# Crop Report 

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Improved weather has allowed many producers to return to the field but harvest is progressing slowly, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. Twentythree per cent of the 2014 crop has been combined, well behind the five-year average (2009-2013) of 43 per cent at this time of year. Forty-three per cent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwestern region where 31 per cent of the crop is now combined. Twentyseven per cent is combined in the northeastern region; 26 per cent in the southeastern region; 24 per cent in the west-central region; 19 per cent in the northwestern region; and 11 per cent in the east-central region.

Disease and weather-related quality issues remain a concern in many areas. Of the crops that have been harvested so far, 71 per cent of the field peas are estimated to fall within the top two quality grades while 61 per cent of the lentils and 79 per cent of the durum is estimated to fall within the bottom two quality grades. While overall yields are reported to be about average, they vary from region to region.

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to 25 mm in the Fife Lake area. Topsoil moisture conditions on

| Harvest Progress in SK <br> Per cent Combined <br> All Crops |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Sept 15/14 | 23 |
| 5 year avg. <br> (2009-2013) | 43 |
| Sept 16/13 | 55 |
| Sept 10/12 | 56 |
| Sept 12/11 | 60 |
| Sept 13/10 | 14 |
| Sept 14/09 | 32 |
| 10 year avg. <br> $(2004-2013)$ | 44 |

cropland are rated as 22 per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 13 per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and three per cent short.

Frost hit many areas across the province last week, with damage ranging from minimal to severe in some later-seeded crops. Hail and snow also caused damage in some southern areas.
Farmers are busy with harvest operations.

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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)

Favourable weather has allowed many producers to return to harvest operations. Twenty-six per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from 15 per cent last week. Thirtyfive per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Forty-three per cent of the crop is combined in Crop District 2A; 35 per cent in 3ASE; 22 per cent in 1A; 20 per cent in 2B and 17 per cent in 1B.

Although average yields are being reported overall, quality remains an issue in much of the area due to sprouting, bleaching and disease damage. Forty-one per cent of the field peas are expected to fall into the 2CAN grade, 46 per cent in 3CAN and 13 per cent as sample. One per cent of the lentils are expected to grade 1CAN, 15 per cent 2CAN, 77 per cent 3CAN and seven per cent sample. Fifteen per cent of the durum is expected to grade 2CWAD, 54 per cent 3CWAD and 31 per cent 4 and 5 CWAD.

Small amounts of precipitation fell in most of the region earlier in the week, with the Briercrest and Moose Jaw areas reporting 21 mm . The Moosomin area has received the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1 for both the region and the province ( 886 mm ). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 40 per cent surplus and 60 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 18 per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Many fields are very wet and equipment is getting stuck multiple times a day.

Localized flooding, hail and wind along with waterfowl caused some damage this week. Frost was reported with temperatures dipping down to as low as -4C; many laterseeded crops and alfalfa fields suffered damage ranging from minimal to severe. Some immature soybean and corn fields were severely damaged as well. Some producers have been able to seed winter cereals but many intended acres will not get seeded this year due to the late harvest and wet fields.

Farmers are busy harvesting and hauling bales.

## 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)

Some harvest progress was made this past week, although many operations were at a standstill due to very wet fields and snow in some areas. Thirty-one per cent of the crop is now combined, up from 23 per cent last week. An additional 30 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Thirty-nine per cent of the crop is combined in Crop District 3BN; 34 per cent in 4B; 33 per cent in 4A; 29 per cent in 3BS; 24 per cent in 3AN and 18 per cent in 3ASW.

Although average yields are being reported overall, quality remains an issue in much of the area due to sprouting, bleaching, disease and insect damage. Twenty-four per cent of the field peas are expected to fall in the 1CAN grade, 42 per cent in 2CAN, 24 per cent in 3CAN and 10 per cent as sample. Eight per cent of the lentils are expected to grade 1CAN, 26 per cent 2CAN, 44 per cent 3CAN and 22 per cent sample. Six per cent of the durum is expected to grade 1CWAD, 23 per cent 2CWAD, 37 per cent 3CWAD and 34 per cent 4 and 5 CWAD.

Rainfall this week ranged from small amounts to 25 mm in the Fife Lake area. Since April 1, the Cadillac area has received 583 mm of rain, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 26 per cent surplus and 74 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and one per cent short. There are many reports of stuck equipment and trucks unable to park in fields.

