

For the Period May 5 to 11, 2015

Significant seeding progress was made this past week. Thirty-four per cent of the 2015 crop is now seeded, according to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Crop Report. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is nine per cent seeded.

Producers in the southwest are most advanced, with 61 per cent of the crop seeded. In the southeast, 45 per cent is seeded; the west-central region has 26 per cent seeded; the east-central region 16 per cent, the northeastern region 13 per cent and northwestern region has 31 per cent seeded.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 10 per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and four per cent very short. Moisture conditions vary throughout the province.

In parts of the southwestern and west-central regions, some moisture would be beneficial to get crops off to a good start. Some areas in the southeast and in the east-central region, however, still have surplus moisture. Cool weather has resulted in slow emergence of crops. Some farmers have reported frost damage to emerged crops and alfalfa.

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)

Forty-five per cent of the 2015 crop has been seeded in the region. Rain showers were reported throughout the region, but farmers were still able to make significant progress over last week.

One year ago

Seven per cent of the 2014 crop had been seeded. The southwest region had 20 per cent in the ground.

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Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded All Crops	
May 11, 2015	34
May 12, 2014	7
May 13, 2013	8
May 14, 2012	22
May 9, 2011	5
May 13, 2010	5
5 year avg. (2010-2014)	9
10 year avg. (2005-2014)	17

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Crop land topsoil moisture is reported as 13 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Most areas are reporting adequate topsoil moisture, although Crop District 1B is reporting surplus moisture on 33 and 31 per cent cropland and hay and pasture land, respectively. Precipitation varied throughout the week ranging from nil to 22 mm (Indian Head area). This region has reported the most amount of rain since April 1 (53 mm). Some areas have reported less than 10 mm of rain since April 1.

Southeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% seeded (May 11, 2015)
1A	26
1B	39
2A	72
2B	42
3ASE	83
Region average	45

Cool weather has slowed germination of crops. Frost, with temperatures as low as -5 C, was reported on several nights last week. There have been reports of damage to emerging crops and alfalfa. Farmers are hoping for warmer temperatures. Some areas could use a rain as topsoil moisture is lacking. 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)

The southwestern region has 61 per cent of the 2015 crop seeded. Most areas received spotty rain showers, but nothing significant enough to slow seeding operations.

Southwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 11, 2015)
3ASW	43
3AN	28
3BS	66
3BN	67
4A	76
4B	78
Region average	61

Very little rain, ranging from nil to 15 mm (Gull Lake area), was recorded in the region. The Eyebrow area has accumulated the most rainfall since April 1 (83 mm). Areas around Maple Creek, Kyle, Richmond, Cabri and Leader have reported less than 10 mm of rain since April 1. Some areas are hoping for rain to get crops emerged and pastures and hay growth started.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 62 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and 13 per cent very short.

Frost was reported over a couple of nights, with temperatures reaching -8 C in some areas. There have been reports of frost damage to some emerging crops and alfalfa. Crop emergence has been slow due to cool weather, so the extent of the frost damage is still being assessed. Pasture growth has also been slow due to cool weather.

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)

Sixteen per cent of the 2015 crop is in the ground. Although seeding is progressing, spotty rain showers over most of the region resulted in short seeding days. Producers are spending time traveling between fields, testing them out to make sure the soil is capable of holding equipment. Seeding ranges from five to 75 per cent complete.

Precipitation ranged from nil to 15 mm (Watrous area). A large amount of water is lying in many fields, making road access an issue.

East-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 11, 2015)
5A	26
5B	14
6A	9
Region average	16

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are reported as 22 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. CD 6A is reporting that 34 per cent of cropland has surplus topsoil moisture.

Temperatures dipped well below freezing for some areas, but fortunately, most seeded crops have yet to emerge. Producers are indicating that there has been some frost damage to alfalfa. There are a couple of reports of farmers finishing up last fall's harvest. Warm weather would be appreciated by all.

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 producers now have 26 per cent of the crop seeded. Seeding progress ranges from five to 60 per cent complete. Most areas reported no rain for the week, although the Dinsmore and Conquest areas reported 10 mm. The Hanley area has recorded the greatest amount of moisture since April 1 (58 mm).

