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# Crop Report 

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Harvest weather continues to be favourable as 95 per cent of the crop is now combined, which is consistent with the five-year (2009-2013) average of 94 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

The west-central, northeastern and northwestern regions are all reporting 99 per cent of the crop in the bin. The southwestern region has combined 97 per cent of the crop, the southeastern region 93 per cent and the east-central region 91 per cent.

Ninety-eight per cent of the mustard, 97 per cent of barley and canola, 96 per cent of durum and oats, 95 per cent of spring wheat, 93 per cent of canaryseed, 83 per cent of chickpeas and flax and 62 per cent of soybeans have been combined.

Reported yields have been average overall; however, there are reports of above-average yields in some areas. Little crop damage was reported this week.

| Harvest Progress in SK <br> Per cent Combined <br> All Crops |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Oct 20/14 | 95 |
| 5 year avg. <br> (2009-2013) | 94 |
| Oct 21/13 | 99 |
| Oct 15/12 | 99 |
| Oct 17/11 | 99 |
| Oct 18/10 | 97 |
| Oct 19/09 | 77 |
| 10 year avg. <br> (2004-2013) | 94 |

Much of the province received rain this past week with some southern areas reporting nearly an inch. Across the province, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as eight per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and 10

## One year ago

Harvest was essentially complete in the province.

Most producers were reporting well-above average yields and crop quality.
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| Saskatchewan Harvest <br> October 20 <br> \% combined |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Winter wheat* | 100 |
| Fall rye* | 100 |
| Spring wheat | 95 |
| Durum | 96 |
| Oats** | 96 |
| Barley | 97 |
| Canaryseed | 93 |
| Flax |  |
| Canola |  |
| Mustard | 83 |
| Soybeans |  |
| Lentils | 97 |
| Peas |  |
| Chickpeas |  |
| *includes six per cent 'other' <br> ** includes three per cent <br> 'other' |  | per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Farmers are busy finishing harvest, moving cattle and completing fall work.

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|  | Winter <br> wheat | Fall <br> rye | HRSW | Other <br> wheat $^{*}$ | Durum | Oat | Barley | Canaryseed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Southeast | 44 | 36 | 38 | 41 | 39 | 63 | 56 | 1,076 |
| Southwest | 41 | 38 | 34 | 37 | 37 | 61 | 51 | 1,248 |
| East <br> Central | 39 | 32 | 35 | 39 | 31 | 79 | 58 | 1,250 |
| West <br> Central | 35 | 24 | 40 | 45 | 38 | 73 | 55 | 1,322 |
| Northeast | N/A | N/A | 36 | 50 | 40 | 80 | 55 | 1,284 |
| Northwest | 40 | N/A | 45 | 68 | N/A | 102 | 72 | 1,500 |
| Provincial | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{8 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 2 3 7}$ |
|  | Flax | Canola | Mustard | Soybean | Pea | Lentil | Chickpea |  |
| Southeast | 22 | 32 | 771 | 12 | 27 | 1,096 | 1,290 |  |
| Southwest | 22 | 31 | 1,030 | 11 | 31 | 1,469 | 1,468 |  |
| East <br> Central | 22 | 28 | 1,042 | 13 | 26 | 1,382 | N/A |  |
| West <br> Central | 25 | 35 | 1,067 | 13 | 35 | 1,311 | 2,100 |  |
| Northeast | 22 | 31 | 800 | 11 | 30 | 700 | N/A |  |
| Northwest | 25 | 36 | N/A | N/A | 39 | 900 | N/A |  |
| Provincial | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 3 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 4 5}$ |  |
| O2 | 22 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* 'Other wheat' includes all wheat classes other than Hard Red Spring Wheat
** Crop yield predictions at this point in time. Please keep in mind these are regional averages, and yields can vary greatly across an area.
*** canaryseed, mustard, lentil and chickpea in Ibs/ac. All other crops in bu/ac.


## 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)

Good harvest progress was made this week thanks to relatively warm and dry weather conditions. Ninety-three per cent of the crop is now combined. This is just behind the five-year (2009-2013) average of 96 per cent. Harvest is most advanced in Crop District 3ASE where 99 per cent of the crop is combined. Ninety-eight per cent is combined in 2 A ; 93 per cent in 1B and 2 B ; and 84 per cent in 1A. Some producers are wrapping up harvest efforts while others will need at least another week of warm and dry weather to complete harvest.

Much of the region received small amounts of rainfall; however, the Indian Head area reported 22 mm . The Moosomin area continues to report the greatest amount of rainfall for both the region and the province ( 915 mm ). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 20 per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate and
nine per cent short. Topsoil moisture conditions have improved over the last couple of weeks, although some fields are still too wet to access and there are many deep ruts from stuck equipment.

Overall yields are average but there are lower-than-expected yields in some areas. Quality issues continue for most producers and there are reports that some crops will not be harvested this year due to high disease and low quality. Some flax crops are tough as stems remain green. Farmers are busy finishing up harvest, working fields, moving cattle and completing fall work.

## 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 progress is advancing in the region as 97 per cent of the crop is now combined. This is right on par with the five-year (2009-2013) average of 97 per cent for this time of year. Crop Districts 3BN, 4A and 4B are all reporting 99 per cent of the crop combined. Ninety-eight per cent is combined in 3BS, 93 per cent in 3AN and 90 per cent in 3ASW.

