



**Monthly Outlook Update**  
***April 2026***

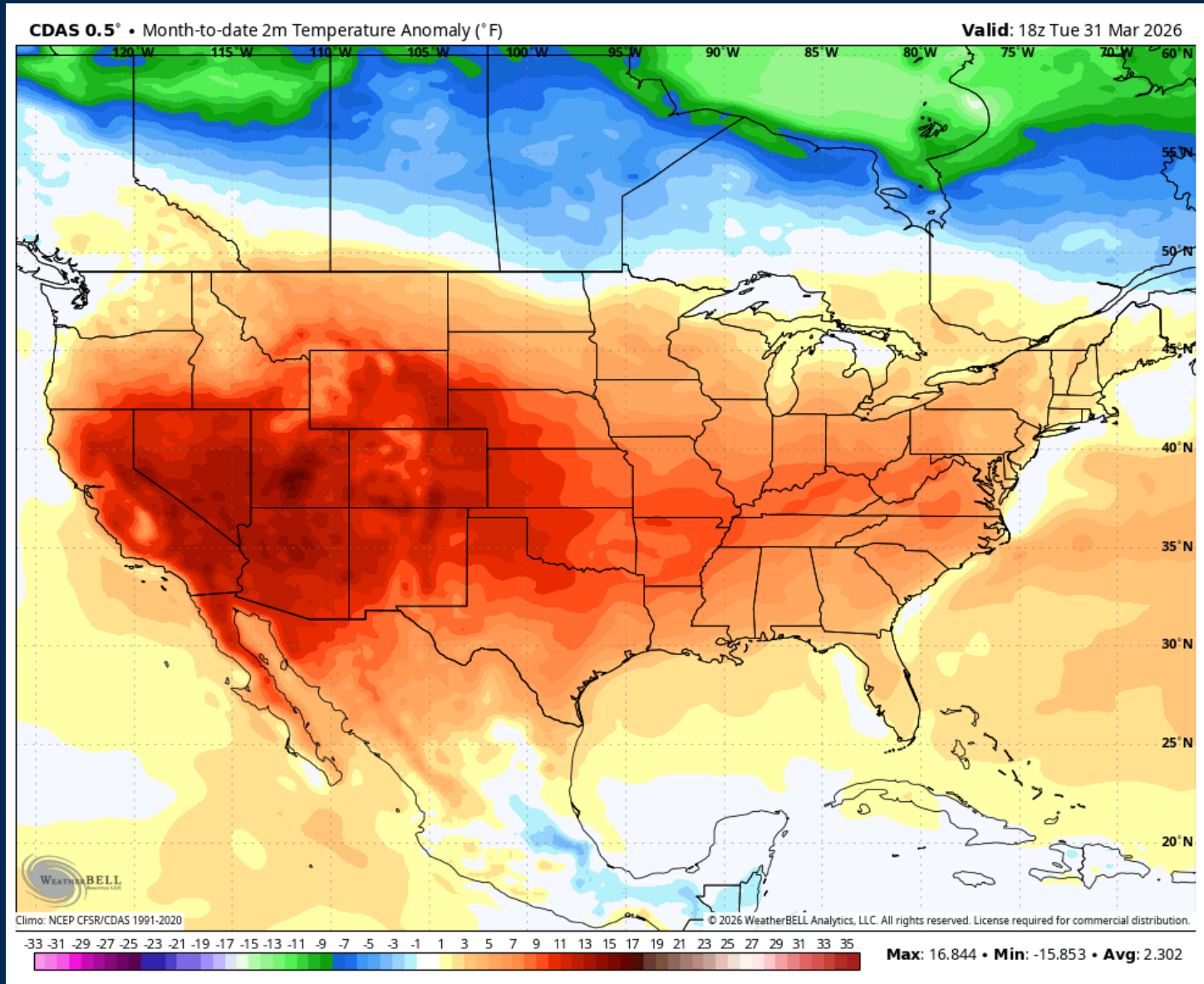
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# Long Range Discussion – *April 2026*

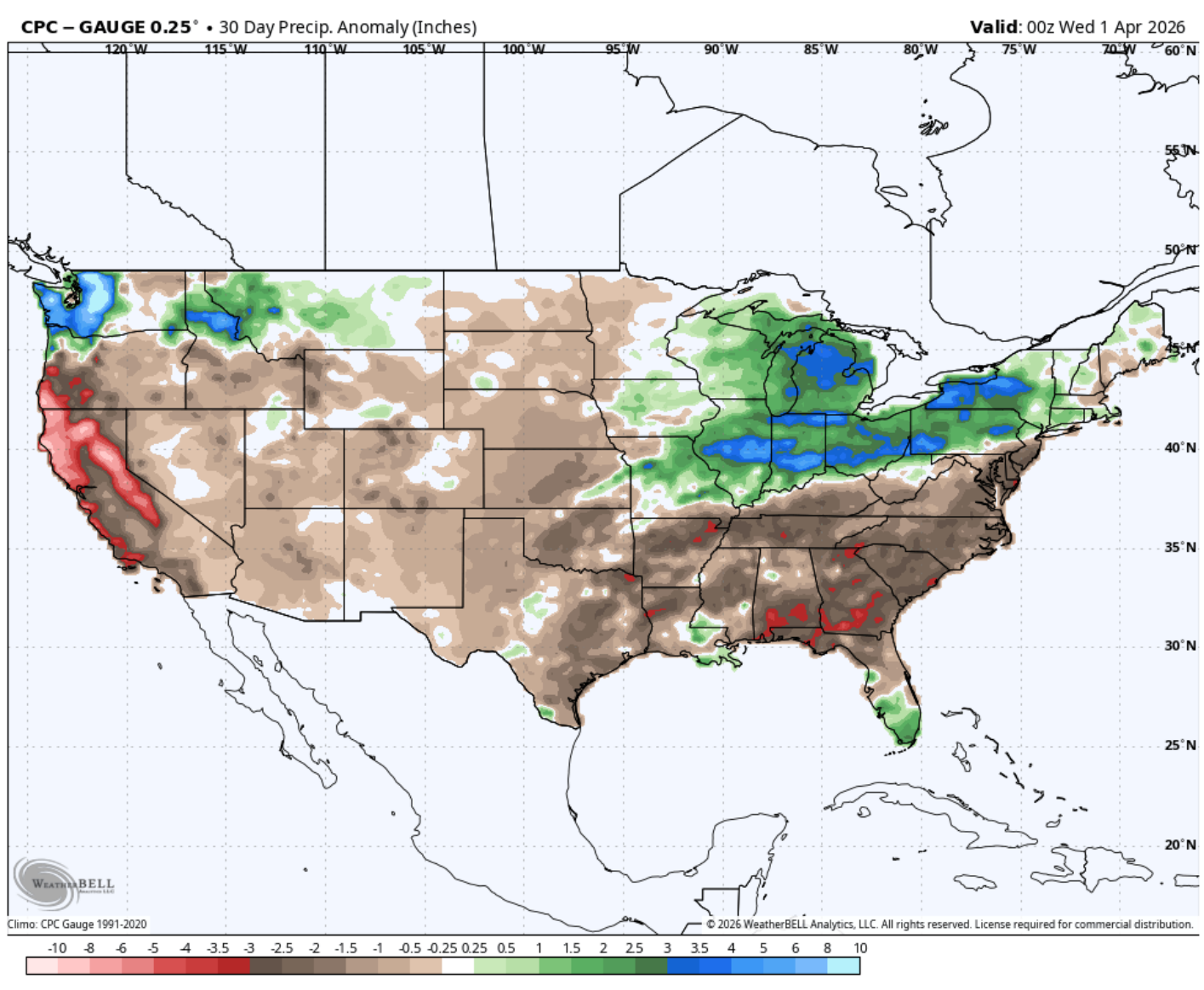
- **Highlights – March**

- Another extremely warm pattern in the west and parts of the central USA with record warm temperatures
- Snowpack took a bit hit in the west
- Drier than normal conditions continued in the south and southeast
- Drought conditions worsened in parts of the Corn Belt, central High Plains, Rockies and south
- End of March/early April precipitation did help some in the west
- Wet in the Great Lakes, eastern Corn Belt and Ohio Valley

