



Monthly Outlook Update
February 2026

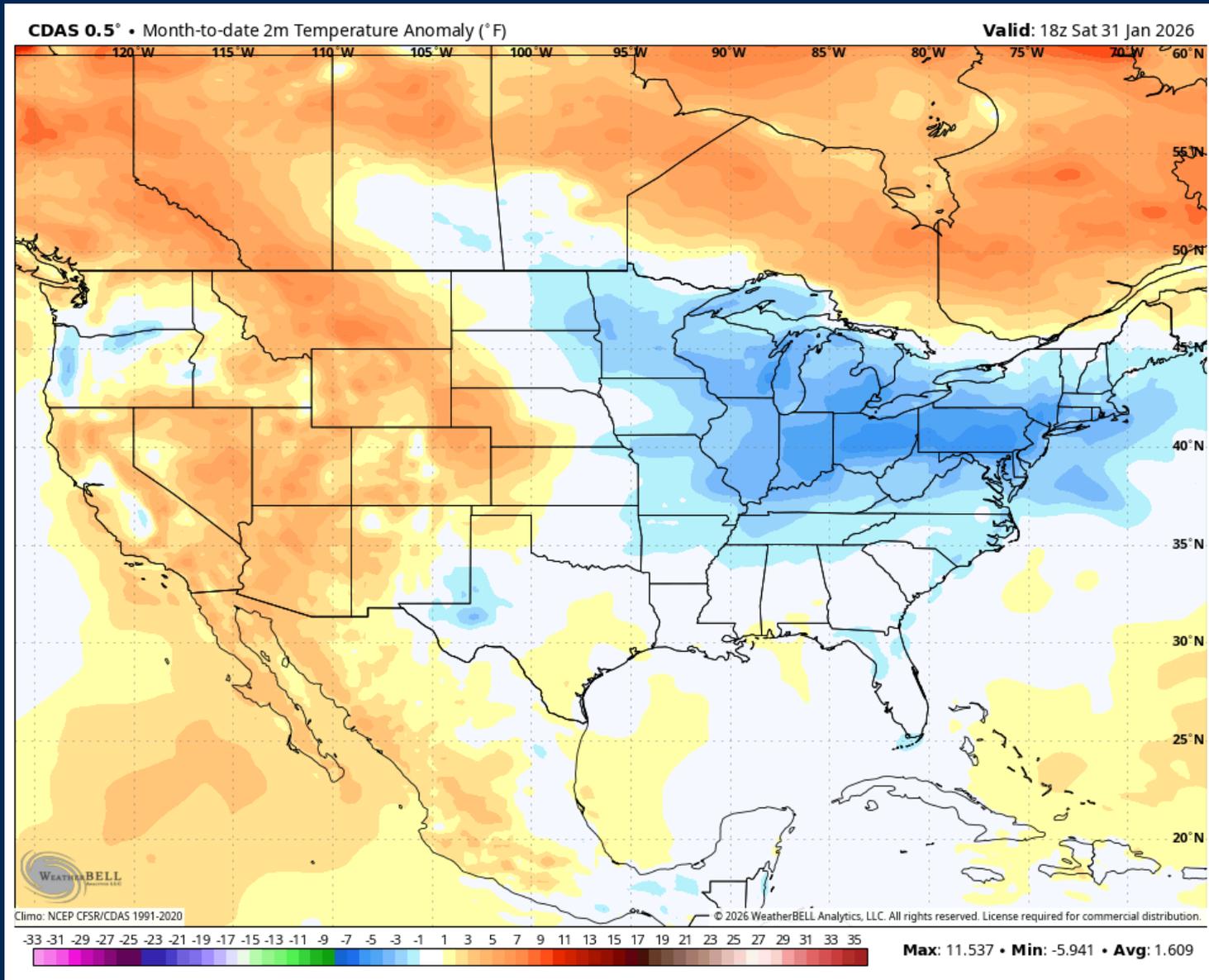
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Long Range Discussion – *February 2026*

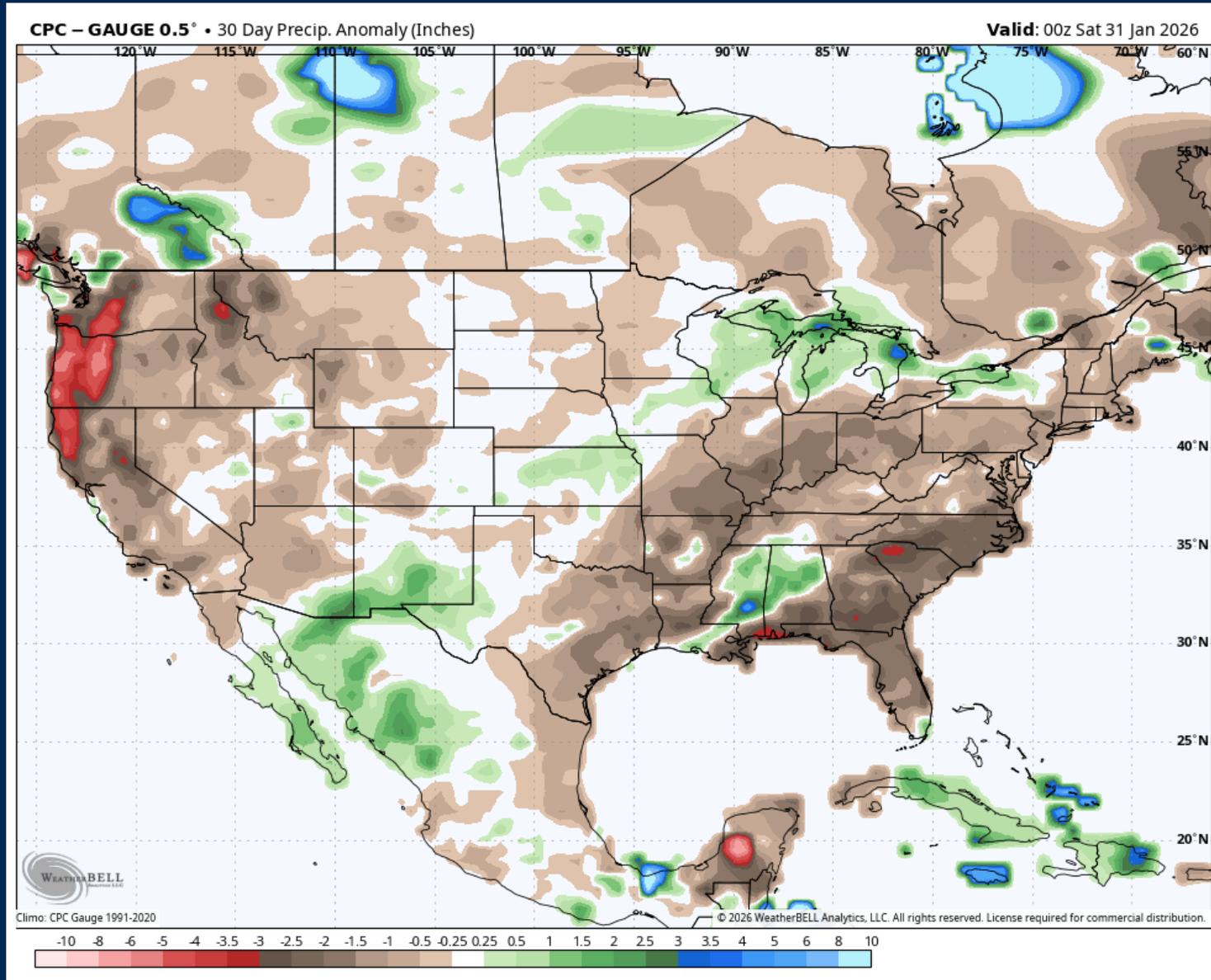
- **Highlights – January**

- Record cold and snow in the central, east and deep southeast
- Plains and east slopes of the Rockies were dry and warm again despite a couple of episodes of Arctic pushes, poor snowpack conditions at end of January.
- Warm and dry conditions CA, Desert SW and PacNW
- While no major blocking pattern was in place in January a persistent pattern of high pressure in the west and low pressure in the east led to big temperature contract across the nation.
- La Nina as expected weakened rapidly to ENSO neutral by 2/1.

