Cool, wet weather continues to delay harvest operations for many producers. Seven per cent of the provincial crop has now been combined, while 28 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. The five-year average (2009-2013) for this time of year is 14 per cent combined and 23 per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut.

The southwestern region is the furthest advanced, with 17 per cent of the crop combined. Seven per cent is combined in the southeast; six per cent in the west-central region; three per cent in the east-central and northeastern regions; and two per cent in the northwest.

Across the province, 65 per cent of the fall rye, 42 per cent of the field peas, 32 per cent of the winter wheat, 23 per cent of the lentils, nine per cent of the mustard and two per cent of the canola have been combined. Fifty-three per cent of the canola and 21 per cent of the mustard is swathed.

Rainfall in the province ranged from nil to 63 mm in some southern areas. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 24 per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and four per cent short.

## One year ago

Warm and dry weather was helping harvest along. Fourteen per cent of the 2013 crop had been combined while 28 per cent was swathed or ready to be straight combined.
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| Harvest Progress in SK <br> Per cent Combined <br> All Crops |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Sept 1/14 | 7 |
| 5 year avg. <br> $(2009-2013)$ | 14 |
| Sept 2/13 | 14 |
| Aug 27/12 | 21 |
| Aug 29/11 | 21 |
| Aug 30/10 | 8 |
| Aug 31/09 | 8 |
| 10 year avg. <br> $(2004-2013)$ | 17 |

Pasture conditions across the province are rated as 21 per cent excellent, 65 per cent good, 12 per cent fair and two per cent poor. Ninety-seven per cent of livestock producers have indicated that they have adequate supplies of water for their livestock. At this time, crop reporters are indicating that seven per cent of the forage crops did not get cut or baled due to excess moisture and dry-down issues.

Hail, heavy rains, flooding and strong winds caused some crop damage this week. Many crops have lodged and there are quality concerns with some pulses and cereals.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations and are hoping for improved weather.

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Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Reminder
The deadline to seed fall rye and winter wheat and be eligible for winterkill insurance is September 15.

## 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)

Harvest operations have been delayed in the region due to excess moisture and heavy dews. Seven per cent of the crop is now combined, up from two per cent last week. An additional 28 per cent of the crop is swathed or ready to be straight-cut.

| Saskatchewan Harvest <br> September 1 <br> \% combined |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Winter wheat | 32 |
| Fall rye* | 65 |
| Spring wheat | 1 |
| Durum | 2 |
| Oats** | 2 |
| Barley | 5 |
| Canaryseed | 0 |
| Flax | 0 |
| Canola | 2 |
| Mustard | 9 |
| Soybeans | 0 |
| Lentils | 23 |
| Peas | 42 |
| Chickpeas | 1 |
| *includes 14 per cent 'other' <br> **includes one per cent 'other' |  |

Forty-four per cent of the field peas, 36 per cent of the fall rye, 35 per cent of the winter wheat, 21 per cent of the lentils and six per cent of the chickpeas have been combined. Fifty-six per cent of the canola is swathed while five per cent has been combined. Many crops have lodged due to heavy rain and strong winds. It is expected that there will be significant downgrading of pulses and cereals due to sprouting or bleaching. There are also high levels of botrytis being reported in some lentil fields and high levels of fusarium head blight in cereal fields.

Rainfall this past week ranged from small amounts to 55 mm in the Moose Jaw area. The Moosomin area continues to lead both the region and the province in total rainfall with 783 mm of rain received since April 1. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 51 per cent surplus and 49 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 29 per cent surplus, 70 per cent adequate and one per cent short. CDs 1A and 2 A are reporting that 64 per cent and 83 per cent of cropland acres, respectively, have surplus topsoil moisture at this time. Fields are not drying quickly and there are many reports of stuck equipment.

Pasture conditions across the region are rated as 25 per cent excellent, 67 per cent good, seven per cent fair and one per cent poor. One hundred per cent of livestock producers have indicated that they have adequate supplies of water for their animals. At this time it is estimated that nine per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled due to excess moisture and dry-down issues.

Farmers are busy harvesting and seeding fall cereals. They would appreciate some warm and dry weather soon.

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)

Poor weather conditions and wet fields continue to delay harvest for most producers in the region. Seventeen per cent of the crop has now been combined, up from seven per cent last week. An additional 24 per cent is swathed or ready to be straight-cut.

Eighty-three per cent of the fall rye, 54 per cent of the field peas, 37 per cent of the winter wheat, 34 per cent of the lentils, 17 per cent of the barley, 16 per cent of the mustard, four per cent of the durum and canola and three per cent of the spring wheat have been combined. Sixty-two per cent of the canola is swathed and 37 per cent of the mustard is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Heavy rain and strong winds have lodged many crops, while hail has severely damaged others. It is expected that there will be significant downgrading of pulses and cereals due to sprouting or bleaching. There are reports of high botrytis and ascochyta levels in some lentil fields and fusarium head blight in some cereal fields.

