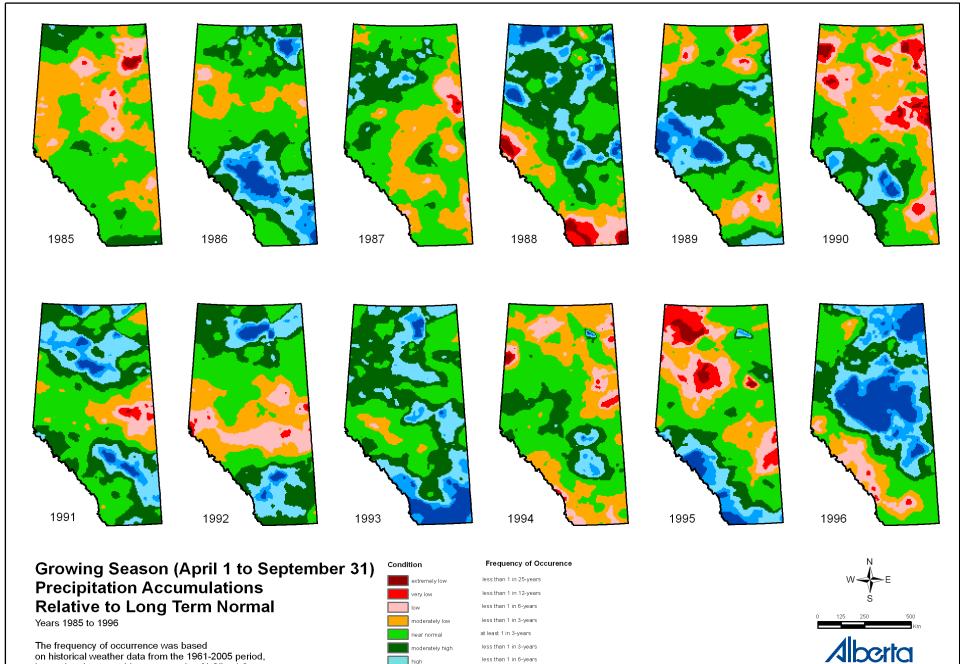


Presentation Overview

- The Alberta Agricultural Drought Risk Management Plan
- Meteorological Stations expansion
- Drought Indices
- Data Quality Control and Data Filling
- Data Delivery: Agro Climatic Information Service (web)



less than 1 in 6-years

less than 1 in 12-years

less than 1 in 25 years

extremely high

Compiled by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Information Systems and Program Management Branch Created on June 15, 2008

on historical weather data from the 1961-2005 period,

interpolated to township centres using AbClim-1.0.

The AB Agriculture Drought Risk Management Plan (ADRMP)

 The plan provides a framework for a coordinated, pro-active approach to mitigate the effects of drought in the agricultural areas of Alberta.

 Partners - Alberta Agriculture, Alberta Environment, AFSC, PFRA, Counties

ADRMP Plan Strategies

- Drought Monitoring and Reporting and analysis: onset, severity and extent, ending, forecast ...
- Drought Preparedness taking action before a drought to increase the level of readiness by all stakeholders.
- Drought Response taking action during and immediately following a drought to reduce its impacts.

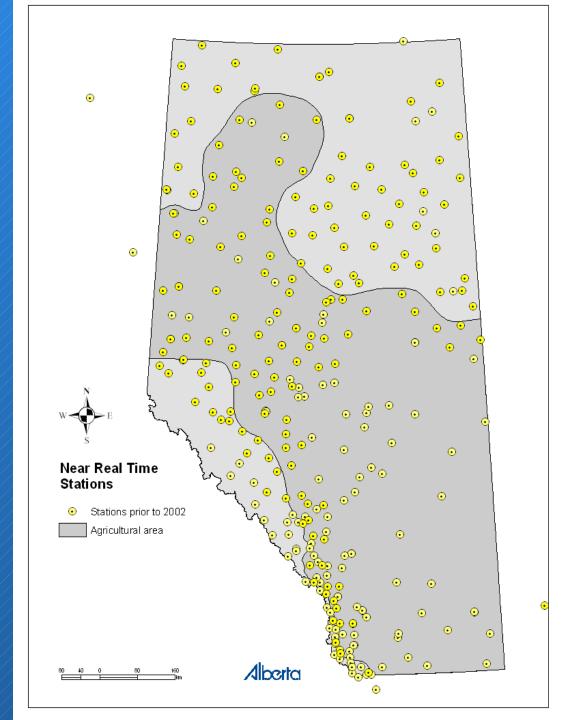
The Drought reporting system soon recognized the inadequacy of the existing weather data in the province

