

For the Period August 5 to 11, 2014

Harvest operations are just beginning in some areas of the province, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. Pulses are being desiccated and canola swathed. There has also been some combining of pulses and winter cereals in southern regions. Many crops are starting to turn and general harvest will begin in the coming weeks.

Warm weather this past week has helped crop development; however, additional warm weather will be needed going into harvest as crops are 10 days to two weeks behind normal in many areas.

In some areas, swathed hay is drying too slowly, and livestock producers are facing other baling challenges. Haying progress varies, depending on rain showers. The estimated average dry land hay yields are reported as 1.5 tons per acre (alfalfa), 1.4 tons per acre (alfalfa/brome hay), 1.1 tons per acre (other tame hay), one ton per acre (wild hay) and two tons per acre (greenfeed). On irrigated land, the estimated average hay yields are 2.4 tons per acre (alfalfa), 2.2 tons per acre (alfalfa/brome hay), four tons per acre (other tame hay), 1.8 tons per acre (wild hay) and 2.6 tons per acre (greenfeed).

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to several inches in some southern and central regions. Across the province, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as five per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate, nine per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Estimated Provincial Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 11, 2014		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.5	2.4
Brome/Alfalfa	1.4	2.2
Other Tame Hay	1.1	4.0
Wild Hay	1.0	1.8
Greenfeed	2.0	2.6

Storms moved through the province last week, damaging some crops with heavy rain, strong winds and large hail. Grasshoppers and lygus bugs are also causing some damage, as are leaf spot diseases and fusarium head blight.

Farmers are busy finishing haying, desiccating pulses and getting ready for harvest.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Reminder

The deadline to select winterkill coverage for fall rye and winter wheat is August 25.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu’Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Warm weather is helping to advance crops in the region, although many are behind normal development by as much as two weeks. There are reports of some canola being swathed and some

Estimated Southeast Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 11, 2014		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.7	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	1.6	N/A
Other Tame Hay	1.2	N/A
Wild Hay	1.0	N/A
Greenfeed	1.9	N/A

pulses being desiccated. Some winter wheat and fall rye crops have been combined as well. Haying continues at a slower-than-normal pace, although many producers are indicating that haying will be done soon if warm and dry weather continues. Frequent showers and heavy dew in the morning have extended drying time and delayed baling.

Rainfall in the region varied from trace amounts to 92 mm in the Qu’Appelle area. Since April 1, the Moosomin area has recorded the highest cumulative rainfall for both the region and the province (642 mm). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as five per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and 17 per cent short. CD 2A is reporting that seven per cent of cropland acres are very short topsoil moisture, while CDs 1A and 3ASE are reporting that 30 per cent and 28 per cent, respectively, of hay and pasture acres are short topsoil moisture.

A severe thunderstorm moved through parts of the region last Friday, bringing heavy rain and strong winds that lodged many crops in the area. There are reports of damaged homes and grain bins from plough winds, hail and localized flooding. Some producers are spraying flax crops for grasshoppers, while fusarium head blight is being found in some cereal fields. Farmers are busy finishing haying, desiccating pulses and getting ready for harvest.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Harvest is underway for some producers in the region as five per cent of the fall rye, four per cent of the field peas, two per cent of the winter wheat and one per cent of the lentils have been combined.

Estimated Southwest Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 11, 2014		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.3	1.9
Brome/Alfalfa	1.3	1.9
Other Tame Hay	1.0	N/A
Wild Hay	1.0	1.0
Greenfeed	1.7	N/A

Desiccation of pulse crops continues and canola swathing is just beginning. Haying continues between rain showers, with many producers hoping to finish soon. Rain showers and heavy dew in the morning have extended drying time and delayed baling.

Rainfall varied throughout the region, ranging from trace amounts to 83 mm in the Big Beaver area. The Vanguard area, with 356 mm of precipitation, has recorded the greatest amount of cumulative rainfall since April 1. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 89 per cent adequate, 10 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 72 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and two per cent very short. CD 4A is reporting that 30 per cent of cropland and 36 per cent of hay land and pasture are short topsoil moisture at this time.

Strong winds, heavy rain and large hail have damaged many fields, homes and equipment. There are reports of severe hail damage around the Leader and Glenbain areas that have either lodged or wiped out crops. Producers continue to spray for grasshoppers in crops, although damage is mainly localized. Farmers are busy finishing haying and beginning harvest operations.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Harvest operations will be getting underway shortly for many producers in the east-central region. Warm weather has helped to advance crops but the majority are at least a week or more behind

Estimated East-central Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 11, 2014		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.5	2.0
Brome/Alfalfa	1.4	2.0
Other Tame Hay	1.3	N/A
Wild Hay	1.1	N/A
Greenfeed	2.0	2.0

normal development. There are reports of some pulse crops being desiccated and some fall rye crops being swathed. Livestock producers are trying to finish haying as weather permits but frequent rain and heavy dew are delaying dry-down and baling.

