

# **MB Drought Plan and Strategies**

## **Data, Information and Assessment Needed**



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# Outline

- **Drought Management Plan Development**
- **Data, Information and Assessment Needs**
- **Research Needs**
- **Indicator Analysis – Preliminary Observations**

# **MB Drought Management Plan Development**

## **Conceptual Framework**

- **Definitions**
- **Indicator Selections**
- **Drought Action Plan and Strategies**
- **Water Supply and Demand Projection**
- **Climate Change Adaptation (with respect to drought)**

# Data, Information and Assessment needed

## Drought Indicators and Data Needs:

### ➤ Meteorological:

- **Indicators:** Percent of average/median precipitation, percentiles/deciles, Standard Precipitation Index (SPI)
- **Data:** Precipitation

### ➤ Hydrological:

- **Indicators:** Percent of average/median flow, streamflow/ground water(GW) percentiles/deciles, Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI), reservoir storage volume)
- **Data:** Streamflow/ snowpack, precipitation and reservoir storage, GW levels

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## Indicators and data needed:

### ➤ **Agricultural**

- **Indicators: Palmer Drought Index (PDI), Crop Moisture Index (CMI), Normalized Vegetation index**
- **Data: temperature, precipitation, percent of water holding capacity, remote sensing data/images**

# Data, Information and Assessment needed

## Water Supply and Demand

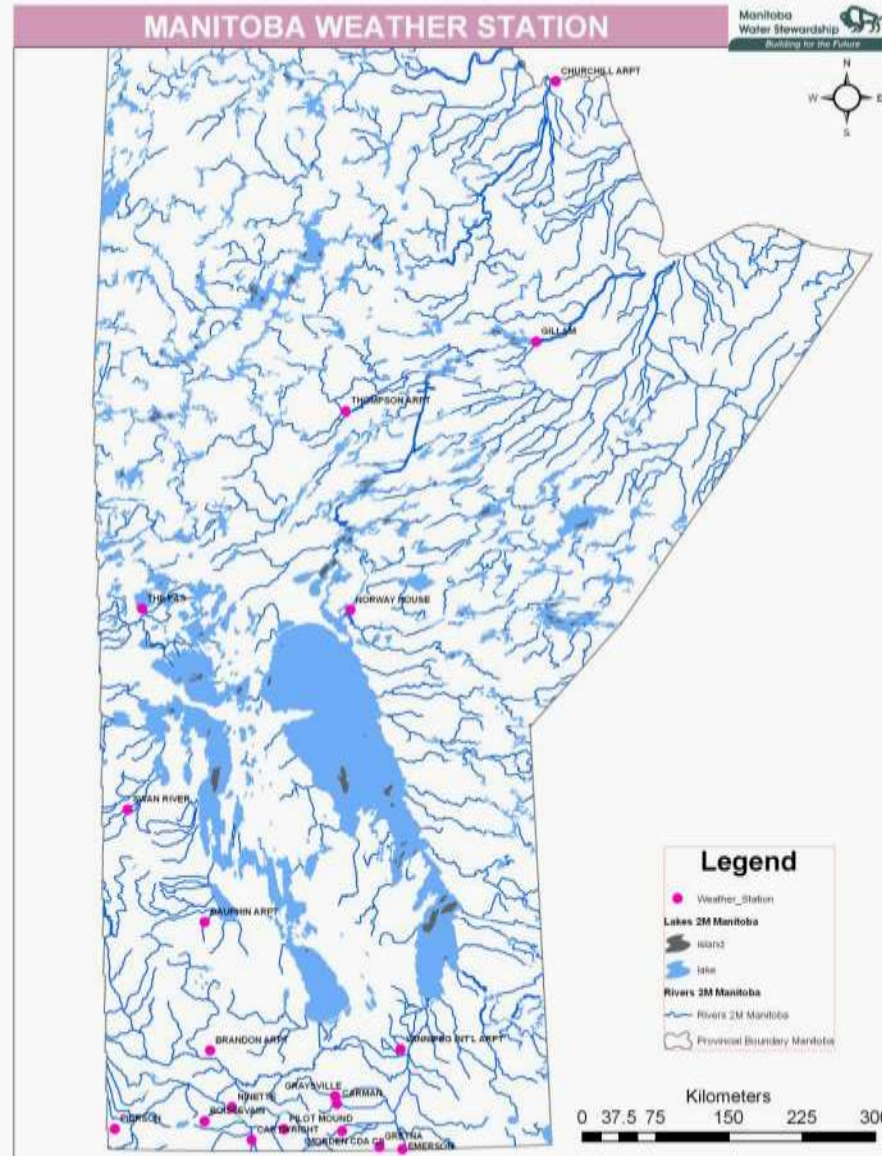
- **Prediction of water supply and demand (Short-, Medium- and Long-term) under expected economic growth and climate change: precipitation, temperature, stream flow, soil moisture, ground water levels, water uses (domestic, commercial, agricultural and industrial), reservoir operational rules, storages and basin information.**

# Research Need

- **Development of Drought Indicators**
  - **Soil moisture modelling**
  - **Reservoir storage and operation indicators**
  
- **Projection of future water supply and demand (short-and long-term) for expected trend and climate change scenarios for each River Basin in Manitoba**

