



Monthly Outlook Update

May 2026

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Long Range Discussion – *May 2026*

- Highlights - April

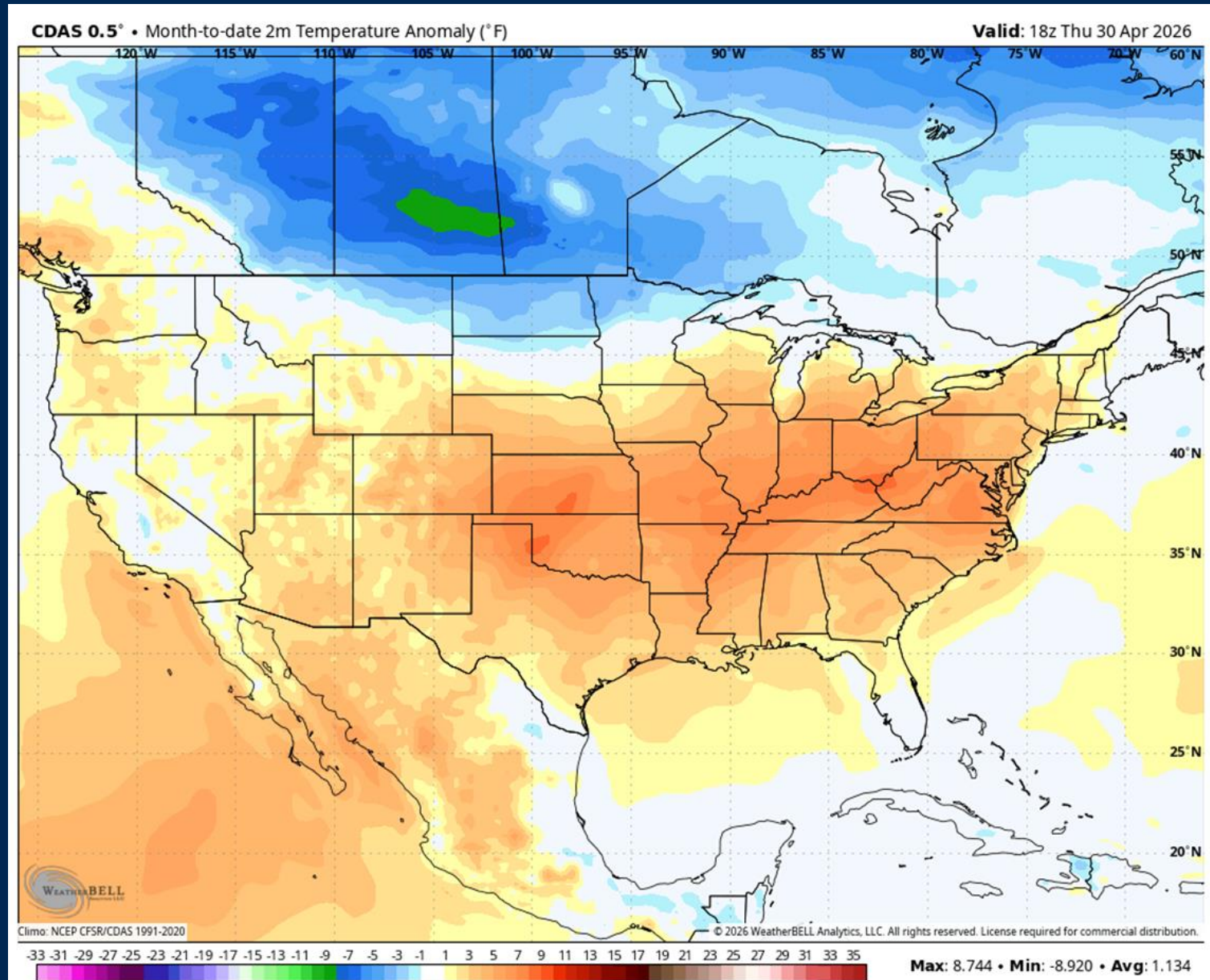
- While April not as warm as March, still above average temperatures except in the far north.

- Drought conditions worsened in parts of the Corn Belt, central High Plains, Rockies and south, some late April rain helped in the south.

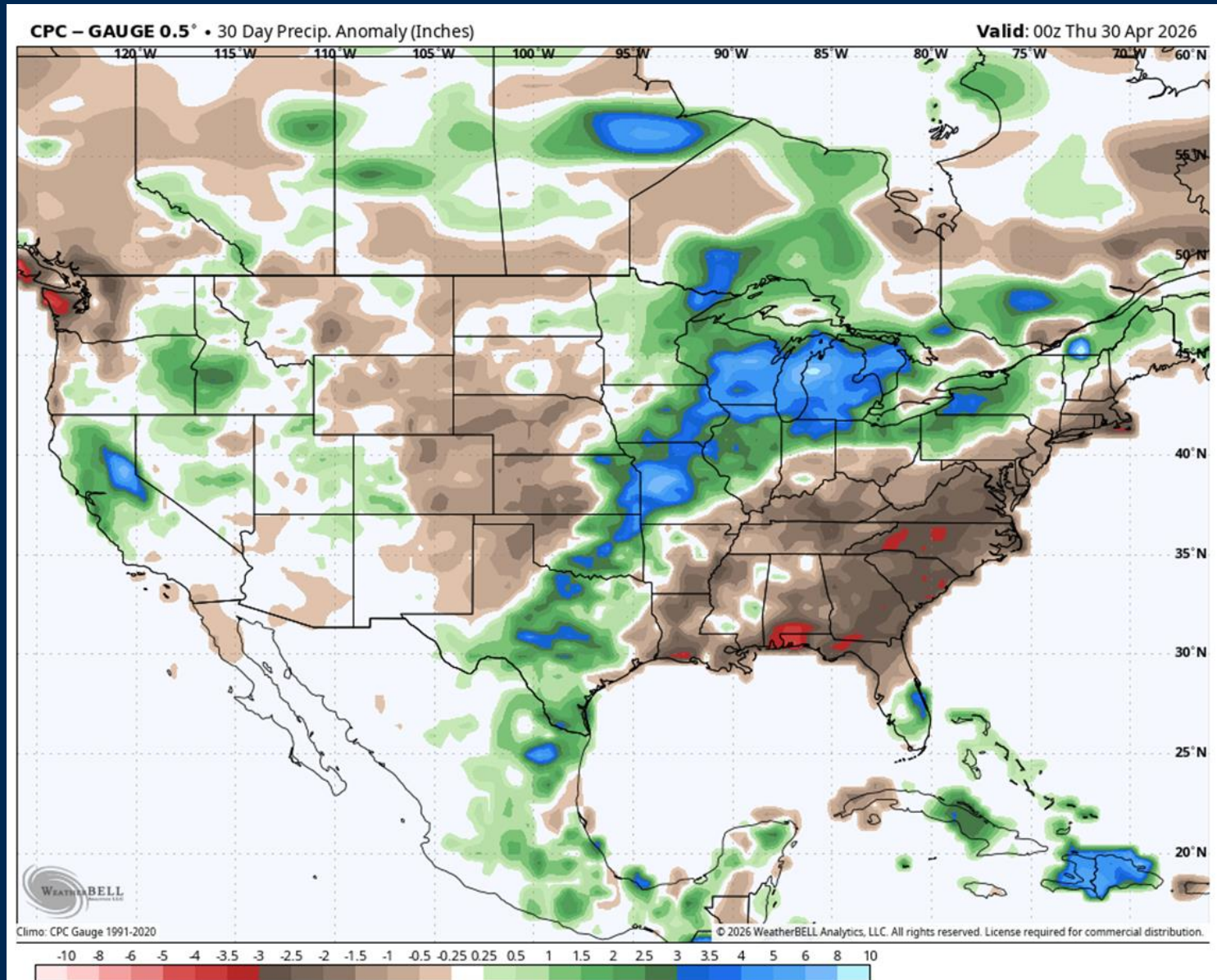
- An area of above average precipitation from East Texas northeast through parts of the Corn Belt and into the Great Lakes.

