

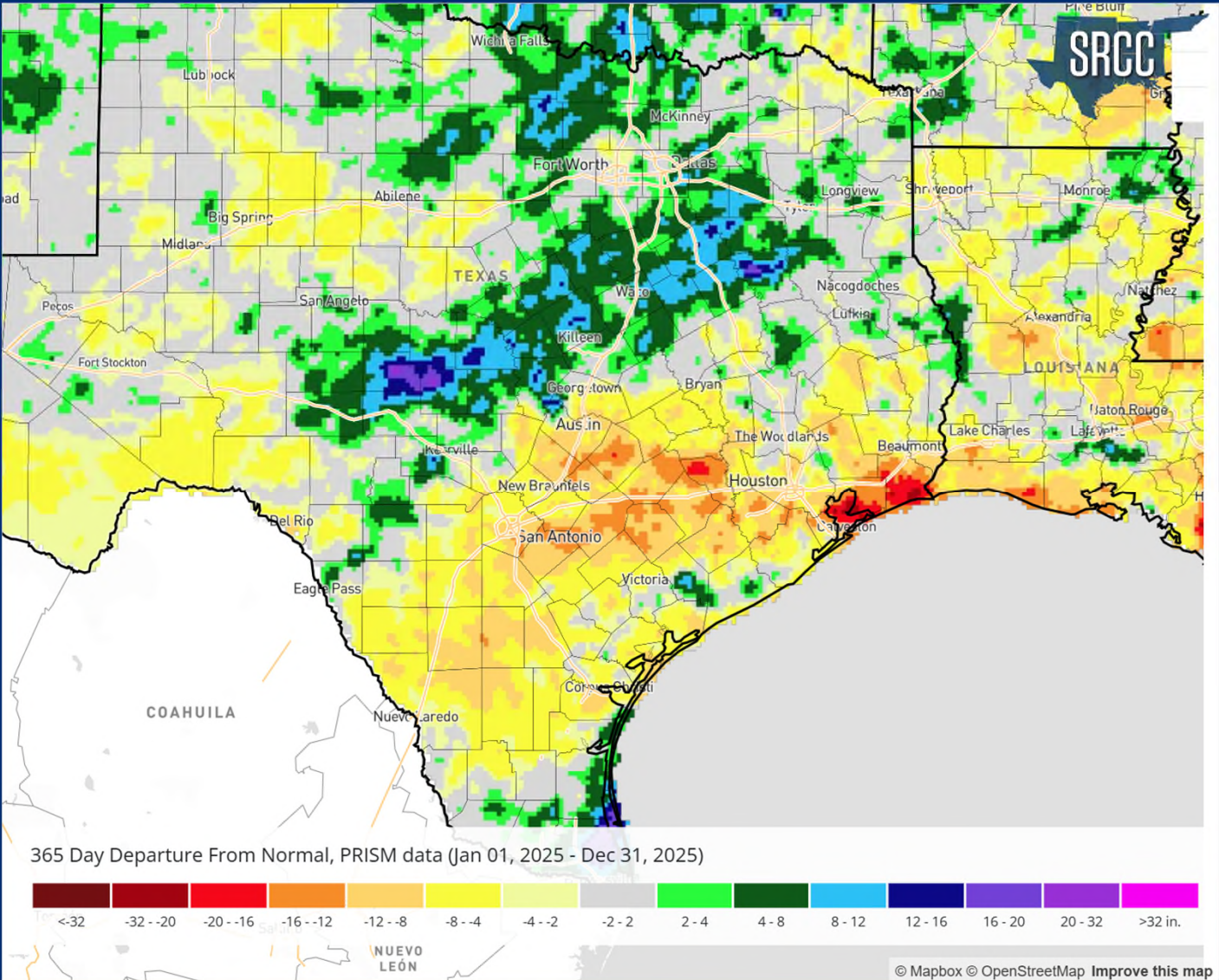


# Spring and Summer Weather Outlook

Water Operations  
Committee Meeting  
March 25, 2026

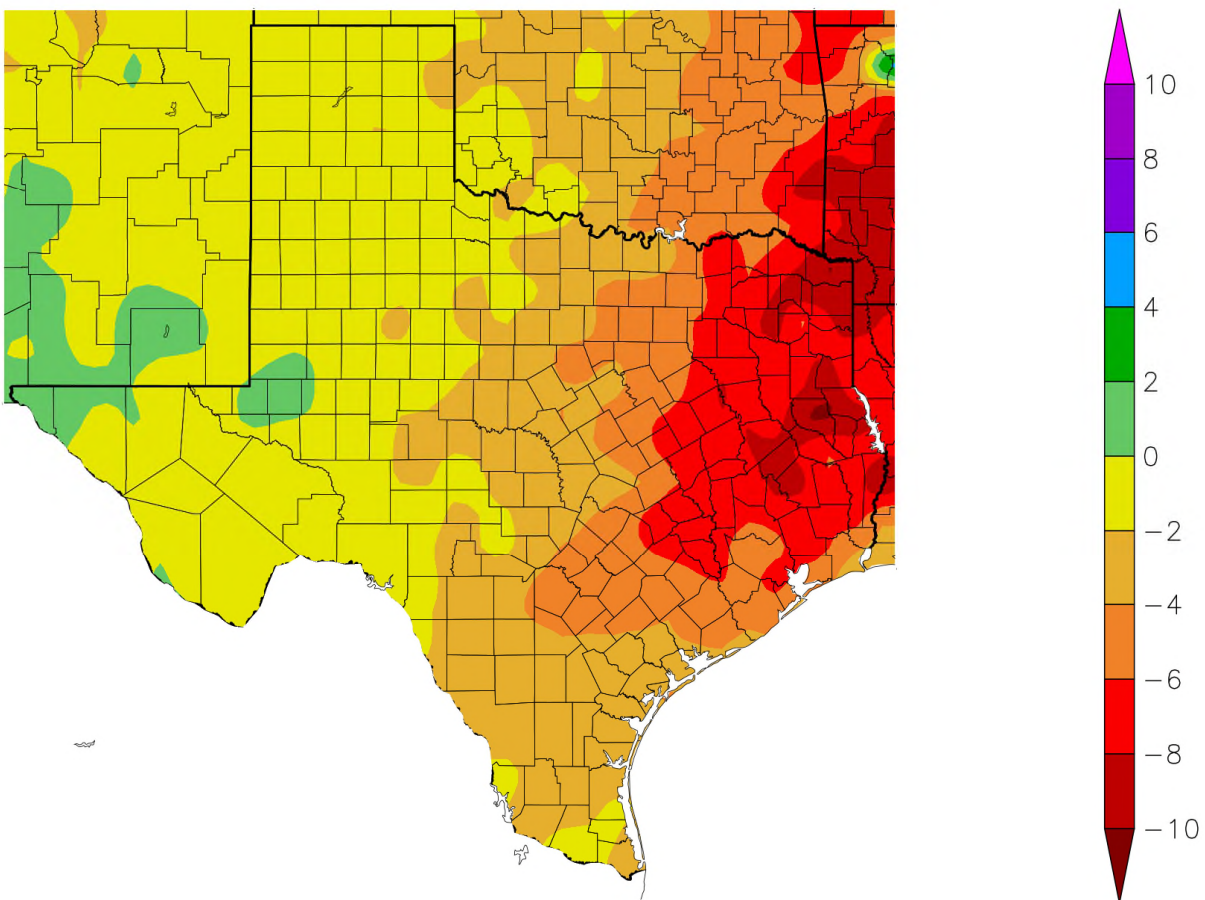


# 2025 Rainfall Departure From Normal

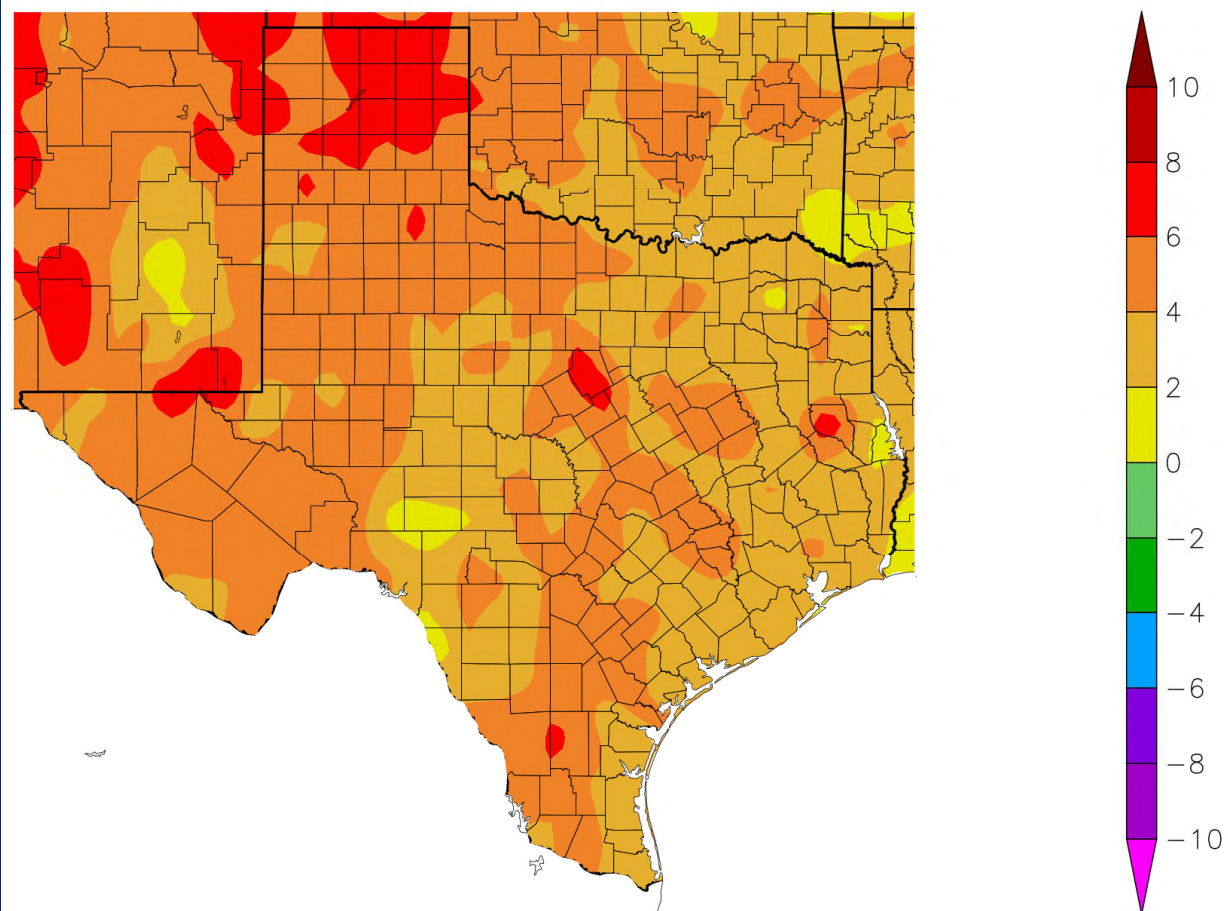


# Rainfall and Temperature Departure From Normal

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)  
12/1/2025 - 2/28/2026



Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
12/1/2025 - 2/28/2026



# Rainfall Dec. 1, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (Inches)

- Brownwood 2.34
- Llano 1.00
- Junction 0.89
- Fredericksburg 0.89
- Austin 2.19
- La Grange 2.72
- Bay City 5.04

