



Long Range Outlook

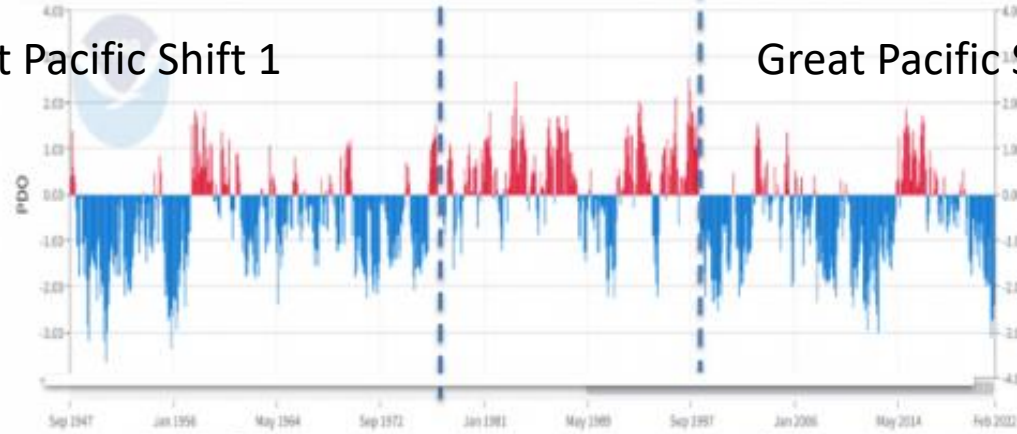
Spring-Summer 2025



North Pacific Sea Surface Temperatures (PDO)

Great Pacific Shift 1

Great Pacific Shift 2



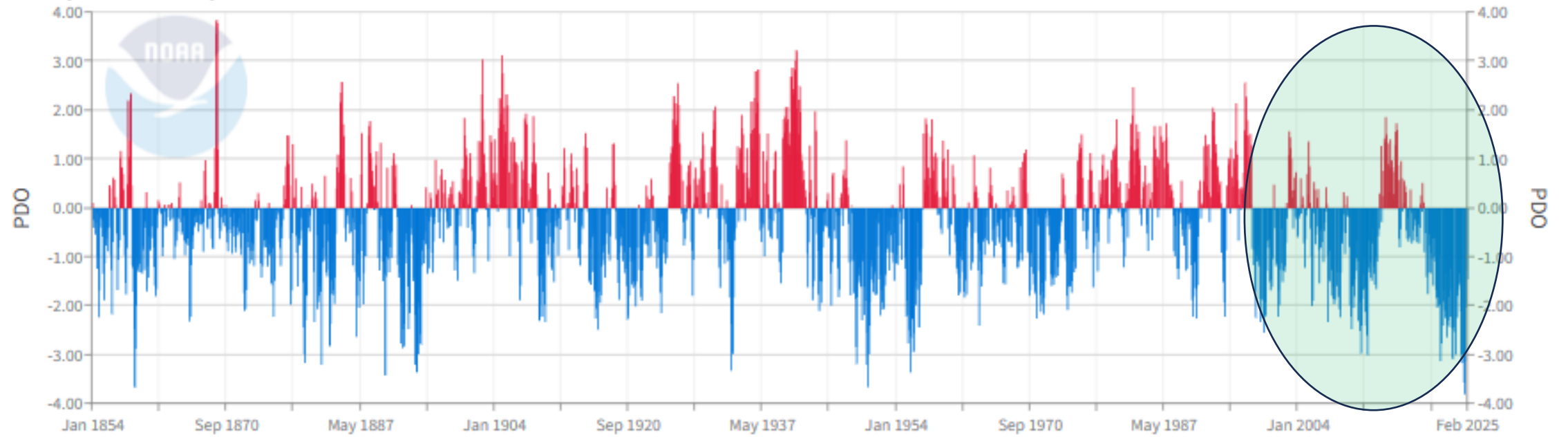
<i>PDO</i>	Cold	Warm	Cold
	1947-1977	1978-1998	1999-2022
El Nino	7	10	8
La Nina	14	3	13

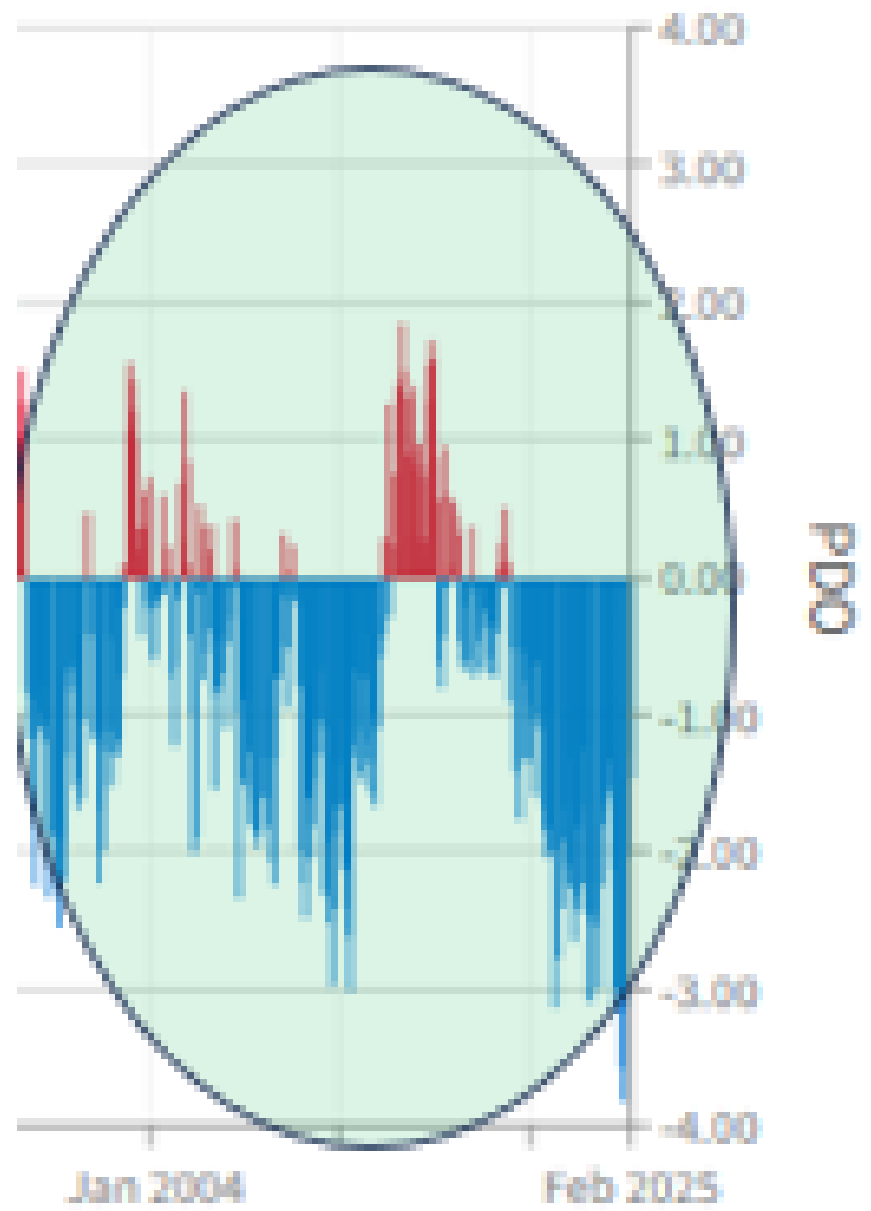
NOAA CDC

ENSO Duration in Months		
	El Nino	La Nina
Positive PDO	21	12
Negative PDO	13	21

Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)

January 1854-February 2025





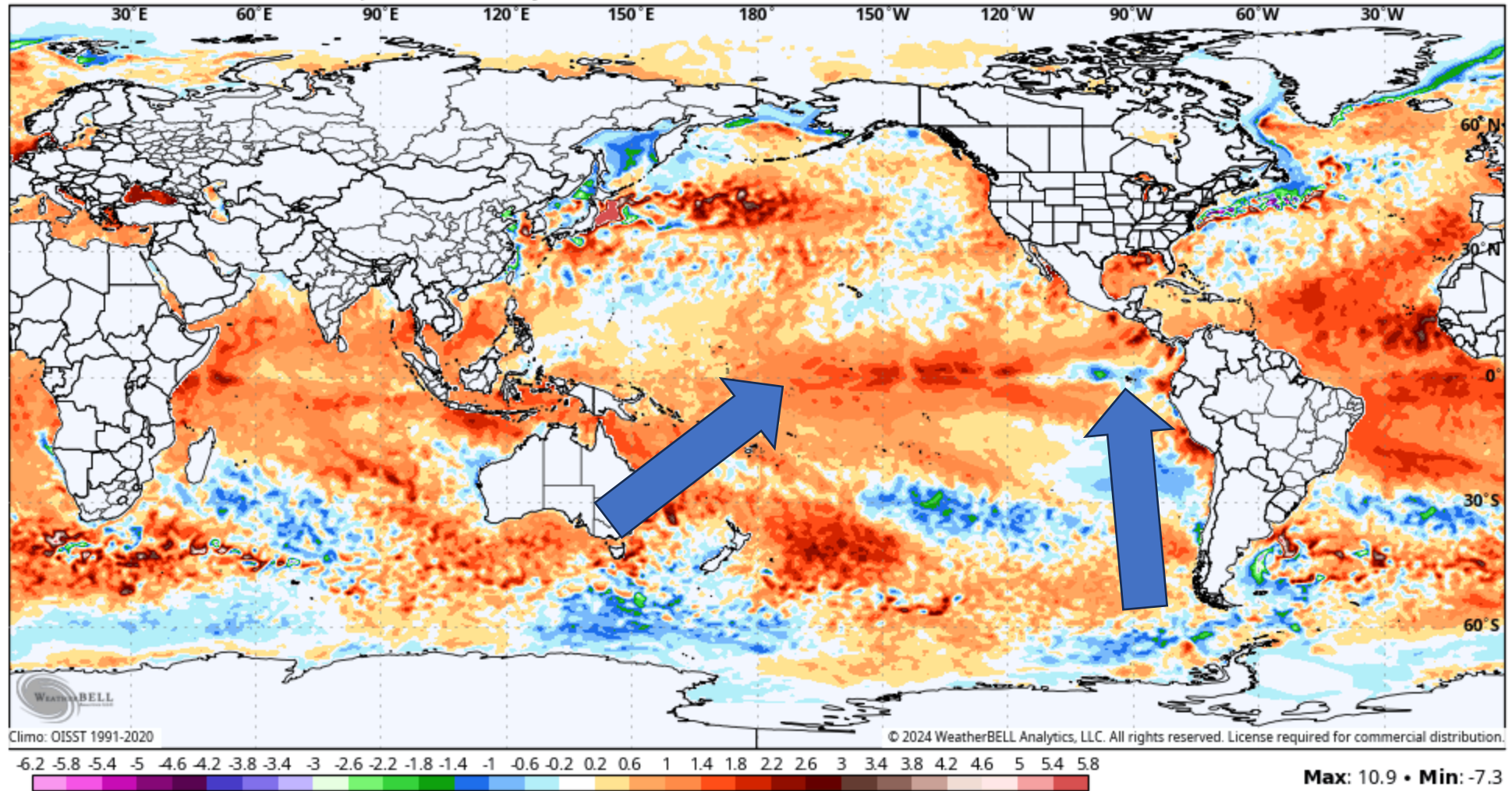
Overview

- ENSO whiplash
 - 2022-2023 Winter – La Nina Fall to El Nino developing in winter + Possible Tonga Volcano impacts
 - 2023-2024 – Winter – El Nino Fall/early winter to La Nina Spring/Summer
 - 2024- 2025 Winter – La Nina Fall/early winter to ENSO neutral by Spring/Summer
 - La Nina patterns overall bring “islands of extreme” to the western states, large islands of drought and smaller islands of more wet conditions with drought being dominant
 - La Nina keeps jet stream more north, less opportunity for upslope storm events on the plains
 - El Nino or ENSO neutral patterns bring better precipitation and less extremes

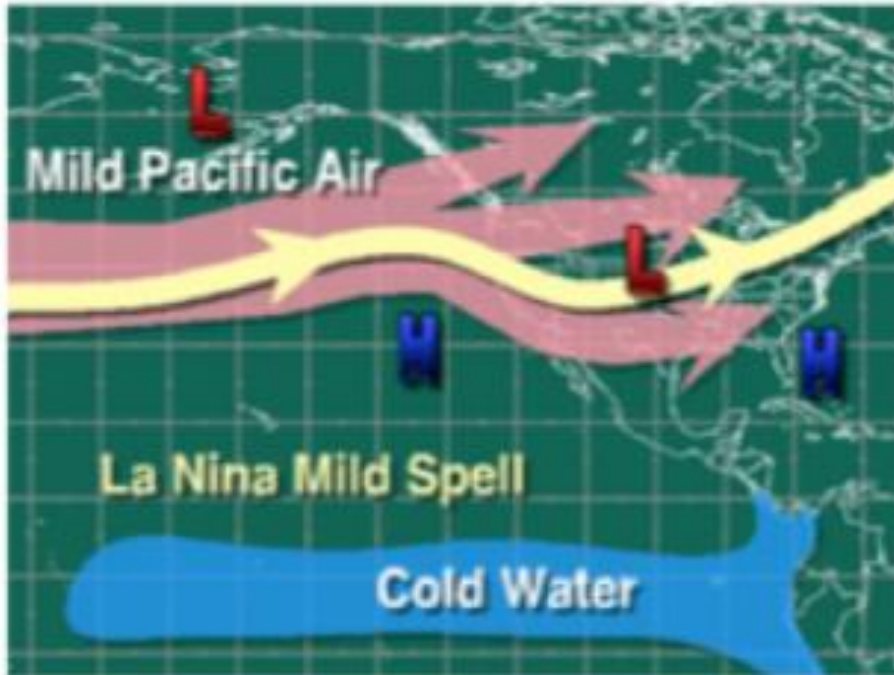
March 2024

OISST 0.25° • Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (°C)