- La Nina gone, El Nino forming by the end of the month.

April Temperature Anomaly



April Precipitation Anomaly

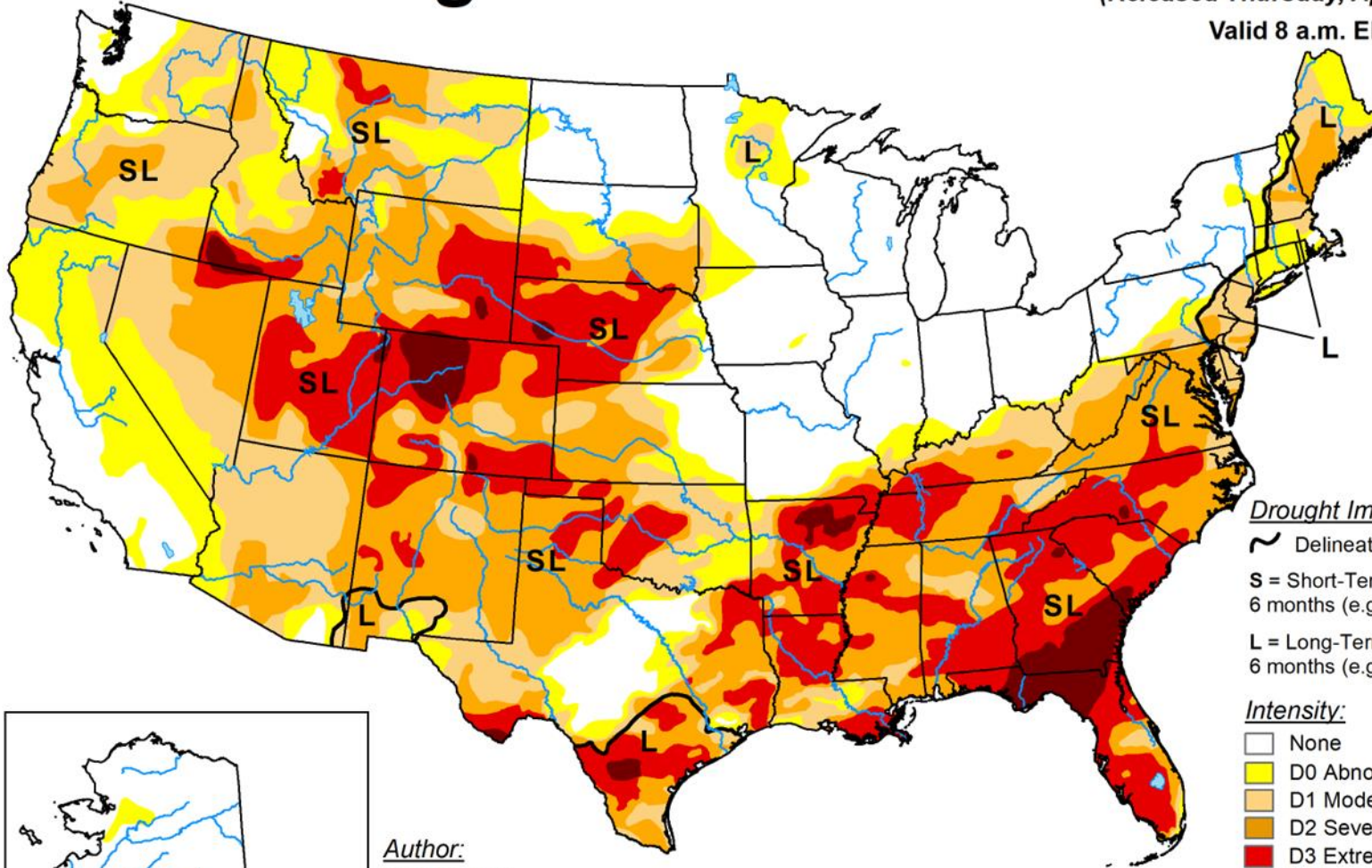


U.S. Drought Monitor

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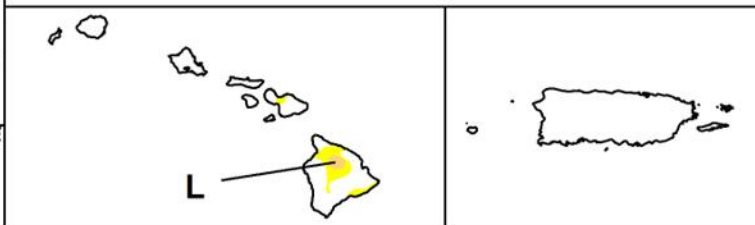
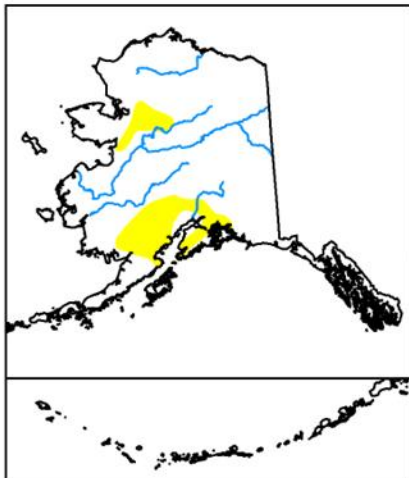
Drought Impact Types:

