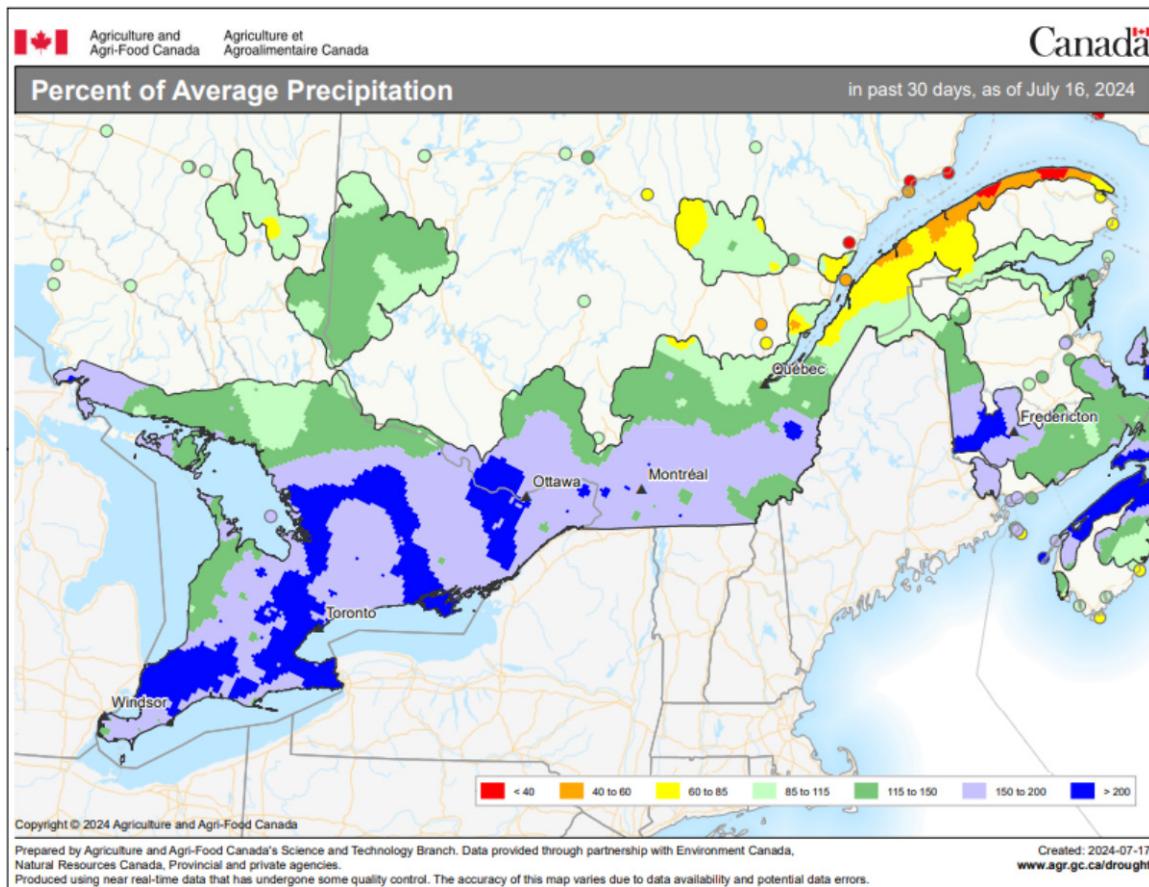


Southeast Canada Will Dry Down; Crop Prospects Still Good

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Kansas City, July 17 (World Weather Inc.) – The main coarse grain and oilseed production areas in Southeast Canada remain abundantly wet. The region trended wetter or much wetter than normal in recent weeks, keeping the ground saturated. Late-season planting and general fieldwork likely advanced slowly due to the wet weather. Long-term crop conditions are otherwise favorable. Much-needed drying is slated for southeastern Ontario and southern Quebec through the middle of next week. The reduction in rain will be welcome for those trying to get into the fields more aggressively. Crop conditions will also improve or remain favorable despite the lack of rain.

Southeastern Ontario and southern Quebec were wetter or much wetter than normal in recent weeks. As of July 16, these areas received 115% to over 200% of normal rainfall. Temperatures were also near to slightly above normal across the main production areas during this time. The ground is saturated across the main production areas.



