

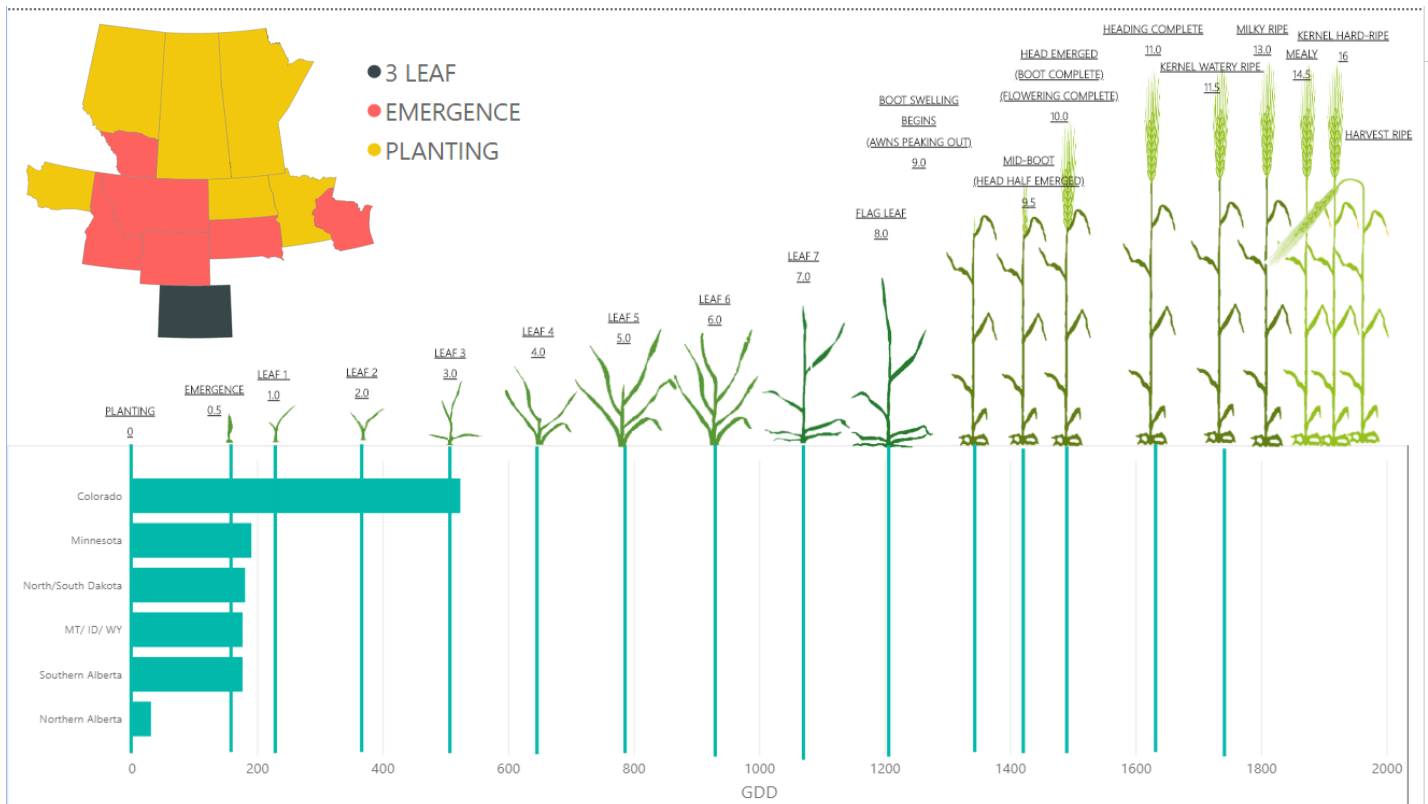


RAHR & GAMBRINUS CROP REPORT

Current Crop Stage

Northern Alberta and the rest of the Canadian western province's barley crops are in the process of being planted or have been planted and are not yet emerged.

Colorado area is the farthest along in maturity at the 3rd leaf stage due to an earlier planting date. The other states are consistent in maturity at the emergence stage; which is average for this time of the year.



Activity in the Field

On the Canadian prairies, growers are starting to wrap up and complete their barley planting. Southern Alberta is ahead of Northern Alberta, because of warmer weather, so they currently have plant emergence. In the United States, Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota have crop emergence as well, but North Dakota and Washington are still in the planting stages.



