

For the Period August 4 to 10, 2015

Producers now have four per cent of the 2015 crop combined and five per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

Sixty-two per cent of the fall rye, 34 per cent of the winter wheat, 19 per cent of the field peas and 17 per cent of the lentils are now in the bin. Six per cent of the canola and three per cent of the mustard are swathed. Warm and

relatively dry conditions are helping crops develop quickly.

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to more than three inches in some areas.

Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 10 per cent surplus, 72 per

cent adequate, 17 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and four per cent very short.

Haying continues as time and weather permit. The estimated average dryland hay yields—with the five-year average in parentheses—are as follows: alfalfa – 0.9 (1.72) ton per acre; alfalfa/brome hay – 1.1 (1.72) tons per acre; other tame hay 0.8 (1.4) ton per acre; wild hay – 0.8 (1.26) ton per acre; and greenfeed – 1.4 (2.14) tons per acre.

On irrigated land, the estimated average hay yields—with the five-year average in parentheses—are as follows: alfalfa – 2.6 (2.6) tons per acre; alfalfa/brome hay – 2.9 (2.64) tons per acre; other tame hay 2.6 (3.1*) tons per acre; and greenfeed – 2.8 (3.14) tons per acre.

The Ministry of Agriculture has a Forage, Feed and Custom Service listing for producers to advertise and source feed products. It is available at: www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/FeedForageListing

Some crop damage was caused by localized flooding, hail, wind and insects such as aphids and diamondback moths.

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One year ago

Harvest operations were just beginning in some southern areas. Crops were developing quickly thanks to relatively warm and dry weather.

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Estimated Provincial Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 10, 2015

	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	0.9	2.6
Brome/Alfalfa	1.1	2.9
Other Tame Hay	0.8	2.6
Wild Hay	0.8	N/A
Greenfeed	1.4	2.8

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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)

Three per cent of the 2015 crop is now in the bin and an additional 11 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Fifty-seven per cent of the fall rye, 51 per cent of the winter wheat, 23 per cent of the field peas, 11 per cent of the lentils and one per cent of the spring wheat and canola have now been combined. Twenty-four per cent of the canola has been swathed.

Estimated Southeast Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 10, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.1	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	1.2	N/A
Other Tame Hay	1.5	N/A
Wild Hay	1.2	N/A
Greenfeed	1.8	N/A

The region received rainfall ranging from small amounts to 53 mm in the Moose Jaw area. Since April 1, the Tantallon area has received 293 mm of rain, the greatest amount for the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as seven per cent surplus, 52 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 46 per cent adequate, 45 per cent short and nine per cent very short. Some areas of the region are short topsoil moisture and will need rain to help crops advance.

Crops are maturing quickly in much of the region and general harvest will soon be underway. Some crop damage this past week was caused by heavy rain and strong winds that lodged crops.

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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 quickly advancing in the region as 12 per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from two per cent last week. Eighty-eight per cent of the fall rye, 52 per cent of the winter wheat, 42 per cent of the field peas, 29 per cent of the lentils and one per cent of the durum have now been combined. Fourteen per cent of the canola and four per cent of the mustard have been swathed.

Estimated Southwest Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 10, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	0.7	1.5
Brome/Alfalfa	0.7	N/A
Other Tame Hay	0.6	1.5
Wild Hay	0.5	N/A
Greenfeed	1.2	2.0

Much of the region received rainfall last week that has delayed harvest. The Mortlach area received 76 mm of rain this week, bringing its total received since April 1 to 385 mm. This is the greatest amount for both the region and the province. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as five per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate, 18 per cent short and three per cent very short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 64 per cent adequate, 30 per cent short and six per cent very short.

Crops are advancing quickly, although recent rain will delay harvest operations. There are several reports of localized flooding and hail that has caused severe damage. Aphids continue to cause issues in some pulse crops.

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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)

Less than one per cent of the crop is in the bin, with a further one per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. Twelve per cent of the winter wheat and four per cent of the fall rye has been combined. Many producers will begin swathing canola soon as the crop is advancing quickly.

Estimated East-central Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 10, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.2	2.5
Brome/Alfalfa	1.8	2.5
Other Tame Hay	0.9	N/A
Wild Hay	0.9	N/A
Greenfeed	1.5	N/A

Rainfall in the region ranged from small amounts to 75 mm in the Burr area. The Craik area has received 344 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 26 per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate, five per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 15 per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and one per cent very short.

