

## For the Period April 28 to May 4, 2015

Fourteen per cent of the 2015 crop is in the ground, according to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Crop Report. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is two per cent seeded.

Thanks to the dry weather in the southwest, farmers in that region have 34 per cent of the 2015 crop in the ground. In the rest of the province, seeding has started for most farmers. In the southeast, producers have 14 per cent seeded; west-central producers have eight per cent seeded; northwestern producers seven per cent; east-central producers three per cent and northeastern producers two per cent. In some areas of the province, spotty rain showers throughout the week have caused some delay in seeding.

Thirty-two percent of the field peas have been seeded, 29 per cent of the lentils, 33 per cent of the mustard, 25 per cent of the durum and eight per cent of the spring wheat and canola.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 16 per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate and 10 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate, 14 per cent short and three per cent very short.

**One year ago**  
Seeding had just started for some areas of the province. The southwest region had two per cent of the crop seeded. Cold temperatures with significant moisture events delayed seeding.

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<b>Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded</b>	
<b>All Crops</b>	
May 4, 2015	14
5 year avg. (2010-2014)	2
10 year avg. (2005-2014)	4

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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)**

Fourteen of the 2015 crop has been seeded in the region. Seeding conditions vary across the region. In some areas, seeding has just started, while in other areas, good progress has been made thanks to the dry weather. Seeding started this past week in crop districts 1A, 1B and 2B where field conditions have been wet. Crop districts 2A and 3ASE are further ahead in seeding and, in some areas, a good rain would help get seed germinated and off to a good start. CDs 1A and 1B are reporting nine per cent seeded; 2A 24 per cent; 2B seven per cent and 3ASE 60 per cent. Thirty-two per cent of the field peas, 21 per cent of the lentils and 11 per cent of the spring wheat have been seeded.

Very little rain—ranging from nil to 4 mm (Indian Head area)—was reported in the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 24 per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and 20 per cent short. CDs 1B and 2B are reporting 44 per cent and 37 per cent of the cropland, respectively, have surplus topsoil moisture.

Farmers are busy seeding, pre-working fields and putting down fertilizer and weed control products. There are indications that some seeding plans are starting to change due to wet field conditions in some areas. Poor road conditions in some areas are limiting access to fields.

**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)**

Dry weather for several weeks in the southwest has allowed farmers to get 34 per cent of the 2015 crop seeded. Good progress was made in seeding peas, lentils and durum. Forty-seven per cent of the lentils and peas, and 30 per cent of the durum have been seeded. CD 3ASW is reporting 19 per cent seeded; 3BS 28 per cent; 3BN 38 per cent; 4A 48 per cent and 4B 27 per cent.

Very little rain—ranging from nil to 10 mm (Eyebrow area)—was recorded in the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate and 26 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 60 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. Spotty rain showers in the eastern part of the region (Limerick and Eyebrow areas) have delayed seeding. Most producers are indicating seeding conditions are good.

**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)**

Seeding is just getting underway for farmers in the region, which has three per cent of the 2015 crop seeded. Rain showers were reported across most of the region, resulting in short seeding days. Precipitation ranged from nil to 13 mm (Abernethy area). Crop District 5A has seven per cent seeded; 5B one per cent and 6A two per cent. A large amount of water is lying in many fields and there has been some localized flooding of roads, limiting access to fields in some areas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are reported as 30 per cent surplus and 70 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 19 per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate and two per cent short. CD 6A is reporting that 36 per cent of cropland has surplus topsoil moisture.

Farmers are busy pre-working fields, applying fertilizer and seeding. There are a couple of reports of farmers picking up harvest from where they left off last fall.

**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)**

Good seeding progress was made during the week and eight per cent of the crop is now seeded. Crop districts 6B and 7B have seven per cent seeded and CD 7A has 11 per cent seeded. Twenty-one per cent of the peas and nine per cent of the lentils have been seeded. Very little rain—ranging from nil to 3 mm (Harris area)—fell in the region ranging.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and seven per cent short. Crop District 7A is reporting that 21 per cent of cropland acres are short of topsoil moisture.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, applying fertilizer and weed control products and putting cows to pasture.

