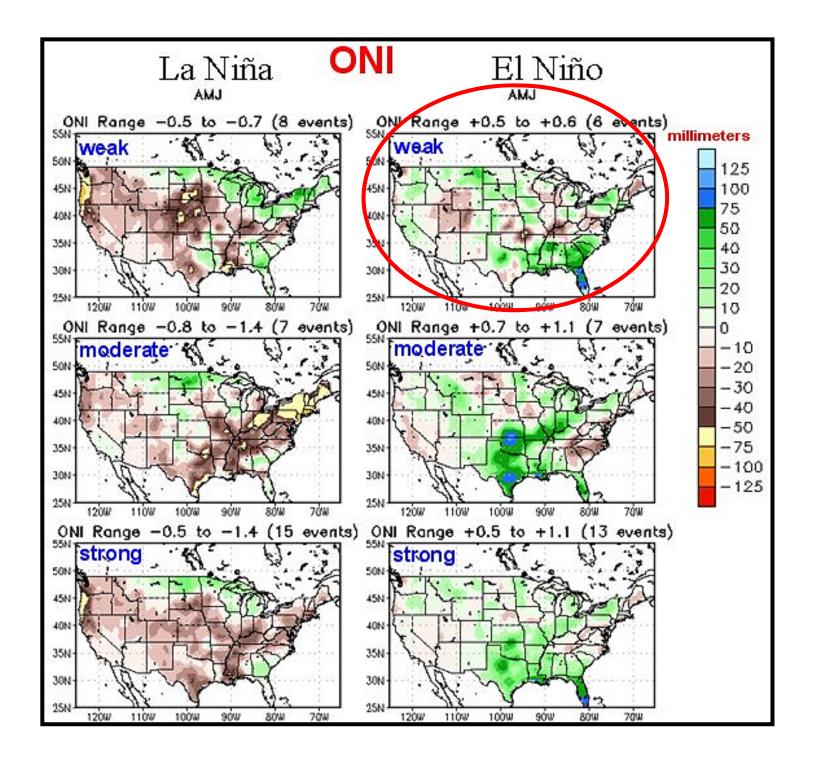
El Nino Will Help Make It Rain This Winter In The Southeast Of China. That Region Is Too Dry Today And There Will Be Need For Moisture By Spring To Protect 2015
Production Potentials. Most Other Areas Will Have A Warmer Tendency With Precipitation Mostly Near Normal.

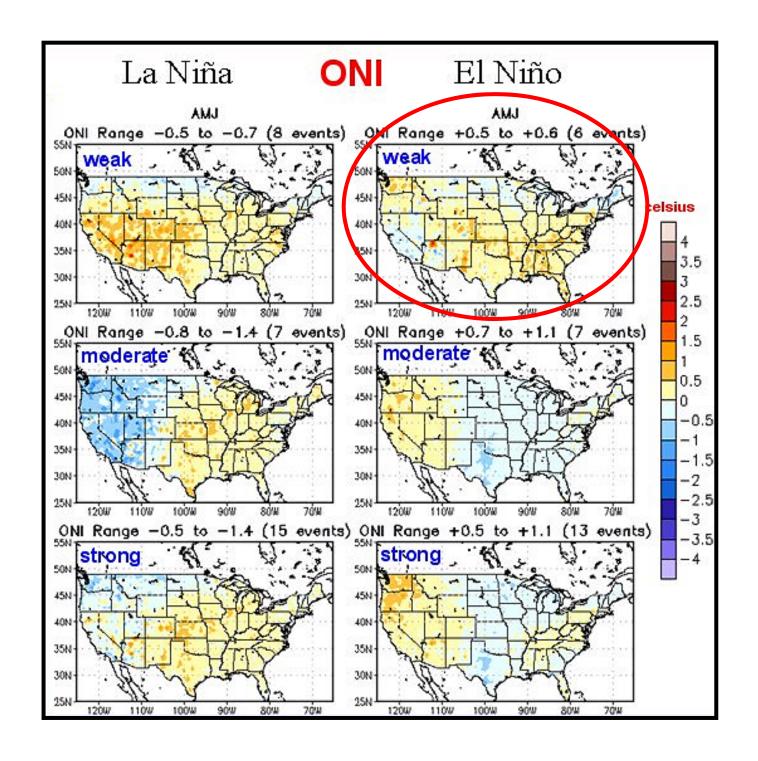
Planting Of Wheat Has Concluded While Rapeseed Planting Will Continue Into Mid-December. The Prospects For Both Crops Remains Just Fine. Dryness In Liaoning And Neighboring Areas Of Hebei, North Korea And Inner Mongolia Will Not Change Until Spring And There Will Be Some Worry Over The Region's Ongoing Dryness For A While In The Early Spring. El Nino May Induce Some Lighter Than Usual Summer Rainfall In The North China Plain Similar To That Of Last Summer.