Despite the recent rain delaying harvest operations, pulse crops are being desiccated and combining has begun. Some causes of crop damage this past week include localized flooding, wind and insects such as aphids and diamondback moths.

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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)

The west-central region has less than one per cent of the crop in the bin. Twenty-one per cent of the fall rye, five per cent of the winter wheat, two per cent of the field peas and one per cent of the lentils have been combined, while one per cent of the canola has been swathed.

Estimated West-central Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 10, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	0.6	2.9
Brome/Alfalfa	0.6	2.3
Other Tame Hay	0.5	2.2
Wild Hay	0.6	N/A
Greenfeed	1.0	3.4

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to 54 mm in the Kindersley area. The Outlook area has reported 274 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and 17 per cent short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as one per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Crops are ripening quickly in the region and general harvest will likely begin soon as fields dry out. Some causes of crop damage this week include localized flooding and insects such as aphids in pulses.

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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 just beginning in the region. Forty per cent of the fall rye has been combined and canola swathing has just begun. Many other crops are ripening quickly and general harvest will likely begin in the coming weeks.

Estimated Northeast Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 10, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.0	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	0.9	N/A
Other Tame Hay	0.8	N/A
Wild Hay	0.6	N/A
Greenfeed	1.1	N/A

Heavy rain has lodged crops and flooded some fields. The Porcupine Plain area received 69 mm of rain, while the Humboldt area has reported 360 mm of rain since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 17 per cent surplus and 83 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and one per cent short.

In addition to lodging and flooding, other sources of crop damage this week include wind and insects such as aphids and diamondback moths.

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

Less than one per cent of the 2015 crop is in the bin. Canola swathing and pulse desiccation are underway, while general harvest is expected to begin in the coming weeks.

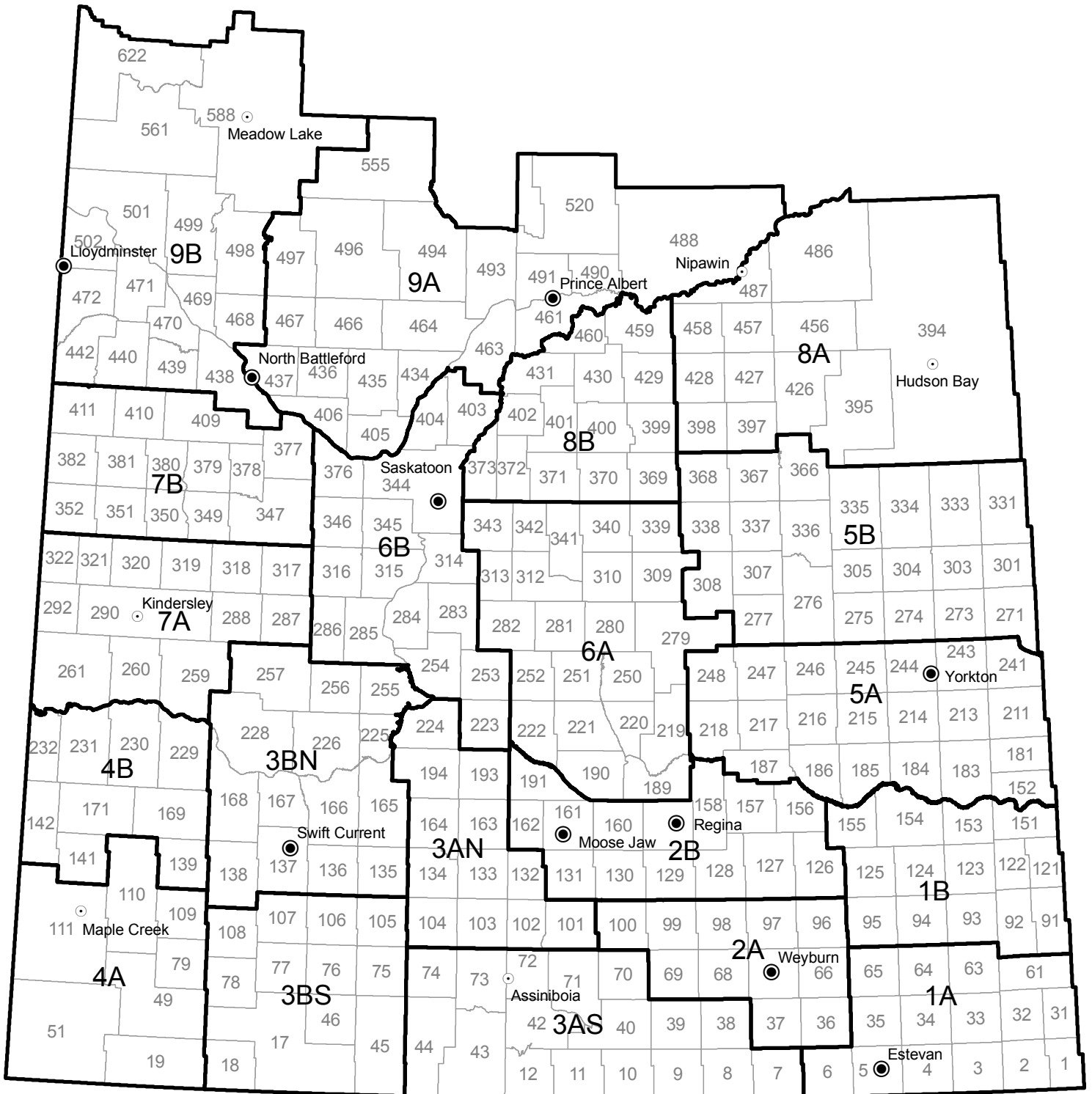
Estimated Northwest Hay Yields (tons/acre) - August 10, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.0	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	0.9	N/A
Other Tame Hay	0.7	N/A
Wild Hay	0.8	N/A
Greenfeed	1.5	N/A