Valid: 00z Mon 4 Mar 2024



La Nina Phase 1



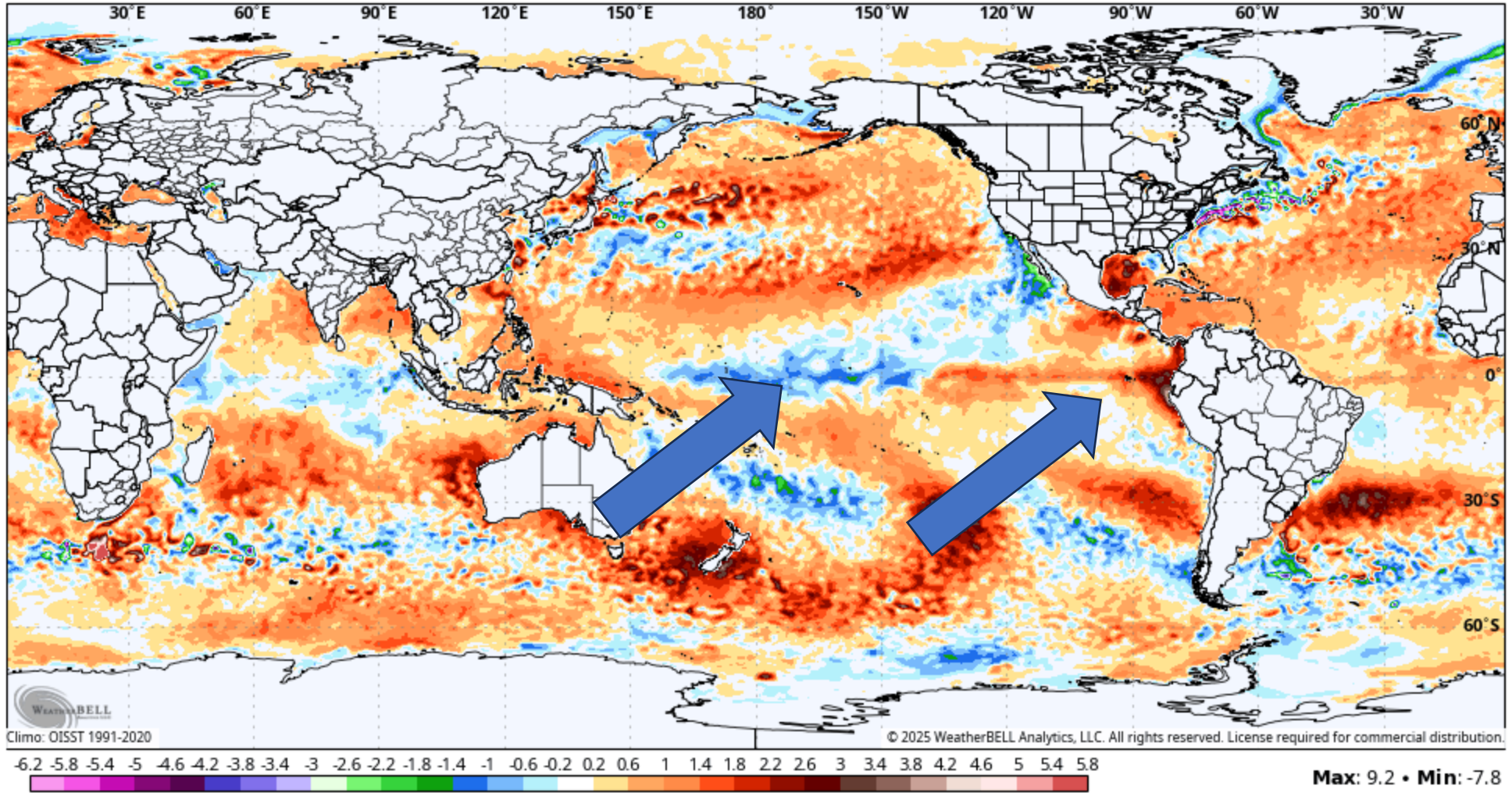
La Nina Phase 2



March 2025 – La Nina Fading Fast

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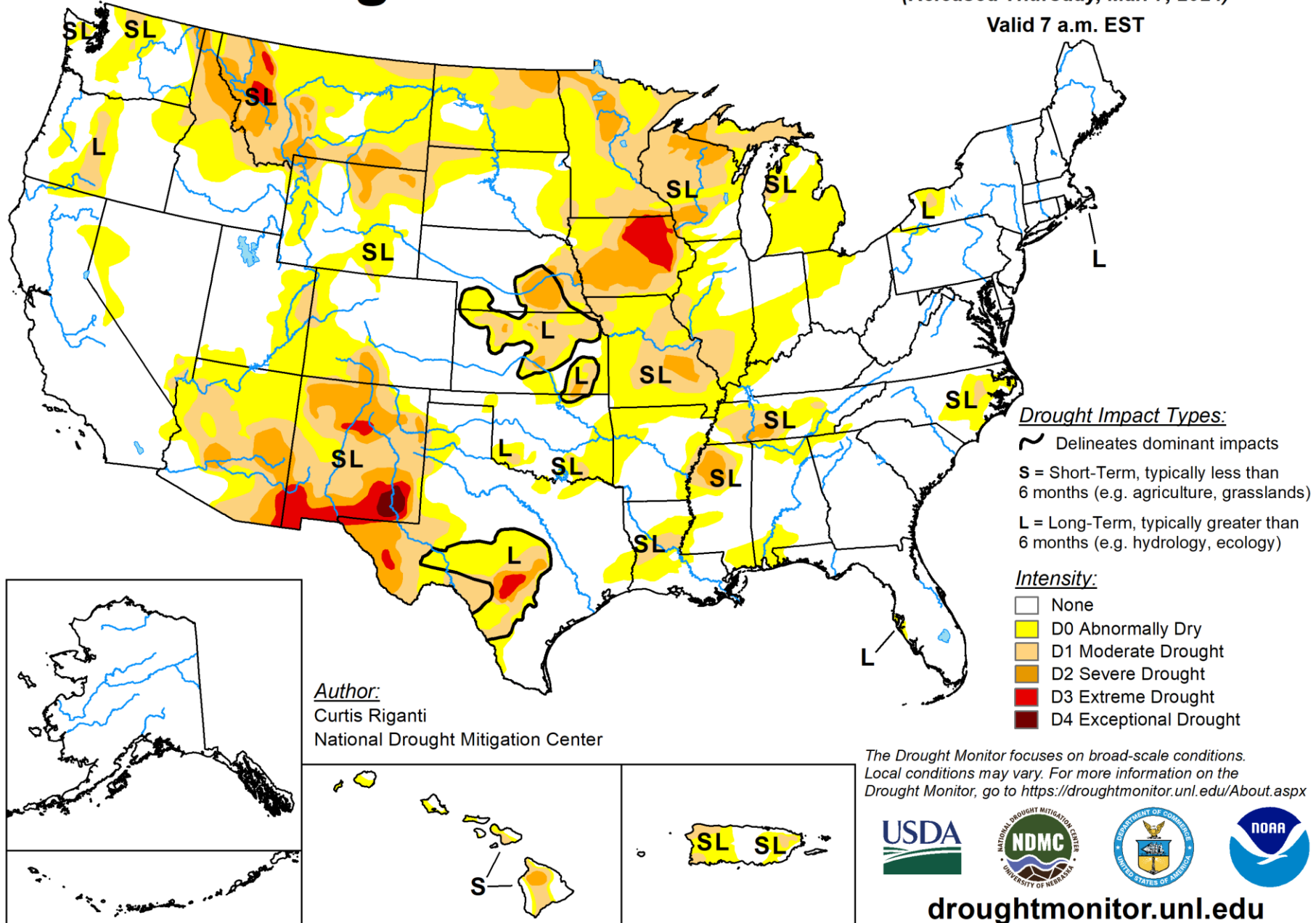


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March 5, 2024

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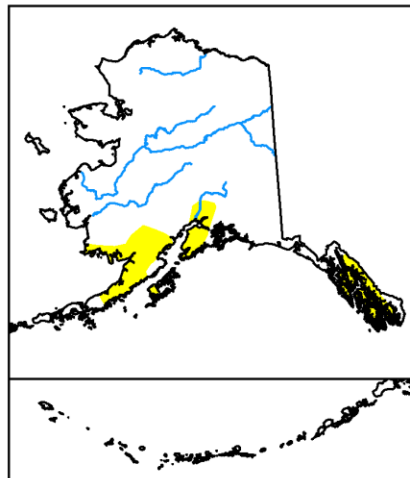
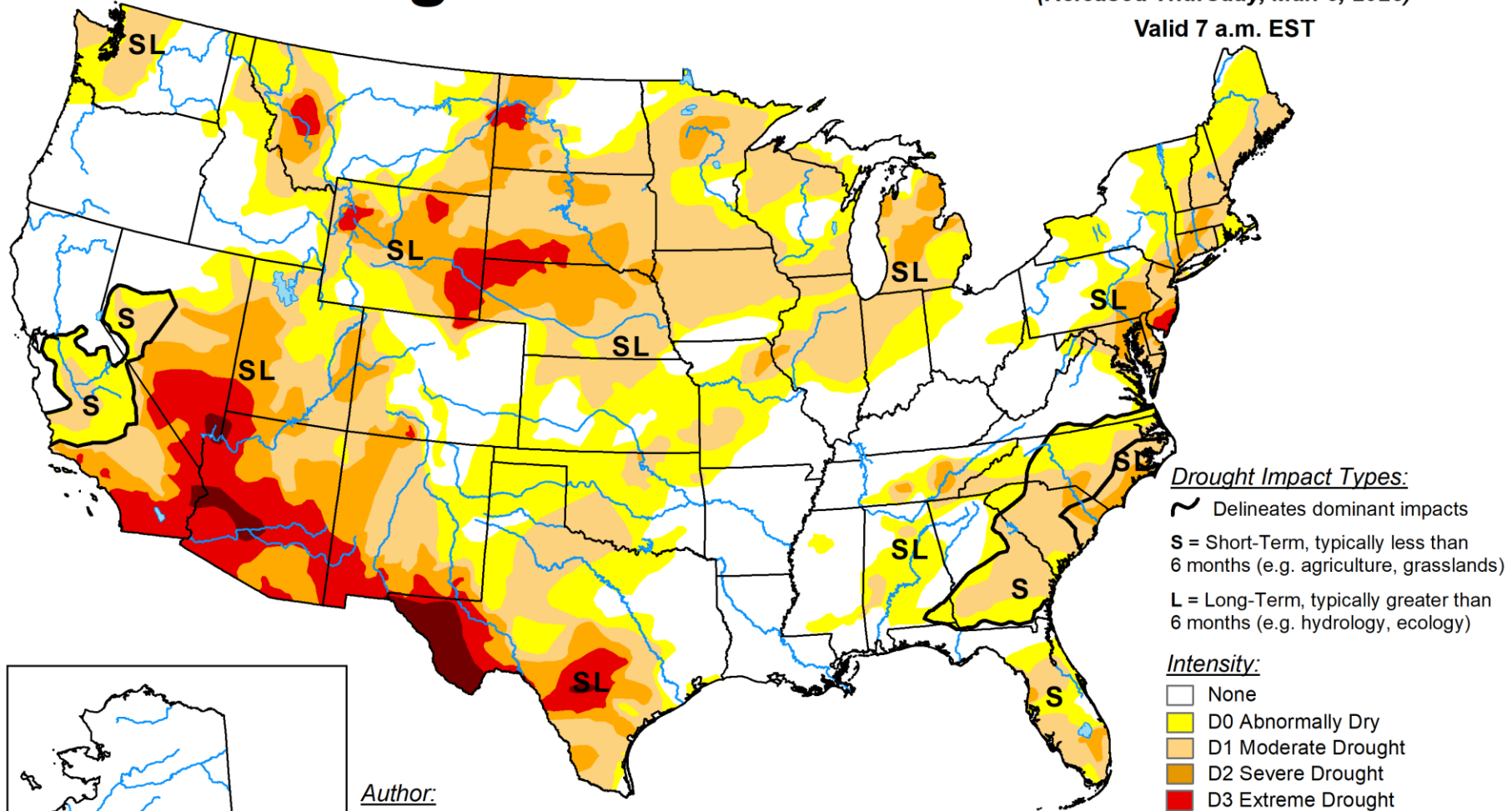