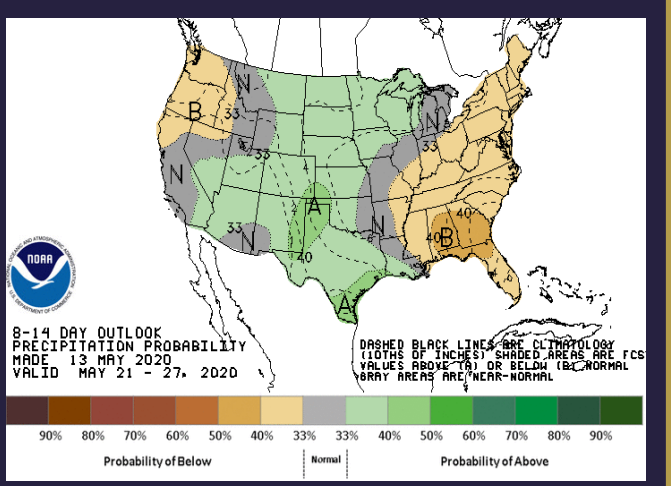
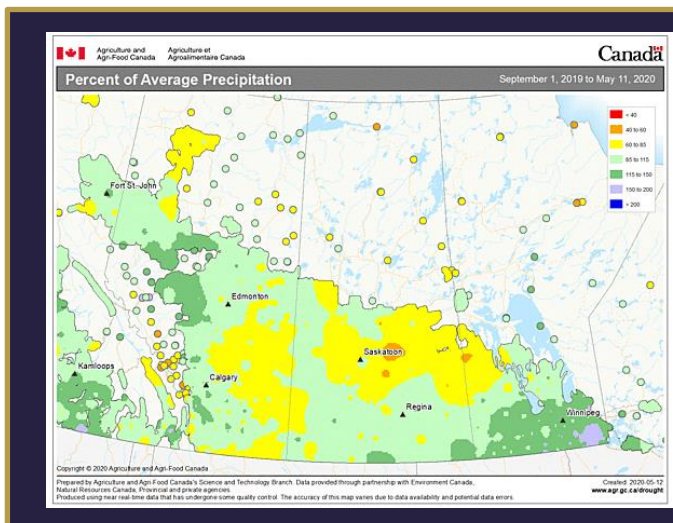
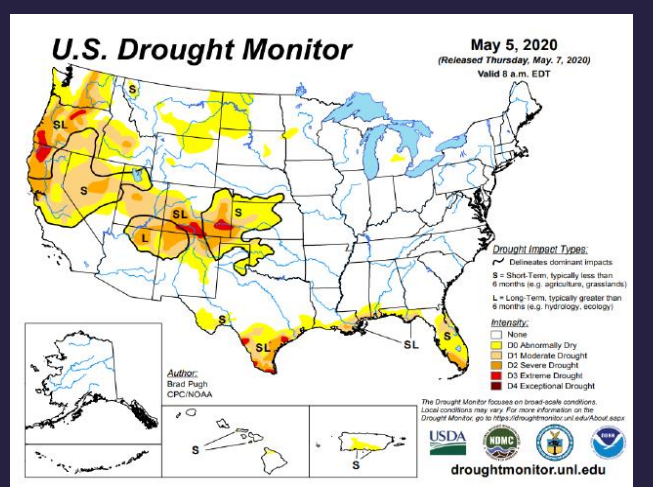
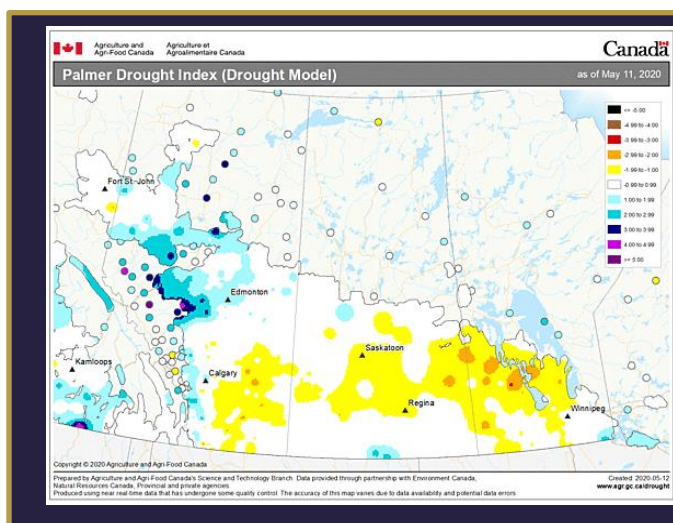
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Temperature and Precipitation

Over the fall and winter all areas received a range of moisture in snow and rain and had found they needed wind and heat to dry up the land prior to fieldwork. Some areas, such as Southern Alberta and Colorado were able to get into the fields earlier and areas like Northern Alberta and the Dakotas are working with higher levels of moisture.

Throughout Western Canada and the United States growing regions temperatures are still low during the evenings which can affect barley emergence. Rising temperature levels would be favorable for soil temperatures and overall plant health.



Moisture is predicted in the upcoming forecast for both Canada and the United States as well as some rising temperatures. This is ideal for the emergence stage that most of the barley is currently at. Temperature is very important to both the plant and the producer during this growing stage.



*Current planting in North Dakota



*Emergence in South Dakota

Summary

No problematic issues forecasted for both the United States and Canadian growing regions, apart from lower evening temperatures. A small amount of snow was spotted in North Dakota, but with predicted rising temperatures moving forward, we are looking forward to another great growing season for barley.