

North Dakota Bi-Weekly Drought Update

Daryl Ritchison, January 8, 2026

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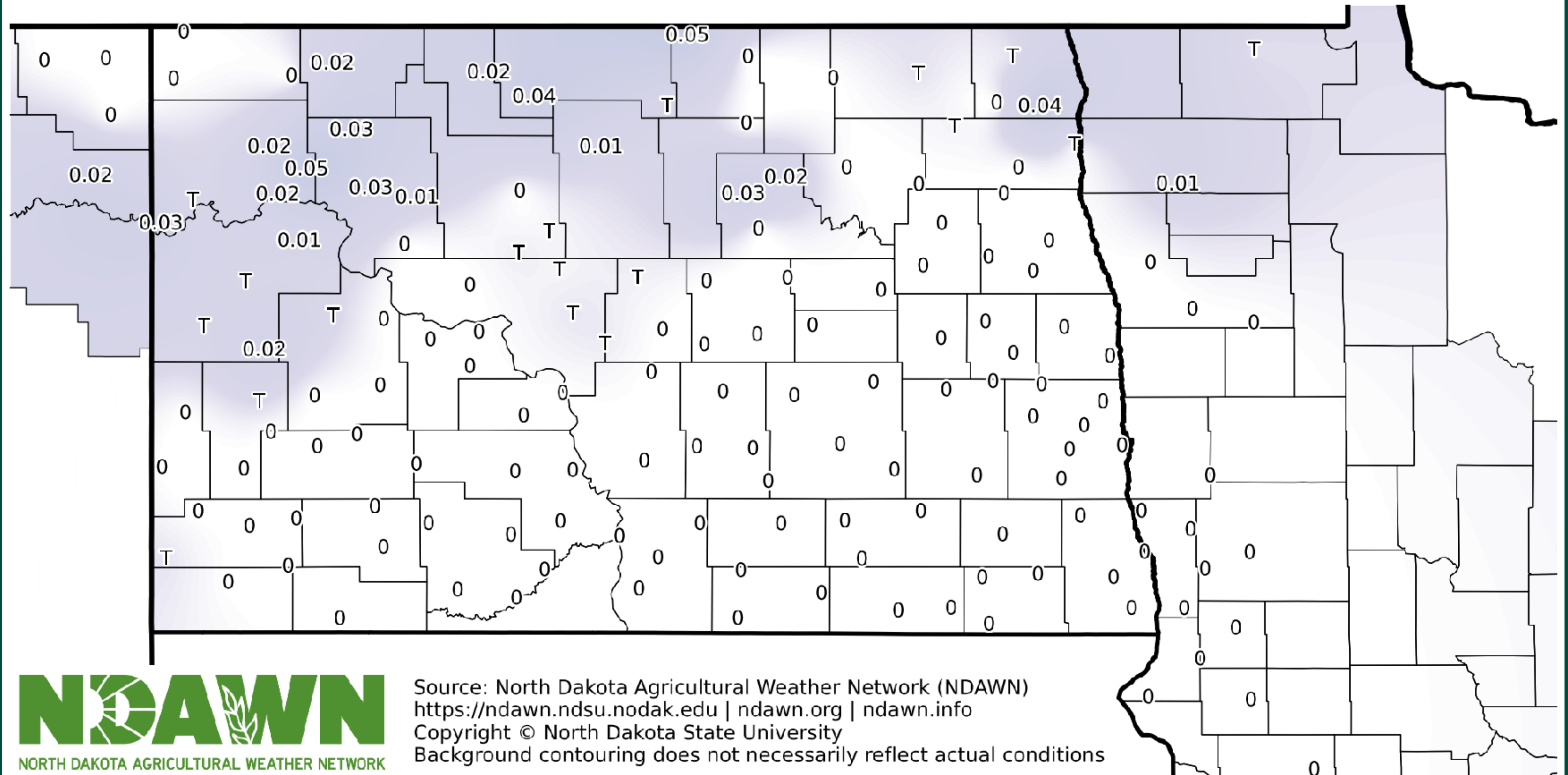


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Total Precipitation Since Yesterday (in)

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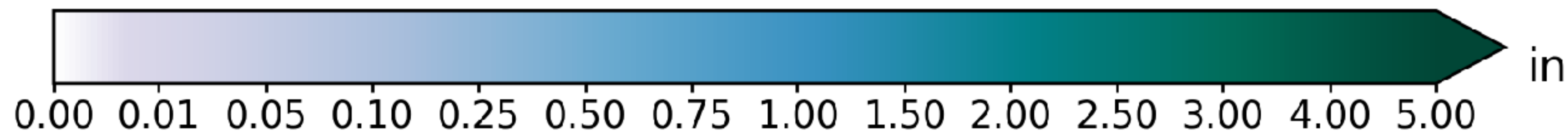


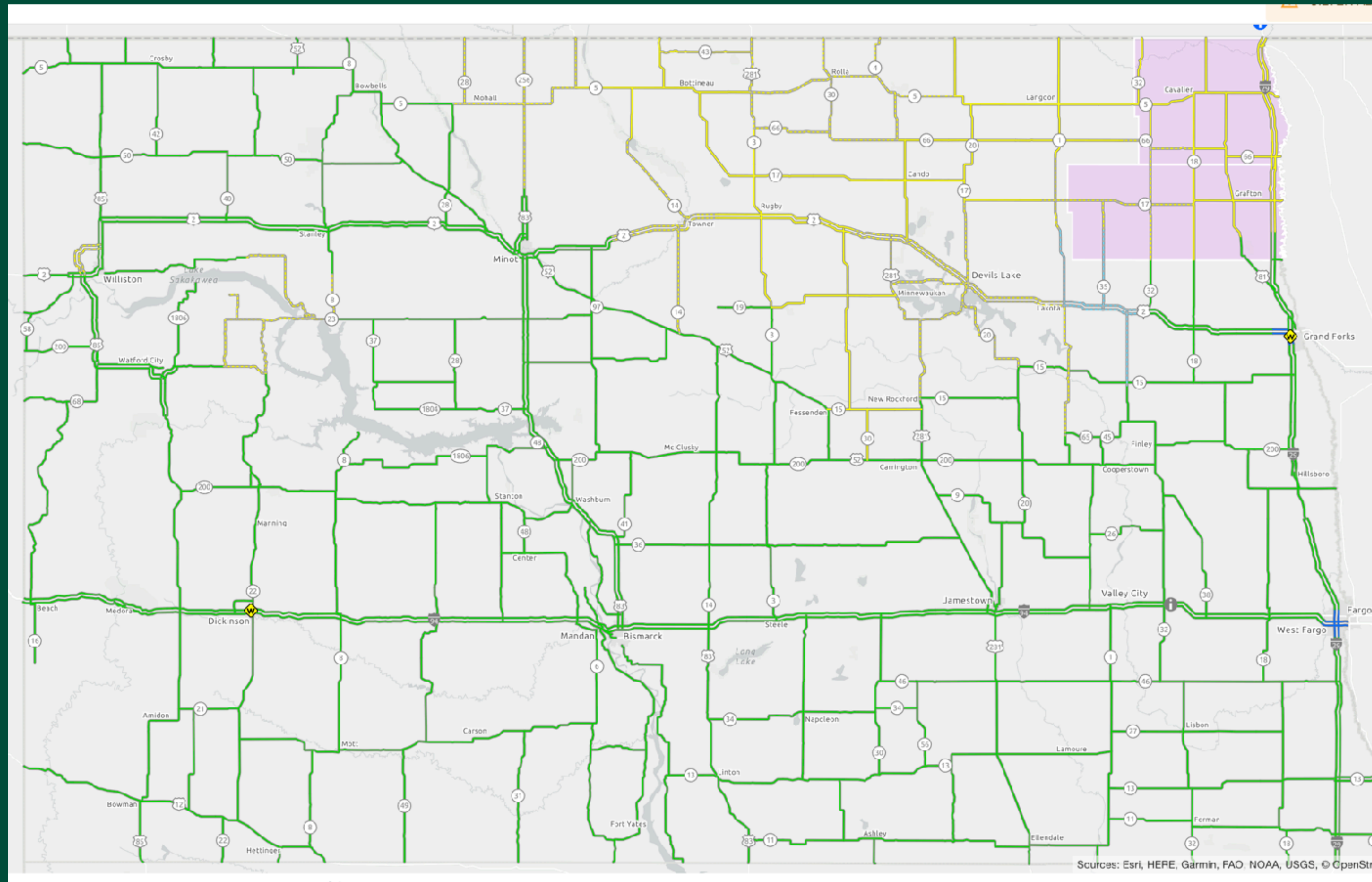
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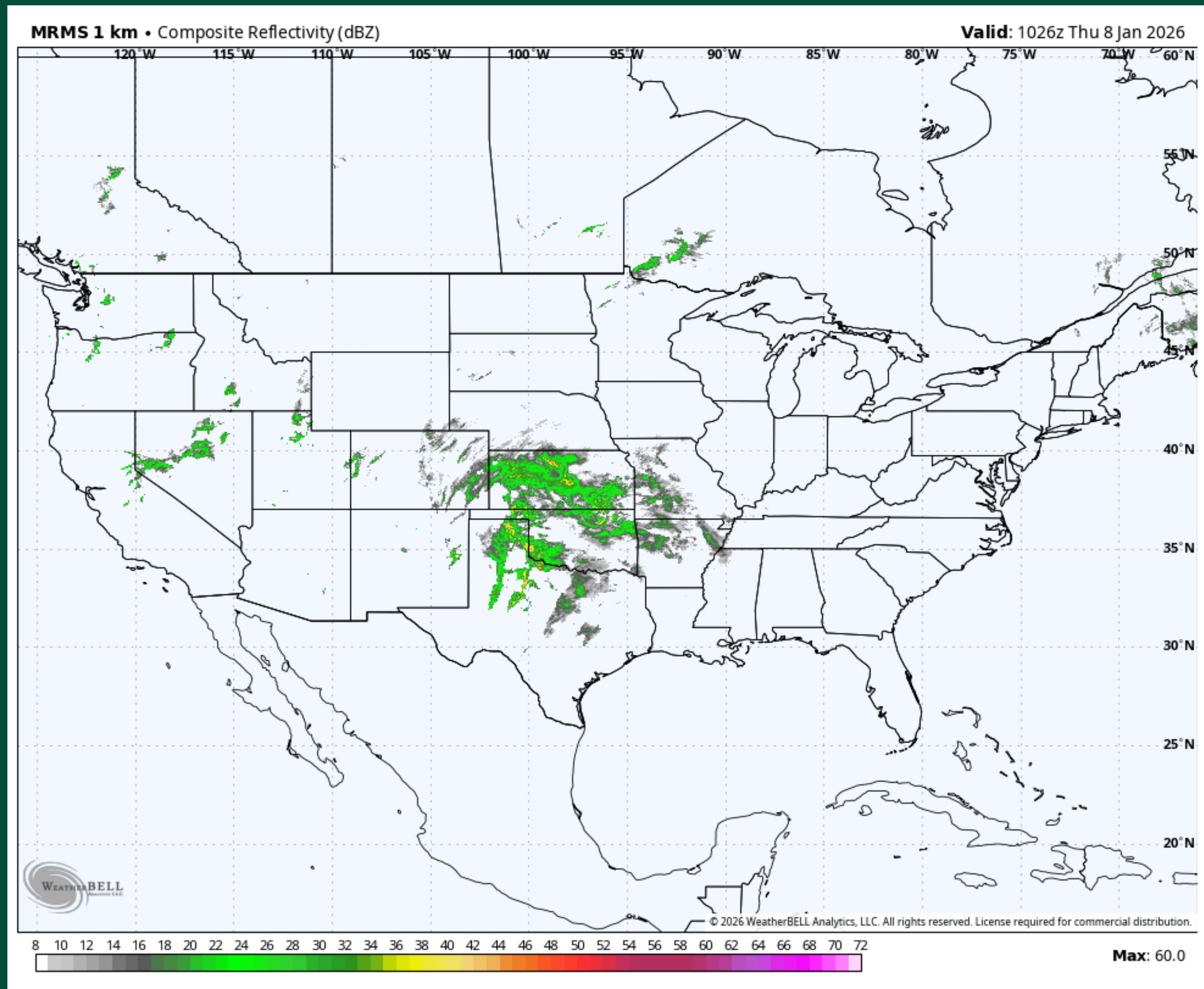
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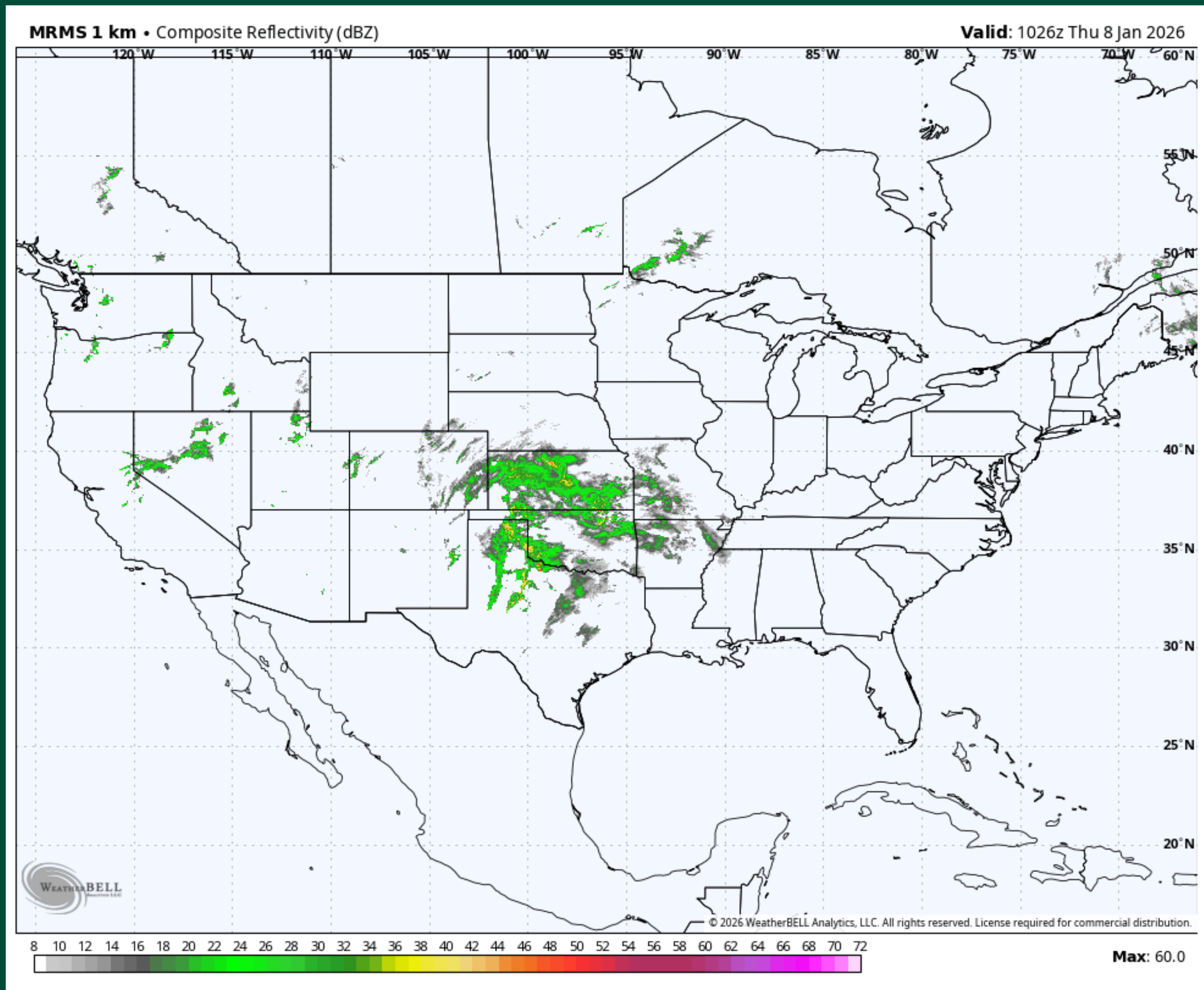