**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 majority of producers are in the field with pre seeding operations, and seeding has just started for some. Two per cent of the 2015 crop has been seeded. Peas, canola and wheat are being seeded. Last week's rain/snow, combined with spotty rain showers this week have delayed field work and warm weather will be needed to dry up fields. Some roads are in poor condition, limiting field access in some areas.

Rain fell across most of the region, resulting in shortened field work days. The amount of rainfall ranged from nil to 12 mm (Tisdale area).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 33 per cent surplus and 67 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 13 per cent surplus and 87 per cent adequate. Crop District 8A is reporting 55 per cent surplus topsoil moisture on cropland.

Farmers are busy with pre-seeding field operations and getting ready to seed.

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

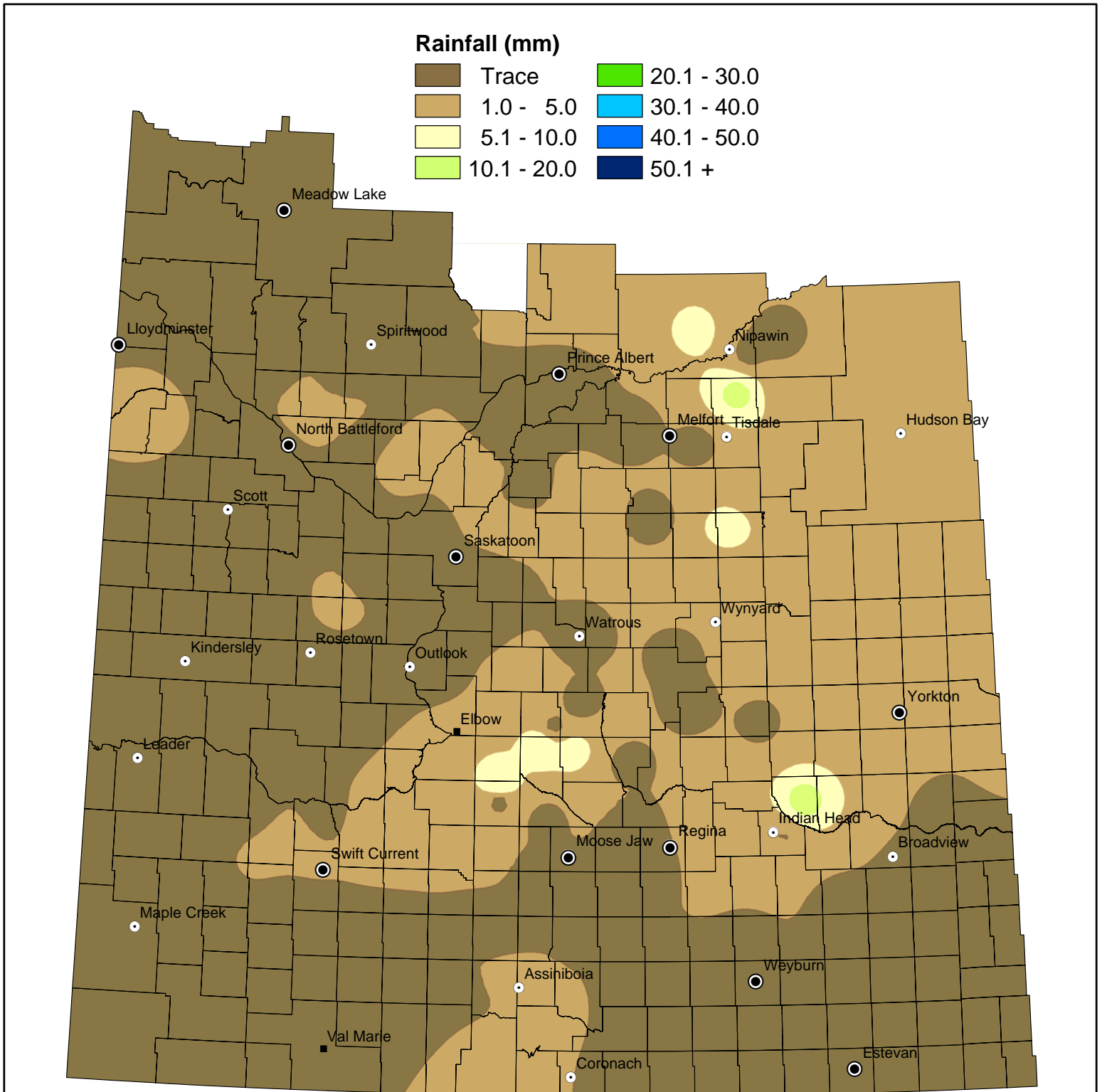
Good seeding progress was made during the week. The northwestern region has seven per cent of the 2015 in the ground. At nine per cent seeded, Crop District 9B is a little further ahead than the rest of the district. The majority of this district missed the rain/snow from last week, allowing fields to dry up. Crop District 9AW has five per cent seeded. Peas, canola and wheat are going in. Very little rain—ranging from nil to 4 mm (North Battleford area)—fell in the region this week.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as three per cent surplus, 94 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 92 per cent adequate and eight per cent short.

