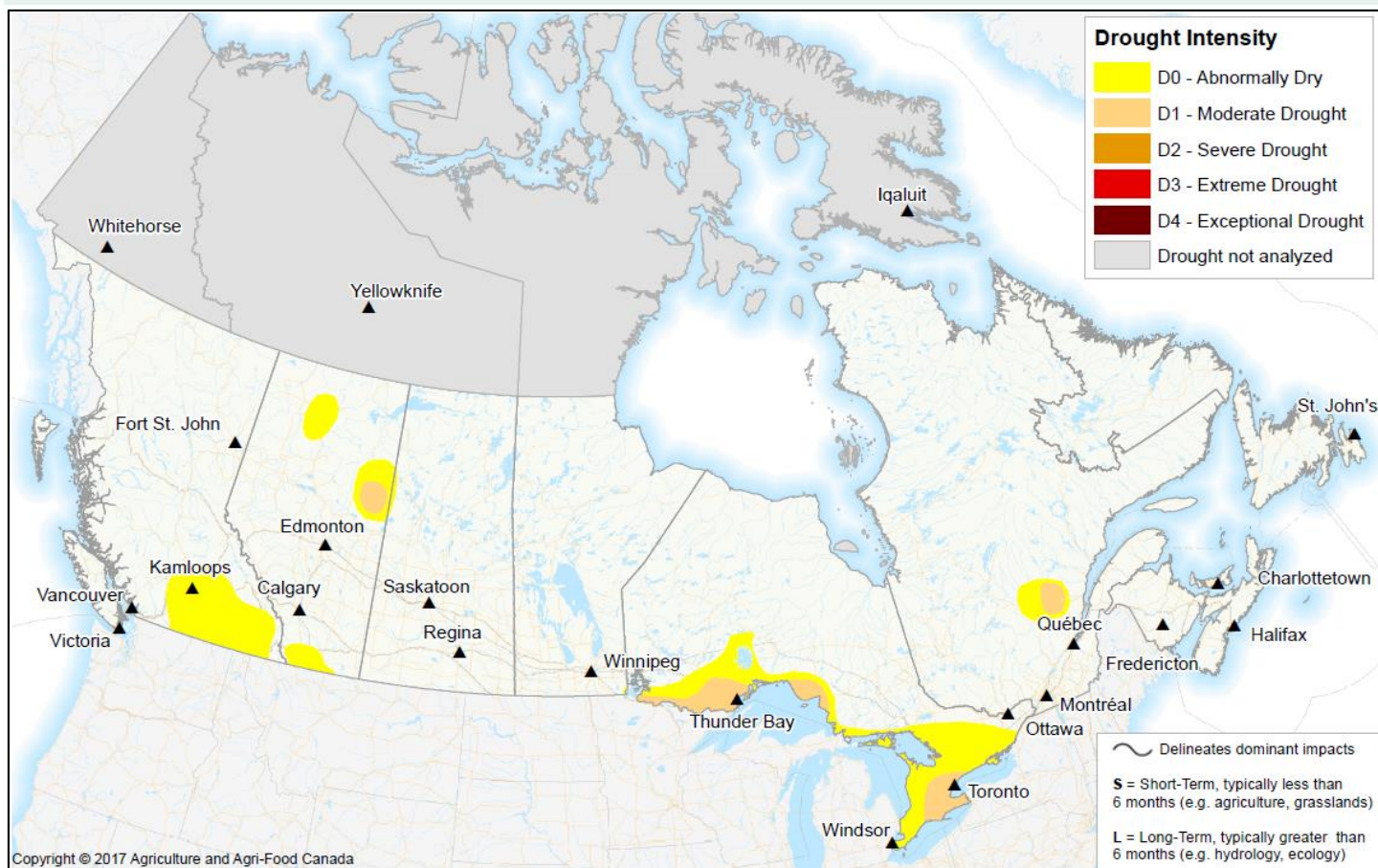


Canadian Drought Monitor

Conditions as of June 30, 2007



Extreme weather was the topic this month, as several thunderstorms with hail, tornadoes and heavy rainfall were reported in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. For the majority of Canada, conditions improved as a result of ample rainfall. For the areas that were missed by thunderstorms, conditions continued to decline. These areas included northern and southern Alberta, southern Ontario, and north of Quebec City.

Pacific Region (BC)

Dry conditions still persist in south-central parts of the province, with the Okanagan, Nicola/Coldwater, Similkameen and Kettle River basins classified as abnormally dry (D0). Some recent rainfall events have helped to ease water-supply concerns, but normal or above-normal



rainfall is needed for the rest of the summer to minimize the drought risk potential in these areas.

Prairie Region (AB, SK, MB)

Significant rainfall was reported in central, eastern, and west-central Alberta, with accumulations over 100mm for June. Although the majority of Alberta has excess soil moisture, conditions in the northeast, outside the agricultural area, remain dry, as well as those in the northern tip of the Peace River region and pockets in the southern region. For these areas, soil moisture reserves are below normal, and thus have been classified as abnormally dry or in moderate drought (D0 or D1), depending on the severity of conditions.

Over the last month, significant rain was received over the west-central and southeast portions of the province. Although the southern portion did not receive heavy amounts of precipitation, the Swift Current area previously labeled as abnormally dry (D0) has improved. Generally, crops and soil moisture are in good to excellent condition throughout Saskatchewan

In Manitoba, several thunderstorms with hail, tornadoes, and heavy rain have aggravated the existing excessive moisture situation in eastern, central, and northwestern areas. Also, in the central areas, High Water Level advisories have been issued for the Red River and the Seine River, which is currently 29.4 feet above its normal summer level, making it the third-worst summer flood on the Red River. As a result, there are no drought concerns at this time

Central Region (ON, QC)

Conditions in northwestern Ontario improved greatly, as a number of summer storms moving through the area dropped more than 100mm of rain during June. The area previously identified as in severe drought (D2) has vanished. This is in direct contrast to southern Ontario, which experienced the second-driest June on record. In this area, precipitation amounts are between 40 to 85% of normal for the last three months. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has classified the Lower Thames, Long Point, Grand, Catfish, Toronto, Ausable, Niagara, St. Clair, and Nottawasaga Conservation Authorities as confirmed low water flow conditions.

Recent showers brought some relief to some dry areas throughout the province and growing conditions are generally good, with crops developing well. While the majority of Quebec is looking good, the area in the Lac-Saint Jean region north of Quebec City has dried up. Over the last three months, this area has received between 60 to 85% of normal precipitation and irrigation is being recommended in some areas.

Atlantic Region (NS, NB, PE, NL)

Unseasonably cool, wet weather in June resulted in much-needed

moisture in many locations. Although some areas are still drier than normal, there are no drought concerns at this time.

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