Alberta Weather Stations Prior to 2002

Networks owned by - MSC, AENV and SRD

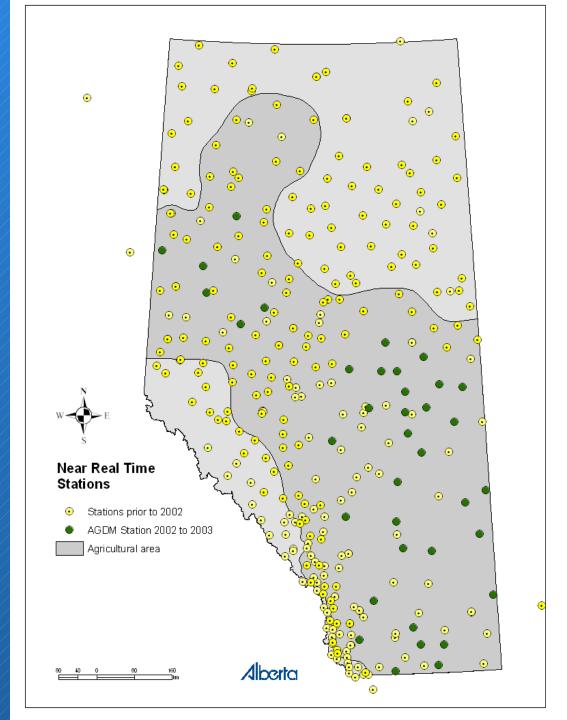
Mainly Measure -

- Precipitation
- Temperature
- Humidity



Near Real Time Network

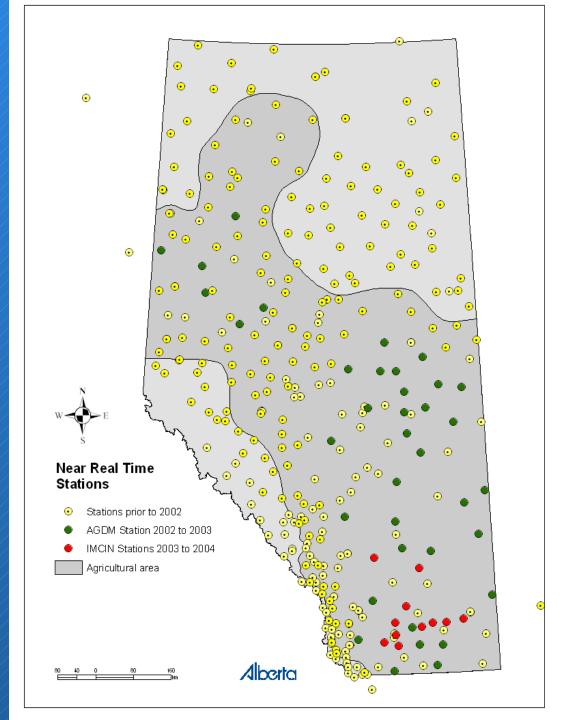
-2002 to 2003 ARD, Fed's added 36 AGDM stations



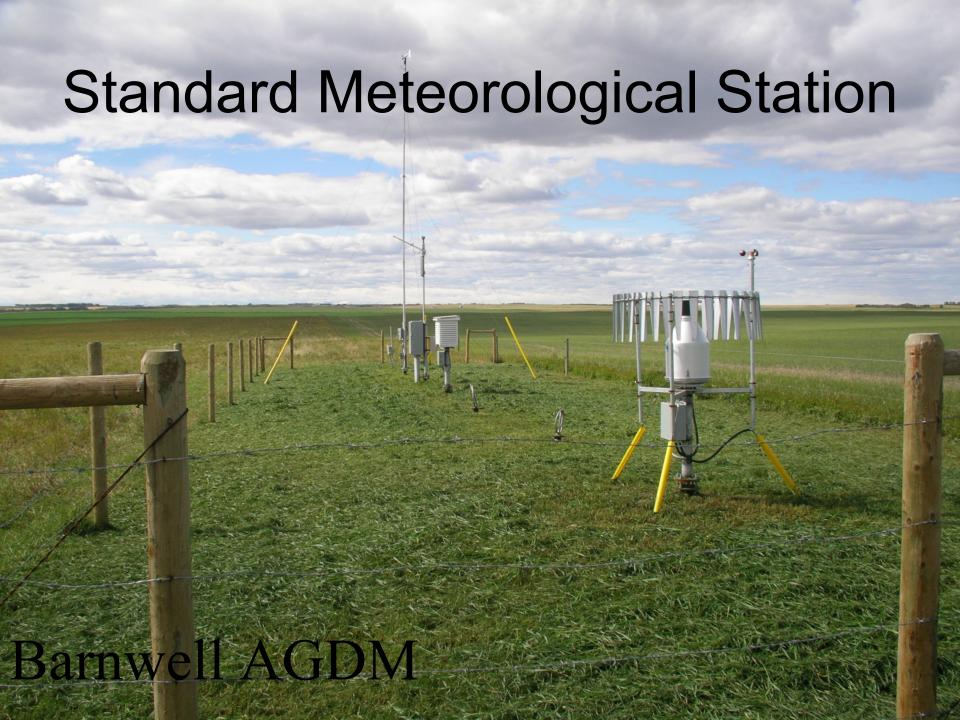
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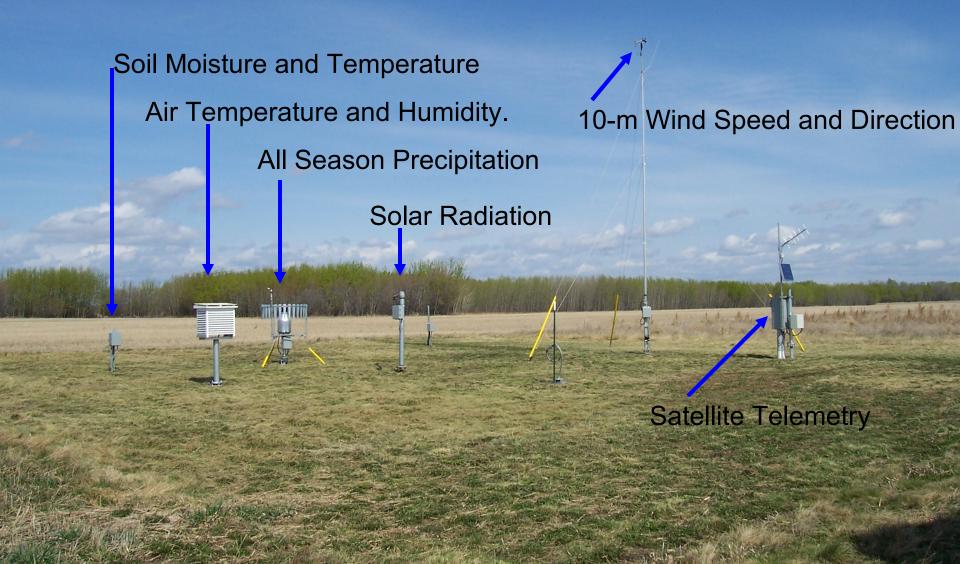
-2003 to 2004 ARD added 11 IMCIN stations