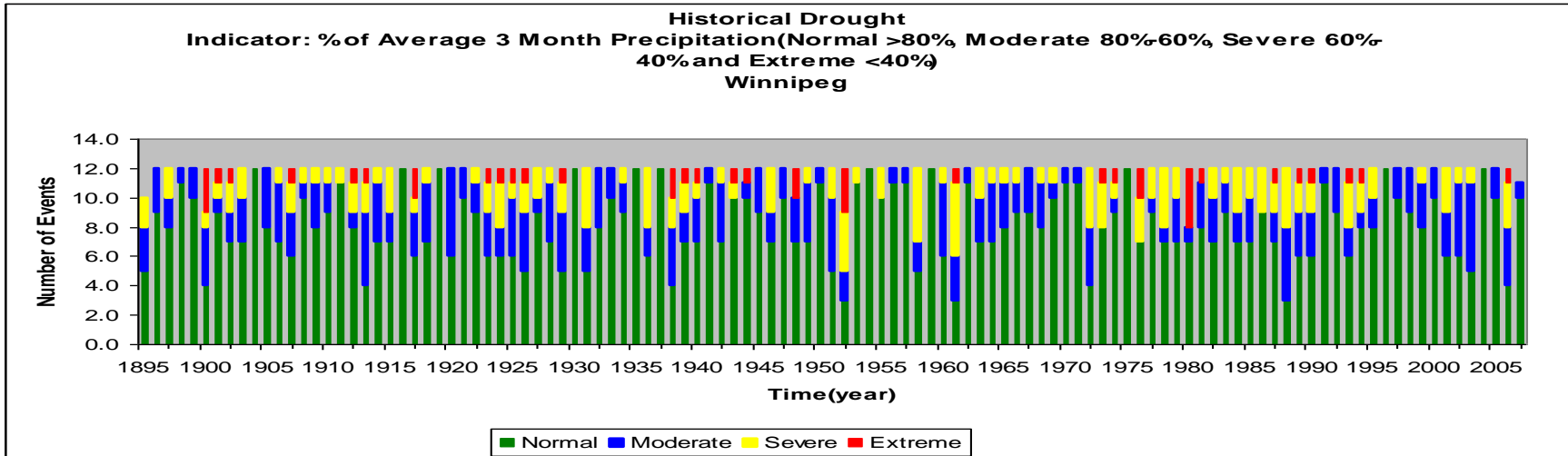
# Preliminary results for Indicator

Map of selected precipitation stations (based on historical data availability)

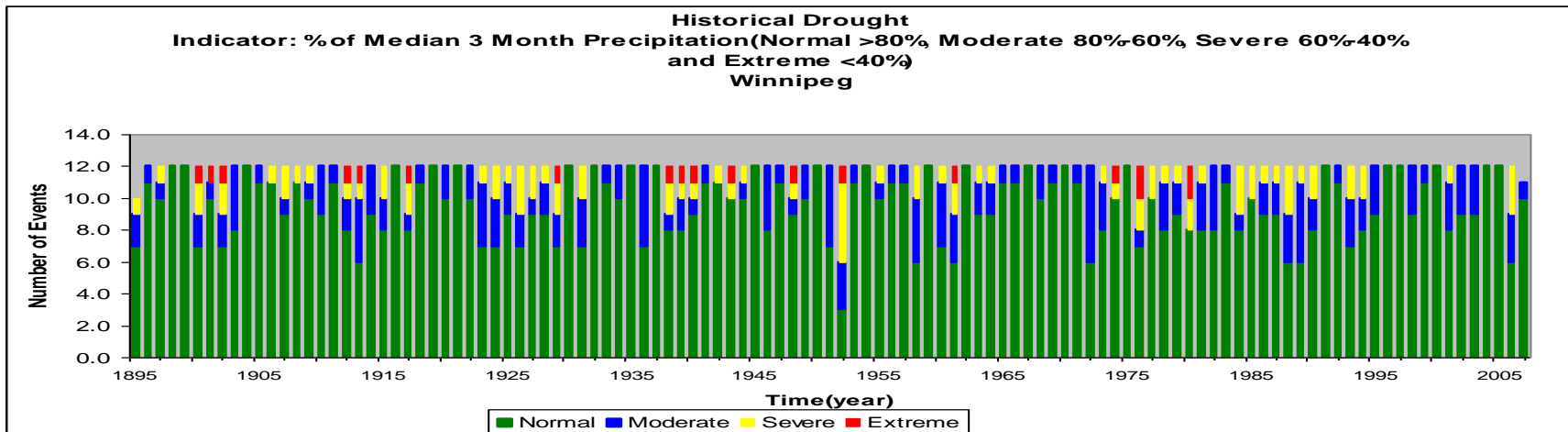




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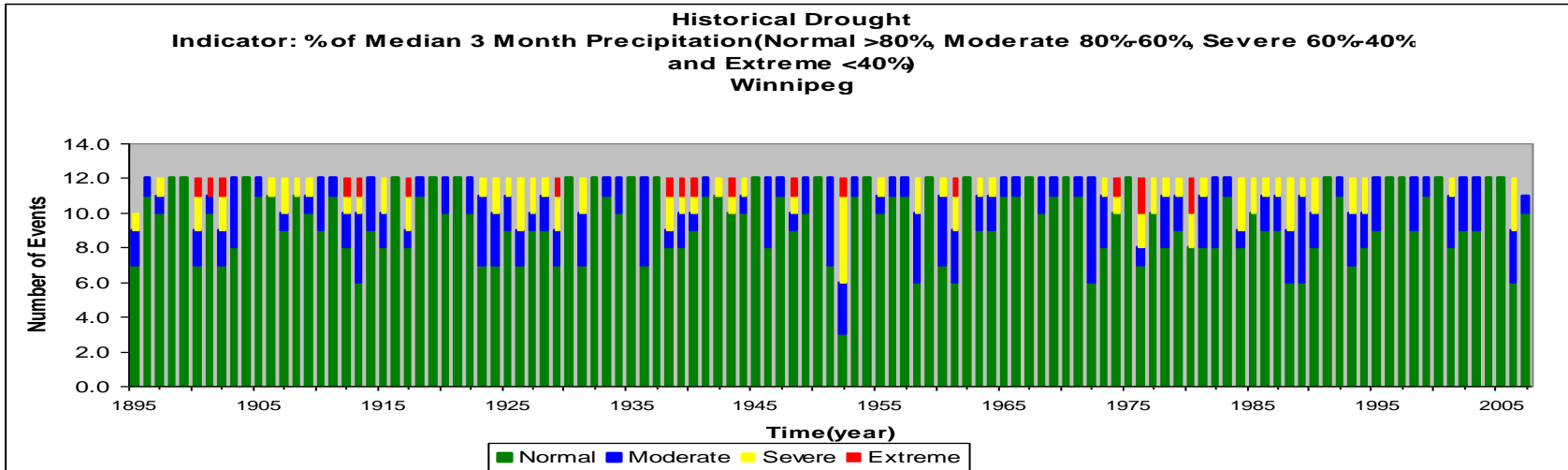