Rainfall this past week ranged from small amounts to 46 mm in the Duck Lake area. This brings the Duck Lake area's total received rainfall since April 1 to 259 mm. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 69 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and two per cent very short.

Crops are advancing quickly in much of the area thanks to warm and relatively dry weather. The main causes of crop damage this week were lack of moisture and insects such as aphids.

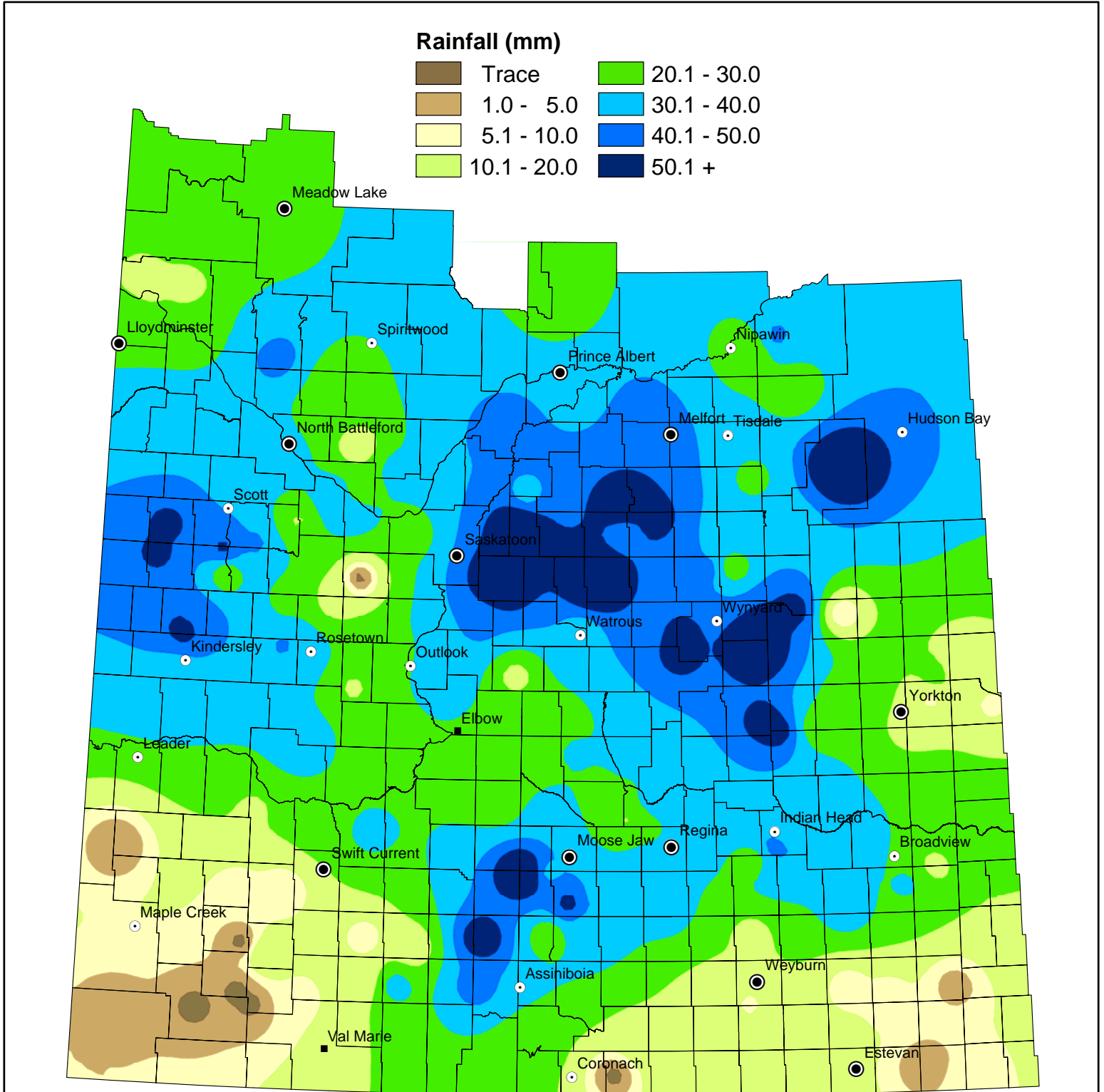
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from August 4 to August 10, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period August 4 to 10, 2015