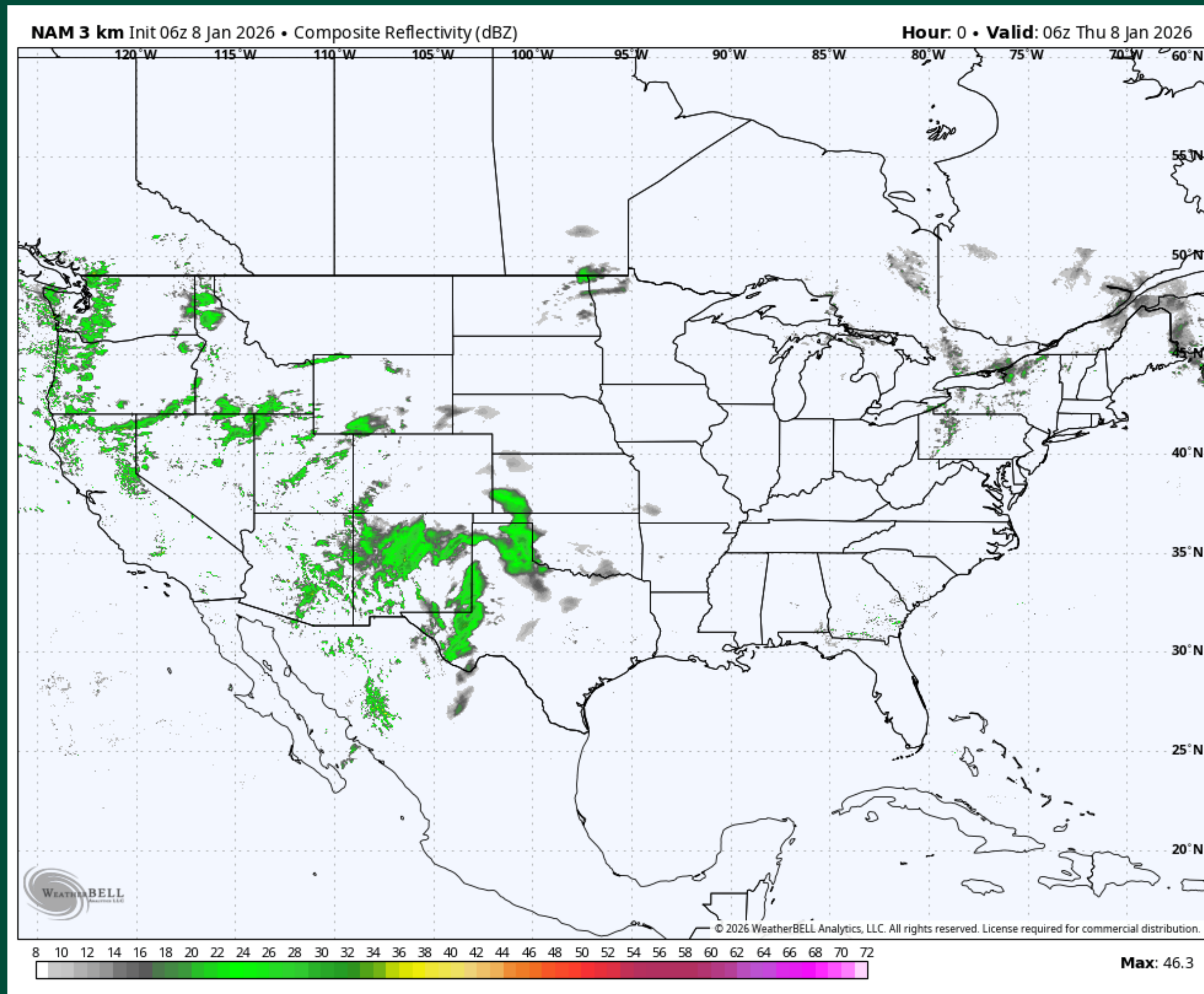
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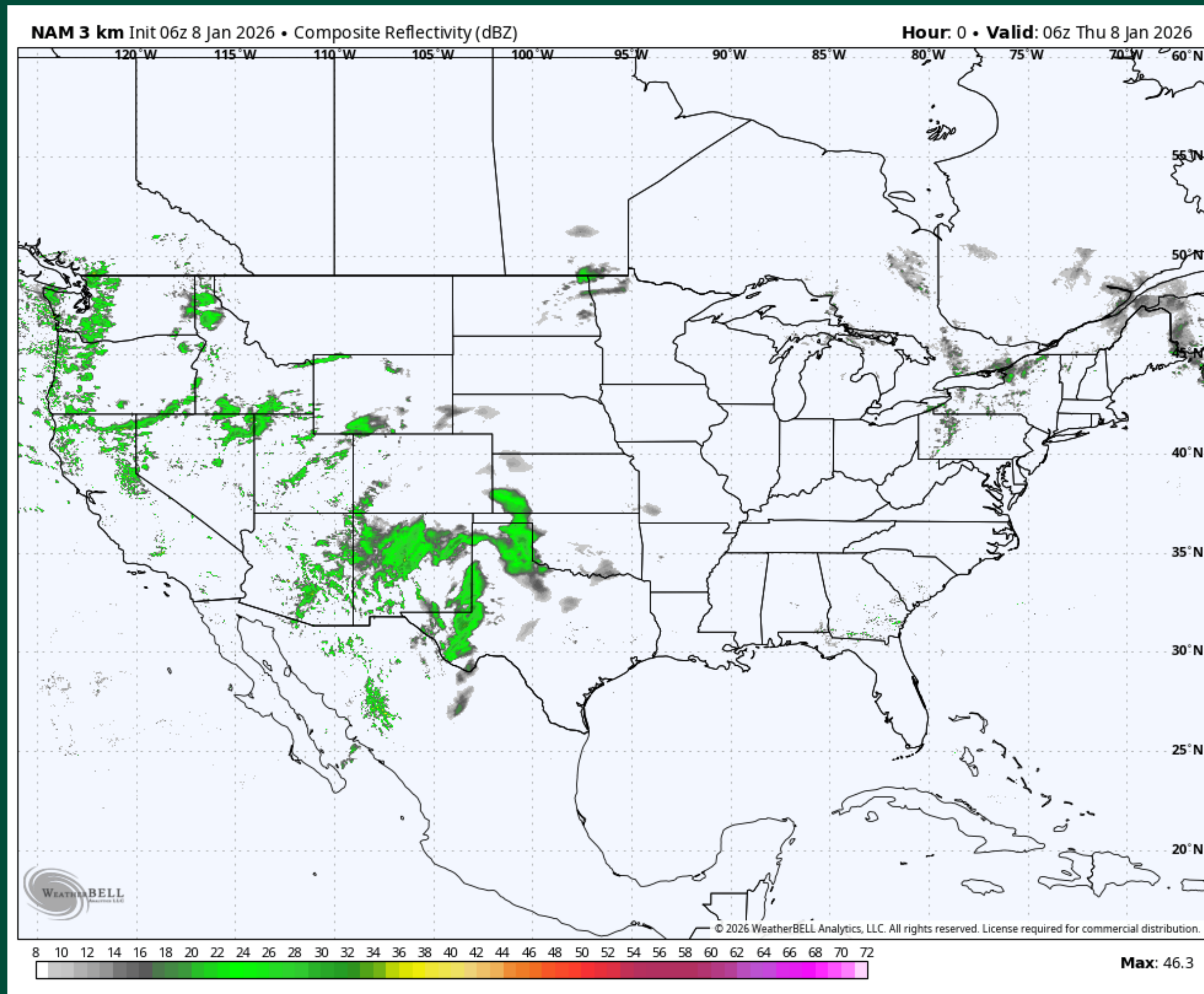
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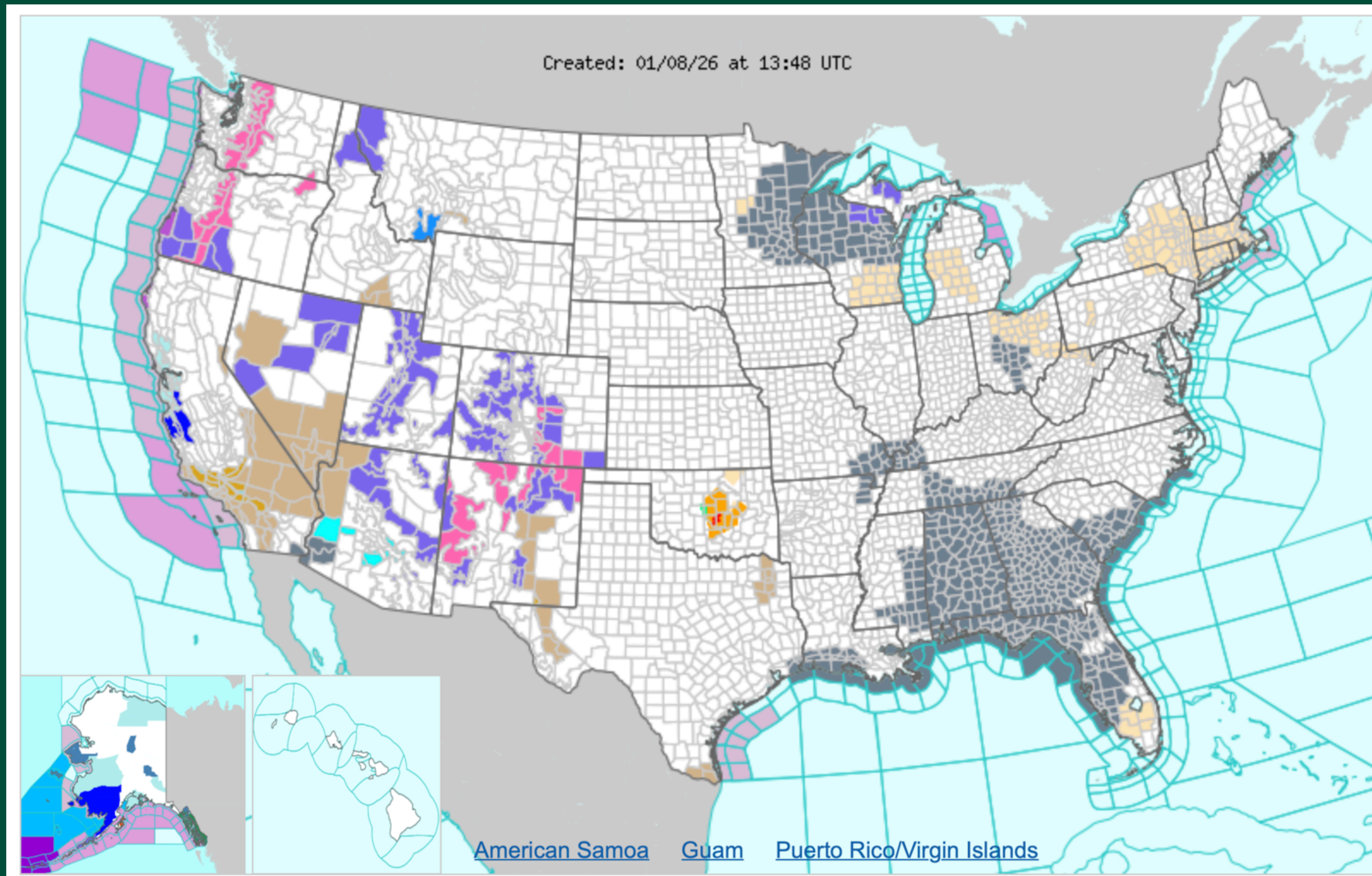
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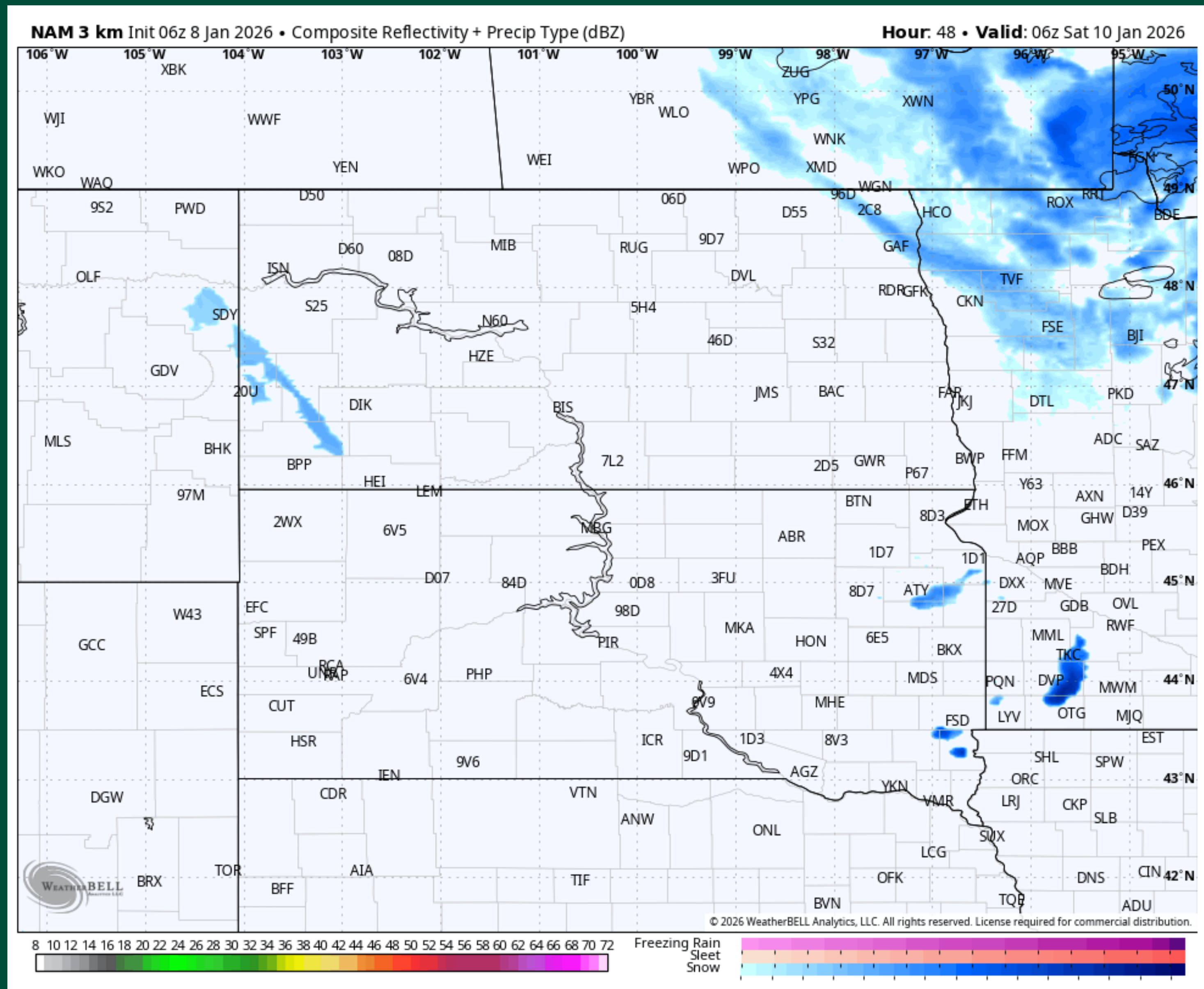
Future Radar