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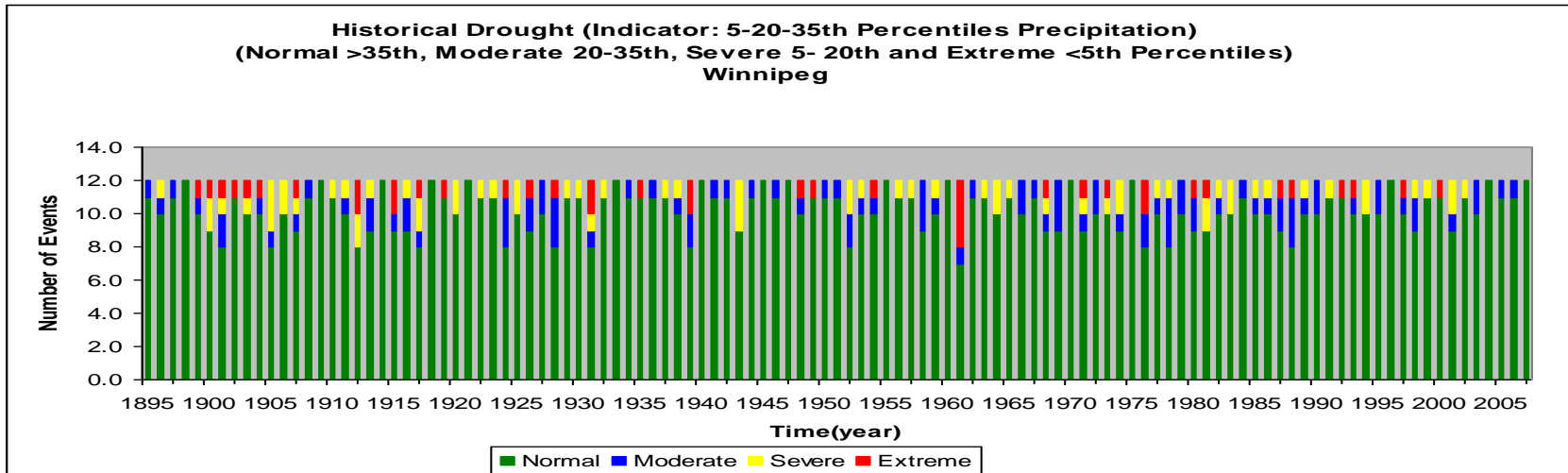


## Precipitation Median

# Preliminary results for Indicator



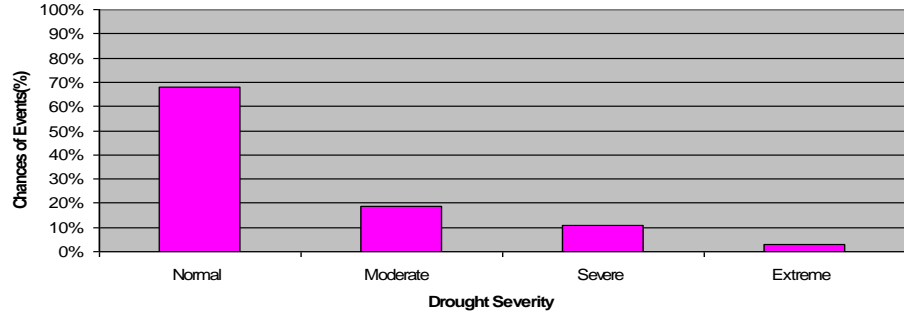
**Precipitation Median**



**5-20-35th Percentile**

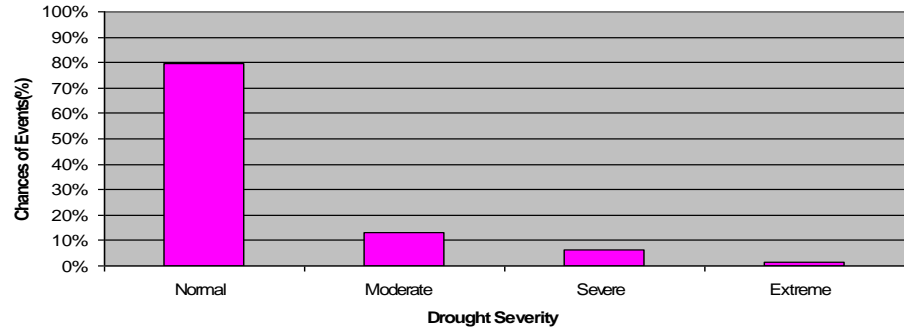
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Chances of Drought Events  
Winnipeg



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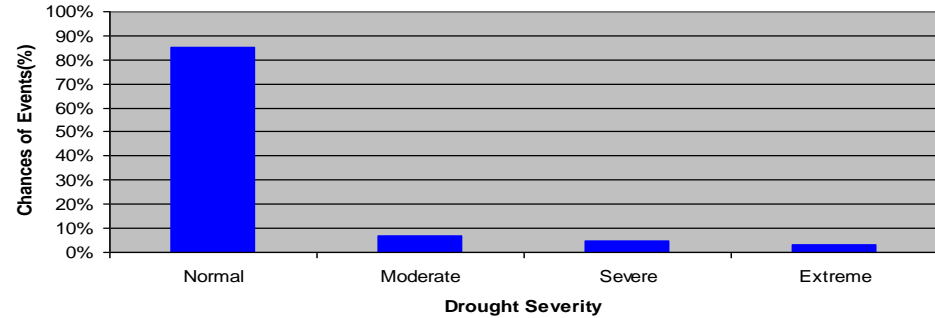


