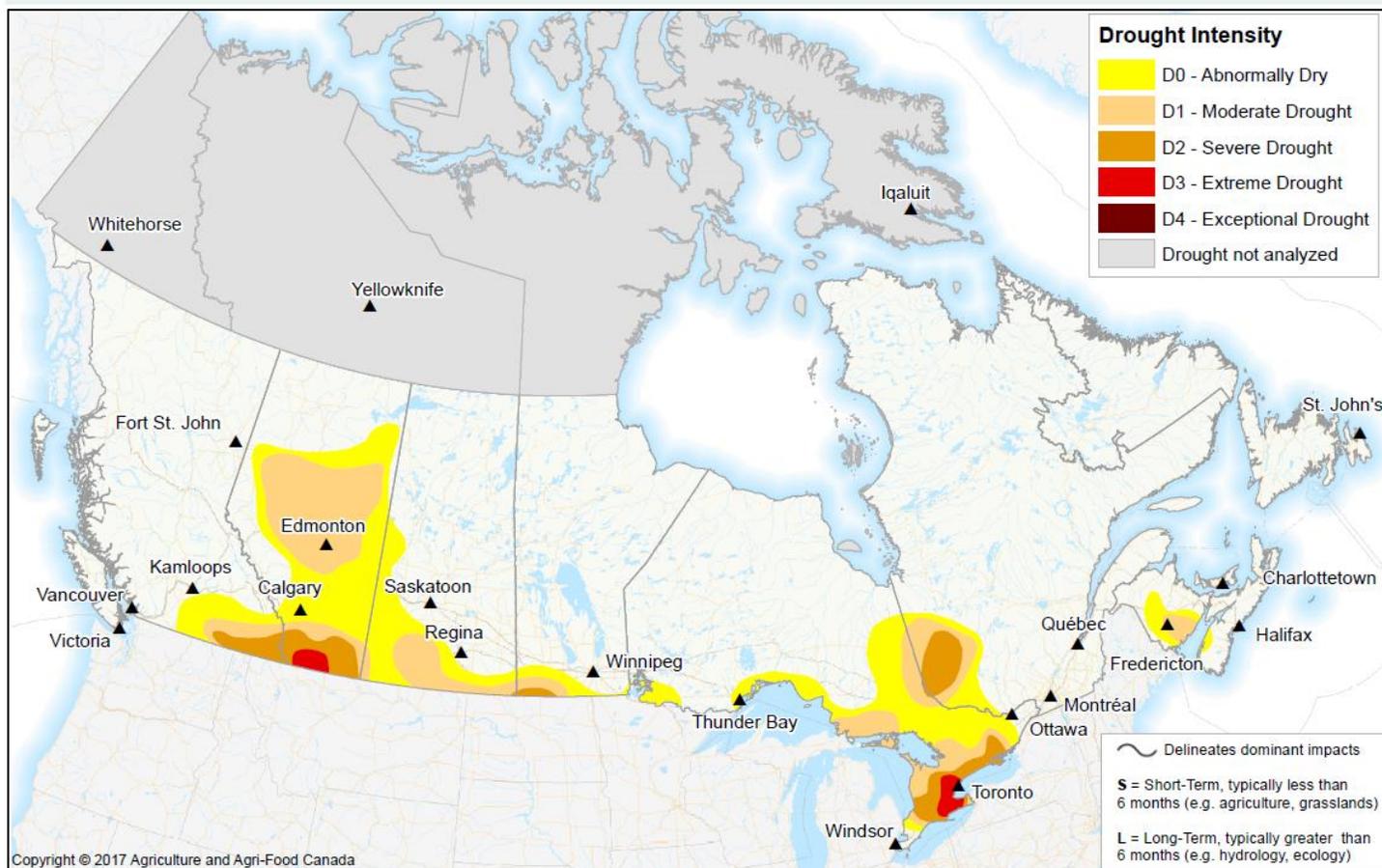


Canadian Drought Monitor

Conditions as of October 31, 2007



Overall, drought conditions improved during October, with the exception central Alberta and an area of northeastern Ontario and southwestern Quebec. With the exception of British Columbia, the rest of the country enjoyed temperatures that were 1-5 degrees Celsius (2-9 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer than normal, the warmest area being Southern Ontario. Precipitation was varied throughout the country, with some large storm systems bringing heavy rainfall to the East and West Coasts.

There was little change in drought conditions throughout the Southern Prairies and British Columbia. There continues to be a considerable area in at least a moderate drought condition throughout this region. In central Alberta poor topsoil conditions have resulted from less than 25mm (0.98 inch) of precipitation over the last two months.



Much of Ontario has seen significant improvements due to considerable rainfall over the last few months. Although parts of northern western Ontario received up to 275 mm (10.83 inches) during that time, parts of this region are still classified as an abnormally dry due to the long term water deficits. Much of southern Ontario, particularly those areas previously classified as moderate to extreme drought, received 50-125mm (1.97-4.92 inches), resulting in some slight improvements.

A region in north eastern Ontario and south western Quebec has been classified as an abnormally dry to a severe drought condition due to slightly below average precipitation throughout the growing season and below average during the fall period.

Despite some significant precipitation over much of Atlantic Canada, portions of southern New Brunswick are drier than normal because of reduced rainfall. Groundwater levels have been significantly impacted, stream flows are at less than 50% of normal, and advisories for conservation have been issued.