West-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 11, 2015)
6B	23
7A	22
7B	35
Region average	26

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and 15 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Crop District 7A is reporting that 36 per cent of cropland and 44 per cent of hay land and pasture are short of topsoil moisture. Although calving weather has been good, pastures and hay fields are growing slowly due to low moisture and cool temperatures. Freezing temperatures were reported, dipping down to -8 C in some areas.

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 region has 13 per cent of the 2015 crop seeded, up from just two per cent last week. Farmers are in the fields controlling weeds prior to seeding, fertilizing and scouting out which fields can support farm equipment. Many have just started seeding. Seeding progress ranges from three to 65 per cent complete. Warm and dry weather is needed.

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 11, 2015)
8A	21
8B	7
9AE	10
Region average	13

Rain showers were reported for most of the region, resulting in short field-work days. The amount of rainfall ranged from nil to 18 mm (Arborfield area). The Vonda area has reported the most amount of rain since April 1 (58 mm).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 18 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and four per cent short.

Freezing temperatures were reported many nights during the past week, reaching -6 C in some areas. There are reports that some producers are holding back on seeding due to the cool weather, frost risk and low soil temperatures. Cool weather has slowed crop germination and pasture growth. Spraying has been an issue due to strong winds, cold nights and slow weed growth.

Northwestern Saskatchewan

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

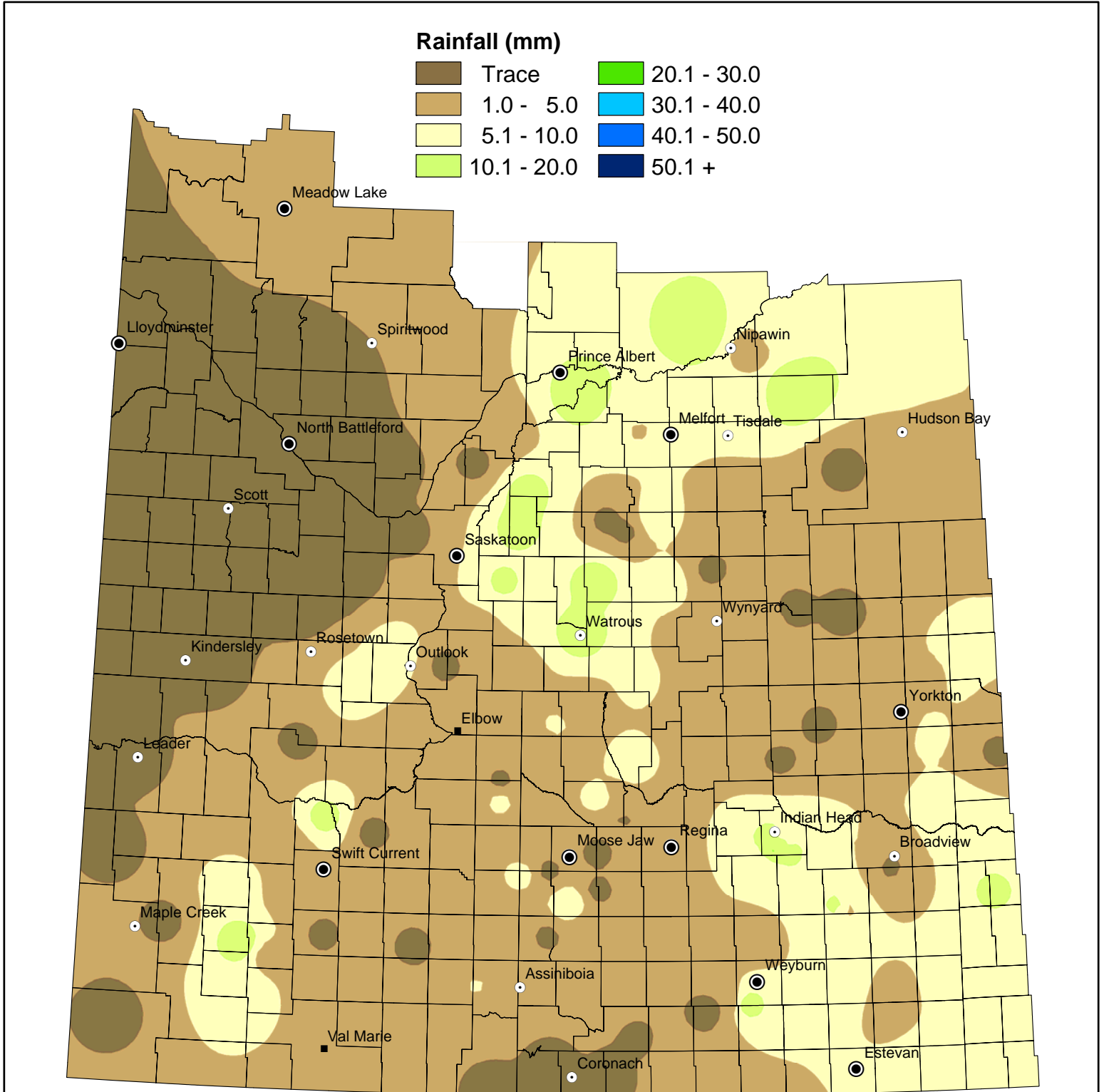
Significant seeding progress was made in the region due to good weather and lack of rain interruptions. Thirty-one per cent of the crop is now in the ground, up from just seven per cent last week. Most areas reported no rain for the week with good topsoil moisture conditions. The amount of rainfall ranged from nil to 5 mm (Meadow Lake area). The Hafford area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (37 mm).

Northwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 11, 2015)
9AW	25
9B	37
Region average	31

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate, five per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 90 per cent adequate and 10 per cent short. Temperatures dipped down to -10 C in some areas of the region, causing damage to alfalfa crops. Cool temperatures have delayed crop emergence. Producers are indicating that moisture is adequate for the most part, but that warm weather is now needed to germinate seed and advance pastures.

Weekly Rainfall

from May 5 to May 11, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 5 to 11, 2015

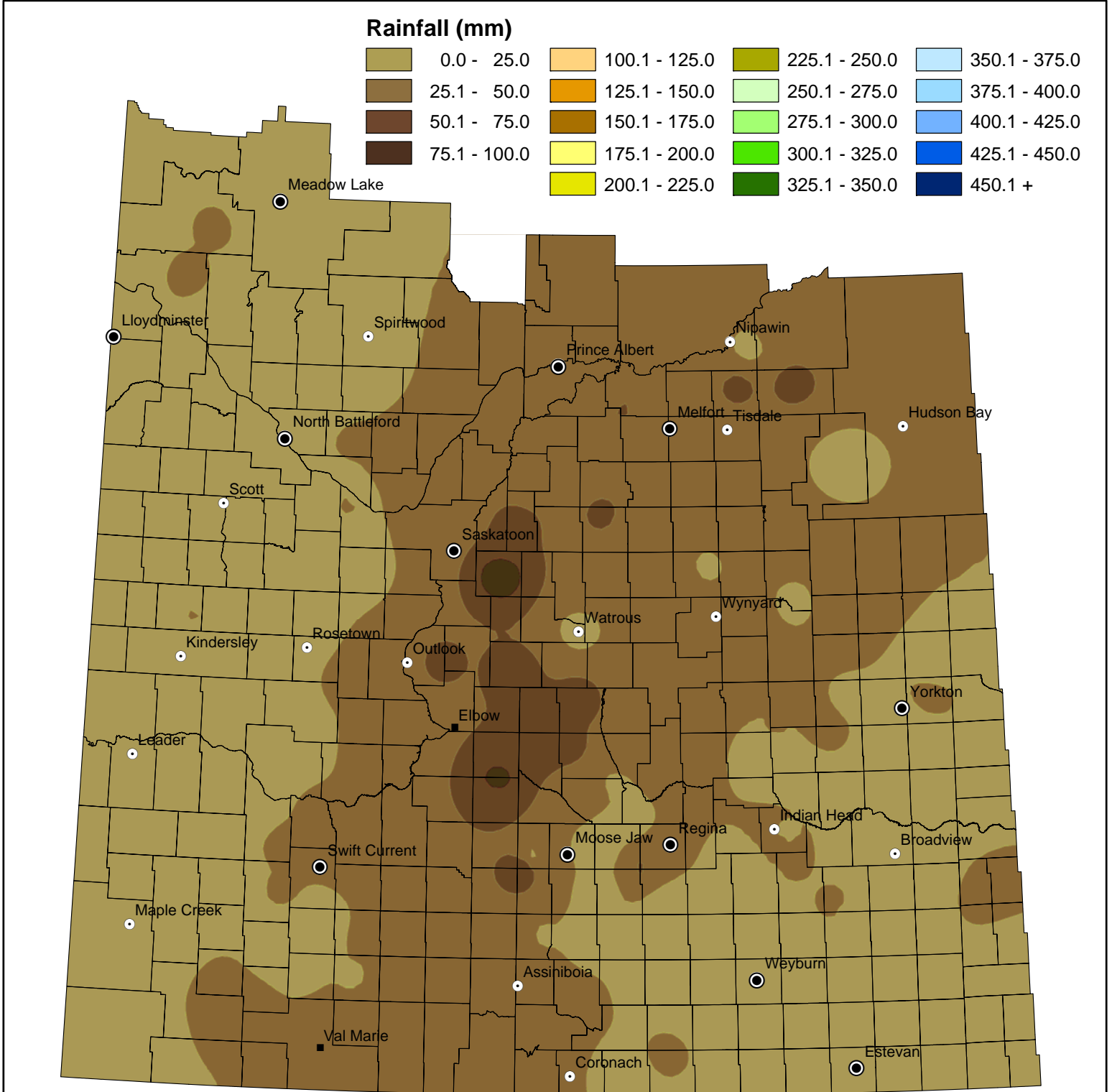
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	8	12	4A	49	White Valley	N/A	29	7A	287	St. Andrews	N/A	12	
	3	Enniskillen	6	9		51	Reno	NIL	16		288	Pleasant Valley	1	19	
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A		79	Arlington	8	37		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	7	
	34	Browning	N/A	5		109 A	Carmichael	15	24		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	3	
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	30		290 C	Kindersley	N/A	NIL	
	63	Moose Mountain	7	24		110	Piapot	NIL	1		292	Milton	N/A	8	
	64	Brock	2	8		4B	139	Gull Lake	9		10	317 A	Marriott	NIL	11
	65	Tecumseh	8	15			142	Enterprise	NIL		2	317 B	Marriott	NIL	24
	91	Maryfield	10	16			169	Pittville	N/A		N/A	318	Mountain View	NIL	15
	122	Martin	11	41			231	Happyland	NIL		2	320 A	Oakdale	NIL	26
1B	123	Silverwood	5	16	5A	183 B	Fertile Belt	6	14	7B	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	17	
	124	Kingsley	4	16		186	Abernethy	N/A	13		321	Prairiedale	NIL	17	
	125 A	Chester	12	31		211	Churchbridge	NIL	18		347	Biggar	NIL	16	
	125 B	Chester	4	16		213	Saltcoats	6	18		350 A	Mariposa	NIL	9	
	151 A	Rocanville	10	22		216	Tullymet	NIL	6		350 B	Mariposa	NIL	18	
	151 B	Rocanville	N/A	N/A		241	Calder	4	14		351	Progress	N/A	14	
	154	Elcapo	NIL	2		243	Wallace	11	13		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	13	
