

# Degree-day estimates for wild parsnip & Japanese knotweed phenology in Minnesota



A brief guide for getting location-specific estimates using [USPest.org](https://USPest.org)

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# USPEST.org

- The USPest.org site has many features.

This is a simple guide for using the **phenology model/degree day calculator** to access phenology data for **Japanese knotweed** or **wild parsnip** that resulted from the MITPPC-funded project, [\*Improve invasive plant management using climate-based phenology models\*](#)

The model will show you the number of growing degree days that have accumulated for an area on a given date, relative to certain phenological events of each species.

The data informing these models came from only Minnesota sites. Estimates for other regions should be interpreted with caution.

- To go directly to this feature, use:

[https://uspest.org/dd/model\\_app](https://uspest.org/dd/model_app)

## Online Phenology and Degree-day Models for agricultural and pest management decision making in the US

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### Introduction:

This phenology model/degree-day calculator uses weather data to calculate degree-days, also known as heat units that are used to estimate development of many organisms, such as insects and plants.

This app is a re-designed, mobile-friendly, member of a family of online model/calculators at: [USPEST.ORG](#) (home page). The numerous models served by this app are all driven only by daily maximum and minimum temperatures, using one of many different degree-day calculation formulas, many of which are described at this [UC Davis IPM](#) website. Note that this app **requires an internet connection** and will not work in airplane or off-line mode.

+ Instructions for Use:

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+ Email Subscriptions:

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## Enter Your Location

- Click the *Station* tab.
- Here, you will select the area for which you are interested in seeing the phenology estimates for the plant.
- The degree-day tool gives phenology estimates based on individual weather station data. *Only one station* can be selected at a time.
  - If you don't know the weather station code, enter a zip code or place name
- Once your location is entered (e.g., 55108), click "search for stations"
  - This allows you to search the large database of weather stations within USPest.org for the location nearest your area of interest.
- Based on your search, you may need to refine your selection.
  - **See next slide**

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Intro **Station** Model Output Graph

Weather Station

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☒ Weather station ☐ Upload file

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55108 search for stations OK

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+ Léger / Sainte-Gertrude, Blvd Léger, Montreal, QC H1G 5W2, Canada lat: 45.6061 long: -73.6354 (MAP)

+ Stevenson Boulevard & Stevenson Common, Stevenson Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538, USA lat: 37.5439 long: -121.9728 (MAP)

+ 133A Ave (SB) at 114 Ave, 133A St, Surrey, BC V3T 0G4, Canada lat: 49.2094 long: -122.8522 (MAP)

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Additional options will appear if your search was not specific enough.



# Enter Your Location

- Click the plus sign (+) to see a list of weather stations nearby a region (here, Saint Paul, MN).
- Click the **MAP** link to view an interactive map displaying all weather stations within the viewing area.
  - Clicking any of the station pins will provide information on that station and automatically enter the station code into the search field.
  - Zooming out will display additional stations.
- Select your desired station. Ensure it appears in the **currently selected** field.
- Click **OK**.

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Weather Station

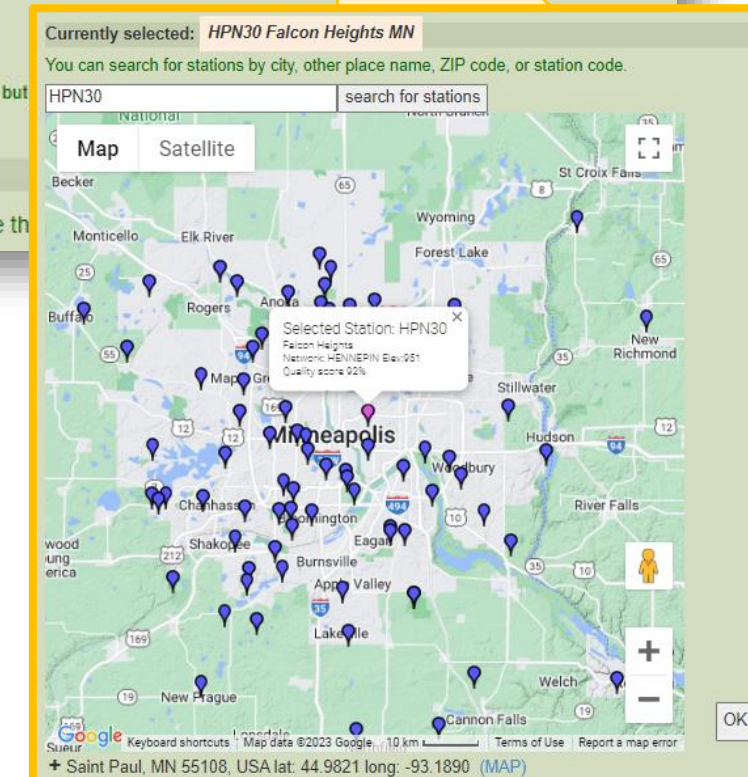
Currently selected: HPN30 Falcon Heights MN