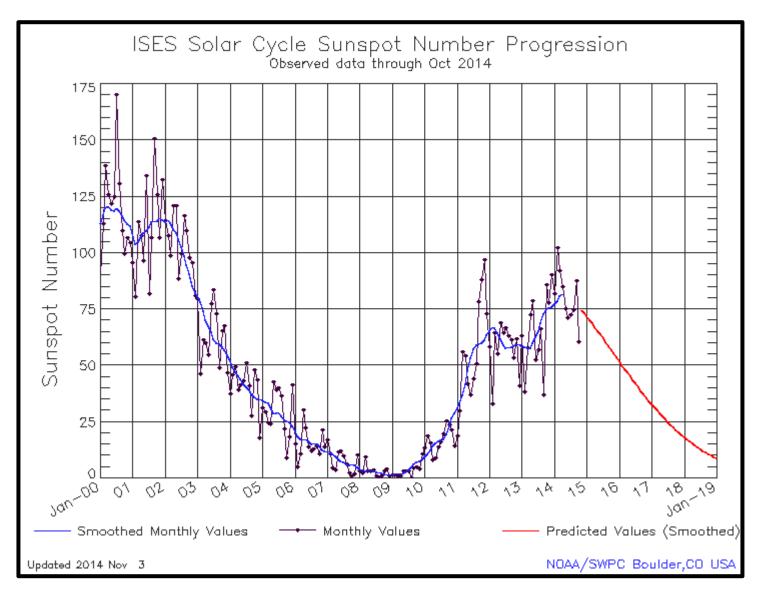






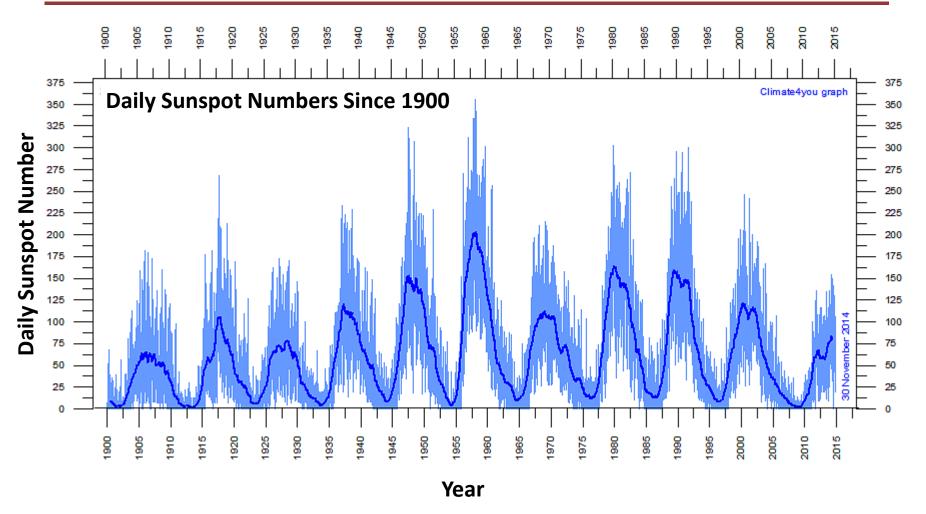




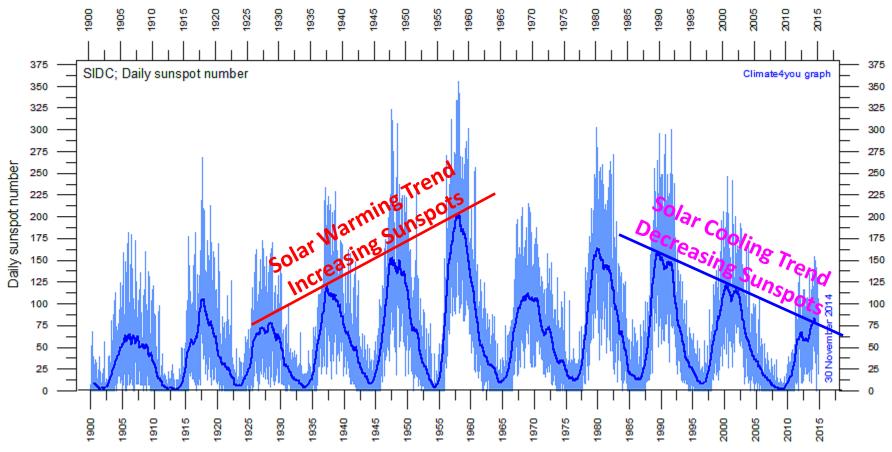


January 2014 Was The Solar Maximum For this 10-12 Year Solar Cycle For Sunspots. There Are A Few Correlations To Associate With That Trend, But