# March Temperature Anomaly

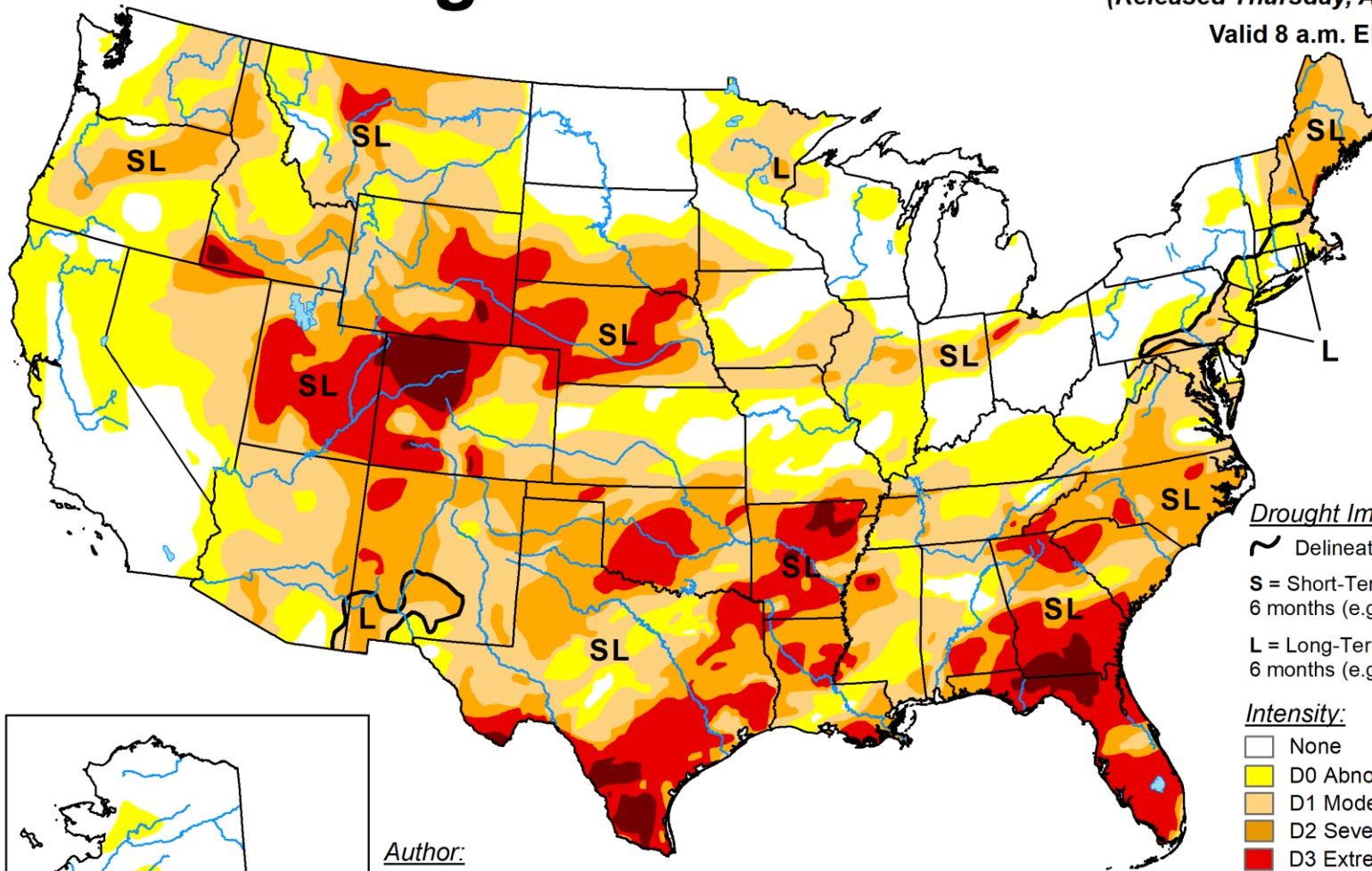


# March Precipitation Anomaly



# U.S. Drought Monitor

March 31, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 2, 2026)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

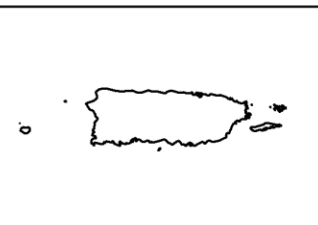
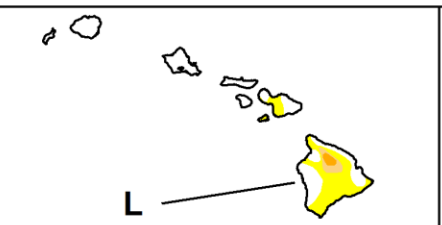
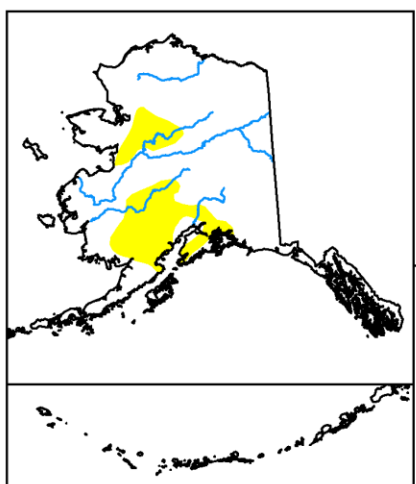


**Drought Impact Types:**  
~ Delineates dominant impacts  
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)  
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

**Intensity:**  
None  
D0 Abnormally Dry  
D1 Moderate Drought  
D2 Severe Drought  
D3 Extreme Drought  
D4 Exceptional Drought

