

For the Period May 19 to 25, 2015

Producers now have 87 per cent of the crop seeded, well ahead of the five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year (61 per cent), according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. Dry weather has allowed many producers to finish seeding while others will need another week or more.

The southwestern and west-central regions are nearing completion with 93 per cent of the crop in the ground. The northwestern region has 89 per cent seeded; the southeastern has 87 per cent seeded; the east-central region has 83 per cent seeded; and the northeastern region has 75 per cent seeded.

Little to no rain was received this week, with some areas in the northeastern region reporting 2 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as four per cent surplus, 58 per cent adequate, 30 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 49 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. Rain is needed in much of the province to help with crop emergence and to recharge the topsoil that is getting dry in some areas.

The majority of emerged crops are either at or are behind their normal developmental stages for this time of year. They are in relatively good condition with most crop damage being caused by flea beetles, cutworms and lack of moisture. Despite heavy frost in many areas early last week, most crops were not damaged; however, there has been some re-seeding of oilseed crops.

SK Crop Development - May 25			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	9	79	12
Spring Cereals	10	69	21
Oilseeds	5	72	23
Pulse Crops	9	67	24

Pasture conditions are rated as four per cent excellent, 44 per cent good, 32 per cent fair, 14 per cent poor and six per cent very poor.

Farmers are busy finishing seeding operations, controlling weeds and moving cattle.

One year ago

Dry weather allowed most producers to return to the field after rain delays. Sixty-four per cent of the 2014 crop had been seeded.

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Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded	
All Crops	
May 25, 2015	87
5 year avg. (2010-2014)	61
May 26/14	64
May 27/13	67
May 21/12	64
May 23/11	54
May 27/10	55
10 year avg. (2005-2014)	68

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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)

Significant seeding progress was made this week as producers in the region now have 87 per cent of the crop in the ground. This is up from 66 per cent last week. Dry weather has allowed producers to return to the field after rain delays last week. Seeding will likely be wrapped up in the next week or so for the majority of producers.

SE SK Crop Development - May 25			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	10	82	8
Spring Cereals	6	67	27
Oilseeds	4	71	25
Pulse Crops	6	57	37

Little to no rain was received in the region last week. The Moosomin area has received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 with 90 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 11 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 10 per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and one per cent very short. While Crop District 1B is reporting 33 per cent surplus topsoil moisture on cropland, 2B is reporting that 21 per cent of the cropland is short topsoil moisture. Many areas in the region could use some rain to help replenish the topsoil while others need heat to help dry some fields and access roads.

Emerging crops are in good condition, although germination and emergence has been slower than normal. Eighty-two per cent of fall cereals, 67 per cent of spring cereals, 71 per cent of oilseeds and 57 per cent of pulse crops are at their normal developmental stages for this time of year. The majority of crop damage this week was due to flea beetles and there are reports of some producers spraying their canola. Although damage from frost received last week was minimal on most crops, there was some re-seeding of canola and flax crops in some areas. Some alfalfa was also damaged from frost.

Rainfall would be beneficial to pastures in the region as conditions are rated as six per cent excellent, 54 per cent good, 35 per cent fair, four per cent poor and one per cent very poor.

Farmers are busy finishing up seeding, rolling pulse crops, controlling weeds, picking rocks and moving cattle.

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)

Ninety-three per cent of the crop is in the ground in the southwestern region. This is up from 86 per cent last week. Many producers have finished seeding or will in the coming days. There are concerns about slow crop germination and emergence due to a lack of moisture in much of the region. Rain is needed soon to replenish topsoil moisture for both crops and hay land and pasture.

SW SK Crop Development - May 25			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	6	78	16
Spring Cereals	10	70	20
Oilseeds	9	68	23
Pulse Crops	11	70	19

Little to no rain fell this week and many areas are reporting less than 20 mm of precipitation has been received since April 1. The Eyebrow area is reporting the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1 (83 mm). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 48 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and 19 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 45 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and 23 per cent very short. Crop Districts 3BN, 4A and 4B are reporting that 21 per cent, 20 per cent and 67 per cent, respectively, of cropland is very short topsoil moisture. CD 4A is also reporting that 66 per cent of hay land and pasture is very short topsoil moisture.