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Texas

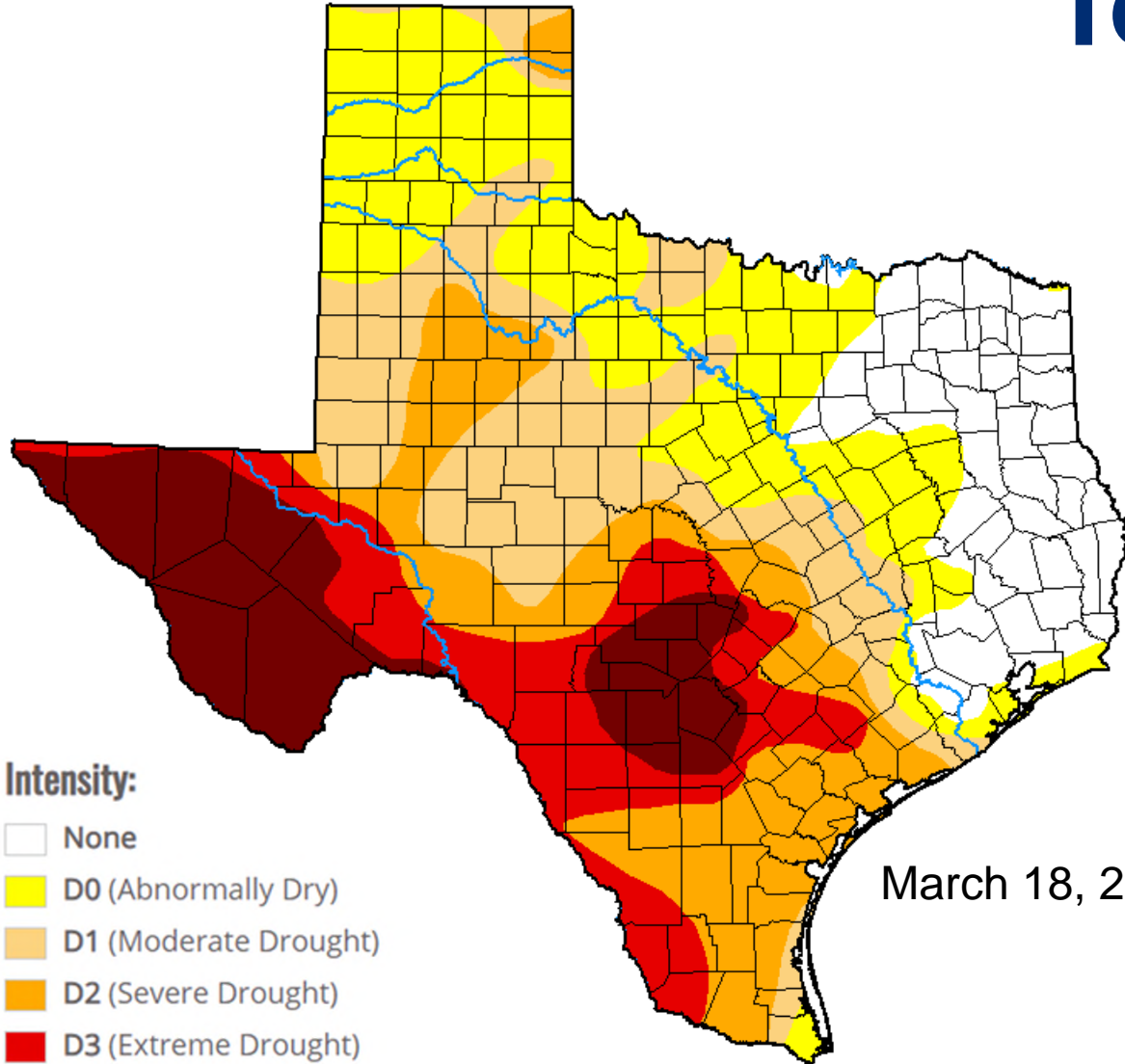
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

Author:

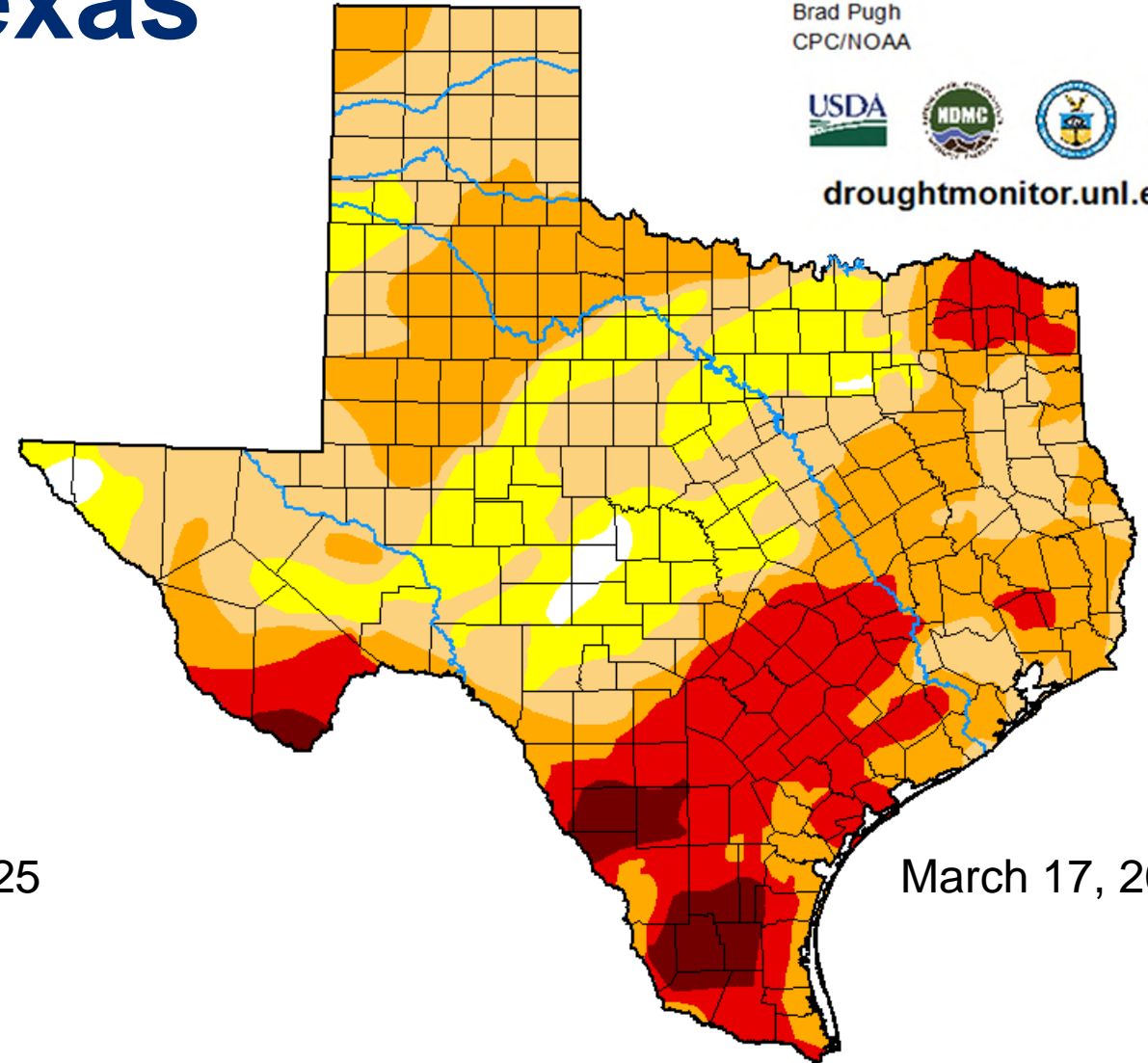
Brad Pugh  
CPC/NOAA



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)



March 18, 2025



March 17, 2026

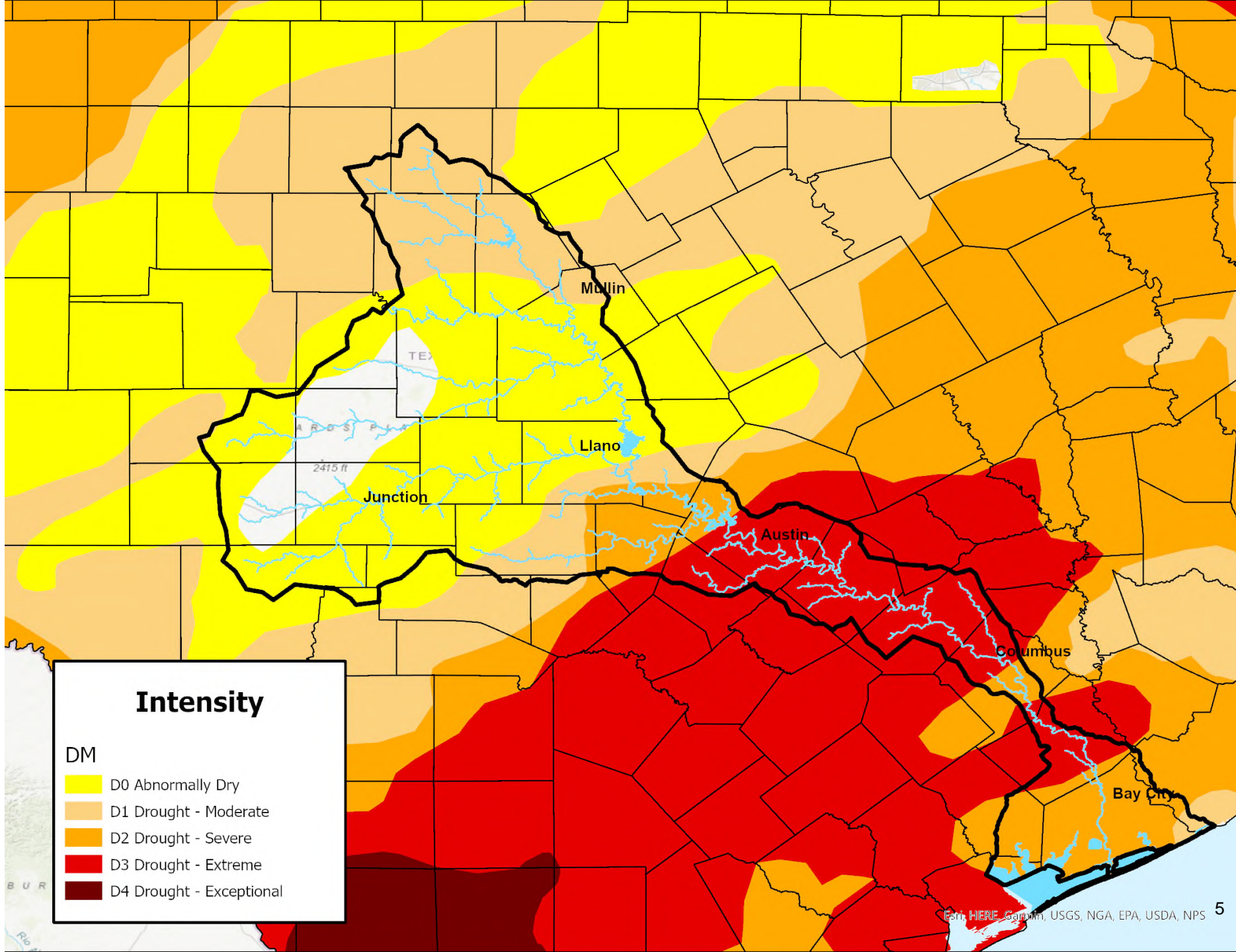
### Intensity:

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

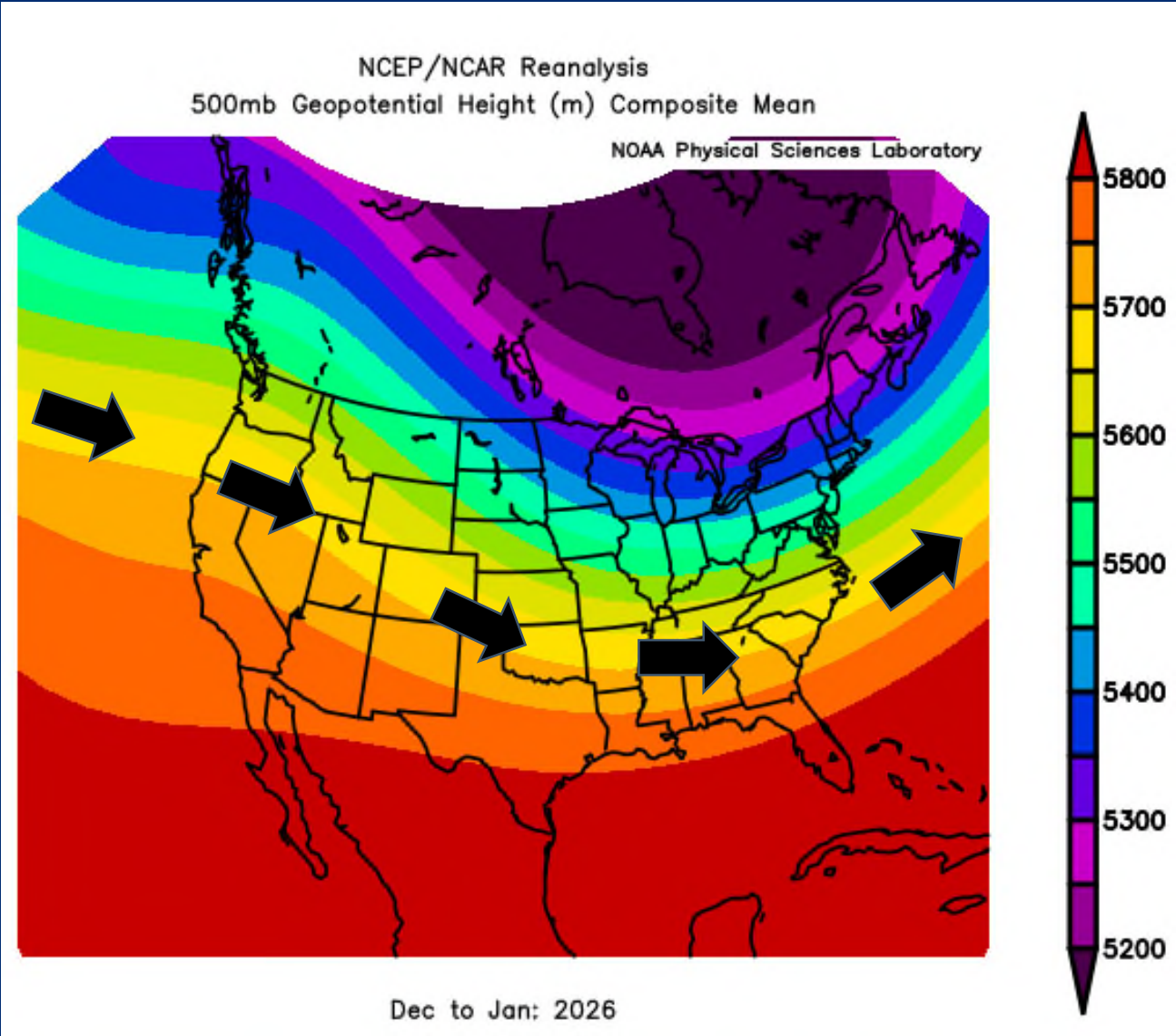
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Colorado River Basin