- ~ 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>

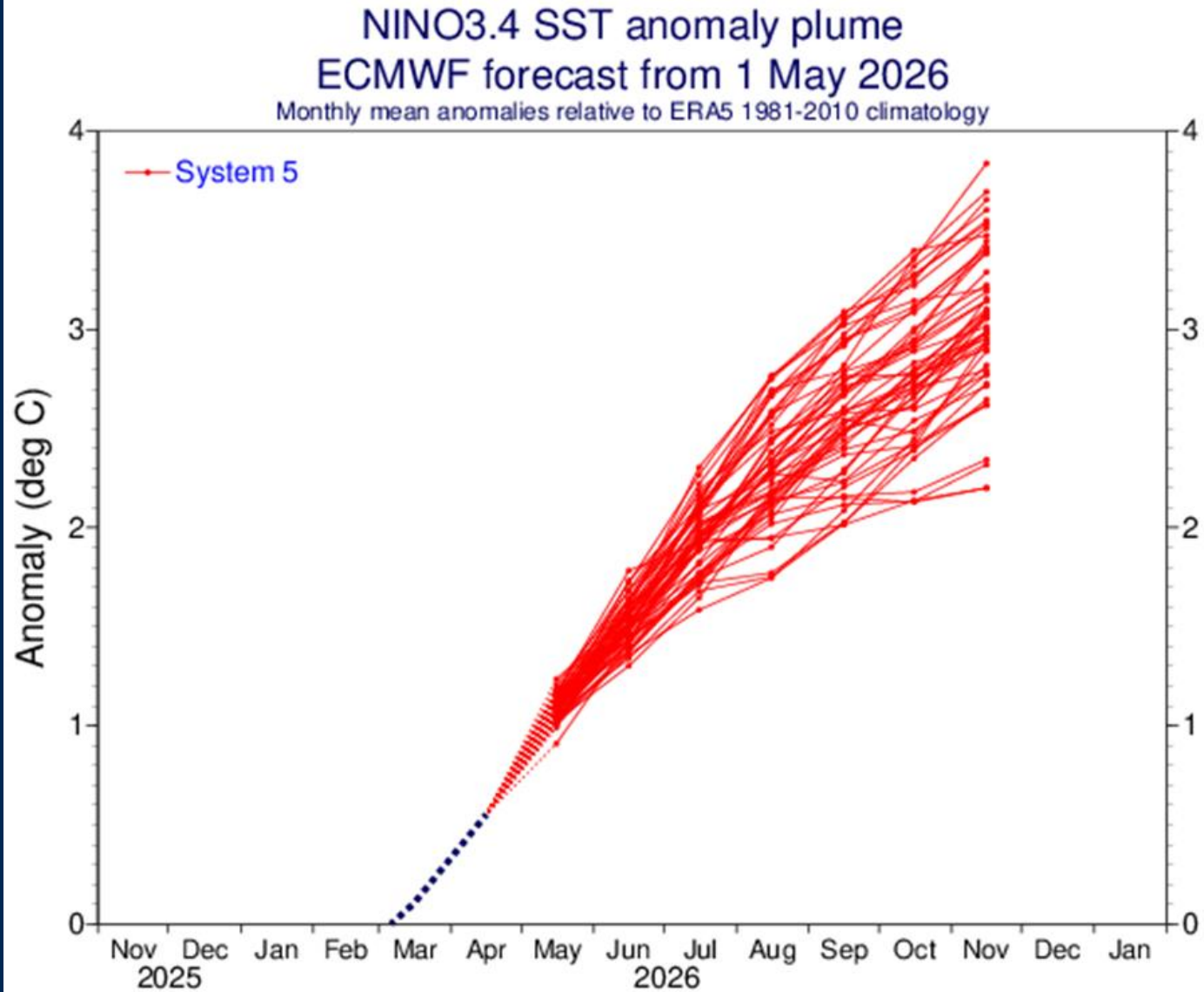


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Long Range Highlights – May

- El Nino kicking in across the subtropical Pacific but an unseasonably strong and cold low-pressure system over eastern Canada is keeping a true late spring pattern from forming, especially early to mid in May could impact Midwest and East.
- Encouraging long range seasonal projections for parts of the west, central and south in June as developing El Nino may improve precipitation chances across the west, southwest, south and some central areas.

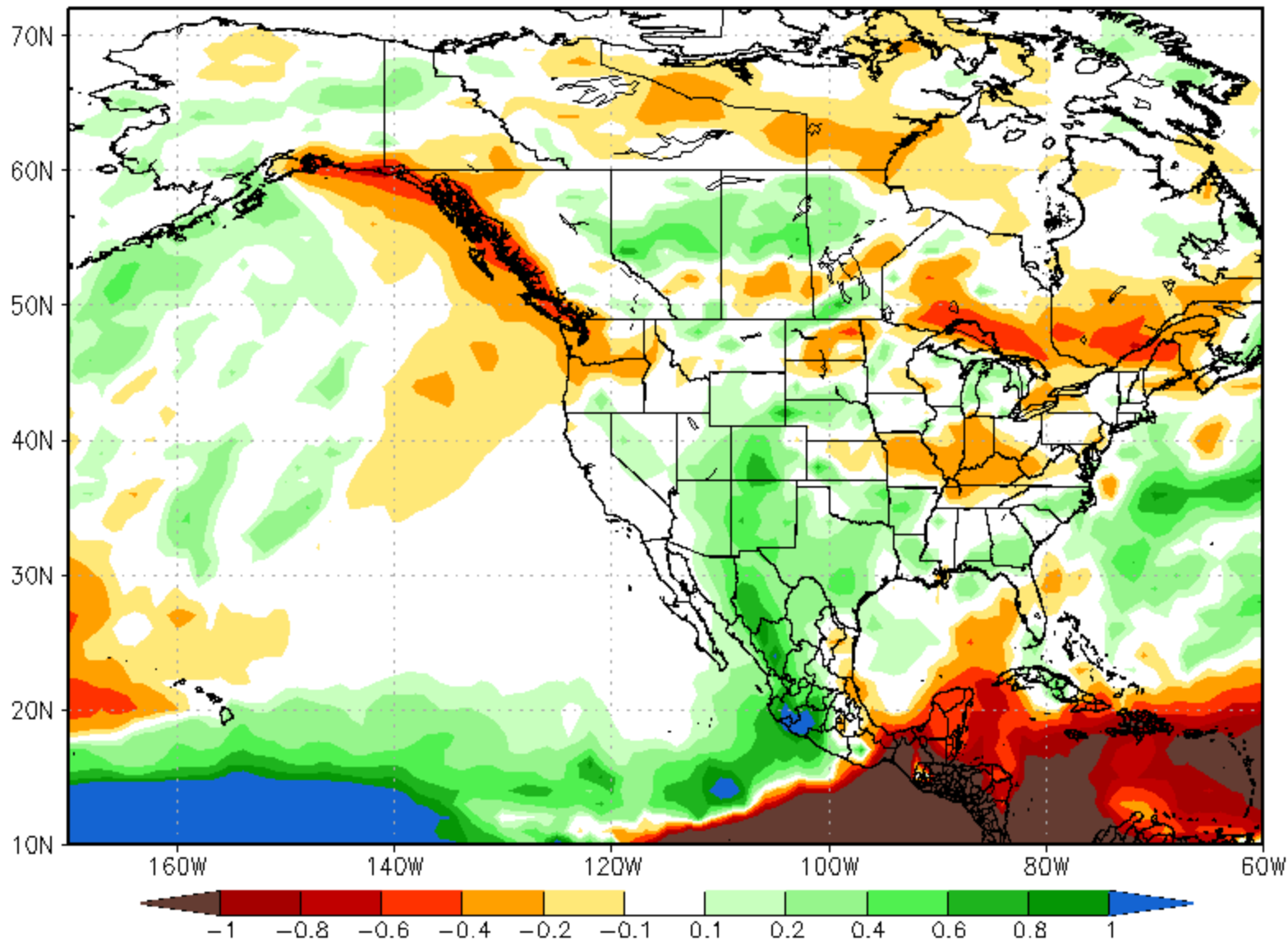
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Long Range Forecast

