

Will Winter Ever End for Those in the East?

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There is no question everyone will be happy to see March arrive and February going down the highway in the rear view mirror. A spate of unprecedented winter weather attacked the east coast. The most recent storm has been dubbed “snowicane” by some. From Washington D.C. to Boston, MA. we’ve seen record setting snows. The question holds, is it finally over? In looking back at the fall winter outlook talking about a “mild” El Niño winter the forecast appears to have been on track. While talking about the east coast we can’t forget about the snow and freezing rain that targeted Texas as well as the remainder of the southeast. With March knocking on the door that can only mean spring is just around the corner and none too soon for those who are tired of pushing snow.

Northeast

After rounding out February with a major winter storm, March will arrive on a positive note with some sunshine and temperatures climbing into the 40s. That being said, a wintry mix will return for week two although nothing on the magnitude of the most recent storm. We’ll round out March with a series of disturbances moving up the east coast with temperatures tumbling back to the 30s bringing once again the threat of some snow showers.

Pacific Northwest

After a somewhat soggy February some sunshine ushers in the month of March. In fact it will be mostly sunny skies at least for the first week before clouds return to the forecast. There is a slight chance for a shower heading into week two. From that point forward, an unsettled period begins and will carry us through the end of the month bringing rain to the coastal region as series of storms line up in the western pacific. Temperatures will continue on the mild side in the 50s before cooling to the 40s rounding out March with a slight chance for showers to mix with snow to the north; any mix will occur during the nighttime hours when temperatures trend toward the 30s.

Intermountain Region

March is ushered in with sunshine and a few clouds to start March. By mid month temperatures begin to tumble and the threat of snow returns to the forecast. Temperatures remain steady heading toward the end of the month with an unsettled pattern continuing with rain and snow to finish off the month.

Rockies

Expect sunshine and a few clouds to begin March. There is a hint of snow during the first week but nothing major. If the storm does materialize, the temperatures will be warm enough to preclude significant accumulations. By mid-month temperatures are trending down with the potential for

more snow as a disturbance dives south from the northwest. Look for the unsettled pattern to continue through month's end.

Great Plains

The western portion of the Plains start March with a limited amount of sunshine. The eastern portion of the Plains can anticipate sunshine and cooler temperatures although considerably warmer than what was experienced during February. The entire region by mid month will become unsettled with snow showers and cooler temperatures throughout the Plains. The end of March looks for more sunshine and warmer temperatures.

Ohio Valley

After the February snow, March starts on a positive note with a mix of more sun than clouds but still unseasonably cold temperatures. By week two temperatures climb to the 40s with a few snow showers by week's end. For the end of March look for rain and cooler temperatures possibly mixing with or becoming freezing rain for a brief period. The end of March shows temperatures climbing through the 40s to usher in April.

Great Lakes and Midwest

The entire Great Lakes region can expect snow showers early in the month with the potential for a storm that can drop a significant amount of snow by the end of week two. The jet stream will allow for a series of disturbances to drop through the region and pick up moisture from the lakes that are not frozen keeping the region unsettled. The area stays in a winter like pattern through week three before a warming trend works in and sunshine works in to the beginning of April.

Pan Handle and Northern Texas

The mild El Niño winter continues for the region. The western part of the region will be a few additional snow showers that will linger in the area through the 15th. For weeks three and four, temperatures are going to warm toward the 60s with thunderstorms nearing the month's end.

Mid South

March brings sunshine and mild temperatures after the snow that targeted the region in February, leaving winter a distant memory. Rain enters the forecast for mid month with temperatures in the 50s flirting with the 60s. As a disturbance moves from the four corners region by week three, temperatures cool slightly with rain before sunshine returns to begin April.

Appalachians

After a tumultuous February it looks like more snow is on the horizon for the second week of March, nothing like what was experienced in February. Temperatures will be in the upper 30s to 40. The southern portion of the Appalachians will see more spring-like conditions with some rain and temperatures remaining in the 50s after starting the month with some sun.



Mid Atlantic

For this region it seems like winter is never ending! Although temperatures are trending upward the unsettled pattern will continue throughout March. Although the lion's share of precipitation will fall as rain we can't rule out another period of snow close to mid month. An area of low pressure will work its way up the east coast, and depending on the position of the low, those in the cold air may see more snow. Warmer temperatures are on the way for the end of March.

Alaska

Mild temperatures with a rain/snow mix will start the month. A series of disturbances will line up along the Aleutians and make their way across the state bringing snow to the north and a rain/snow mix to the south. This trend continues for the month of March with some relief from the storms heading into April with warmer temperatures.