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The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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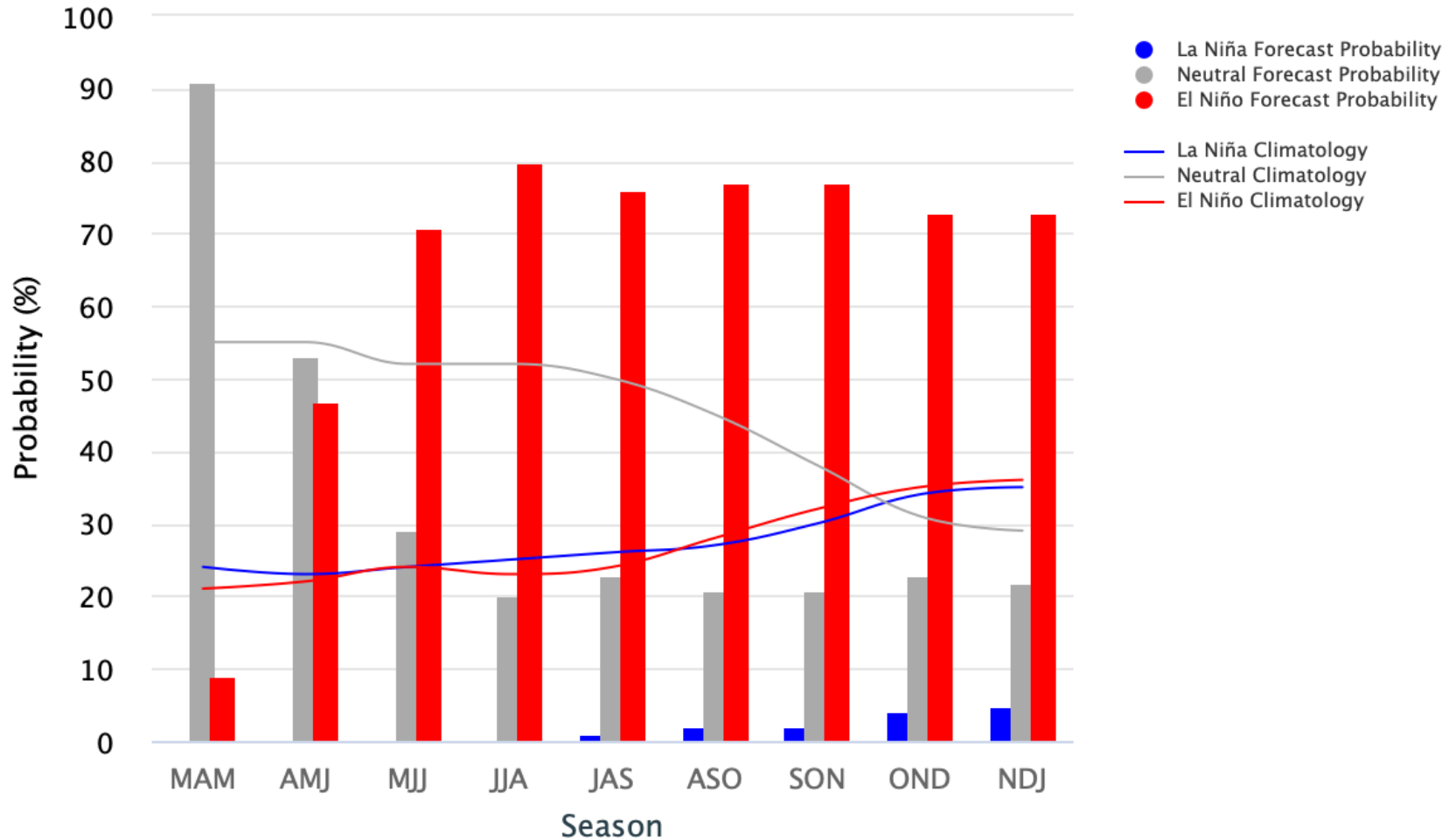
# Long Range Highlights – April

- Pacific SST beginning to warm with transition to El Nino by summer looking very likely
- At the beginning of April, no signs of North Pacific jet stream blocking
- Encouraging long range seasonal projections for parts of the west, central and south in May and June as developing El Nino may improve precipitation chances.

# ENSO Forecast

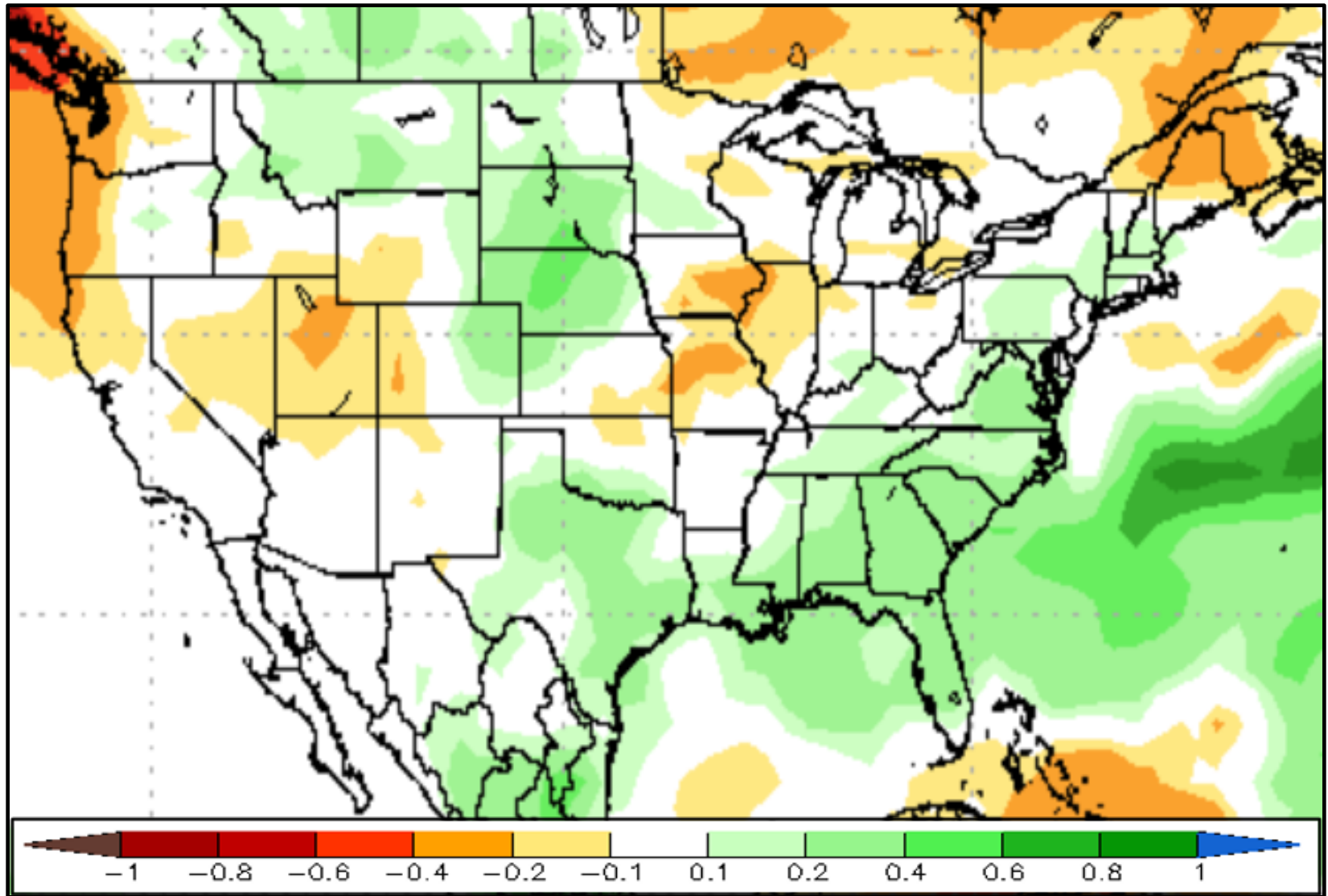
## Mid-March 2026 IRI Model-Based Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