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## Precipitation Median

## Precipitation Average

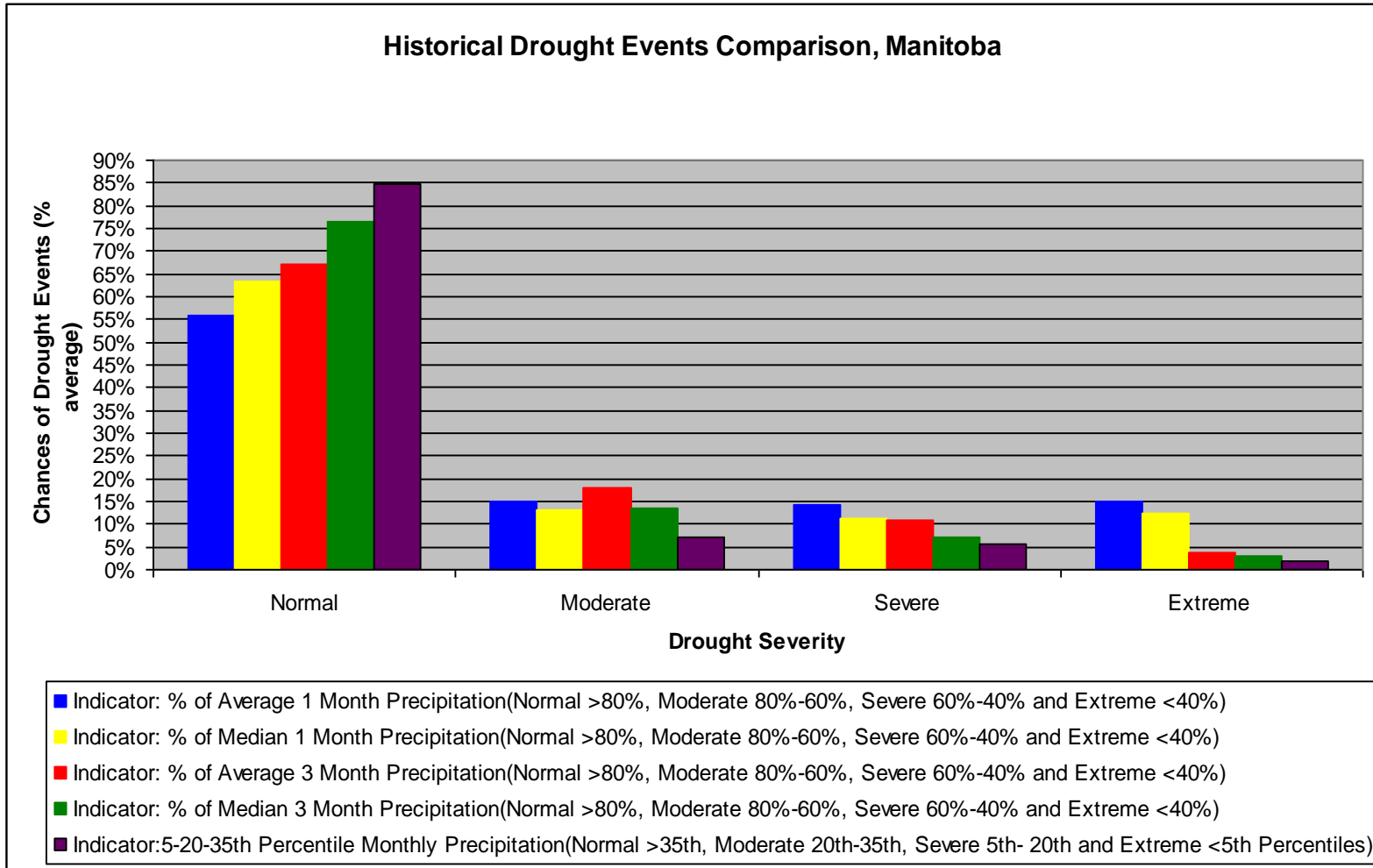
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■ Indicator: Lowest 5-20-35th Percentile of Monthly Precipitation (Normal >35th, Moderate 20th-35th, Severe 5th- 20th and Extreme <5th Percentile)