	155 A	Wolseley	5	16		244	Orkney	4	14		377	Glenside	NIL	24	
	155 B	Wolseley	N/A	N/A		245 A	Garry	1	23		378 B	Rosemount	NIL	15	
	2A	67	Weyburn	13		15	245 B	Garry	N/A		8	379	Reford	NIL	19
68		Brokenshell	1	10	245 C	Garry	NIL	31	381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A			
97		Wellington	1.5	9	246	Ituna Bon Accord	2	26	382	Eye Hill	NIL	3			
2B		127 A	Francis	7	24	247	Kellross	1	25	409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A		
		127 B	Francis	5	10	248	Touchwood	2.6	27	410	Round Valley	NIL	5		
		129	Bratt's Lake	2	10	271	Cote	10	23	8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	16	
		131 A	Baildon	NIL	14	273	Sliding Hills	3	14	397	Barrier Valley	N/A	30		
		131 B	Baildon	10	24	277	Emerald	2	34	428	Star City	N/A	28		
		156 A	Indian Head	7	19	5B	305	Invermay	NIL	38	456	Arborfield	18	55	
		156 B	Indian Head	22	53		307	Elfros	3	29	457	Connaught	6	53	
	157	South Qu'Appelle	N/A	NIL	308 A		Big Quill	4	33	486	Moose Range	6	41		
	160 A	Pense	NIL	7	308 B		Big Quill	N/A	22	487	Nipawin	2	18		
	161	Moose Jaw	2	51	331		Livingston	N/A	23	8B	369	St. Peter	8	34	
162	Caron	1	23	336	Sasman		NIL	20	370 A	Humboldt	NIL	40			
191	Marquis	N/A	35	337	Lakeview		1	27	370 B	Humboldt	NIL	55			
38 A	Laurier	NIL	14	338	Lakeside		NIL	21	371	Bayne	N/A	47			
38 B	Laurier	NIL	8	366	Kelvington		1	29	372	Grant	12.5	58			
39 A	The Gap	5	28	367	Ponass Lake		1	42	400	Three Lakes	9	49			
3ASE	10	Happy Valley	NIL	18	6A	190 A	Dufferin	4	19	402	Fish Creek	13	42		
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	46		190 B	Dufferin	7	35	429	Flett's Springs	4	29		
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A		190 C	Dufferin	2	11	459	Kinistino	10	53		
	40 B	Bengough	NIL	NIL		190 D	Dufferin	NIL	24	460	Birch Hills	14.8	27		
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	41		219 A	Longlaketon	6	30	9AE	488	Torch River	16	37	
	43	Old Post	NIL	35		219 B	Longlaketon	2	14	491	Buckland	N/A	N/A		
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A		220	Mckillop	8	28	520	Paddockwood	NIL	33		
