



Agricultural Service Board

Subject:	Agricultural Fieldman Report
Date:	April 25, 2024
Presenter:	Kristyn Lines, Manager Agricultural & Environmental Services
Department:	Agricultural & Environmental Services

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides updates on Agricultural & Environmental Services matters since the last update provided on March 14, 2024.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends that the Agricultural Fieldman report be received as information.

BACKGROUND

Program highlights within Agricultural & Environmental Services since the last meeting.

DISCUSSION

1. The Government of Alberta is seeking input on weeds being considered for reclassification, removal or addition to the *Weed Control Regulation (WCR)*. A confidential survey was circulated to Agricultural Fieldmen and ASB Chairmen for input. Administration has completed the survey and will inform the Agricultural Service Board of any relevant changes to the WCR and how it may impact operations.
2. Administration continues to monitor the moisture situation as our producers prepare for seeding. Recent precipitation trends have been near to above normal through much of the Southern and Central Regions. Historically, April marks the very beginning of the wet season in Central Alberta. The 30-day and 180-day precipitation accumulations relative to normal maps have been included in this report for review.
3. The Central Region ASB Chair, Brenda Knight, has called a meeting with Ag Fieldmen and ASB Chairs on Friday, May 31st at the Lacombe Memorial Center. The agenda and meeting details will be shared once they are available.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

No alternate option for the board’s consideration.













ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: 30-day precipitation accumulations relative to normal
- Attachment B: 180-day precipitation accumulations relative to normal

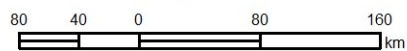


30-Day
Precipitation
Accumulations
Relative to
Long Term Normal

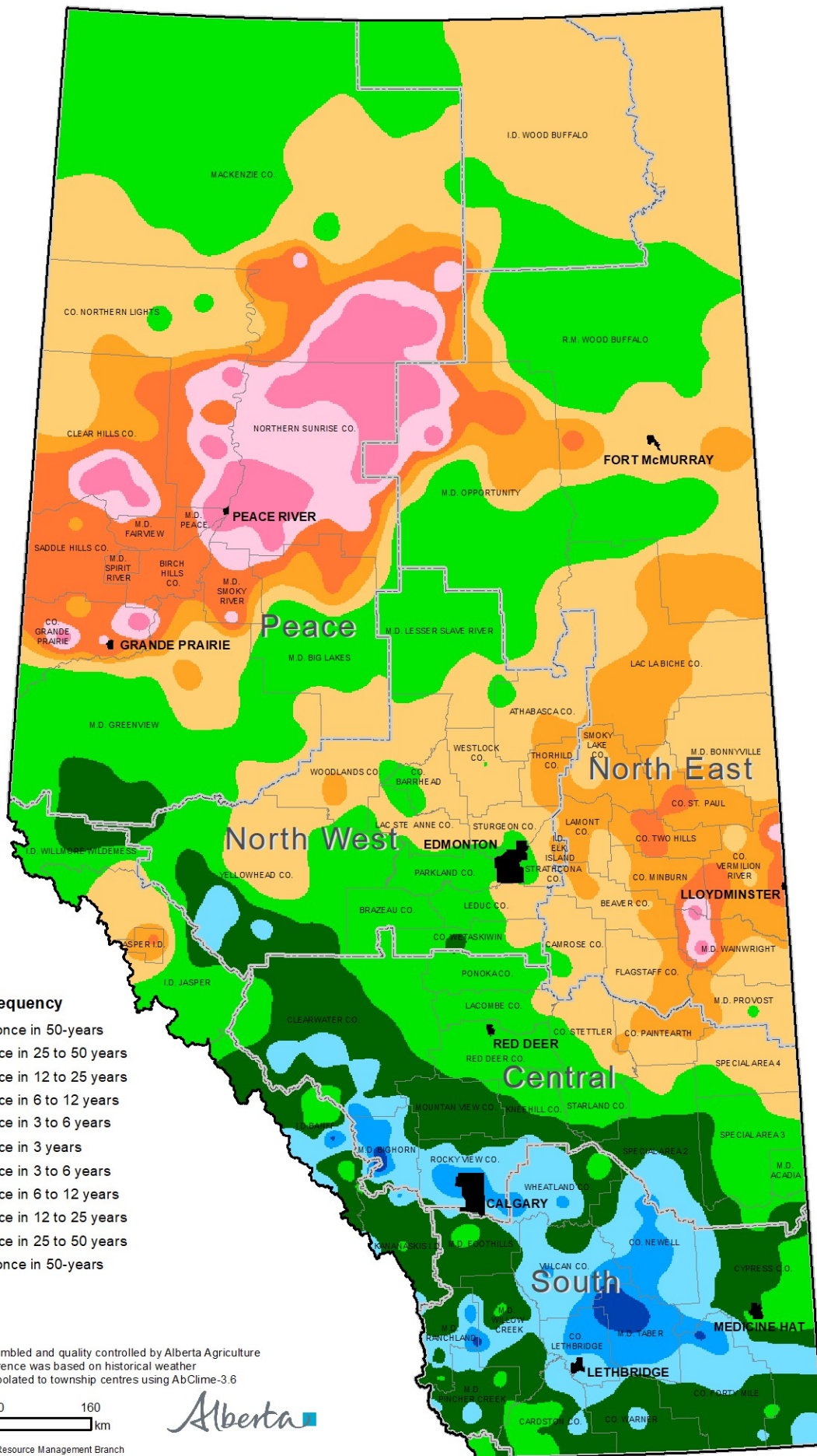
March 09, 2024 to
April 07, 2024

Condition	Frequency
 driest	< once in 50-years
 extremely low	once in 25 to 50 years
 very low	once in 12 to 25 years
 low	once in 6 to 12 years
 moderately low	once in 3 to 6 years
 near normal	once in 3 years
 moderately high	once in 3 to 6 years
 high	once in 6 to 12 years
 very high	once in 12 to 25 years
 extremely high	once in 25 to 50 years
 wettest	< once in 50-years
 no data	

Near-real-time weather data was assembled and quality controlled by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation. The frequency of occurrence was based on historical weather data from the 1961-2023 period, interpolated to township centres using AbClime-3.6















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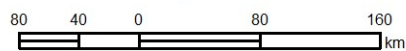


180-Day
Precipitation
Accumulations
Relative to
Long Term Normal

October 11, 2023 to
April 07, 2024

Condition	Frequency
 driest	< once in 50-years
 extremely low	once in 25 to 50 years
 very low	once in 12 to 25 years
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