

Report of visit: TULIP FIELDS June 14th, 2023

HARVEST UPDATE.

In the past week, we visited important areas for Tulip bulb production to check field condition.

Current temperatures are very high.

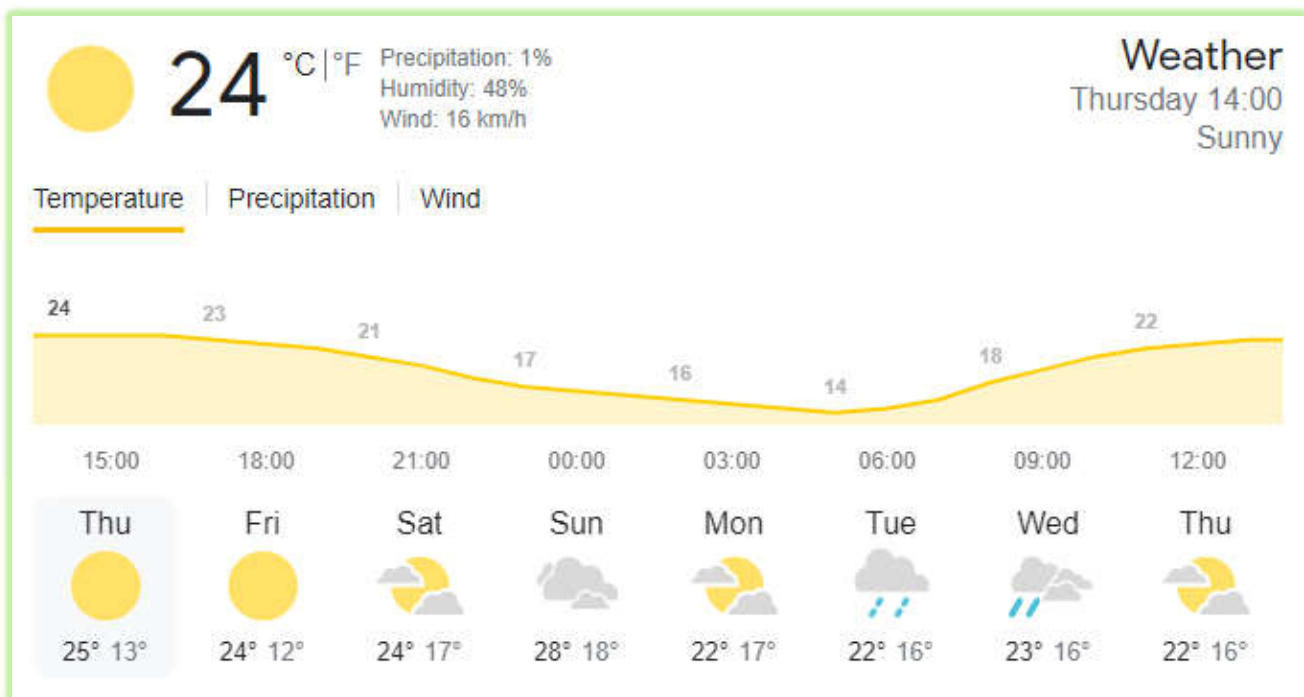
After slow start in spring with a long and cold weather period, the weather suddenly changed to hot and dry conditions. At this moment, we did not have any rain for over 30 days. It is highly unusual. Fields are very dry.

The spring conditions are not very good for the bulb production.

First possible rain will come next week. it is too late to create more bulb growth.

Growers on sandy soil had to water the crop several times. The wind from North-East direction is very dry and not good for strong growth and bulb enlargement. Cost for irrigation is high as all pumps run on diesel fuel.

Weather expectations for next 8 days.



Bulb price / market.

Prices slowly increase. Availability is becoming less for export quality lot numbers. We have already received several cancellations on lot numbers that failed inspection due to virus. Prices of bulbs for export to Asian countries are increasing. Quality stocks of available bulbs are not very large anymore.

Bulb price / market.

Harvest of early varieties has now started. Especially in fields that became too dry, the foliage of tulips turned brown very early. It slowed down growth and these fields are now being harvested. This is mostly on sandy soil fields. Growers report less growth for these fields and are disappointed in the crop. We expect growers to deliver less bulbs and some shortages may be informed to our customers this season.

Timing of harvest.

Growers report that flowering was about 1 week later than normal. Accordingly, the harvest for several growers is also delayed by one week.