You can search for stations by city, other place name, ZIP code, or station code.


HPN30 search for stations

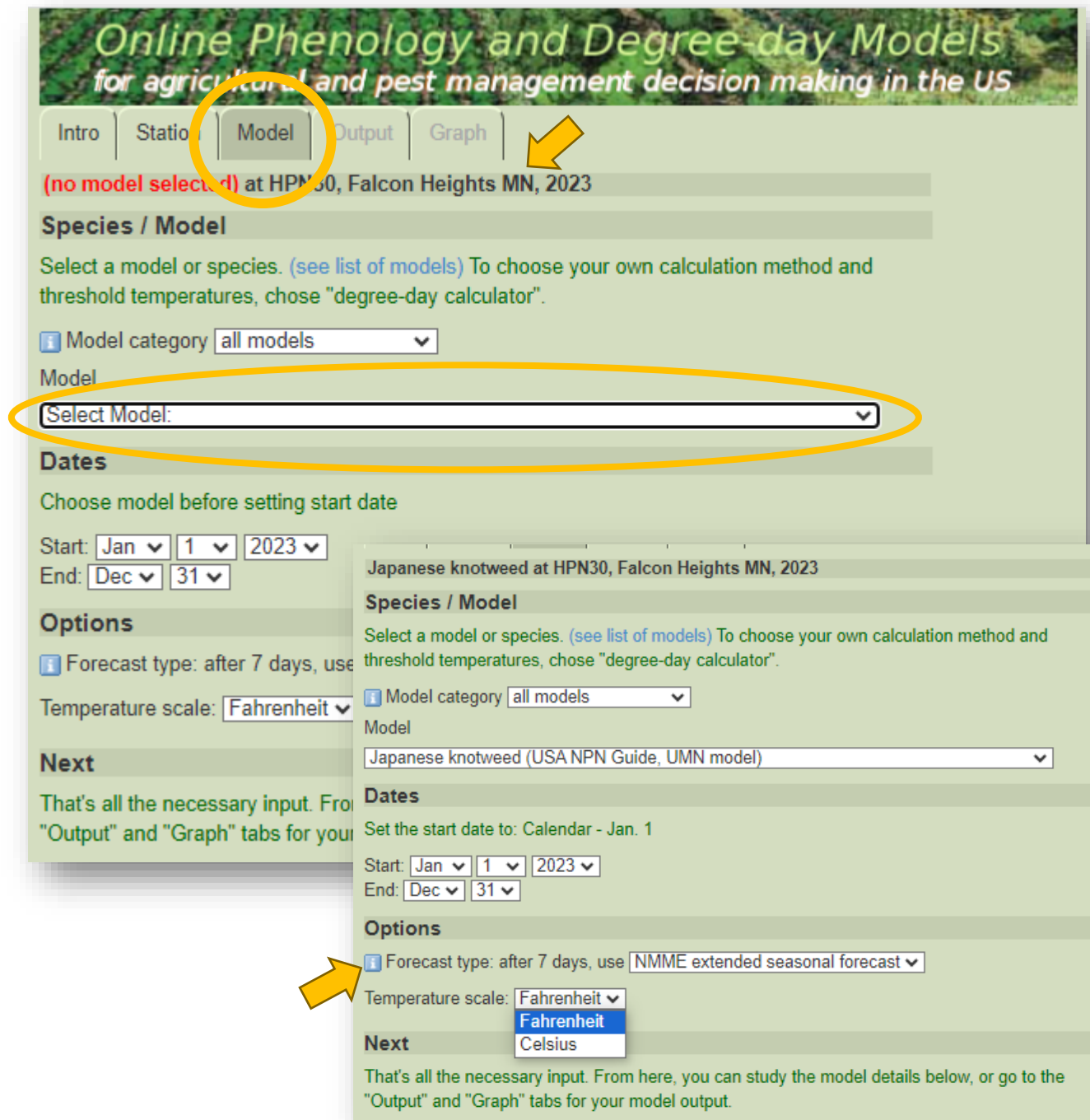
- station HPN30 MN lat: 44.9903 long: -93.1797 (MAP)
- HPN30 Falcon Heights (elev: 951 ft Quality 92%)
- D0937 DW0937 St. Paul (elev: 918 ft Quality 95%)
- HPN21 Fridley (elev: 834 ft Quality 92%)
- MN088 Little Canada I694 MP (elev: 936 ft Quality 78%)
- HPN07 MSP Airport (elev: 841 ft Quality 96%)
- G0687 GW0687 West Saint Paul (elev: 1017 ft Quality 95%)
- E3700 EW3700 Minneapolis (elev: 892 ft Quality 95%)
- KSTP St. Paul Downtown Holm (elev: 702 ft Quality 93%)

