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Farmers' Almanac predicts Michigan winter weather. See the forecast

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Mayor and Council –

Realizing that winter is VERY far away; however, we are still planning for whatever Mother Nature sends us.

- Victor

The Farmers' Almanac shared its winter weather forecast on Aug. 8, and says Michigan could see drier weather with periods of intense cold this season.

"[Winter 2026-27](#) may be defined by contrasts: an active and wet southern storm track, quick bursts of snow and cold across the North, and a particularly unpredictable mix of precipitation in the Northeast," the Farmers' Almanac said. Keep the snow shovel, rain boots, and ice scraper close at hand. This winter, you may need all three."

The northern U.S. is expected to be drier-than-usual with a mixed bag on temperatures.

"...The northern Plains and Upper Midwest could turn drier at times, especially when the southern storm track becomes dominant. Even so, brief but intense periods of cold, wind, and snow will remain possible," the Almanac said.

The Midwest is forecast to experience near normal temperatures, however "sudden snow squalls, blustery winds, and bursts of bitter cold," are possible.

"Across much of the West, northern Plains, [Upper Midwest](#), and [Great Lakes](#), temperatures should average near normal overall. However, that does not mean winter will be mild," the Almanac suggested.

The southern U.S. is expected to see a wetter-than-normal season influenced by the [climate pattern El Niño](#), with the most precipitation expected in California, Texas, the Gulf Coast, and the southeast region of the U.S.

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"Because temperatures may frequently hover near freezing, precipitation type will be especially difficult to predict. A slight change in temperature or storm direction could turn a cold rain into an icy mix — or transform a slushy snowfall into a significant winter storm," the Almanac said.

Founded in 1818, the Farmers' Almanac uses a combination of sunspot cycles, lunar position, tidal pull and historical pattern weighting to build long-range forecasts. The publication said its has 80%-85% accuracy on its regional outlooks, however the weather forecasting company [Climavision](#) said studies show about 52% accurate.

The Old Farmer's Almanac, a competing publication, [released its prediction in early August](#) calling for a warmer, drier winter in Michigan.

Farmers' Almanac 2026-27 winter weather forecast map

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