

# Weather experts change La Nina forecast

REUTERS

A U.S. government weather forecaster on Thursday reduced its outlook that La Nina conditions would develop in the next few months but said it still expected the weather phenomenon to occur this fall or winter.

The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center said in its monthly forecast that La

Nina was "slightly favored" to develop through October. That was a small change from July, when it stated the conditions were "favored" to occur.

The agency maintained its forecast of a 55 percent to 60 percent chance that La Nina would develop during the fall and winter of 2016/17.

La Nina, which tends to occur unpredictably every two to seven years, is char-

acterized by unusually cold temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean.

The agency's predictions follow a damaging El Nino weather period. While typically less harsh than El Nino, severe La Nina occurrences have been linked to floods and droughts that can roil commodity markets.

Lower temperatures across the country could boost demand for heating fuel.

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