OK



# Select Model

- Click the *Model* tab.
- Verify your weather station of interest is still selected.
- Use the **Select Model** dropdown menu to go directly to the Japanese knotweed or wild parsnip model
- You can also adjust:
  1. the dates of interest (e.g., do you want phenological data from last year? Do you want a forecast of the coming season?)
  2. the temperature units
  3. the dataset used for forecasting dates in the future (if applicable)
    - For more information on the forecast datasets, click the  icon



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(no model selected) at HPN30, Falcon Heights MN, 2023

**Species / Model**

Select a model or species. (see list of models) To choose your own calculation method and threshold temperatures, chose "degree-day calculator".

Model category all models

Model

Select Model:

**Dates**

Choose model before setting start date

Start: Jan 1 2023

End: Dec 31

**Options**

Forecast type: after 7 days, use

Temperature scale: Fahrenheit

**Next**

That's all the necessary input. From here, you can study the model details below, or go to the "Output" and "Graph" tabs for your model output.

Japanese knotweed at HPN30, Falcon Heights MN, 2023

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Japanese knotweed (USA NPN Guide, UMN model)

**Dates**

Set the start date to: Calendar - Jan. 1

Start: Jan 1 2023

End: Dec 31

**Options**

Forecast type: after 7 days, use NMME extended seasonal forecast

Temperature scale: Fahrenheit

**Next**

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# Select Model

- Scroll down the page to view the *Model Inputs* and *Events Table*

The **Model Inputs** summarizes details of the model. Some inputs can be modified in the dropdown menus above. Others are specifications of the model/research.

The **Events Table** gives a summary of the phenological events that will be highlighted for this species' model.

- Text in **blue** indicate hyperlinks to other information, typically to sites external to the USPest.org.

Data resulting from the  
UMN-MITPPC study



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Japanese knotweed  
weed model of USA NPN Guide, UMN model

Model Inputs

Model species/general links Japanese knotweedType weedModel source/other links USA NPN Guide, UMN modelCalculation method single sineLower threshold 32°FUpper threshold 86°FDirections for starting/BIOFIXCalendar - Jan. 1Starting date standard date 1-1 2024Ending date default date 12-31 2024Model validation status research model - not yet validatedRegion of known use MinnesotaExtended forecast type After 7 days, use 7-month NMME based seasonal climate forecast

Events Table

DDs(F) after Jan. 1:Model Event318 First emergence357 50% emergence607 First leaves664 50% leaves4227 First flower buds4581 50% flower buds4822 First open flowers5229 50% open flowers5510 First fruits (unripe)5732 50% fruits



# View Results

- Click the *Output* tab.
- The default view provides a summary table of the dates when the modeled phenological events occurred or are forecasted to occur at the selected site.
- Three other data tables can be toggled to display:
  - The **Model Inputs** table is the same summary information seen in the *Model* tab.
  - The **Data Comparison** table shows a comparison between the total degree-days in current year versus past years *This will only show if the current year is selected for the model.*
  - The **Model Output** table shows the weather data, degree-days, and phenological events for each day of the time period selected in the model.
- Text in **blue** can be clicked for more options/information.