As of March 17, 2026

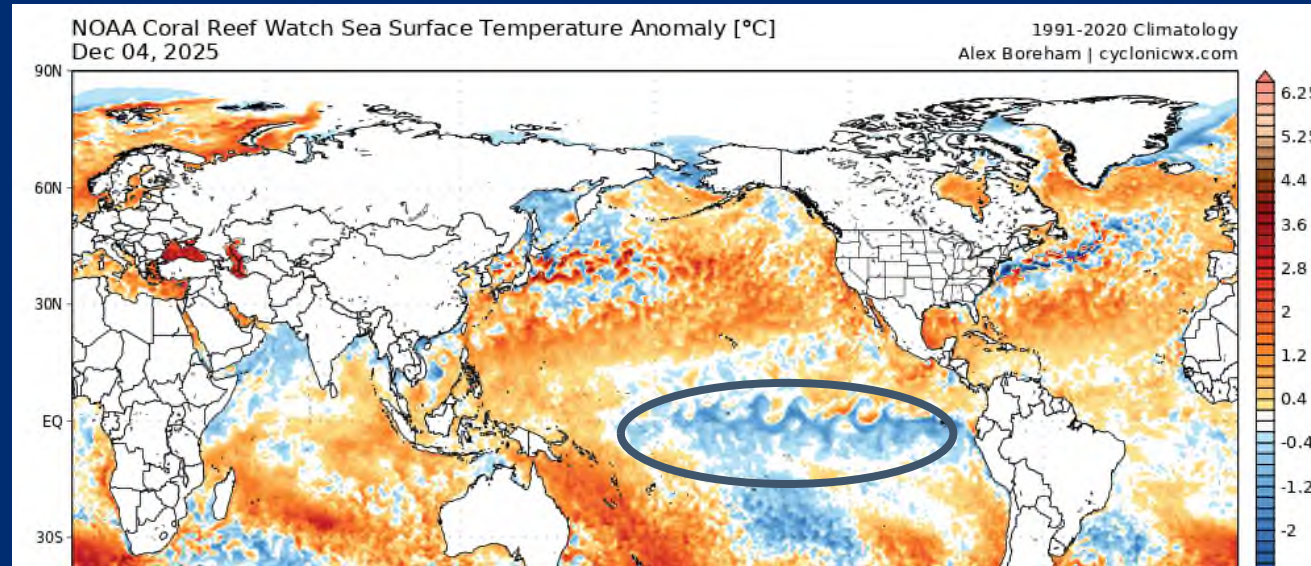


# This Winter's Jet Stream Pattern

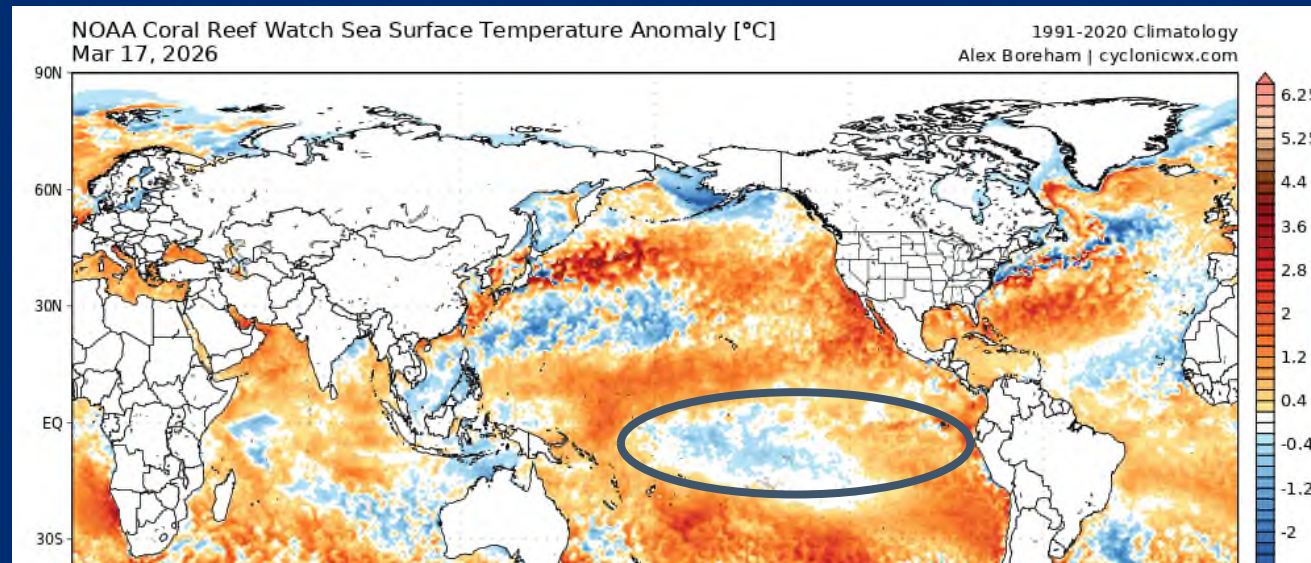


# La Niña is Quickly Fading

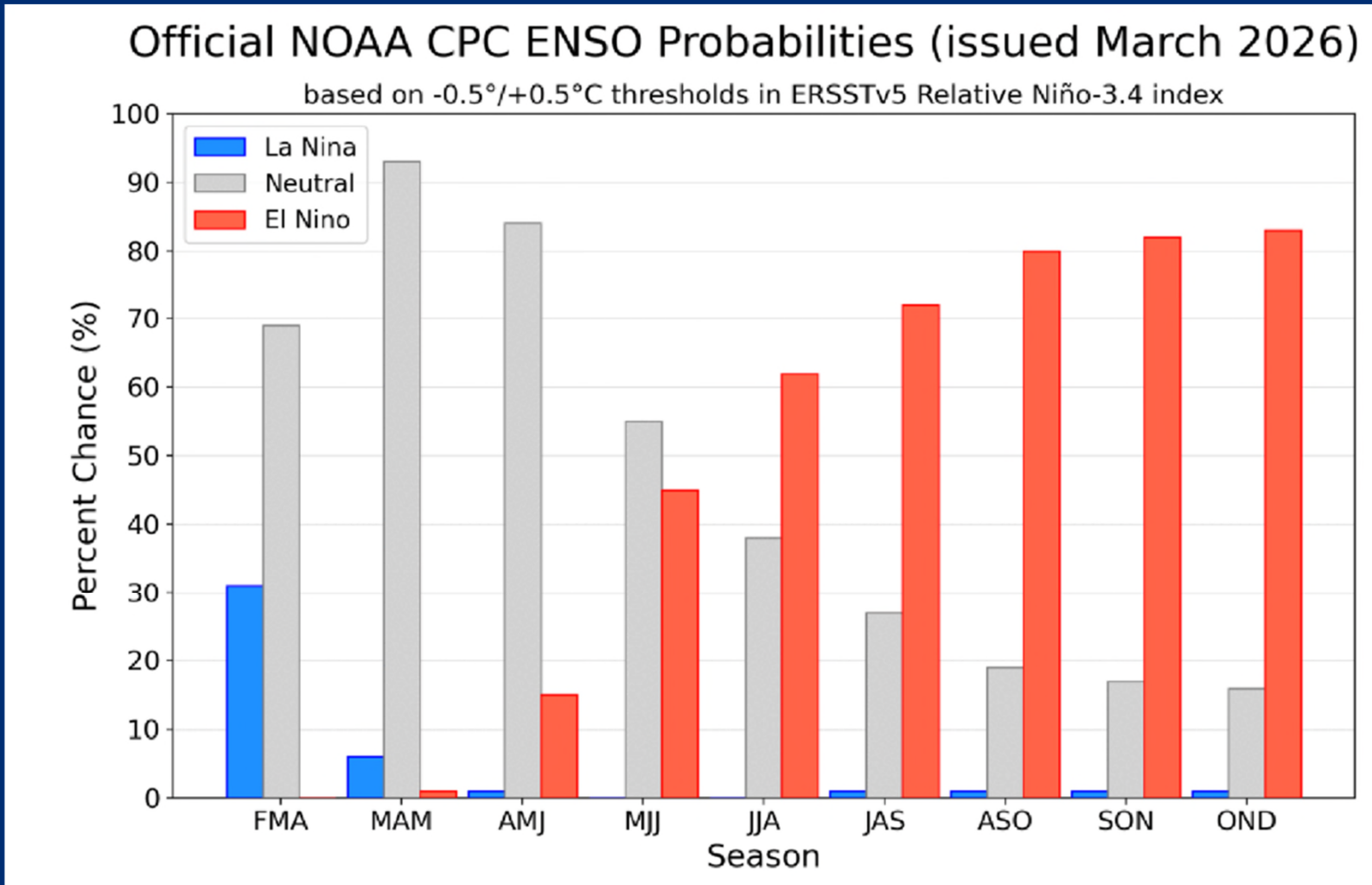
Dec. 4, 2025



March 17, 2026



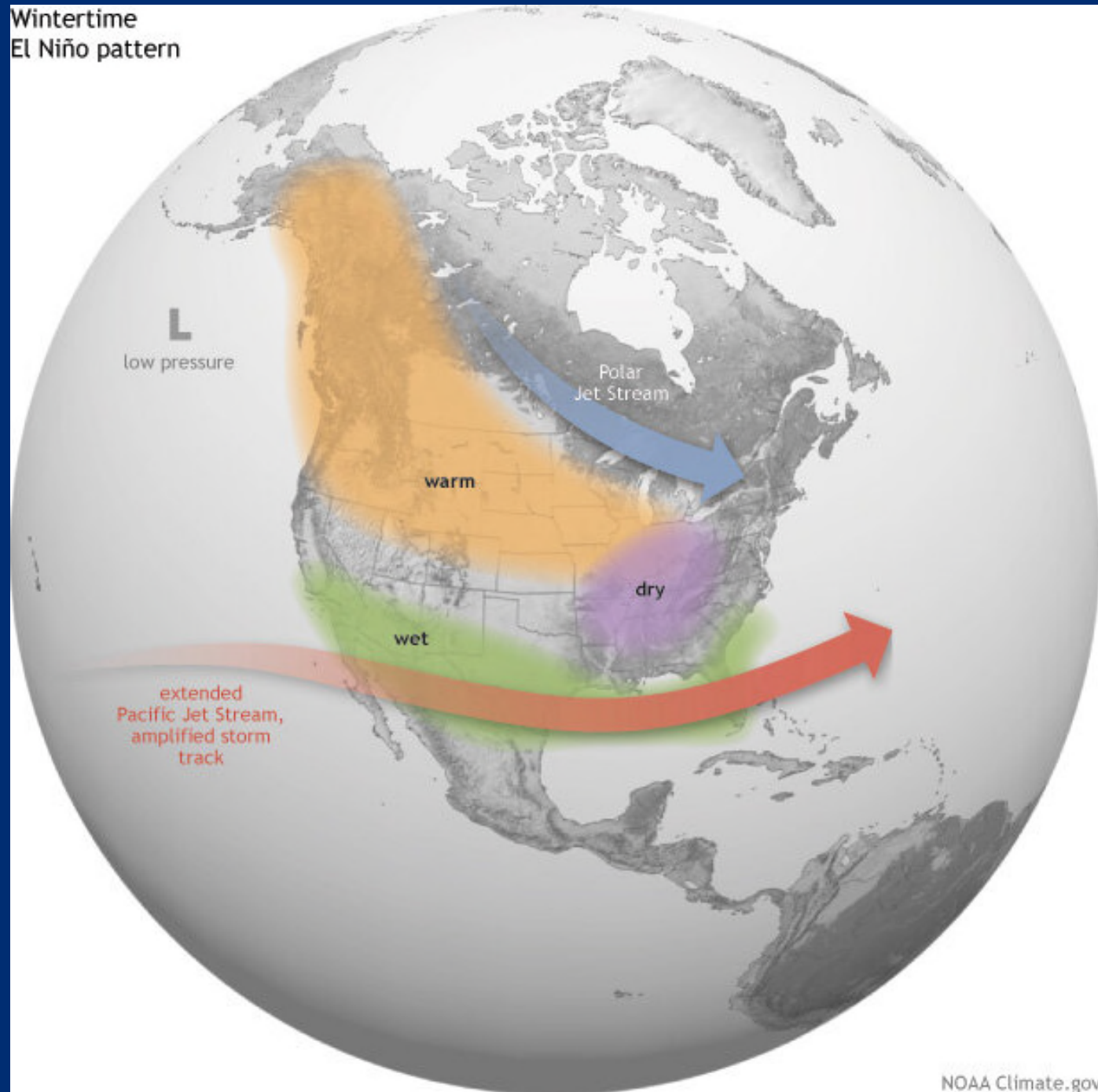
# Increasing Probabilities for El Niño



FMA: February, March, April  
MAM: March, April, May  
AMJ: April, May, June  
MJJ: May, June, July  
JJA: June, July, August  
JAS: July, August, September  
ASO: August, September, October  
SON: September, October, November  
OND: October, November, December