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



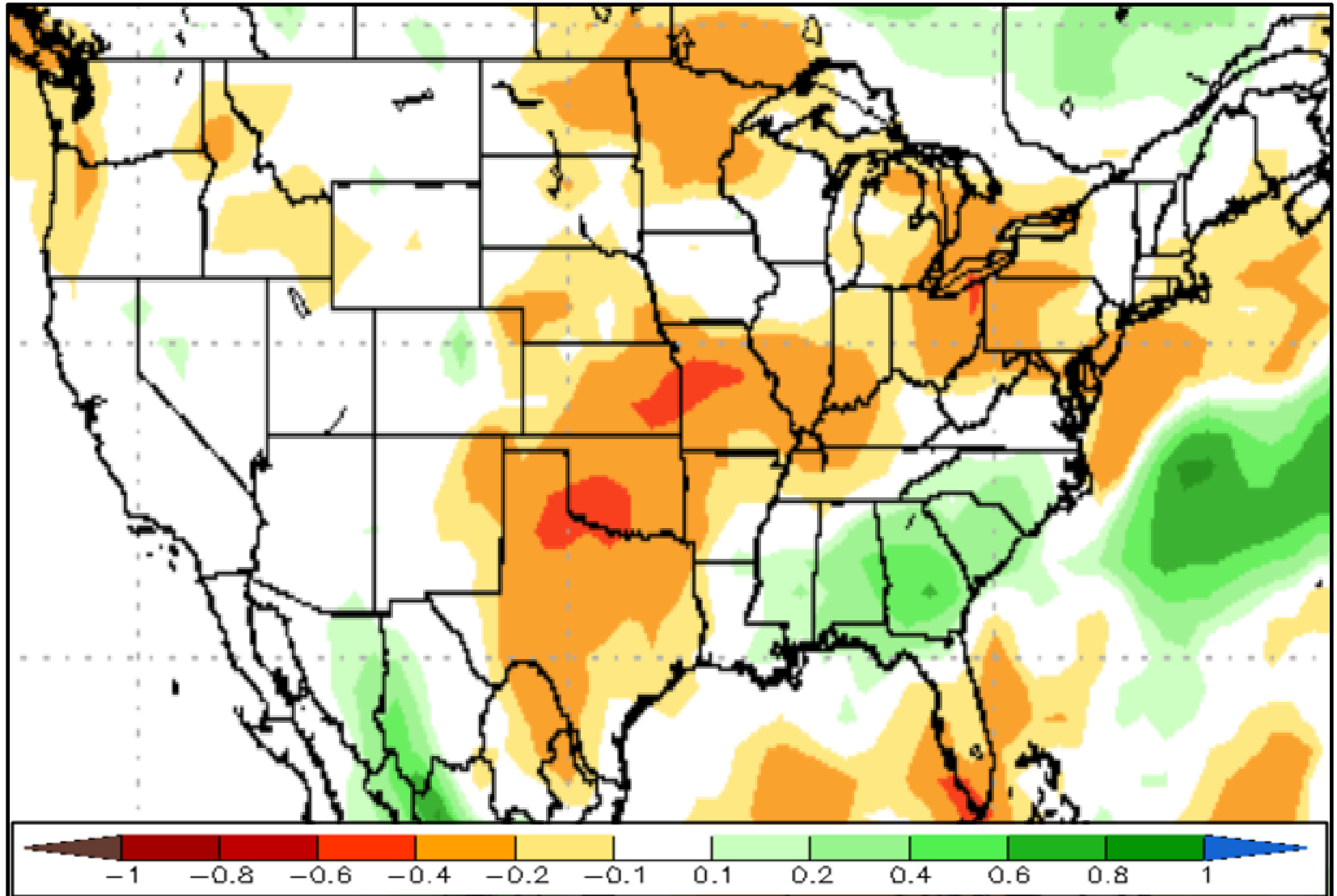
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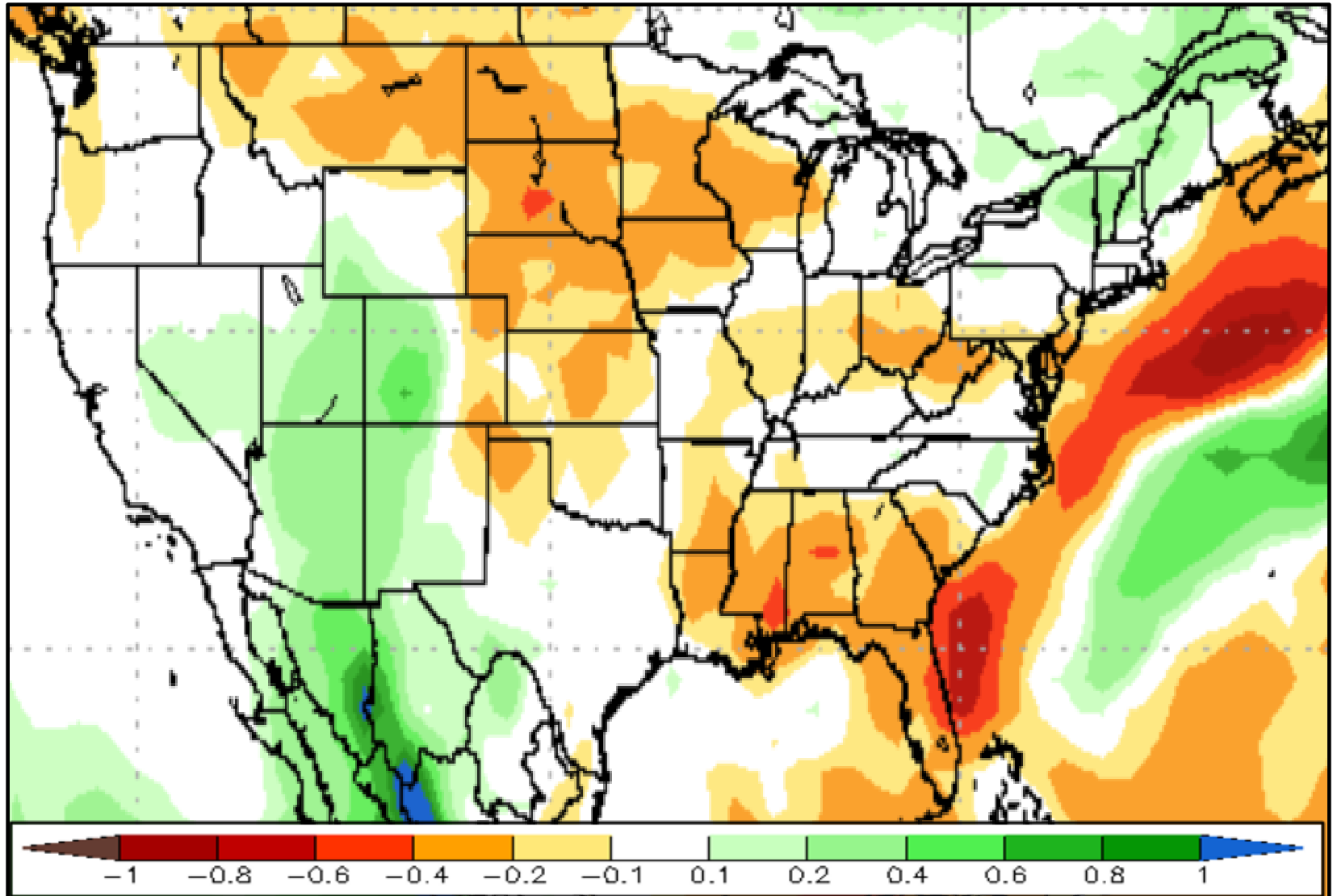