## 5-20-35th Percentile

# Preliminary results for Indicator



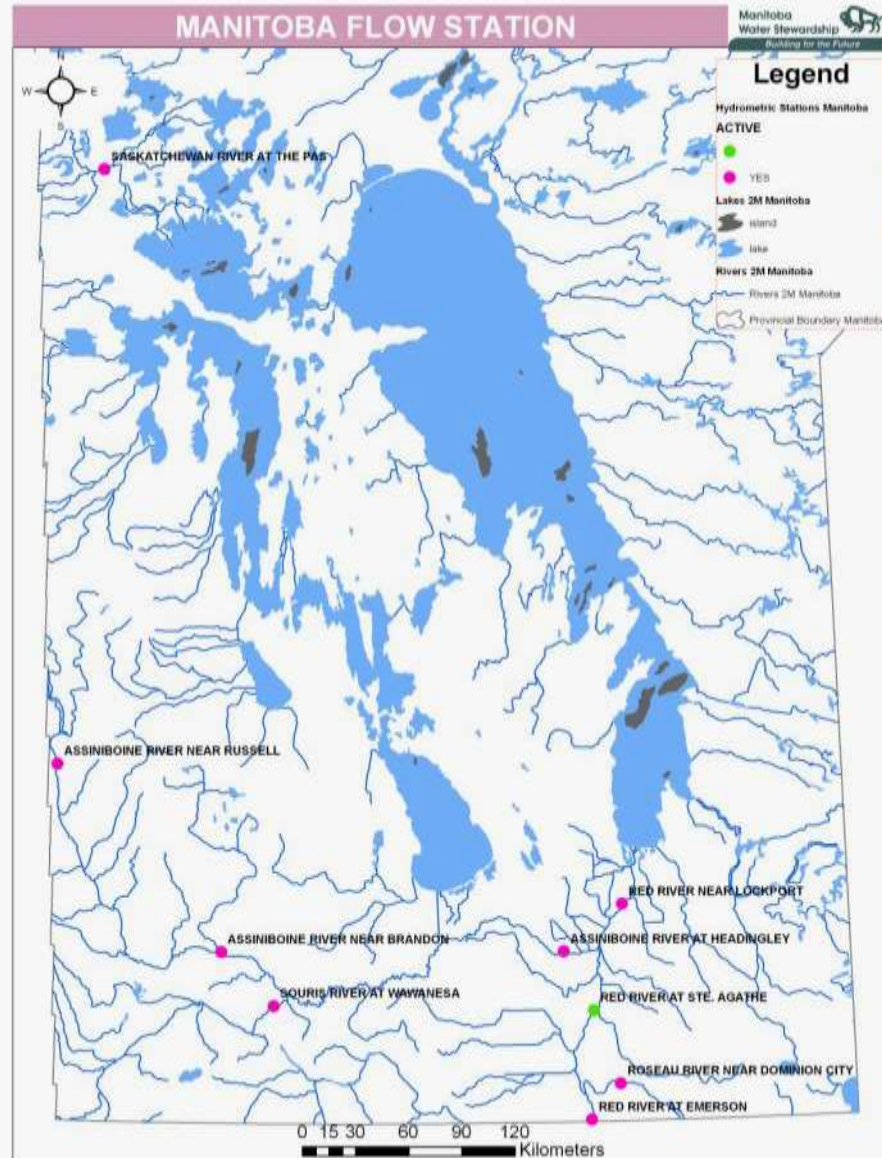
**Average % of all selected stations**

# Preliminary observation for Precipitation Indicators

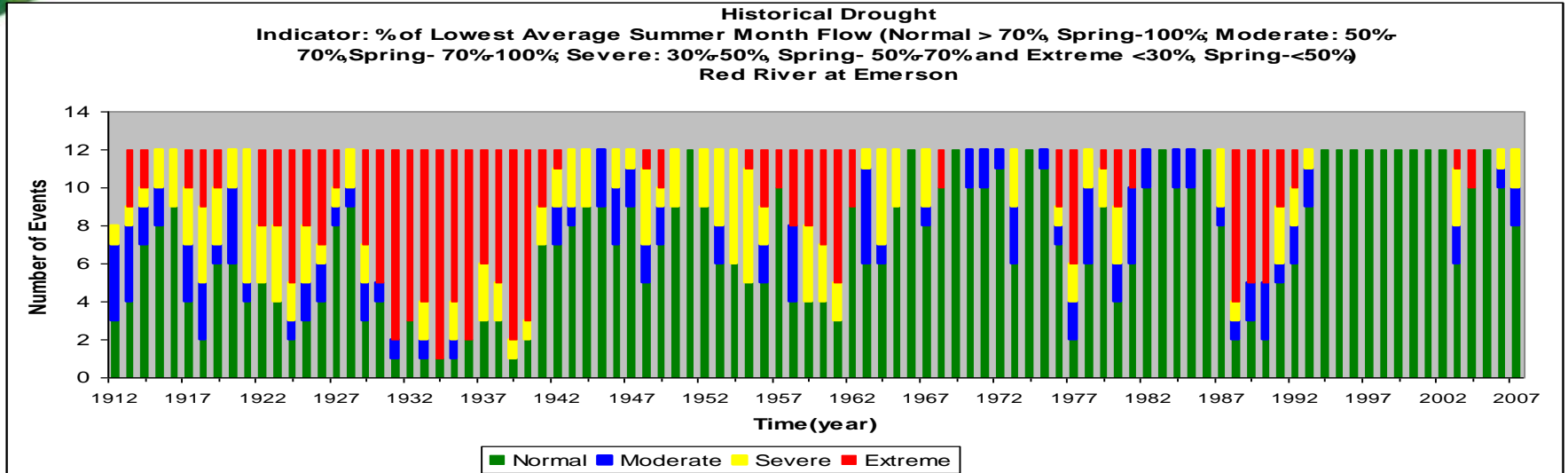
- **% of Median of Monthly Precipitation Indicator give better results than % of Average of monthly Precipitation Indicator**
- **5-20-35<sup>th</sup> Percentile of monthly Precipitation Indicator gives better results than percent of average and median But the lowest percentile(5<sup>th</sup>) precipitation found as zero when a time series contain lots of Zero values which are very common on Precipitation Time Series. There is a chances of getting wrong signal about drought severity level.**