	73 A	Stonehenge	5.1	42		221	Sarnia	2.2	55	521	Lakeland	NIL	33		
	73 B	Stonehenge	5	29		222	Craik	1	67	9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	19	
	3AN	101	Terrell	1		18	251	Big Arm	2.5	59	435	Redberry	NIL	37	
102		Lake Johnston	0.3	24	252	Arm River	6	64	436	Douglas	NIL	27			
103		Sutton	N/A	30	279	Mount Hope	6	36	463	Duck Lake	1	31			
132 A		Hillsborough	7	72	282	McCraney	2	60	467 A	Round Hill	NIL	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	15	15	9B	438	Battle River	NIL	21		
193 A		Eyebrow	6	65	313	Lost River	N/A	61	440	Hillsdale	0.5	11			
193 B		Eyebrow	NIL	83	339	Leroy	7.6	43	442	Manitou Lake	0.3	11			
224		Maple Bush	N/A	N/A	340	Wolverine	14	47	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	19			
3BS		17	Val Marie	N/A	30	341	Viscount	N/A	58	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	5		
	75 A	Pinto Creek	2	38	343 A	Blucher	11	91	499	Mervin	NIL	14			
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	28	343 B	Blucher	N/A	50	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	32			
	76	Auvergne	2	24	6B	254	Loreburn	N/A	N/A	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	16		
	77	Wise Creek	N/A	28		284	Rudy	NIL	55	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	9		
	78	Grassy Creek	7.5	44		285	Fertile Valley	10	39	502	Britannia	NIL	3		
	105	Glenbain	NIL	31		286	Milden	10	29	561	Loon Lake	1	27		
	106	Whiska Creek	2	26		314	Dundurn	4	58	588 A	Meadow Lake	4	9		
	107	Lac Pelletier	NIL	17		344	Corman Park	NIL	25	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A		
	108	Bone Creek	3	18		346	Perdue	NIL	13	588 C	Meadow Lake	5	20		
3BN	138 A	Webb	3	27		376	Eagle Creek	NIL	26	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A		
	138 B	Webb	4	12		403	Rosthern	NIL	26	622	Beaver River	N/A	14		
	166	Excelsior	NIL	27											
	167	Sask. Landing	12.6	31											
	168 A	Riverside	2	30											
	168 B	Riverside	2.5	10											
	226	Victory	2	38											
	228	Lacadena	1	8											
	257	Monet	NIL	3											