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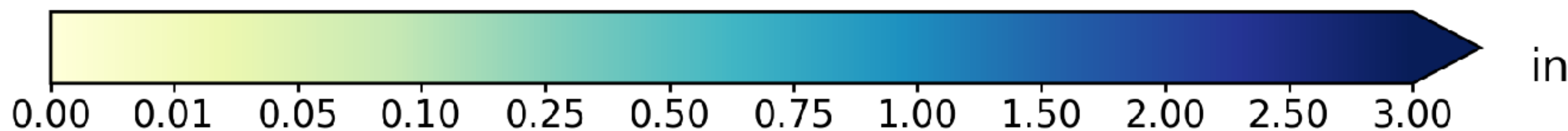
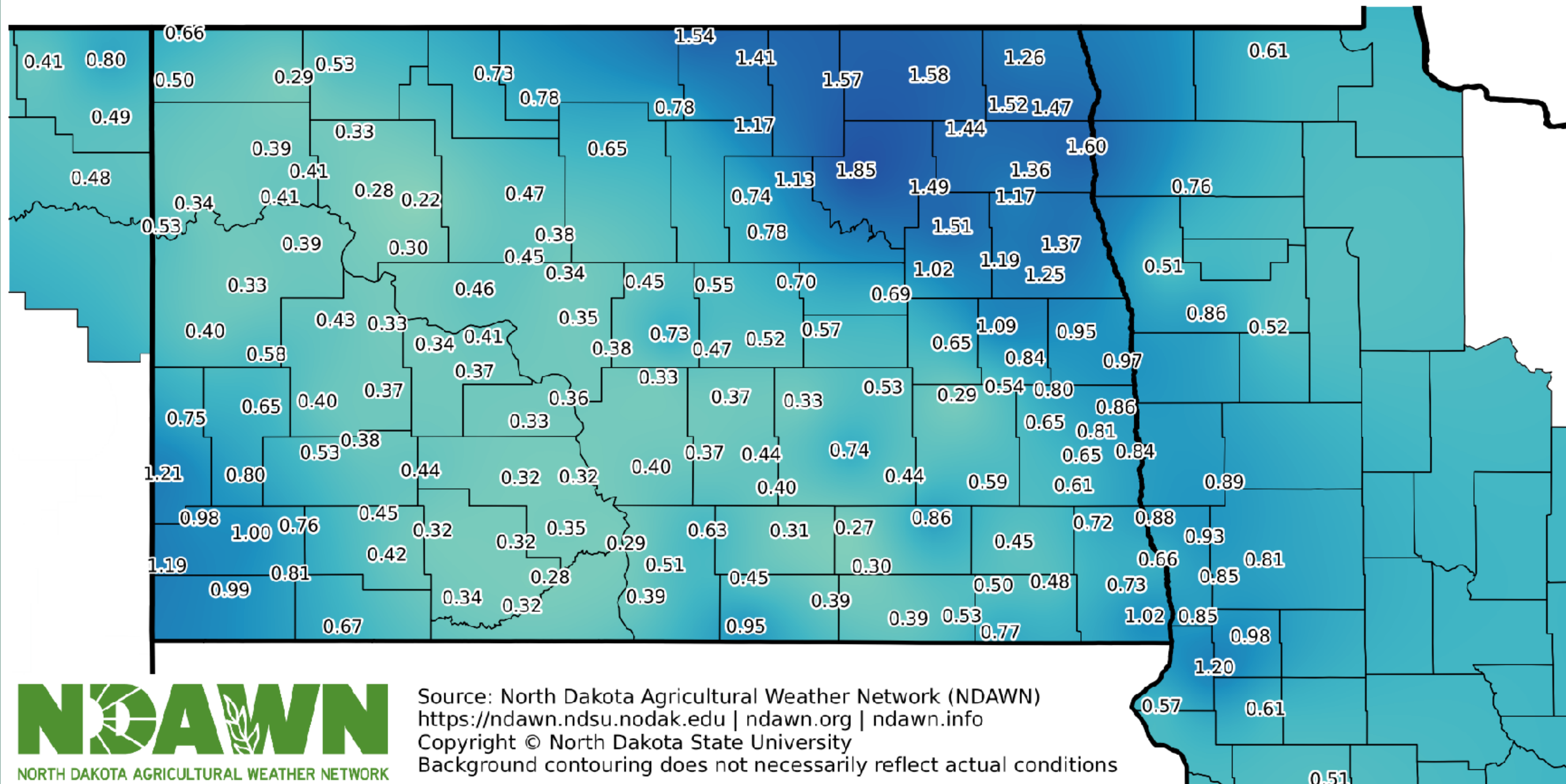
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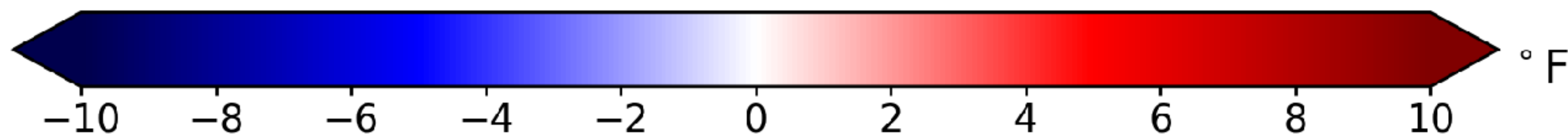
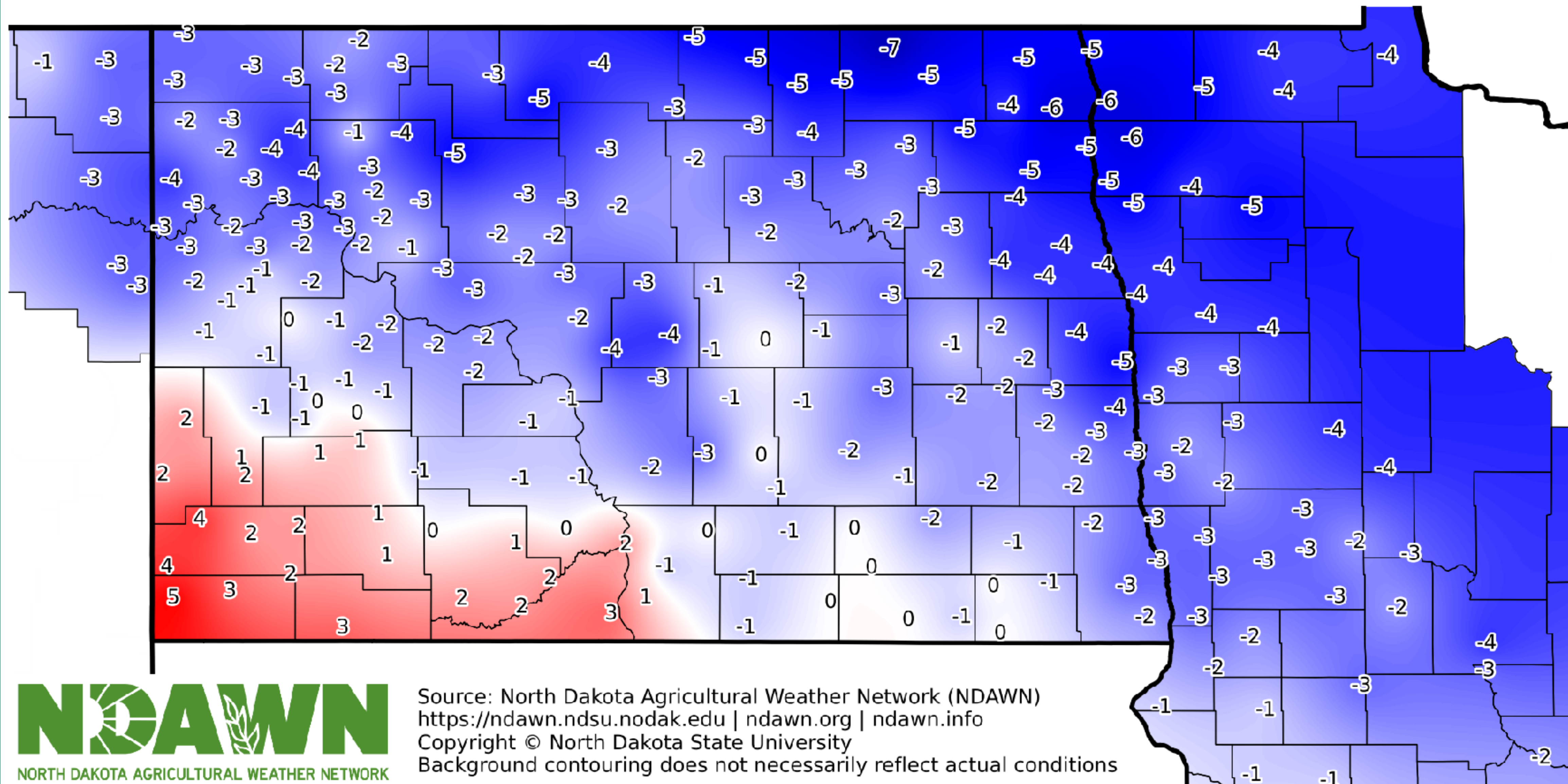
Friday Night (midnight)