Localized flooding and hail as well as waterfowl have damaged some crops. Frost was reported across the region with temperatures dipping as low as -4C; many later-seeded crops suffered minimal to severe damage. There are some reports of frost severely damaging soybeans as well. Some producers have been able to seed winter cereals but many intended acres will not get seeded this year due to the late harvest and wet fields.

Farmers are busy harvesting and trying to seed winter cereals.

## 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 to be delayed in the region and many crops are coming off tough. Eleven per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from six per cent last week. An additional 48 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Harvest is most advanced in Crop District 6A where 15 per cent of the crop is combined. CD 5A has nine per cent combined and 5B has seven per cent combined.

Average yields are being reported in much of the region, although there are many quality concerns due to bleaching, sprouting and disease damage. There are reports of higher-than-normal green counts in some canola crops. Seven per cent of the field peas are expected to fall in the 1CAN grade, 60 per cent in 2CAN, 26 per cent in 3CAN and seven per cent as sample. Fifty-eight per cent of the lentils are expected to grade 2CAN and 42 per cent 3CAN. Five per cent of the durum is expected to grade 2CWAD, 60 per cent 3CWAD and 35 per cent 4 and 5 CWAD.

Localized flooding and strong winds have lodged many crops in the area. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 21 mm in the Bethune area. Since April 1, the Foam Lake area has reported 725 mm of rainfall, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 36 per cent surplus and 64 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 26 per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate and three per cent short.

There are reports of temperatures dipping as low as -4 C and damaging crops that were behind normal development; however, most areas only received light frost. Wet fields are not able to support equipment and many combines are getting stuck.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations and hauling bales.

## 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 progress in the west-central region was slow this week due to wet fields and scattered showers. Twenty-four per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from 16 per cent last week. An additional 43 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Twentyfive per cent of crops in CDs 6B and 7B and 23 per cent of crops in 7A have now been combined.

Although average yields are being reported overall, quality remains an issue in much of the area due to sprouting, bleaching, disease and insect damage. There are reports of lower-than-expected yields in some areas as well. Twenty-one per cent of the field peas are expected to fall in the 1CAN grade, 63 per cent in 2CAN, 14 per cent in 3CAN and two per cent as sample. Twelve per cent of the lentils are expected to grade 1CAN, 46 per cent 2CAN, 36 per cent 3CAN and six per cent sample. Two per cent of the durum is expected to grade 1CWAD, 16 per cent 2CWAD, 57 per cent 3CWAD and 25 per cent 4 and 5 CWAD.

Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 14 mm in the Kindersley area. Since April 1, the Major area has received the greatest amount of cumulative rainfall ( 436 mm ). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as two per cent surplus, 96 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 94 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

Wildlife and waterfowl have caused some damage this week along with frost. Temperatures reportedly dipped down as low as -6C, damaging later-seeded and immature crops. Fields are very wet and unable to support equipment in some areas.

Farmers are busy harvesting and hauling bales.

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)

The northeastern region has made great progress this week, with 27 per cent of the crop combined. This is up from eleven per cent last week. An additional 59 per cent is
swathed or ready to straight-cut. Forty-two per cent of the crop is combined in Crop District 8A; 18 per cent in 9AE and 17 per cent in 8B.

Yields are reported as average overall and quality is a concern in much of the region. Twenty-one per cent of the field peas are expected to fall into the 1CAN grade, 65 per cent in 2CAN and 14 per cent in 3CAN. Forty per cent of the lentils are expected to grade 1CAN, 10 per cent 2CAN and 50 per cent sample. One hundred per cent of the durum is expected to grade as 4 and 5 CWAD.

The Arborfield area reported 12 mm of rain this past week, while the Lake Lenore area has reported 500 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as two per cent surplus and 98 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 100 per cent adequate.

Frost was the major cause of crop damage this past week with later-seeded crop being injured by temperatures as low as -3C. Much of the soybean crop was damaged as it is far behind normal development.

Farmers are busy harvesting, moving cattle and hauling bales.

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

Harvest continues in the region thanks to dry weather conditions. Nineteen per cent of the crop is now combined, up from 10 per cent last week. An additional 57 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Twenty per cent of the crop is combined in CD 9B, while 9AW has 19 per cent of the crop combined.

Yields so far have been average overall, but there are many reports of seed damage caused by sprouting, bleaching, wheat midge and frost. Much of the grain is coming off tough and many producers are using aeration. Twenty-four per cent of the field peas are expected to fall into the 1CAN grade, 70 per cent in 2CAN and six per cent in 3CAN.