The region received varying amounts of rainfall this past week, with the Jansen area reporting the most at 64 mm. The Foam Lake area has recorded the region's greatest amount of rainfall (582 mm) since April 1. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as four per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and 13 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate, 11 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Heavy rain, strong winds and hail have damaged some crops in the region. There are some reports of producers spraying for grasshoppers in lentil and flax fields, although damage is minimal. Fusarium head blight is causing concerns for some as symptoms are now showing up in cereal fields. Farmers are busy trying to finish haying, hauling grain and bales and getting ready for harvest.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Desiccation of pulses is underway in much of the region and some producers will begin swathing canola soon. Crops are advancing quickly thanks to warm weather, although rain

Estimated West-central Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 11, 2014		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.5	3.7
Brome/Alfalfa	1.3	3.5
Other Tame Hay	1.2	4.0
Wild Hay	1.1	2.7
Greenfeed	2.0	3.3

would be welcomed by many to help later-seeded crops fill and to replenish topsoil moisture. Haying is wrapping up for many producers despite the frequent rain that has delayed dry-down. There are some reports of hay rotting in the swath due to excess moisture and hail damage.

The Macklin area received the greatest amount of rainfall this past week (76 mm), while the Major area leads the region with the greatest cumulative rainfall amount since April 1 (384 mm). Recent rain showers and high humidity are delaying haying and swath dry-down for many producers in the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 13 per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate, six per cent short and four per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 12 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate, 12 per cent short and three per cent very short. CD 6B is reporting that 10 per cent of cropland acres and seven per cent of hay and pasture acres are very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Like much of the province, heavy rain and strong winds have lodged crops and flooded fields. There are reports of higher than normal disease levels in pulse and canola crops. Farmers are busy finishing haying, hauling bales and grain, and getting ready for harvest.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Crops are advancing quickly thanks to warm weather. Desiccation and swathing operations will begin in the next few weeks on earlier-seeded crops. Despite the recent rain and wet fields, many

Estimated Northeast Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 11, 2014		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.5	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	1.2	N/A
Other Tame Hay	1.1	N/A
Wild Hay	1.1	N/A
Greenfeed	N/A	N/A

producers would welcome a rain to help replenish topsoil moisture and help crops fill. Haying is wrapping up in the region and producers are hauling bales home.

Small amounts of rain fell on most of the region this past week. The Kinistino area received 20 mm, while the Star City area has recorded the highest cumulative precipitation since April 1 (396 mm). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as two per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate, 11 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short.

There are reports of higher-than-normal disease levels in some fields as fusarium head blight and sclerotinia are now being noted. Strong winds this past week lodged many crops but damage is minimal so far. Farmers are finishing haying and getting ready for harvest.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

Crops are slowly advancing in the northwestern region, although the majority are at least a week or more behind normal development. Some producers have started