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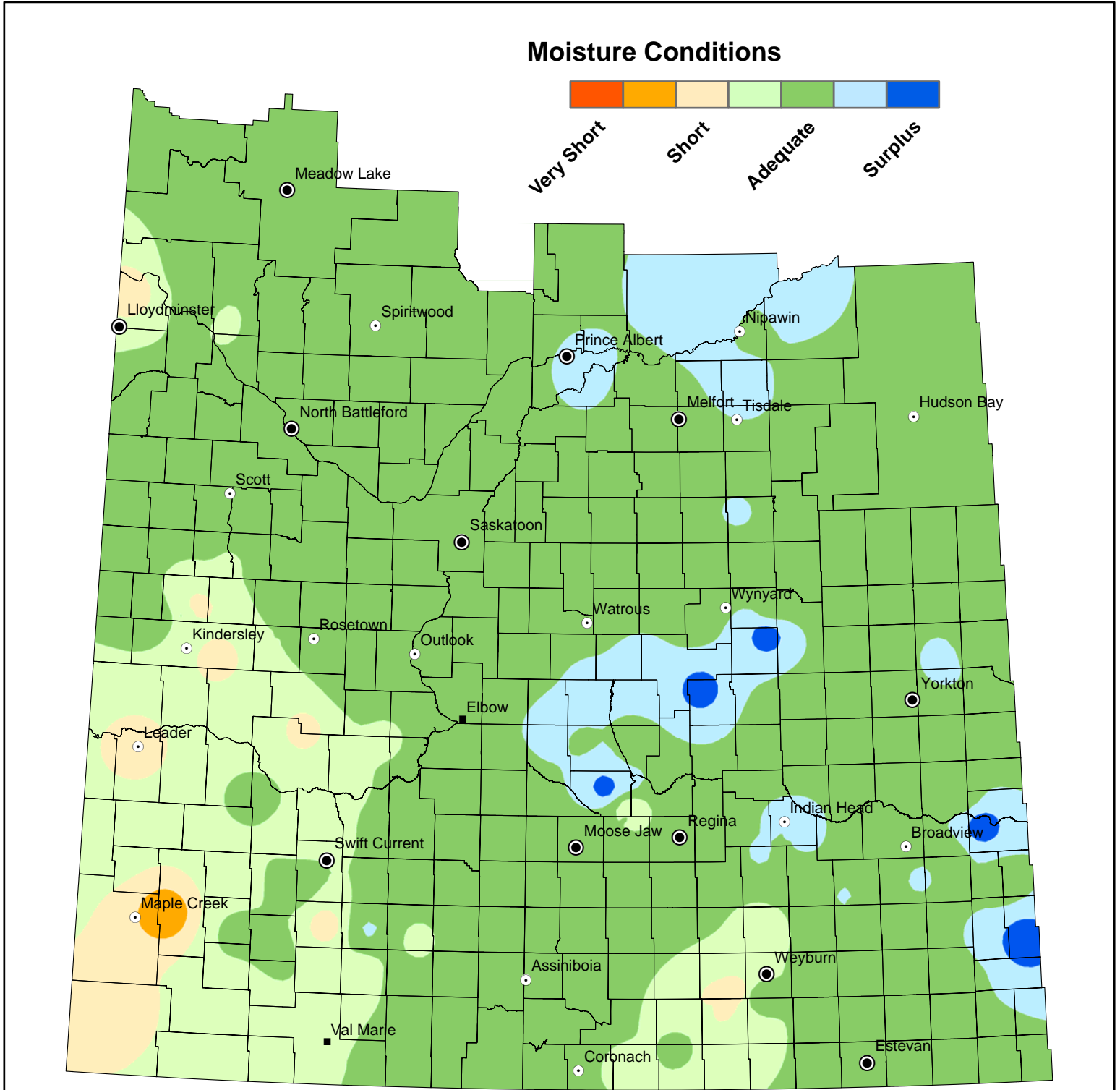
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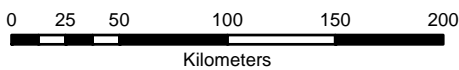
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 11, 2015