Wintertime  
El Niño pattern

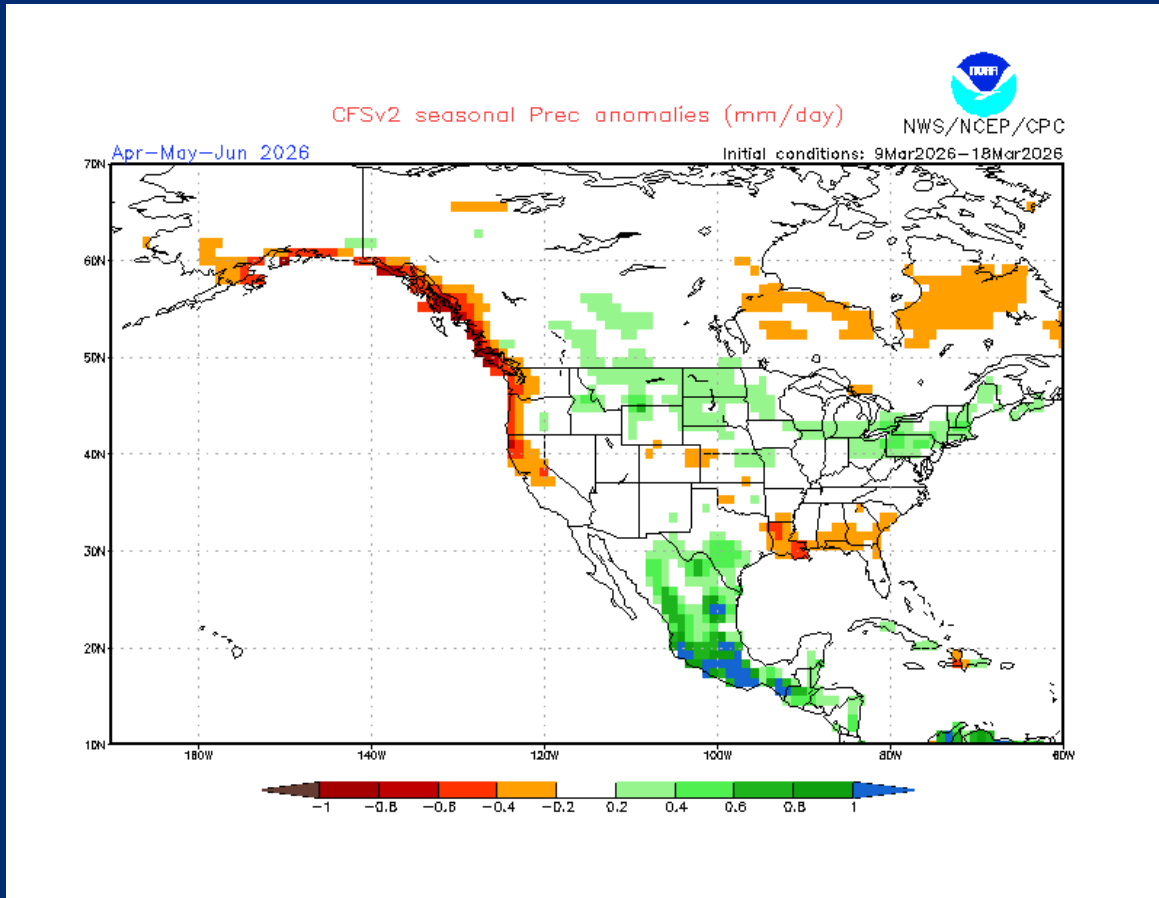
# A Typical El Niño Pattern



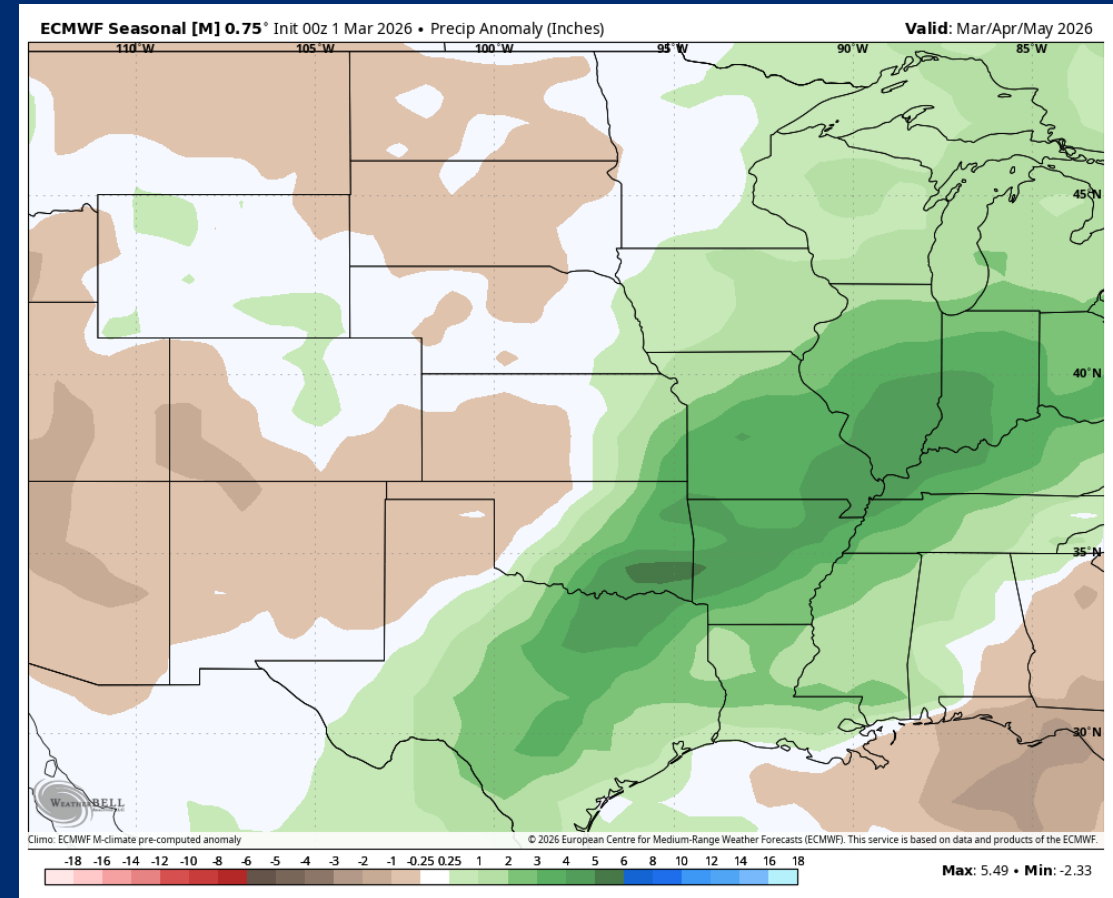
# El Niño Years Occurring Since 2000

- **2002-2003**
- **2004-2005**
- **2006-2007**
- **2009-2010**
- **2014-2016**
- **2018-2019**
- **2023-2024 – this El Niño did not produce typical rains**