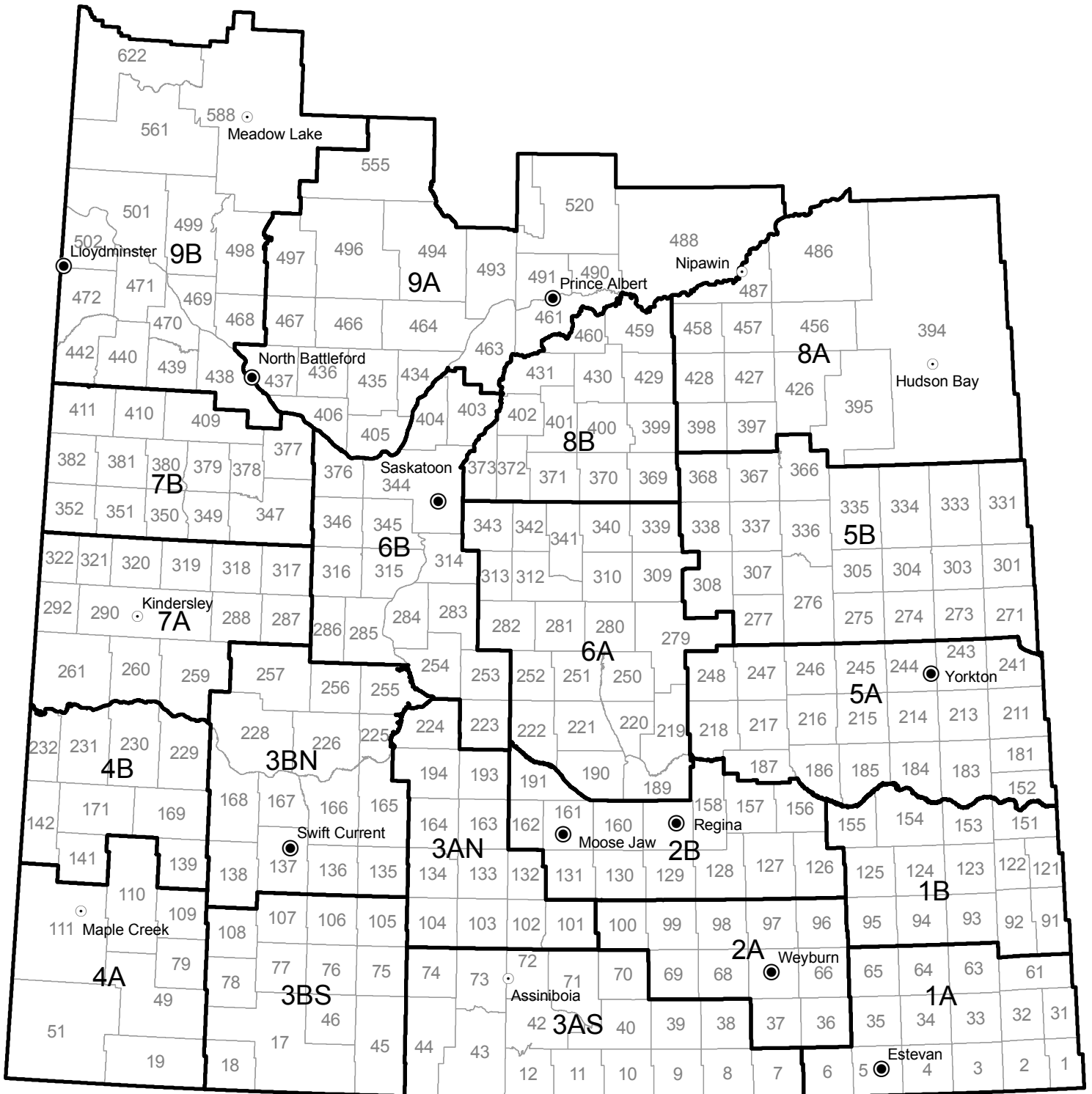
Estimated Northwest Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 11, 2014		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.8	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	1.6	N/A
Other Tame Hay	1.2	N/A
Wild Hay	1.0	N/A
Greenfeed	2.2	N/A

desiccating pulses and swathing crops, while the majority will begin in the next few weeks as weather allows. Haying progress has been slow and there are reports of hay deteriorating in the swath as conditions have not been conducive for dry-down.

Rain in the region varied from trace amounts to 42 mm in the Glaslyn area. The Meadow Lake area has recorded 392 mm of rain since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as eight per cent surplus and 92 per cent adequate, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as five per cent surplus and 95 per cent adequate.