These Associations Must Be Played Off Other Dominating Weather Patterns.

SOLAR MAXIMUM OCCURRED FEB. 2014 HOW WILL IT IMPACT THE 18-YEAR CYCLE?

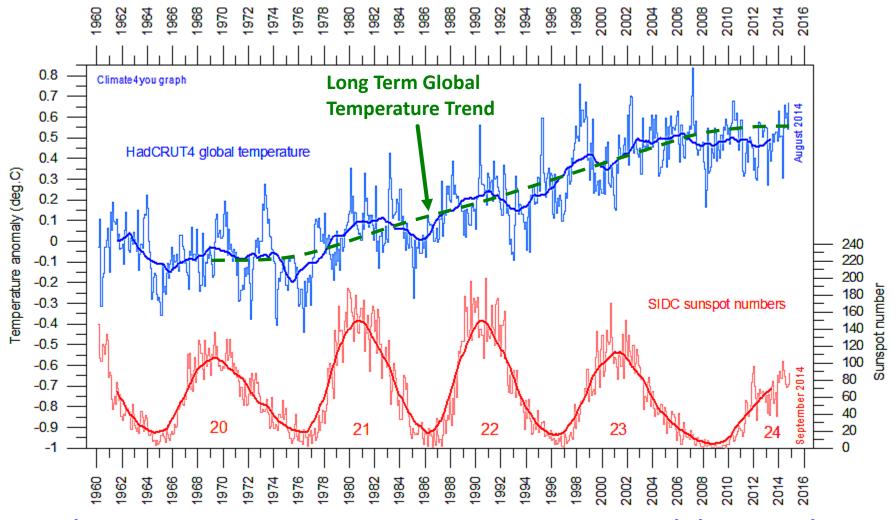


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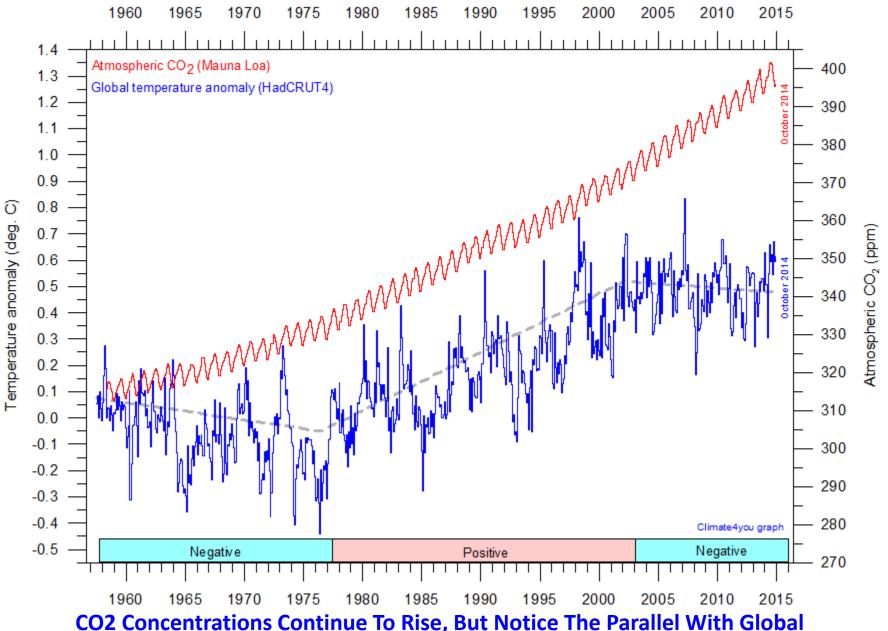