# April, May and June Rainfall Outlook

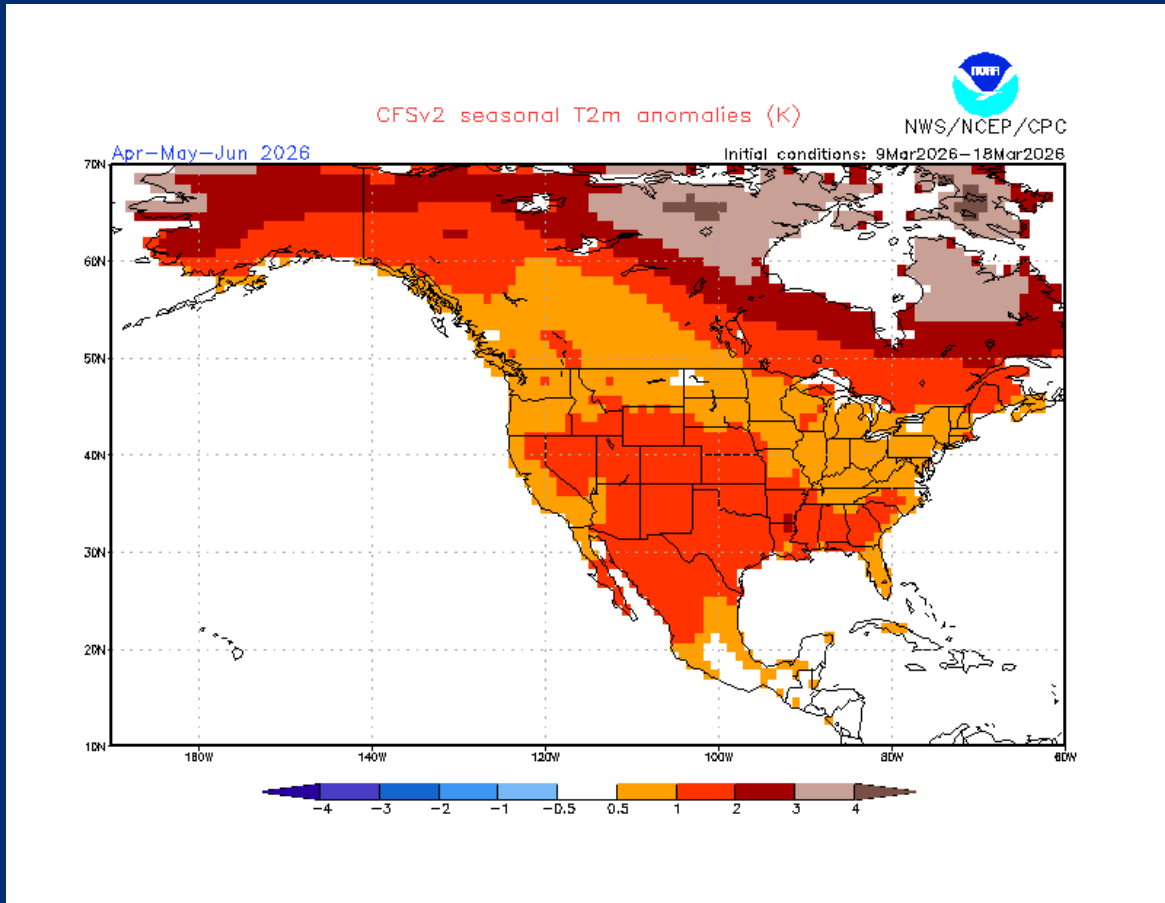


Climate Forecast System Version 2

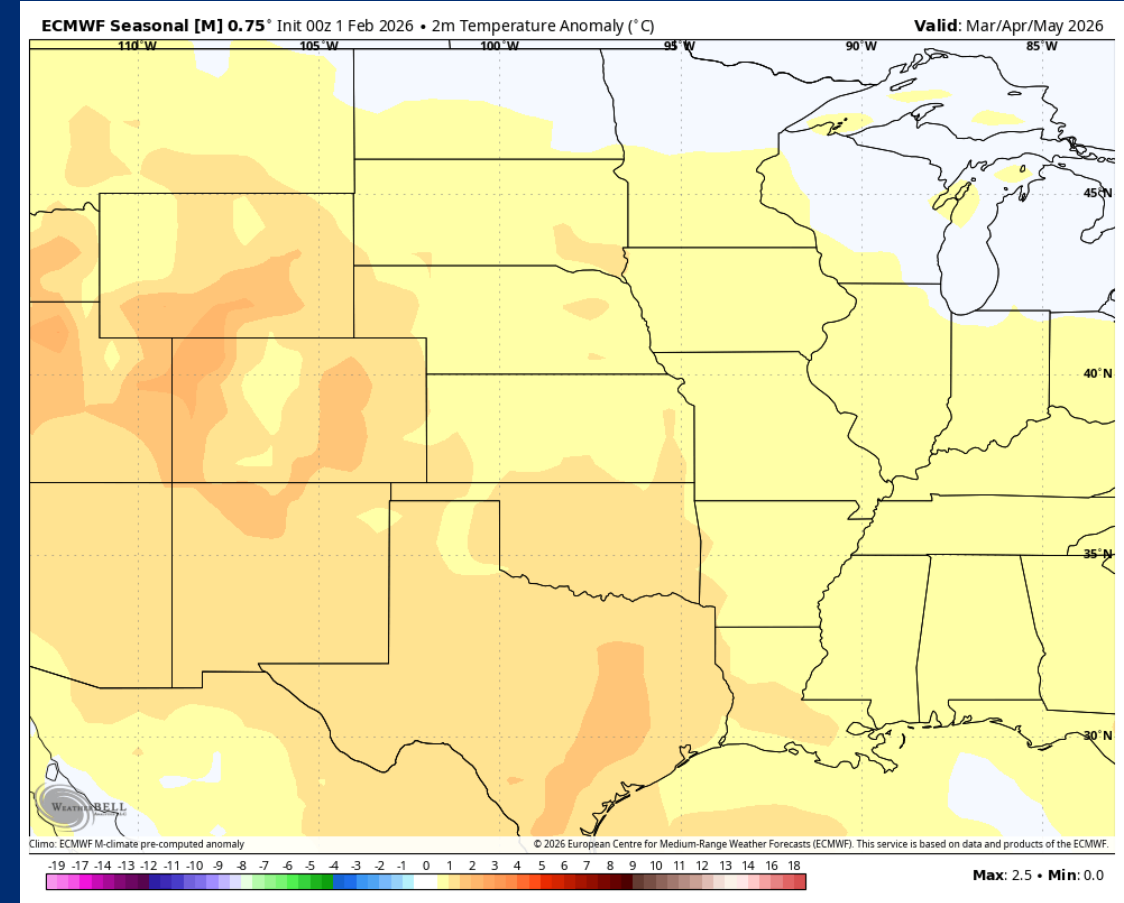


European Center

# April, May and June Temperature Outlook

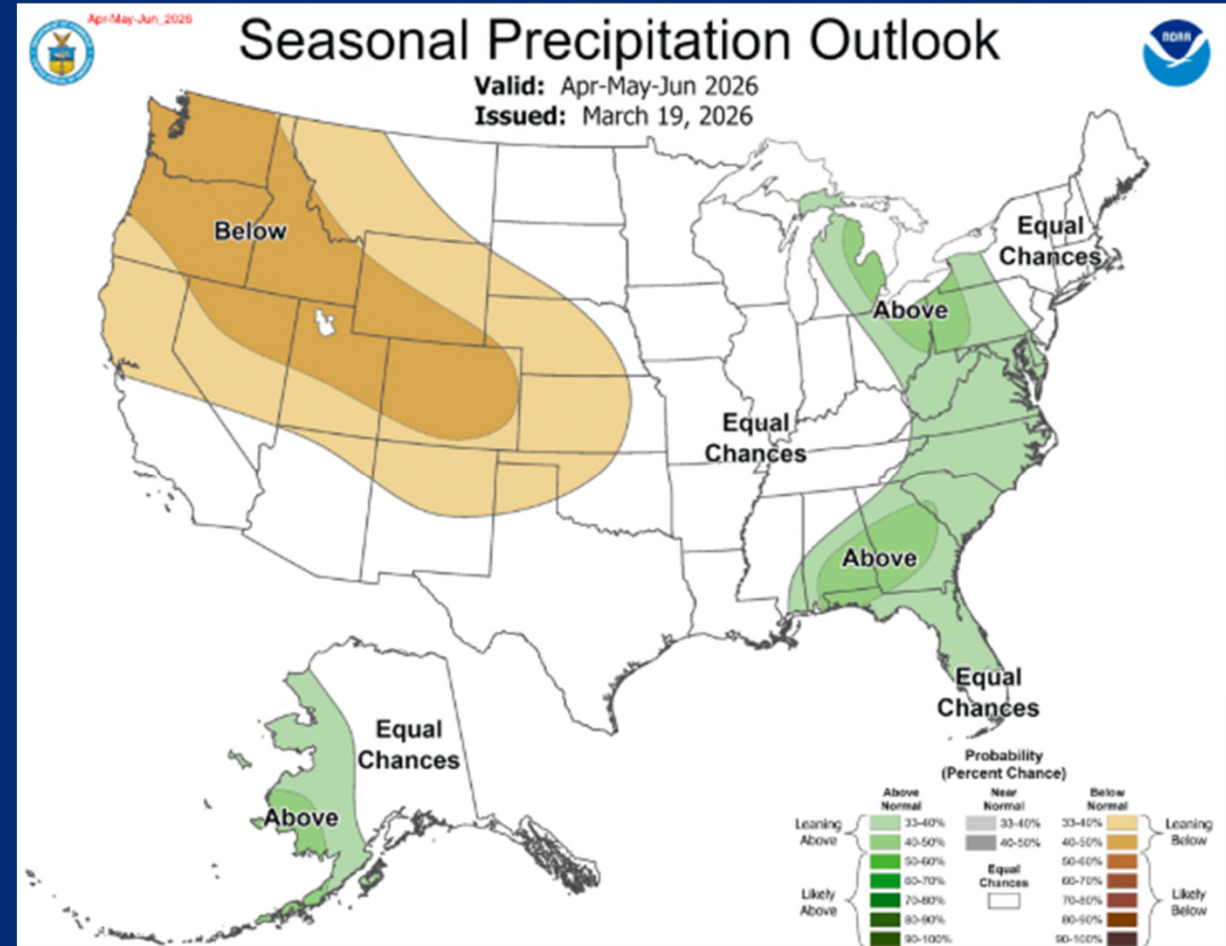
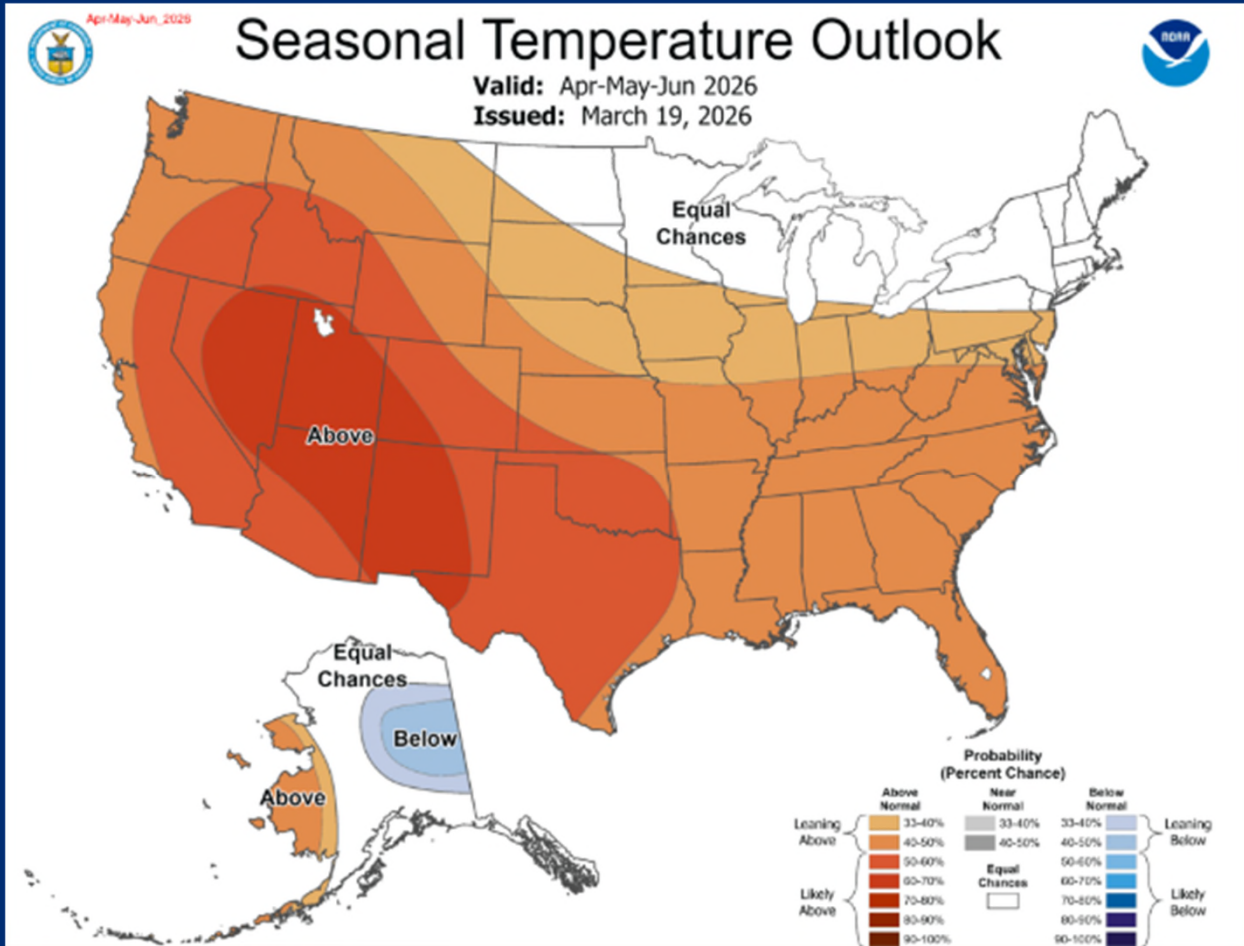


Climate Forecast System Version 2

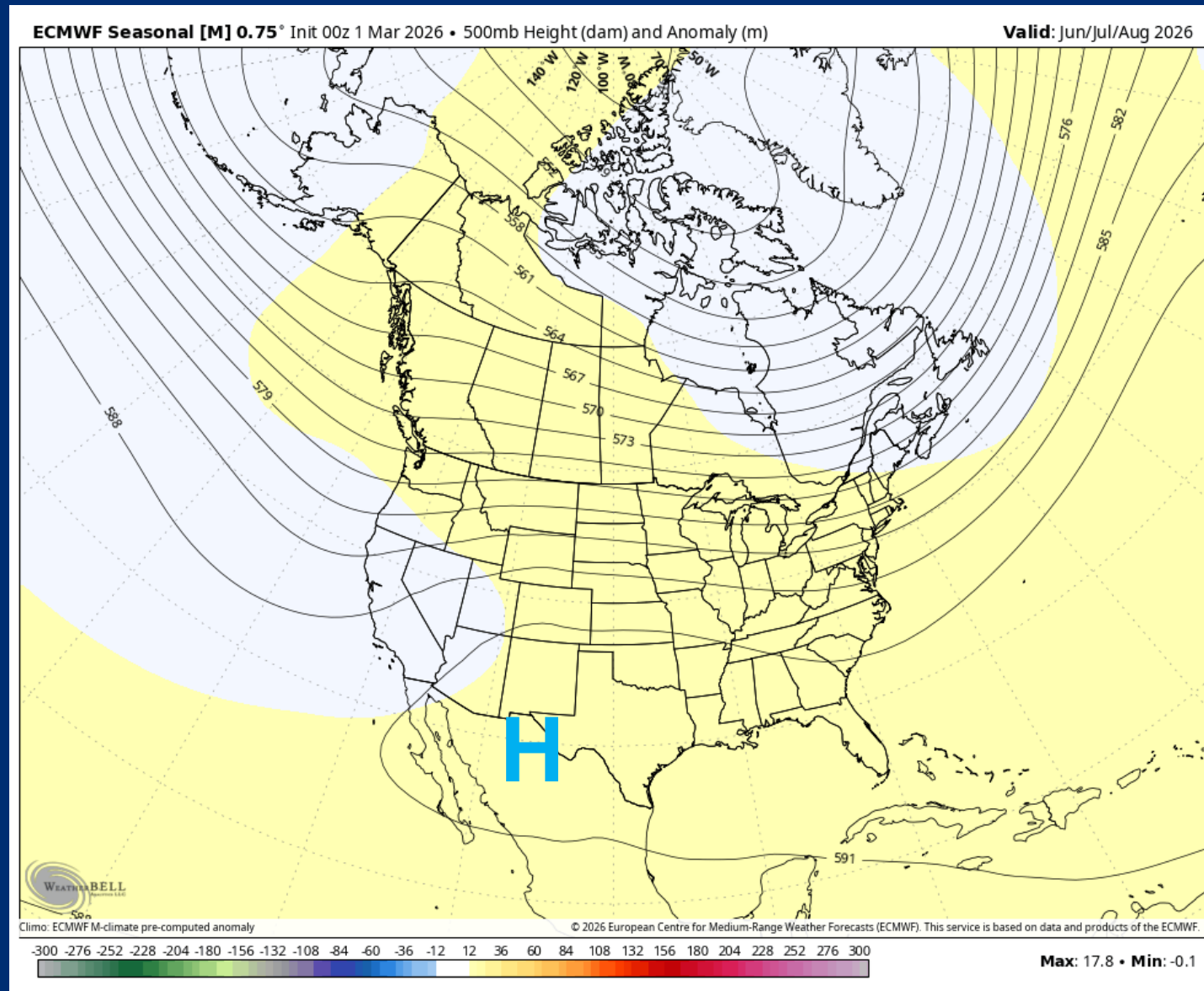


European Center

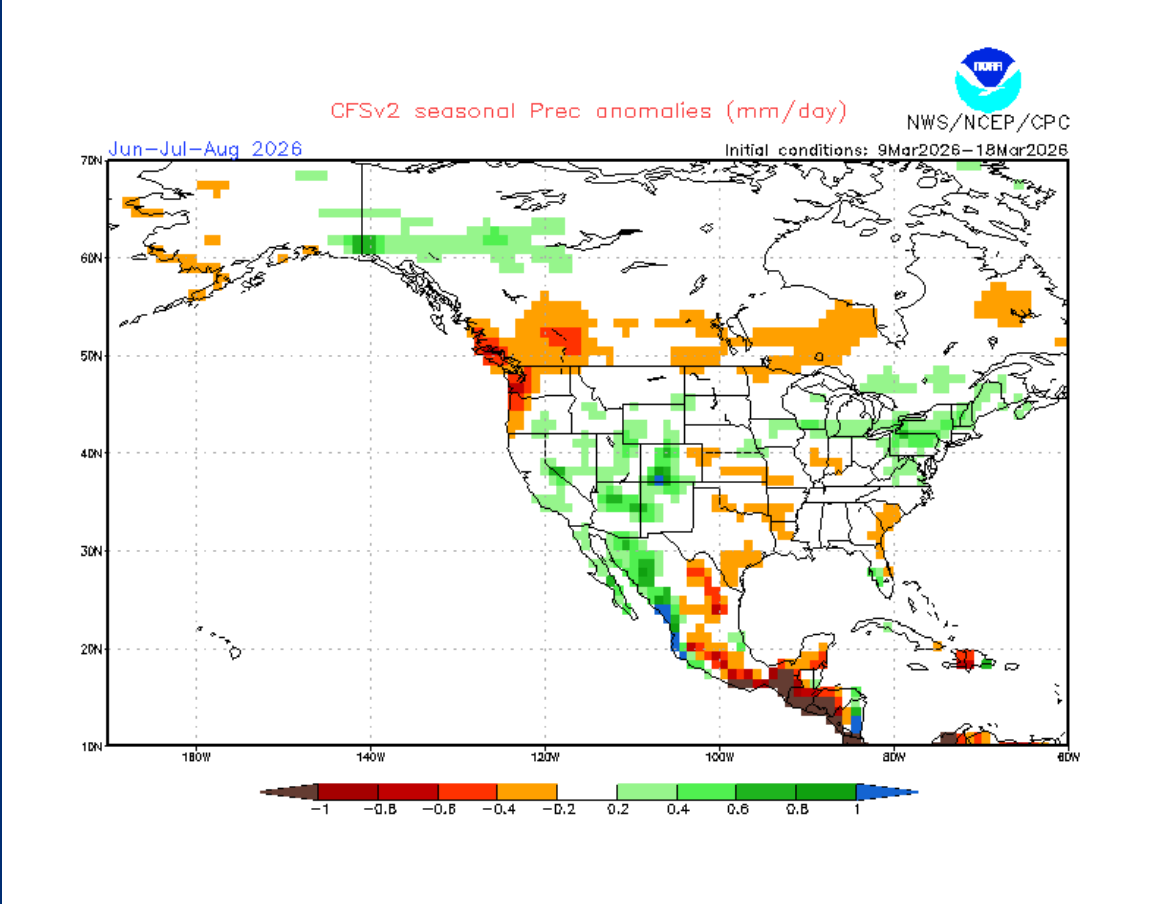
# NOAA's Outlook for April, May and June