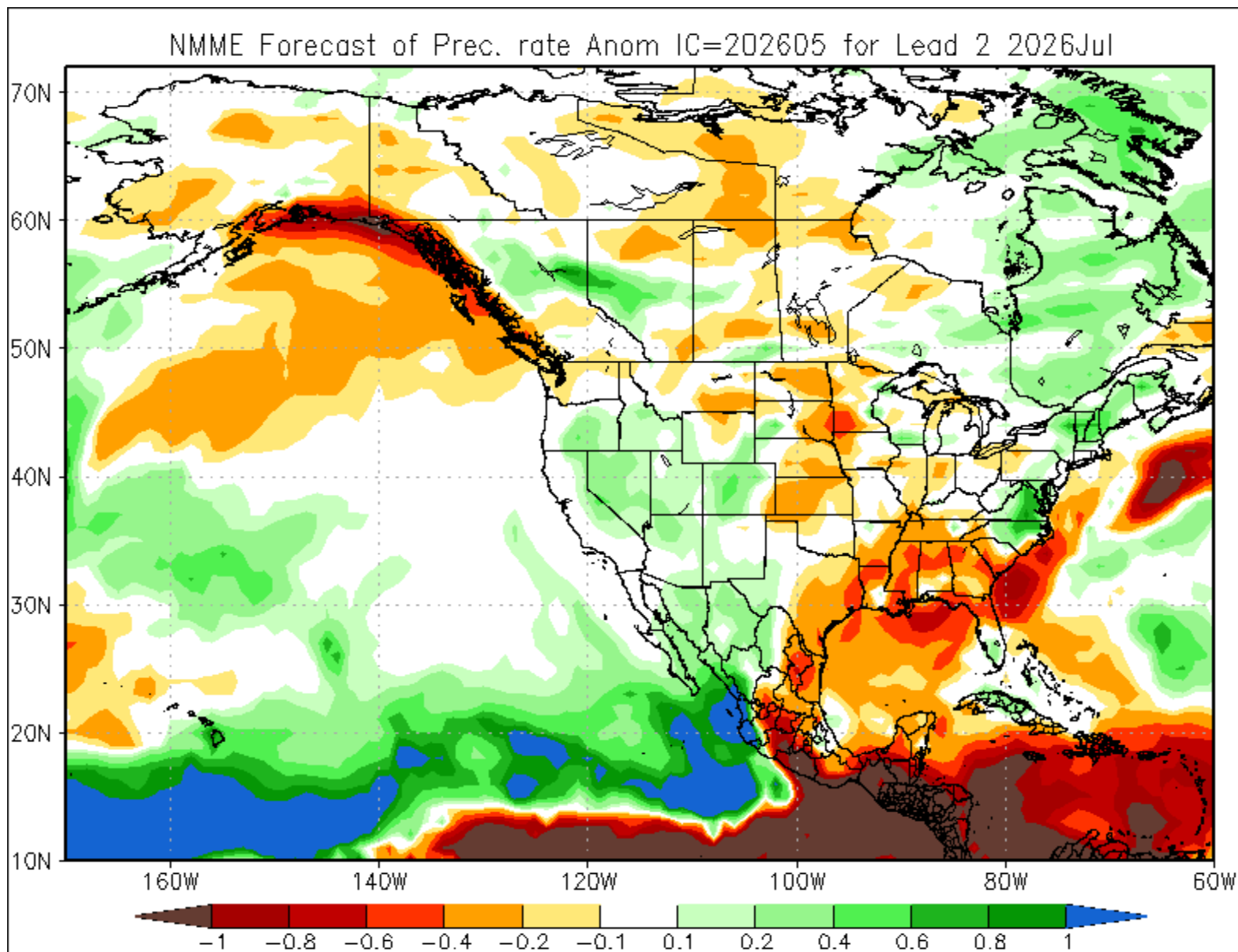
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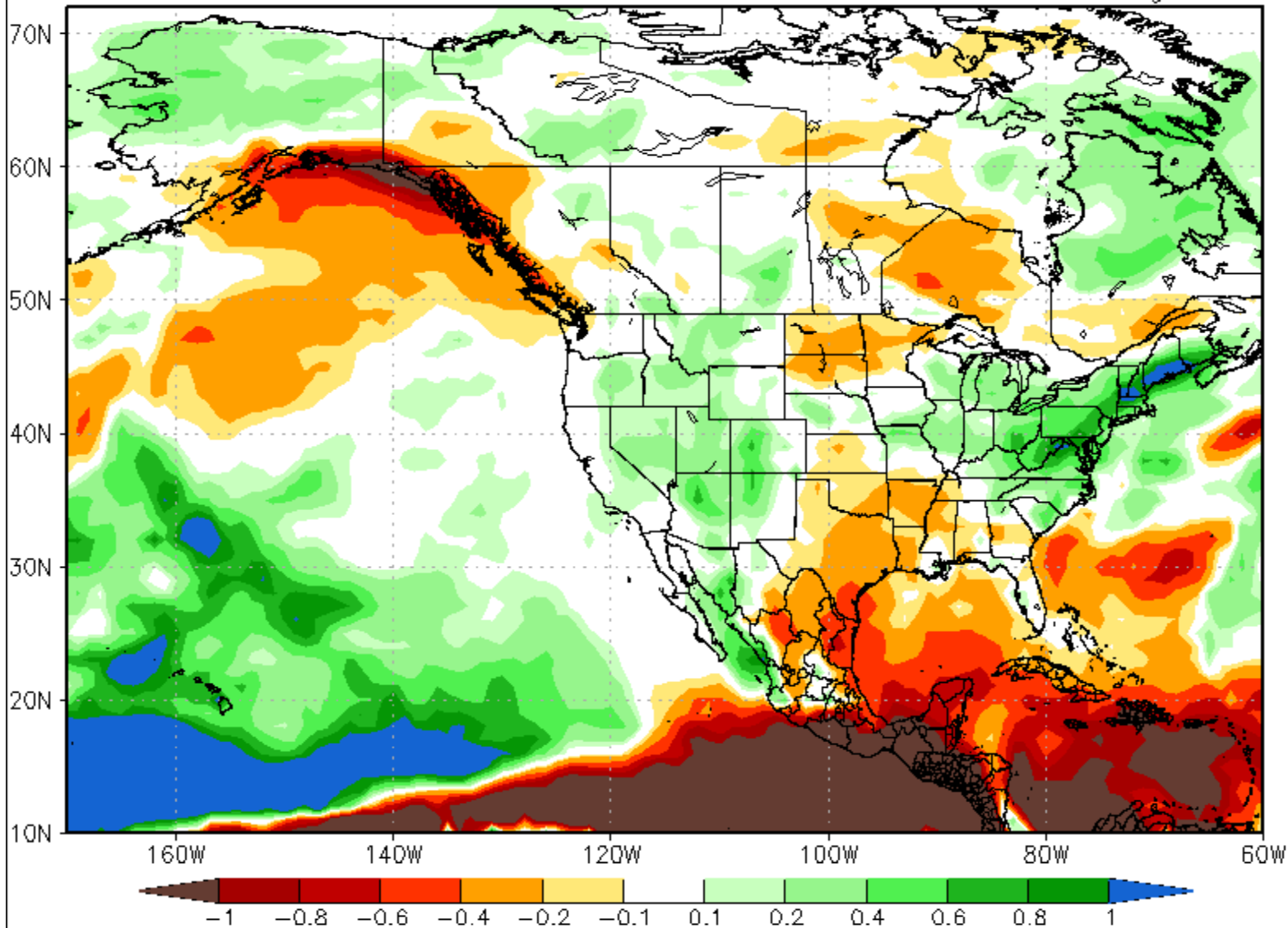
NMME Precipitation Forecast – July 2026 as of 5/7/2026