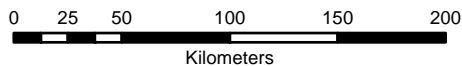
Farmers are busy with pre-seeding field operations, seeding and moving cattle to pasture.

# Weekly Rainfall

from April 28 to May 4, 2015



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Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83



Data Source:  
Rainfall - Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Report Database  
IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture May 6, 2015

# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 28 to May 4, 2015

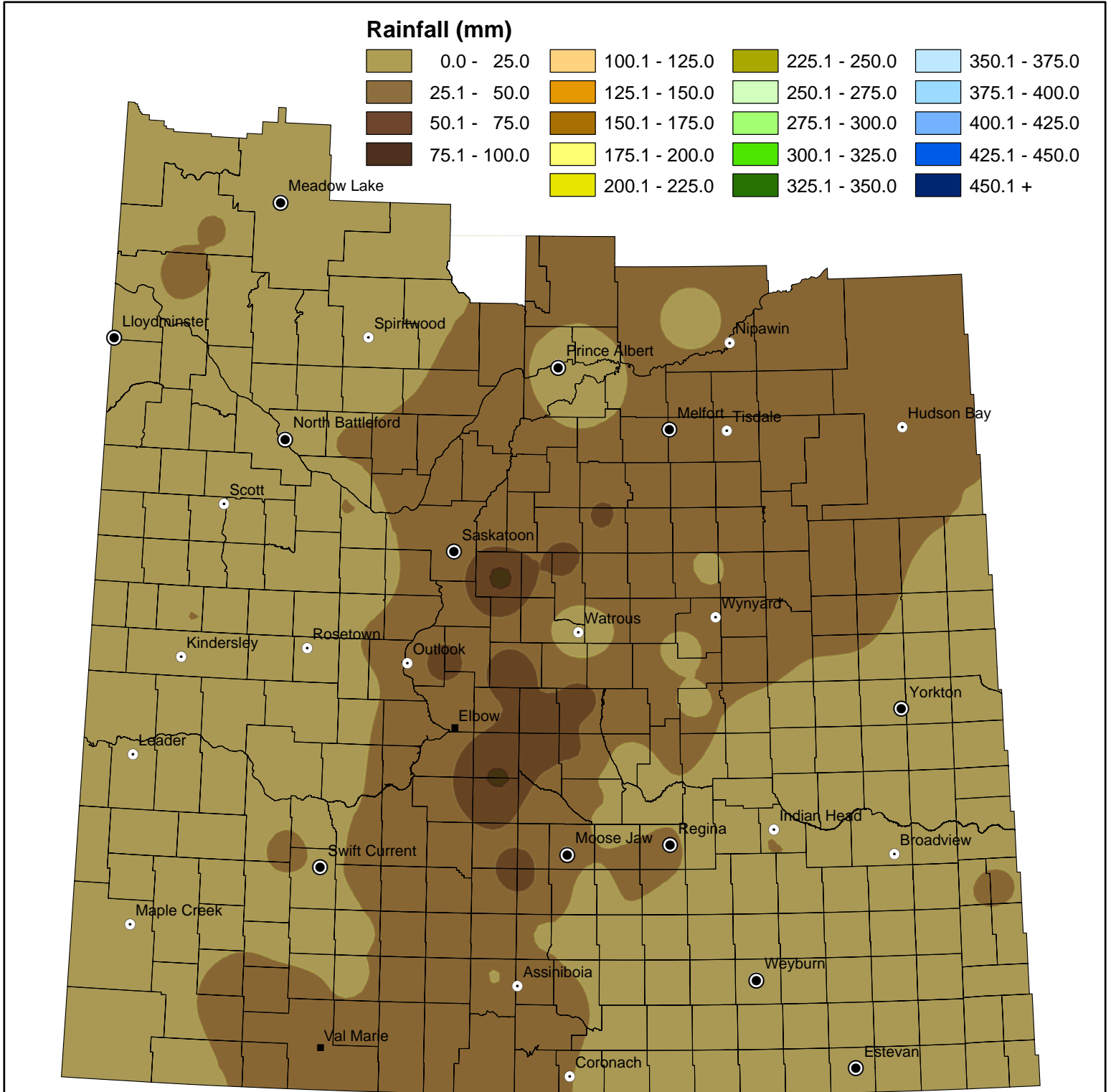
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr		
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	4	4A	49	White Valley	N/A	29	7A	287	St. Andrews	NIL	12		
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	3		51	Reno	NIL	16		288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	18		
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A		79	Arlington	NIL	29		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	7		
	34	Browning	N/A	5		109 A	Carmichael	N/A	9		290 B	Kindersley	NIL	3		
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	30		290 C	Kindersley	N/A	NIL		
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	17		110	Piapot	NIL	1		292	Milton	N/A	8		
	64	Brock	NIL	6		4B	139	Gull Lake	N/A		1	317 A	Marriott	N/A	NIL	
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	7			142	Enterprise	N/A		2	317 B	Marriott	3	24	
	1B	91	Maryfield	NIL			6	169	Pittville		N/A	N/A	318	Mountain View	NIL	15
		122	Martin	NIL			30	231	Happyland		NIL	2	320 A	Oakdale	1	26
123		Silverwood	NIL	11	183 B	Fertile Belt	NIL	8	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	17				
124		Kingsley	NIL	12		186	Abernethy	13	13	321	Prairiedale	1	17			
125 A		Chester	NIL	19	5A	211	Churchbridge	2	18	7B	347	Biggar	NIL	16		
125 B		Chester	NIL	12		213	Saltcoats	1	12		350 A	Mariposa	NIL	9		
151 A		Rocanville	NIL	12	216	Tullymet	N/A	NIL	350 B		Mariposa	1	18			
151 B		Rocanville	N/A	N/A	241	Calder	N/A	10	351		Progress	1	14			
154		Etcapo	N/A	2	243	Wallace	N/A	13	352		Heart's Hill	NIL	13			
155 A		Wolseley	N/A	11	244	Orkney	2	10	377		Glenside	NIL	24			