Total Precipitation - Past 30 Days (in)

Jan 07 2026



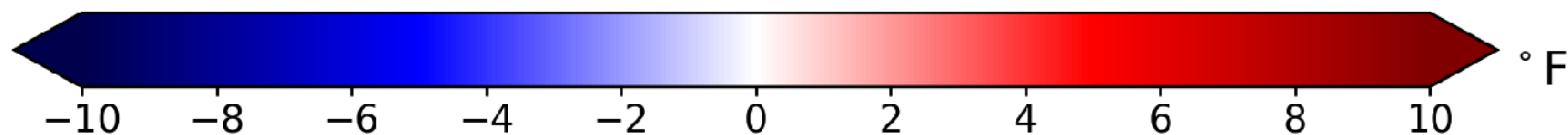
12-01-2025 - 12-31-2025



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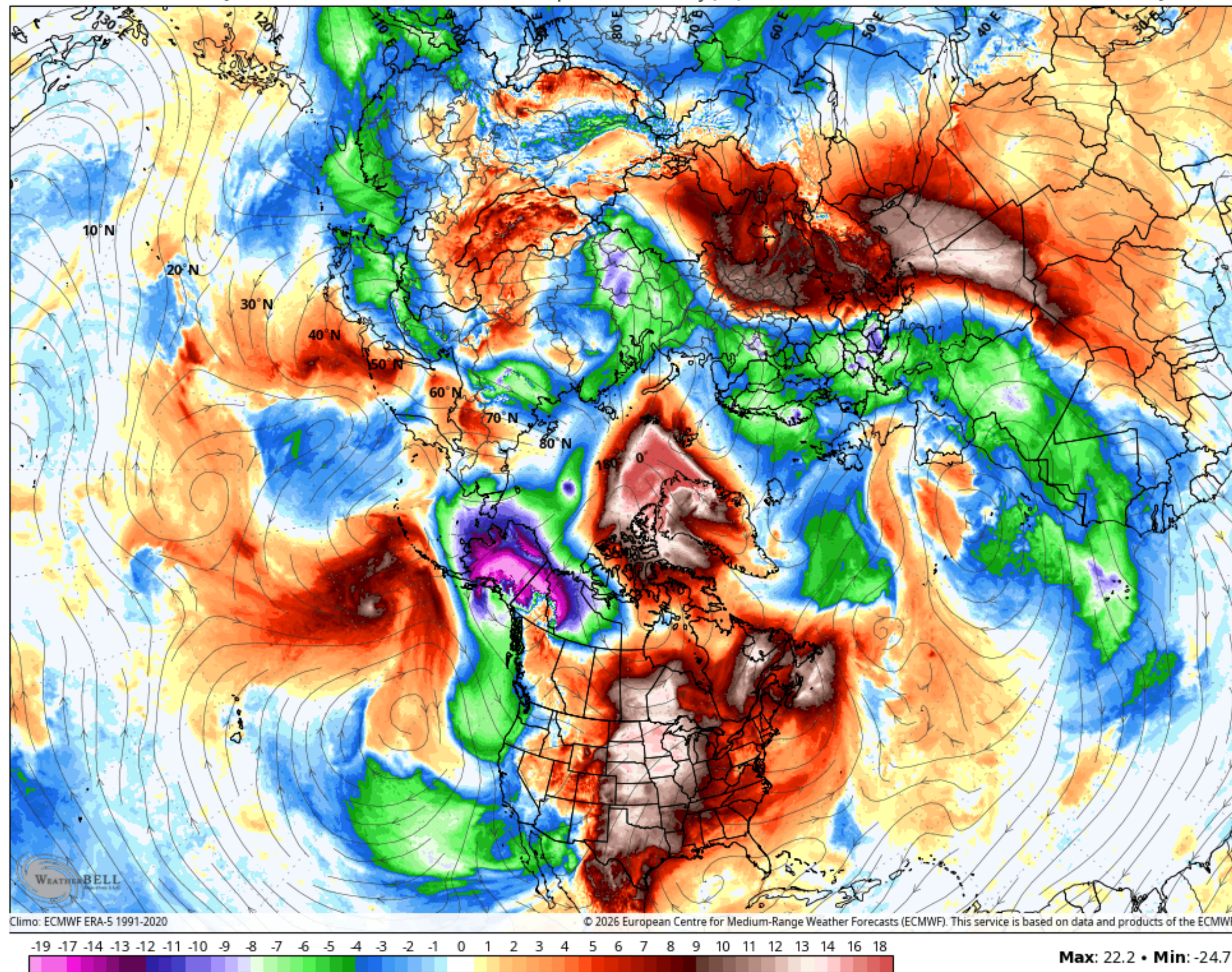