Emergence of crops has been very slow, although crops are in relatively good condition. Seventy-eight per cent of fall cereals, 70 per cent of spring cereals, 68 per cent of oilseeds and 70 per cent of pulse crops are at their normal developmental stages for this time of year. Flea beetles, cutworms, pea leaf weevil and lack of moisture have caused the majority of crop damage this week. Although damage from frost received last week was minimal on most crops, there was some re-seeding of canola and flax crops in some areas. Some alfalfa was damaged from frost.

Rainfall is needed for hay land and pastures to become greener. Pasture conditions are rated as one per cent excellent, 36 per cent good, 26 per cent fair, 24 per cent poor and 13 per cent very poor.

Farmers are busy finishing up seeding, controlling weeds and fixing fences.

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 progress nearly doubled in the east-central region thanks to warm and dry weather. Eighty-three per cent of the crop is now in the ground. This is up from 42 per cent last week. Many producers will need at least another week of warm and dry weather to get the remainder of their crop seeded.

EC SK Crop Development - May 25			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	16	65	19
Spring Cereals	13	71	16
Oilseeds	7	74	19
Pulse Crops	6	79	15

Little to no rain fell this week, helping to dry up areas with excess moisture. The Bradwell area has received 91 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for both the region and the province. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as six per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 60 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and four per cent very short. While some areas are in need of rain to help crops emerge, other areas need heat to help dry fields.

Crop emergence and development is slower than normal, although crops are in good condition. Sixty-five per cent of fall cereals, 71 per cent of spring cereals, 74 per cent of oilseeds and 79 per cent of pulses are at their normal developmental stages for this time of year. Some canola fields have been damaged by flea beetles and there are reports of producers spraying. Frost received last week damaged some crops and alfalfa fields but the majority of crops affected have recovered; however, there has been some re-seeding of canola in some areas.

Rainfall is needed for hay land and pastures to become greener in many areas. Pasture conditions are rated as five per cent excellent, 51 per cent good, 34 per cent fair and 10 per cent poor.

Farmers are busy finishing up seeding, controlling weeds, picking rocks and moving cattle.

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)

Seeding is nearing completion for the west-central region as 93 per cent of the crop is now in the ground. This is up from 72 per cent last week. Many producers have wrapped up seeding operations while others will need a few more days in order to finish. There are concerns that germination and emergence is delayed due to lack of moisture in many areas.

WC SK Crop Development - May 25			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	1	85	14
Spring Cereals	8	58	34
Oilseeds	4	64	32
Pulse Crops	9	59	32

No rain was received this week. The Hanley area has received the greatest amount of rainfall for the region since April 1 with 58 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions are deteriorating in much of the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 37 per cent adequate, 51 per cent short and 11 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 28 per cent adequate, 60 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. Crop District 7A is reporting that 17 per cent of cropland acres and 24 per cent of hay land and pasture is very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Germination and emergence has been very slow, although the majority of crops are in good condition. Eighty-five per cent of fall cereals, 58 per cent of spring cereals, 64 per cent of oilseeds and 59 per cent of pulse crops are at their normal developmental stages for this time of year. There have been reports of flea beetles and cutworms damaging canola crops and some producers are spraying for them.

Rainfall is needed very soon in the region as pasture conditions are rated as two per cent excellent, 28 per cent good, 45 per cent fair, 19 per cent poor and six per cent very poor.

Farmers are busy finishing up seeding, controlling weeds and moving cattle.

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)

Seeding has progressed significantly in the area thanks to warm and relatively dry weather. Seventy-five per cent of the crop is now seeded. This is up from 42 per cent last week. While some producers have finished seeding, others will need at least another week or two.

NE SK Crop Development - May 25			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	2	98	0
Spring Cereals	14	81	5
Oilseeds	5	86	9
Pulse Crops	12	83	5

Very little rain fell in the region with the Humboldt area recording 2 mm. The Vonda area has received the greatest amount of rainfall for the region since April 1 with 58 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 70 per cent adequate, 27 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and three per cent very short. Most areas of the region are in need of rain to help replenish topsoil. There have been reports of forest fires in the area.