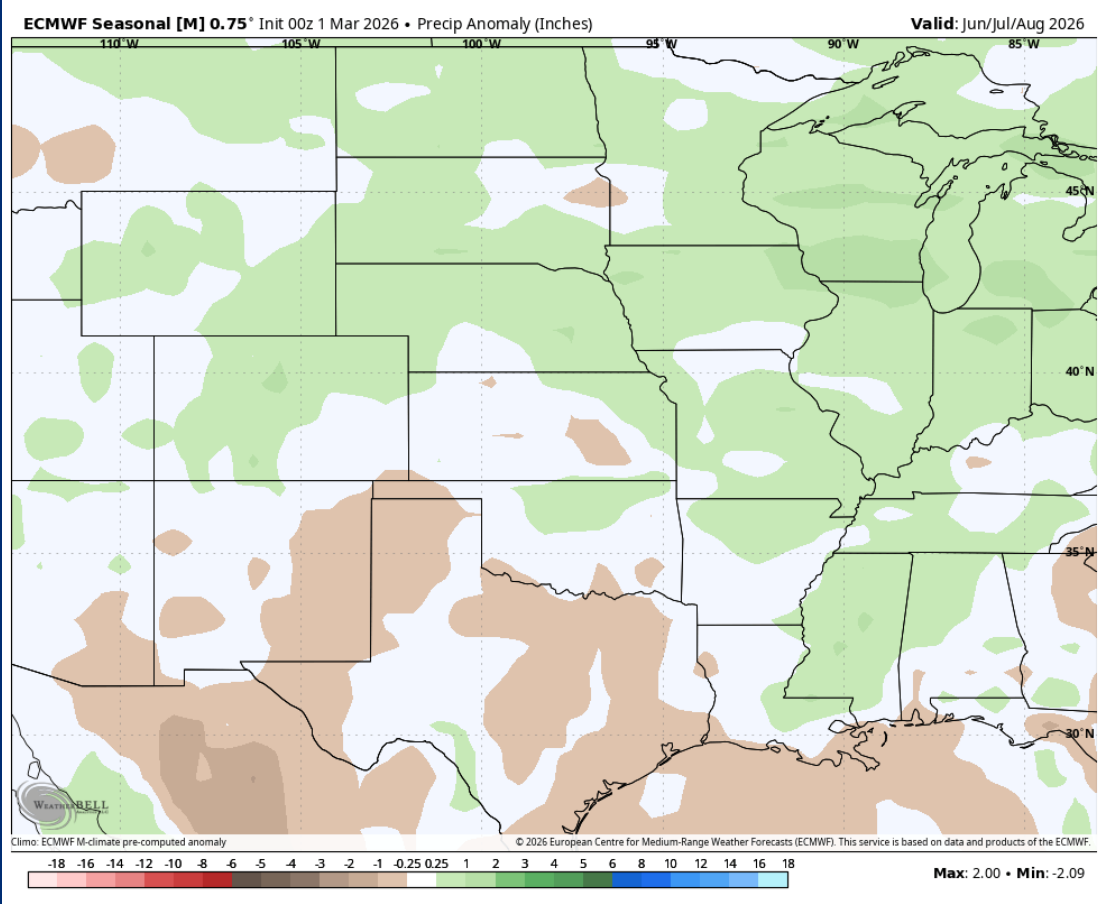
# Forecast Position of Summer's Heat Dome