January Temperature Anomaly

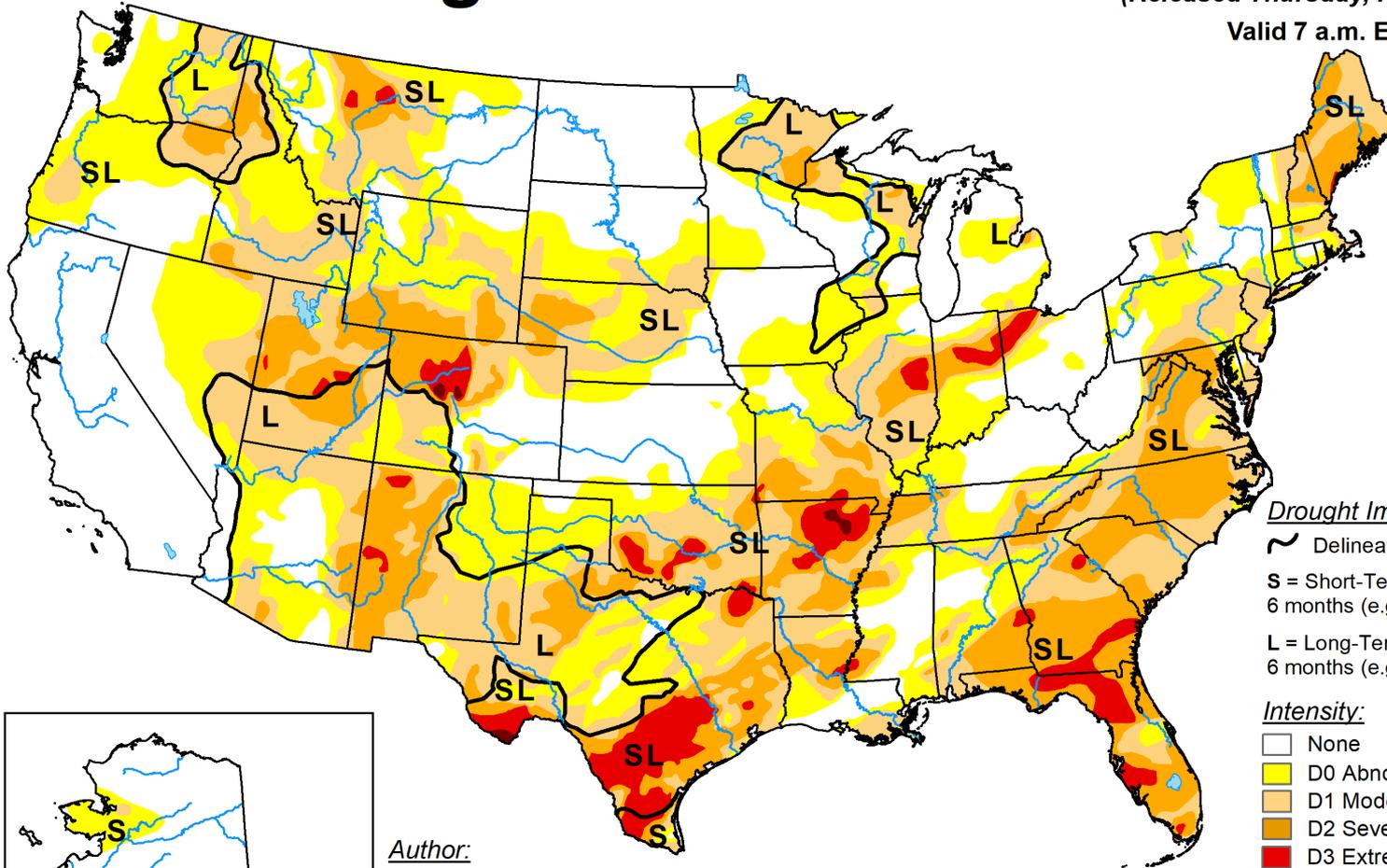


January Precipitation Anomaly



U.S. Drought Monitor

February 3, 2026
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026)
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

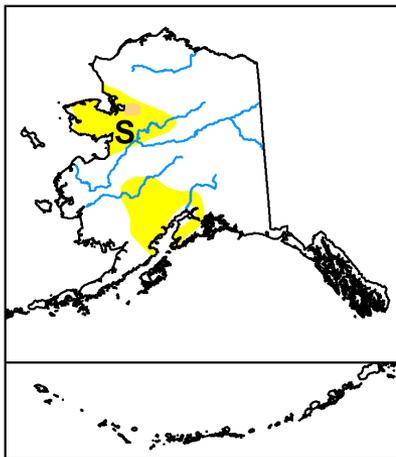


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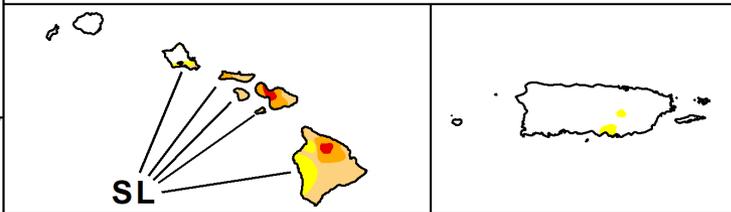
- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought



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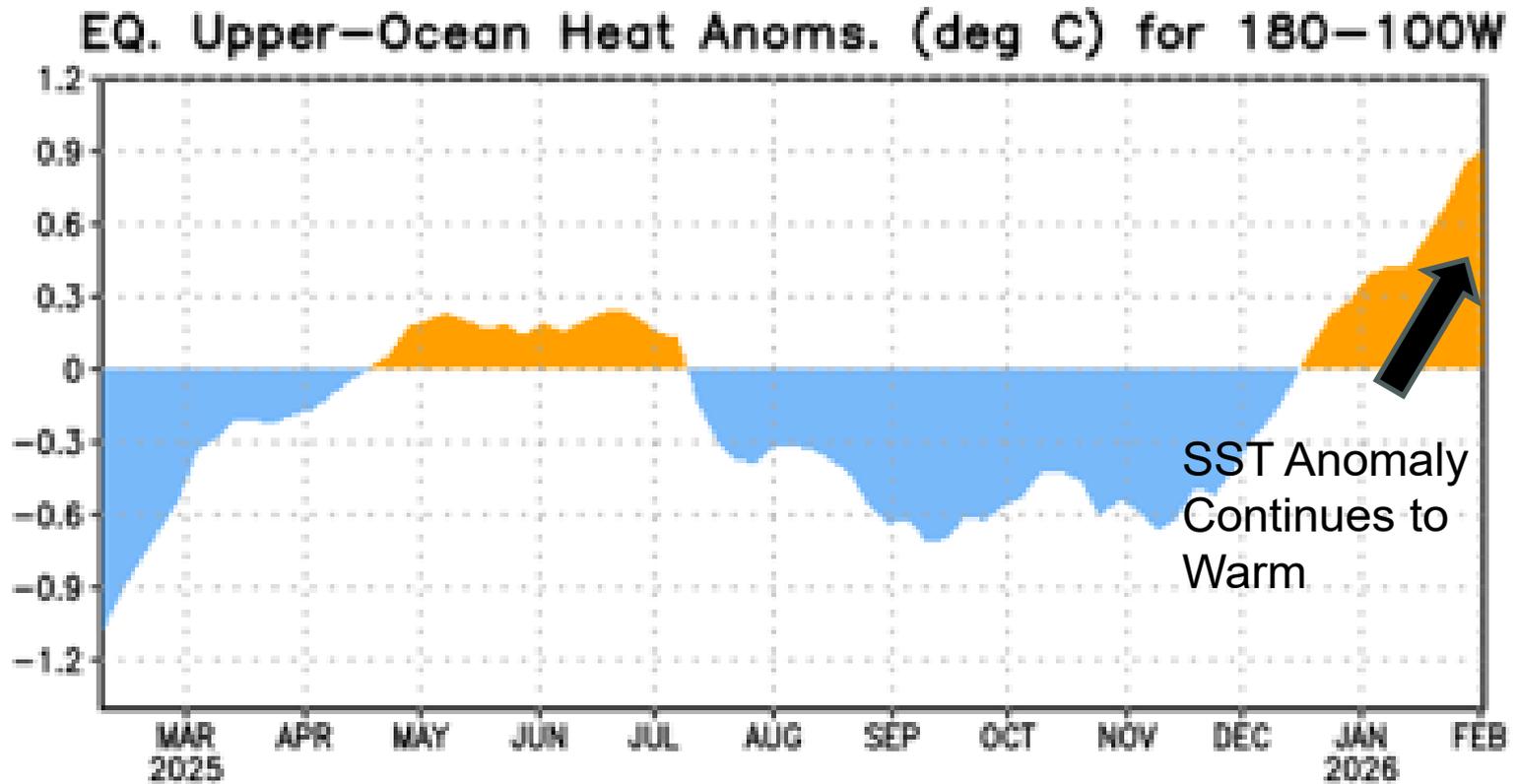