Crops are in mostly good condition, although emergence has been slower than normal. Ninety-eight per cent of fall cereals, 81 per cent of spring cereals, 86 per cent of oilseeds and 83 per cent of pulse crops are at their normal stages of development for this time of year. There are some reports of spraying for flea beetles in canola and despite heavy frost early last week; most crops appear to have recovered.

Pasture conditions are rated as seven per cent excellent, 63 per cent good, 24 per cent fair and six per cent poor.

Farmers are busy seeding, moving cattle, fixing fences and controlling weeds.

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

Eighty-nine per cent of the crop is now in the ground, up significantly from 68 per cent last week. Many producers have finished seeding while others will need at least another week of warm and dry weather to finish. A lack of moisture in most of the region is delaying germination and emergence of crops.

NW SK Crop Development - May 25			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	2	64	34
Spring Cereals	6	69	25
Oilseeds	4	60	36
Pulse Crops	6	79	15

Little to no rain fell in the region this week. The Garrick area has received 37 mm of rain since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions are deteriorating in much of the region and rainfall will soon be needed. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as two per cent surplus, 38 per cent adequate, 44 per cent short and 16 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 25 per cent adequate, 51 per cent short and 24 per cent very short.

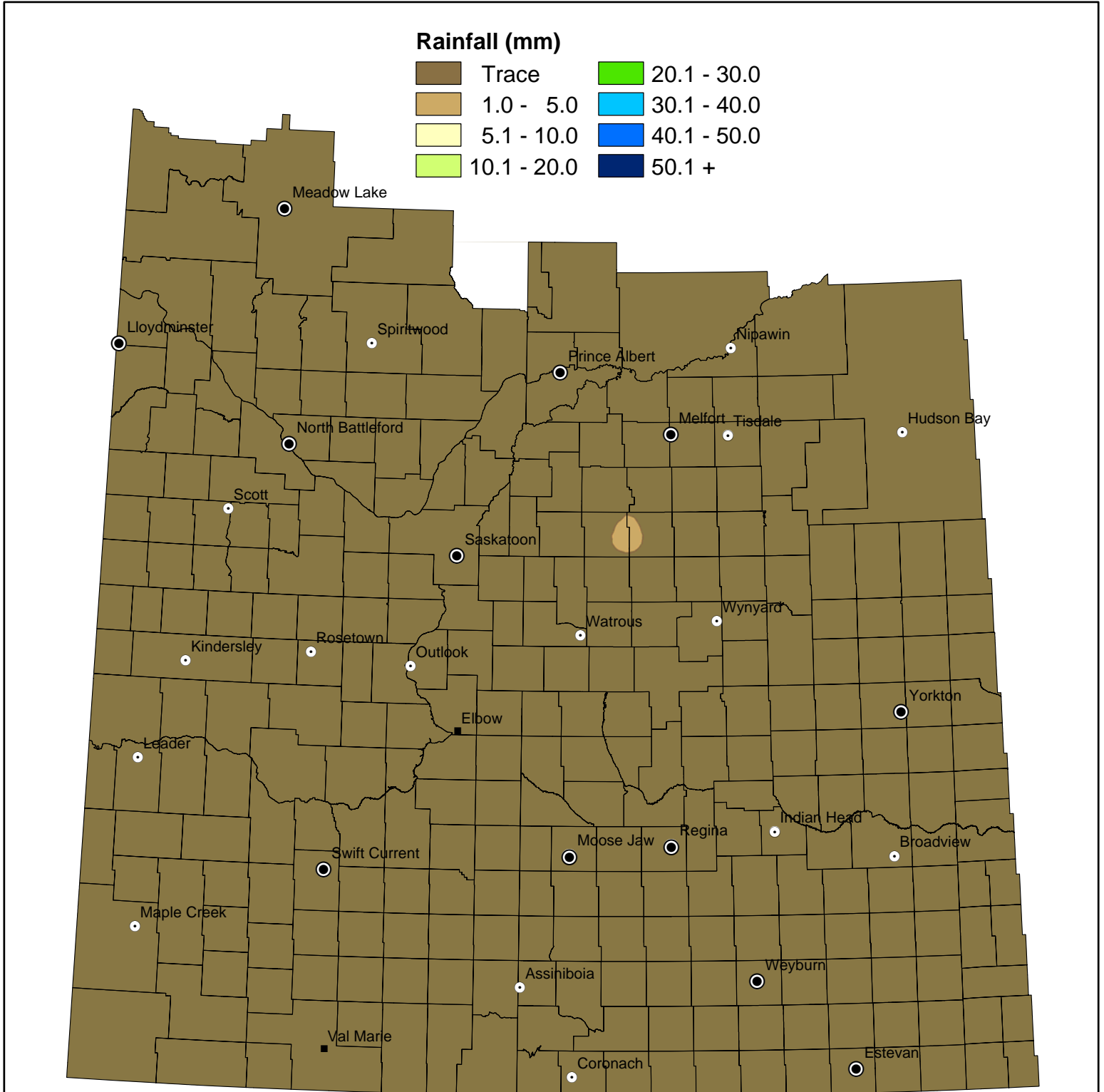
Emerged crops are in good condition, although emergence is slower than normal. Sixty-four per cent of fall cereals, 69 per cent of spring cereals, 60 per cent of oilseeds and 79 per cent of pulse crops are at their normal developmental stages for this time of year. Damage from frost received last week is mostly minimal as many crops have recovered. There are reports of flea beetles in canola fields and some producers are spraying.