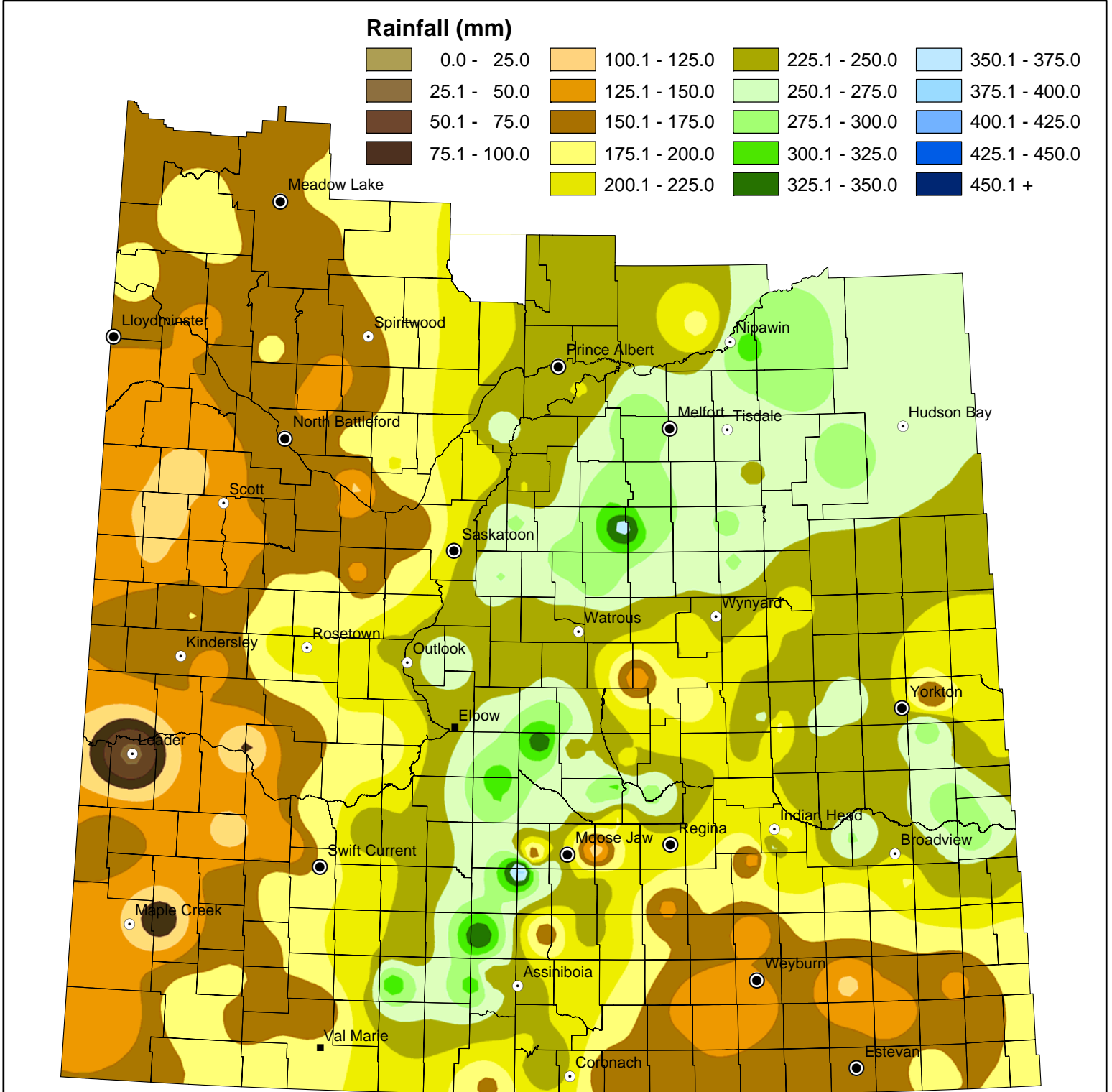
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1A	2	Mount Pleasant	8	182	4A	49	White Valley	NIL	191.0	7A	287	St. Andrews	35	217		
	3	Enniskillen	1	178		51	Reno	1.8	128.4		288	Pleasant Valley	41	206		
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	192		79	Arlington	NIL	182		290 A	Kindersley	39	141.8		
	34	Browning	N/A	137		109 A	Carmichael	NIL	96		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	142.0		
	61	Antler	N/A	174		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	49		290 C	Kindersley	31	49		
	63	Moose Mountain	2.8	146.2		110	Piapot	N/A	87		292	Milton	N/A	71		
	64	Brock	7	149		111	Maple Creek	N/A	98.0		317 A	Marriott	N/A	111		
	65	Tecumseh	7	120.5		4B	139	Gull Lake	7		155	317 B	Marriott	12	192	
	1B	91	Maryfield	12			182	142	Enterprise		1.0	160.4	318	Mountain View	27	184
		122	Martin	20			226	169	Pittville		N/A	111	320 A	Oakdale	48	176.5
123		Silverwood	18	250	231		Happyland	N/A	45	320 B	Oakdale	54	160			
124		Kingsley	31	199	183 B		Fertile Belt	24	295	321	Prairiedale	N/A	162.5			
125 A		Chester	N/A	194	186		Abernethy	38	230	347	Biggar	30	153			
125 B		Chester	35	177	211		Churchbridge	N/A	224	350 A	Mariposa	51	138			
151 A		Rocanville	29	293	213		Saltcoats	20	289	350 B	Mariposa	24	133			
154		Elcapo	N/A	148	216		Tullymet	N/A	117	351	Progress	52	119			
155 A		Wolseley	40	277	241		Calder	9	203	352	Heart's Hill	47	148			
2A		67	Weyburn	9	140	243	Wallace	9	153	377	Glenside	37.5	154.5			
	68	Brokenshell	13	132	244	Orkney	17	157	378 B	Rosemount	19	159				
	97	Wellington	17	134.5	245 A	Garry	22	261	379	Reford	41	145				
	2B	127 A	Francis	35	216	245 B	Garry	25	250	381	Grass Lake	52.5	107			
		127 B	Francis	24.4	139.5	245 C	Garry	25	257	382	Eye Hill	N/A	38			