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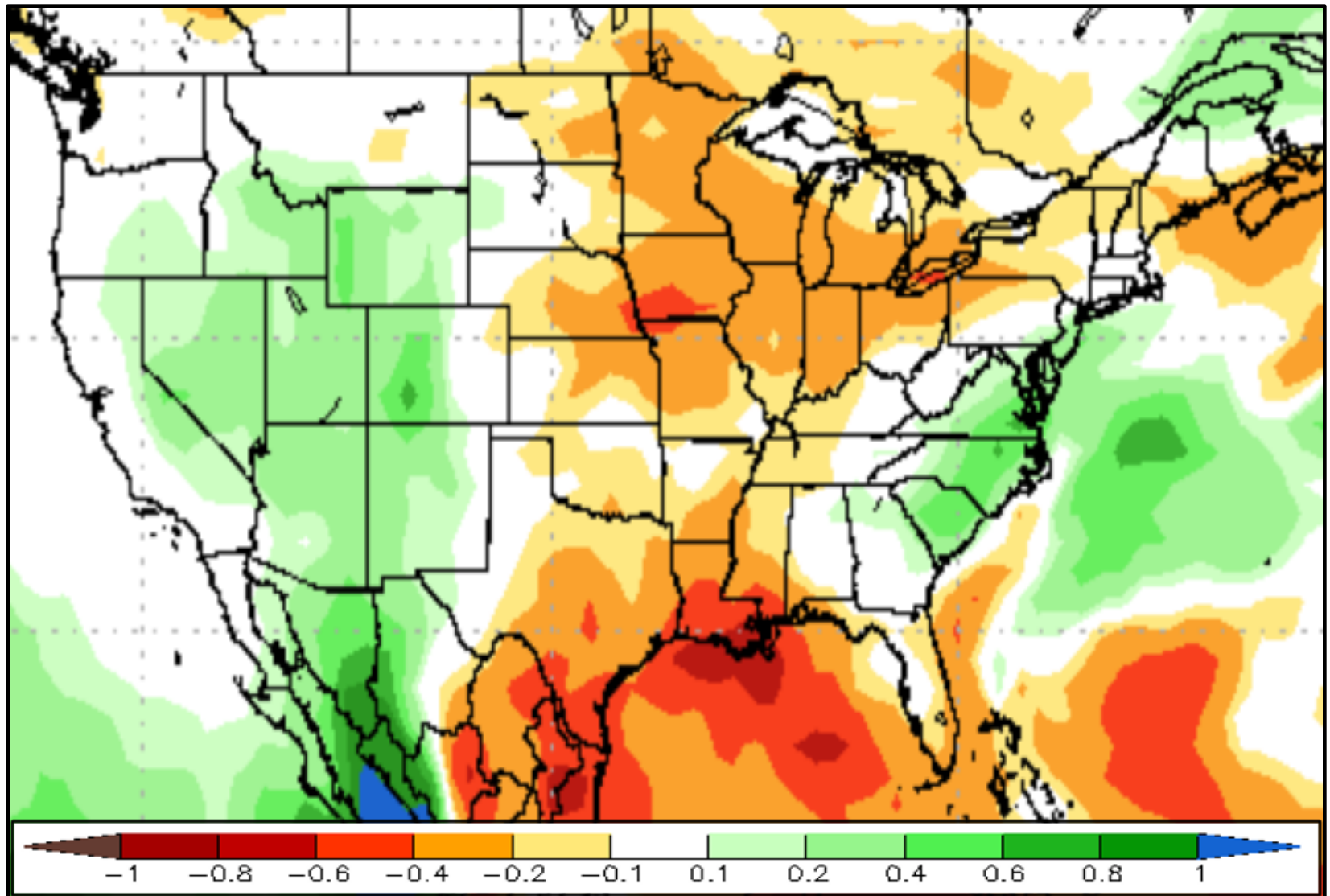
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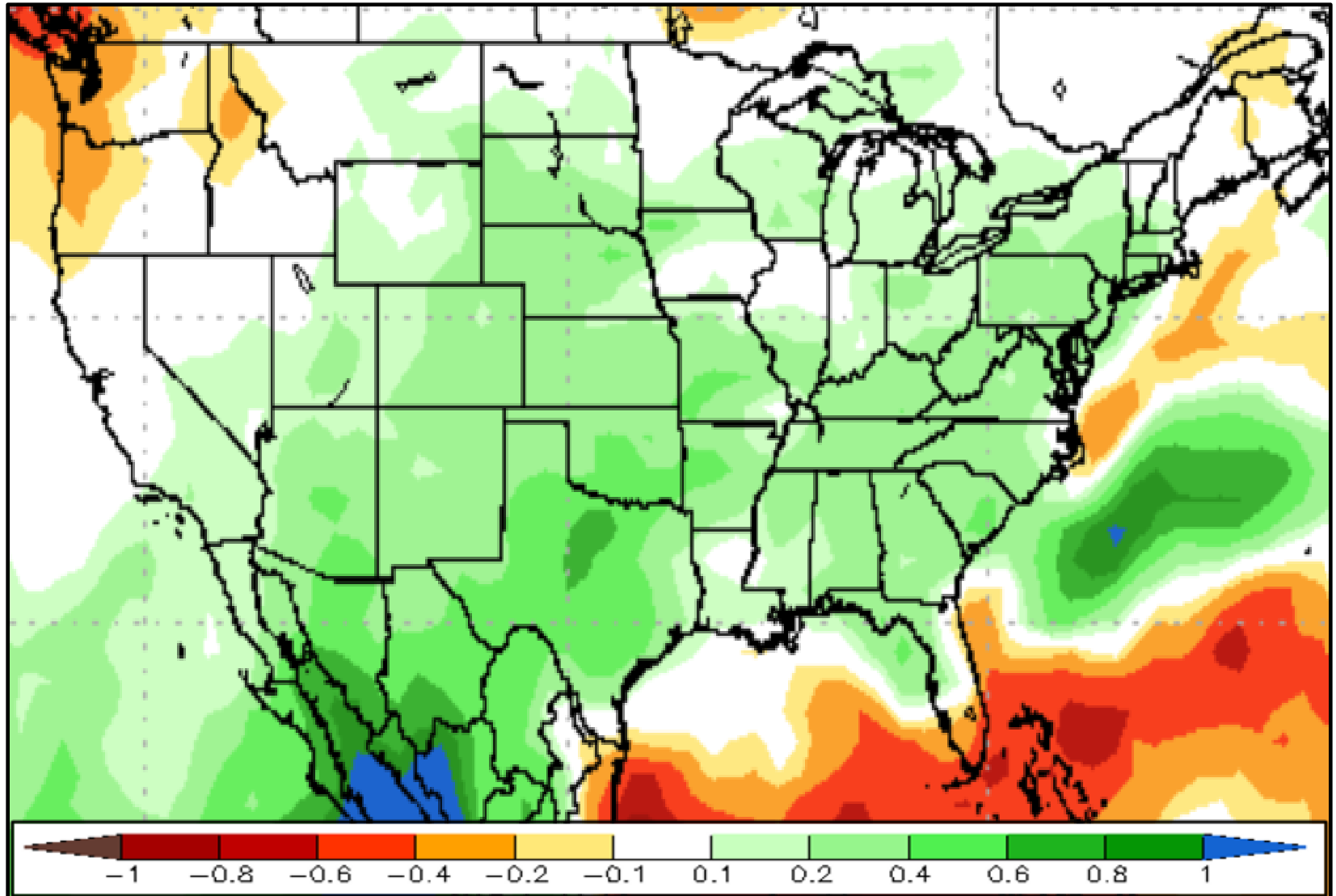