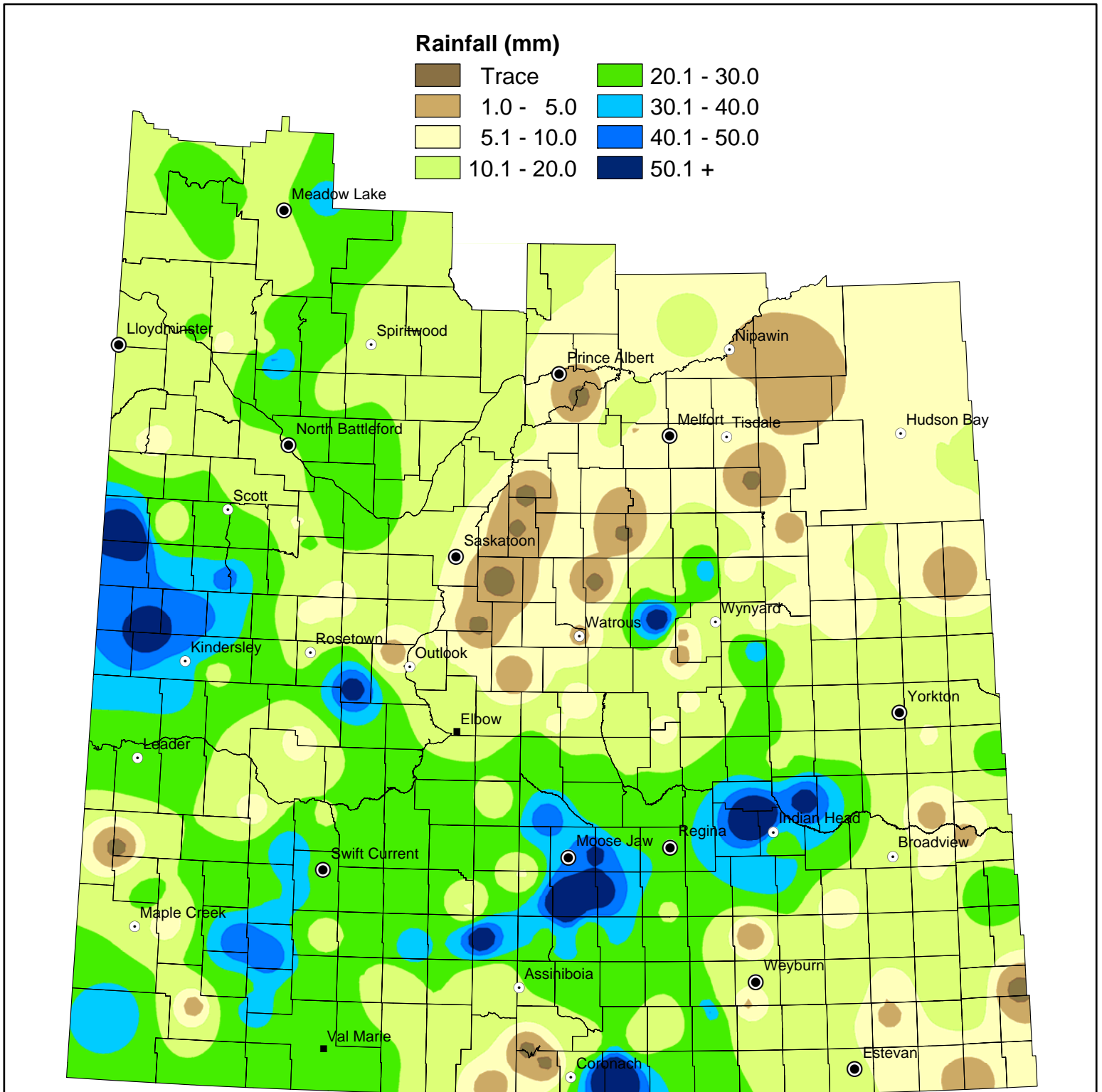
Hail, strong winds and heavy rain have lodged and damaged some crops in the area. There are reports of some producers spraying for lygus bugs and diamondback moths in canola crops as economic thresholds have been exceeded. Farmers are busy hauling bales, spraying for insects and getting ready for harvest.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending August 11, 2014