		129	Bratt's Lake	33	145.5	246	Ituna Bon Accord	56	195	409	Buffalo	N/A	62			
		131 A	Baidon	38	239	247	Kellross	55	255	410	Round Valley	N/A	105.4			
		131 B	Baidon	53	220	248	Touchwood	N/A	174.0	8A	395	Porcupine	69	287		
		156 A	Indian Head	37	189.5	271	Cote	11	211	397	Barrier Valley	27.5	248.5			
		156 B	Indian Head	45	260	273	Sliding Hills	24	190	428	Star City	N/A	210			
160 A		Pense	N/A	113	277	Emerald	71	219	456	Arborfield	24	281				
161		Moose Jaw	36	205	305	Invermay	5	230.5	457	Connaught	35	271.0				
162		Caron	42	198.2	307	Eifros	54	224	486	Moose Range	41	282				
3ASE	191	Marquis	38	272	308 A	Big Quill	52	210	487	Nipawin	20	308				
	38 A	Laurier	13.2	126.3	308 B	Big Quill	54	225.5	8B	369	St. Peter	54	277			
	38 B	Laurier	14.5	125	331	Livingston	21	116	370 A	Humboldt	45	360				
	39 A	The Gap	16	160	336	Sasman	55	216	370 B	Humboldt	N/A	149				
	3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	155	337	Lakeview	24	278	371	Bayne	N/A	144			
		12	Poplar Valley	N/A	246	338	Lakeside	42	260	372	Grant	68.4	278.4			
		40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A	366	Kelvington	34	251	400	Three Lakes	63	298			
		40 B	Bengough	16	250	367	Ponass Lake	34.5	279.5	402	Fish Creek	37	224			
		42	Willow Bunch	23	223	6A	190 A	Dufferin	26	305	429	Flett's Springs	48	296		
		43	Old Post	26	171.5		190 B	Dufferin	28	283	459	Kinistino	N/A	172		
70		Key West	N/A	25.4	190 C		Dufferin	29	198	460	Birch Hills	34.8	224.1			
73 A		Stonehenge	43.4	309.6	190 D		Dufferin	15	169	9AE	488	Torch River	36	231		
73 B		Stonehenge	N/A	239	219 A		Longlaketon	N/A	200	520	Paddockwood	23	229			
3AN		101	Terrell	33	232		219 B	Longlaketon	33	284	521	Lakeland	23	229		
	102	Lake Johnston	23.4	163.1	220		Mckillop	34	218	9AW	406	Maryfield	24	121		
	103	Sutton	59	345	221		Sarnia	32.0	242.7	435	Redberry	32	202			
