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Predicted Snowfall for Upstate New York

As the calendar turns to September 2025, attention shifts to the upcoming winter season. Upstate New York, known for its heavy lake-effect snow and variable weather patterns, is poised for another dynamic winter. Forecasts from leading sources like the Farmers' Almanac, Old Farmer's Almanac, and meteorological models influenced by La Niña offer a range of predictions. While some anticipate above-average snowfall driven by lake effects and coastal storms, others suggest a milder season with below-normal accumulations. This article explores these outlooks, highlighting key factors and including descriptions of prediction diagrams to visualize the expected patterns.

Key Influencing Factors

The 2025-2026 winter is expected to be shaped by a weak La Niña event, which typically shifts the jet stream northward, bringing cooler air and increased precipitation to the northern U.S., including the Great Lakes region. Upstate New York, bordering Lakes Erie and Ontario, often sees amplified snowfall from lake-effect bands under such conditions. Warmer-than-average Great Lakes water temperatures could further fuel intense snow squalls, particularly east of the lakes. However, discrepancies arise from different forecasting methods: almanacs rely on historical patterns and solar activity, while models like ECMWF and UKMO use computational simulations.



Let's ask the weather wizard....

Farmers' Almanac Outlook

The Farmers' Almanac predicts a "Chill, Snow, Repeat" winter for the Northeast, including upstate New York, with frequent snowstorms creating a classic winter landscape. Below-average temperatures are forecasted, especially during mid-January and mid-February cold snaps, accompanied by significant snowfall from nor'easters and lake-effect events. Precipitation may mix rain and snow along coastal areas, but inland regions like Syracuse and Buffalo could see boosted totals. The almanac warns of dramatic swings, with early snow possible in November and persistent wintry conditions through March.

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Trail Log



January 2010



December 2017



January 2011



December 2009

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****Prediction Diagram 1: Farmers' Almanac Extended Winter Weather Forecast Map****



<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/extended-forecast>

This color-coded U.S. map divides the country into regions, showing the Northeast in a zone marked for cold temperatures and heavy snow. Upstate New York appears in shades indicating below-normal temps and above-average precipitation, with icons for snowstorms clustered around the Great Lakes. The map emphasizes widespread wintry weather, with arrows depicting cold air outflows from the Northern Plains extending into New York.

Old Farmer's Almanac Outlook

In contrast, the Old Farmer's Almanac forecasts above-normal temperatures and below-normal snowfall for the Northeast region, encompassing upstate New York. Snowiest periods are pegged for mid-November, early and mid-December, and early February, with overall lighter accumulations than average. Precipitation is also expected to be below normal, suggesting a drier winter. This milder outlook could benefit travel but might disappoint ski resorts in the Adirondacks and Catskills.

<https://www.almanac.com/winter-extended-forecast-farmers-almanac>

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Gator 825i

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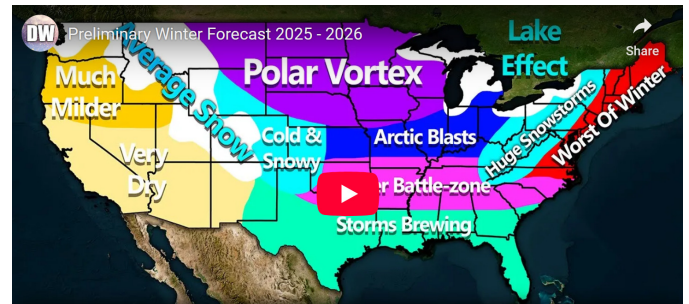
Knox/Township
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East Berne/Thacher Park
PB100 + Skandic

Note: many locations will overlap coverage.

Additional Forecasts and Model Insights

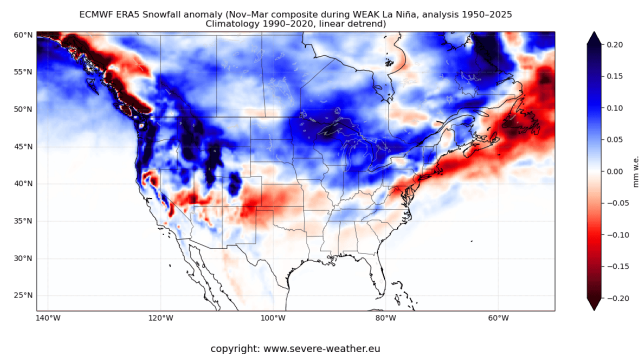
Sources like Unofficial Networks align with a snowier view, predicting above-average snowfall for New York due to lake-effect and coastal boosts. Record-high Great Lakes temperatures are cited as a key driver for intense snow in up-state areas. Meanwhile, Severe-Weather.eu's analysis, based on ECMWF and UKMO models, indicates mixed signals under weak La Niña: below-average snowfall overall for November-January in the Northeast, but above-normal in lake-influenced zones during January. November and December may see less snow, while January brings stronger anomalies in the north-central U.S., potentially spilling into western New York.