Pasture conditions are worsening due to lack of moisture. Currently they are rated as 29 per cent good, 38 per cent fair, 16 per cent poor and 17 per cent very poor. Many pastures are brown in colour and there are concerns that cattle feed may be in short supply this year.

Farmers are busy finishing up seeding, moving cattle, fixing fences and controlling weeds.

Weekly Rainfall

from May 19 to May 25, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 19 to 25, 2015

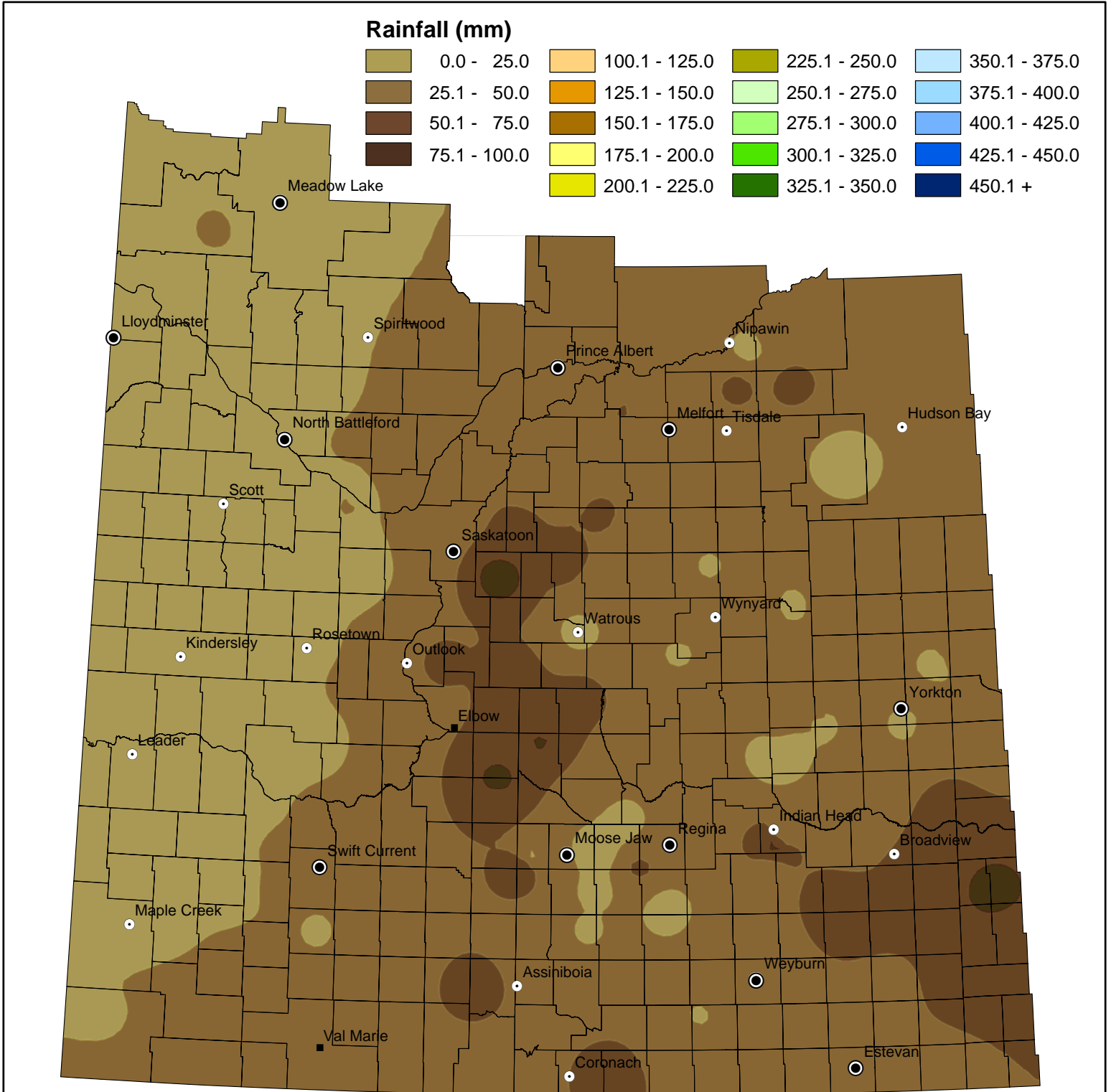
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr		
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	32	4A	49	White Valley	NIL	29	7A	287	St. Andrews	NIL	13		
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	44		51	Reno	NIL	30		288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	19		
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A		79	Arlington	NIL	6		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	6.5		
	34	Browning	N/A	34		109 A	Carmichael	NIL	46		290 B	Kindersley	NIL	3		
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	23.9		290 C	Kindersley	NIL	NIL		
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	56.3		110	Piapot	NIL	45		292	Milton	N/A	8		
	64	Brock	NIL	43		4B	139	Gull Lake	NIL		12	317 A	Marriott	N/A	11	
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	46.5			142	Enterprise	NIL		2	317 B	Marriott	NIL	24	
	1B	91	Maryfield	NIL			90	169	Pittville		N/A	N/A	318	Mountain View	NIL	15
		122	Martin	NIL			55	231	Happyland		NIL	2	320 A	Oakdale	N/A	26
123		Silverwood	NIL	58	183 B	Fertile Belt	NIL	59	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	17				
124		Kingsley	NIL	63		5A	186	Abernethy	N/A	13	321	Prairiedale	NIL	16.5		
125 A		Chester	NIL	59	211	Churchbridge	NIL	37	7B	347	Biggar	NIL	16			
125 B		Chester	NIL	66	213	Saltcoats	NIL	35		350 A	Mariposa	NIL	9			
151 A		Rocanville	NIL	N/A	216	Tullymet	NIL	6		350 B	Mariposa	NIL	18			
151 B		Rocanville	N/A	32	241	Calder	NIL	27		351	Progress	NIL	14			
154		Etcapo	NIL	36	243	Wallace	NIL	46		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	13			
155 A		Wolseley	NIL	N/A	244	Orkney	NIL	18		377	Glenside	NIL	24			
155 B	Wolseley	N/A	56	245 A	Garry	N/A	23	378 B		Rosemount	NIL	15				