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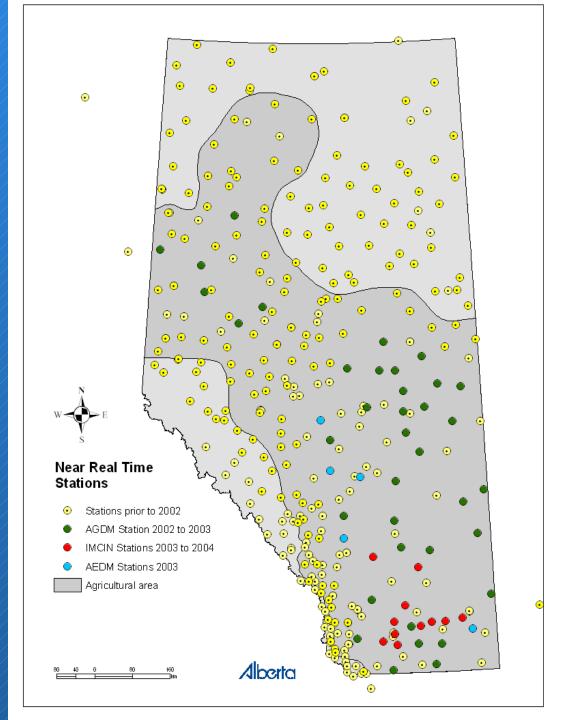