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ECMWF 0.1° Init 00z 8 Jan 2026 • 850mb Streamlines and Temperature Anomaly (°C)

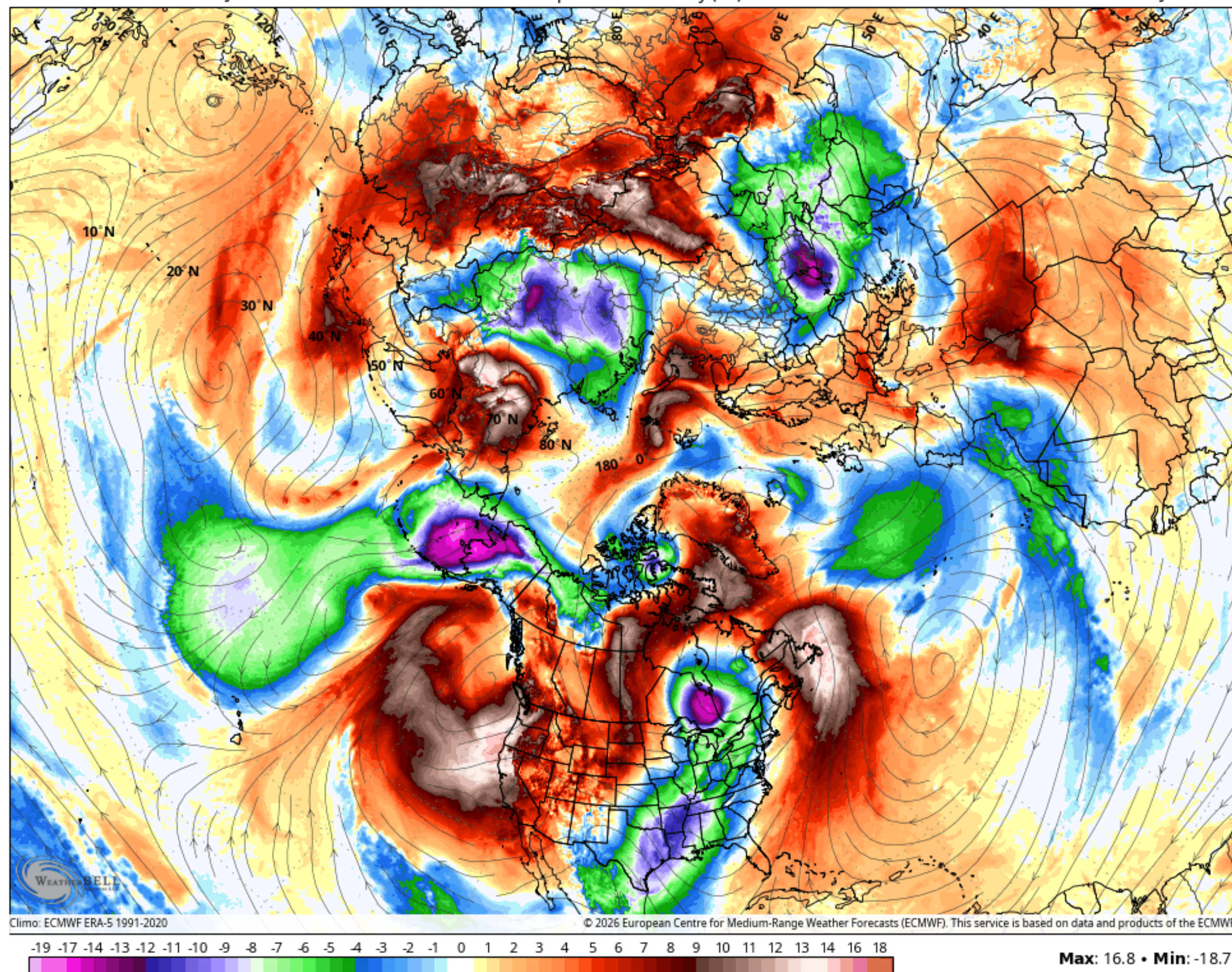
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Future Temperature Anomalies

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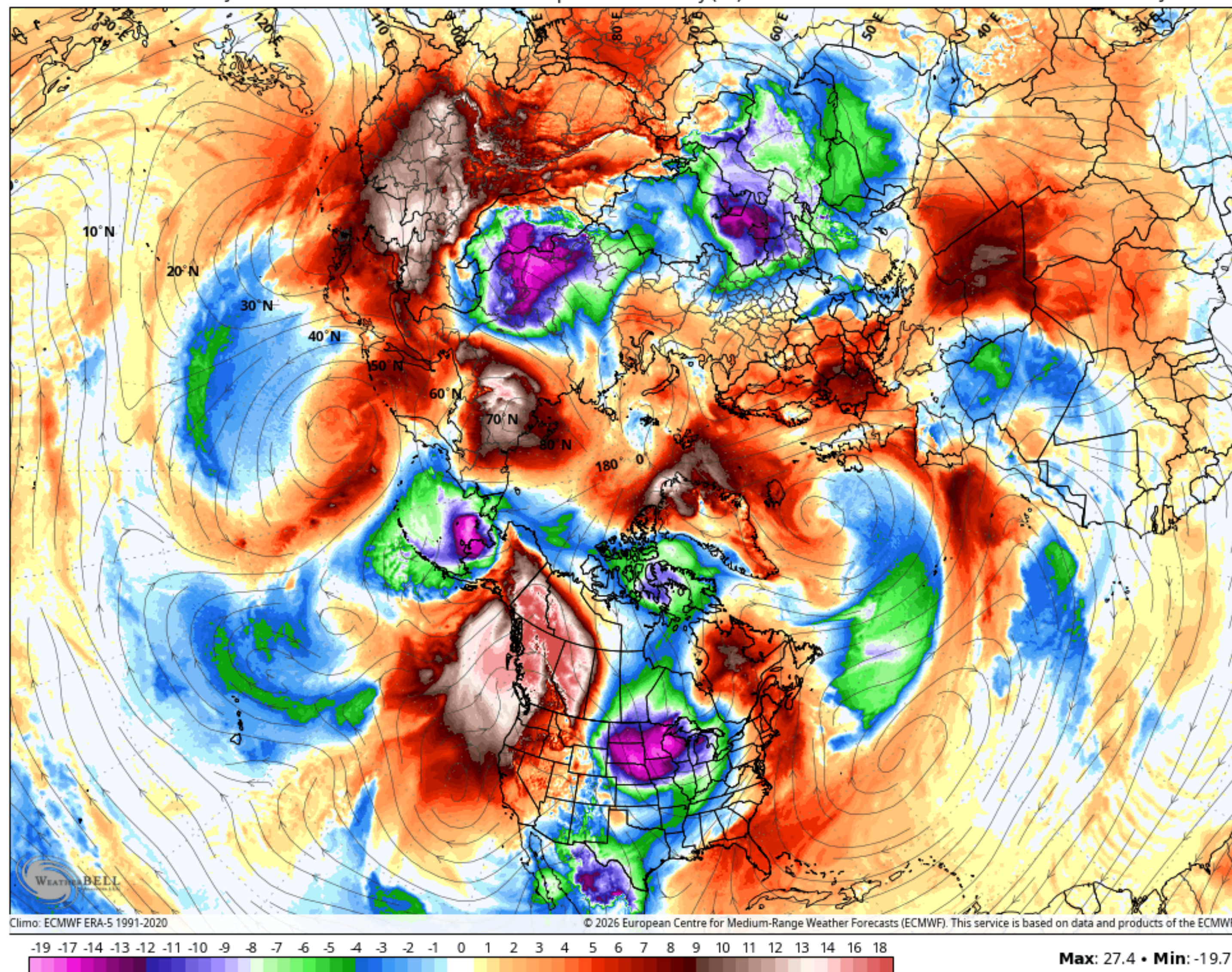
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Future Temperature Anomalies

