



(NEXSTAR) – The chance of a very strong, or “super” El Niño grew to greater than 90% on Thursday. In fact, it may soon become one of the strongest El Niños ever, the Climate Prediction Center said.

“During the October-December 2026 season, there is a 75% chance of a historic event that would exceed the strength of previous El Niño events dating back to 1950,” the national forecasters said in their latest release.

The climate phenomenon has continued to build strength as we get closer to a winter season peak. With an event this strong, we’re more likely to see the classic El Niño weather impacts in the coming months.

- What is El Niño according to the news report?
- Why do you think forecasters are considering it newsworthy?
- Do some quick internet research about what it is, specifically, and be prepared to share.
- How might this event affect you, personally?

El Niño = small child, or Christ child

- El Niño is a climate phenomenon that is building strength. We will see effects Oct-Dec 2026+.
- Its predicted, unusual strength, is newsworthy.
- Follow the links in the news paragraphs for more info. Also check out USGS <https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-el-nino-and-what-are-its-effects>
- Check out these videos: <https://www.pbs.org/video/its-okay-be-smart-el-nino/>
- <https://wgntv.com/weather/weather-blog/super-el-nino-5-side-effects/>