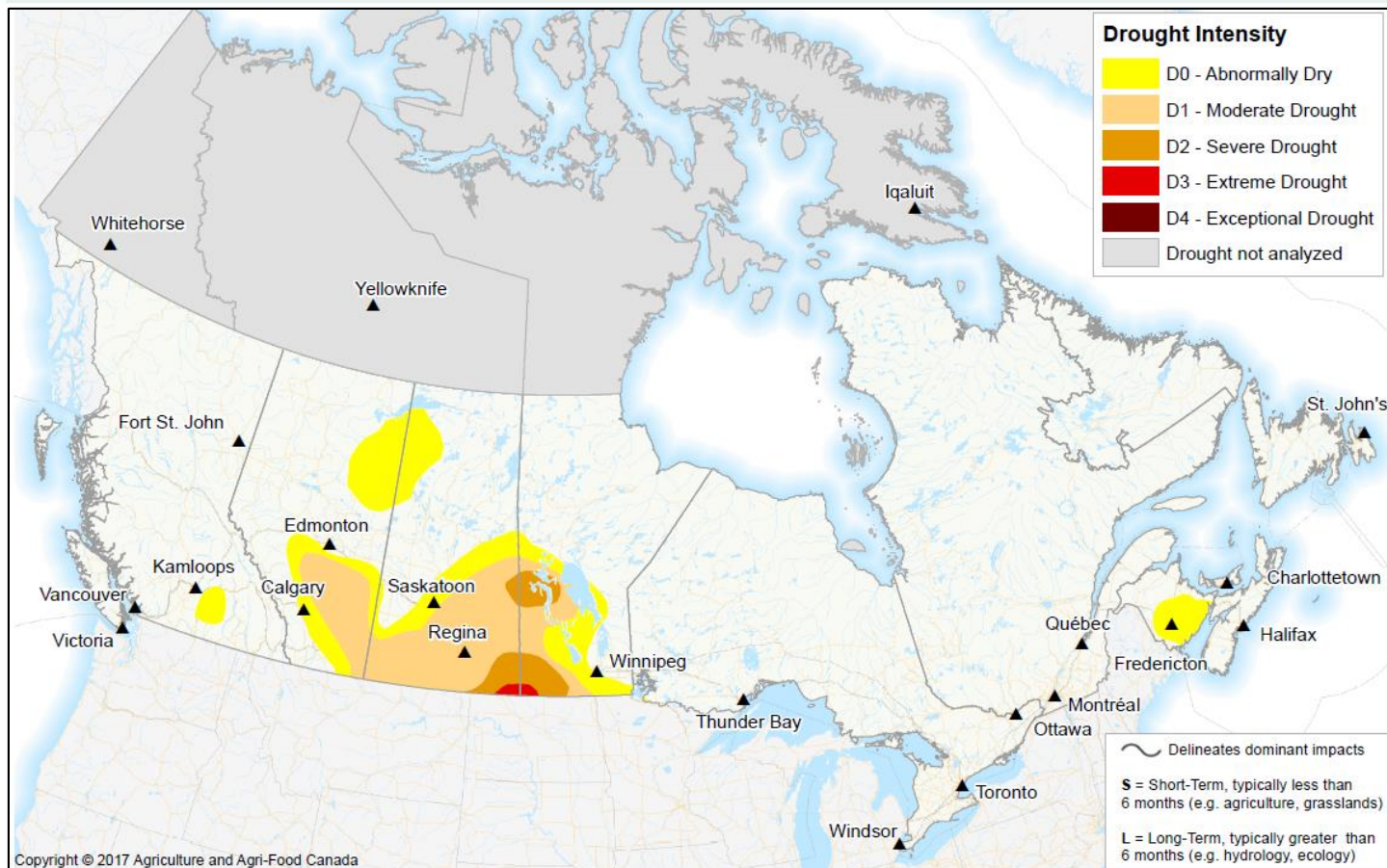


Canadian Drought Monitor

Conditions as of May 31, 2008



The drought situation generally improved throughout the month of May, however east central Saskatchewan and West Central Manitoba have emerged as new areas of concern. Significant precipitation in Alberta has resulted in noteworthy improvement and a reduction in drought severity and extent. Some minimal improvements occurred throughout southern Saskatchewan and portion of Manitoba however the improvements are generally small and fairly localized. Water supplies are still a significant concern across the southern prairies.

Pacific Region (BC)

In British Columbia, near normal snowpacks throughout most of the Rocky Mountains has resulted in near normal runoff for most of the province. The Okanagan and Similkameen regions, of south central British Columbia remain the only regions that have experienced below



normal runoff. This region has also received below normal precipitation however there is limited concern for drought in this region at this time. Below normal snow pack in these regions has resulted in lower than normal runoff and concern for summer water supplies. Precipitation in north-west regions of British Columbia have also been below normal this past month however at this time remain unclassified due to limited impacts and surplus of water supplies.

Prairie Region (AB, SK, MB)

Southern and central regions of Alberta received significant precipitation in May resulting in considerable improvement. Some regions of Southern Alberta received over 165 percent of normal precipitation (between 80-130 millimeters (3.15-5.12 inches)) in May and 130 percent of normal for the two month period beginning in April. Water supplies in some regions of southern and central Alberta still remain a concern; however the large irrigation reservoirs in the southern regions of the province have filled.

Conditions in most southern regions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba also improved, however not to the same degree as Alberta. Significant portions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba remain very dry, with well below normal on farm water supplies due to low winter and spring precipitation. Some improvement was seen in Southwest Saskatchewan where the Cypress region and regions bordering Alberta received near normal May precipitation. Water supplies continue to be a significant concern for producers in southern Saskatchewan. With limited snowpack and a very slow melt this spring, dugouts and other traditional water supplies did not recharge. East central portions of Saskatchewan have emerged as a Moderate Drought (D1) this month. This region experienced below normal winter snowpack and well below normal spring precipitation. In May this region experienced very dry conditions with some regions experiencing 10-20 percent of normal rainfall and a two month value of below 40 percent of normal. Similarly, west central Manitoba has received very little precipitation in the past month. This region has been downgraded from Moderate Drought (D1) to Severe Drought (D2) as a result.

Central Region (ON, QC)

Central Canada continued to receive normal or above precipitation throughout May. There are currently no drought concerns throughout this region.

Atlantic Region (NS, NB, PE, NL)

Conditions through the Atlantic region remain relatively unchanged since last month. There are presently no drought concerns to report however below normal rainfall has been received this spring. A region of Abnormally Dry (D0) has been added to this month's assessment to show the area most significantly impacted by lower than average spring precipitation. Regions of northern

Nova Scotia, portions of Prince Edward Island and southern Newfoundland also remain drier than normal however at this time there are no concerns as water supplies and soil moisture is adequate.

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