Rainfall this week ranged from trace amounts to 63 mm in the Bengough area. Since April 1, the Cadillac area has reported 549 mm , the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 18 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 91 per cent adequate and three per cent short. CD 3AN is reporting that 40 per cent of the cropland and 18 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time. Fields remain wet and there are reports of stuck equipment.

Pasture conditions across the region are rated as 22 per cent excellent, 69 per cent good, eight per cent fair and one per cent poor. Ninety-nine per cent of livestock producers have indicated that they have adequate supplies of water for their animals. At this time it is estimated that seven per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled due to excess moisture and dry-down issues.

Farmers are busy harvesting and seeding fall cereals. They would appreciate some warm and dry weather soon.

## 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 is slowly getting underway in the east-central region despite wet field conditions. Three per cent of the crop is now combined with an additional 25 per cent swathed or ready to be straight-cut. Fifty-five per cent of the fall rye, 31 per cent of the field peas and winter wheat and seven per cent of the lentils have now been combined. Forty-three per cent of the canola is swathed.

The majority of crops remain behind normal developmental stages and will need additional warm and dry weather to mature. Some crops are being swathed due to potential frost concerns in the coming weeks. There will likely be quality issues with
some pulses and cereals as sprouting and bleaching is common throughout the region. There are also reports of high sclerotinia levels in canola and high fusarium head blight levels in cereals.

Rainfall this week ranged from trace amounts to 11 mm in the Pelly area. Since April 1, the Foam Lake area has reported 667 mm of rain, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 29 per cent surplus, 67 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 27 per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate and four per cent short. CD 5A is reporting that 38 per cent of the cropland and 36 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Pasture conditions across the region are rated as 13 per cent excellent, 73 per cent good, 13 per cent fair and one per cent poor. Ninety-nine per cent of livestock producers have indicated that they have adequate supplies of water for their animals. At this time it is estimated that nine per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled due to excess moisture and dry-down issues.

Farmers are busy harvesting, seeding fall cereals and hauling bales. They would appreciate some warm weather soon.

## 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)

Six per cent of the crop is now combined, up from one per cent last week. An additional 33 per cent is swathed or ready to be straight-cut. Cool and wet weather has delayed harvest operations for many producers and warm and dry weather is needed soon to help crops mature. Forty-three per cent of the fall rye, 39 per cent of the field peas, 16 per cent of the winter wheat and six per cent of the lentils have been combined while 66 per cent of the canola is swathed. There are quality concerns in some cereal and pulse crops as disease levels have been higher than expected. Many canola crops have high levels of sclerotinia as well.

Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 17 mm in the Rosthern and Sonningdale areas. Since April 1, the Sonningdale area has received 412 mm of cumulative rainfall, the most in the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as two per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 87 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short.

Pasture conditions across the region are rated as 15 per cent excellent, 60 per cent good, 24 per cent fair and one per cent poor. Ninety-five per cent of livestock producers have indicated that they have adequate supplies of water for their animals. At this time it is estimated that three per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled due to the weather.

Farmers are busy swathing, combining, hauling bales and bringing cattle home.

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)

Rain showers and cool weather are delaying harvest for much of the region. Three per cent of the crop has now been combined, with an additional 29 per cent swathed or ready to be straight-cut. Twenty-seven per cent of the field peas, 17 per cent of the winter wheat, eight per cent of the fall rye, five per cent of the barley and three per cent of the canola and spring wheat have been combined. Forty-eight per cent of the canola is swathed.

Heavy dew in the mornings and early evenings is preventing many fields from drying down and some crops are coming off tough. Crop quality will be compromised in many areas due to fusarium head blight, and there are many concerns of potentially high vomitoxin levels in the seed. Some canola fields have higher-than-expected sclerotinia levels.

The Arborfield area received the greatest amount of rainfall this past week ( 33 mm ), while the Lake Lenore area continues to lead the region with the most cumulative rainfall since April $1(489 \mathrm{~mm})$. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 25 per cent surplus and 75 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 34 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and two per cent short. CD 9AE is reporting that 90 per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Pasture conditions across the region are rated as 26 per cent excellent, 53 per cent good, 12 per cent fair and nine per cent poor. Eighty-three per cent of livestock producers have indicated that they have adequate supplies of water for their animals. At this time it is estimated that 17 per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled due to excess moisture and dry-down issues.

Farmers are busy harvesting, hauling bales and moving cattle. Warm and dry weather would be appreciated to help dry fields and mature crops.

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

Cool and wet weather is delaying harvest in the region. Two per cent of the crop has been combined, while 36 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Sixty-seven per cent of the winter wheat, 19 per cent of the field peas and one per cent of the spring wheat and canola have been combined. An additional 57 per cent of canola is swathed. Heavy dew in the mornings and early evenings is preventing crops from drying properly, and many are coming off tough. There are reports of higher-thannormal disease levels, particularly sclerotinia in canola and fusarium head blight and smut in cereals.

The Neilburg area received the greatest amount of rain this past week ( 23 mm ), while the North Battleford area has received 509 mm since April 1. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as nine per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and
three per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as seven per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and four per cent short.

Pasture conditions across the region are rated as 21 per cent excellent, 62 per cent good, 15 per cent fair and two per cent poor. Ninety-nine per cent of livestock producers have indicated that they have adequate supplies of water for their animals. At this time it is estimated that five per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled due to excess moisture and dry-down issues.

