

Moisture From La Niña Creates Significant Spring Pest Pressure

NORTHWEST:

Winter Recap: Warmer than normal

Exceptionally warm weather made it easier for last year's ant populations to survive the winter and begin to expand their colonies in the spring. Ticks will also take advantage of warmer spring temps, giving populations a jumpstart before the summer months.

SOUTHWEST:

Winter Recap: Much warmer than normal

As temperatures continue to rise, look for ants and cockroaches to become a major concern in and around homes as they seek out food and water.

SOUTH CENTRAL U.S.:

Winter Recap: Unusually cold, with some sleet and moisture

Termite pressure will be high in parts of this region where moist conditions persist into spring. Cockroaches and other crawling pests will also be a concern as the temperature rises.

NORTH CENTRAL U.S.:

Winter Recap: Above average temps in some areas, getting colder towards the lower half of the region

Prepare for ticks to do well in this region thanks to warmer-than-average winter temperatures. Flies and ants will also thrive due to unseasonably high temps.

GREAT LAKES, OHIO VALLEY & MIDWEST:

Winter Recap: Lower half was colder and drier than usual

Look for ants to be out in full force this spring as drier conditions drive them indoors in search of moisture. When warmth and moisture do finally return to the region, ticks will be on the rise.

SOUTHEAST:

Winter Recap: Unusually cold, with sleet, moisture and snow in unexpected places

Despite an unseasonably cold winter, mosquitoes will rebound quickly due to the accumulation of moisture in the region. Expect termites and cockroaches to similarly thrive as it gets warmer.

NORTHEAST & NEW ENGLAND:

Winter Recap: Colder and wetter than usual with heavy snow

If colder weather persists into spring, expect rodents to continue moving indoors for warmth and food. However, as warm temperatures eventually return, ticks could once again become a major concern throughout the area.