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Long Range Highlights

- A more active weather pattern in the far west will lead to a return of snow in the western mountains and snowpack improvement, especially along and west of Continental Divide.
- Cold will east across Midwest, South and East, however, more episodes of cold possible but not as intense as cold experienced in January.
- With storminess increasing across the western areas of North America by mid February, an active coast to coast storm track is possible last half of February and likely into March. The Plains may finally have better chances for precipitation during this period, especially March.

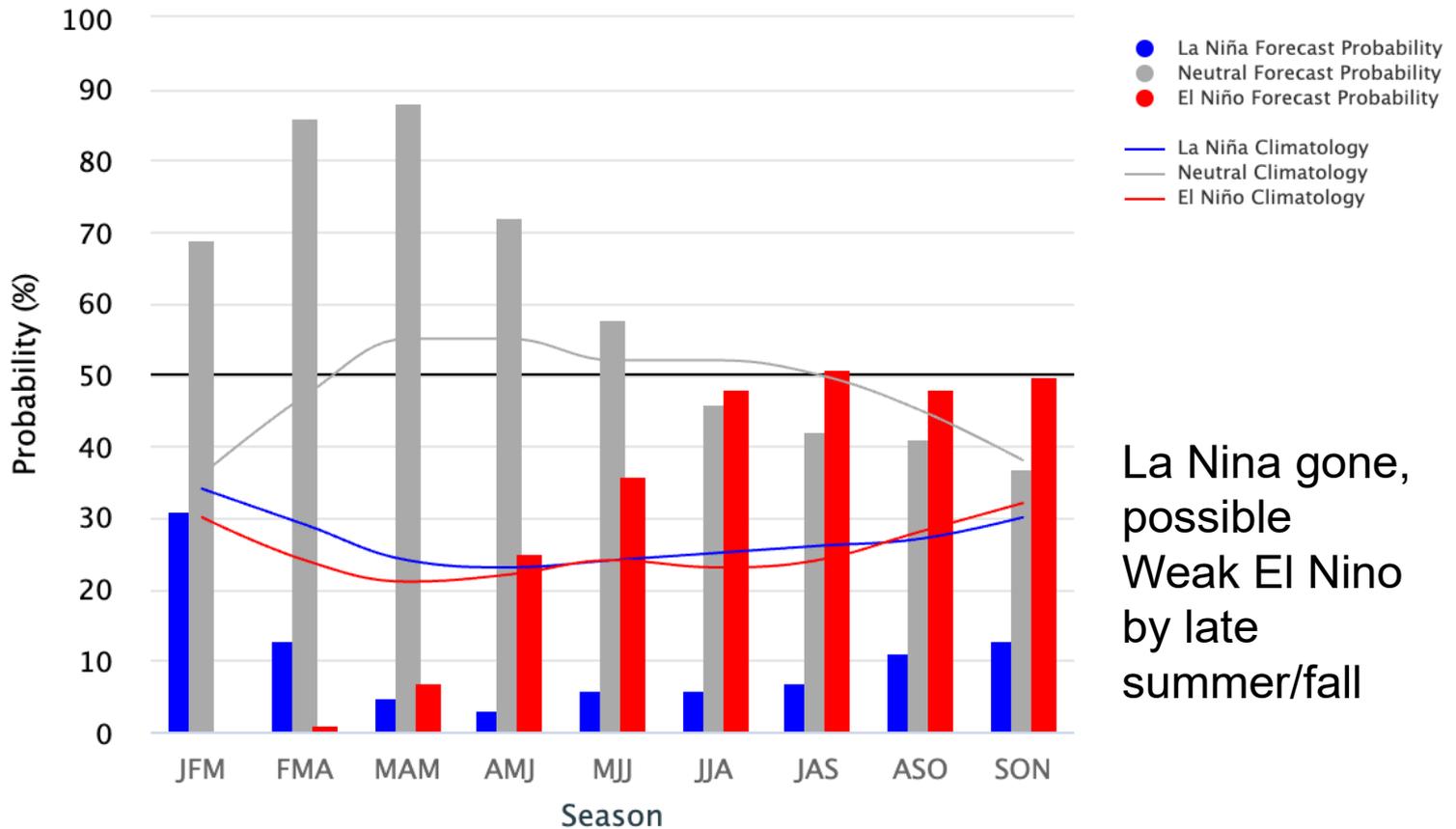
La Nina is Gone



ENSO Forecast

Mid-January 2026 IRI Model-Based Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

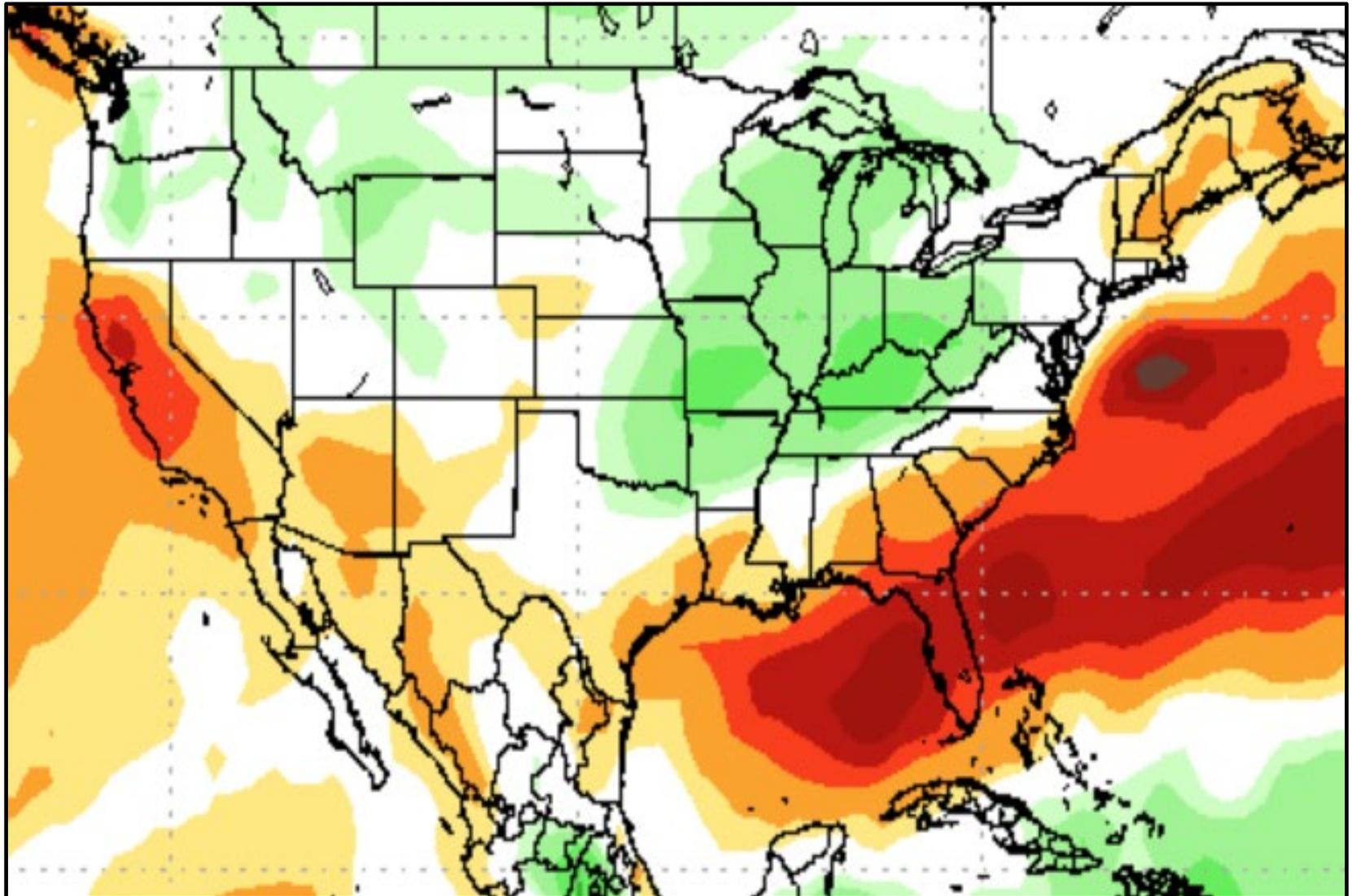
ENSO state based on NINO3.4 SST Anomaly Neutral ENSO: $-0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