Farmers are busy harvesting, hauling bales and moving cattle. Warm and dry weather would be appreciated to help dry fields and mature crops.

| Saskatchewan Harvest Progress - September 1, 2014 <br> *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 straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 26 | 6 | 33 | 35 |  |
| southwest | 29 | 0 | 34 | 37 |  |
| east central | 21 | 9 | 39 | 31 |  |
| west central | 59 | 25 | 0 | 16 |  |
| northeast | 57 | 12 | 14 | 17 |  |
| northwest | 30 | 3 | 0 | 67 |  |
| provincial | 28 | 10 | 30 | 32 |  |
| Fall Rye | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined | \% other (greenfeed) |
| southeast | 10 | 32 | 24 | 32 | 2 |
| southwest | 8 | 2 | 7 | 62 | 21 |
| east central | 6 | 16 | 23 | 55 | 0 |
| west central | 0 | 28 | 29 | 43 | 0 |
| northeast | 49 | 1 | 42 | 8 | 0 |
| northwest | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| provincial | 10 | 11 | 14 | 52 | 13 |
| Spring Wheat | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 86 | 4 | 9 | 1 |  |
| southwest | 84 | 2 | 11 | 3 |  |
| east central | 86 | 6 | 8 | 0 |  |
| west central | 80 | 8 | 12 | 0 |  |
| northeast | 80 | 7 | 10 | 3 |  |
| northwest | 76 | 14 | 9 | 1 |  |
| provincial | 83 | 6 | 10 | 1 |  |
| Durum | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 90 | 0 | 9 | 1 |  |
| southwest | 80 | 2 | 14 | 4 |  |
| east central | 92 | 8 | 0 | 0 |  |
| west central | 91 | 2 | 7 | 0 |  |
| northeast | 93 | 3 | 4 | 0 |  |
| northwest | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| provincial | 85 | 2 | 11 | 2 |  |


| Barley | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| southeast | 77 | 14 | 7 | 2 |  |
| southwest | 66 | 3 | 14 | 17 |  |
| east central | 82 | 8 | 7 | 3 |  |
| west central | 78 | 10 | 5 | 7 |  |
| northeast | 70 | 13 | 12 | 5 |  |
| northwest | 93 | 6 | 1 | 0 |  |
| provincial | 77 | 10 | 8 | 5 |  |
| Oats | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined | \% other (greenfeed) |
| southeast | 93 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| southwest | 78 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| east central | 94 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| west central | 82 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| northeast | 95 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| northwest | 94 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| provincial | 92 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Canaryseed | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| southwest | 97 | 0 | 3 | 0 |  |
| east central | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| west central | 90 | 5 | 5 | 0 |  |
| northeast | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| northwest | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| provincial | 95 | 2 | 3 | 0 |  |
| Flax | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| southwest | 99 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |
| east central | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| west central | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| northeast | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| northwest | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| provincial | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Canola | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 39 | 56 | 0 | 5 |  |
| southwest | 28 | 62 | 6 | 4 |  |
| east central | 56 | 43 | 0 | 1 |  |
| west central | 30 | 66 | 2 | 2 |  |
| northeast | 48 | 48 | 1 | 3 |  |
| northwest | 42 | 57 | 0 | 1 |  |
| provincial | 43 | 54 | 1 | 2 |  |


| Mustard | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| southeast | 87 | 9 | 4 | 0 |  |
| southwest | 47 | 25 | 12 | 16 |  |
| east central | 96 | 2 | 2 | 0 |  |
| west central | 74 | 21 | 4 | 1 |  |
| northeast | 97 | 3 | 0 | 0 |  |
| northwest | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| provincial | 61 | 21 | 9 | 9 |  |
| Soybeans | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| southwest | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| east central | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| west central | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| northeast | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| northwest | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| provincial | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Field Peas | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 24 | 4 | 28 | 44 |  |
| southwest | 25 | 0 | 21 | 54 |  |
| east central | 35 | 14 | 20 | 31 |  |
| west central | 20 | 4 | 37 | 39 |  |
| northeast | 35 | 9 | 29 | 27 |  |
| northwest | 33 | 4 | 44 | 19 |  |
| provincial | 26 | 4 | 28 | 42 |  |
| Lentils | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 44 | 5 | 30 | 21 |  |
| southwest | 36 | 8 | 22 | 34 |  |
| east central | 76 | 3 | 14 | 7 |  |
| west central | 71 | 9 | 14 | 6 |  |
| northeast | 89 | 4 | 4 | 3 |  |
| northwest | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| provincial | 50 | 7 | 20 | 23 |  |
| Chickpeas | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 94 | 0 | 0 | 6 |  |
| southwest | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| east central | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| west central | 50 | 0 | 50 | 0 |  |
| northeast | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| northwest | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| provincial | 99 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |

## Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



## Weekly Rainfall

## for the week ending September 1, 2014




## Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2014
To: September 1, 2014


## Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

## September 2, 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


## Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions September 2, 2014