	132 A	Hillsborough	76	385	222		Craik	22.5	343.5	436	Douglas	12	182			
	132 B	Hillsborough	38	272	251		Big Arm	N/A	154.3	463	Duck Lake	46	258.5			
	134	Shamrock	N/A	31.5	252	Arm River	20	300	467 A	Round Hill	26	140				
	193 A	Eyeblow	22	301	279	Mount Hope	55	190	467 B	Round Hill	25	143				
	193 B	Eyeblow	26	312	282	McCraney	17	242	9B	438	Battle River	35	150			
	17	Val Marie	N/A	155.0	312	Morris	35	224.5	440	Hillsdale	39	136				
	75 A	Pinto Creek	33	312	313	Lost River	N/A	244	442	Manitou Lake	31.6	126				
3BS	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	43	339	Leroy	48.6	259.0	498 A	Parkdale	46	178.1				
	76	Auvergne	10	205	340	Wolverine	75	295	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	113				
	77	Wise Creek	8	172	341	Viscount	N/A	285	499 A	Mervin	30	150.0				
	78	Grassy Creek	NIL	160.5	343 A	Blucher	64	276.2	499 B	Mervin	30.5	61.9				
	105	Glenbain	13	231	343 B	Blucher	60	135	501 A	Frenchman Butte	16	171				
	106	Whiska Creek	7	215	6B	223	Huron	20	240	501 B	Frenchman Butte	27	141			
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	75		284	Rudy	36	274	501 C	Frenchman Butte	15	182			
	108	Bone Creek	20	171		285	Fertile Valley	27	229	502	Britannia	26	135.5			
	3BN	138 A	Webb	5		192.5	286	Milden	19	210	561	Loon Lake	30	198		
		138 B	Webb	N/A		74.5	314	Dundurn	42	231	588 A	Meadow Lake	N/A	176		
166		Excelsior	32	241		344	Corman Park	25	152	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A			
167		Sask. Landing	28.6	195.2		346	Perdue	NIL	144	588 C	Meadow Lake	26	158			
168 A		Riverside	N/A	126		376	Eagle Creek	40	147	622	Beaver River	N/A	153.5			
168 B		Riverside	19.3	129.1		403	Rosthern	40	201							
226		Victory	24	181												
228		Lacadena	N/A	98												
257		Monet	37	154												