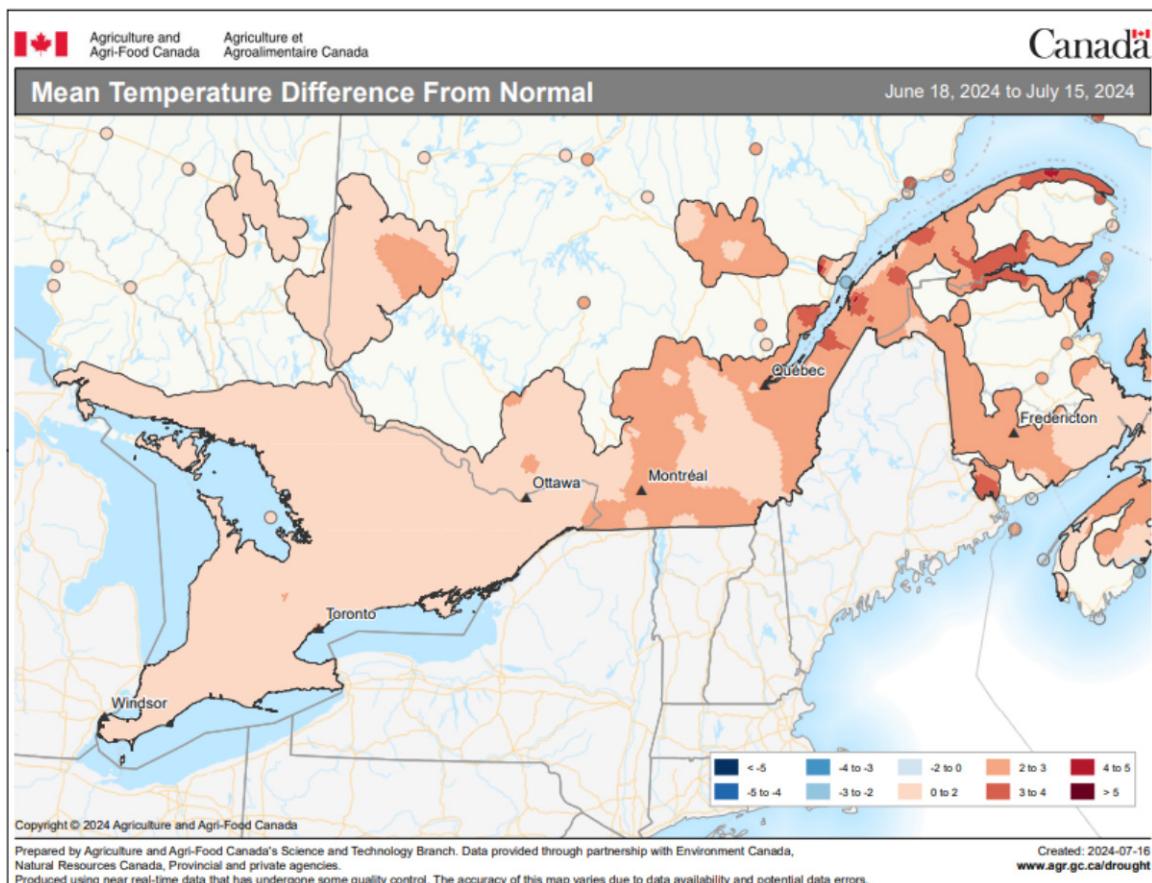
The environment is relatively favorable for the corn, soybeans, and other crops produced this time of year in Southeast Canada. Wet weather this year limited or delayed planting at times and some crops were likely planted later than usual. Long-term crop prospects are favorable due to the ample amount of moisture and lack of significant cooling so far this growing season. However, wet weather may be threatening wheat quality in the

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wettest locations. Winter wheat harvesting may have also advanced slowly due to the wet weather this spring and earlier this summer.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Drier-than-normal weather is slated for much of Southeast Canada through the middle of next week. An upper-level trough will still promote light and erratic rainfall when tracking over the region today and Thursday. Another trough will help promote light rain over the weekend and early next week. Moisture totals by next Wednesday morning will range from 0.10 to 0.75 inch with local amounts over 1.00 inch in southern Quebec. The region may again trend drier than normal July 25 – 31, though periods of light rain will still occur.

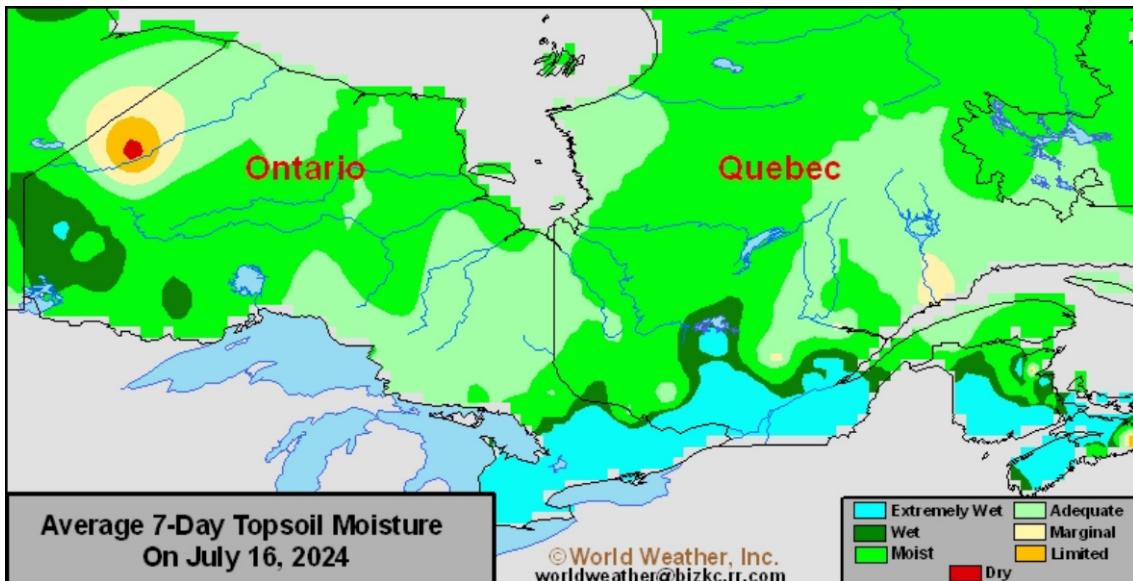


Seasonable to seasonably cool weather is slated for Southeast Canada through the middle of next week. Daytime highs will peak to the 70s and lower 80s Fahrenheit with warmer pockets possible toward the middle of next week. Nighttime lows will be in the 50s and lower 60s. The temperature profile will then trend near to slightly above normal July 25 – 31.

Net drying is slated for Southeast Canada during the next week to ten days. The reduction in rain and warm daytime temperatures will help firm the topsoil and support more aggressive fieldwork. The environment will also remain favorable for the corn,

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soybeans, and other crops produced this time of year. Harvest conditions for the winter wheat will also improve as the ground firms.



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