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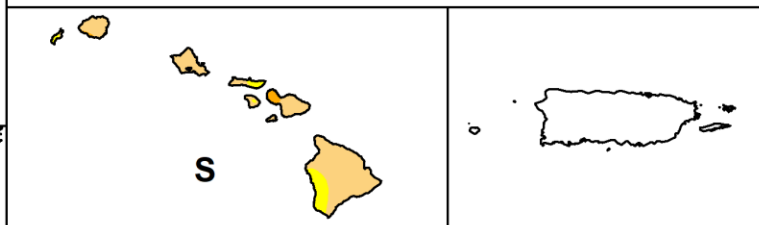
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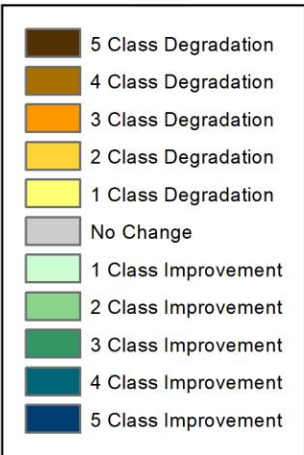
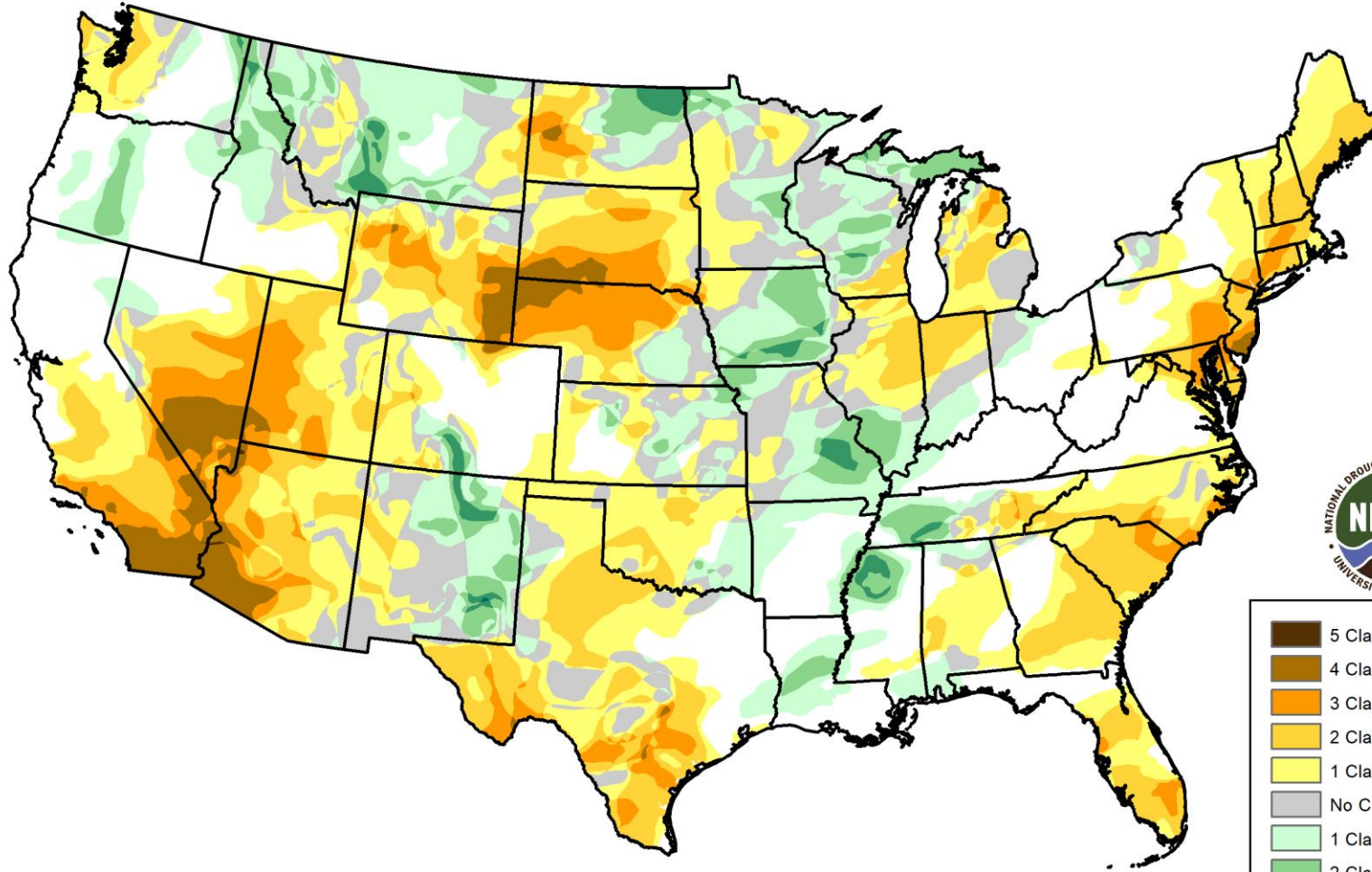
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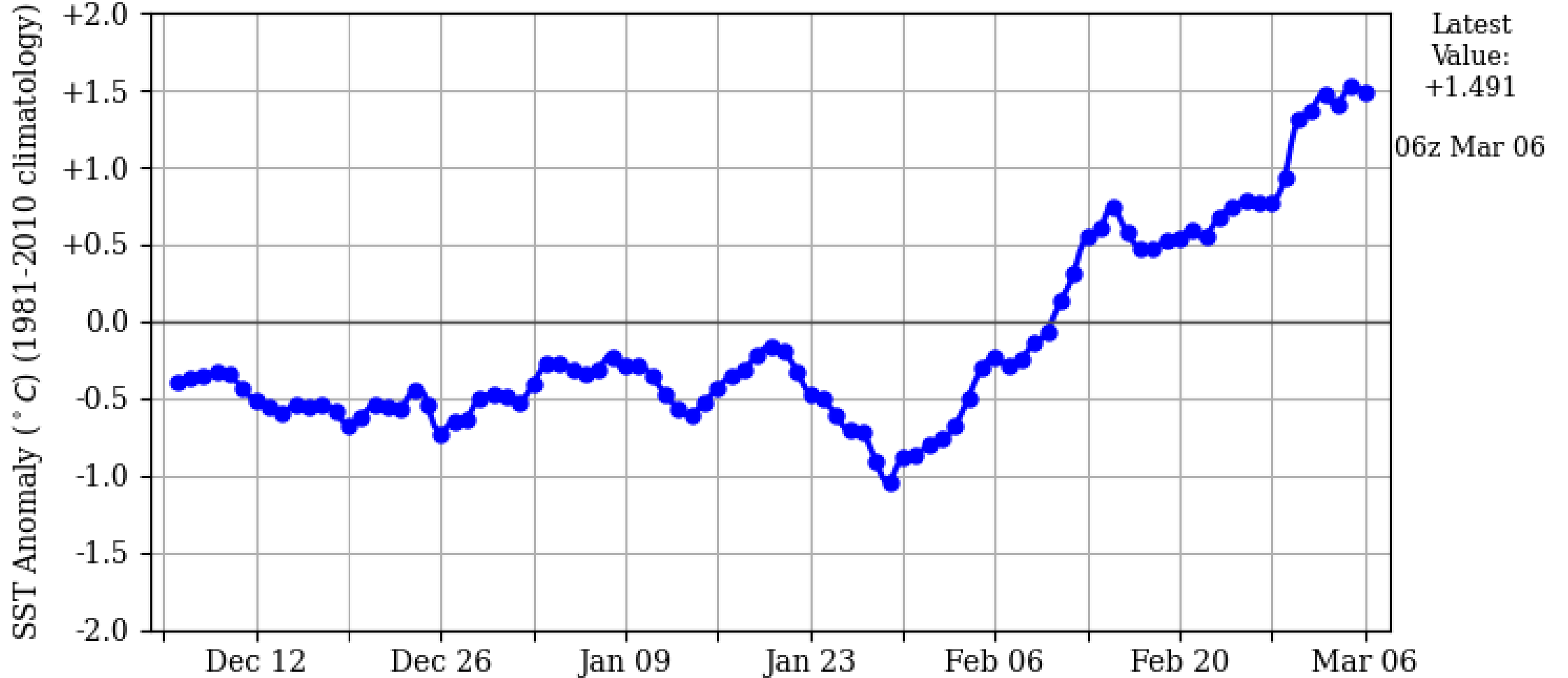
52 Week



March 4, 2025
compared to
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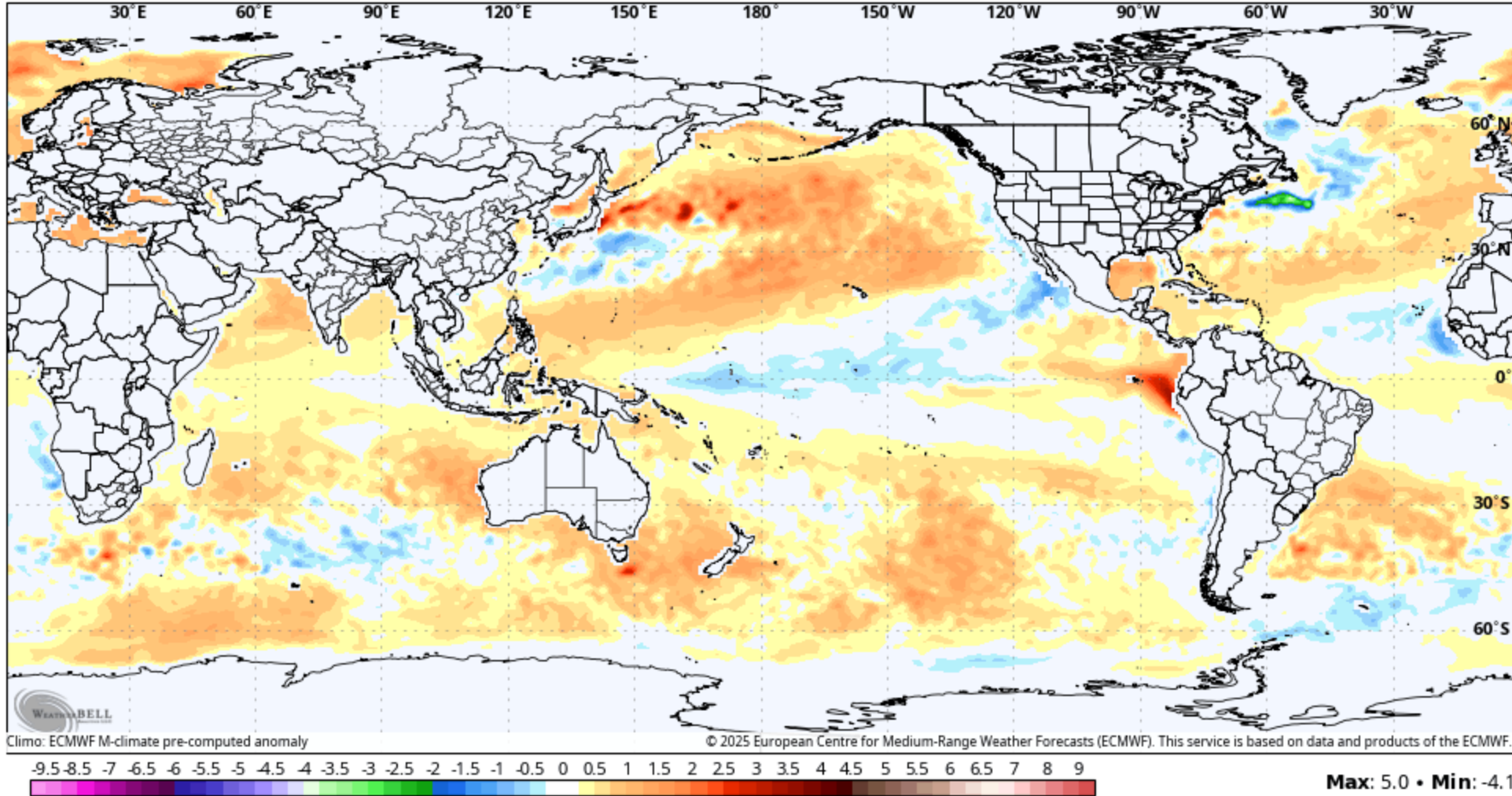
CDAS Niño 1+2 Index



April 2025 SST – La Nina Gone – ENSO Neutral

ECMWF Seasonal [M] 0.75° Init 00z 1 Mar 2025 • SST Anomaly (°C)