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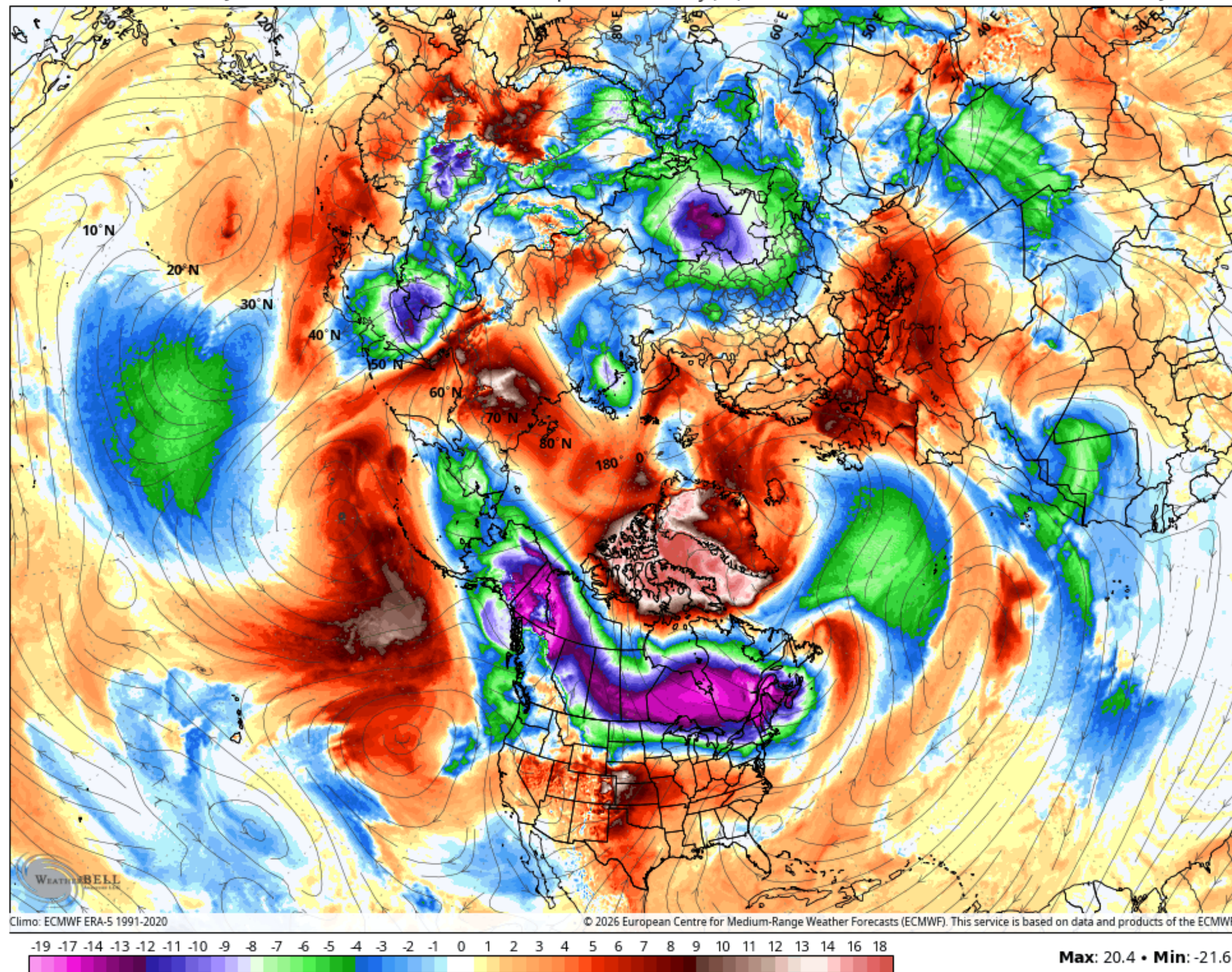
Hour: 258 • Valid: 18z Sun 18 Jan 2026



Future Temperature Anomalies

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Hour: 348 • Valid: 12z Thu 22 Jan 2026



Future Temperature Anomalies

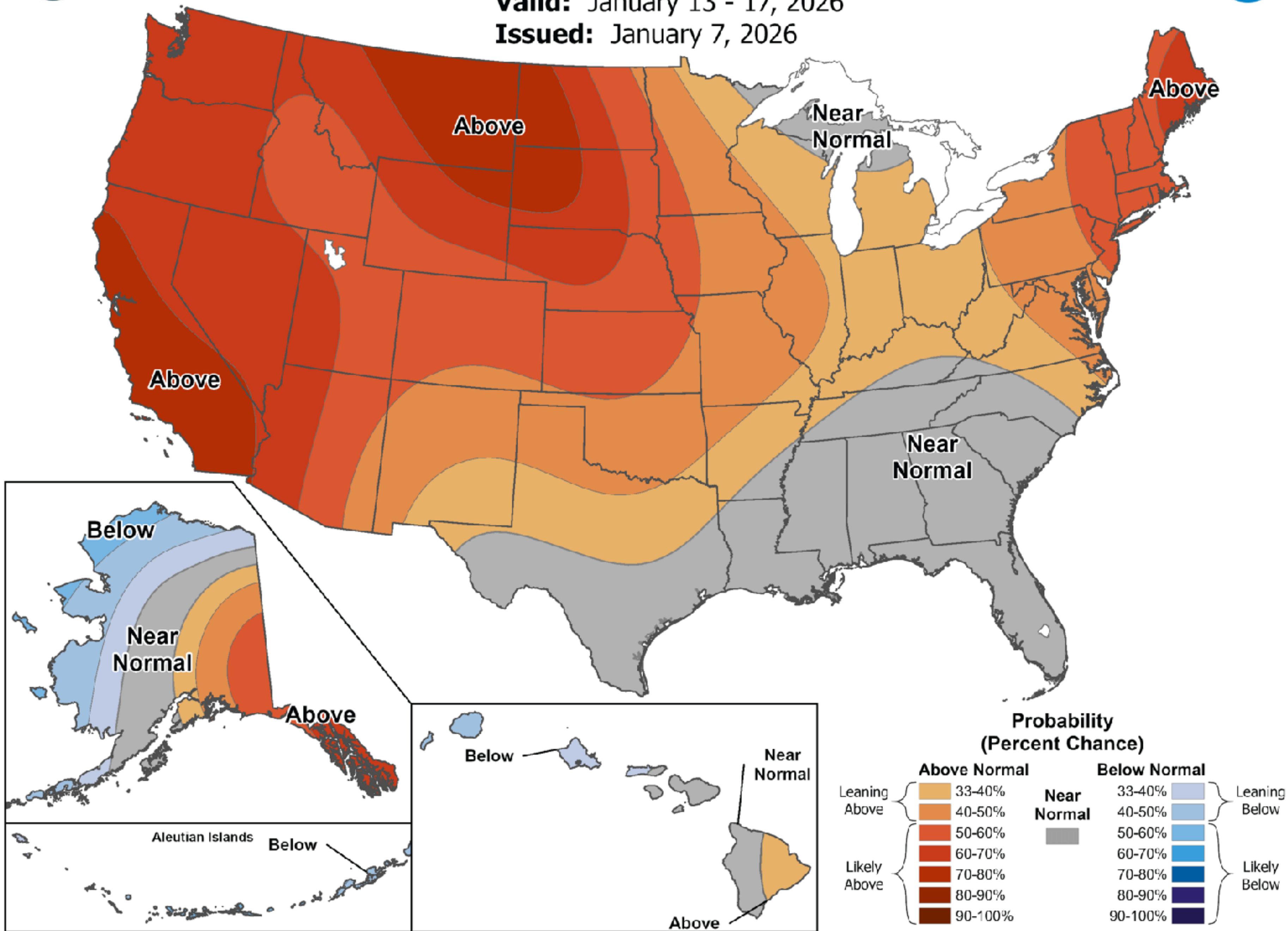


6-10 Day Temperature Outlook



Valid: January 13 - 17, 2026

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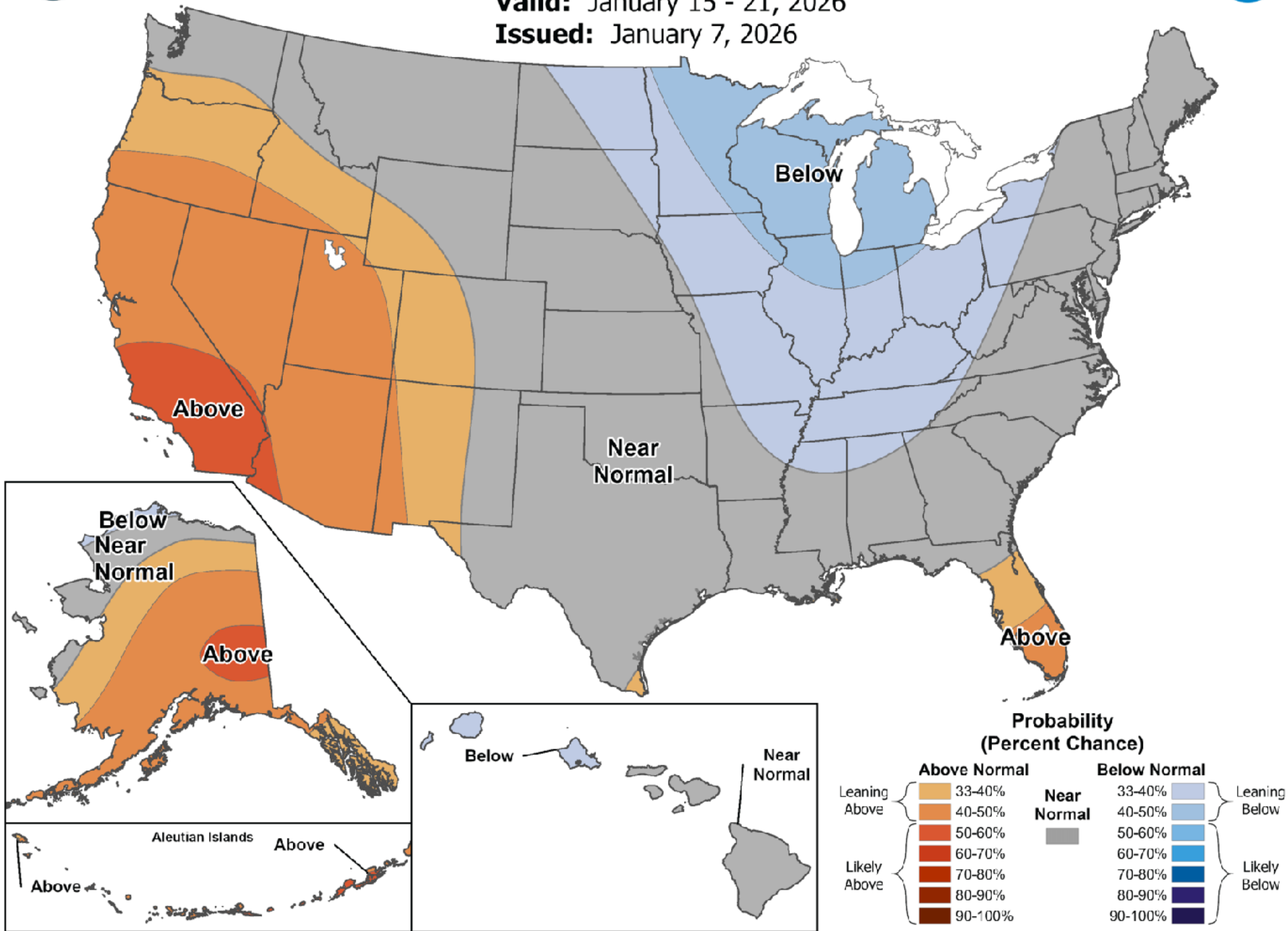