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Japanese knotweed at HPN30, Falcon Heights MN, 2024

**Model Inputs**

☐ show model inputs table

**Date Comparison**

☐ show Date Comparison table

**Model Output**

☐ show full table

Temperatures (and degree-days) are in F; rain in inches.

date	max	min	rain	DDs today	DDs cumu	QA	
1-1	27	22	0.00	0.0	0		* START *
3-14	58	35	0.00	14.5	329		First emergence
3-25	36	33	0.00	2.5	359		50% emergence
4-15	66	48	0.00	25.0	622		First leaves
4-17	56	49	0.00	20.5	664	Nd	50% leaves
7-29	86	66	0.12	44.0	4247	Nm	First flower buds
8-6	86	66	0.13	43.8	4599	Nm	50% flower buds
8-12	85	65	0.15	42.8	4858	Nm	First open flowers
8-21	84	64	0.14	42.1	5239	Nm	50% open flowers
8-28	83	64	0.11	41.6	5531	Nm	First fruits (unripe)
9-2	81	61	0.10	39.2	5734	Nm	50% fruits

• To get this information by email, log in to or sign up for [USPEST.org](https://USPEST.org) email notifications.  
 • To see the model output together with relevant weather inputs, go to [MyPest Page](#).  
 • To use this information in your a spreadsheet, download it in [CSV format](#).

**Date Comparison**

☒ show Date Comparison table

Accumulation for HPN30 from 1-1-2024 through 4-16: 641 DDs(F)  
data quality is ok.

This year is about	versus	QA
20 days ahead	2023	ok
22 days ahead	2022	ok
NA	30-yr normal	ok