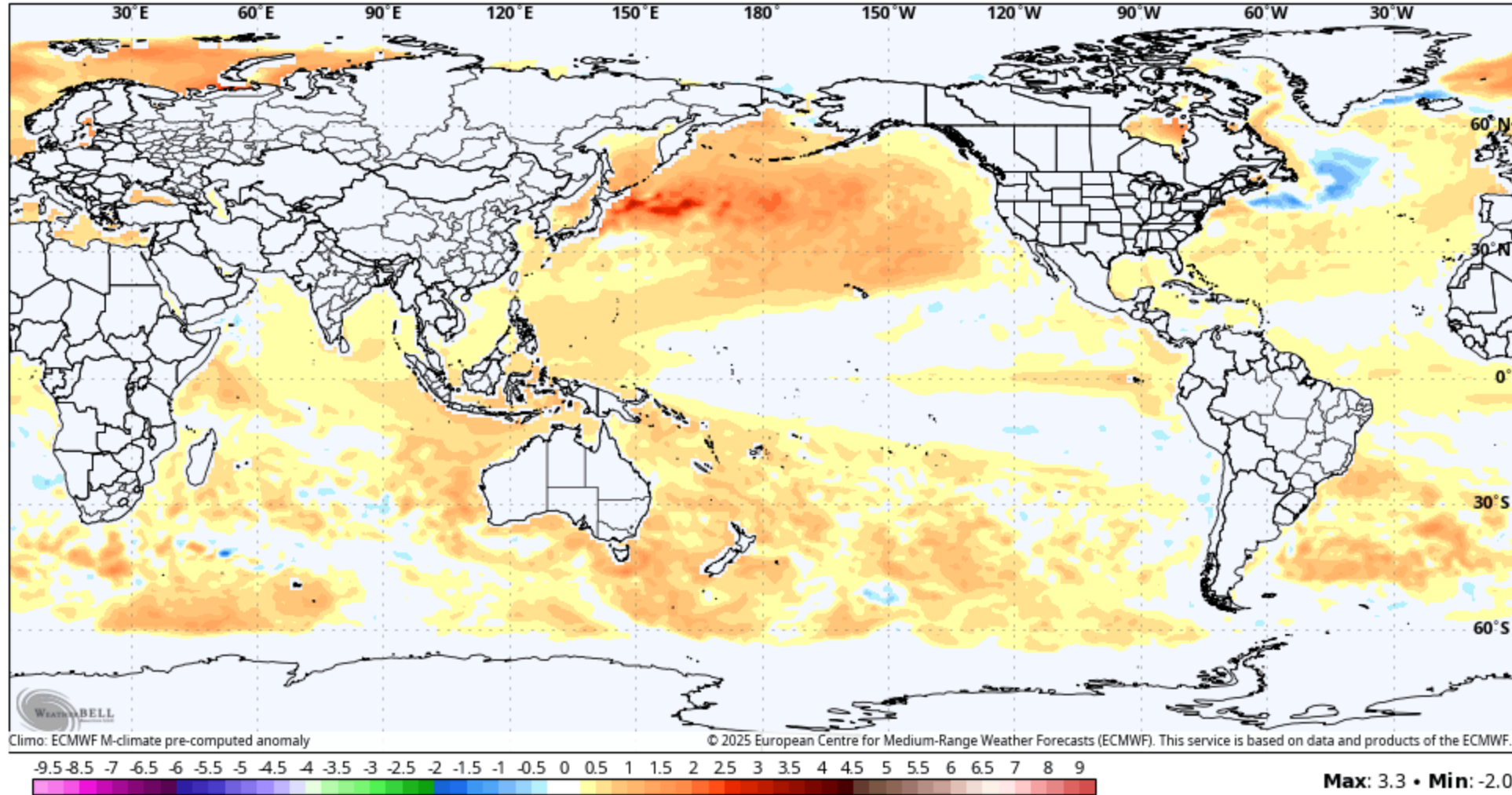
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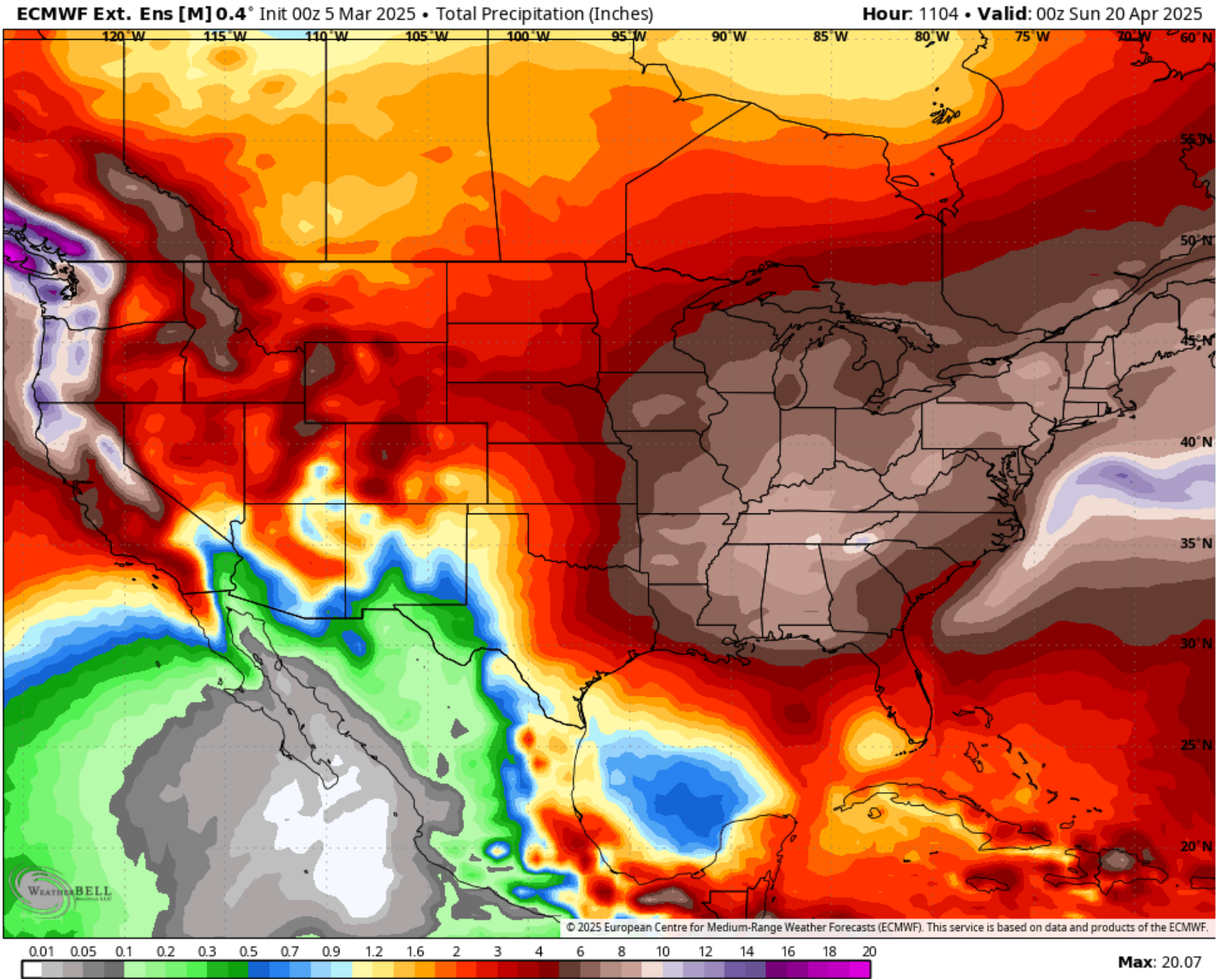
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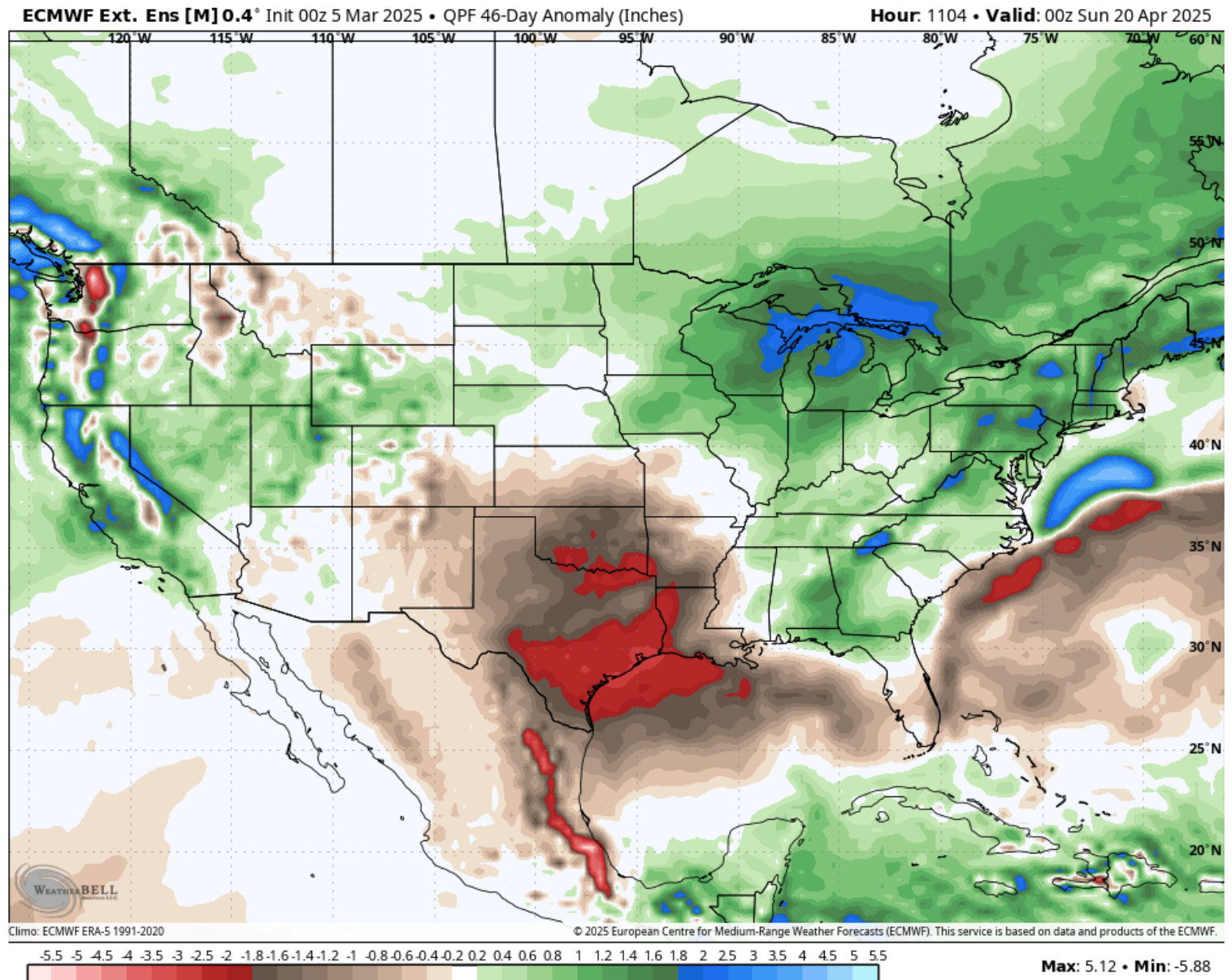
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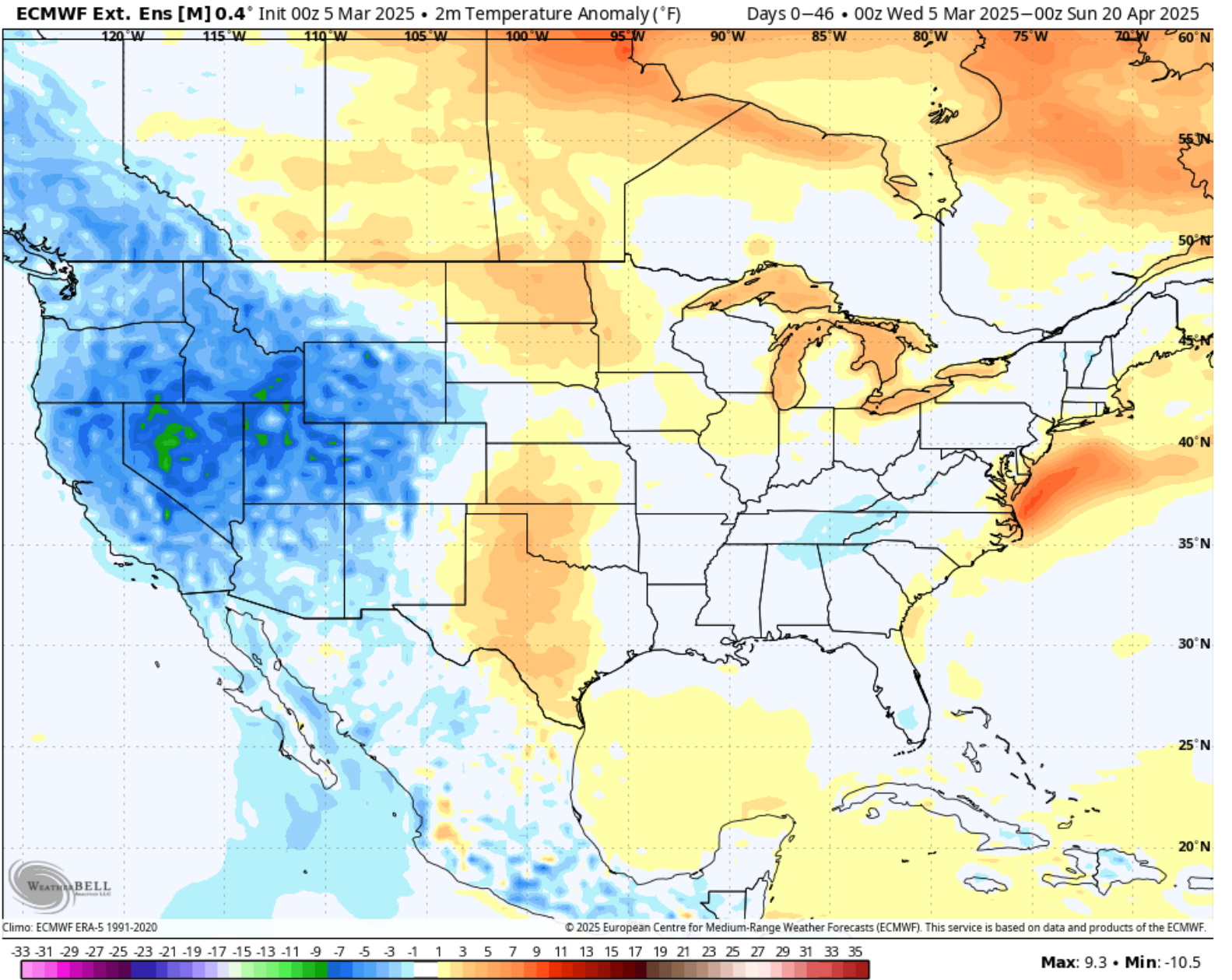
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Precipitation
Outlook thru
4/20/25