La Nina gone,
possible
Weak El Nino
by late
summer/fall

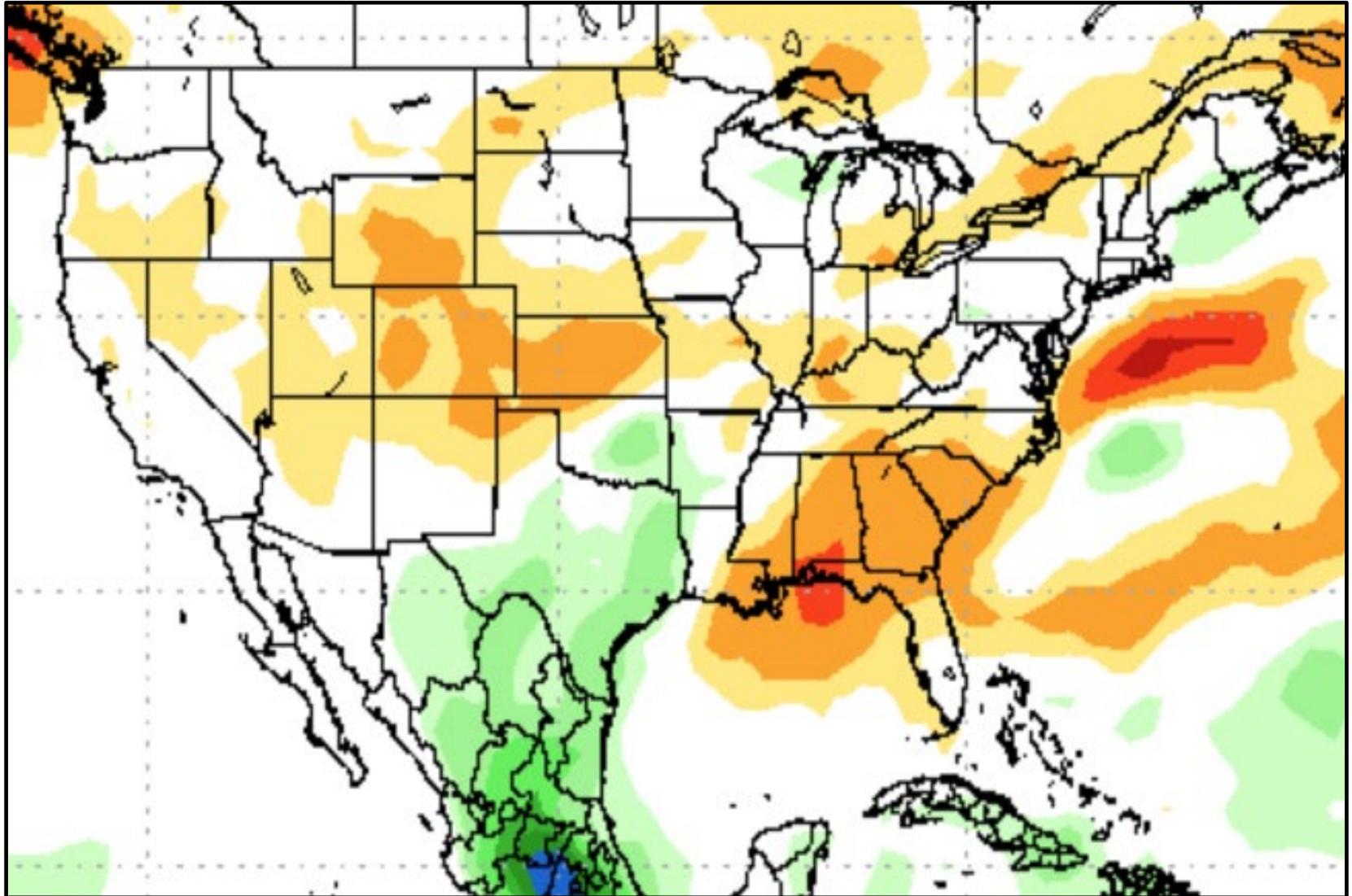
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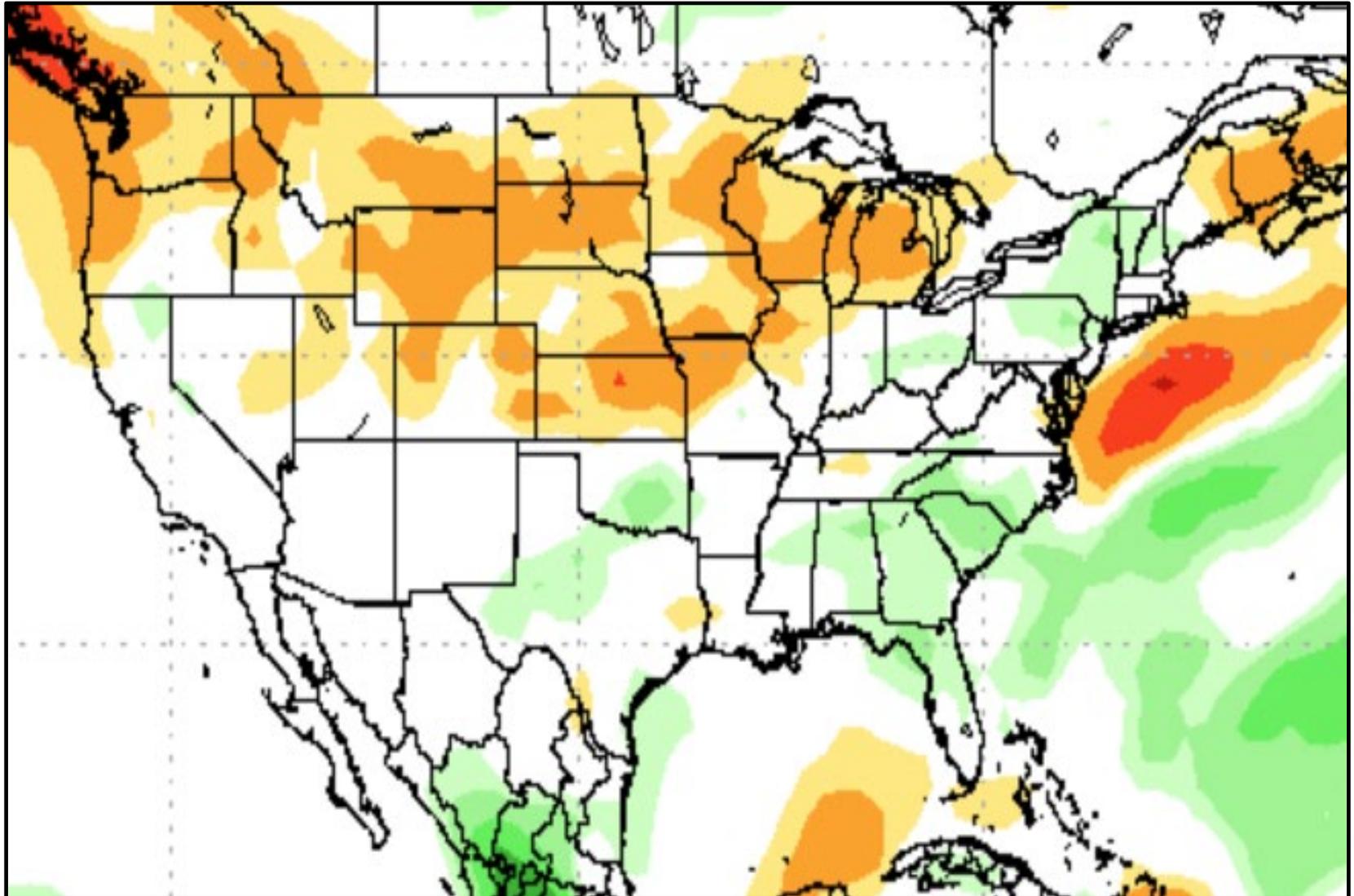
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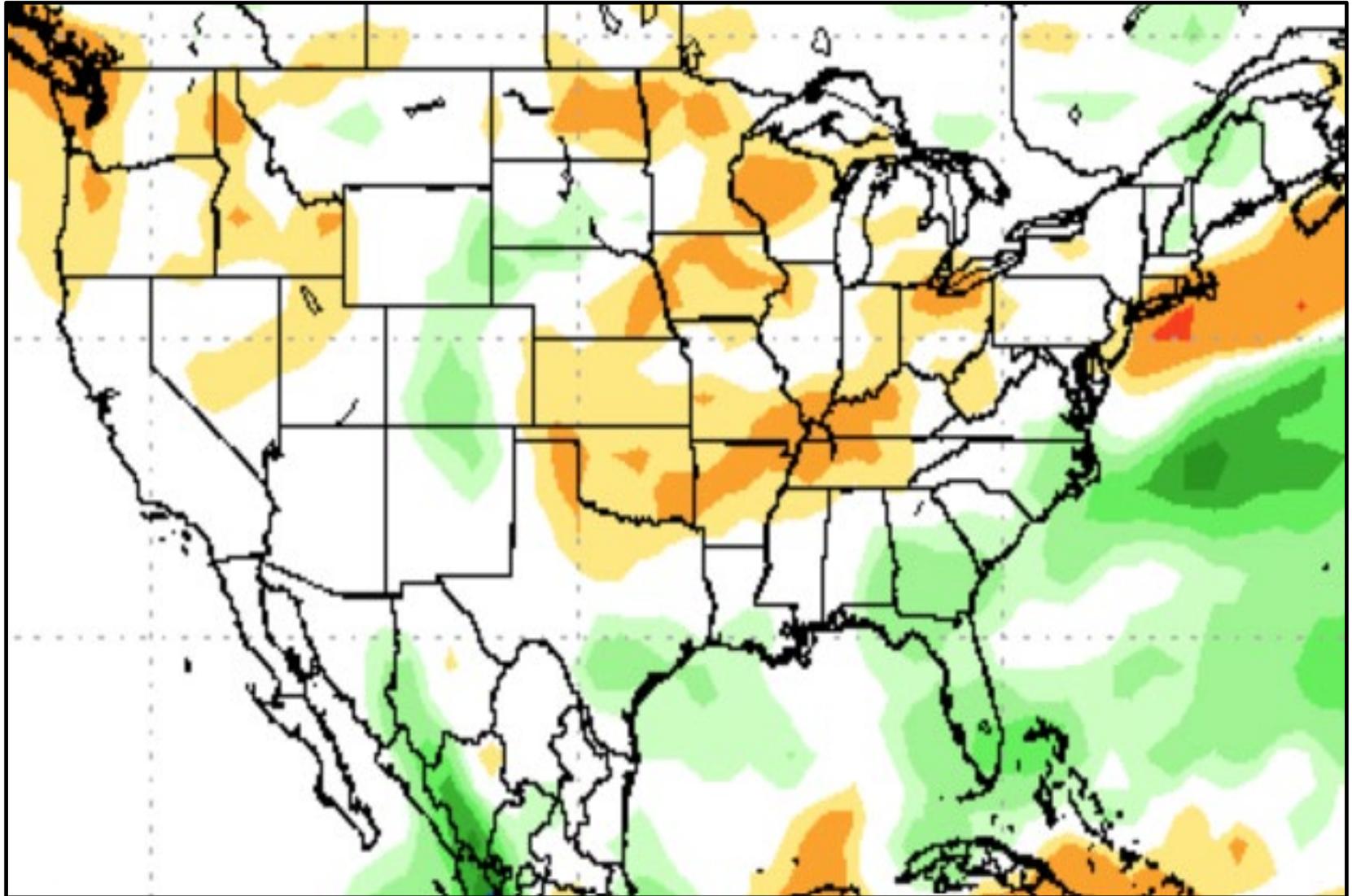