# Preliminary results for Flow Indicator

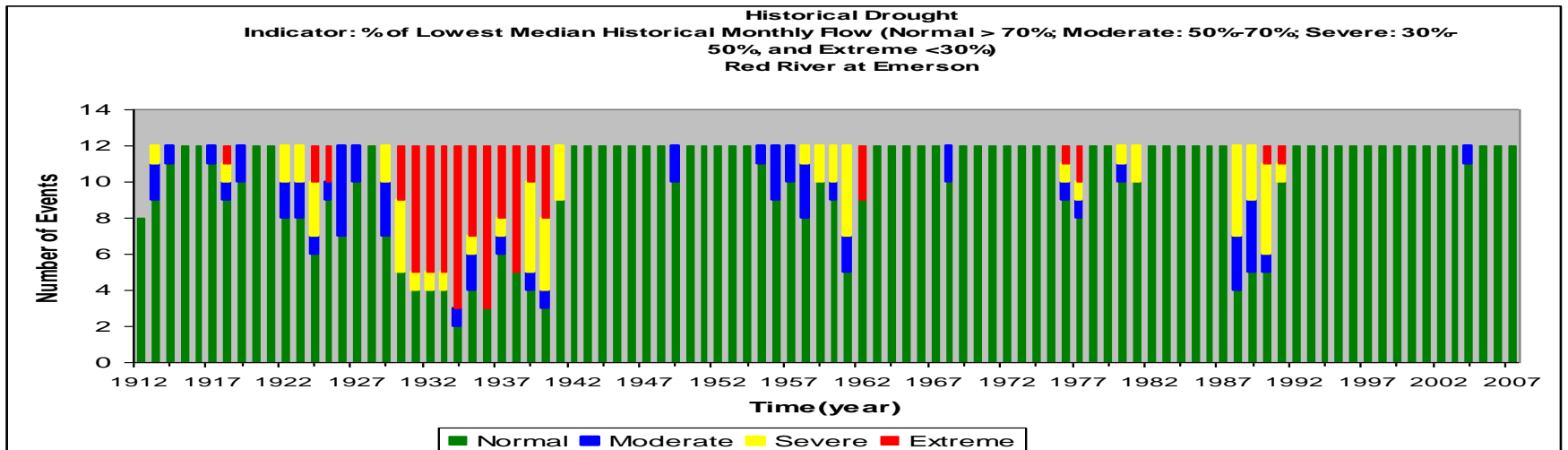
Map of selected flow stations  
(based on historical data availability)



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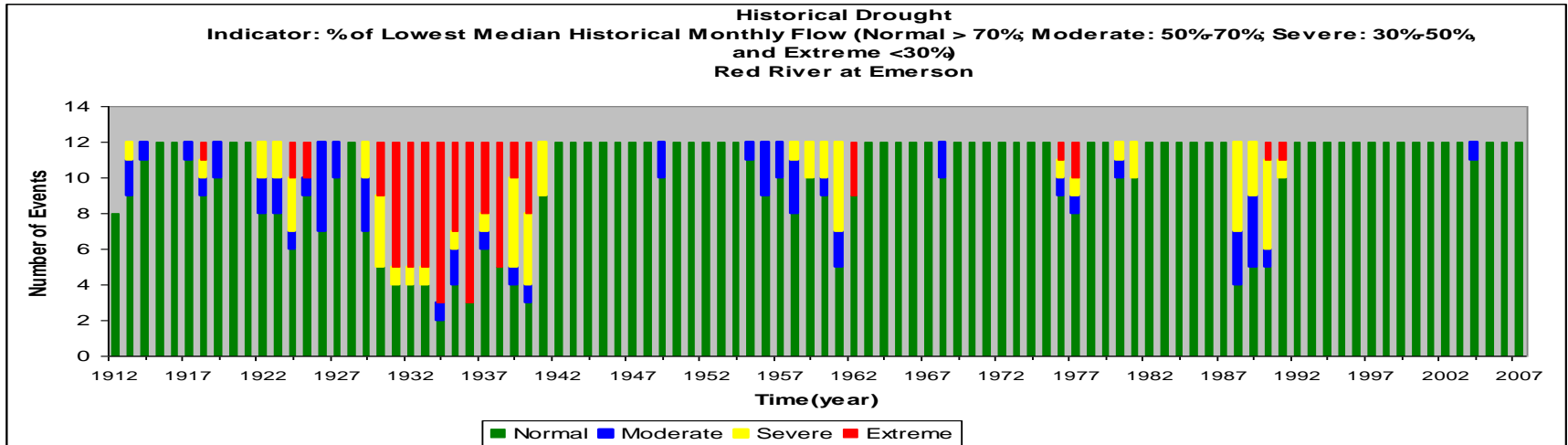


