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### Long Term Forecast Calling for Mixed Weather

( Nebraska Radio Network)-- Long-range forecasters say the overall trend of cooler, wetter weather will likely continue for the next several months, with some periods of hot and dry mixed in. Brian Fuchs a climatologist at the National Drought Mitigation Center, based at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, says the regional climate outlook, going out just eight-to-14 days, shows the rest of July and into August will be on the warm side. It may also be drier than normal for in the Midwest for a short period.

After the next few weeks of hotter and dry weather, it appears after that, the region may be facing a cooler, wetter summer and fall.

Fuchs says with a very strong El Nino weather pattern developing in the Pacific Ocean, the winter outlook is trending toward less snow, but below normal temperatures for the southern plains through the southeast.

The strong El Nino pattern is now trending up and could be one of the strongest ever recorded.

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