Long Range Forecast

NMME Precipitation Forecast – August 2026 as of 5/7/2026

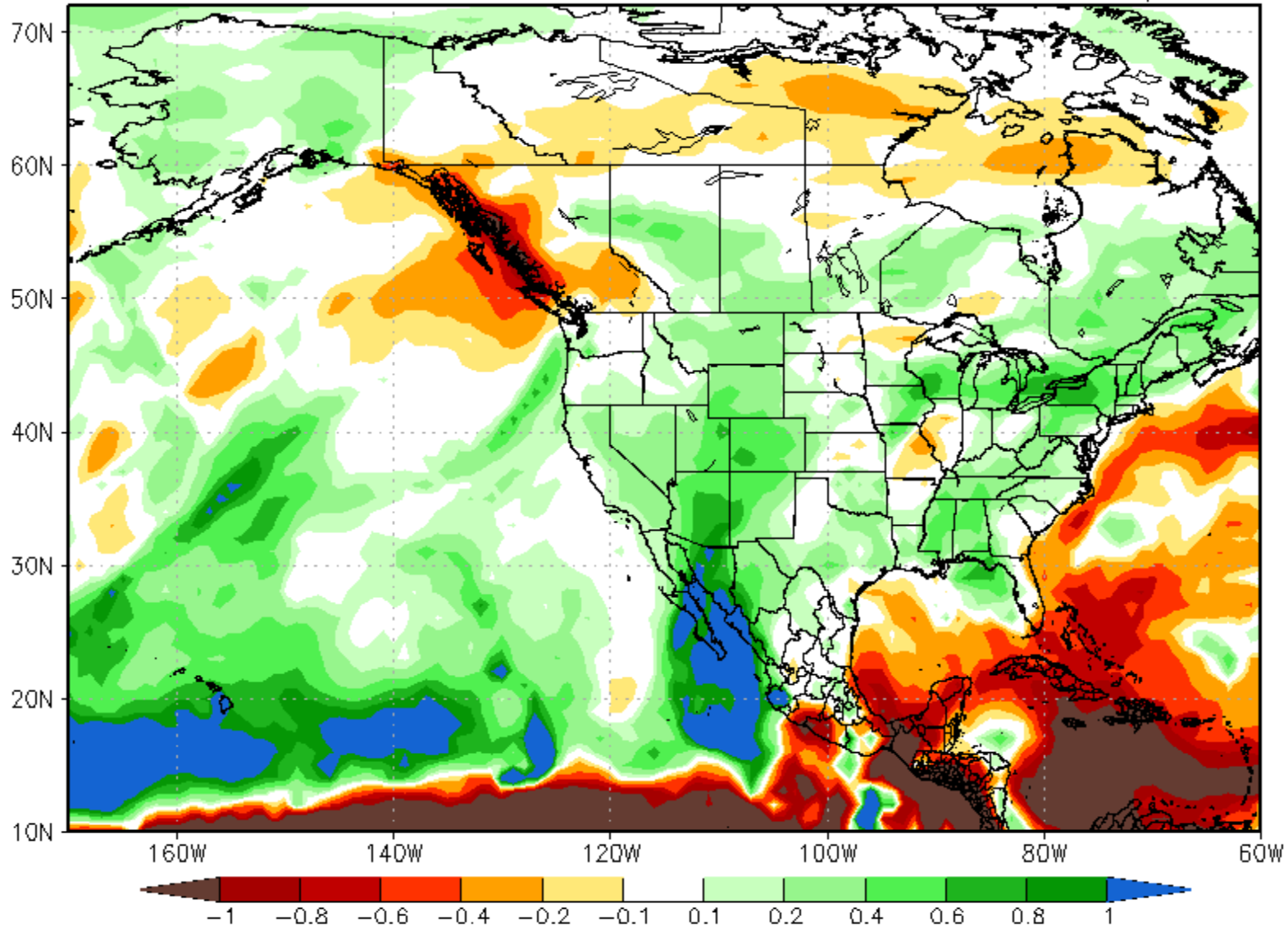
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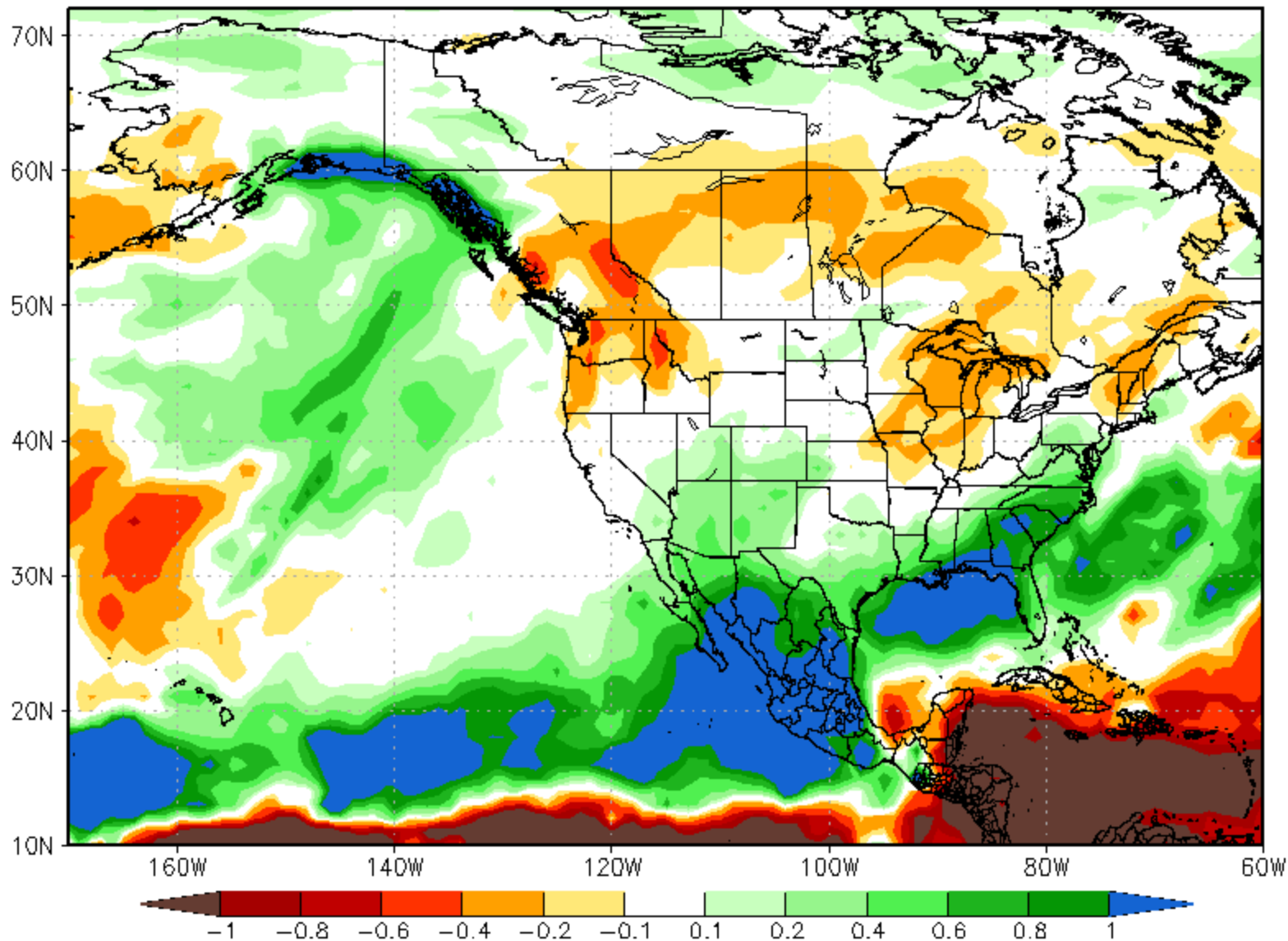