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period August 5 to 11, 2014

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	3	248	4A	49	White Valley	3	184	7A	259	Snipe Lake	N/A	20	
	3	Enniskillen	5	210		51	Reno	35.3	163.8		287	St. Andrews	19	353	
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	265		79	Arlington	22	316		288	Pleasant Valley	19	303	
	34	Browning	4	281		109 A	Carmichael	50	260		290 A	Kindersley	15	213	
	61	Antler	0	459		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	163		290 B	Kindersley	33.9	176.4	
	63	Moose Mountain	20	397		110	Piapot	5	173		290 C	Kindersley	35	212.2	
	64	Brock	5	277		4B	111	Maple Creek	N/A		117	292	Milton	N/A	245
	65	Tecumseh	15	385			139	Gull Lake	24		250	317 A	Marriott	7.5	165
	91	Maryfield	N/A	469			141	Big Stick	23		173	317 B	Marriott	5	310
	122	Martin	30	642			142	Enterprise	NIL		208	318	Mountain View	N/A	322
123	Silverwood	9	358	169	Pittville		N/A	162	320 A	Oakdale	46	273.1			
124	Kingsley	10	351	231	Happyland		24	220	320 B	Oakdale	50	341			
125 A	Chester	5	365	5A	183 A		Fertile Belt	3	362	321	Prairiedale	65	312		
125 B	Chester	N/A	387		183 B		Fertile Belt	N/A	389	347	Biggar	21	340		
151 A	Rocanville	3	440		186		Abernethy	56	431	350 A	Mariposa	25	260.6		
151 B	Rocanville	19	534		211		Churchbridge	24	353	350 B	Mariposa	44	367		
154	Elcapo	N/A	375		213	Saltcoats	8	436	351	Progress	N/A	264			
155 A	Wolseley	22	352		216	Tullymet	18	309.5	352	Hear't's Hill	41	384			
155 B	Wolseley	N/A	378		241	Calder	16	340	377	Glenside	26	364			
67	Weyburn	4	262		243	Wallace	N/A	379	378 A	Rosemount	19	285			
68	Brokenshell	11	244		244	Orkney	19	434	378 B	Rosemount	8	317			
97	Wellington	1	250.5		245 A	Garry	N/A	409	379	Reford	24	364			
2A	127 A	Francis	37	387	245 B	Garry	10	466	381	Grass Lake	12	335			
	127 B	Francis	35.4	294.1	245 C	Garry	13	466	382	Eye Hill	76.2	327.8			
2B	129	Bratt's Lake	19	268.5	246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	391	409	Buffalo	11	297			
	131 A	Baildon	62	374	247	Kellross	23	382	410	Round Valley	N/A	327.9			
	131 B	Baildon	85	447.2	248	Touchwood	9	319	395	Porcupine	N/A	276			
	156 A	Indian Head	26.5	415.5	5B	271	Cote	12	383	397	Barrier Valley	0.4	327.1		
	156 B	Indian Head	25	452.5		273	Sliding Hills	18	572	428	Star City	5	396		
	157	South Qu'Appelle	92	432		277	Emerald	34	582	456	Arborfield	1	380		
	160 A	Pense	53	356		305	Invermay	6	431	457	Connaught	6	303		
	160 B	Pense	N/A	75		307	Elfros	6	410	486	Moose Range	N/A	289		
	161	Moose Jaw	N/A	387		308 A	Big Quill	3	313	487	Nipawin	2	229		
	162	Caron	N/A	376		308 B	Big Quill	2	286	369	St. Peter	N/A	328		
191	Marquis	47	400	331		Livingston	2	355	370 A	Humboldt	0	381			
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	42	341.9		334	Preeceville	N/A	112	370 B	Humboldt	N/A	351		
	38 B	Laurier	19	306		336	Sasman	8	330	371	Bayne	N/A	366		
	39 A	The Gap	N/A	237	337	Lakeview	5	324	372	Grant	0.5	359			
3ASW	39 B	The Gap	14	298	338	Lakeside	35	394	400	Three Lakes	3	373			
	10	Happy Valley	83	264	366	Kelvington	4	353	402	Fish Creek	0	348			
	12	Poplar Valley	0	304	367	Ponass Lake	N/A	359	429	Flett's Springs	4	323			
	40 A	Bengough	15	224	6A	190 A	Dufferin	22	527	459	Kinistino	20	372		
	40 B	Bengough	15	309		190 B	Dufferin	26	439	460	Birch Hills	0	310.2		
	42	Willow Bunch	0	262		190 C	Dufferin	31	393	9AE	488	Torch River	12	324	
	43	Old Post	3	297		190 D	Dufferin	17	221.5	491	Buckland	N/A	398		
	70	Key West	N/A	125.6		219	Longlaketon	7	338	9AW	406	Mayfield	23	319	
	73 A	Stonehenge	13.2	284.8		220	Mckillop	19	477	435	Redberry	N/A	421		
	73 B	Stonehenge	10	342		221	Sarnia	N/A	395.5	436	Douglas	25	376		
74	Wood River	N/A	200.5	222		Craik	29	370	463	Duck Lake	13	383.9			
3AN	101	Terrell	24	291		251	Big Arm	7	426	467 A	Round Hill	N/A	446		
	102	Lake Johnston	28.4	262.2		252	Arm River	7	394	467 B	Round Hill	18	296		
	103	Sutton	62	248	279	Mount Hope	17	377	438	Battle River	20	288			
	132 A	Hillsborough	9	265	282	McCraney	1	374	440	Hillsdale	6	331			
	132 B	Hillsborough	N/A	327	309	Prairie Rose	64	450	442	Manitou Lake	15.6	259.4			
	134	Shamrock	9	231	310	Usborne	N/A	166.5	498 A	Parkdale	42	332.5			
	193 A	Eyebrow	17	341	312	Morris	4	127	498 B	Parkdale	14	245			
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	324	313	Lost River	N/A	374	499	Mervin	6.5	231			
	224	Maple Bush	N/A	294	339	Leroy	15	418.7	501 A	Frenchman Butte	17	342			
	17	Val Marie	N/A	411	340	Wolverine	NIL	346	501 B	Frenchman Butte	23	282			
3BS	75 A	Pinto Creek	10	277	341	Viscount	N/A	287	501 C	Frenchman Butte	10	350			
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	220	343 A	Blucher	NIL	307.9	502	Britannia	20	270			
	76	Auvergne	20	243	343 B	Blucher	NIL	200	561	Loon Lake	22	350			
	77	Wise Creek	25	338	6B	254	Loreburn	N/A	265	588 A	Meadow Lake	32	346		
	78	Grassy Creek	35	317		284	Rudy	10	327	588 B	Meadow Lake	26	386		
	105	Glenbain	35	228		285	Fertile Valley	2	246	588 C	Meadow Lake	10	392		
	106	Whiska Creek	20	356		286	Milden	55	285	588 D	Meadow Lake	12	369.2		
	107	Lac Pelletier	16	189		314	Dundurn	NIL	284	622	Beaver River	N/A	289.7		
	108	Bone Creek	50	280		344	Corman Park	N/A	336						
	137	Swift Current	N/A	41.6		346	Perdue	N/A	298						
138 A	Webb	28	276.5	376		Eagle Creek	30	362							
138 B	Webb	35	306.0	403		Rosthern	12	305							
166	Excelsior	N/A	226												
167	Sask. Landing	19.4	260.4												
168 A	Riverside	36	250												
168 B	Riverside	6	236.9												
226	Victory	N/A	252												
228	Lacadena	14.5	232.5												
257	Monet	5.5	188.6												