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	47	245 B	Garry	NIL	14		379	Reford	NIL	19			
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	38	245 C	Garry	NIL	35		381	Grass Lake	N/A	2.5			
	97	Wellington	NIL	31	246	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	29		382	Eye Hill	N/A	3			
2B	127 A	Francis	NIL	41	247	Kellross	NIL	26	409	Buffalo	N/A	14				
	127 B	Francis	N/A	17.5	248	Touchwood	N/A	26.6	410	Round Valley	NIL	5				
3A	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	15.5	271	Cote	NIL	33	8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	16			
	131 A	Baildon	NIL	19	273	Sliding Hills	NIL	16		397	Barrier Valley	N/A	32.4			
	131 B	Baildon	NIL	30	277	Emerald	1	36		428	Star City	N/A	53			
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	33	5B	305	Invermay	NIL		40.5	456	Arborfield	NIL	55		
	156 B	Indian Head	NIL	83		307	Elfros	NIL		31	457	Connaught	NIL	53.3		
	157	South Qu'Appelle	N/A	NIL	308 A	Big Quill	NIL	33		486	Moose Range	NIL	41			
	160 A	Pense	NIL	7	308 B	Big Quill	NIL	22		487	Nipawin	NIL	18			
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	53	331	Livingston	NIL	23		8B	369	St. Peter	NIL	34		
	162	Caron	NIL	23	336	Sasman	NIL	22			370 A	Humboldt	2	42		
	3AASE	191	Marquis	N/A	42	337	Lakeview	N/A		27	370 B	Humboldt	NIL	55		
38 A		Laurier	NIL	35.8	338	Lakeside	NIL	23	371	Bayne	NIL	50				
3ASW	38 B	Laurier	NIL	23	366	Kelvington	NIL	30	372	Grant	NIL	57.6				
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	43	367	Ponass Lake	N/A	41.5	400	Three Lakes	NIL	49				
	10	Happy Valley	NIL	61	6A	190 A	Dufferin	N/A	19	402	Fish Creek	NIL	42			
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	78		190 B	Dufferin	NIL	35	429	Flett's Springs	NIL	29			
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	12	459	Kinistino	NIL	53				
	40 B	Bengough	NIL	28	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	24	460	Birch Hills	NIL	26.9				
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	64	219 A	Longlaketon	NIL	30	9AE	488	Torch River	NIL	37			
	43	Old Post	NIL	42.5	219 B	Longlaketon	NIL	16		491	Buckland	N/A	N/A			
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A	220	Mckillop	NIL	28	520	Paddockwood	NIL	33				
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	61	221	Sarnia	N/A	55.9	521	Lakeland	NIL	33				