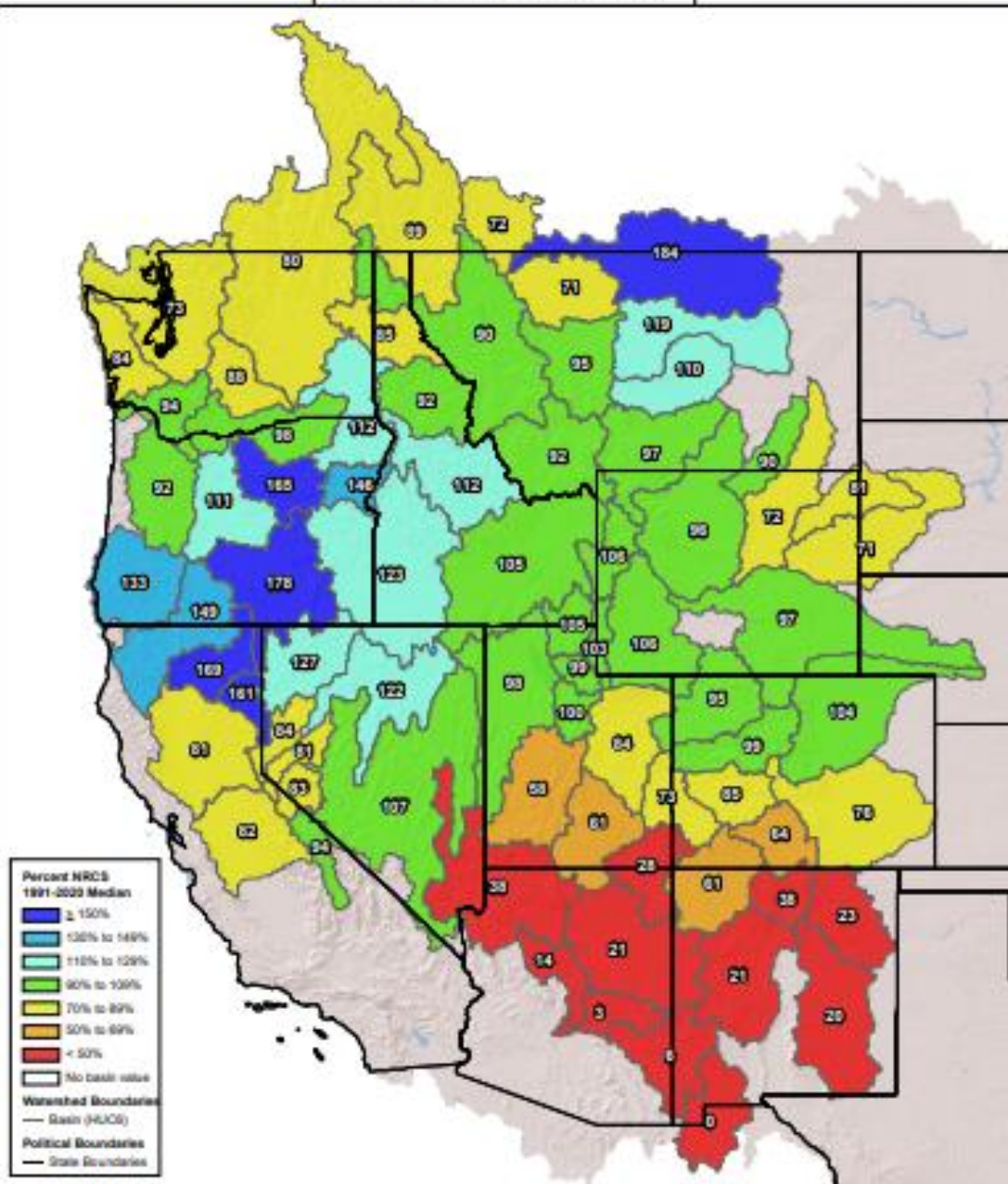


45 Day Precipitation Anomaly thru 4/20/25



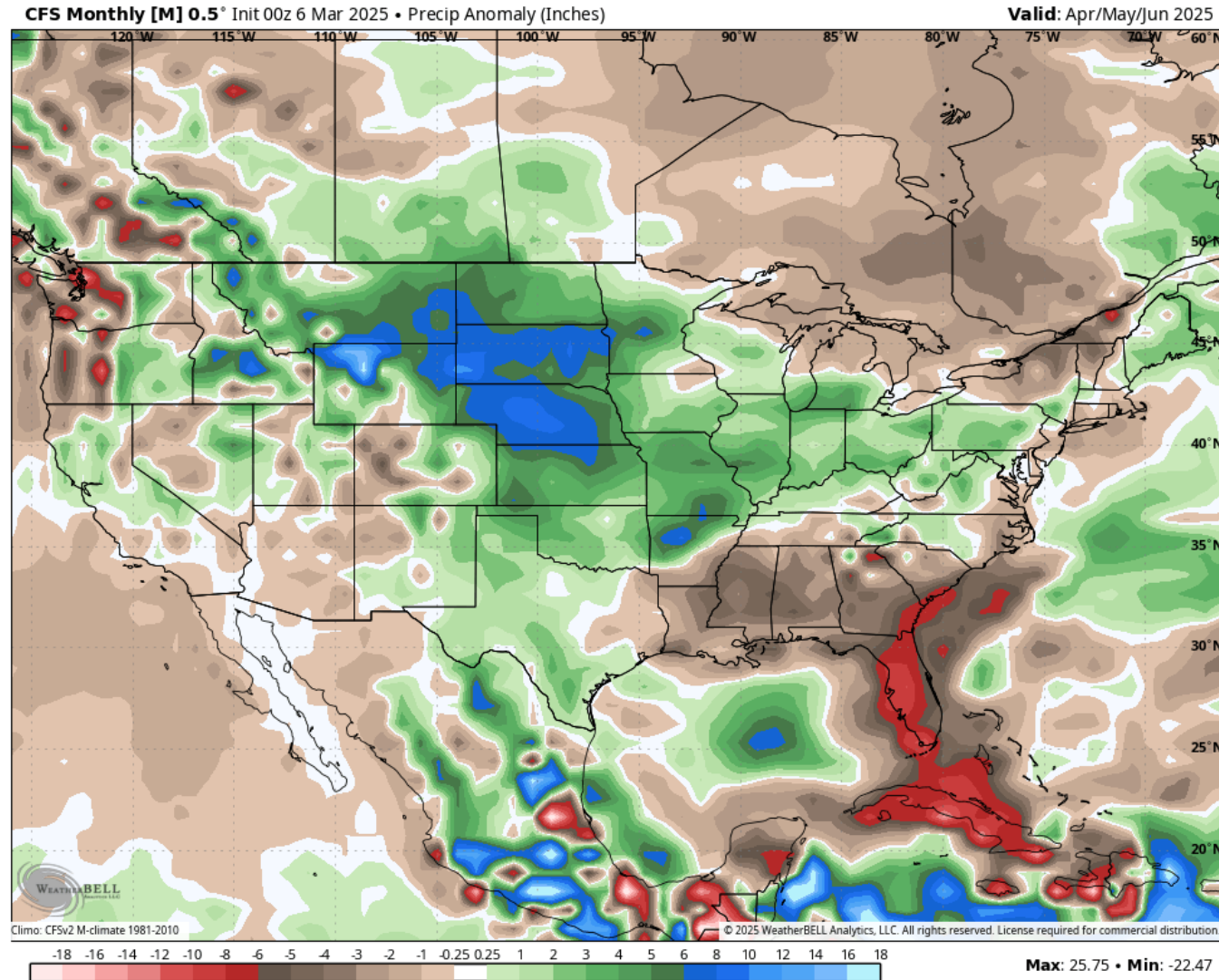
45 Day
Temperature
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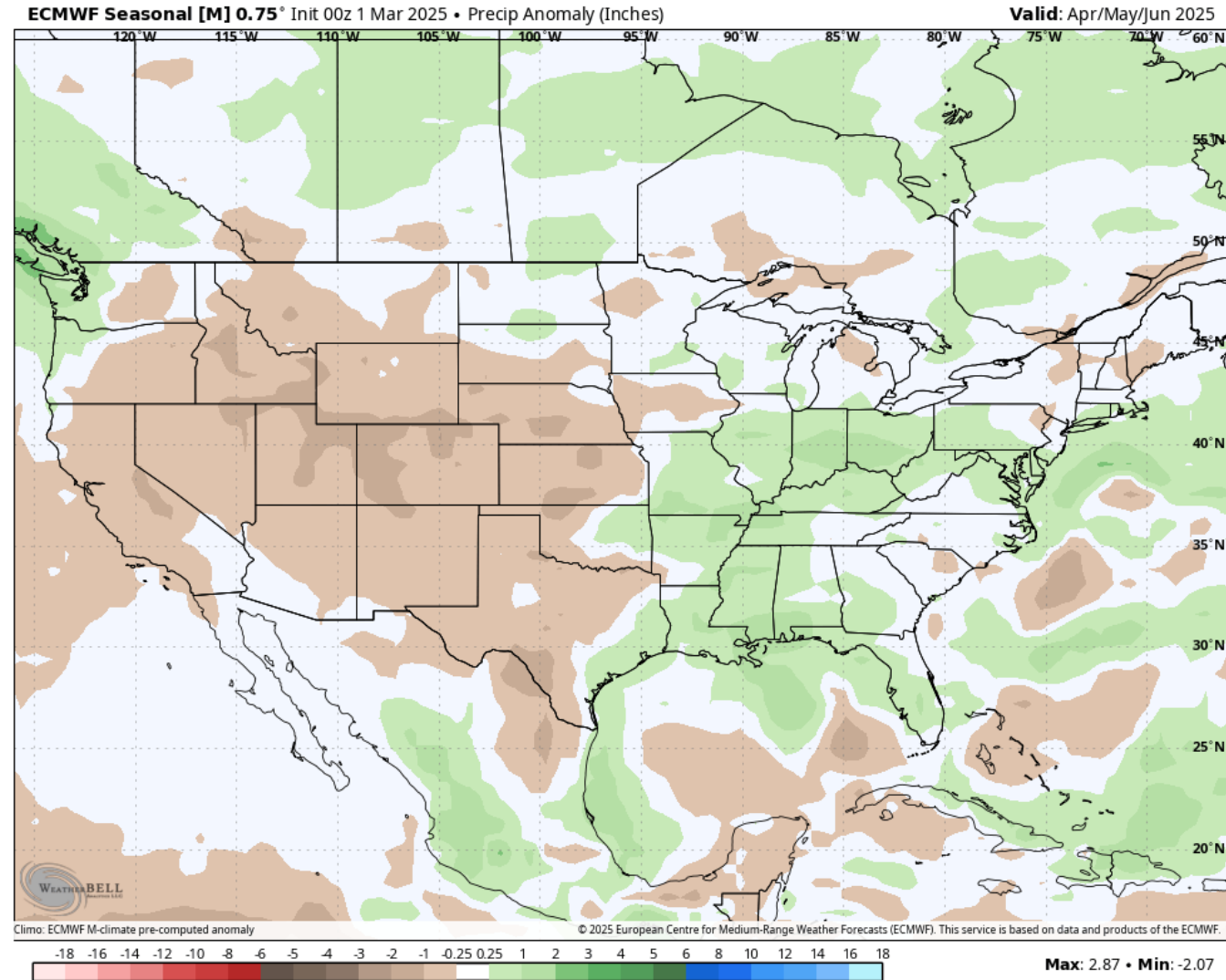
April 1 to June 30 Precipitation CFS Model

White areas = normal Green areas = above average Brown areas = below average



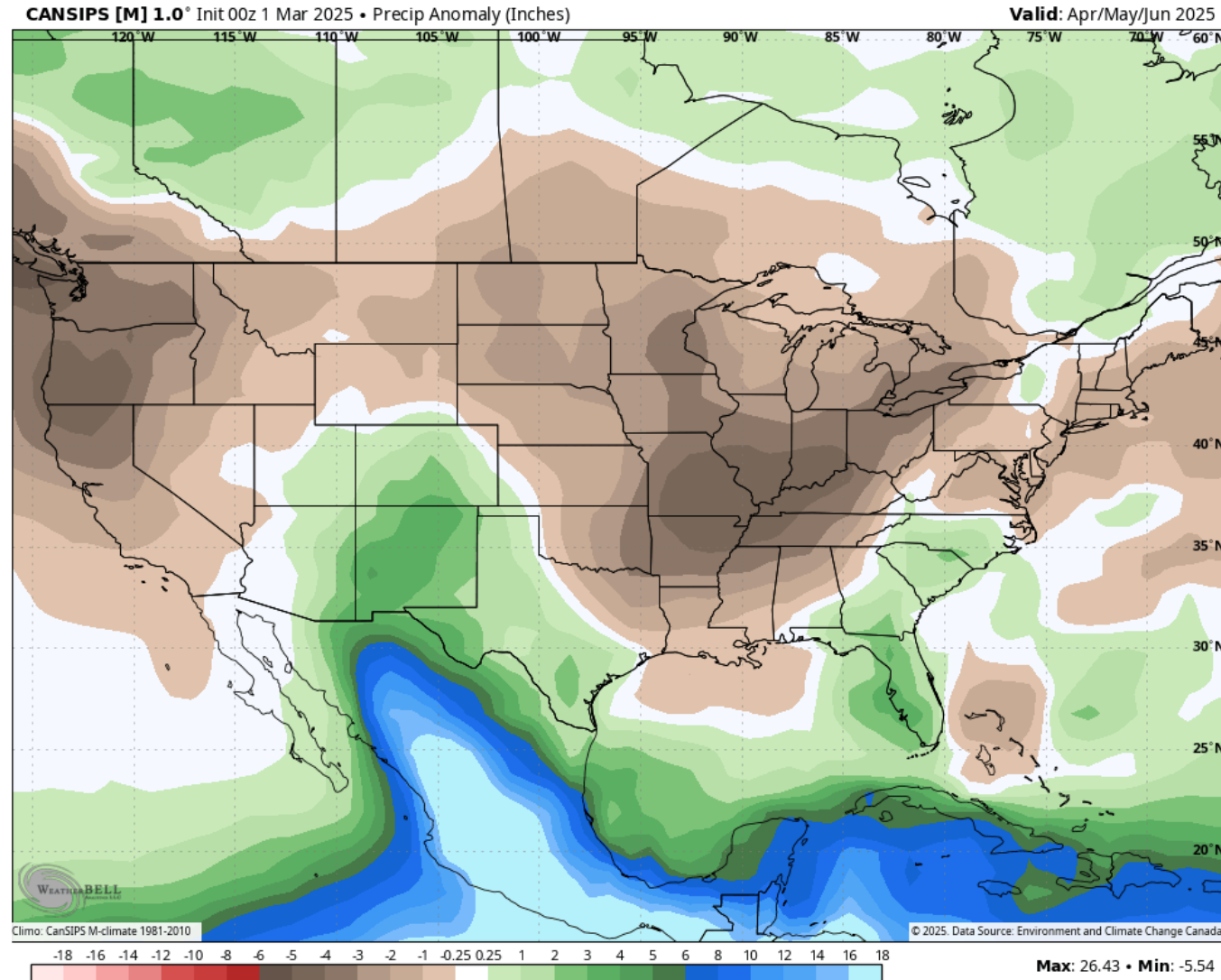
April 1 to June 30 Precipitation European Model