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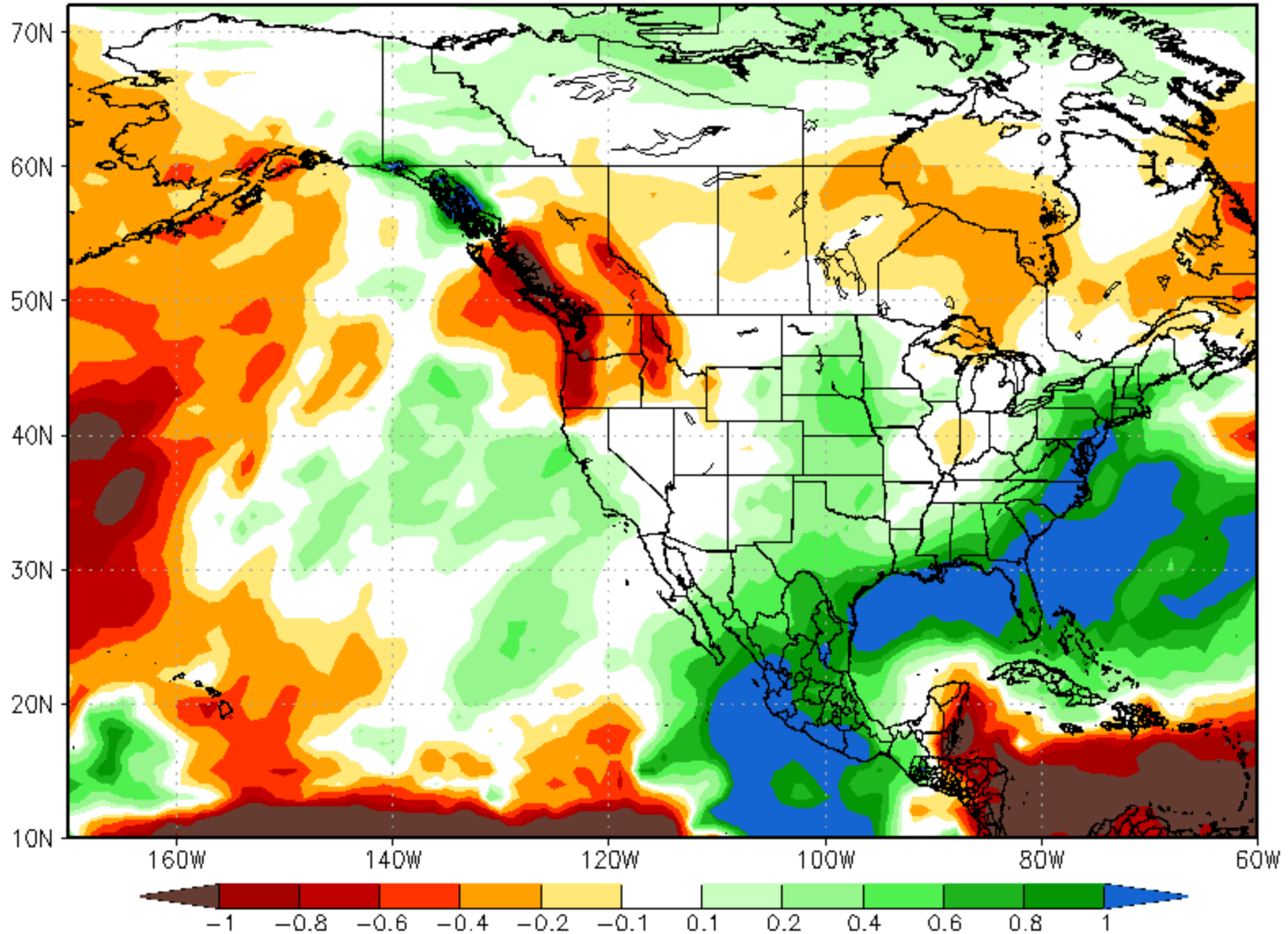
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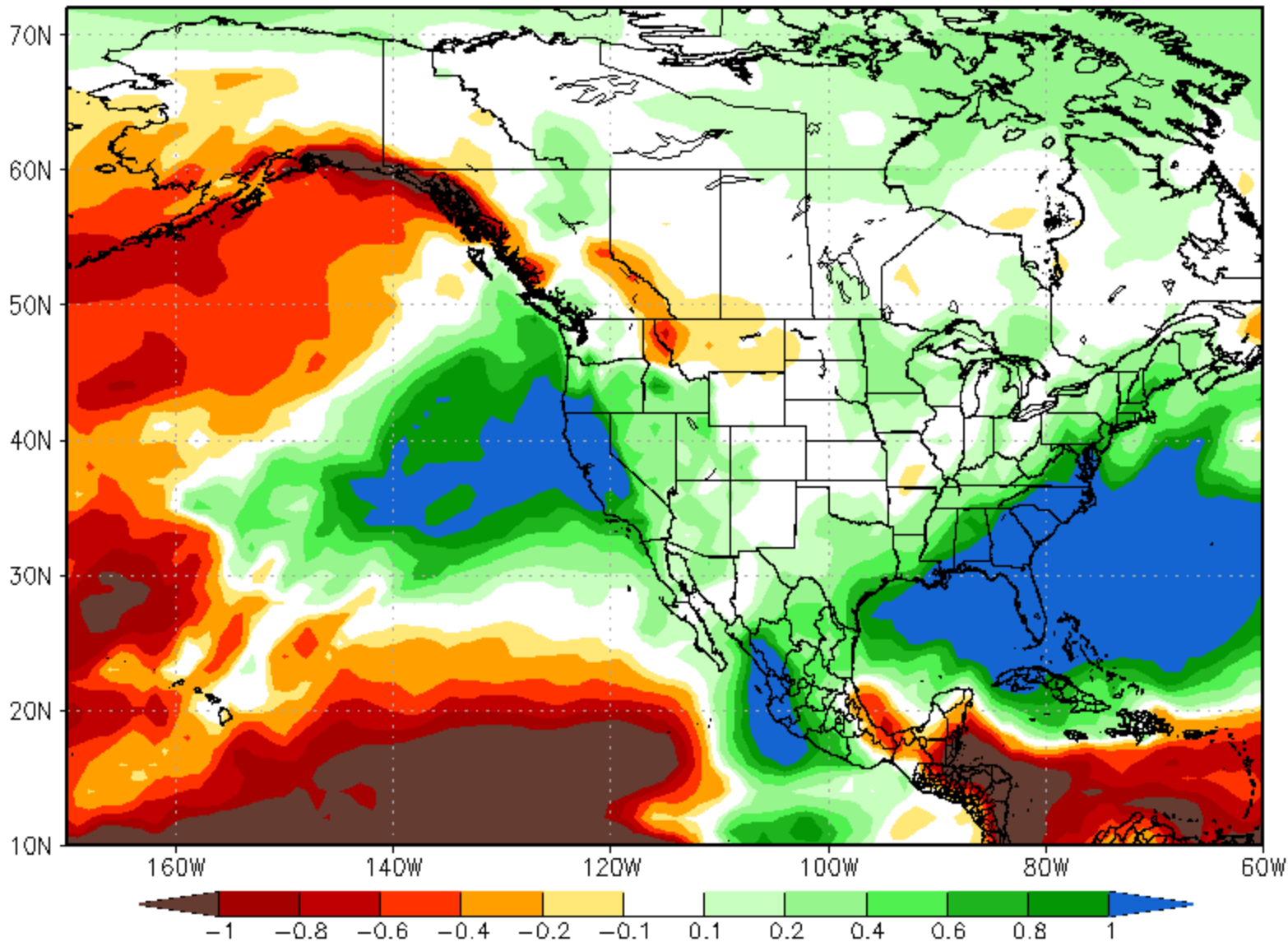
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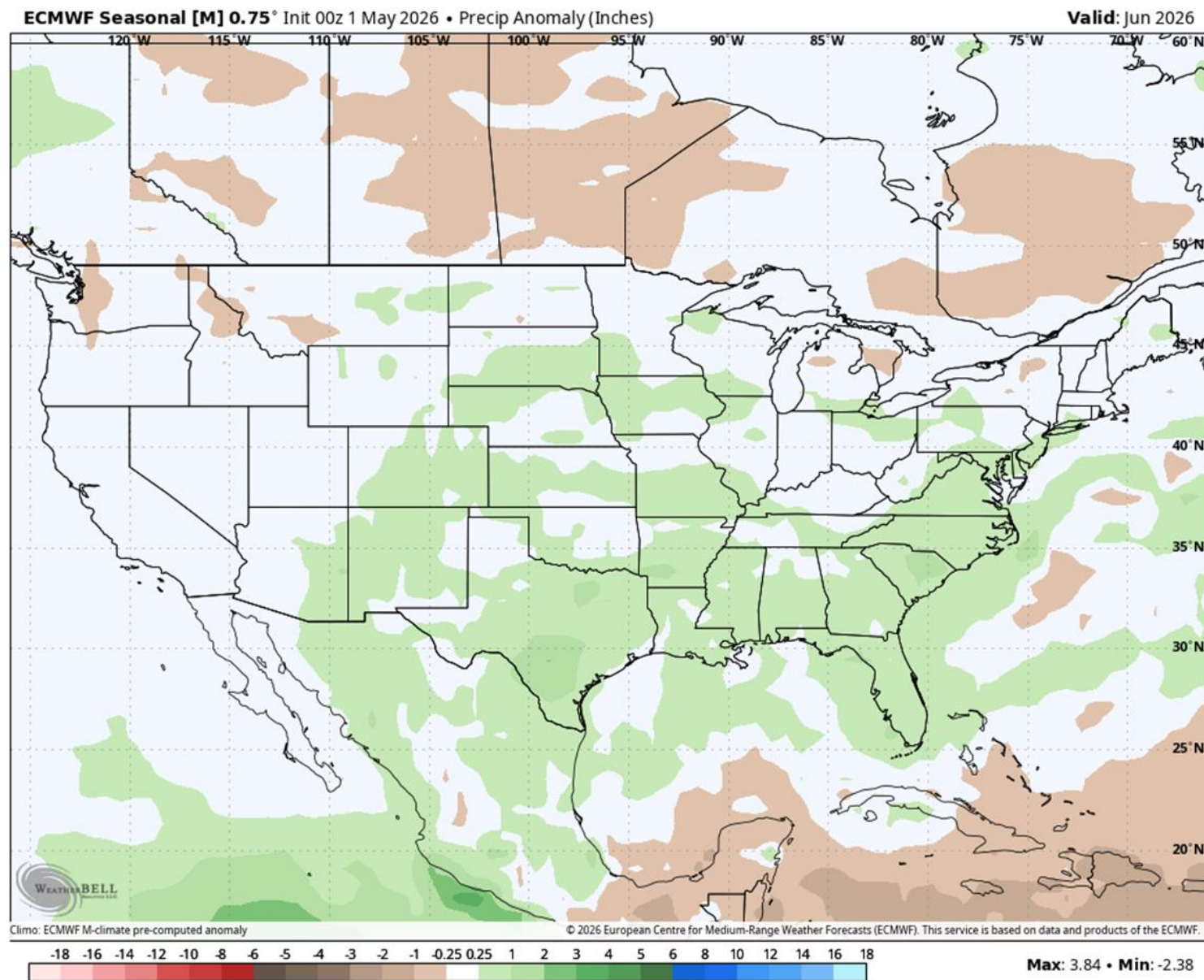