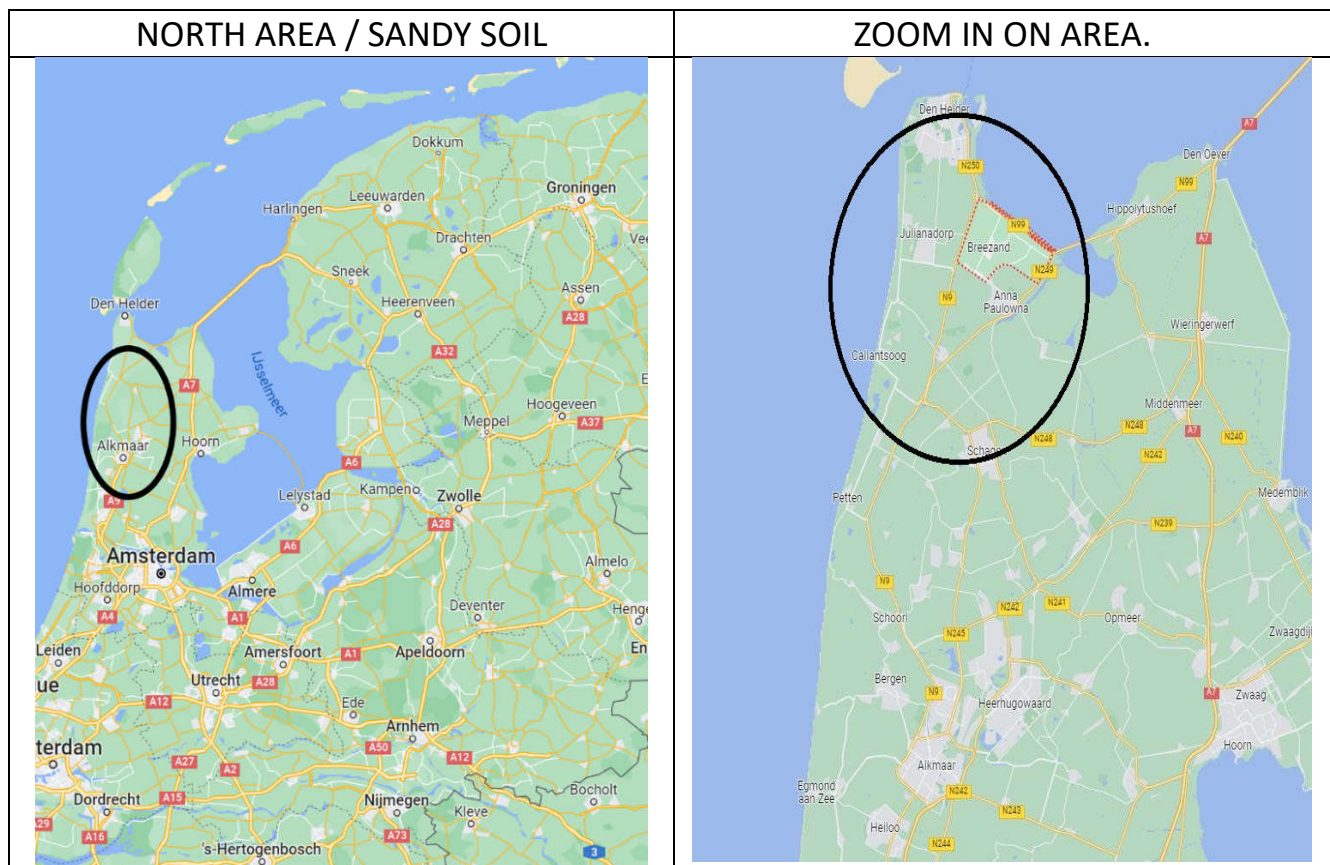
For bulbs produced for cut flower growing, it is expected that Stage G development is about 1 week later than normal. But it is still too early to decide. We will keep you informed.

Overall opinion:

1. Harvest about 5 days later compared to normal year.
2. Quantity of bulbs harvested is less.
3. Some rejections due to virus are expected.
4. Price of bulb in market is increasing.
5. Stage G development, slower compared to normal year.

PLEASE CHECK THE PICTURES FOR THE AREAS WE VISITED THIS WEEK.





About this region:

North area 'Julianadorp and Breezand' are all sandy soil.
Good bulbs for Drysale, Landscape and forcing.

Weather condition information:

Recently, very hot. The sandy soil fields started very wet directly after winter, but in recent month we had dry weather, wind from North East and rather poor growing conditions. For past 10 days, weather is too hot for good growth.

Growers hope that coming weeks will still add some growth to the bulbs. Temperatures are little lower now. The growers will not push for early harvest.

Damage and losses:

Little water damage until this moment for sandy soil fields.

Hail damaged fields turn brown very quickly and have poor growth. The harvested number of bulbs from the damaged areas will be less.

Virus and inspection:

Some growers still need to report for lot numbers that are rejected by official BKD inspection. Late information can be due to discussion by growers with BKD inspection. Generally, growers report higher virus percentages of TVR and TBV. We still expect more growers to inform about rejections.

General opinion on field conditions:

Sandy soil fields look reasonably good. Due to good roots by favorable winter conditions, plants grew strong in spring. But long dry weather period slowed down growth. Growers expect less bulbs.

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Apricot Delight, harvested on 13th June. 杏红快乐, 6月13日收获