Parameters Measured at ARD's Meteorological Stations



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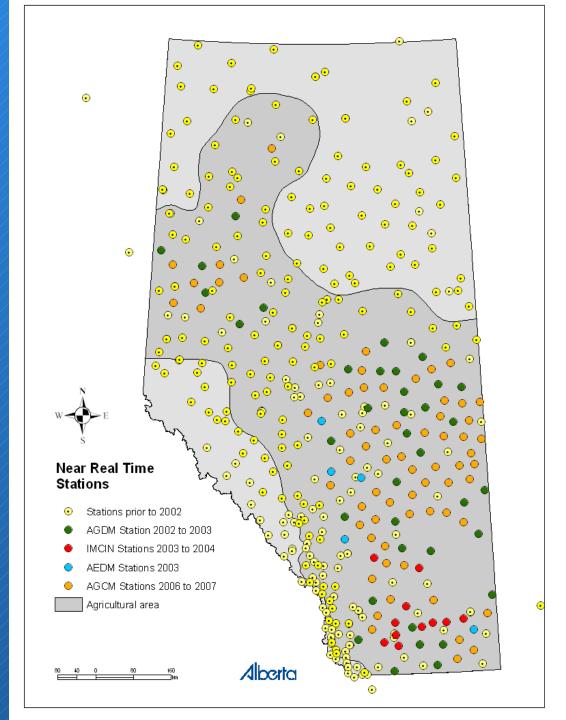
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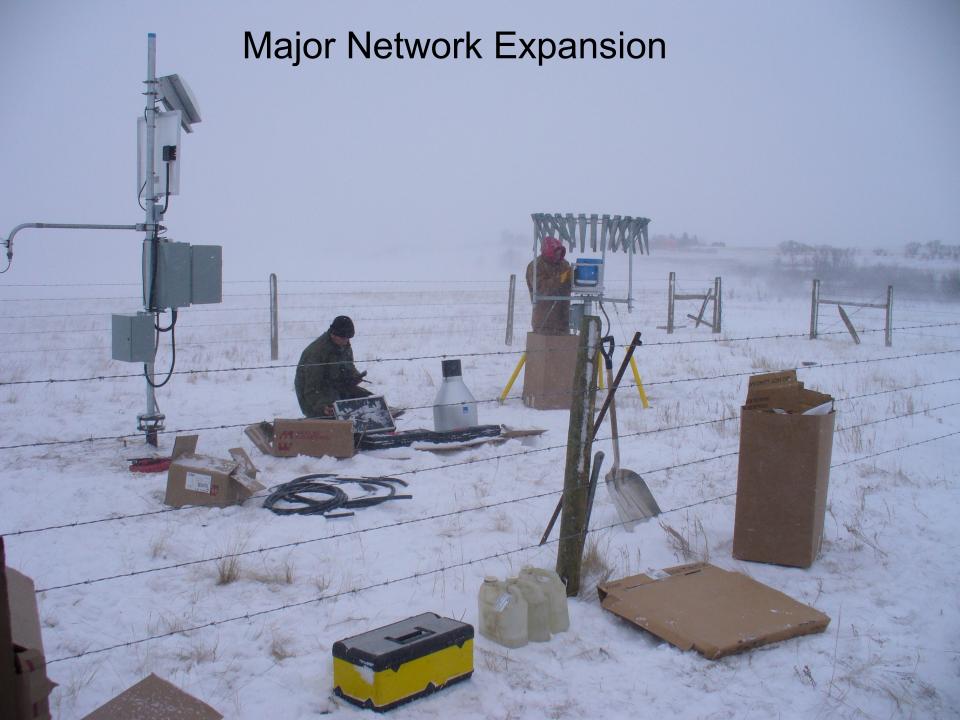
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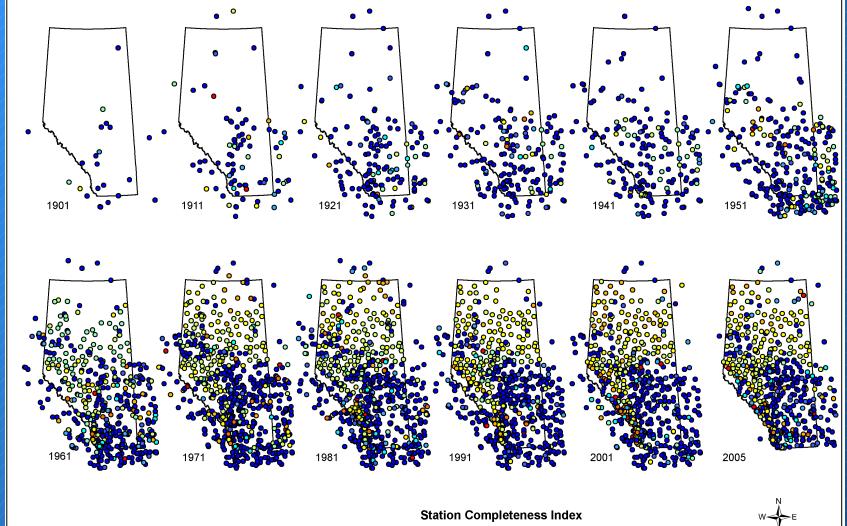
-2007 to 2008 ARD, AFSC, AENV, Fed's added 67 AGCM stations



History and Current Status



Alberta Historical Weather Data



Snap shot of stations accross time, with the completeness of each station recorded as density.

For example: 0.6 implies that the station contains 60% of the data for the year, and 40% missing observations.

- 0.05 0.100.51 0.60
- **o** 0.11 0.20 **o** 0.61 0.70
- 0.21 0.30 0.71 0.80
- 0.31 0.400.81 0.90
- **o** 0.41 0.50 **•** 0.91 1.00