**Model Output**

☒ show full table

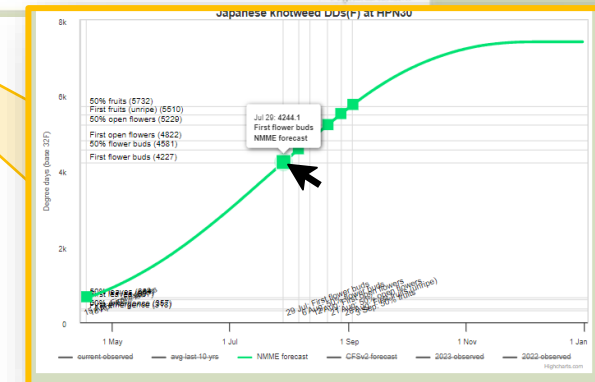
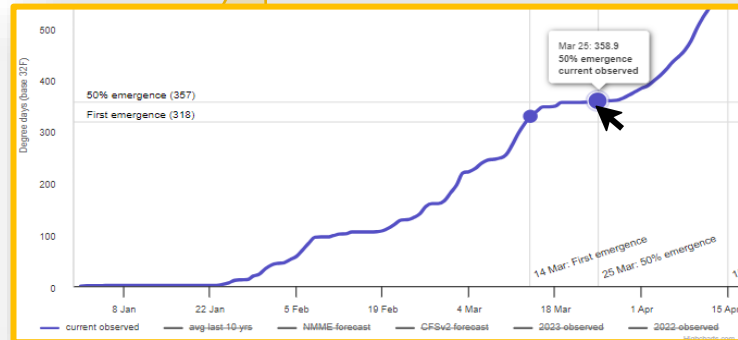
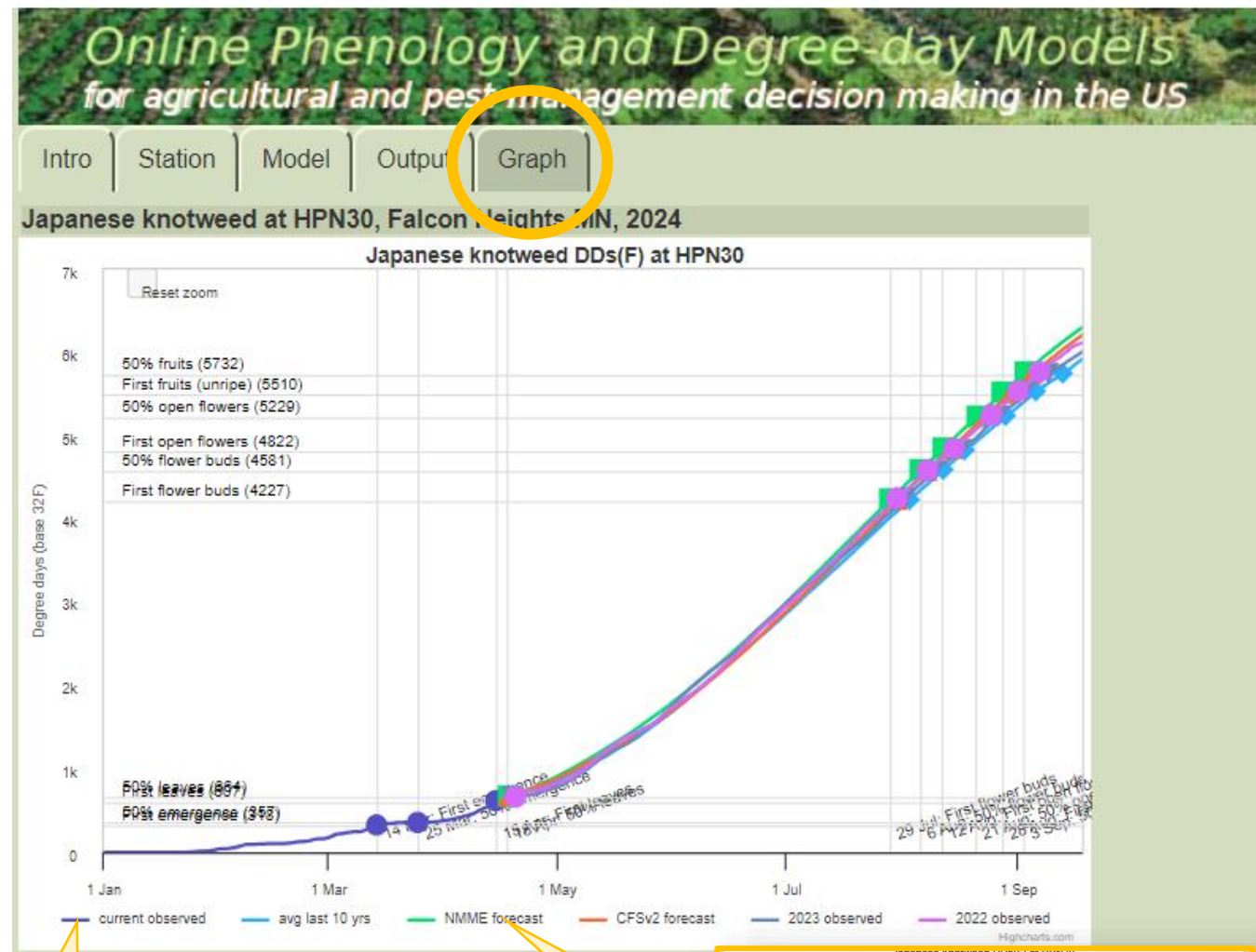
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1-3	32	23	0.00	0.0	1		
1-4	27	22	0.00	0.0	1		
1-5	34	27	0.00	0.5	1		
1-6	31	28	0.00	0.0	1		
1-7	26	23	0.00	0.0	1		
1-8	30	23	0.00	0.0	1		
1-9	30	25	0.00	0.0	1		
1-10	27	23	0.00	0.0	1		

**DDs today** = degree-days accumulated for that day.  
**DDs cumu** = the degree-days accumulated for that day plus all the days prior.