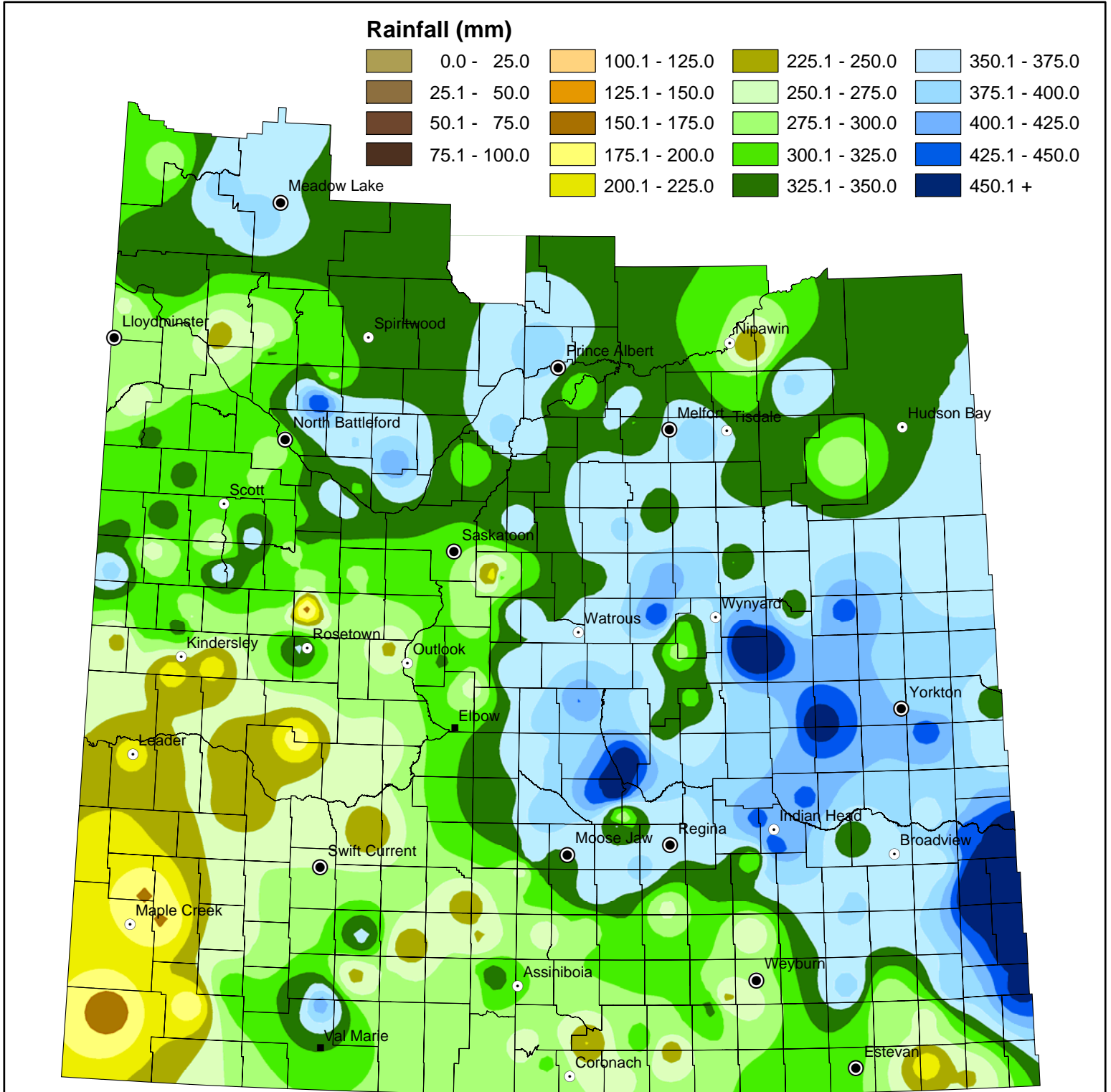
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Cumulative Rainfall