155 B	Wolseley	N/A	N/A	245 A	Garry	2	22	378 B	Rosemount		1	15				
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	2	245 B	Garry	4	8	379		Reford	NIL	19			
	68	Brokenshell	1	9	245 C	Garry	N/A	26	381		Grass Lake	N/A	N/A			
	97	Wellington	NIL	7	246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	20	382		Eye Hill	NIL	3			
2B	127 A	Francis	2	17	247	Kellross	NIL	24	409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A				
	127 B	Francis	2.5	5	248	Touchwood	NIL	24	410	Round Valley	N/A	5				
3ASE	129	Bratt's Lake	1	8	271	Cote	4	13	8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	16			
	131 A	Baildon	NIL	14	273	Sliding Hills	1	11		397	Barrier Valley	1.7	30			
	131 B	Baildon	N/A	14	277	Emerald	2	32		428	Star City	NIL	28			
	156 A	Indian Head	0.5	12	5B	305	Invermay	5		38	456	Arborfield	1	37		
	156 B	Indian Head	4	31		307	Elfros	5		26	457	Connaught	12	47		
	157	South Qu'Appelle	N/A	NIL		308 A	Big Quill	N/A		25	486	Moose Range	NIL	35		
	160 A	Pense	N/A	7		308 B	Big Quill	NIL		22	487	Nipawin	NIL	2		
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	49	331	Livingston	N/A	23		8B	369	St. Peter	NIL	26		
	162	Caron	N/A	22	336	Sasman	3	9			370 A	Humboldt	1	40		
	191	Marquis	NIL	35	337	Lakeview	3	26		370 B	Humboldt	1	55			
3ASW	38 A	Laurier	NIL	14	338	Lakeside	1	21	371	Bayne	3	47				
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	8	366	Kelvington	4	28	372	Grant	3.6	45				
3AN	39 A	The Gap	NIL	23	367	Ponass Lake	8	41	400	Three Lakes	1	40				
	10	Happy Valley	NIL	18	6A	190 A	Dufferin	1	15	402	Fish Creek	NIL	29			
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	46		190 B	Dufferin	3	28	429	Flett's Springs	NIL	25			
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A		190 C	Dufferin	NIL	9	459	Kinistino	N/A	43			
	40 B	Bengough	N/A	N/A		190 D	Dufferin	NIL	24	460	Birch Hills	NIL	12			
	42	Willow Bunch	3	41		219 A	Longlaketon	NIL	24	9AE	488	Torch River	6	21		
	43	Old Post	3	35		219 B	Longlaketon	NIL	12		491	Buckland	N/A	N/A		
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A		220	Mckillop	NIL	20	520	Paddockwood	1	33			
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	37		221	Sarnia	8	52	521	Lakeland	1	33			