## Lowest Average Summer Month Flow

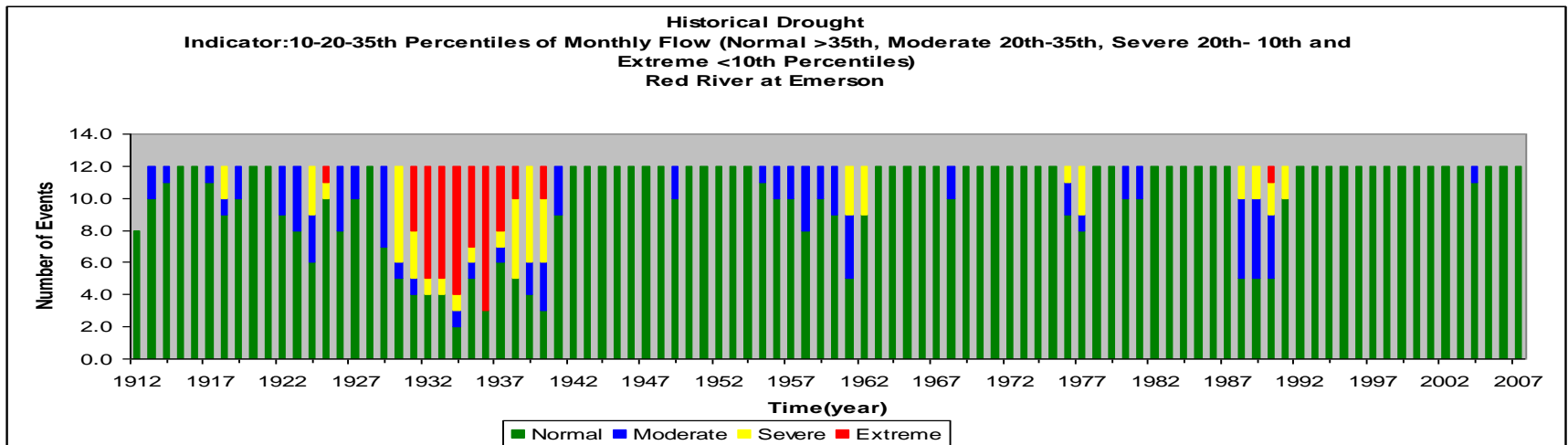


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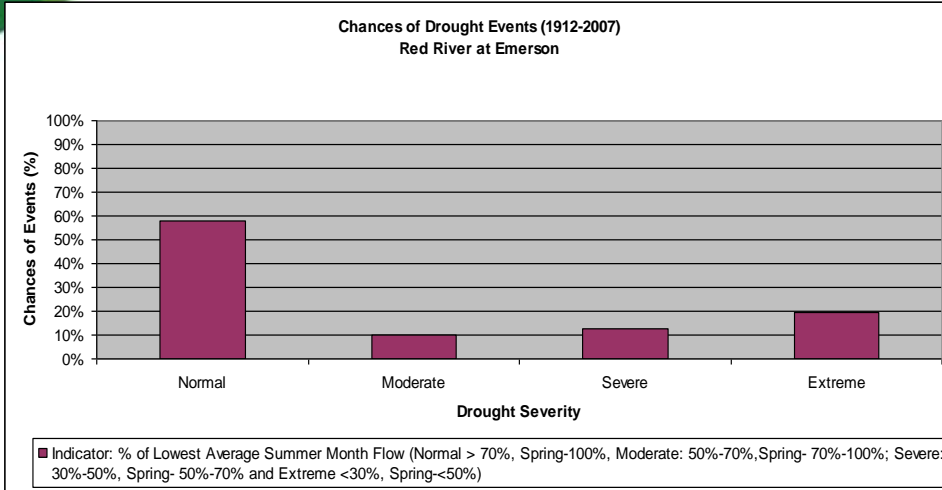
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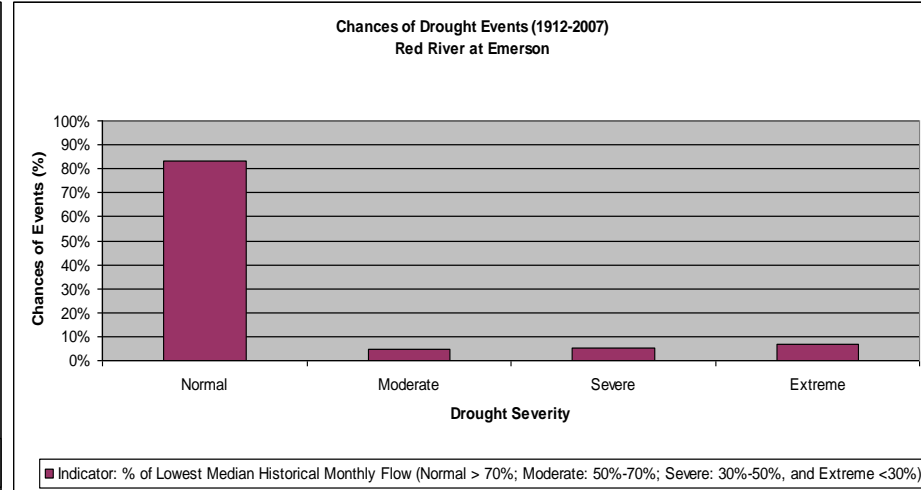
## 10-20-35<sup>th</sup> Percentiles of Monthly Flow