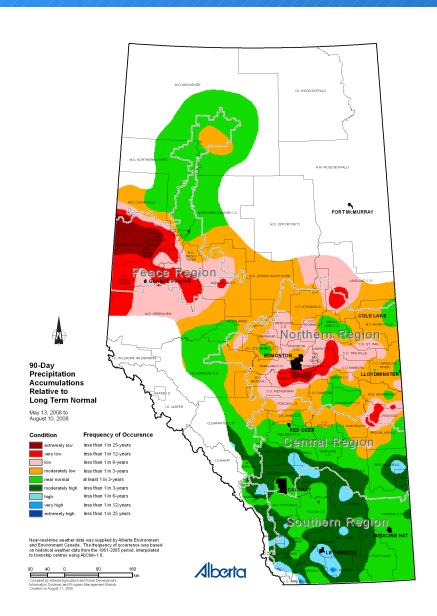


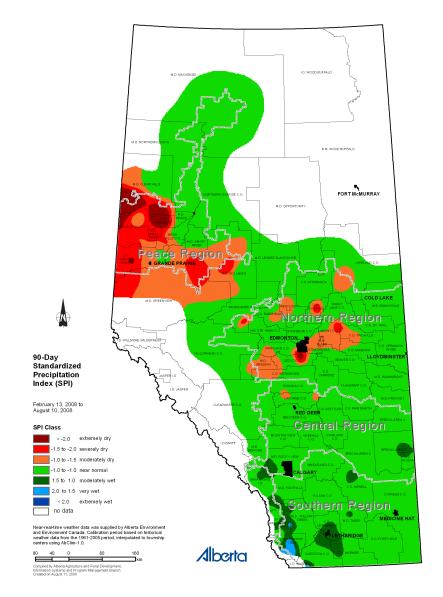


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Percentile Index

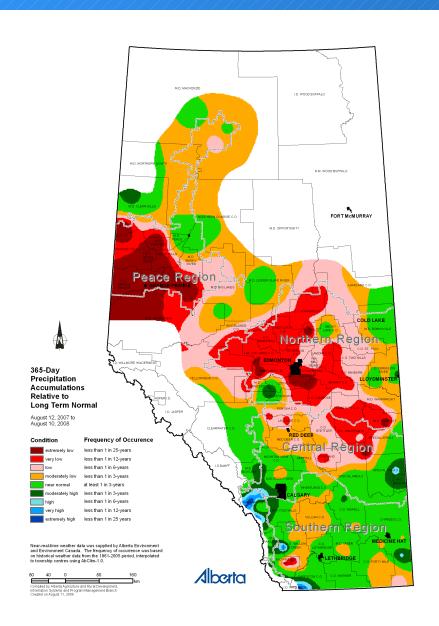
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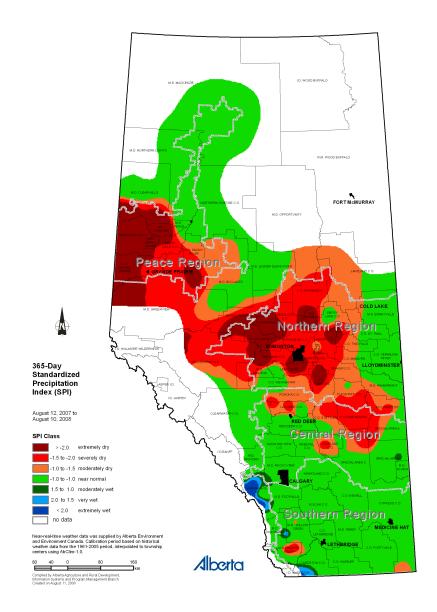




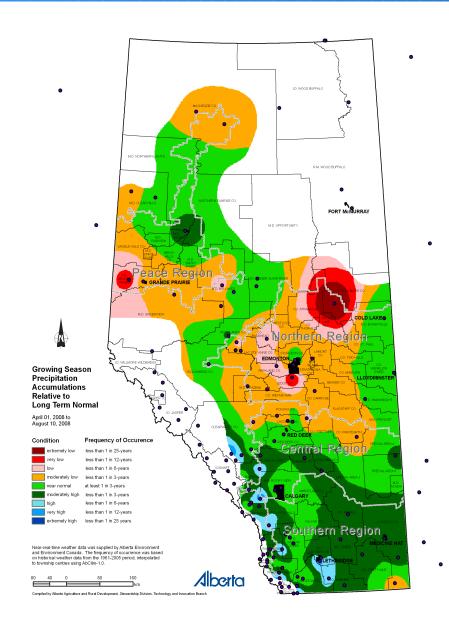
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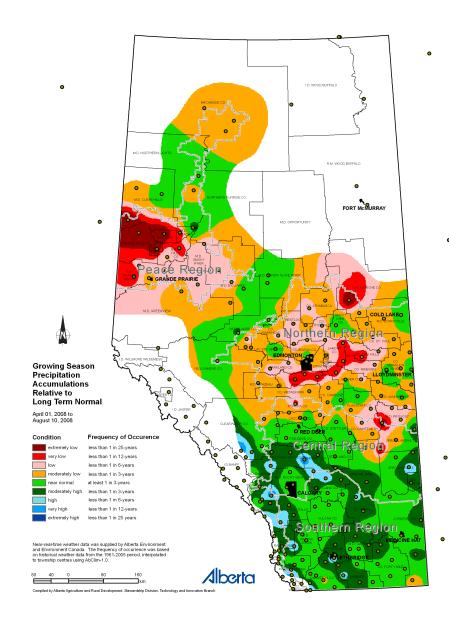
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Stations Density and Drought Indicators