	73 B	Stonehenge	2	24		222	Craik	9	66	9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	19		
3BS	101	Terrell	1	17		251	Big Arm	NIL	56		435	Redberry	2	37		
	102	Lake Johnston	1	24	252	Arm River	NIL	58	436	Douglas	NIL	27				
	103	Sutton	NIL	30	279	Mount Hope	7	30	463	Duck Lake	NIL	30				
	132 A	Hillsborough	1	65	282	McCraney	2	58	467 A	Round Hill	4	22				
	132 B	Hillsborough	NIL	41	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A	467 B	Round Hill	NIL	3				
	134	Shamrock	N/A	32	312	Morris	NIL	NIL	9B	438	Battle River	NIL	21			
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	59	313	Lost River	N/A	61		440	Hillsdale	1	10			
	193 B	Eyebrow	10	83	339	Leroy	1.2	36	442	Manitou Lake	2.5	11				
	224	Maple Bush	N/A	N/A	340	Wolverine	1	33	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	19				
	3BN	17	Val Marie	N/A	30	341	Viscount	1	58	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	5			
75 A		Pinto Creek	NIL	36	343 A	Blucher	NIL	80	499	Mervin	NIL	14				
75 B		Pinto Creek	NIL	28	343 B	Blucher	NIL	NIL	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	32				
76		Auvergne	NIL	22	6B	254	Loreburn	N/A	N/A	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	16			
77		Wise Creek	NIL	28		284	Rudy	NIL	55	501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	9			
78		Grassy Creek	NIL	36		285	Fertile Valley	NIL	29	502	Britannia	NIL	3			
105		Glenbain	1	31		286	Milden	NIL	19	561	Loon Lake	NIL	26			
106		Whiska Creek	NIL	24		314	Dundurn	NIL	54	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	5			
107		Lac Pelletier	NIL	17		344	Corman Park	NIL	25	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A			
108		Bone Creek	N/A	13		346	Perdue	NIL	13	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	15			
138 A	Webb	N/A	24	376		Eagle Creek	NIL	26	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A				
138 B	Webb	NIL	8	403		Rosthern	2	26	622	Beaver River	N/A	14				
166	Excelsior	3	27													
167	Sask. Landing	NIL	18													
168 A	Riverside	4	28													
168 B	Riverside	NIL	8													
226	Victory	N/A	35													
228	Lacadena	NIL	7													
257	Monet	NIL	3													