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To: August 11, 2014

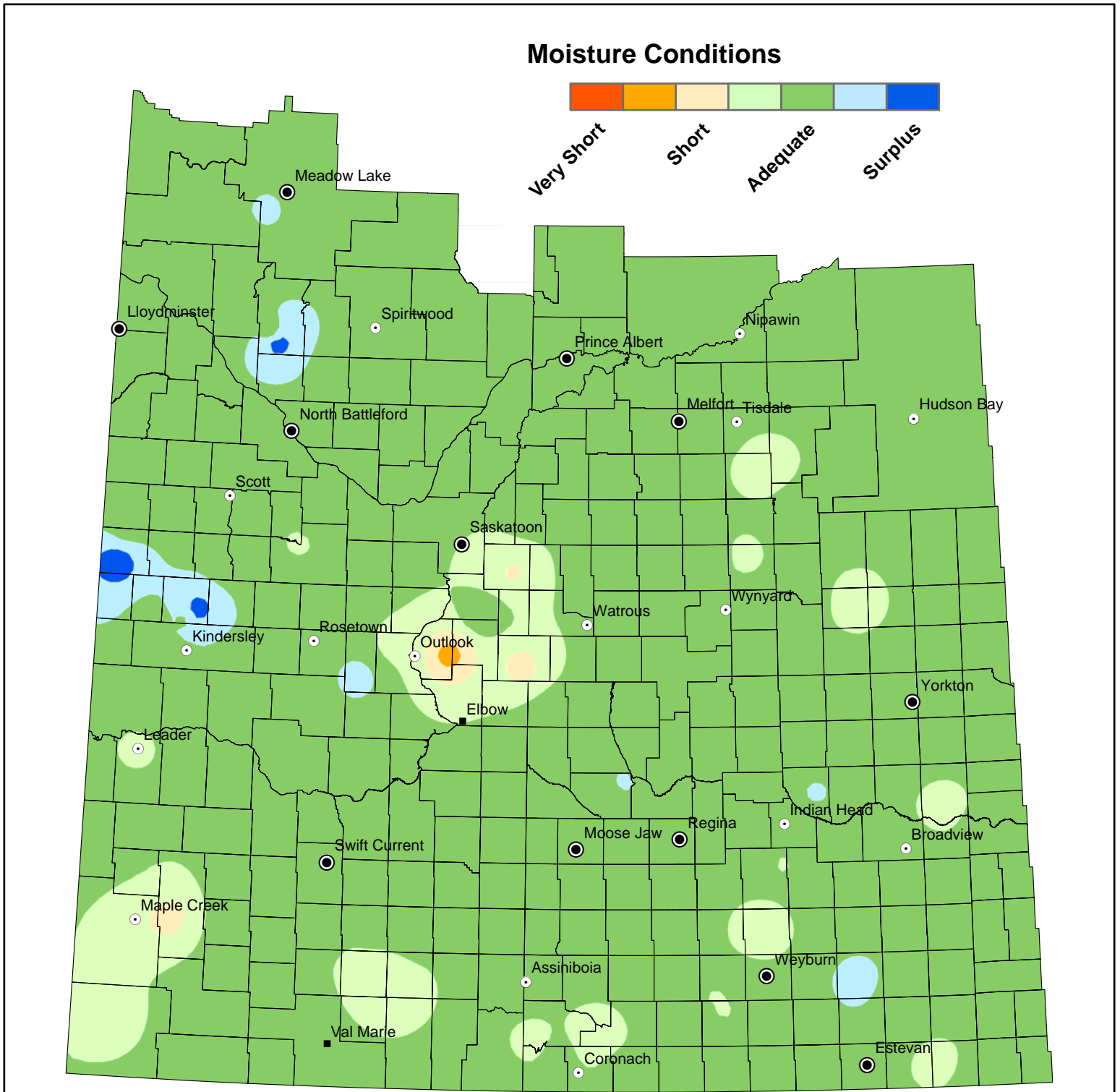


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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