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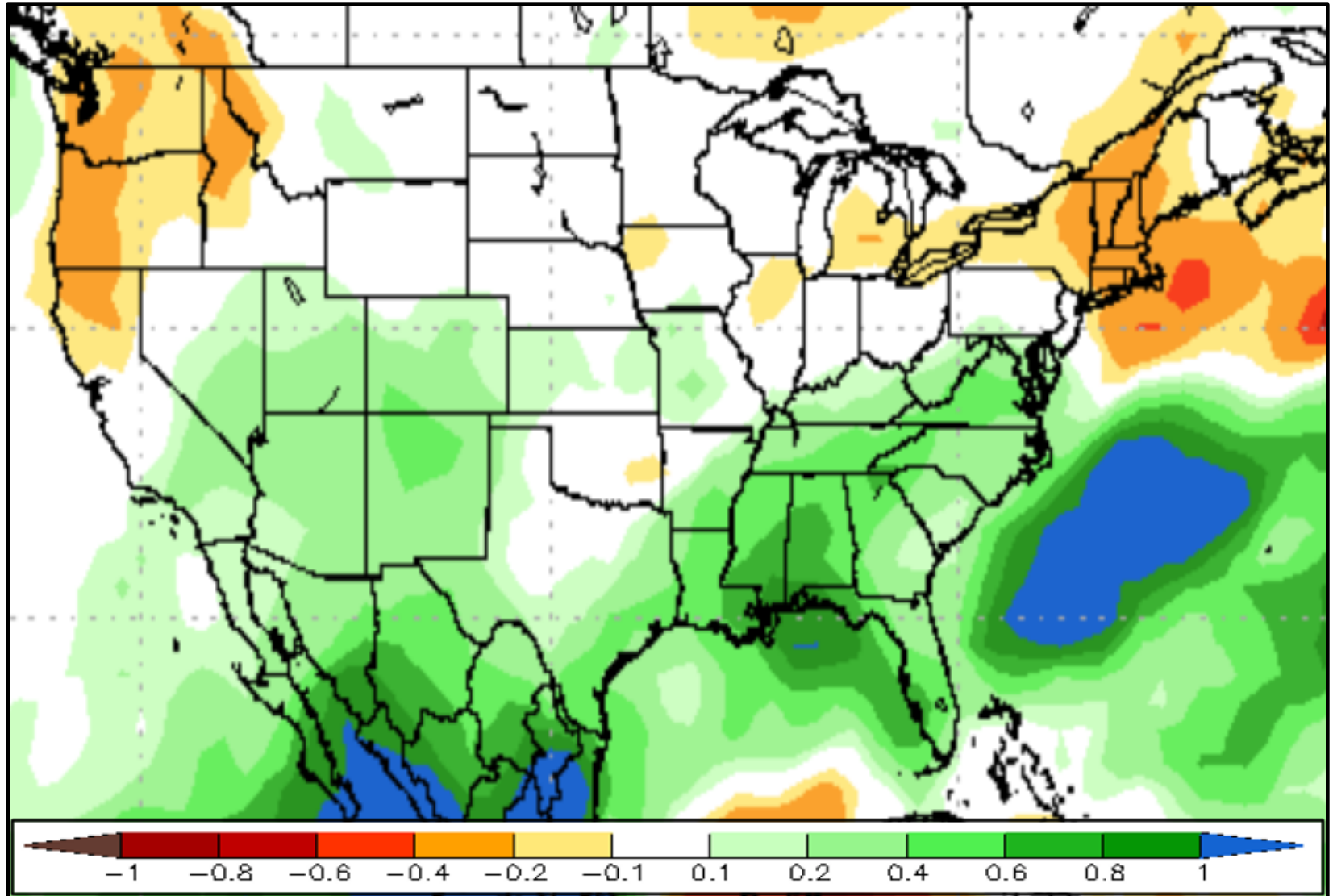
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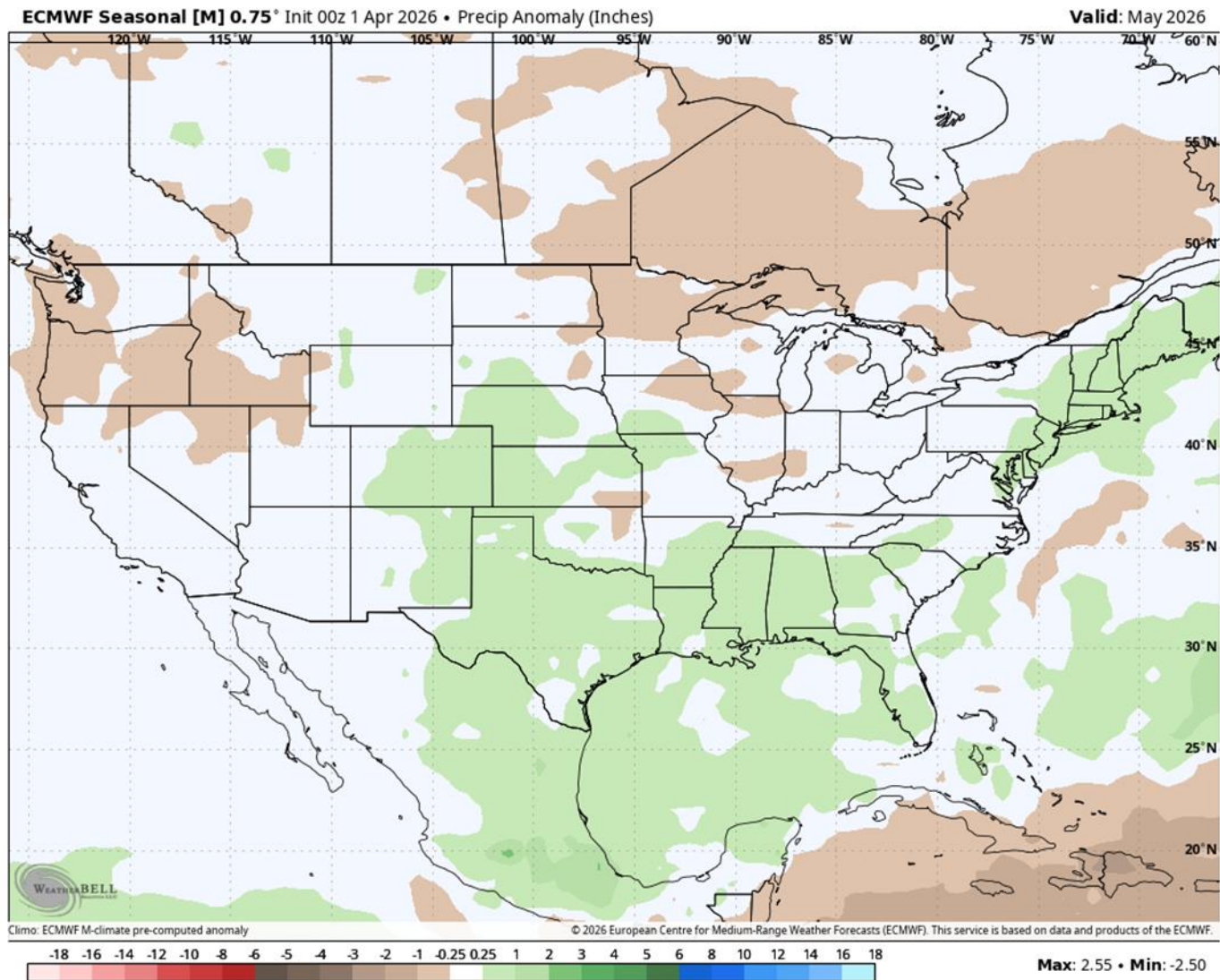
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