The Neilburg area received the greatest amount of rain this past week ( 1 mm ), while the Hafford area has received 490 mm since April 1. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as seven per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 94 per cent adequate and six per cent short.

Temperatures dipped as low as -5 C in some areas, although most of the region received only light frost over multiple nights. Some later-seeded and immature crops are damaged. Wind and waterfowl also caused some damage this week.

Farmers are busy harvesting and moving cattle.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress - September 15, 2014
*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 | \% other (greenfeed) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| southeast | 13 | 3 | 13 | 71 | 0 |
| southwest | 7 | 0 | 27 | 56 | 10 |
| east central | 5 | 4 | 26 | 65 | 0 |
| west central | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| northeast | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| northwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| provincial | 8 | 2 | 21 | 66 | 3 |
| Fall Rye | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined | \% other (greenfeed) |
| southeast | 6 | 19 | 9 | 65 | 1 |
| southwest | 1 | 3 | 3 | 65 | 28 |
| east central | 1 | 1 | 28 | 70 | 0 |
| west central | 0 | 1 | 2 | 97 | 0 |
| northeast | 50 | 40 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| northwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| provincial | 3 | 6 | 5 | 67 | 19 |
| Spring Wheat | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 46 | 10 | 32 | 12 |  |
| southwest | 61 | 1 | 30 | 8 |  |
| east central | 60 | 18 | 16 | 6 |  |
| west central | 44 | 11 | 34 | 11 |  |
| northeast | 10 | 18 | 46 | 26 |  |
| northwest | 32 | 17 | 39 | 12 |  |
| provincial | 44 | 13 | 31 | 12 |  |
| Durum | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 61 | 3 | 30 | 6 |  |
| southwest | 55 | 2 | 32 | 11 |  |
| east central | 67 | 20 | 12 | 1 |  |
| west central | 76 | 3 | 17 | 4 |  |
| northeast | 44 | 28 | 19 | 9 |  |
| northwest | 30 | 60 | 10 | 0 |  |
| provincial | 60 | 3 | 29 | 8 |  |
| Barley | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 50 | 13 | 23 | 14 |  |
| southwest | 36 | 2 | 28 | 34 |  |
| east central | 55 | 22 | 11 | 12 |  |
| west central | 52 | 11 | 22 | 15 |  |
| northeast | 14 | 26 | 29 | 31 |  |
| northwest | 59 | 26 | 9 | 6 |  |
| provincial | 44 | 18 | 19 | 19 |  |


| Oats | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined | \% other (greenfeed) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| southeast | 65 | 15 | 0 | 19 | 1 |
| southwest | 34 | 7 | 32 | 14 | 13 |
| east central | 68 | 19 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| west central | 58 | 17 | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| northeast | 47 | 11 | 26 | 15 | 1 |
| northwest | 54 | 17 | 21 | 5 | 3 |
| provincial | 57 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 3 |
| Canaryseed | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 91 | 0 | 4 | 5 |  |
| southwest | 93 | 1 | 1 | 5 |  |
| east central | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| west central | 88 | 6 | 5 | 1 |  |
| northeast | 48 | 2 | 31 | 19 |  |
| northwest | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| provincial | 86 | 3 | 7 | 4 |  |
| Flax | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 90 | 1 | 7 | 2 |  |
| southwest | 86 | 1 | 12 | 1 |  |
| east central | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| west central | 96 | 4 | 0 | 0 |  |
| northeast | 96 | 2 | 2 | 0 |  |
| northwest | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| provincial | 92 | 1 | 6 | 1 |  |
| Canola | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 11 | 56 | 1 | 32 |  |
| southwest | 15 | 46 | 7 | 32 |  |
| east central | 15 | 72 | 4 | 9 |  |
| west central | 8 | 61 | 2 | 29 |  |
| northeast | 3 | 66 | 4 | 27 |  |
| northwest | 6 | 75 | 0 | 19 |  |
| provincial | 10 | 64 | 3 | 23 |  |
| Mustard | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 52 | 4 | 10 | 34 |  |
| southwest | 36 | 5 | 24 | 35 |  |
| east central | 57 | 31 | 10 | 2 |  |
| west central | 46 | 15 | 23 | 16 |  |
| northeast | 53 | 7 | 22 | 18 |  |
| northwest | N/A | N/A | NA | N/A |  |
| provincial | 41 | 9 | 22 | 28 |  |