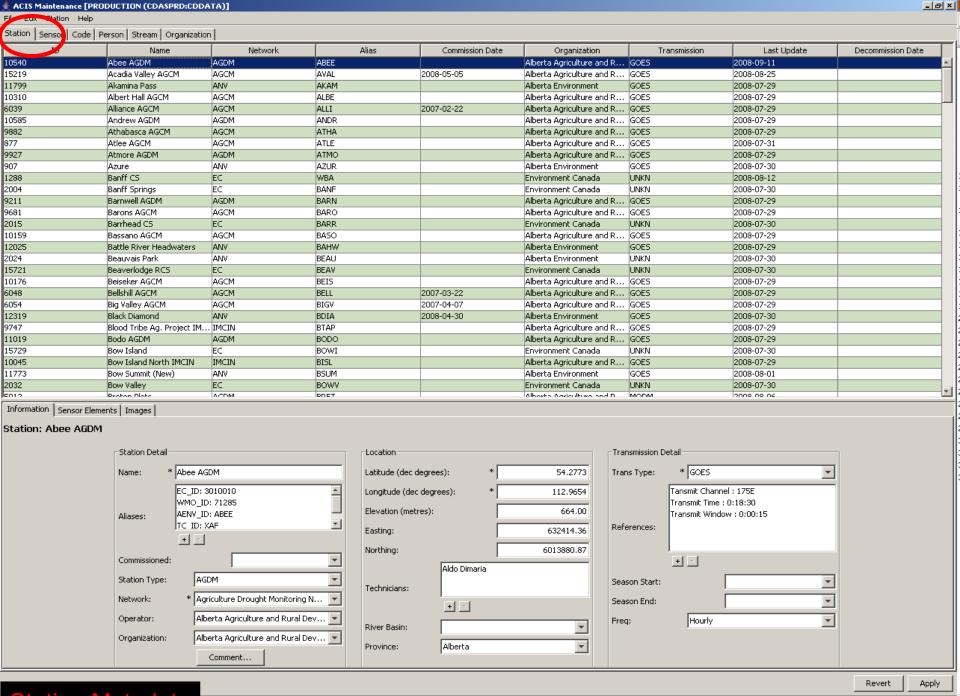
Weather Data Second Generation QAQC:

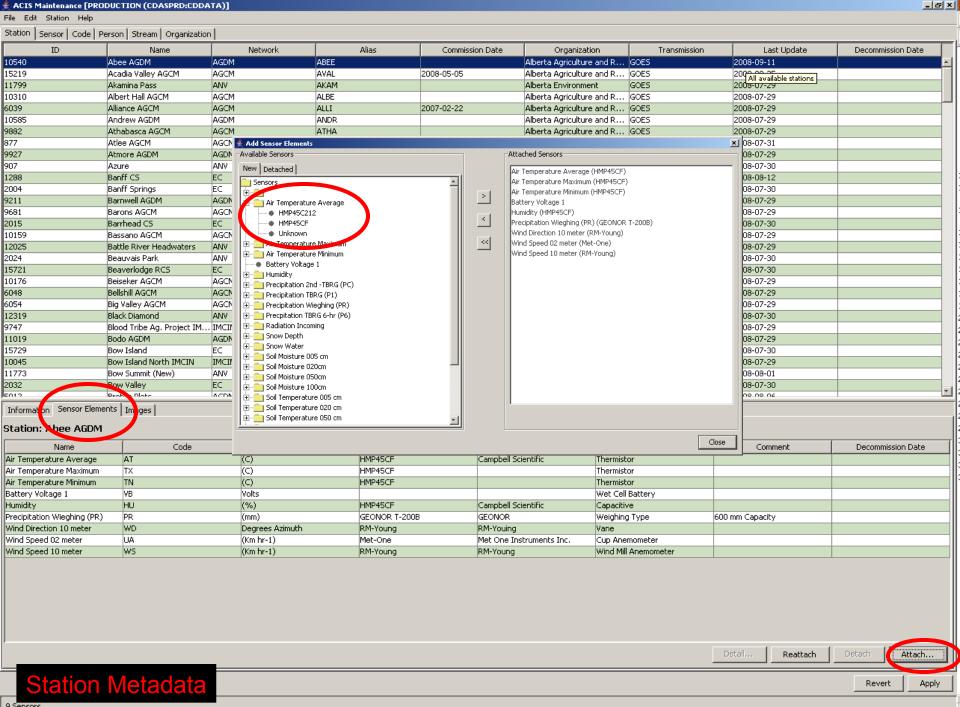
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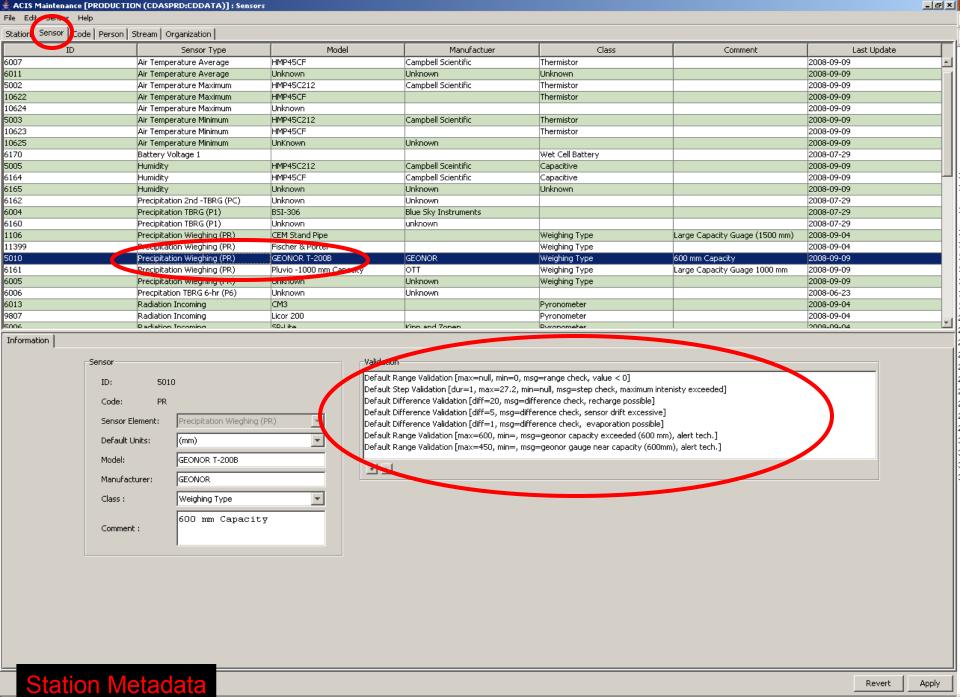
- quality assurance and quality control
- filling missing and invalid data

