

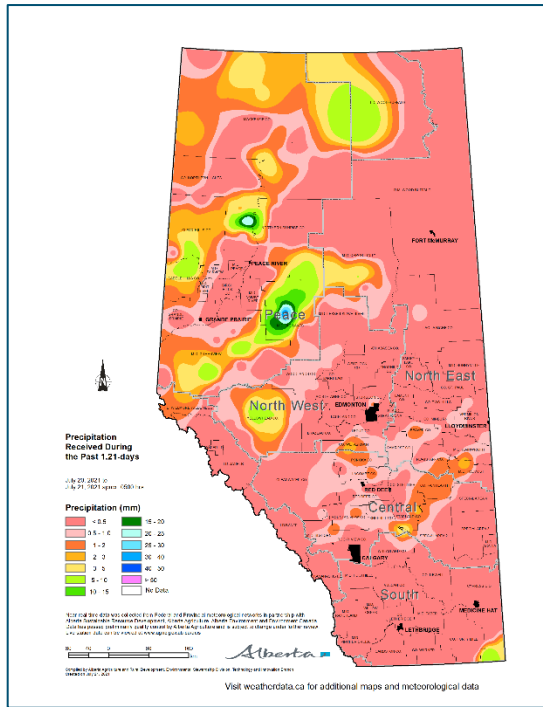
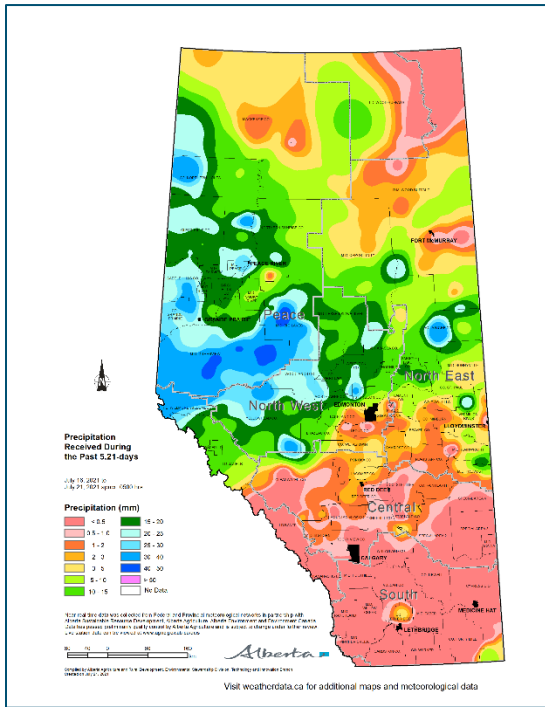
Dry Conditions Response Update

July 21, 2021

Weather update:

Precipitation since July 16, 2021

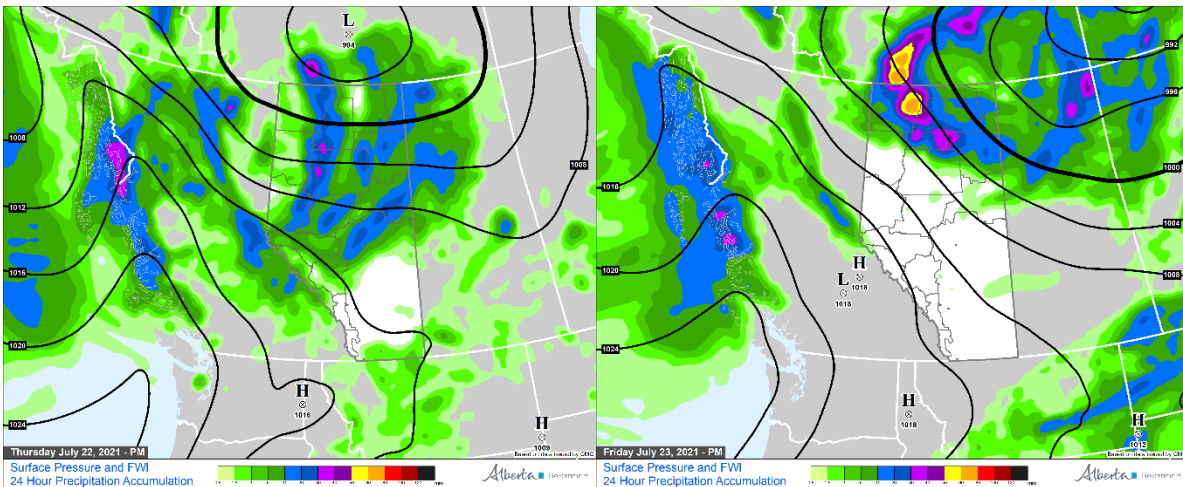
Precipitation in last 24 hours



Forecast

Thursday July 22, 2021

Friday July 23, 2021



Current actions:

Agriculture and Forestry along with Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) have formed a joint incident management team (IMT) to coordinate the development and implementation of options for addressing the impact of the drought.

Current program activity includes:

AFSC Crop Insurance Activity (as-of July 21, 2021)

| Area | Waiting for Adjuster | In-progress | Inspection Complete | Total |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| Central | 41 | 99 | 79 | 219 |
| North | 4 | 14 | 14 | 32 |
| Parkland | 75 | 126 | 118 | 319 |
| South | 135 | 99 | 178 | 412 |
| Total | 255 | 338 | 389 | 982 |

*119 inspectors available. Hours and regions of individual inspectors are adjusted to address regional claim volumes.

Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) Water Program Activity (as-of 7/20/21)

- Project requests received since 7/16/21: 2
- Project requests processed since 7/16/21: 175
- Number of requests in the queue: 140 applications (~\$608K)
 - “queue” includes all applications that have been received, but not yet paid, including those under review.

Water Pumping Program (as-of 7/20/2021 19:00)

- 50 pump jobs completed to-date
- 2 new requests, but not until Aug and Sept. (fall pumping).
- 1 job scheduled; 3 potentials.

Ag-Info Centre Calls re: dry conditions:

Calls related to dry conditions – Since ~July 12: 31

Calls related to dry conditions - Last 24 hrs: 7

FarmingtheWeb.ca – this site is an online marketplace to connect Alberta buyers and sellers of agricultural items, including hay, feed, and crop. AFSC will promote this marketplace among their policy holders who are looking to divert crop to alternative use.

Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program:

- AAFC has requested that CRA make early designation of eligible municipalities
- AAFC's first assessment was based on conditions on June 30, 2021. AB list likely to expand through subsequent updates to designation list.
- Once announced, designated areas will be listed here.

Factsheet: "Resources for Producers During Dry Conditions"

- A factsheet produced in 2019, with hyperlinks to a variety of GoA resources for producers during dry conditions, has been updated and distributed to the DEMAG partner organizations, and the AF Call-Centre.
- These resources have also been published on Alberta.ca as-of July 21, 2021 (<https://www.alberta.ca/farming-in-dry-conditions.aspx>)

Actions anticipated for next period:

- Planning section will continue work on a proposed AgriRecovery Program.
 - A formal request was sent to the Federal government on Friday, July 16, 2021 to initiate an AgriRecovery assessment.
 - A joint working group between AF and AFSC is collecting information to complete the analysis

Industry involvement:

- The Drought and Excess Moisture Advisory Group (DEMAG), co-chaired by AF and Rural Municipalities of Alberta, meets regularly with stakeholders including the beef and crop sectors for feedback on the severity of the drought and to share information on resources available from the province. DEMAG membership includes: AF, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Alberta Beef Producers, Crop-Sector Working Group, Irrigation Council, Alberta Forage Industry Network, Alberta Association of Agricultural Fieldmen, Alberta Federation of Agriculture, Alberta Environment and Parks, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Next DEMAG meeting: July 29, 2021
- Regularly scheduled calls with Team Alberta presents an opportunity to seek feedback and share information with Alberta crop commodity associations. Team Alberta membership includes: Alberta Canola Producers Commission, Alberta Wheat and Barley Commission, and Alberta Pulse Growers Commission. Team Alberta met today, moving to bi-weekly meetings going forward. Next meeting date is TBD.