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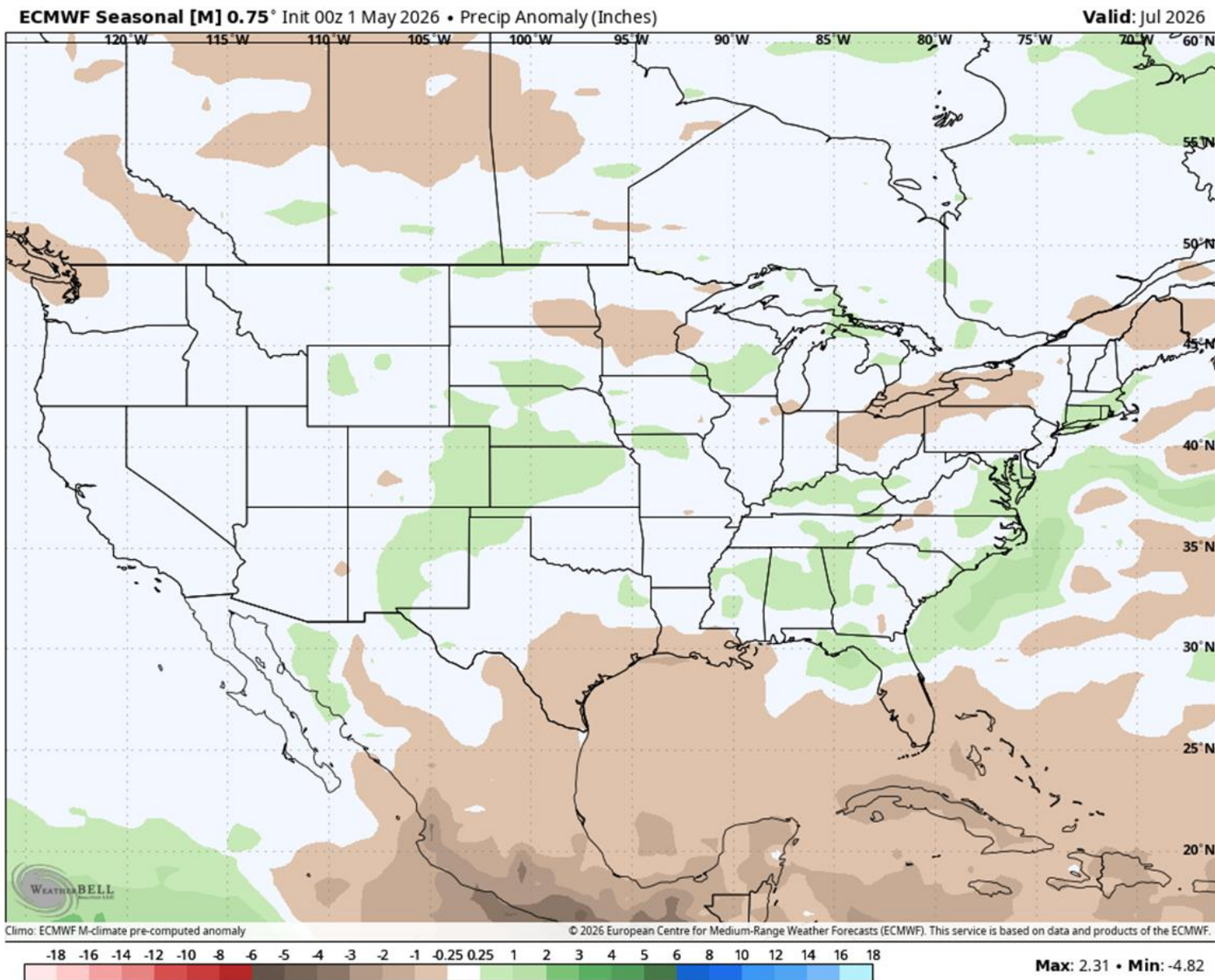
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Euro Model Precipitation Forecast – June 2026 as of 5/5/2026