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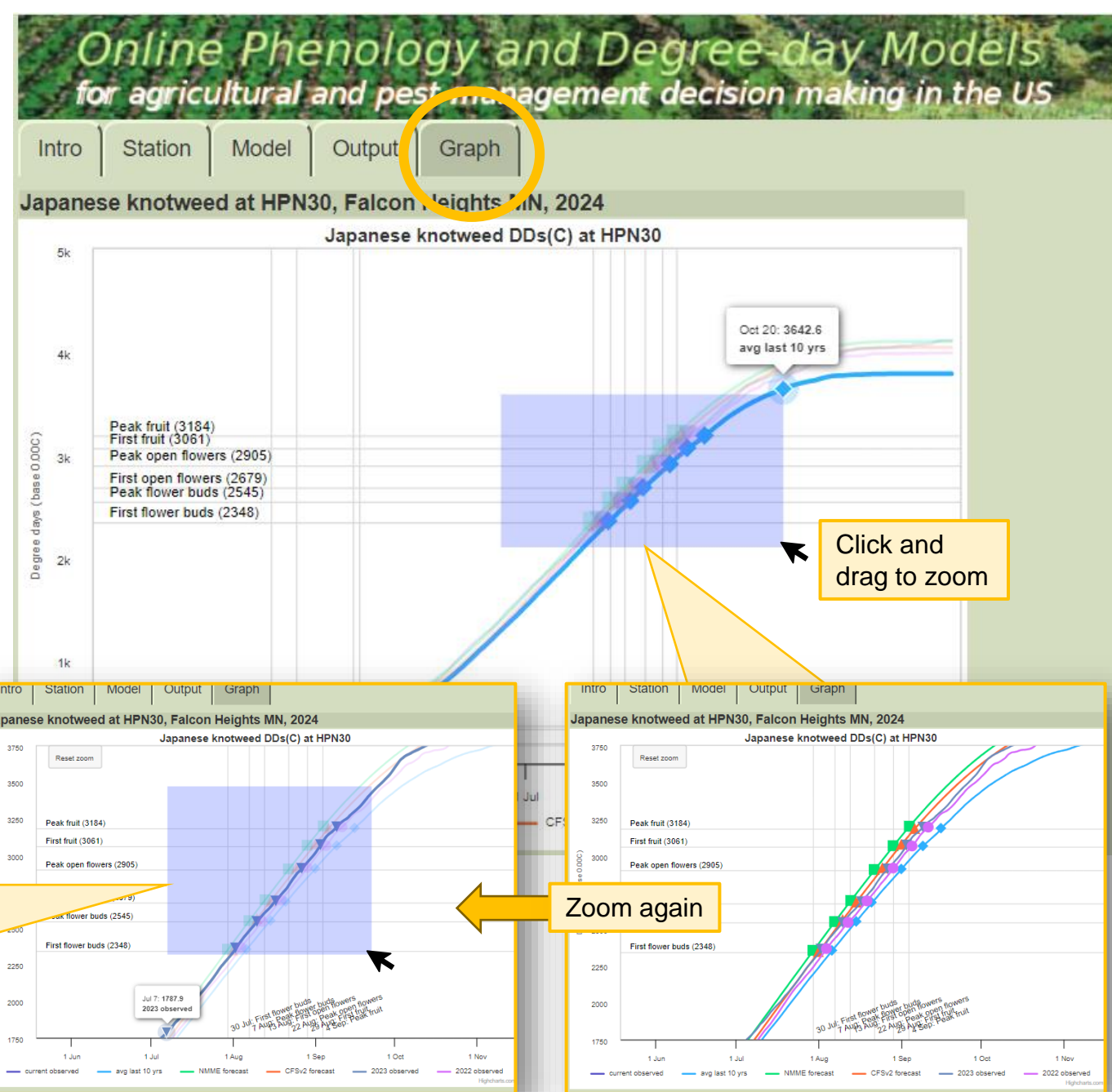
- Click the *Graph* tab.
- This interactive graph displays the accumulated degree-days (vertical axis) for over time (horizontal axis) for the model.
- Depending on the time period you selected for the model, additional lines and data points will be included that show when the phenological events occurred in the past (e.g., 10-year average) or would in the future (e.g., NMME forecast).
  - Different **lines** can be **toggled on/off** by clicking them in bottom legend
  - Hovering your pointer along a line will show the degree-days for a single date
  - Symbols** on a line correspond to each phenological event.





# View Results

- To zoom in on a particular section of the graph, hold down your left mouse button and drag the shaded region to your section of interest.
  - You can continue to zoom in multiple times
- To reset the graph view, click the **Reset zoom** button in the top left of the graph



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