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

Municipality No: A, B, C and D - more than one reporter

# Cumulative Rainfall

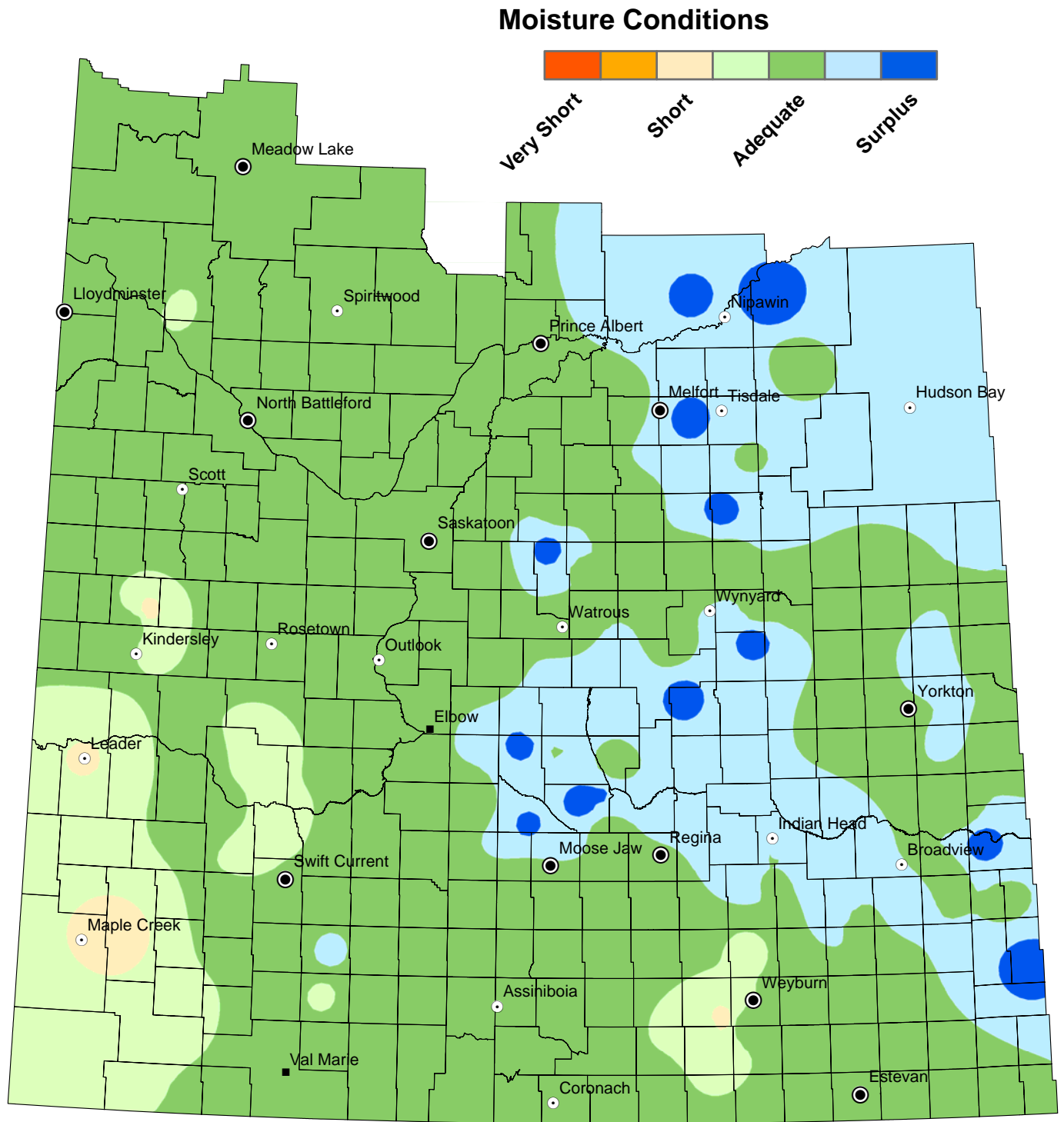
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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 4, 2015