| 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 | \% other (greenfeed) |
| southeast | 9 | 2 | 9 | 79 | 1 |
| southwest | 11 | 0 | 12 | 76 | 1 |
| east central | 8 | 9 | 20 | 63 | 0 |
| west central | 4 | 0 | 16 | 76 | 4 |
| northeast | 6 | 1 | 4 | 89 | 0 |
| northwest | 8 | 1 | 10 | 81 | 0 |
| provincial | 8 | 2 | 13 | 76 | 1 |
| Lentils | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 26 | 3 | 8 | 63 |  |
| southwest | 18 | 6 | 21 | 55 |  |
| east central | 23 | 3 | 53 | 21 |  |
| west central | 20 | 4 | 46 | 30 |  |
| northeast | 50 | 2 | 5 | 43 |  |
| northwest | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 |  |
| provincial | 20 | 5 | 28 | 47 |  |
| Chickpeas | \% Standing | \% in swath | \% ready to straight combine | \% combined |  |
| southeast | 85 | 0 | 0 | 15 |  |
| southwest | 90 | 0 | 3 | 7 |  |
| east central | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| west central | 62 | 0 | 13 | 25 |  |
| northeast | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| northwest | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  |
| provincial | 89 | 0 | 2 | 9 |  |

## Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



## Weekly Rainfall

## for the week ending September 15, 2014



1 inch $=25 \mathrm{~mm}$

| Past <br> Week |
| :--- |
| Since <br> 1-Apr |
| Crop <br> Dist. |
| N/A |
| 5 |

R.M.
Past Since
Crop $\quad$ M

| Crop |
| :--- |
| Dist. |


| Crop <br> Dist. | R.M. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| No. | Name |  |
| 1A | 2 | Mount Pleasan |

Enniskillen
Moose Creek
Browning
Antler
Moose Mountain
Brock
1B
Tecumseh

| N/A | 379 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 330 |
| 5 | 411 |
| N/A | 425 |
| N/A | 575 |
| 4 | 556 |
| 8 | 449 |
| N/A | 592 |
| 5 | 633 |
| 12 | 886 |
| $N / A$ | 482 |

$\begin{array}{lll}123 & \text { Silverwood } \\ 124 & \text { Kingsley } \\ 125 \mathrm{~A} & \text { Chester }\end{array}$ 125 A Cheste 125 B Chester
151 A Rocanv 151 B Rocanville 154 Elcapo 155 A Wolseley 155 B Wolseley $\begin{array}{ccl} & & \text { 2A } \\ \text { 2A } & 67 & \text { Weyburn } \\ & 68 & \text { Brokenshell } \\ & 97 & \text { Wellington }\end{array}$ 2B $\quad 127$ A Francis 127 B Francis 129 Bratt's Lake 131 A Baildon 131 B Baildon 156 A Indian Head 156 B Indian Head 157 South Qu'Appelle 160 A Pense 160 B Pense 161 Moose Jaw 162 Caron
$\begin{array}{ccc} & 191 & \text { Marquis } \\ \text { 3ASE } & 38 \mathrm{~A} & \text { Laurier }\end{array}$
38 B Laurier 39 A The Gap

|  | 39 B | The Gap |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3ASW | 10 | Happy Valley | Poplar Valley A Bengough 40 B Bengough 42 Willow Bunch 3 Old Post Key West 73 A Stonehenge 73 B Stonehenge 74 Wood River 3AN 101 Terrell $\begin{array}{ll}102 & \text { Lake Jo } \\ 103 & \text { Sutton }\end{array}$ 132 A Hillsborough 132 B Hillsborough 134 Shamrock 193 A Eyebrow 193 B Eyebrow 224 Maple Bush

3BS $\quad 17$ Val Marie 75 A Pinto Creek 75 B Pinto Creek 76 Auvergne 77 Wise Creek 78 Grassy Cree 05 Glenbain 106 Whiska Creek 107 Lac Pelletier
$3 B N$ $\begin{array}{ll}108 & \text { Bone Creek } \\ 137 & \text { Swift Curren } \\ 138 & \text { Webb }\end{array}$ 138 A Webb 138 B Webb 166 Excelsior 167 Sask. Landing 168 A Riverside 168 B Riverside 226 Victory 228 Lacadena 257 Monet

## Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2014
To: September 15, 2014


## Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

 September 16, 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 16, 2014

