



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

THIS IS AN EL NIÑO YEAR





Enjoy the days of summer sunshine left, because scientists have been monitoring sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific, and announced on Thursday that El Niño has indeed arrived.

In scientific terms, El Niño is an oscillation of the ocean atmospheric system in the tropical Pacific having important consequences for weather around the globe. My simplified version of El Niño is that it brings more rain to California, but not necessarily snow. It brings less rain to Hawaii. It also brings less rain, storms, and hurricanes to the southeast.

The first tropical storm of the summer is here. Her name is Lana. Forecasters say it could become a hurricane. This is part of what we can expect from El Niño – more winter storms in the Pacific and less winter storms in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. El Niño causes the sea temperature to get so warm that bait fish, like anchovies and sardines, head north for cooler water. The sea surface temperature is about 8° warmer in the west.

As a result, salmon runs in the Sacramento are at historical highs this year, and a Marlin was caught as far north as Washington State. Giant squid, up to four feet, have been washing ashore in San Diego, and I noticed thousands of jelly fish in the waters of Monterey Bay two weeks ago.

But what does all this mean to California gardening this upcoming winter? This means soils will be saturated by rain for longer periods of time. With the wind that these storms bring, more trees are likely to blow over. Wet soils + high winds + longer periods of time for both = trees blown over. Lucky for you, we are here to help you with this. Just give us a call.

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