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Cumulative Rainfall

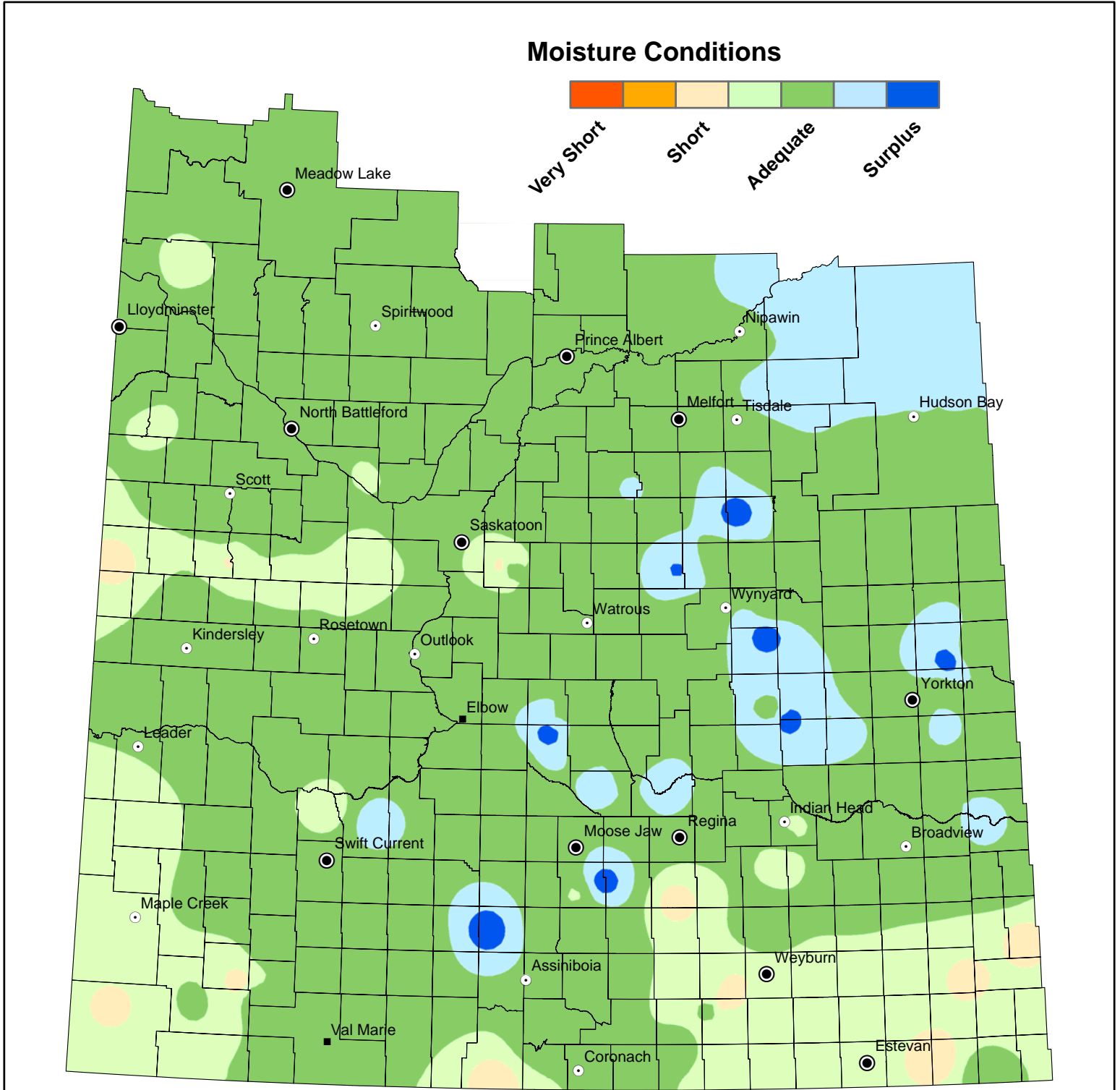
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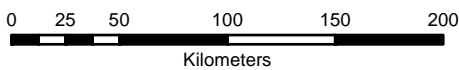
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