# June, July and August Rainfall Outlook

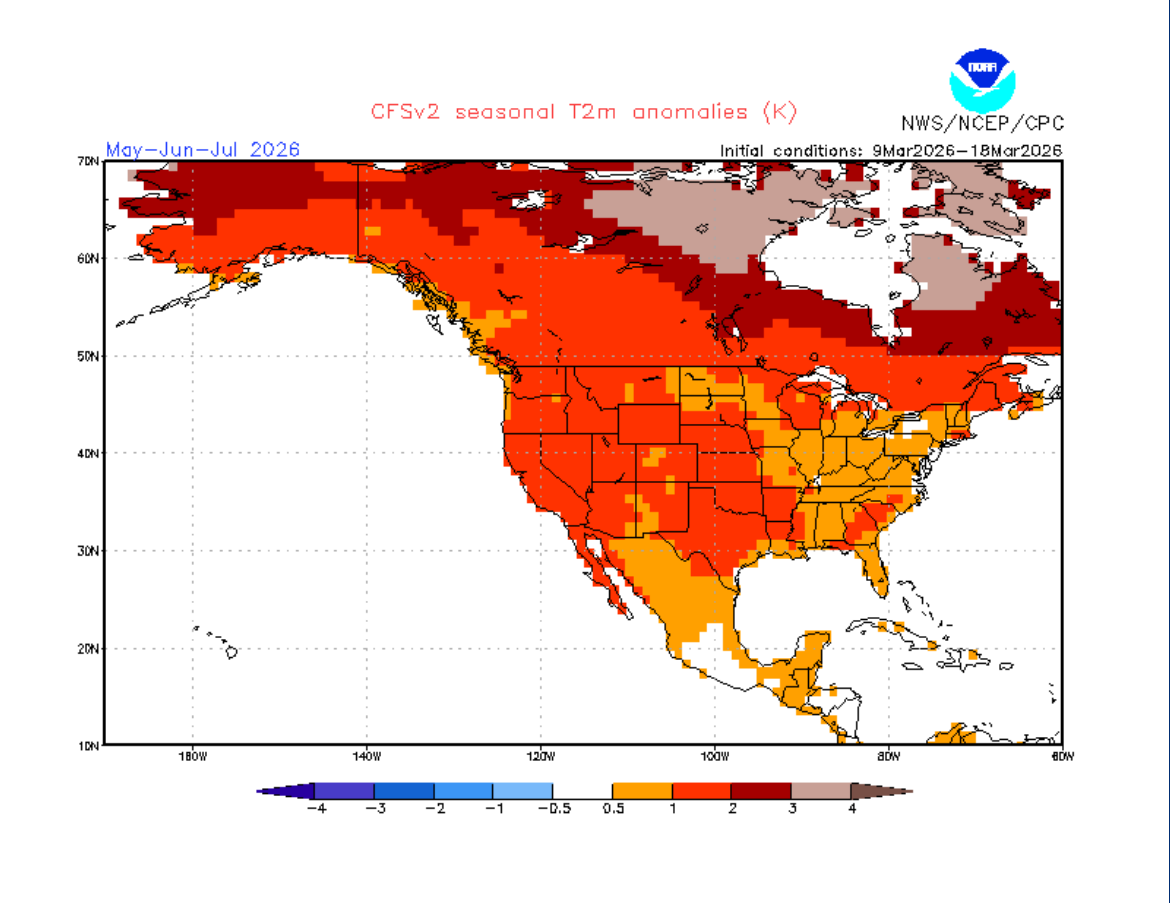


Climate Forecast System Version 2

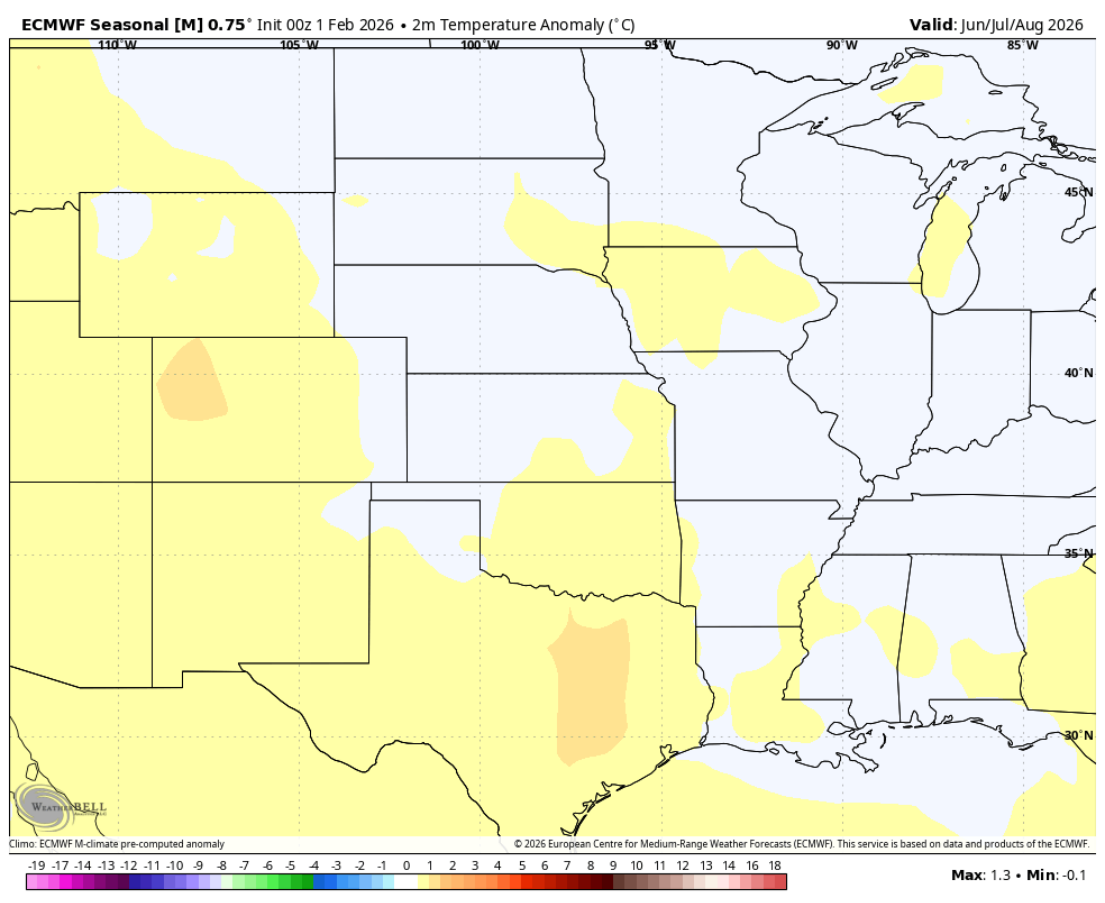


European Center

# June, July and August Temperature Outlook

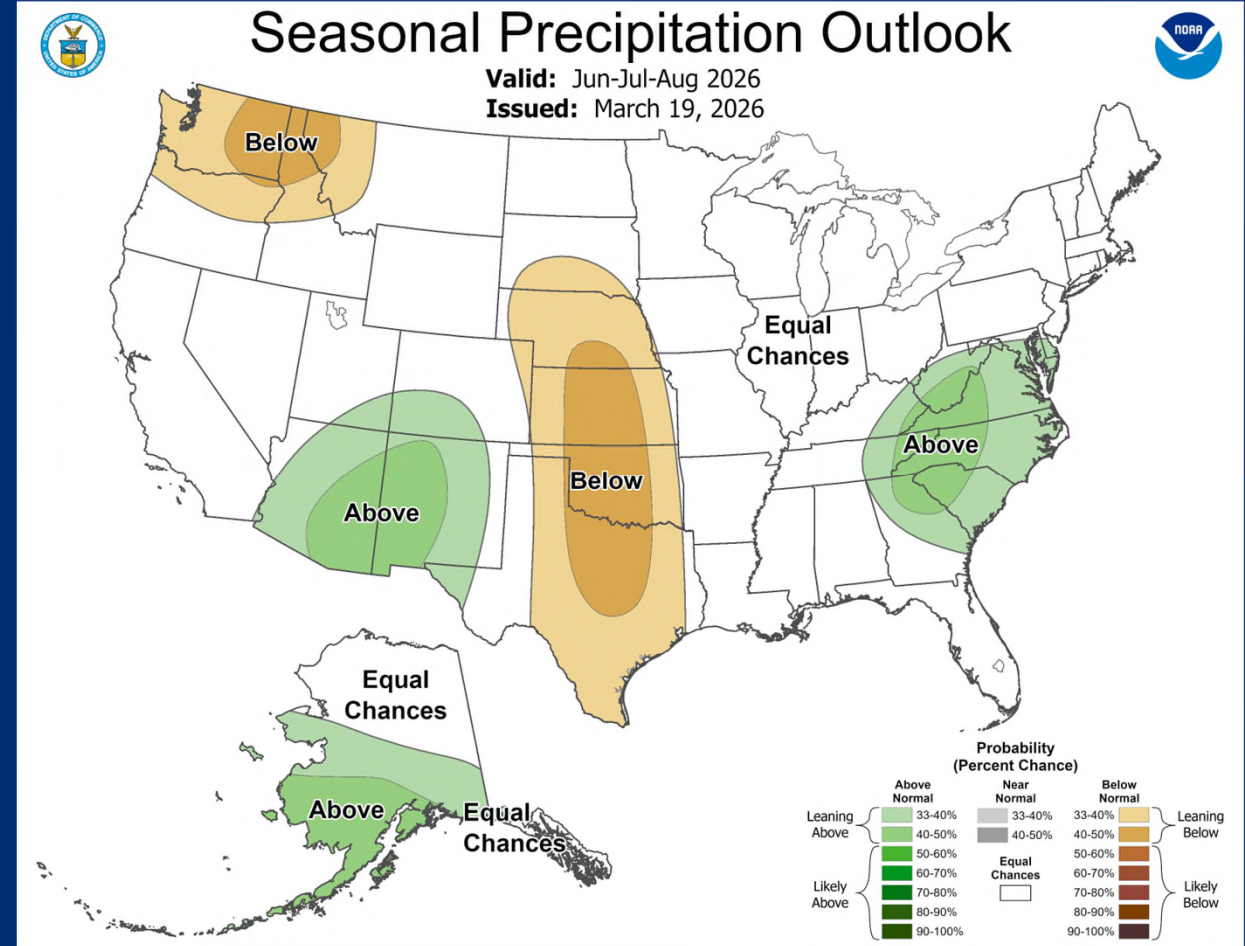
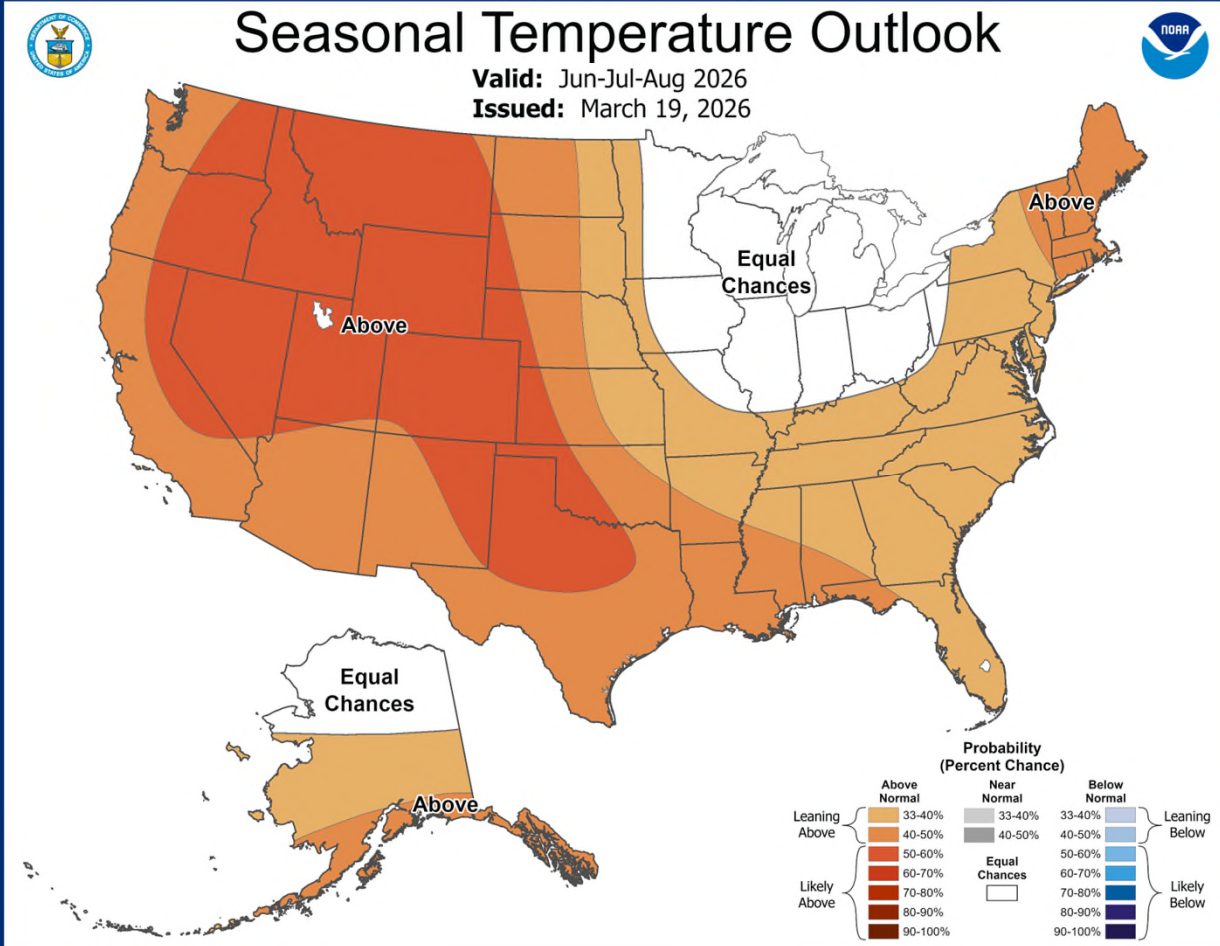


Climate Forecast System v2

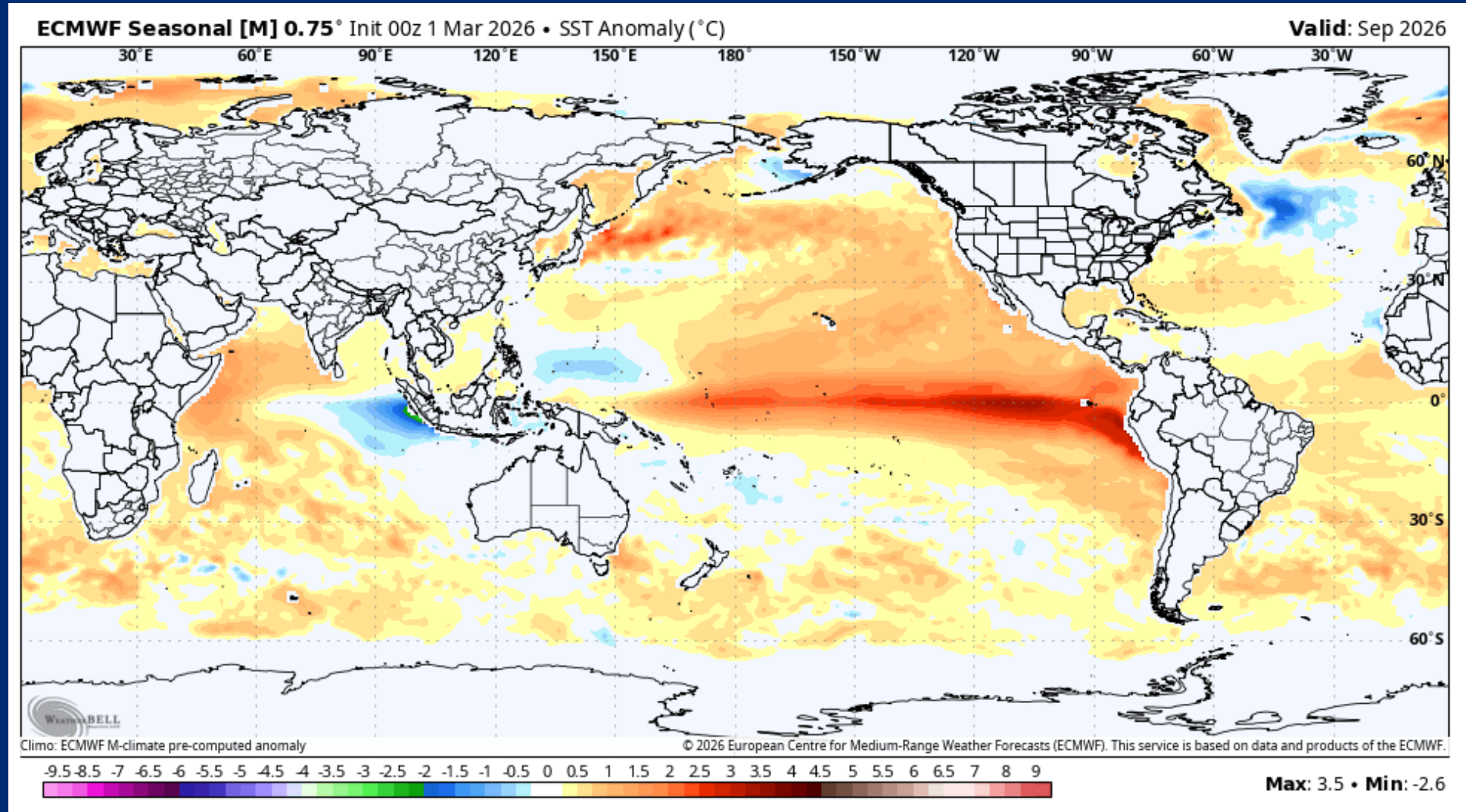


European Center

# NOAA's Outlook for June/July/August



# Less Hurricane Activity This Summer?



# Spring and Summer Weather Outlook

- A trend toward near-normal rainfall expected beginning in April, continuing through June
- Slightly drier-than-normal rainfall expected this summer
- Warmer-than-normal temperatures predicted this spring and summer
- A hotter summer than what occurred in 2024 and 2025
- El Niño is forecast to develop this summer
- A potential for heavier rains this fall