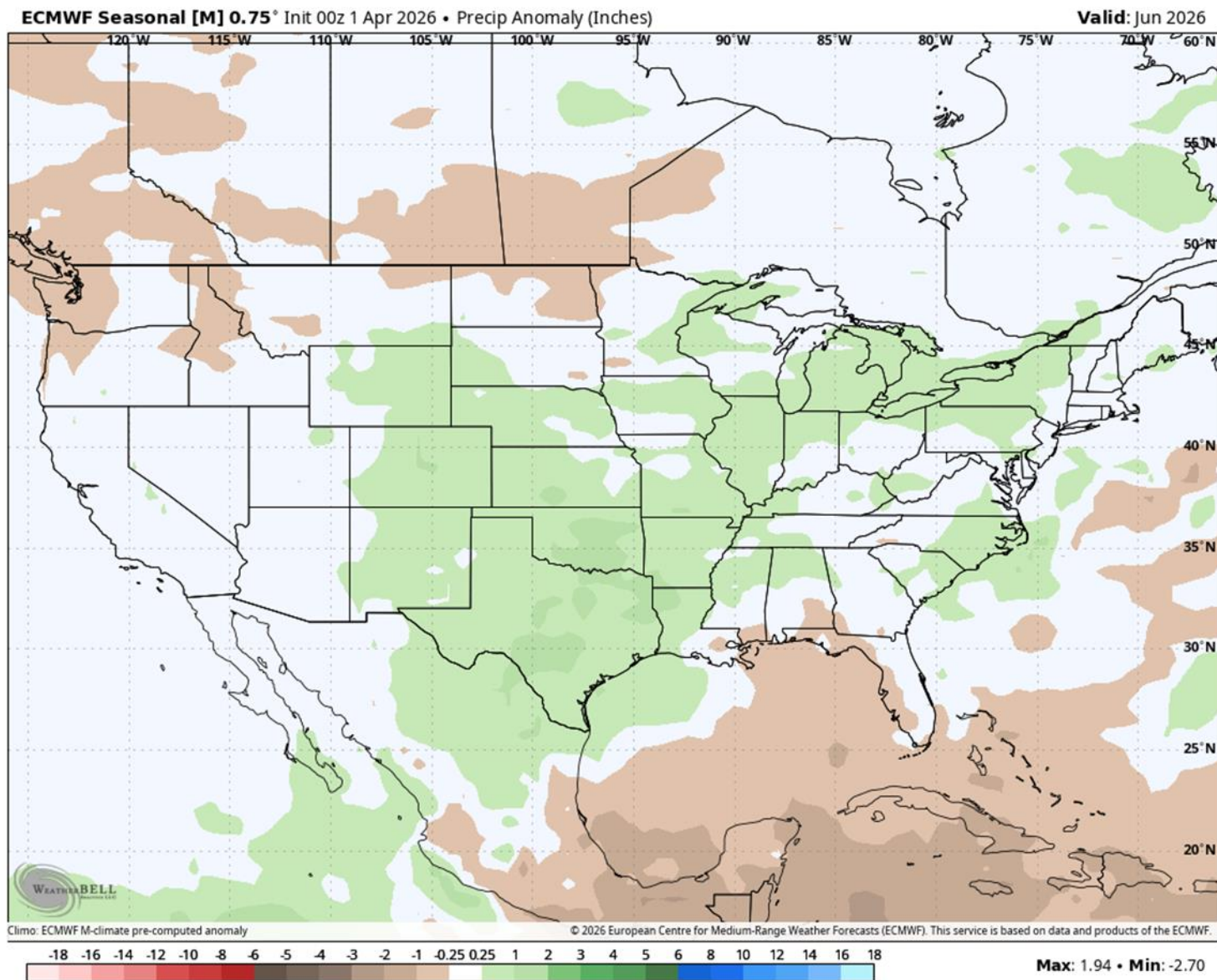
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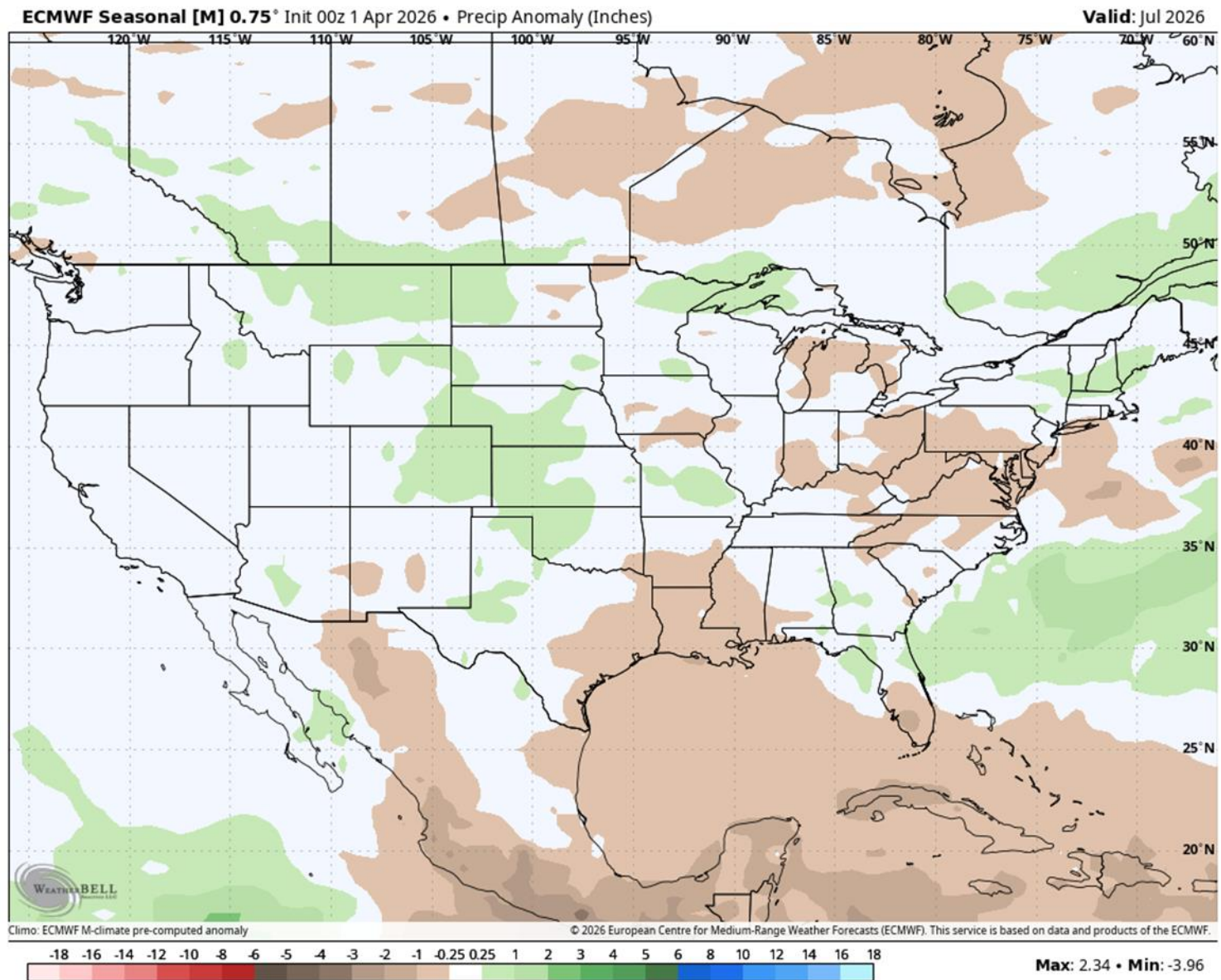
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