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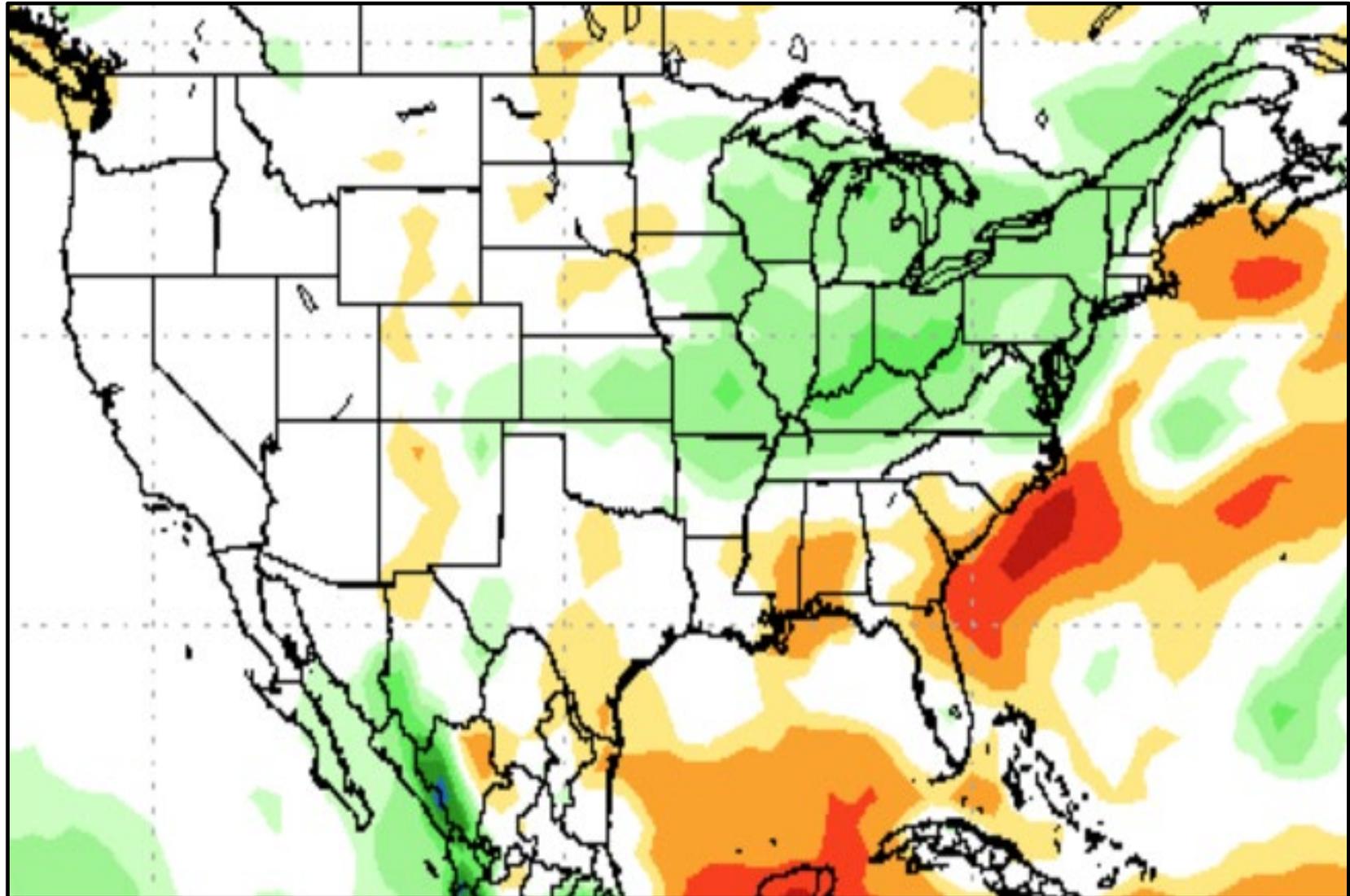
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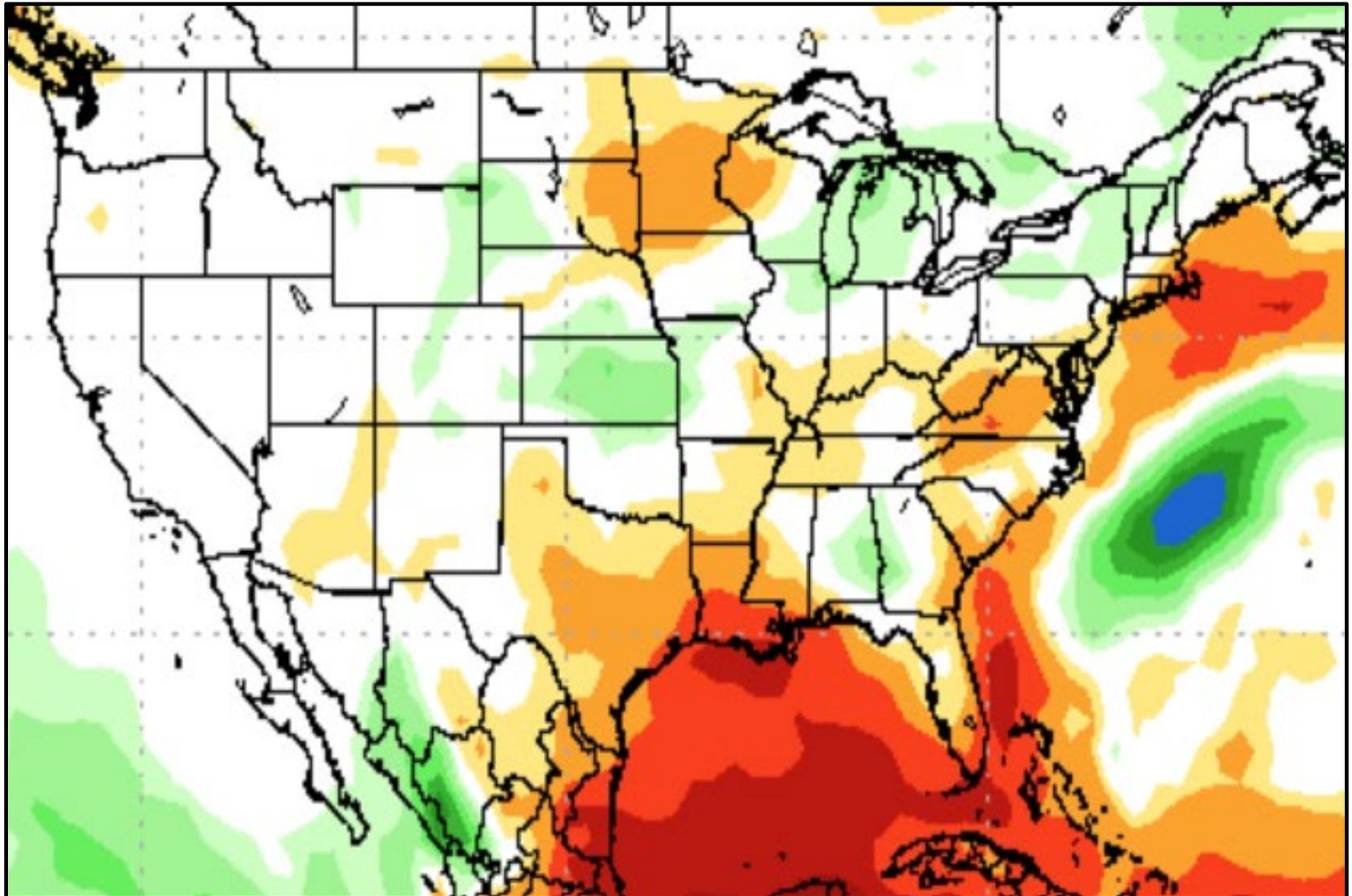
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