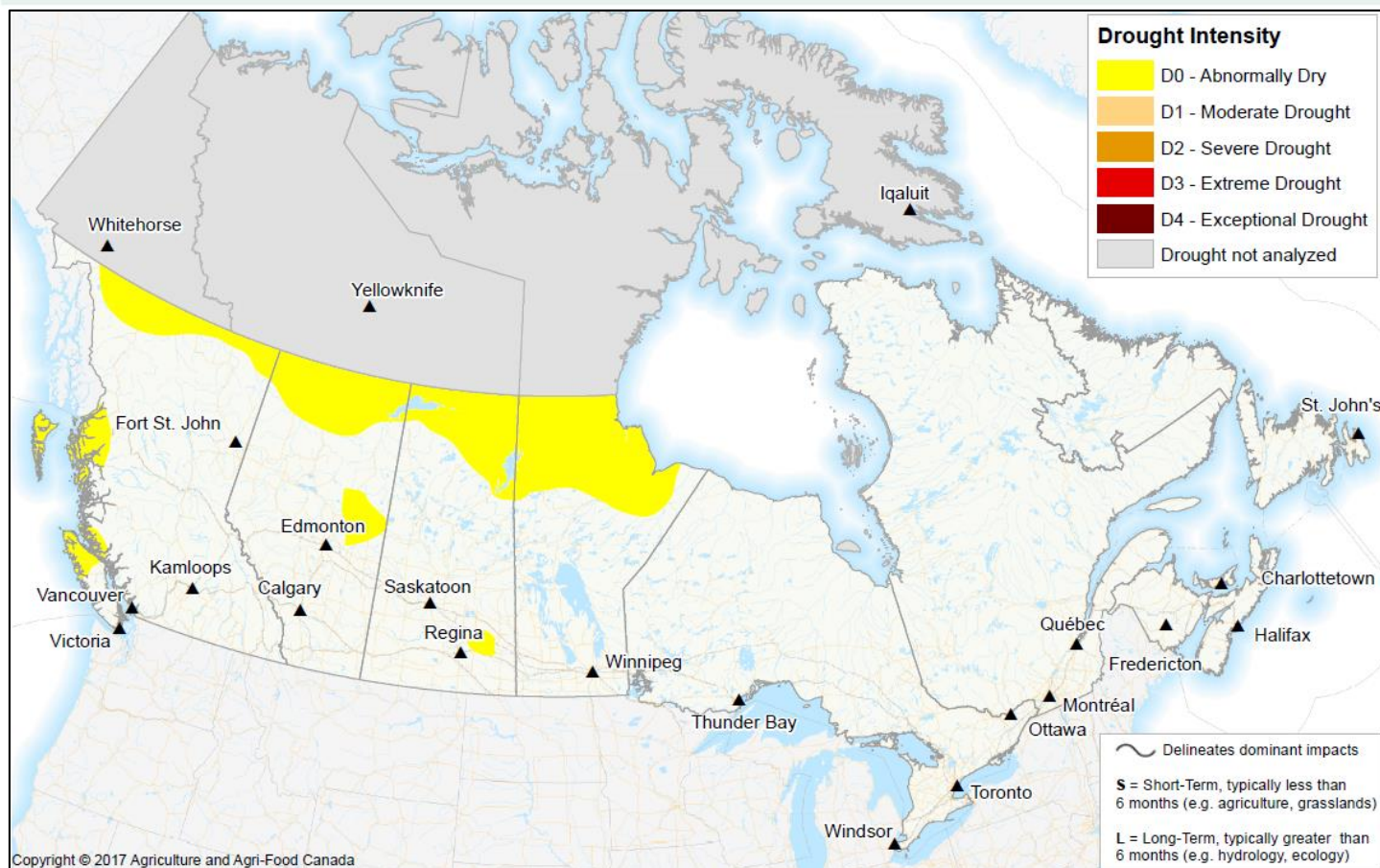


Canadian Drought Monitor

Conditions as of June 30, 2013



As in May the extent and severity of drought across Canada remained low for the month of June with few occurrences of abnormally dry (D0) areas throughout the country. The driest areas remained in Western Canada, mostly in the northern boreal forested region and in some small agricultural regions.

In June, temperatures were warmer than normal throughout northern British Columbia and the Prairie Provinces, while parts of Ontario and Quebec were below normal. All other regions were near normal. Monthly precipitation was above average throughout the Prairie Provinces; particularly in southern Alberta that led to widespread flooding and significant infrastructure damage. Rainfall was also above normal in southern Ontario and on the east coast. Western British Columbia and areas through central Quebec and into New Brunswick were below normal.



Pacific Region (BC)

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