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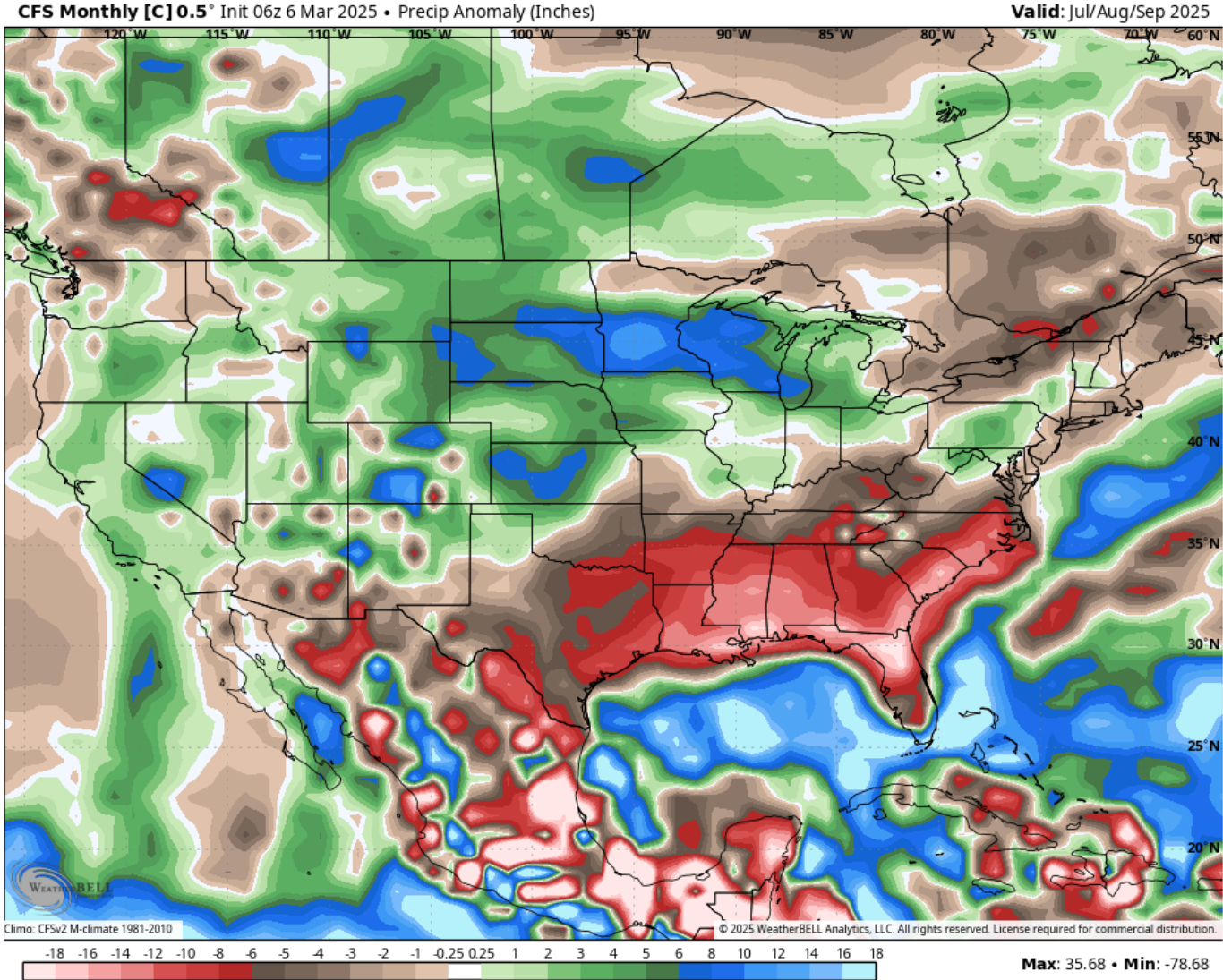
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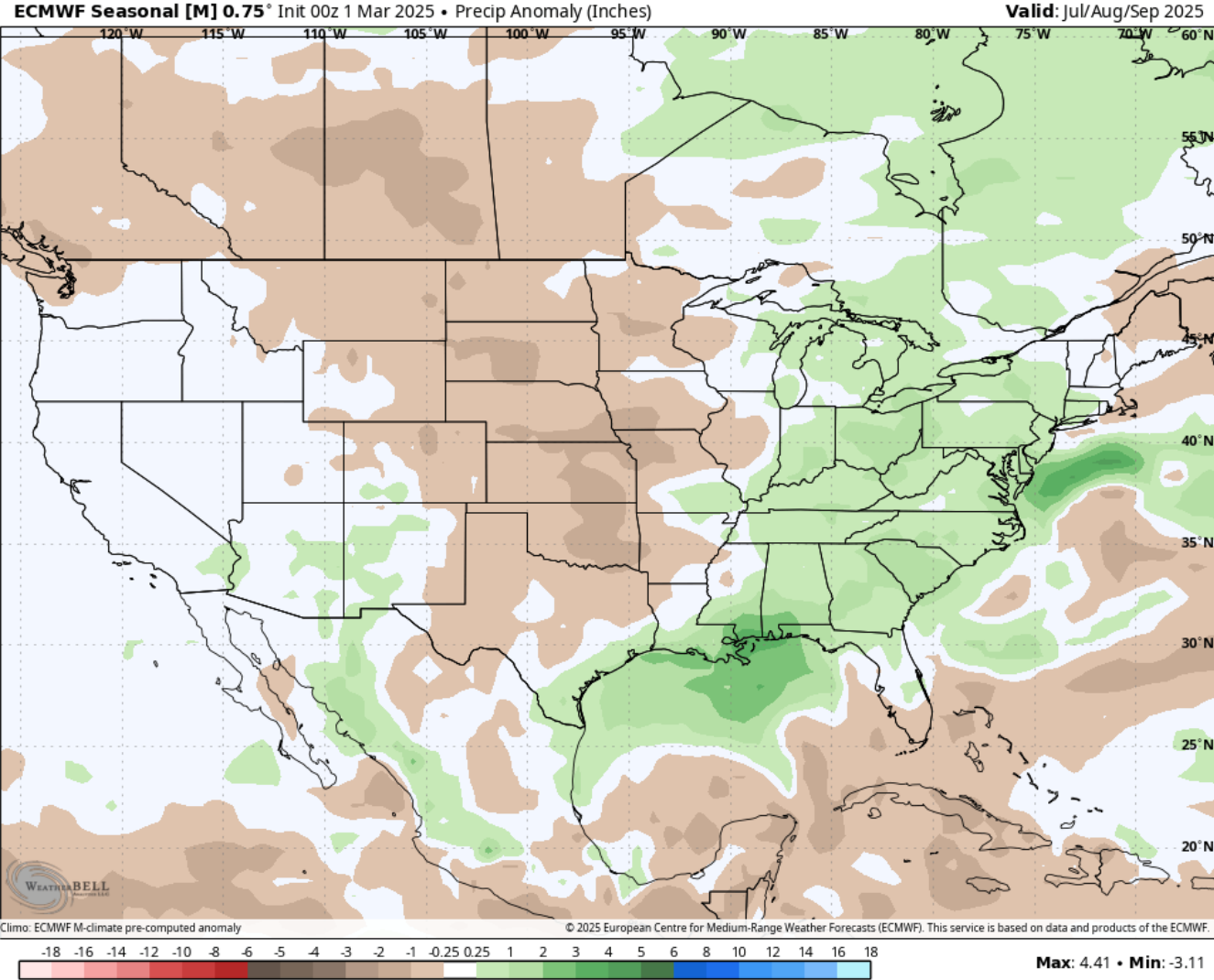
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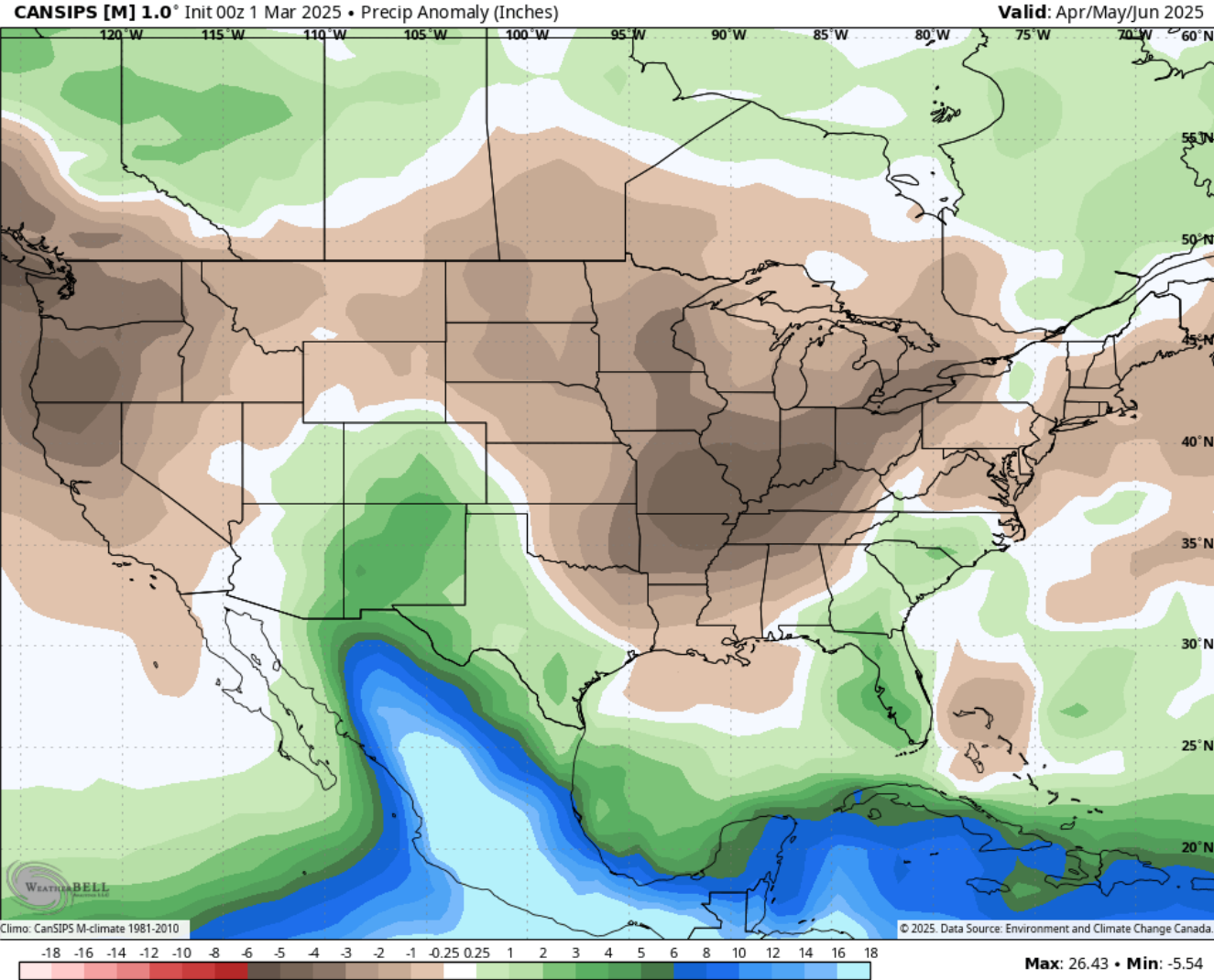
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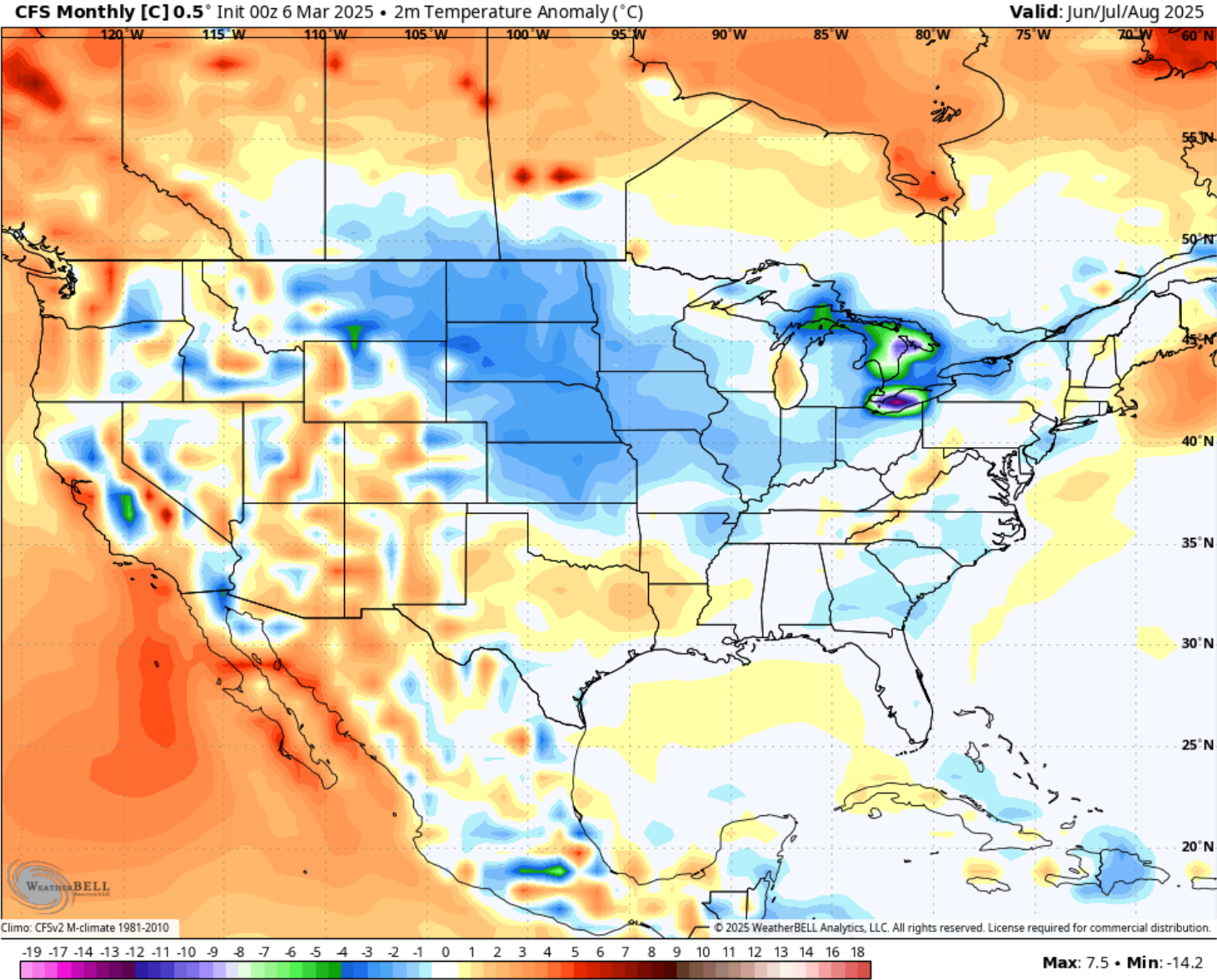