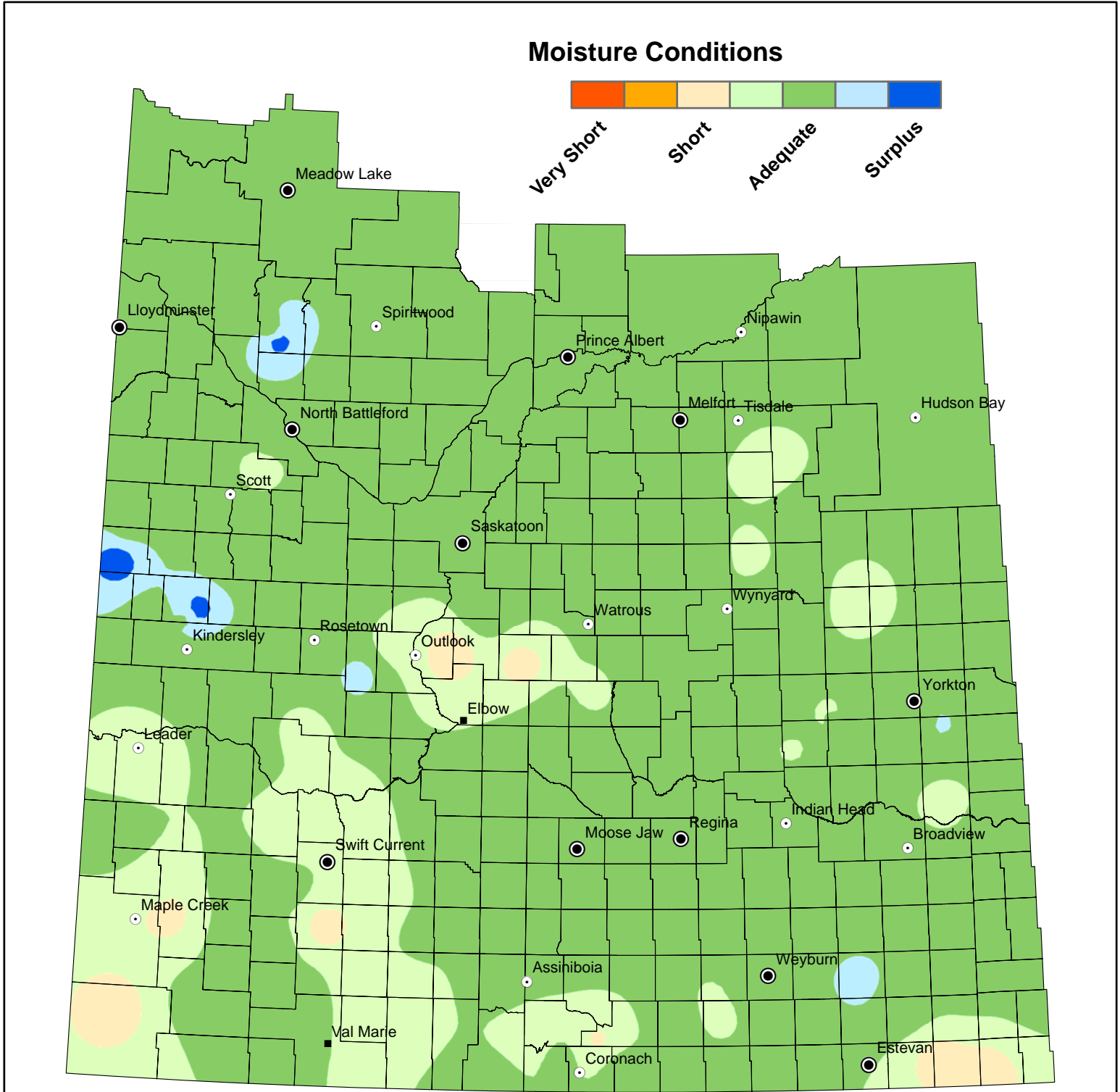
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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