73 B	Stonehenge	N/A	48	222	Craik	NIL	77	9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	19				
3AN	101	Terrell	NIL	23	251	Big Arm	NIL		58.8	435	Redberry	NIL	37			
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	28.3	252	Arm River	NIL	64	436	Douglas	NIL	27				
	103	Sutton	N/A	44	279	Mount Hope	N/A	36	463	Duck Lake	NIL	30.5				
	132 A	Hillsborough	1	75.5	282	McCraney	NIL	60	467 A	Round Hill	NIL	22				
	132 B	Hillsborough	NIL	42	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A	467 B	Round Hill	NIL	10				
	134	Shamrock	N/A	31.5	312	Morris	NIL	15	9B	438	Battle Hill	NIL	21			
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	68	313	Lost River	N/A	61		440	Hillsdale	NIL	10.5			
	193 B	Eyebrow	NIL	83	339	Leroy	0.2	44		442	Manitou Lake	0.8	12			
	224	Maple Bush	N/A	N/A	340	Wolverine	NIL	47		498 A	Parkdale	NIL	18.6			
	3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	30	341	Viscount	NIL		59	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	5		
75 A		Pinto Creek	NIL	49	343 A	Blucher	NIL	91.2		499	Mervin	NIL	14			
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76		Auvergne	NIL	37	6B	254	Loreburn	N/A		N/A	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	16		
77		Wise Creek	NIL	41		284	Rudy	NIL		55	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	10		
78		Grassy Creek	NIL	57.5		285	Fertile Valley	NIL		39	502	Britannia	NIL	3		
105		Glenbain	NIL	46		286	Milden	NIL	29	561	Loon Lake	NIL	27			
106		Whiska Creek	NIL	34		314	Dundurn	NIL	58	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	9			
107		Lac Pelletier	NIL	22		344	Corman Park	NIL	25	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A			
108		Bone Creek	NIL	28		346	Perdue	NIL	13	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	20			
3BN	138 A	Webb	NIL	29.5		376	Eagle Creek	NIL	26	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A			
	138 B	Webb	NIL	15.5		403	Rosthern	NIL	26	622	Beaver River	NIL	19.5			
	166	Excelsior	NIL	28												
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	32.2												
	168 A	Riverside	NIL	30												
	168 B	Riverside	NIL	10.3												
	226	Victory	N/A	38												
	228	Lacadena	NIL	8												
257	Monet	NIL	3													