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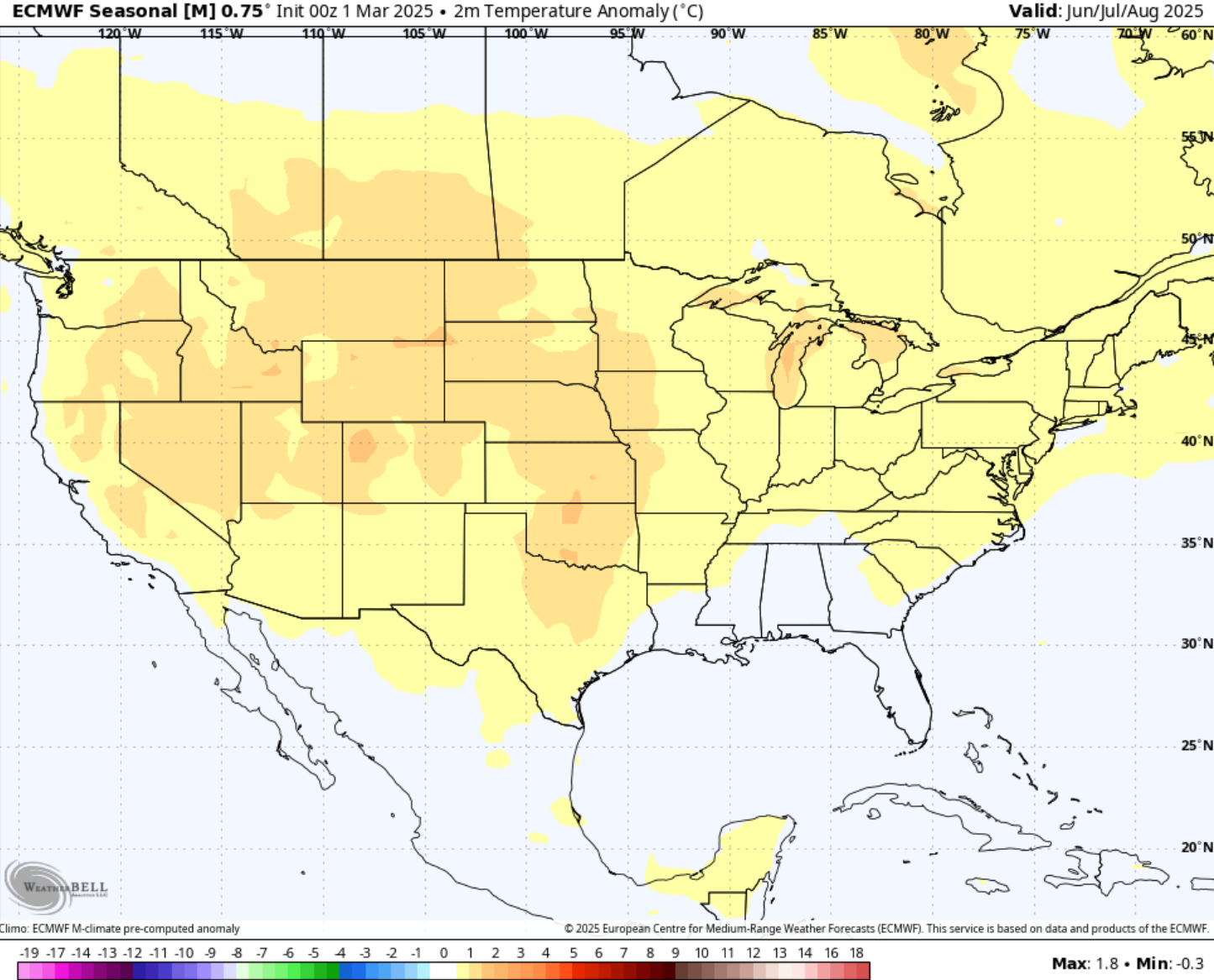
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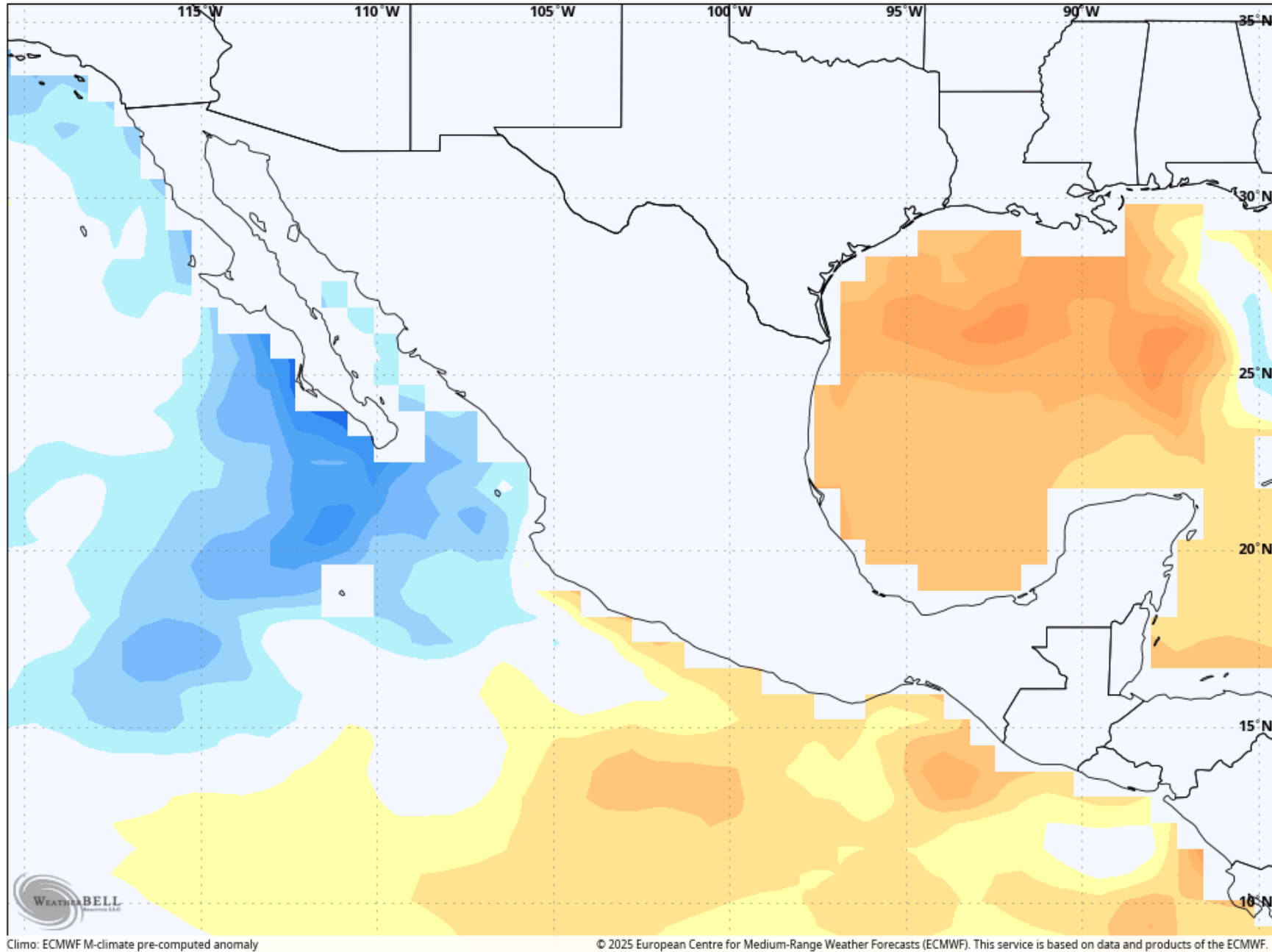


June 1 to August 31 Temperature CFS Model



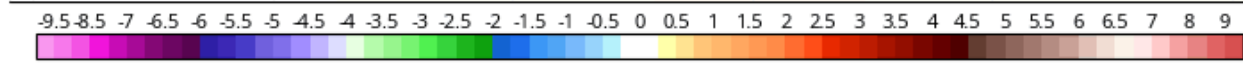
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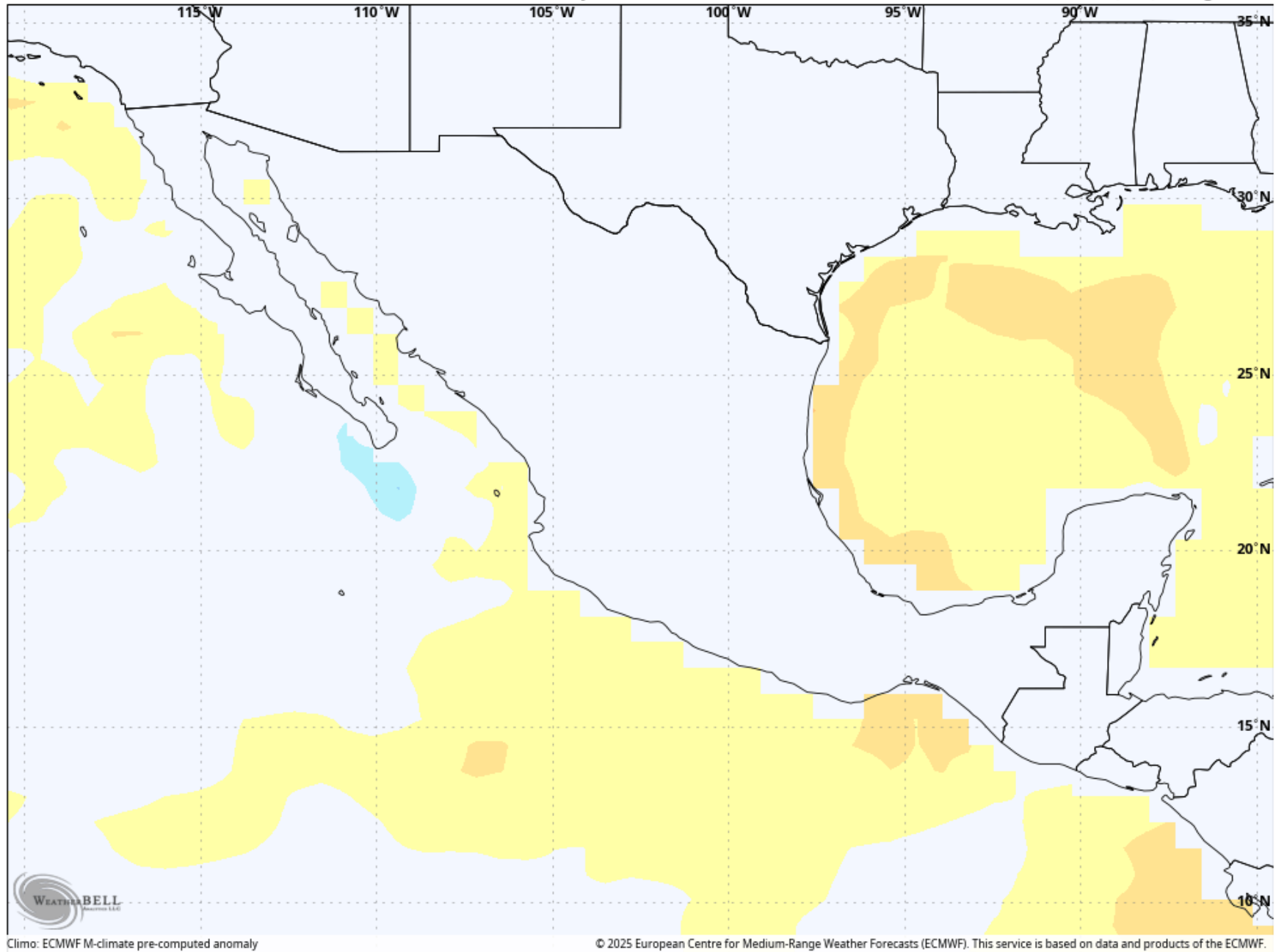