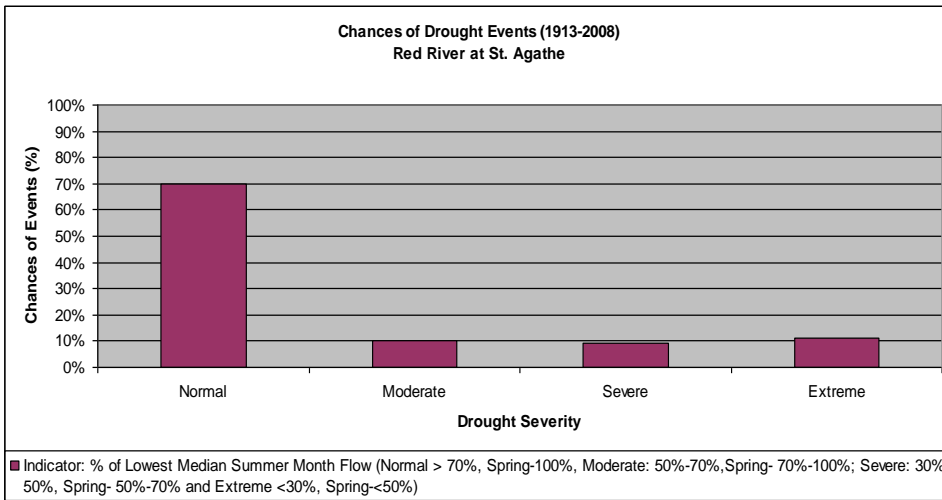
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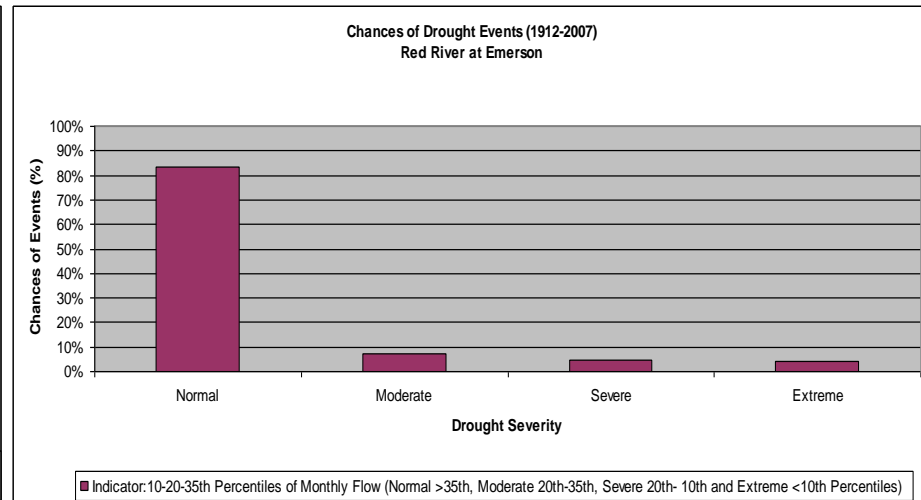
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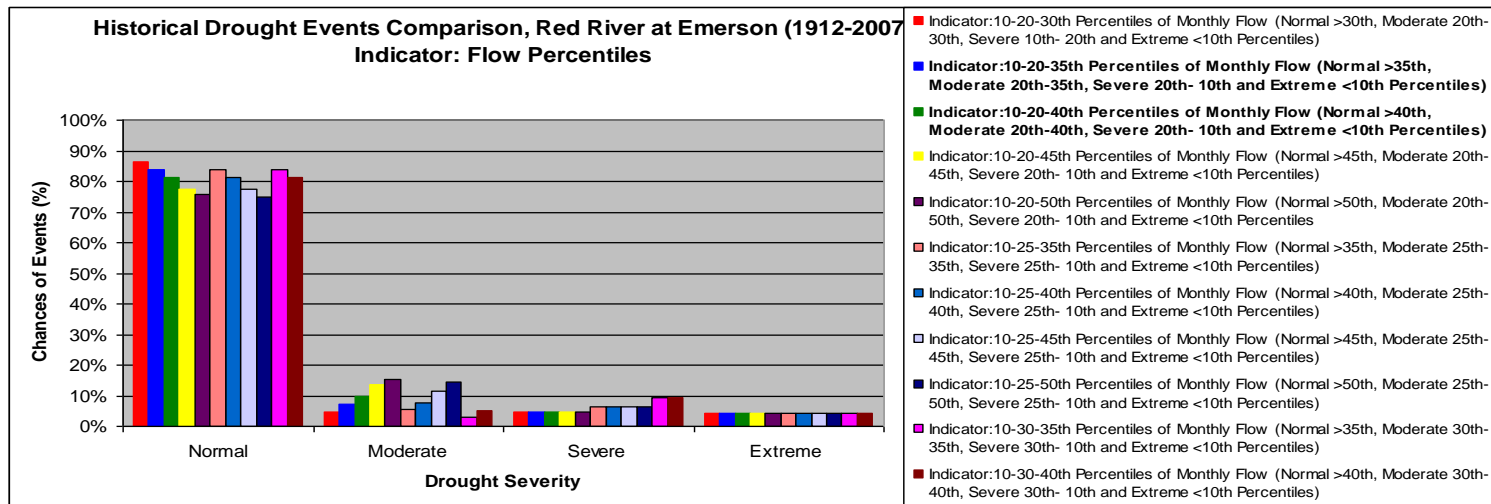
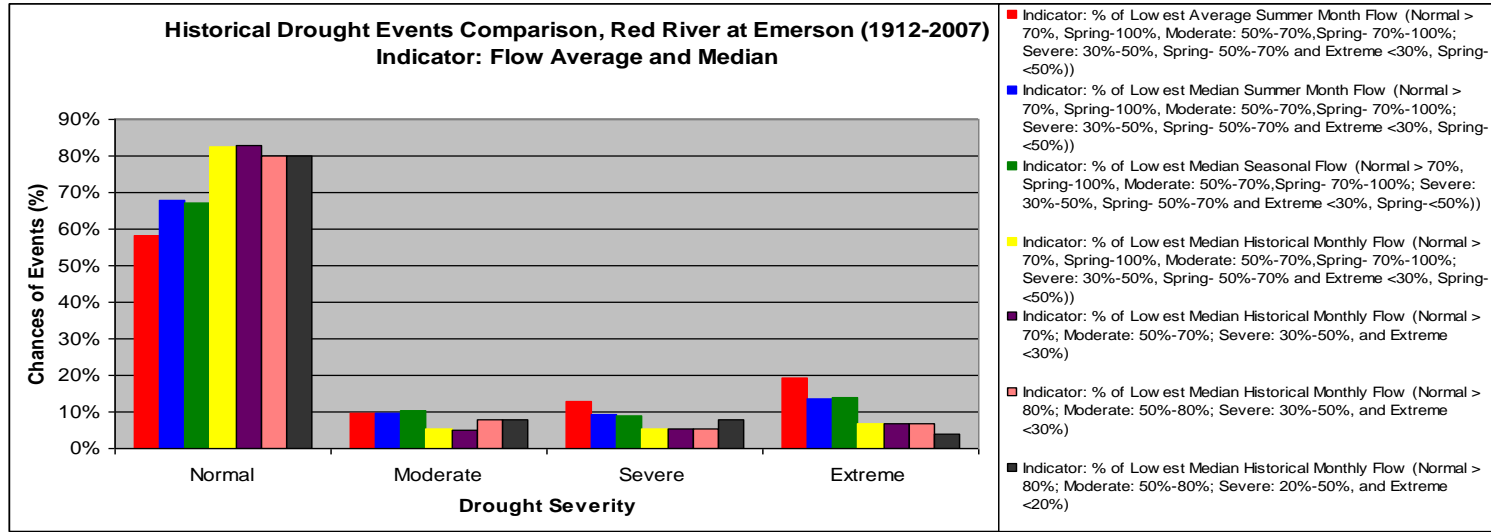


**Lowest Median Summer Month Flow**



**10-20-35<sup>th</sup> Percentiles of Monthly Flow**

# Preliminary results for Flow Indicator



# Preliminary observation for Flow Indicators

- **% of Median of Monthly Flow Indicator gives better results than % of Average of monthly Precipitation Indicator**
- **10-20-35<sup>th</sup> Percentile of monthly Flow Indicator gives better results than percent of average and median.**

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