Station Metadata

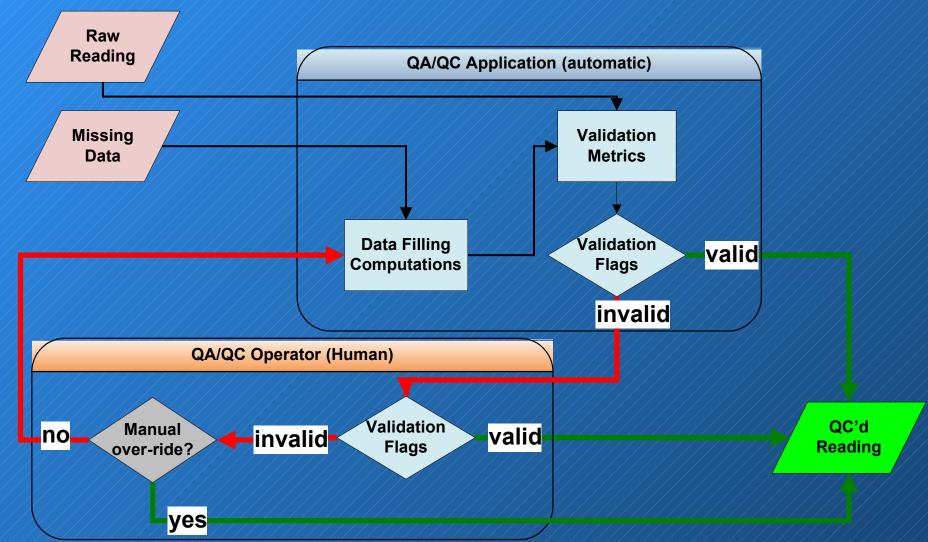
Controlled through the Station
 Maintenance Application (forcing data base integrity) and the application is tied to QA/QC and Web delivery