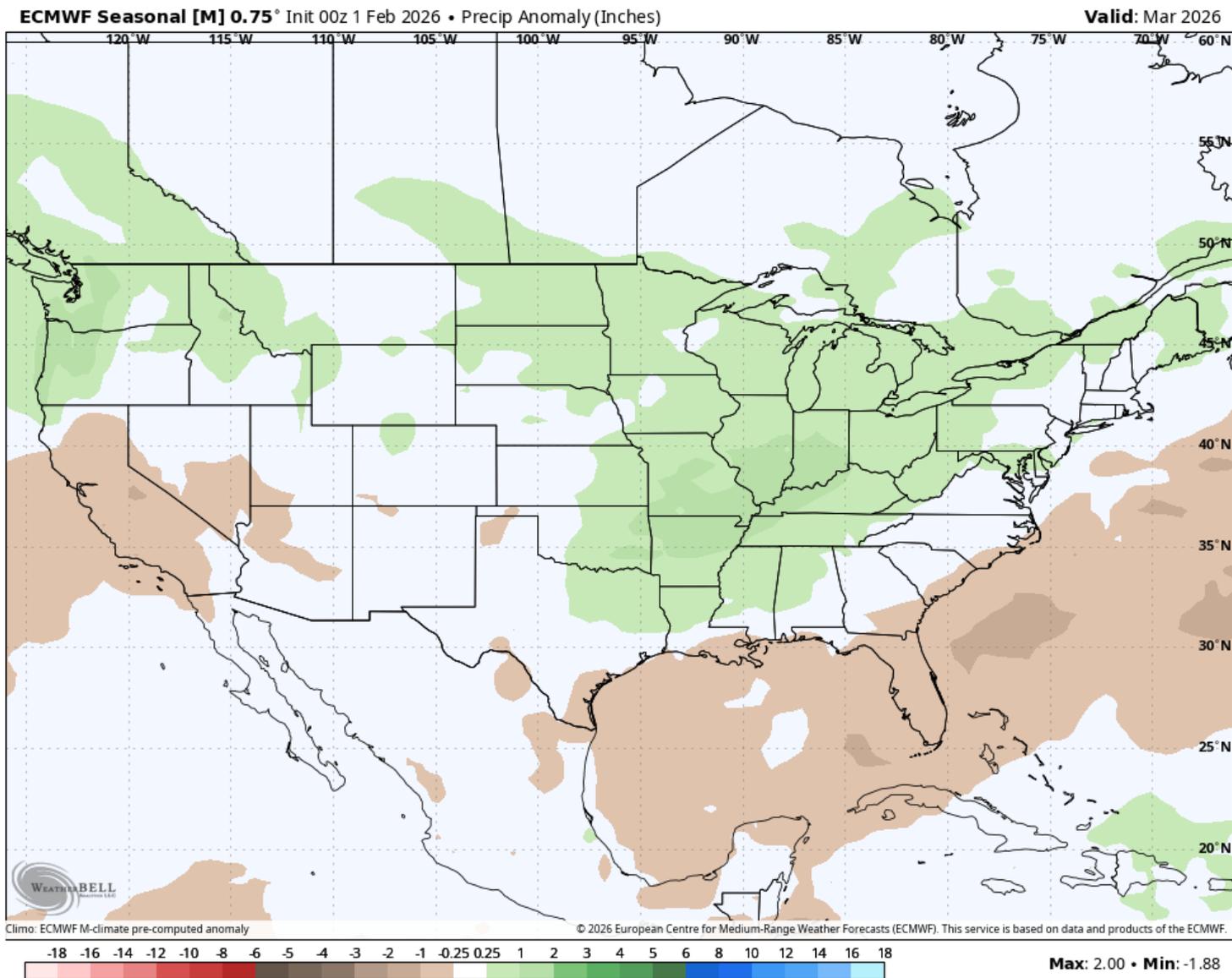
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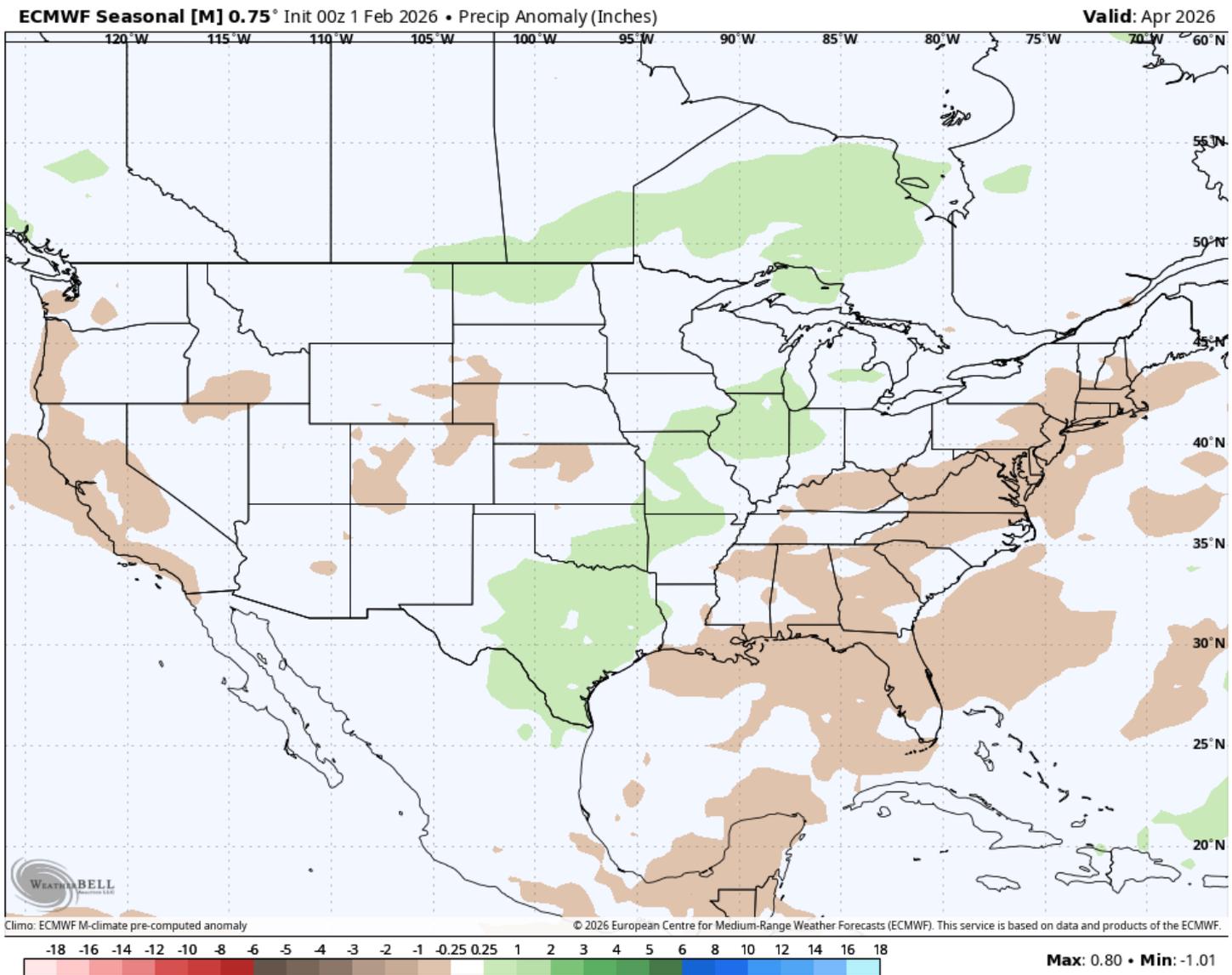
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Euro Model Precipitation Forecast – March 2026 as of 2/9/2026