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Cumulative Rainfall

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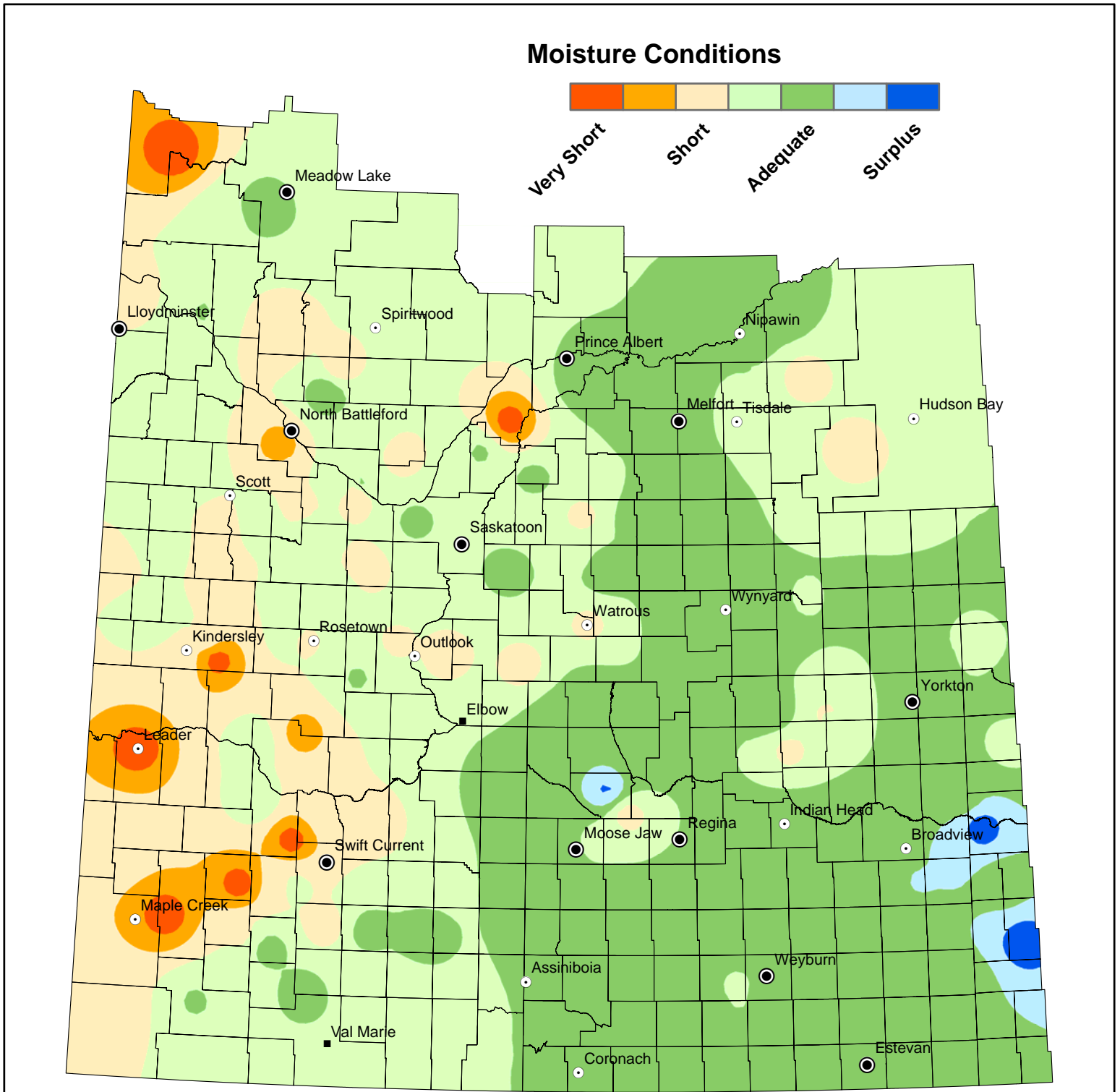


