

READING – *How Much Snow Will Boston Get This Winter?*

Around this time each year, everyone starts wondering how much snow we will see during the winter season. And for good reason- snowfall plays a huge role in people's commutes, the region's economy, and our moods!

The Old Farmer's Almanac and the Farmer's Almanac (yes, they're two different publications!) released their predictions last month on how much snow we will get this winter.

The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts the eastern half of the U.S. should prepare for a record-breaking cold this winter. Snowfall will be greater than normal from central New England through northern North Carolina. Their Northeast-specific forecast says winter temperatures will be "above normal in the north," with the coldest periods in early and late January and February. They forecast rainfall will be above normal, but snowfall will be below normal in the north.

The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a winter season with plenty of "snow, rain, and some record-breaking cold temperatures!" Their forecast says the first bite of winter will come earlier this year, with December looking "stormy and cold nationwide." They highlight the chance of heavy rain and snow across the east coast, followed by "one of the coldest outbreaks of arctic air" in January.

Other places are forecasting the same. The NOAA's Climate Prediction Center predicts a milder-than-average winter in New England. AccuWeather's forecast says Boston may be the only major city along Interstate 95 that will have near-normal snowfall.

Are big and long winters a thing of the past? The last big winter was the record breaker in 2015. When it comes to temperatures, winter is our fastest-warming season. We start with "**milder**-than-average" every year and then look for any reason to believe that won't be the case. We will once again look for this winter to be **milder** than average as a whole. Of course, there are still going to be some big swings and cold blasts, but for now, we can only wait to see how much snow will fall this year. Winter snowfall is much harder to forecast than winter temperatures.

milder: temperature is warmer than average.

A milder-than-average winter doesn't always equal less snow!

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