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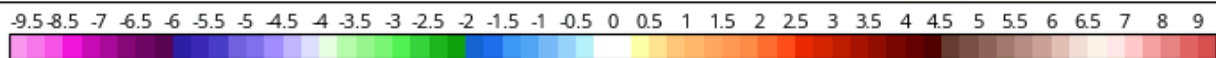


Max: 1.6 • Min: -1.6

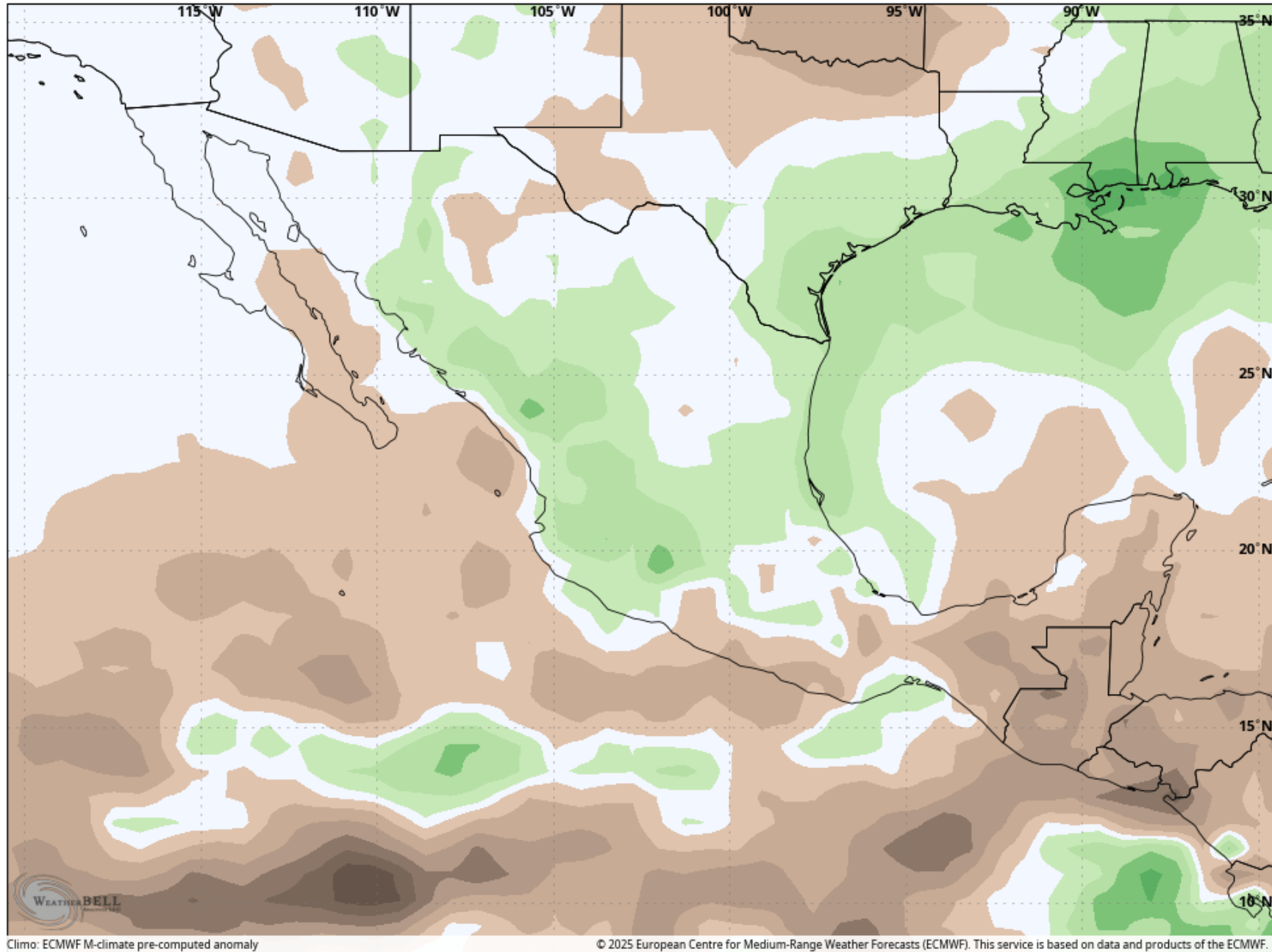


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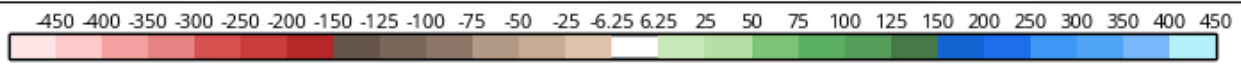


Max: 0.8 • Min: -0.5

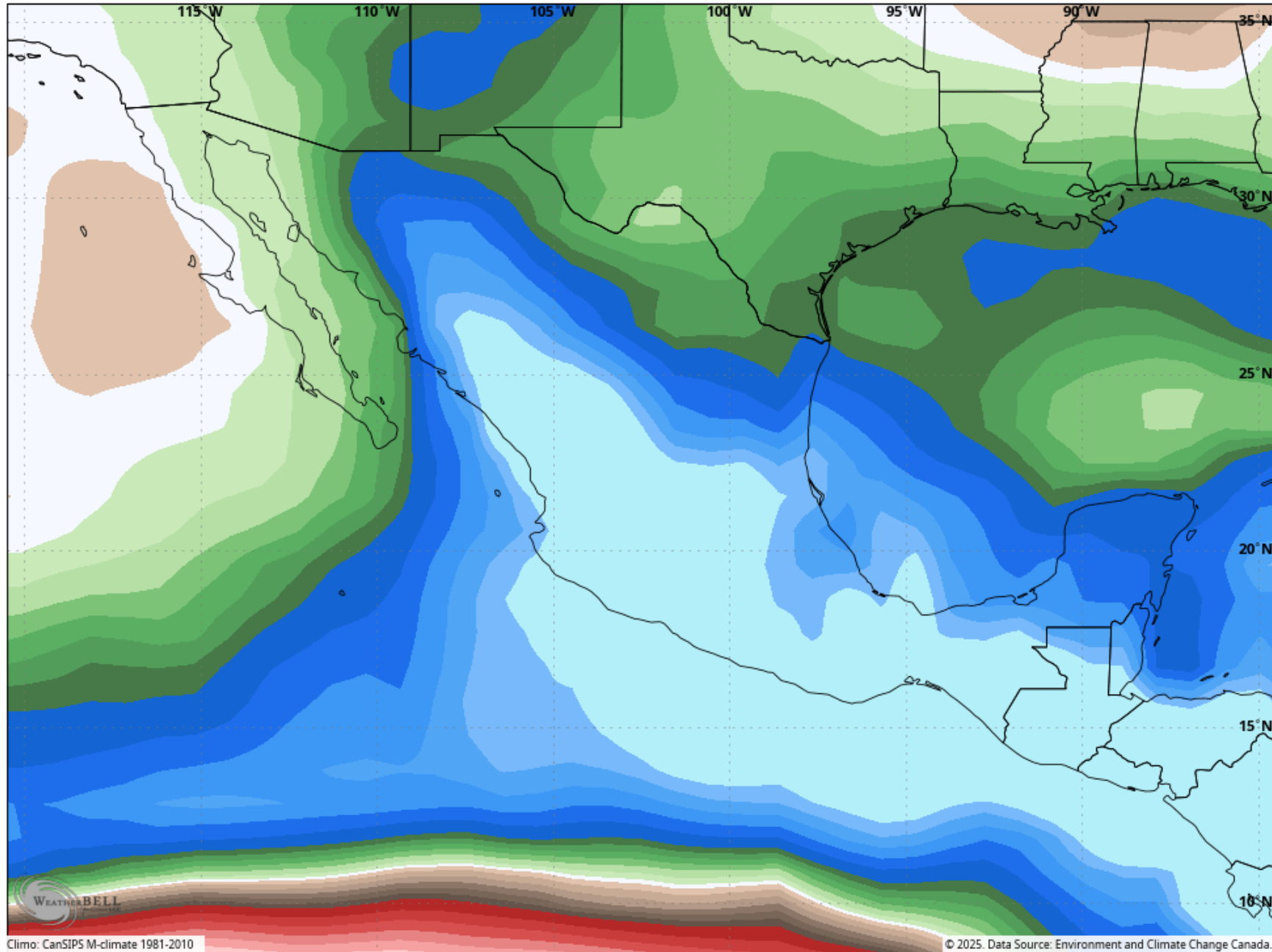


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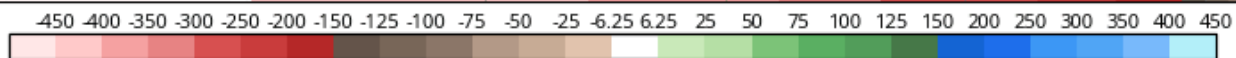


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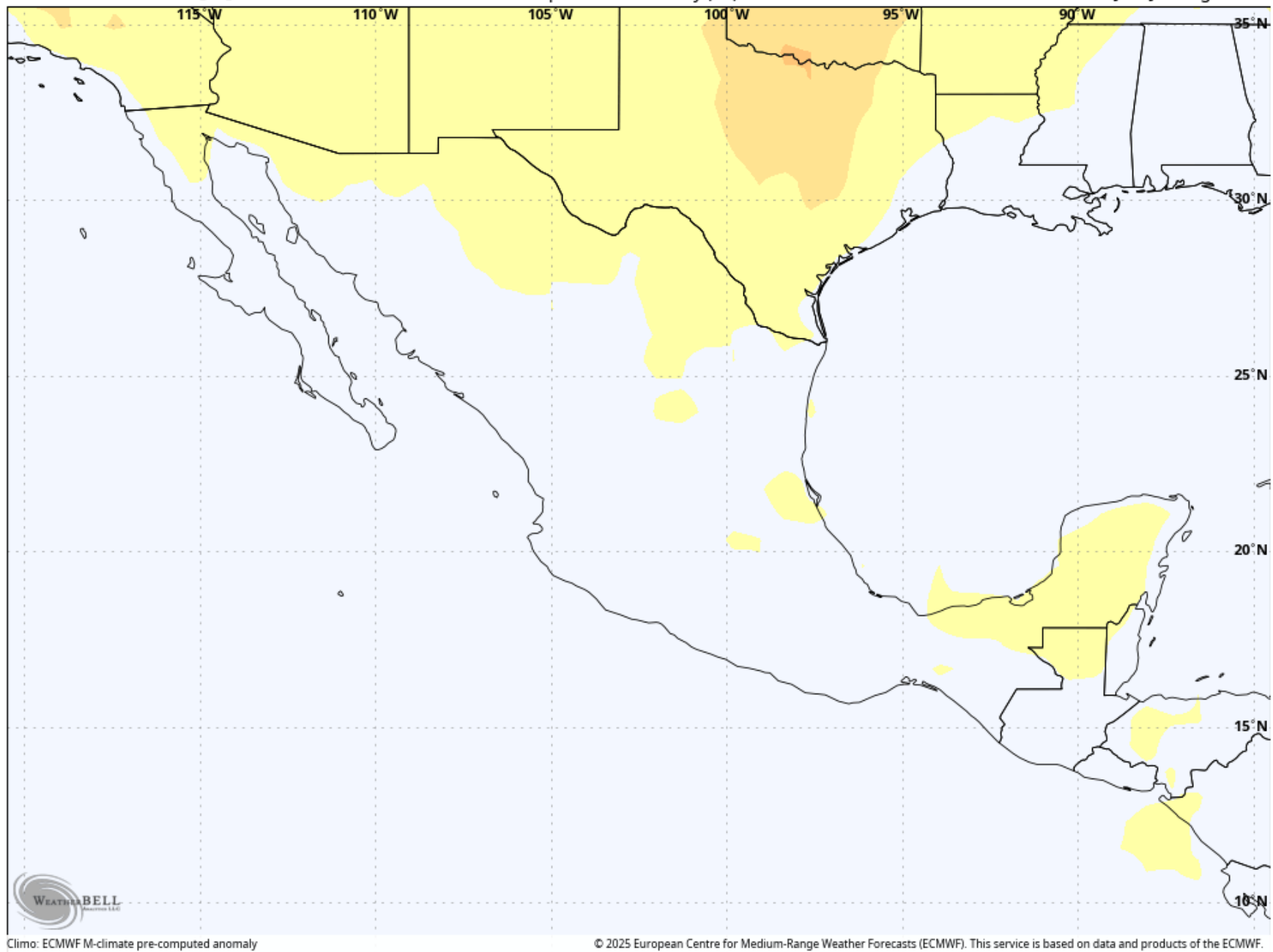


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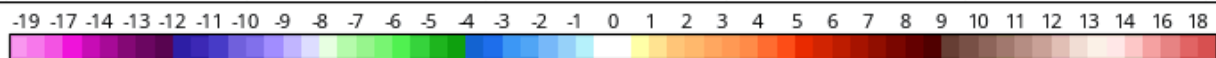


Max: 853.96 • Min: -370.08



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Max: 1.5 • Min: -0.3

Recap

- La Nina not a factor this growing season
- Late season snowpack surge
- Very poor long-range model agreement, low confidence
- Fair chances for near normal precipitation returning to CO, NE, WY and Mexico spring-summer
- Some concerns for the Northern Plains-ND-MN for dryness
- Not expecting a La Nina to return in 2025/2026 but will monitor, odds highest for ENSO neutral or weak El Nino