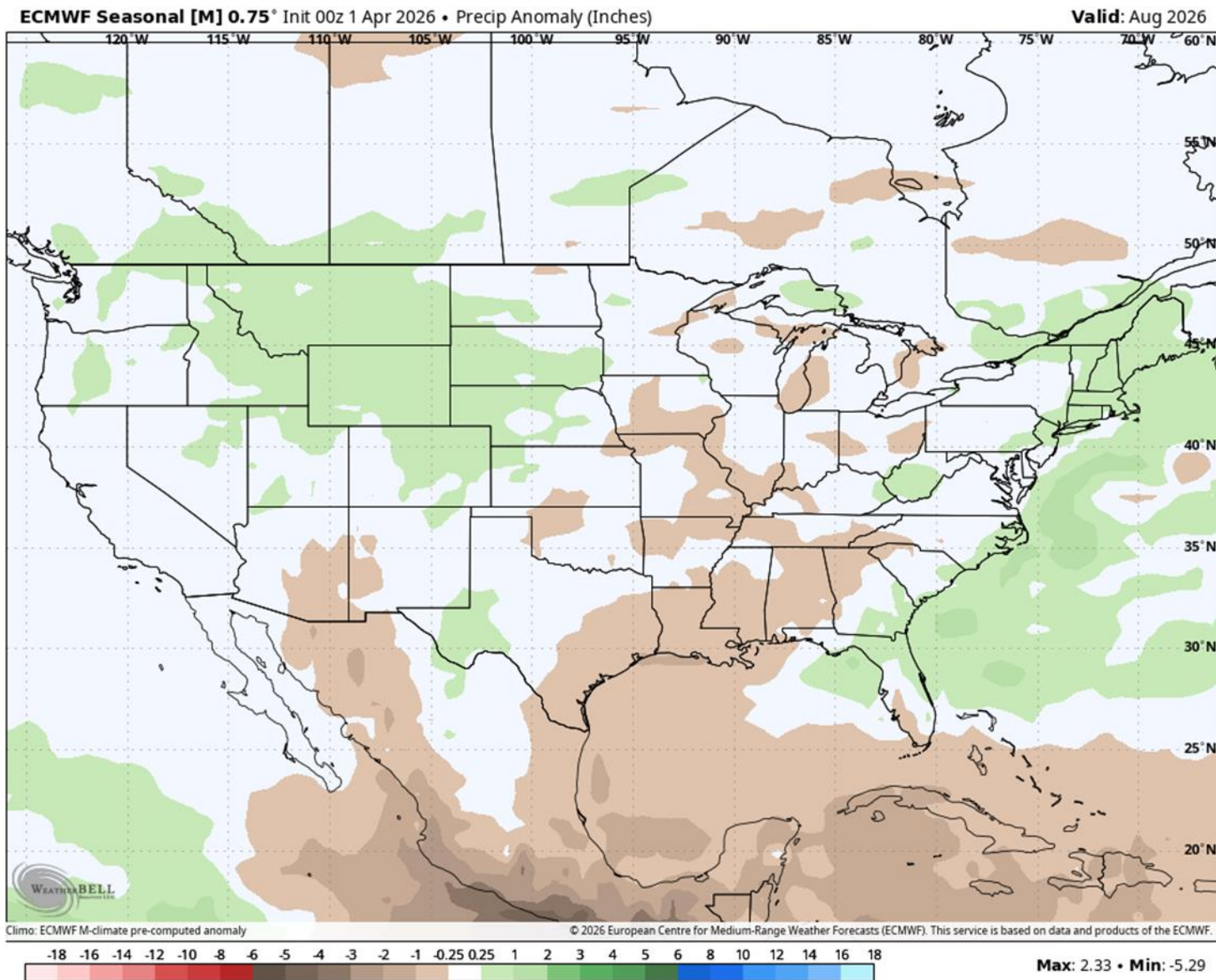
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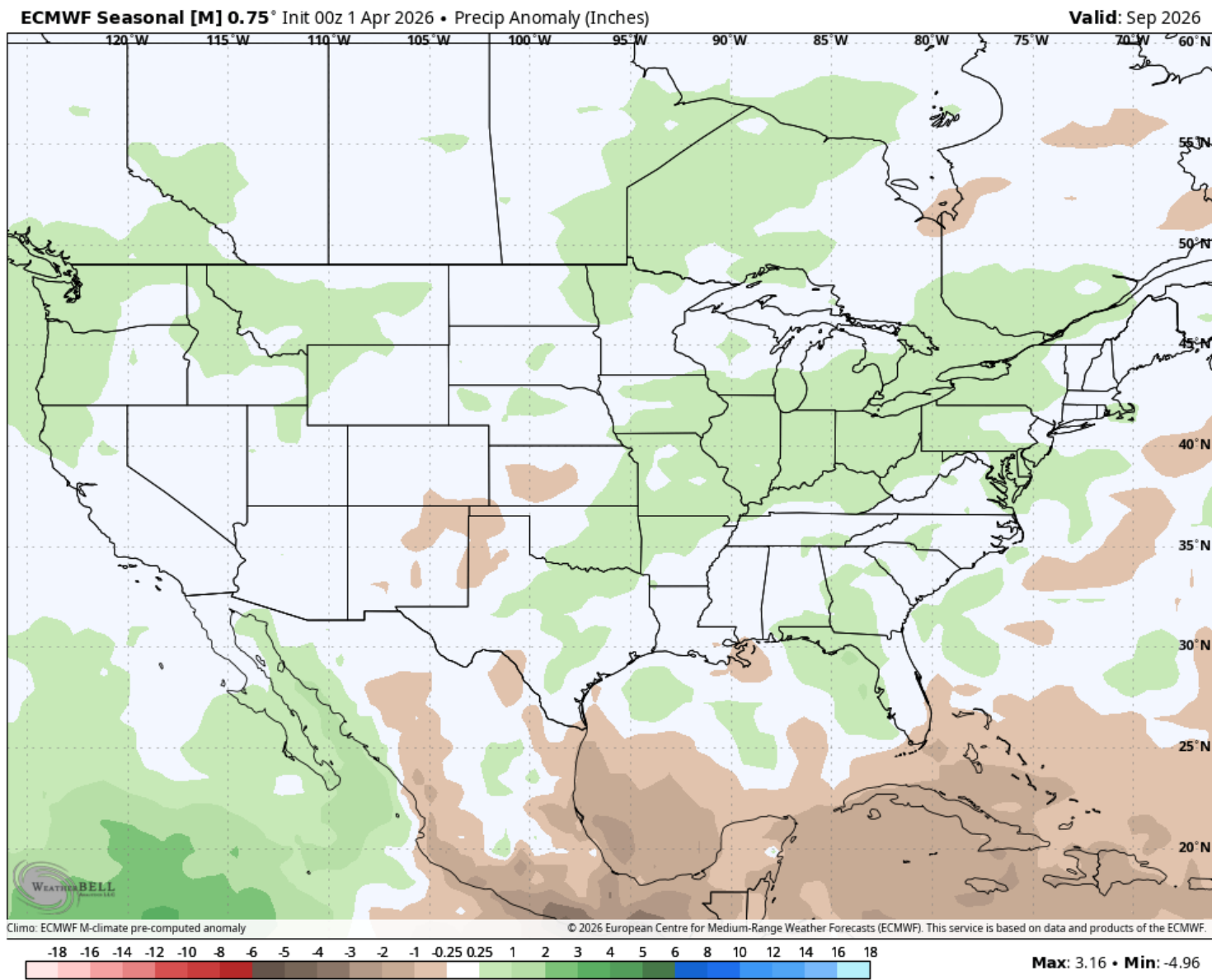
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