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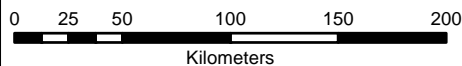


Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 25, 2015



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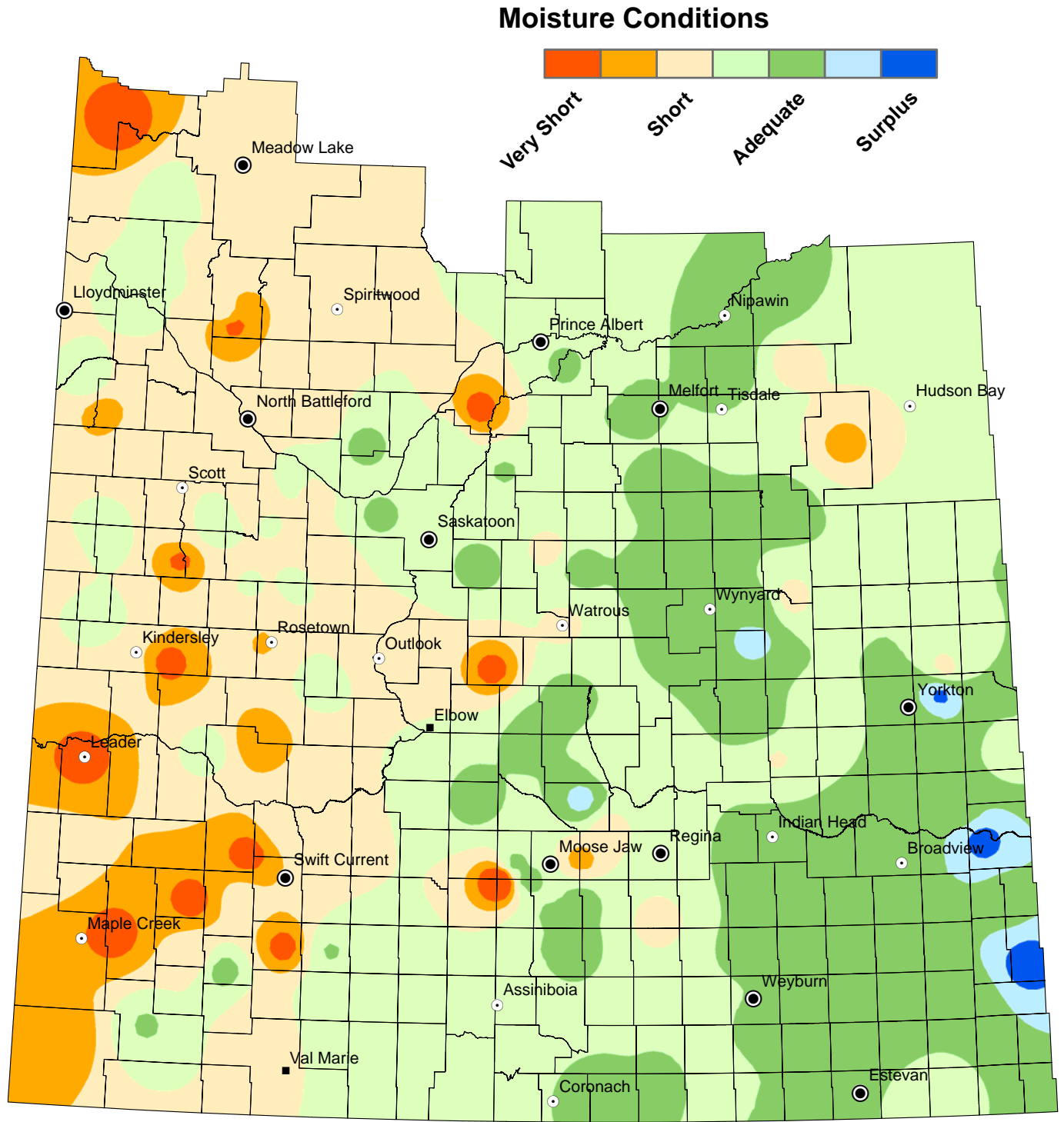


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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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