Rainfall in the region ranged from trace amounts to 25 mm in the Vanguard area. Since April 1, the Cadillac area has received 609 mm of rain - the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as four per cent surplus, 91 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and 16 per cent short.

Overall yields are average, although there are some crops that yielded well above expectations. Quality issues continue for most producers in the region. Fall work is well underway with some producers spraying weeds and putting down fertilizer. Farmers are busy finishing up harvest, hauling bales, cleaning corrals and completing fall work.

## 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 continues for producers in the region as 91 per cent of the crop is now in the bin. This is slightly behind the five-year (2009-2013) average of 93 per cent combined for this time of year. Crop District 5A has 95 per cent of the crop combined; 5B has 94 per cent combined and 6A has 86 per cent combined. Most producers will need at least another week or more of warm and dry weather to finish harvest and fall work.

Small amounts of rainfall occurred this week with the Bethune area reporting 12 mm . This brings Bethune's total rainfall received since April 1 to 763 mm , the greatest amount for the region.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland continue to improve and are now rated as 13 per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 10 per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate, five per cent short and three per cent very short.

High disease levels continue to affect the quality of grain for most producers. Some of the crop that remains in the field is tough; while some fields may not even be harvested due to high disease and low quality. There are some reports of stubble being burned in highly diseased fields. Overall yields are average but there are lower-than-expected yields in some areas. Farmers are busy finishing up harvest, hauling bales, applying fertilizer and completing fall work.

## 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)

Harvest is all but complete in the region with 99 per cent of the crop now combined. This is well above the five-year (2009-2013) average of 94 per cent. Ninety-nine per cent is combined in Crop Districts 6B and 7B while 7A has 98 per cent combined.

Very little rainfall was received with the Loreburn area reporting 3 mm . Since April 1, the Kerrobert area has received the greatest amount of rainfall for the region (454 mm ). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate, 23 per cent short and three per cent very short. The region could use some rain to help replenish topsoil moisture.

Overall yields are average but vary throughout the region. Fall work continues as some producers are putting down fertilizer and spraying weeds. Many of the cereals have high fusarium levels. Farmers are busy finishing up harvest, hauling bales, working fields and completing fall work.

## 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)

Harvest is essentially complete in the region as 99 per cent of the crop is now in the bin. This is well above the five-year (2009-2013) average of 92 per cent for this time of year. Ninety-nine per cent of the crop is combined in Crop Districts 8B and 9AE while 98 per cent is combined in 8 A .

Very little rainfall occurred in the region, although the Garrick area recorded 12 mm . Since April 1, the Lake Lenore area has received 519 mm of rain - the greatest for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 85 per cent adequate
and 15 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 83 per cent adequate and 17 per cent short. The region could use some rain to help replenish topsoil moisture.

Overall yields are average; however, there are some reports of much higher-thanexpected yields. There are some crops that remain in the field because they are not dry, but these crops will likely be combined in the coming days. Many farmers continue to spray weeds and put down fertilizer. Farmers are busy finishing up harvest, moving cattle, working fields and completing fall work.

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

Ninety-nine per cent of the crop is now combined in the region. This is significantly above the five-year (2009-2013) average of 91 per cent for this time of year. Crop Districts 9B and 9AW are both reporting 99 per cent of the crop in the bin.

The Frenchman Butte area reported 15 mm of rain this week, while the Duck Lake area has received the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1 at 476 mm . Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 77 per cent adequate, 22 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 75 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and one per cent very short. The region could use some rain to help replenish topsoil moisture.

Yields overall are average, although there are reports of higher-than-expected yields in some areas. The extended warm weather has allowed many producers to finish up fall work. Farmers are busy finishing up harvest, moving cattle, hauling bales and working fields.

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*Other - crop that will not be harvested due to weather, insect or disease damage or will be greenfeed

| Winter Wheat | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to <br> straight combine | \% <br> combined | \% other <br> (greenfeed) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| southeast | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 1 |
| southwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 18 |
| east central | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| west central | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| northeast | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| northwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| provincial | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{9 4}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| Fall Rye | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to <br> straight combine | $\%$ <br> combined | \% other <br> (greenfeed) |
| southeast | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 2 |
| southwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 2 |
| east central | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| west central | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| northeast | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| northwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| provincial | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{9 4}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |


| Spring Wheat | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to <br> straight combine | combined |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| southeast | 2 | 6 | 2 | 90 |  |
| southwest | 0 | 1 | 3 | 96 |  |
| east central | 1 | 5 | 4 | 90 |  |
| west central | 0 | 0 | 2 | 98 |  |
| northeast | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |  |
| northwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |  |
| provincial | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | 95 |  |
| Durum | $\%$ Standing | $\%$ in swath | \% ready to | straight combine | combined |


| Canola | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to <br> straight combine | combined |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| southeast | 0 | 4 | 0 | 96 |  |
| southwest | 0 | 1 | 0 | 99 |  |
| east central | 0 | 6 | 1 | 93 |  |
| west central | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |  |
| northeast | 0 | 1 | 0 | 99 |  |
| northwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |  |
| provincial | 0 | $\mathbf{3}$ | 0 | 97 |  |
| Mustard | $\%$ Standing | $\%$ in swath | \% ready to | straight combine | combined |

## Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



## Weekly Rainfall

## for the week ending October 20, 2014




## Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2014
To: October 20, 2014
NOTE: Since techniques used to smooth the transition between zones can affect the values in localized areas, this map should be used for regional analysis only.


## Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

 October 21, 2014

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## Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions <br> October 21, 2014



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