<https://unofficialnetworks.com/2025/08/10/winter-2026-snowfall-prediction/>

**Club Meeting
September 10th
7pm
Dairy Carnival
Sloansville**

Prediction Diagram 2: Average Snowfall Anomaly for Weak La Niña Years



<https://www.severe-weather.eu/long-range-2/winter-2025-2026-first-snowfall-predictions-la-nina-united-states-canada-europe-fa/>

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Trail Marshal says...

Welcome to another season of snowmobiling fun and adventure. Trail preparation is underway, so please come to the club meeting to see how you can help.



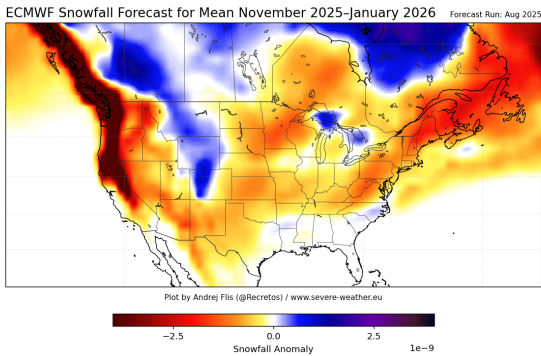
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This anomaly map from Severe-Weather.eu uses blue shades to denote above-average snowfall across the northeastern U.S. and eastern Canada. Upstate New York is highlighted in deeper blues, indicating 10-20% more snow than normal, with patterns focused around the Great Lakes. Red areas in the southern U.S. show deficits, illustrating the La Niña dipole effect.

****Prediction Diagram 3: ECMWF Seasonal Snowfall Forecast****



<https://www.severe-weather.eu/long-range-2/winter-2025-2026-first-snowfall-predictions-la-nina-united-states-canada-europe-fa/>

The ECMWF average snowfall map displays below-average conditions (orange/red tones) for much of the eastern U.S., including parts of upstate New York. However, greener shades near the Great Lakes suggest localized increases from lake-effect snow. Monthly breakdowns show November with minimal anomalies, December improving slightly, and January with a band of above-normal snow across the north-central states, edging into New York's western tier.

Regional Variations and Preparation

Within upstate New York, western areas like Buffalo may exceed averages

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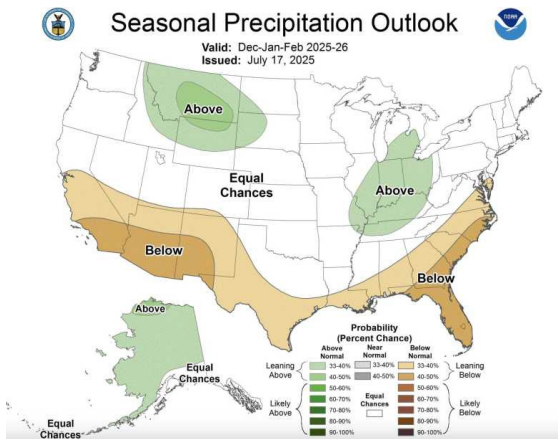
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due to lake effects, while eastern regions like Albany could see closer-to-normal or below totals. Overall accumulations might range from 80-150 inches in snowbelt areas, depending on the forecast followed. Residents should prepare for variable conditions: stock up on salt, check heating systems, and monitor updates from NOAA for short-term accuracy.



What Will Winter Bring?

<https://unofficialnetworks.com/2025/07/28/noaa-2026-winter-weather-forecast/>

In summary, the 2025-2026 winter in upstate New York promises a blend of cold snaps and snow events, with La Niña adding unpredictability. Whether snowy or mild, the season underscores the region's resilient spirit amid nature's whims.

So there you have it, Grok has weighed in on how our winter may play out. Really sounds like early forecasts are anybody's guess.



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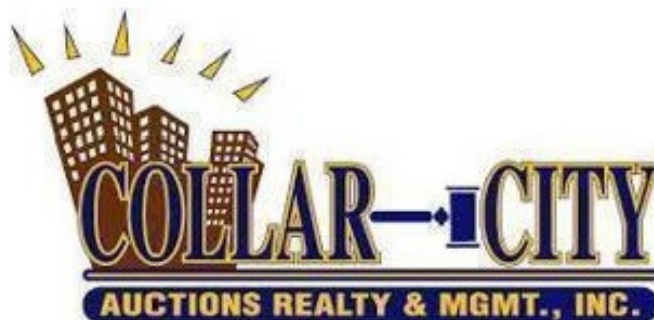
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