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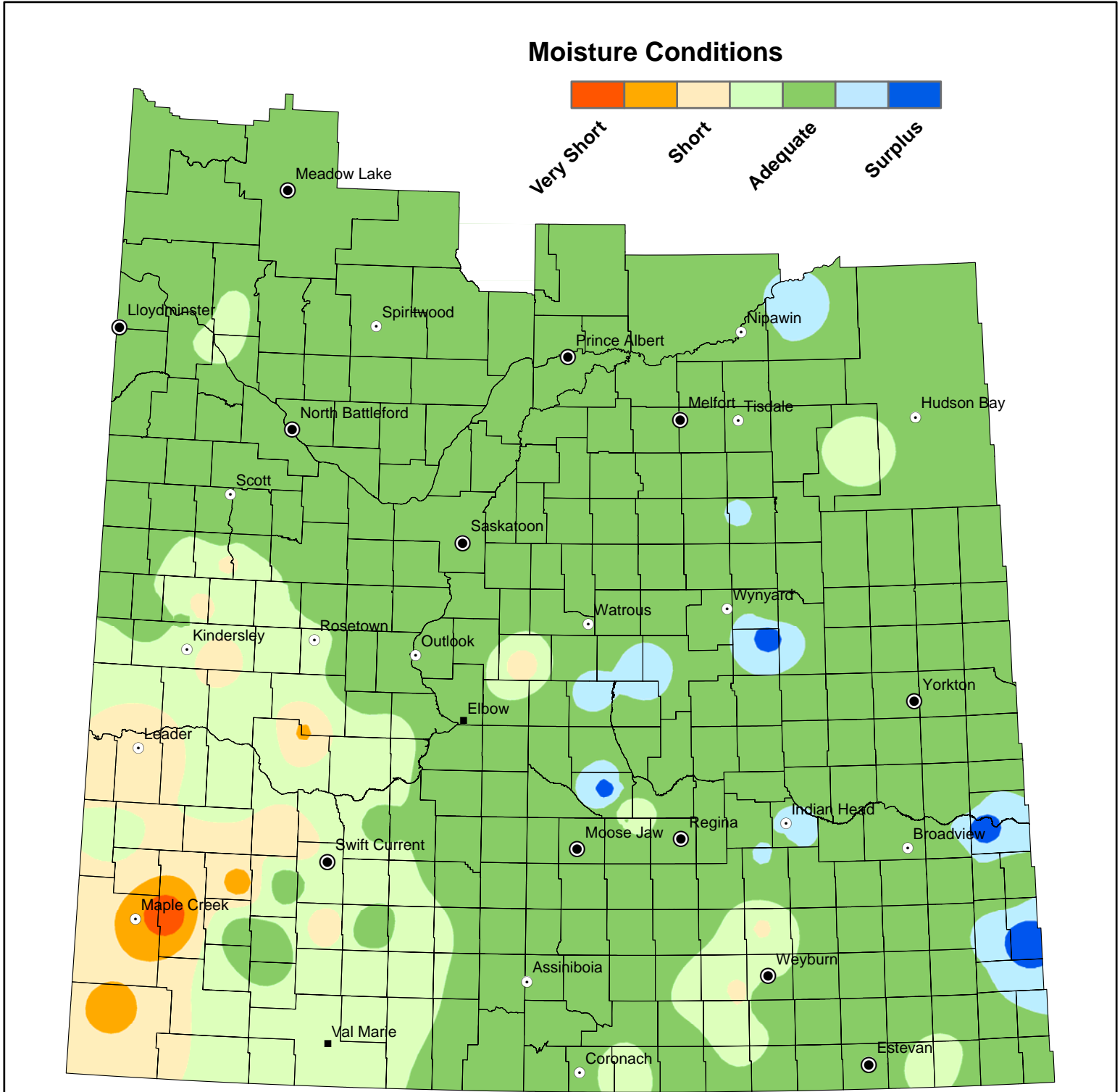


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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 11, 2015



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