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## Mild Winter Possible

(NRN)-- Long-range weather forecasts are turning more active as we head into fall. State climatologist Al Dutcher says the El Nino weather pattern seems to be growing, which is often a sign of a milder winter to come for the Midwest.

Dutcher says there's the potential for a stormy fall in Nebraska followed by an early winter, but the winter itself may not be exceptionally harsh, however, he does fear the chances for a very wet spring.

Dutcher says he doesn't expect a strong Arctic influence on the weather this winter and he says there's no evidence a polar jet stream will bring super-cold air into the nation's midsection.

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