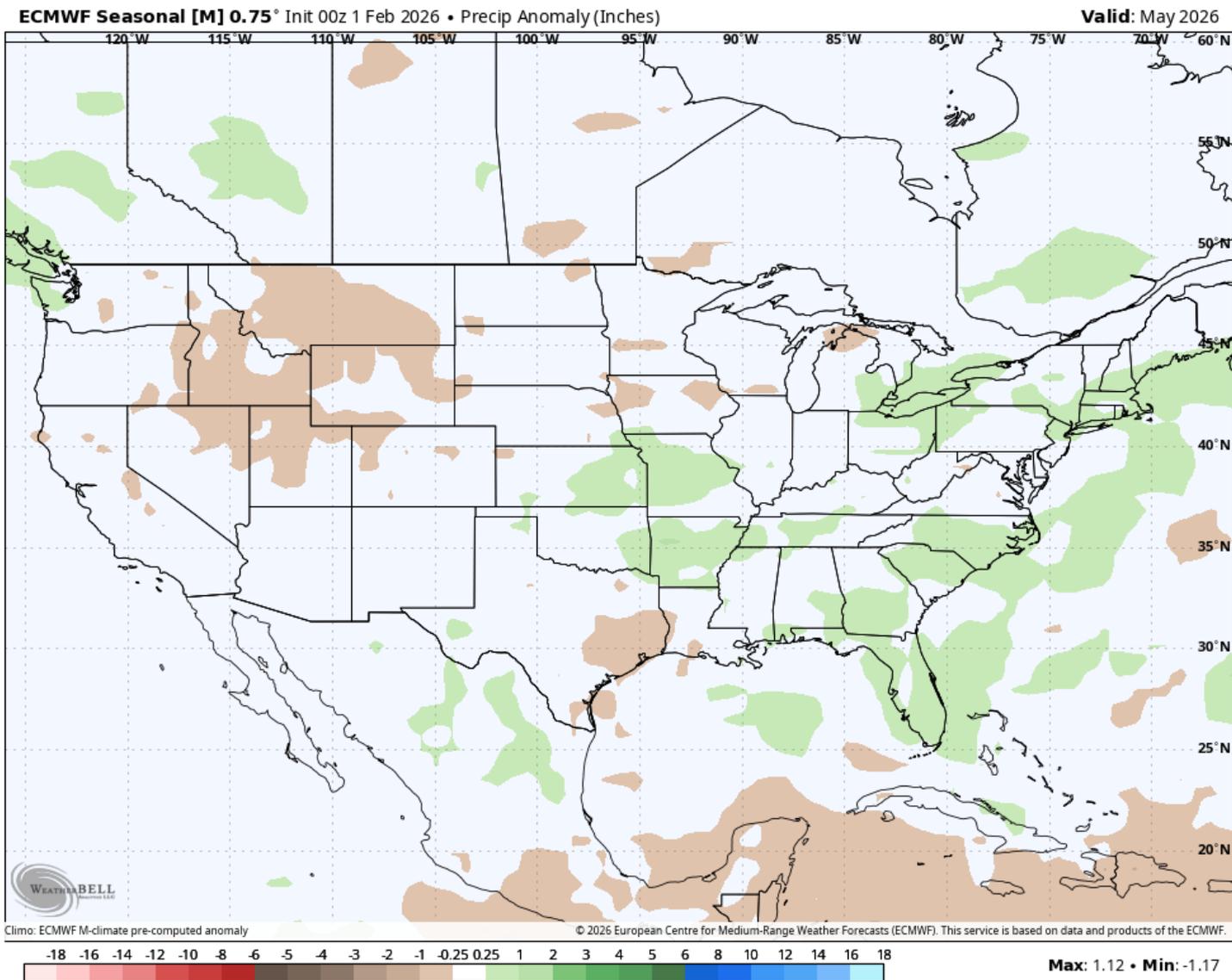
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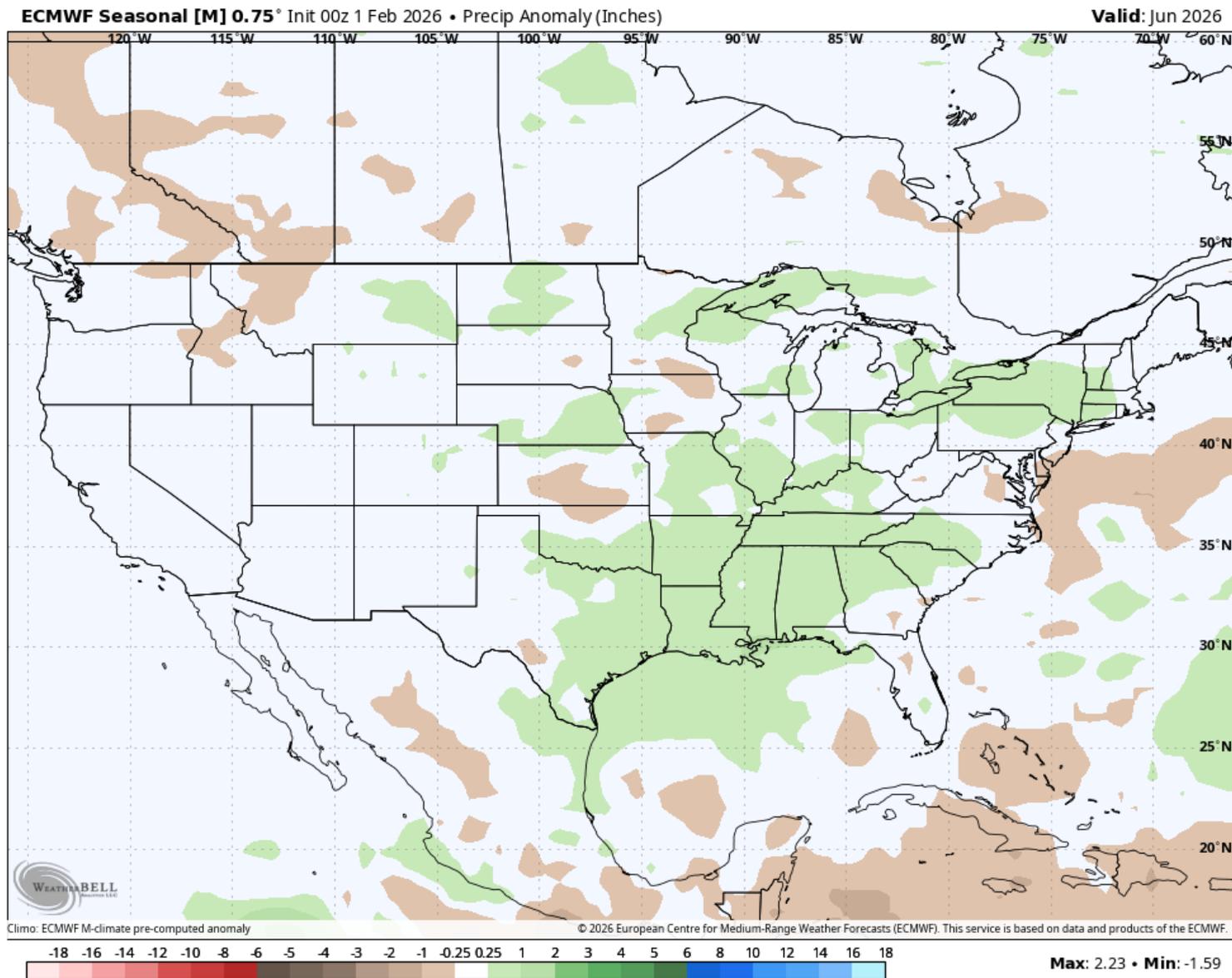