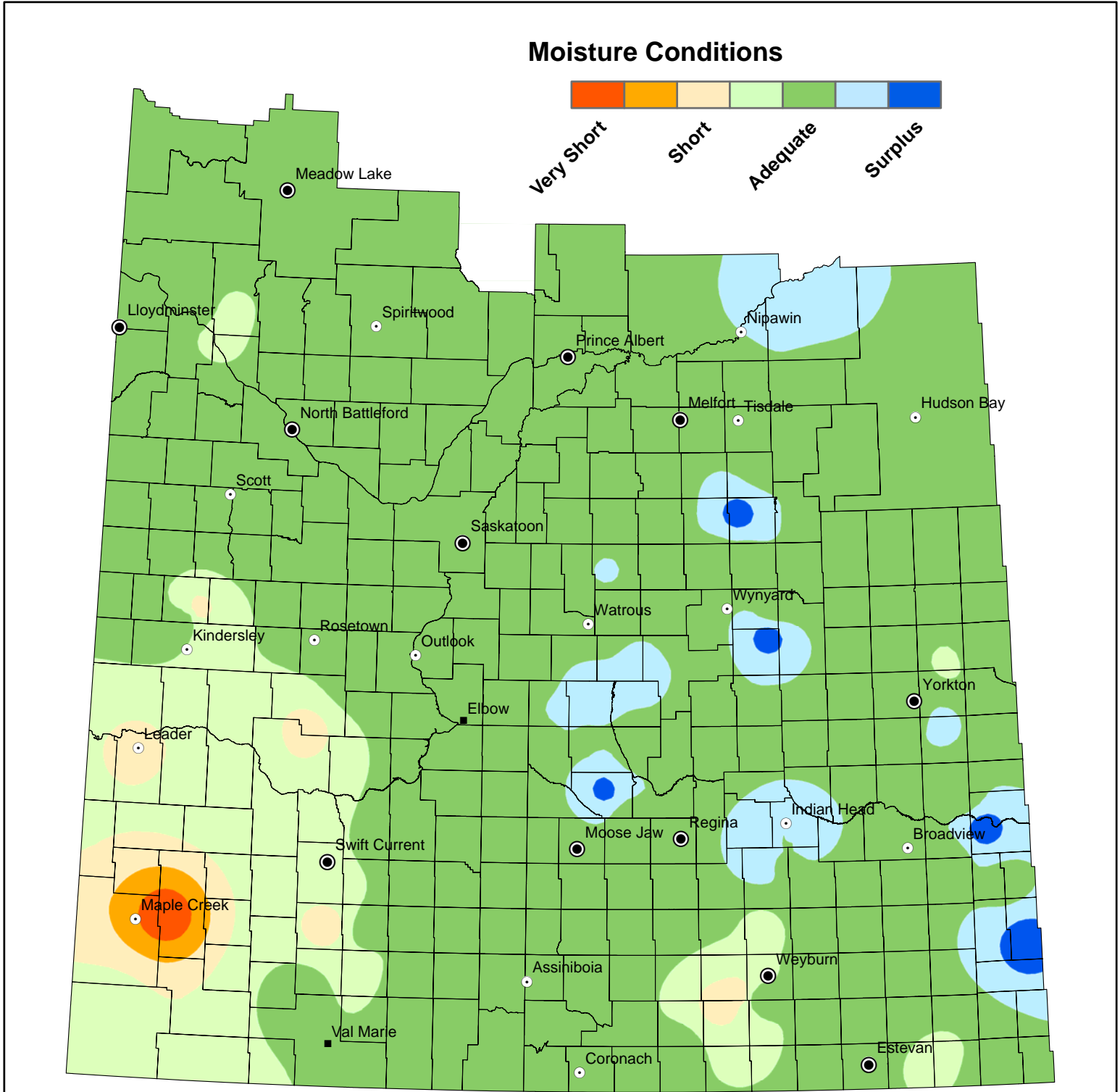
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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

## May 4, 2015



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