Sunspots Peak Out In 10 To 12-year Periods And The Same Is True For Their Minimums. Sometimes Weather Patterns On Earth Can Be Correlated With The Changes In Sunspot Cycles. There Is A Tendency For Global Temperatures To Rise And Fall In Association With The Solar Cycles As You Might Imagine. As The Sun Becomes Warmer The Sunspot Count In Each 10 To 12 Year Cycle Rises And As The Sun Trends Cooler There Are The Fewer Sunspots In The Same Cycles.

SUNSPOTS AND GLOBAL TEMPERATURES

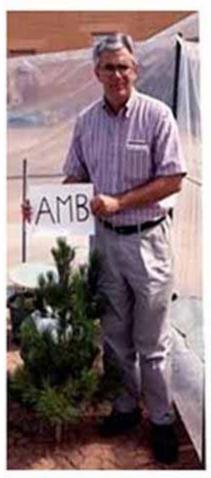


There Seems To Be A 25-30 Year Lag Between Long Term Trend Changes In The Solar Cycle And Earth's Global Temperature Trend, But It Does Look As Though The Earth Is Not Warming As It Was And There May Be A Short Period Of Cooling In The Next 20 Years. No Ice Age, However!



CO2 Concentrations Continue To Rise, But Notice The Parallel With Global Temperatures Has Ended Suggesting CO2 Is Not The Dominant Gas Responsible For Global Warming.

Is CO2 Plant Food? Here is what happens with more CO2







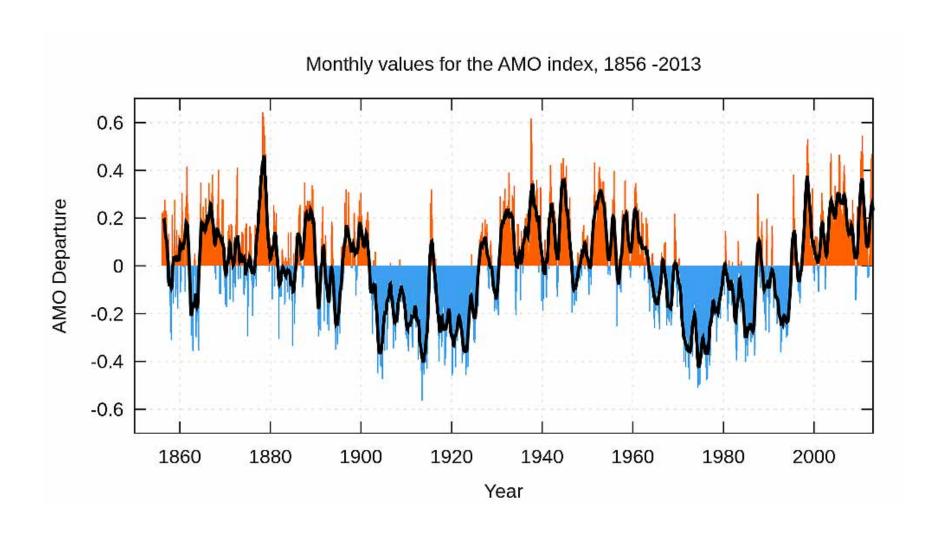


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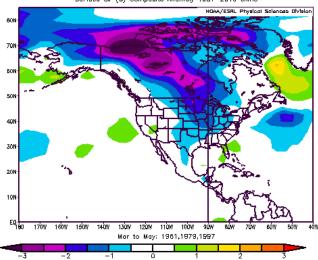
535 ppm

685 ppm

835 ppm



NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis Surface air (C) Composite Anomaly 1981-2010 climo



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Surface Precipitation Rate (mm/day) Composite Anomaly 1981-2010 climo