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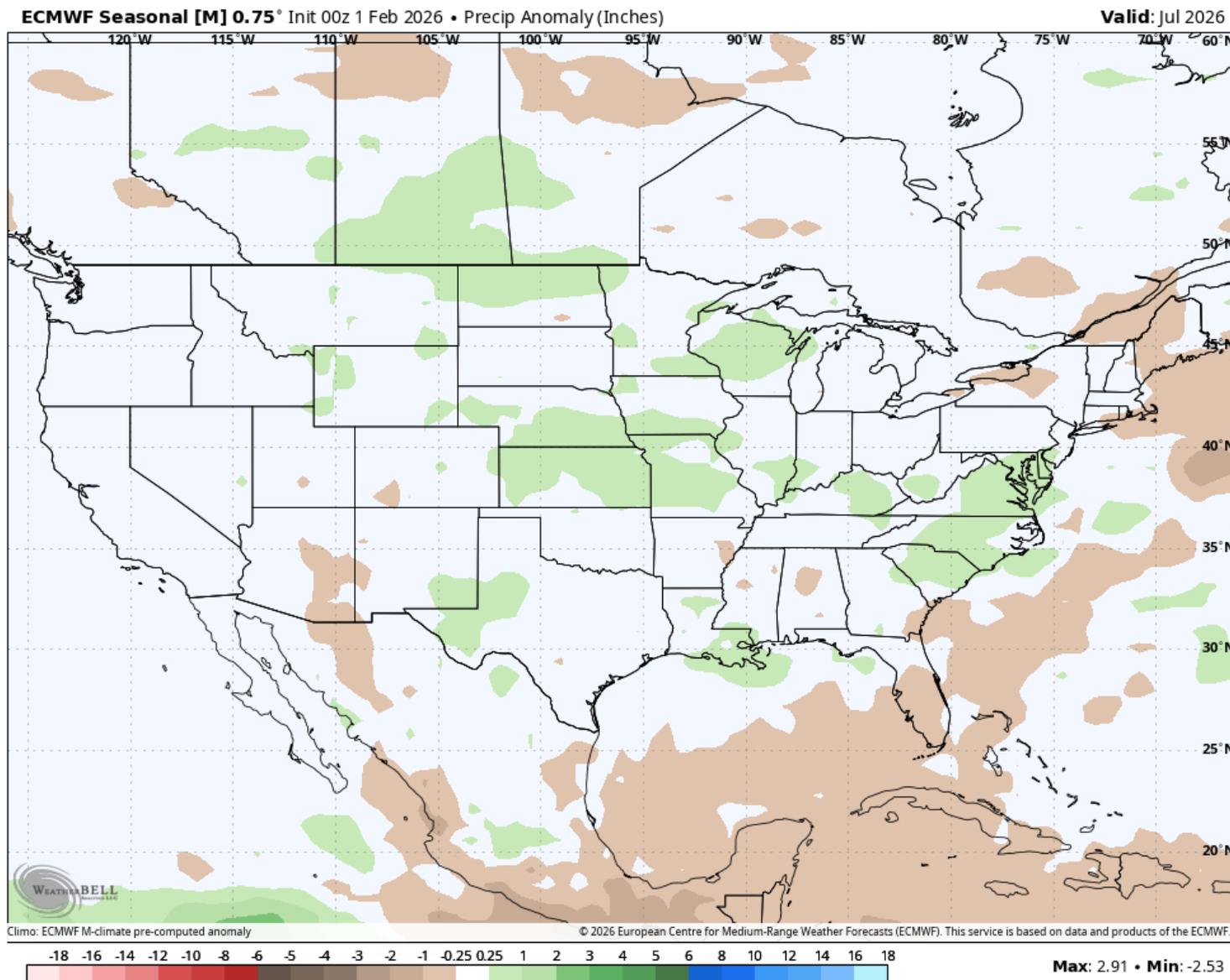
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