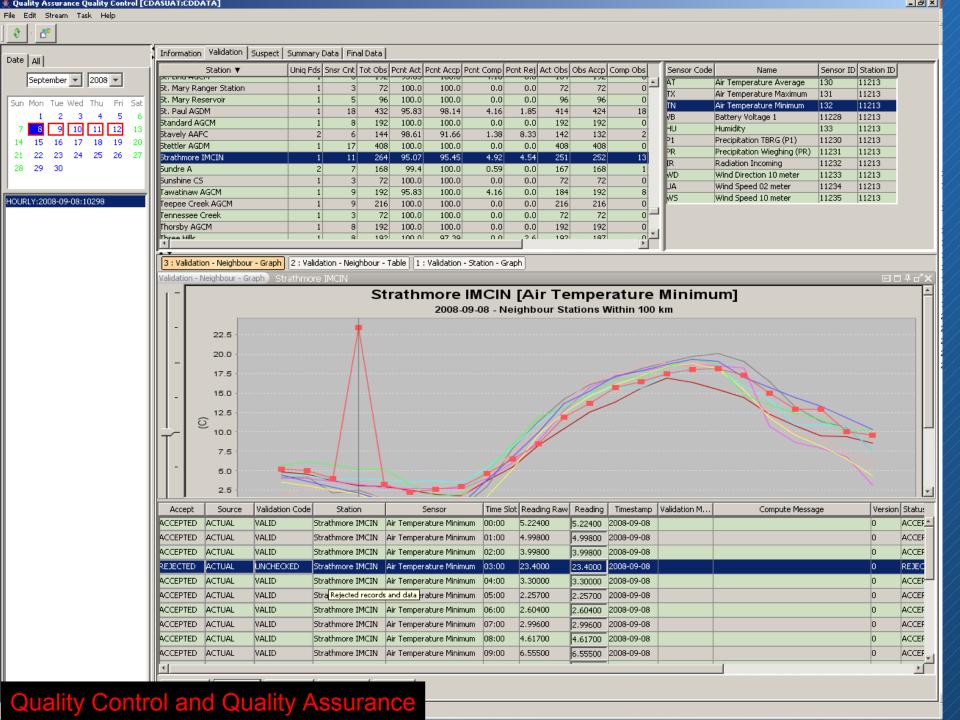


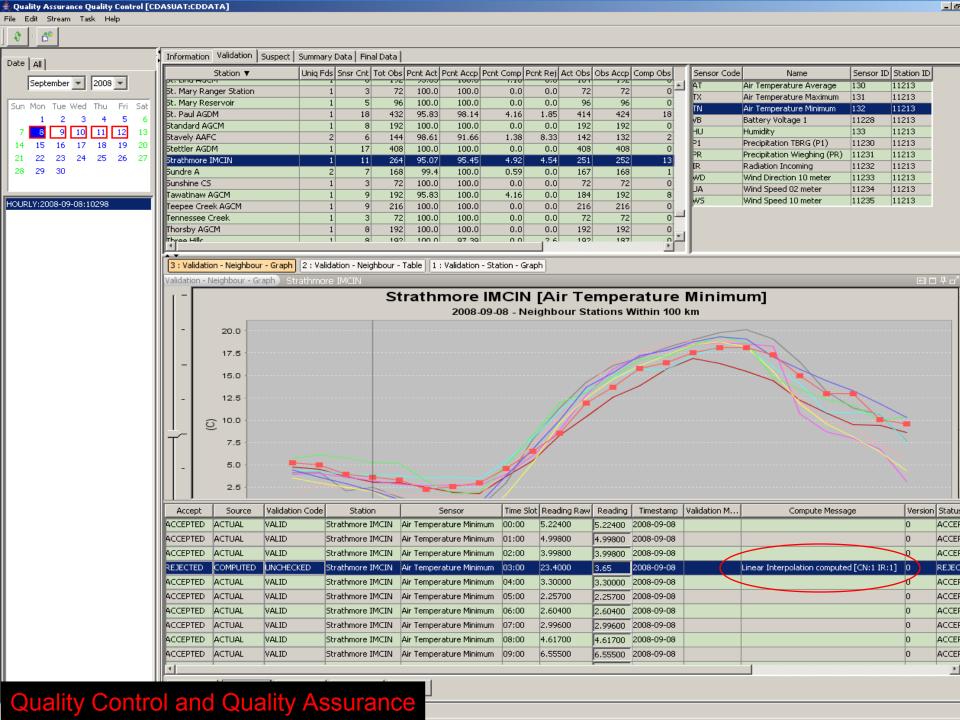




QAQC Flow Logic Diagram: (Hourly Data)



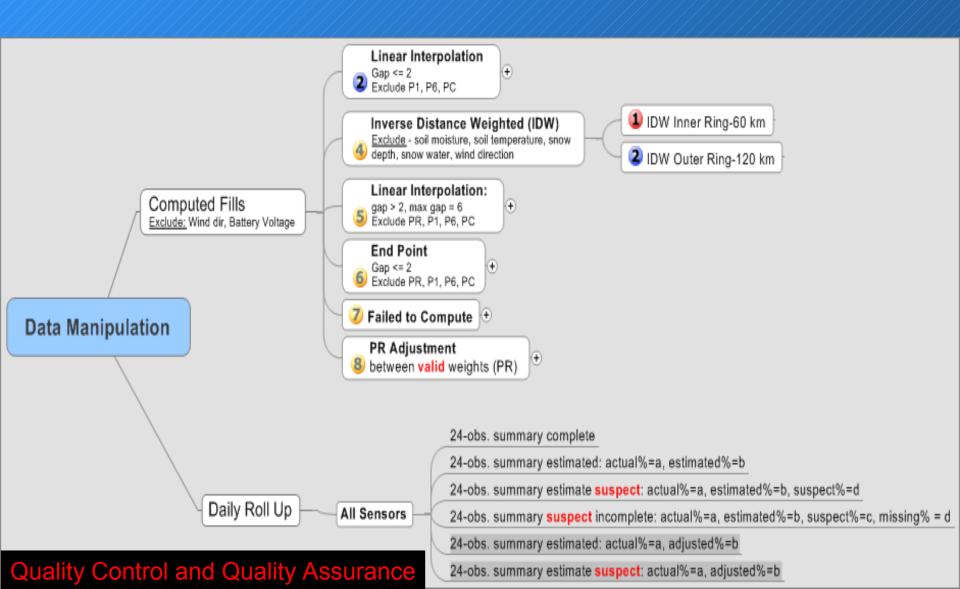




Data Filling

- Attempt to fill all time series using only valid raw readings
- Flag every record
- If filling fails, leave values missing.

Filling Priority Sequence



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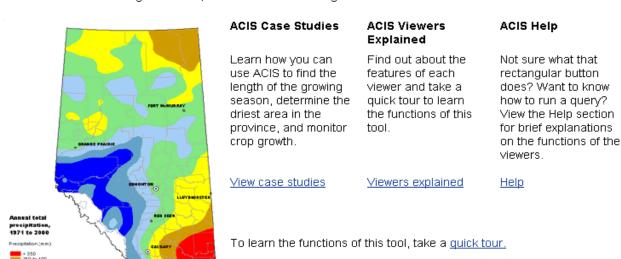
Based on 1971 to 2080 data from Ervisonment Carada, Albeds Envisonment and the U.S. National Climate Data Center, Map displayed on Township generalization



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