August 10, 2015



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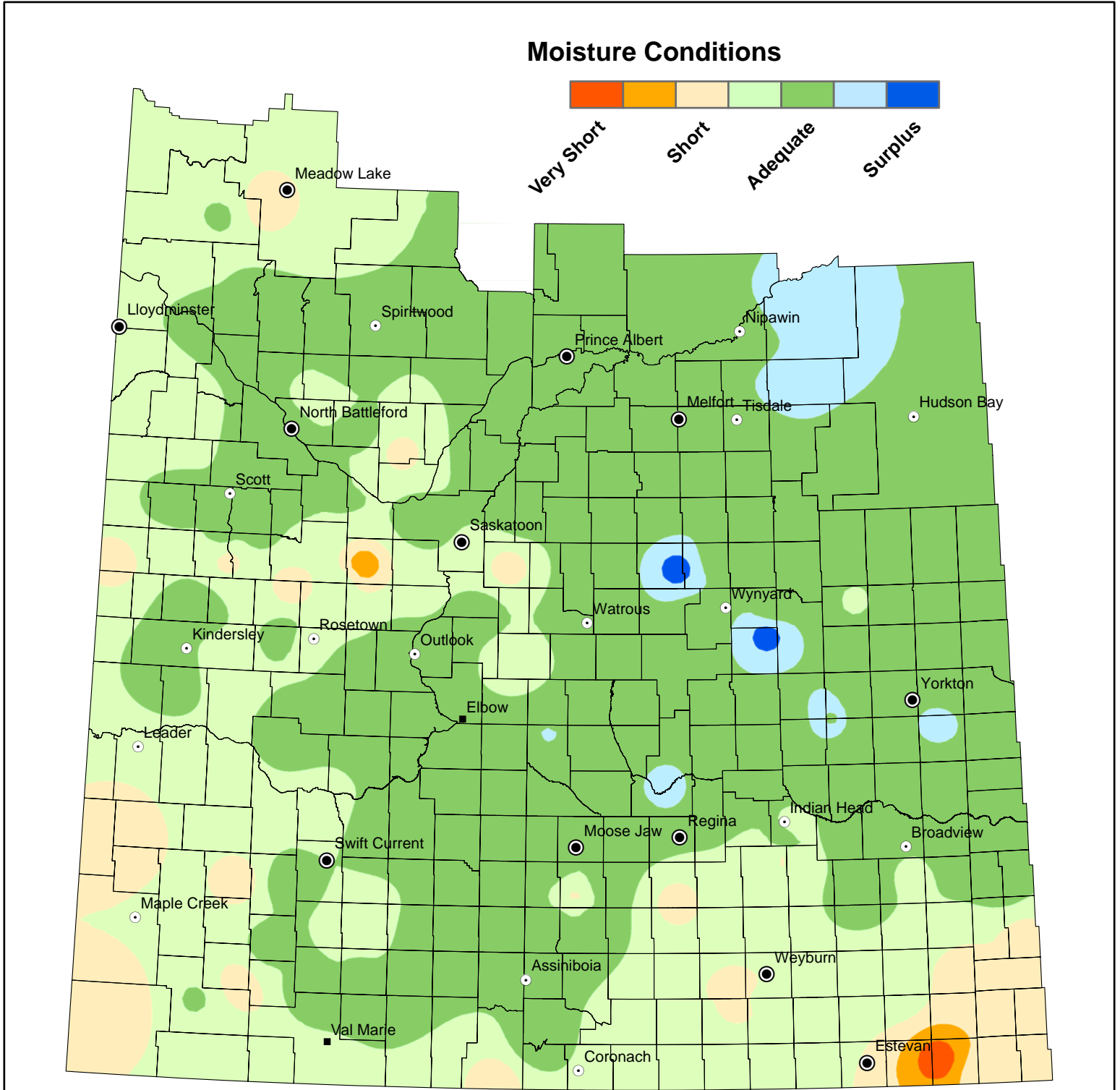


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Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture August 12, 2015

Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

August 10, 2015



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