8-14 Day Temperature Outlook



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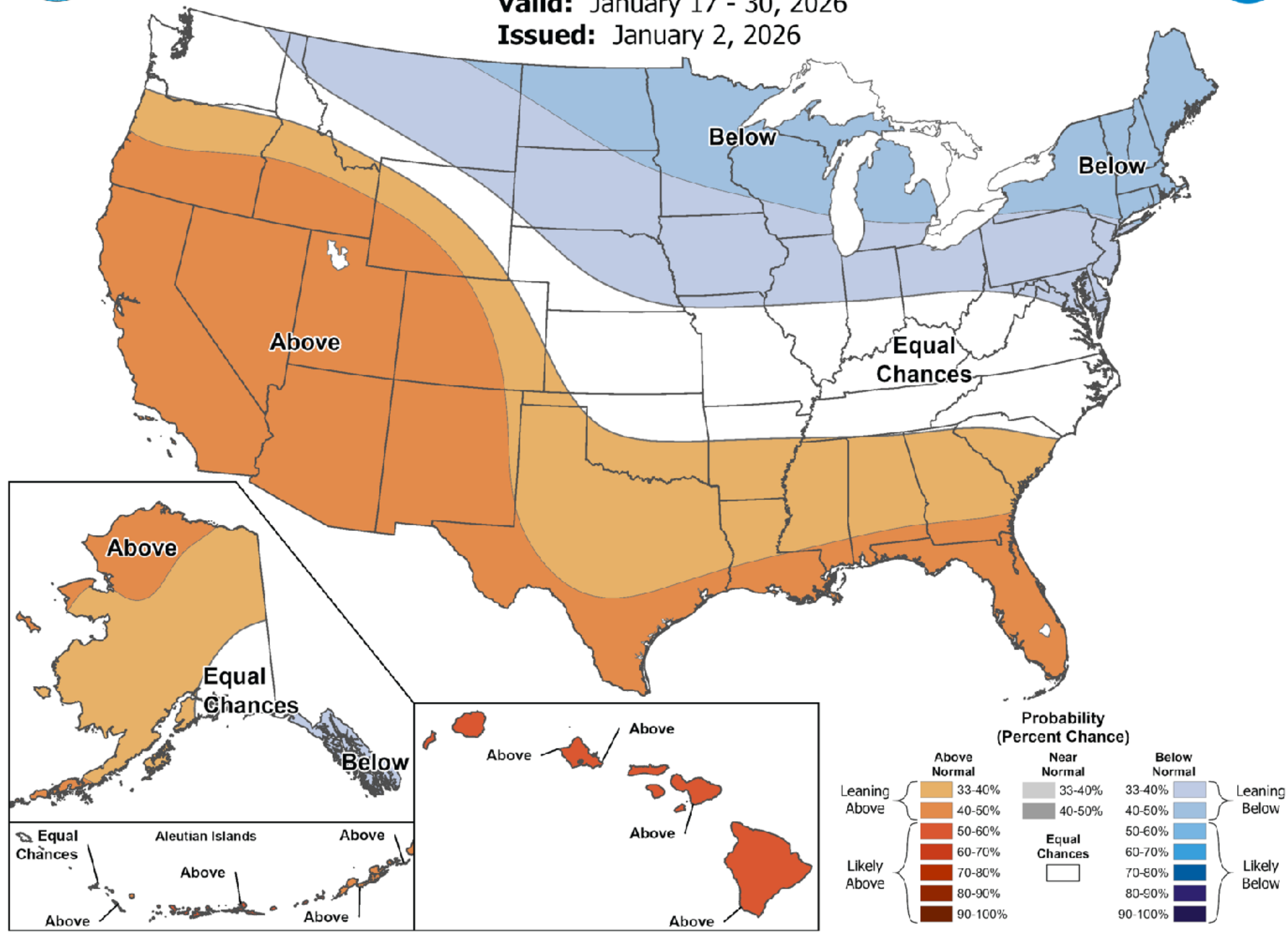


Week 3-4 Temperature Outlook



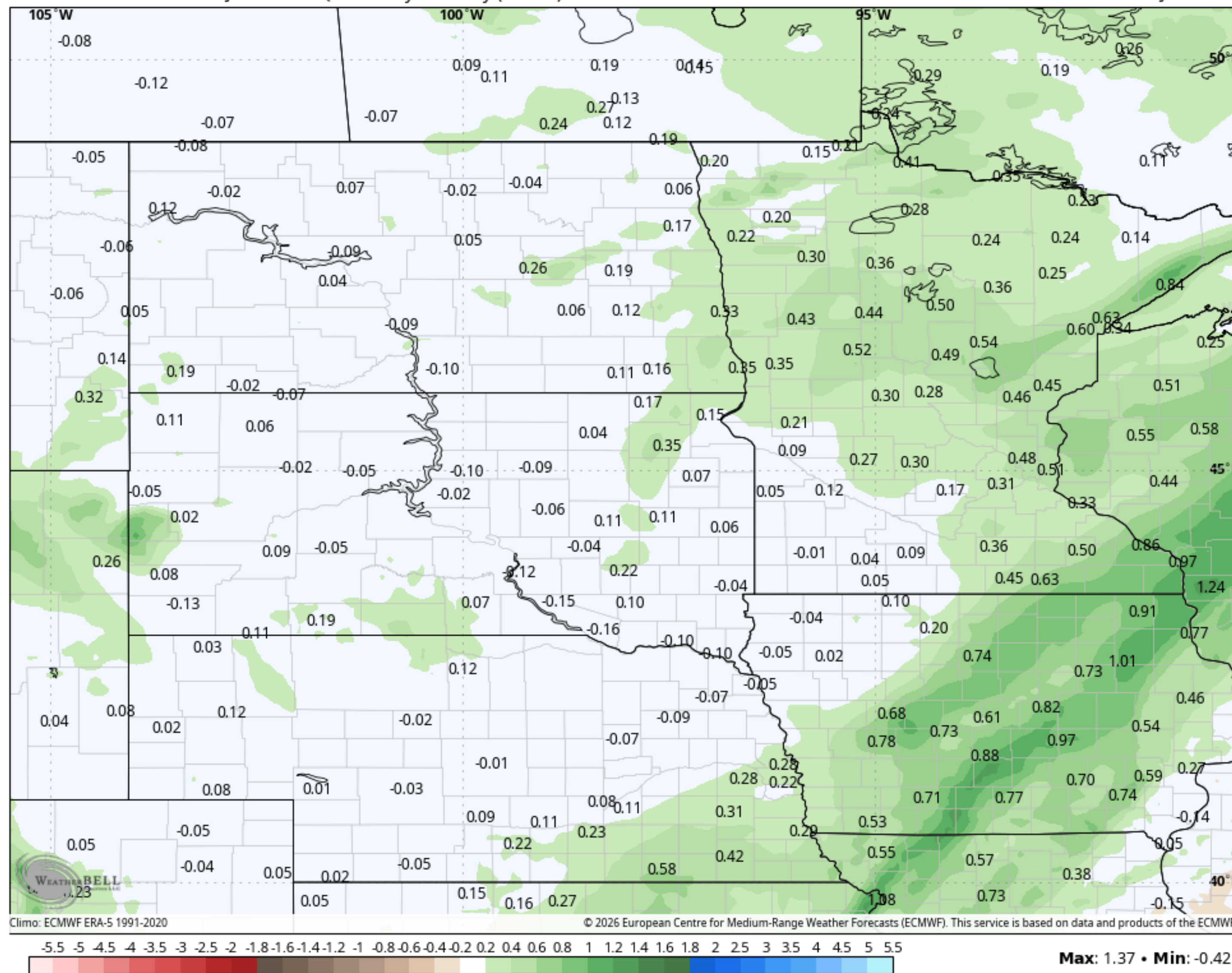
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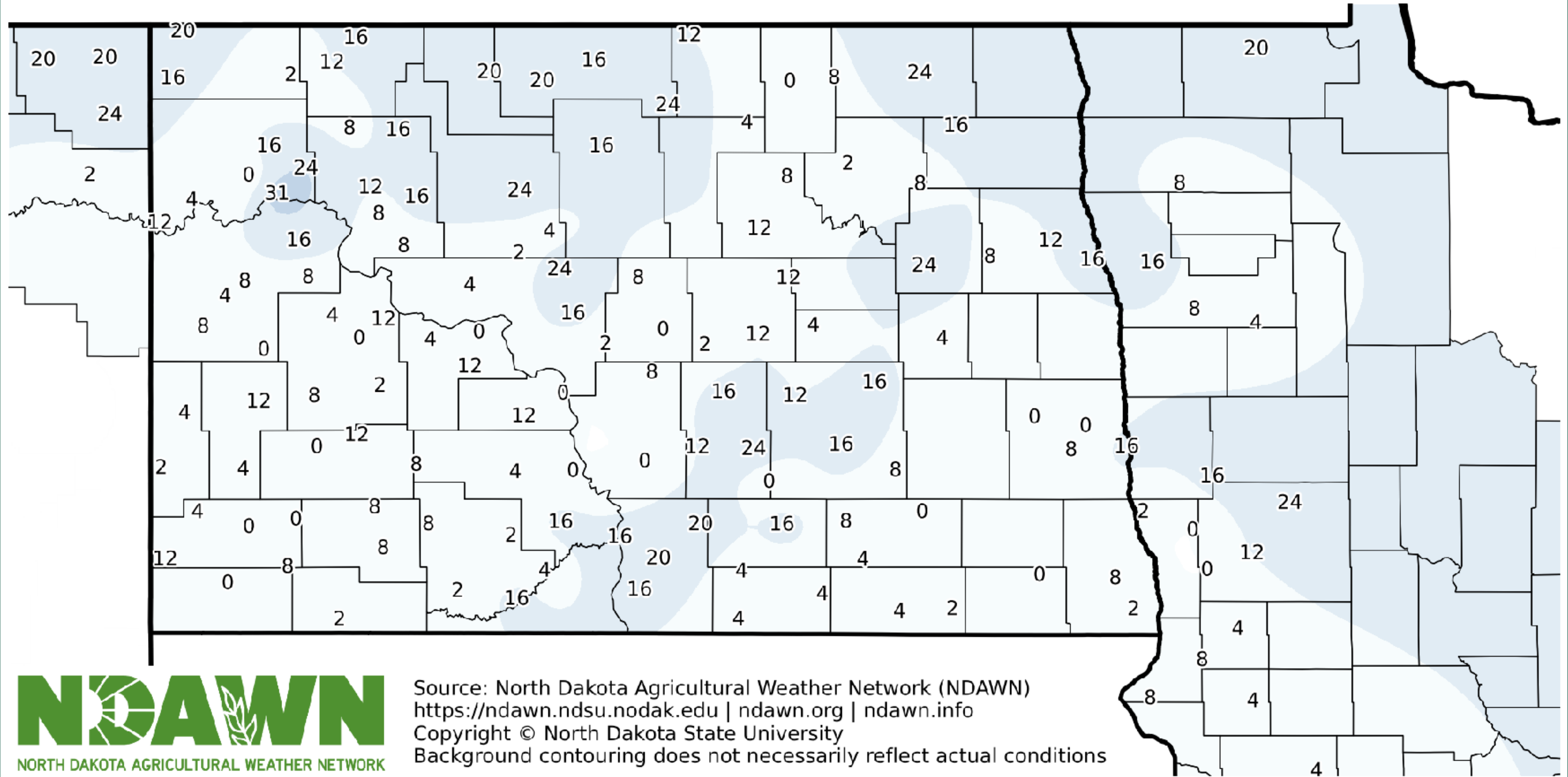


ECMWF 0.1° Init 00z 8 Jan 2026 • QPF 10-Day Anomaly (Inches)