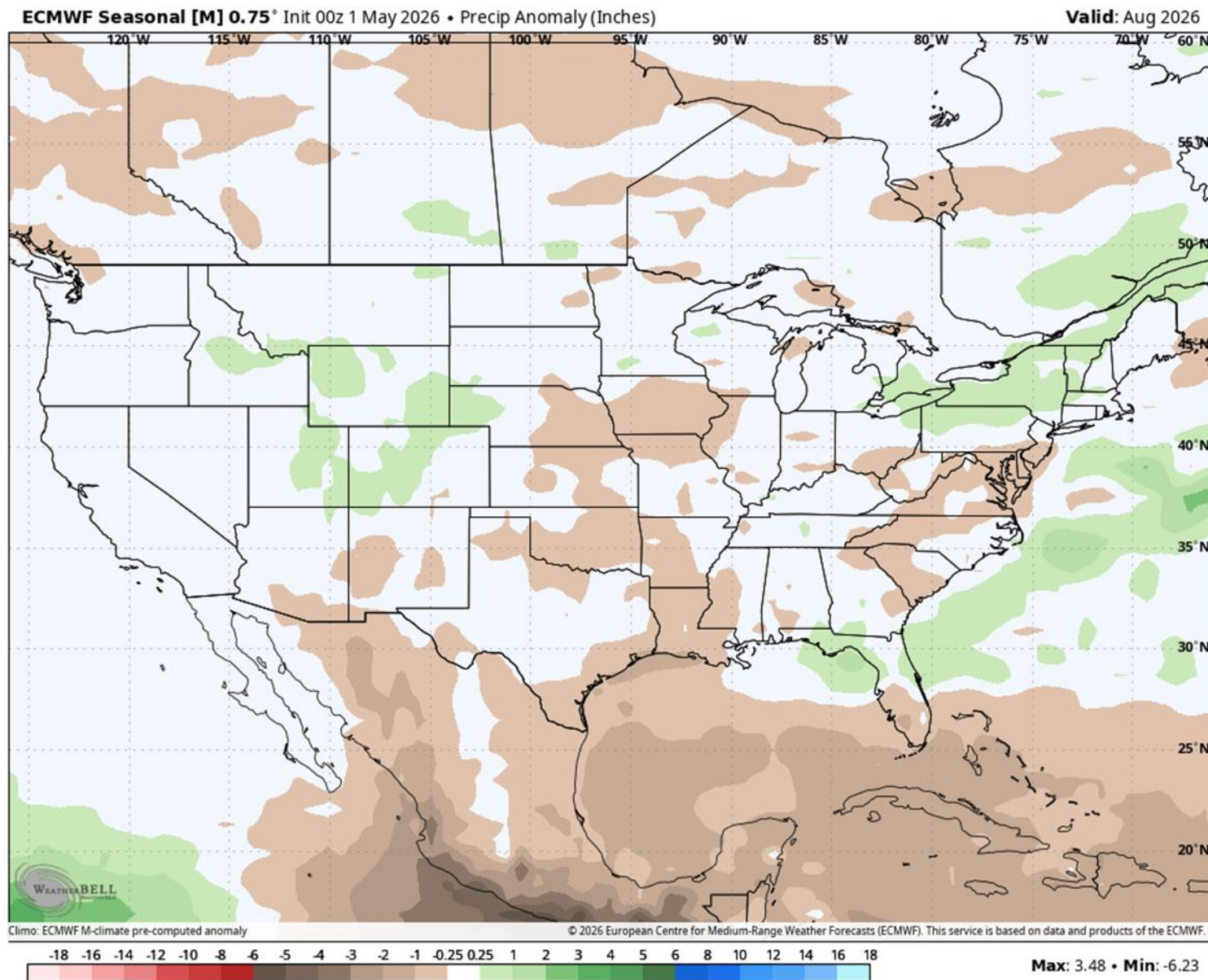
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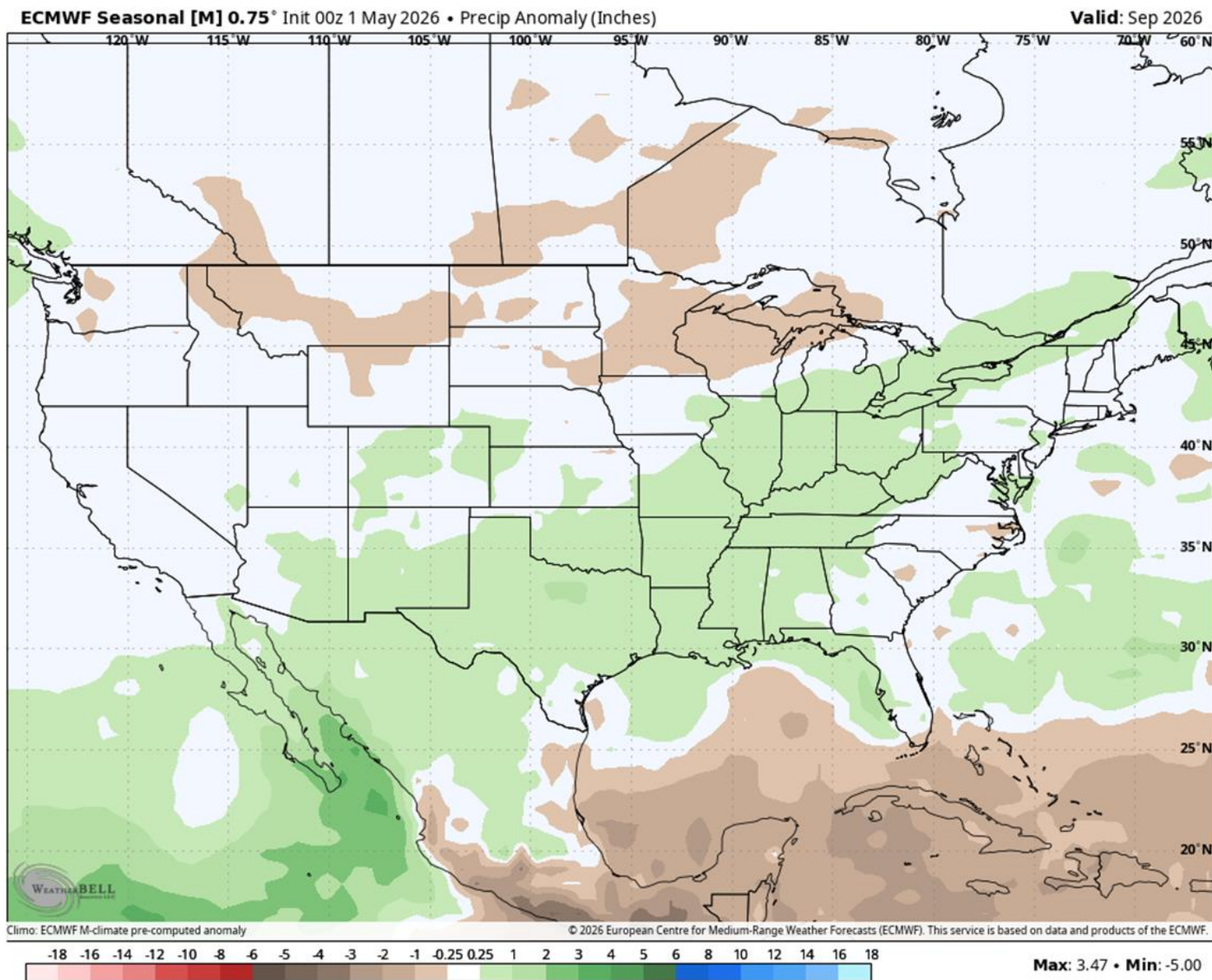
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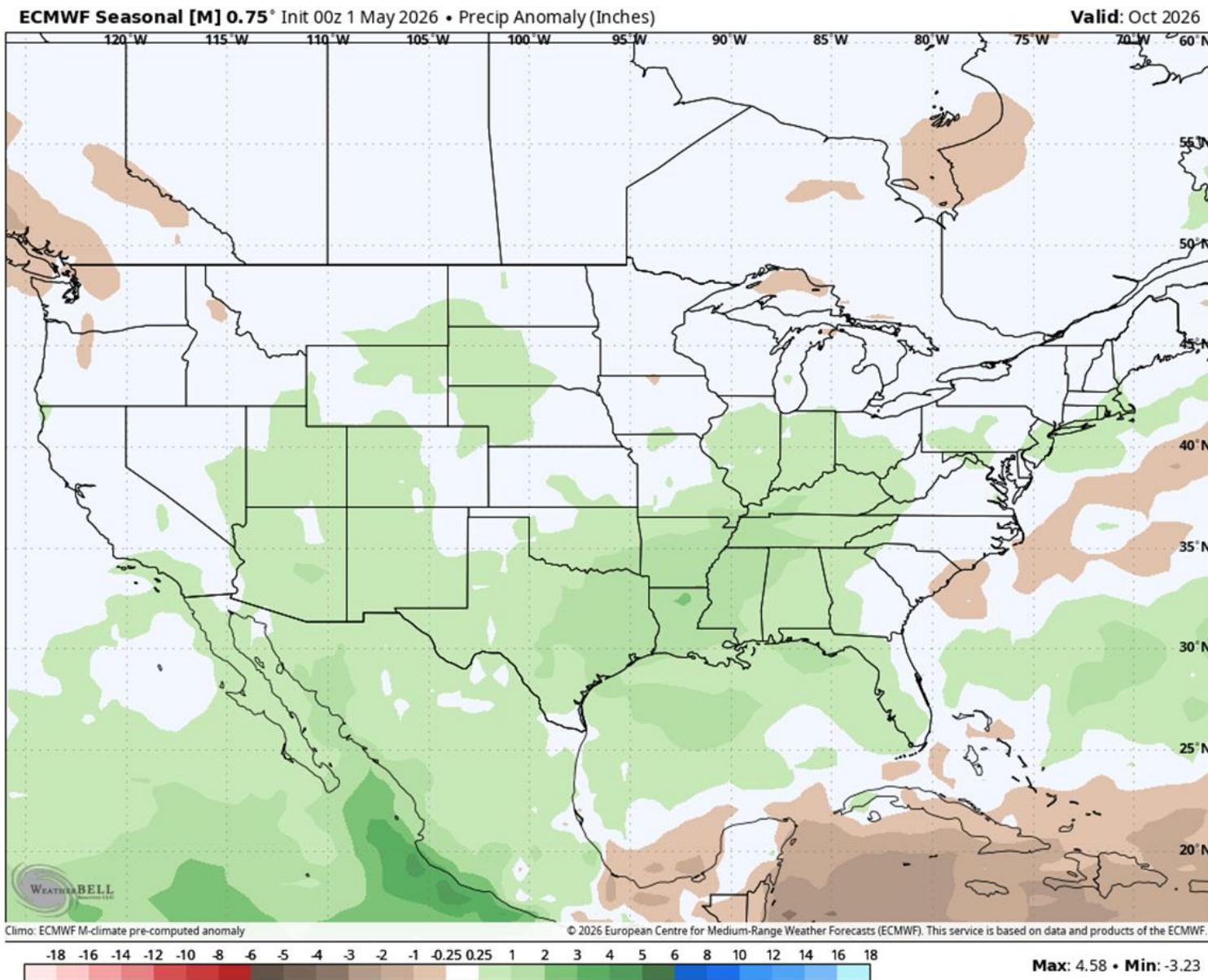
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