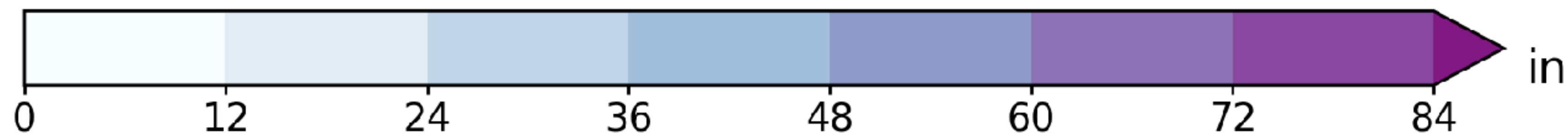
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Next 10 Days Precipitation Anomalies



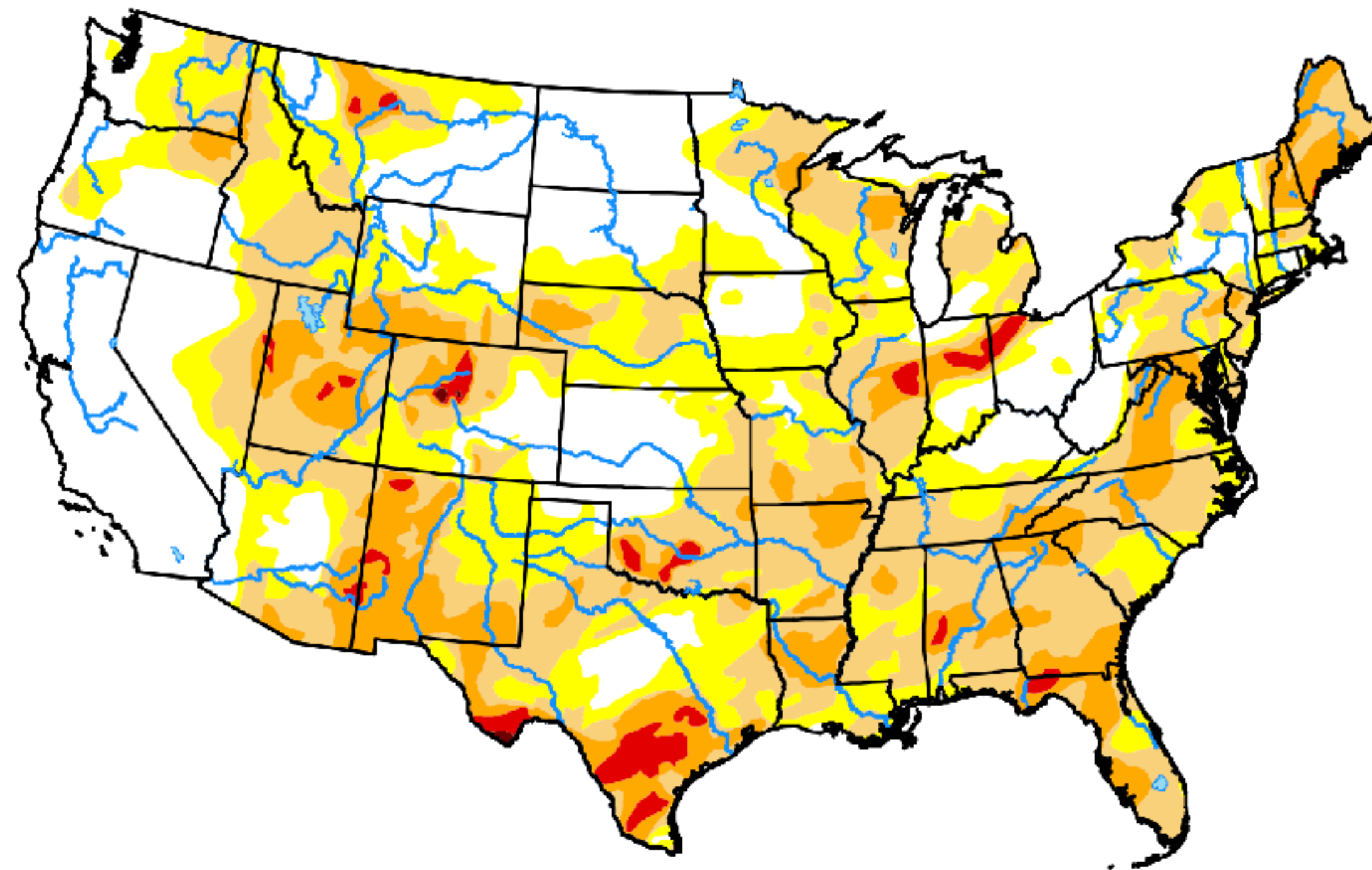
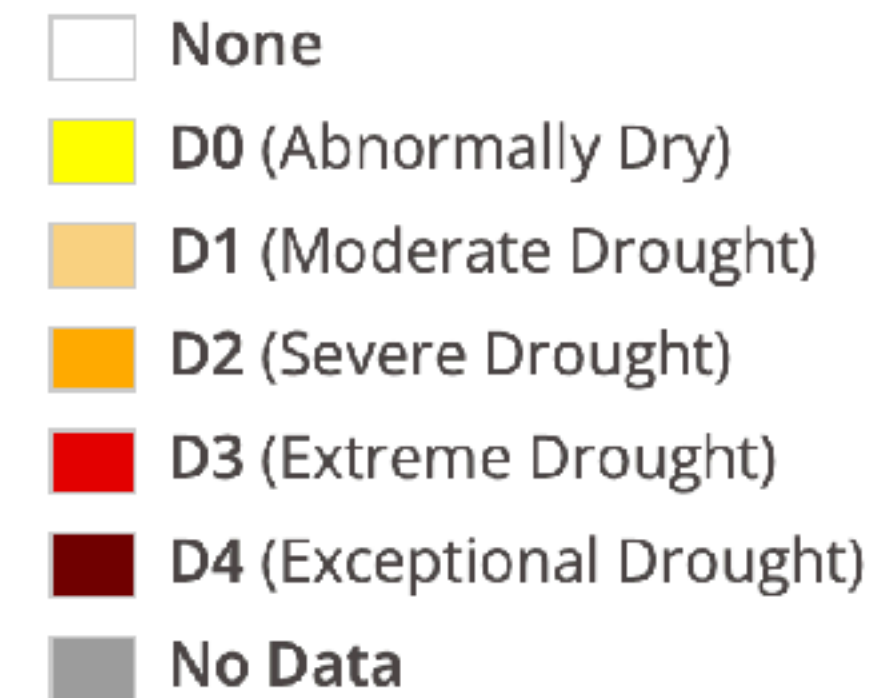
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Intensity



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Drought Monitor

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Intensity

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

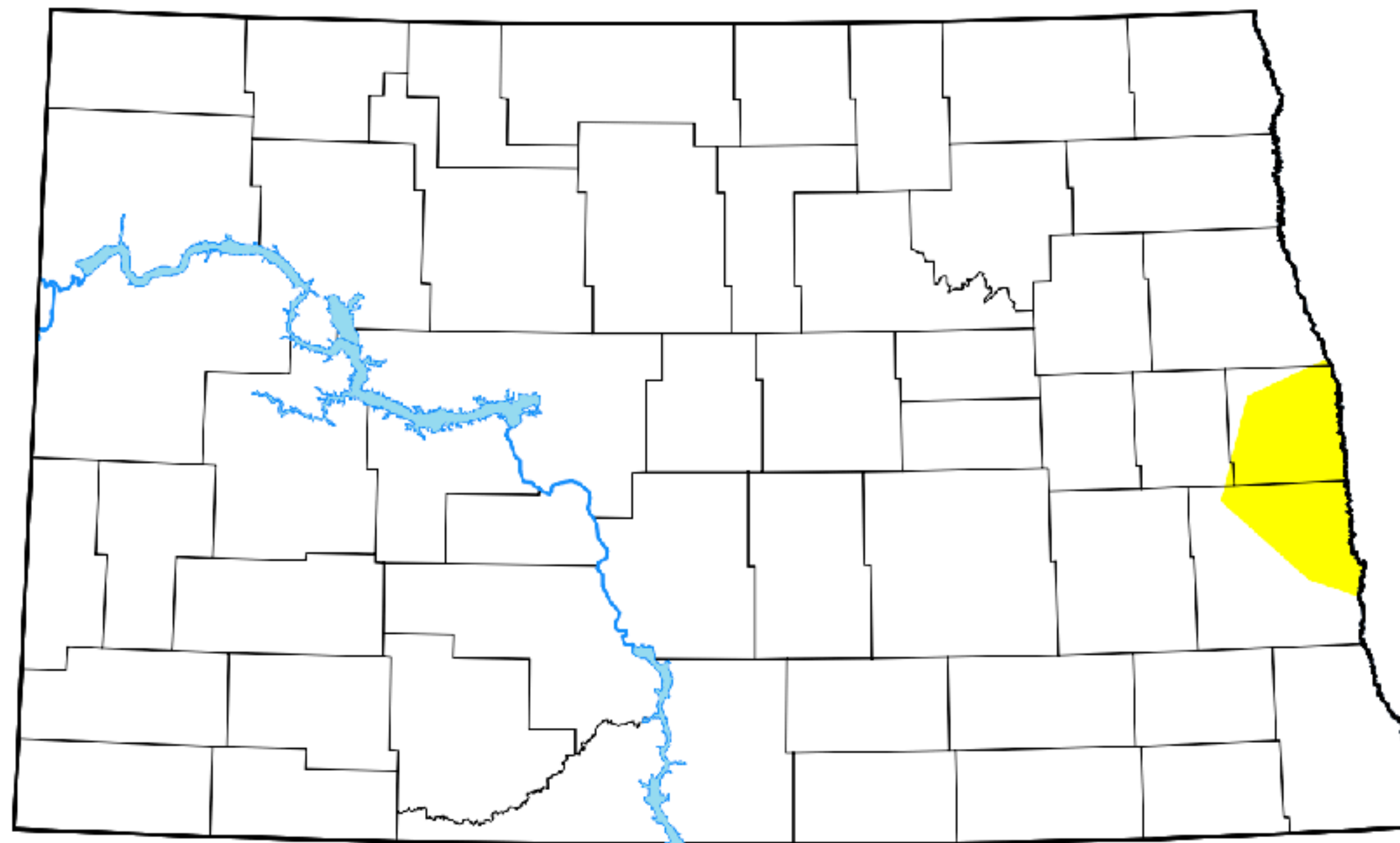
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Statistics

Statistics type

Cumulative Percent Area

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Export Table

View More Statistics

| Week | Date | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 2026-01-06 | 98.04 | 1.96 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week to Current | 2025-12-30 | 98.04 | 1.96 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago to Current | 2025-10-07 | 92.16 | 7.84 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year to Current | 2025-12-30 | 98.04 | 1.96 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year to Current | 2025-09-30 | 94.92 | 5.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago to Current | 2025-01-07 | 32.88 | 67.12 | 54.92 | 28.78 | 12.99 | 0.00 |

North Dakota Drought Statistics

Summary

Mostly Mild Temps, but with Ups and Downs

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Occasional Clippers foreseen

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February looks colder than average

