

Crop Report

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For the Period August 25 to 31, 2015

Warm and relatively dry weather has allowed producers to make good progress on harvest. Twenty-nine per cent of the crop is now combined and an additional 30 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is 14 per cent combined and 26 per cent swathed or ready to straightcut.

Regionally, producers in the southwest are furthest advanced, having 51 per cent of the crop combined. Producers in the southeast have 45 per cent of the crop combined. Twenty per cent of the crop is combined in the west-central region; 13 per cent in the northwest; 11 per cent in the east-central region; and 10 per cent in the northeast.

Rainfall this past week ranged from nil to 22 mm in some southeastern areas. Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as three per cent surplus. 78 per cent adequate, 17 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as one per cent surplus, 67 per cent adequate, 27 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Pasture conditions across the province are rated as four

Harvest Progress in SK Per cent Combined All Crops								
Aug 31/15	29							
5 year avg. (2010-2014)	14							
Sept 1/14	7							
Sept 2/13	14							
Aug 27/12	21							
Aug 29/11	21							
Aug 30/10	8							
10 year avg. (2005-2014)	19							

per cent excellent, 43 per cent good, 36 per cent fair, 14 per cent poor and three per cent very poor. At this time, crop reporters are indicating that 11 per cent of the forage crops did not get cut or baled, mainly due to lack of growth. One year ago

Seven per cent of the 2014 crop had been combined with an additional 28 per cent swathed or ready to straight cut. Crop quality deteriorated as hail, wind and heavy rain lodged crops.

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Saskatchewan Harvest August 31, 2015								
% combin	ned							
Winter wheat	95							
Fall rye*	96							
Spring wheat	17							
Durum	36							
Oats**	11							
Barley	23							
Canaryseed	9							
Flax	3							
Canola	14							
Mustard	35							
Soybeans	16							
Lentils	72							
Peas	85							
Chickpeas	8							
*includes three pe	r cent							
'other'								
**includes two per	**includes two per cent 'other'							

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Localized hail and wind has damaged some crops and there are reports of bleaching, staining or sprouting of cereal and pulse crops in some areas. Crop reporters are indicating that yields and grades are average overall. Some winter cereals are being seeded as time allows.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations.

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)

Producers in the region have made significant progress with harvest, thanks to relatively warm and dry weather. Forty-five per cent of the crop is now combined, up from 27 per cent last week. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is 19 per cent combined.

The region received rainfall ranging from trace amounts to 22 mm in the Grenfell area. At 343 mm, the Grenfell area holds the regional record for the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as three per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 30 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 52 per cent adequate, 47 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Pasture conditions are rated as 26 per cent good, 45 per cent fair, 28 per cent poor and one per cent very poor. At this time, it is estimated that three per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled, mainly due to lack of growth.

Hail and localized flooding caused some crop damage this past week, while strong winds have blown swaths around. Some crops have lodged and there are reports of bleaching, staining and sprouting of some cereal crops. Harvest operations are difficult in some fields with varying crop stages and secondary plant growth. Winter cereals are being seeded as time permits. Overall, producers are indicating that yields and grades are average, although some fields are yielding higher than first expected.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations, hauling bales 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)

Scattered rain showers and high humidity have delayed harvest for some producers in the region. Fifty-one per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from 33 per cent last

week. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is 30 per cent combined.

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to 10 mm in the Limerick area. At 429 mm, the Mortlach area holds both the regional and provincial records for the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 65 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and six per cent very short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 49 per cent adequate, 36 per cent short and 15 per cent very short.

Pasture conditions are rated as five per cent excellent, 31 per cent good, 39 per cent fair, 18 per cent poor and seven per cent very poor. At this time, it is estimated that 24 per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled, mainly due to lack of growth.

Strong winds have blown swaths around and lodged some crops. Some lentil fields are shelling out and there are reports of staining and bleaching in cereal crops. Harvest has been difficult in some fields as many crops have not ripened evenly and there are new flushes of weeds emerging. Winter cereals are being seeded as time and soil moisture permits. Overall, producers are indicating that yields and grades are average, although there are many reports of high-quality grain and higher yields than were first expected.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations, moving cattle and hauling bales.

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)

Eleven per cent of the crop is now combined in the region, up from three per cent last week. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is eight per cent combined. Rain showers and high humidity are delaying combining in many areas, although swathing is in full swing.

Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 19 mm in the Esterhazy area. At 376 mm, the Meacham area holds the regional record for the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as eight per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate, two per cent short and one per cent very short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as four per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate, seven per cent short and one per cent very short.

Pasture conditions are rated as five per cent excellent, 66 per cent good, 27 per cent fair and two per cent poor. At this time, it is estimated that four per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled, mainly due to lack of growth.

Wind has blown swaths around and lodged some crops. Harvest has been difficult in some fields as many crops have not ripened evenly and there is much secondary

plant growth. There are some reports of high levels of green seed in harvested canola and some crops are being aerated. Overall, producers are indicating that yields and grades are average, although there are some reports of higher-than-expected yields.

Farmers are busy swathing, spraying weeds and combining.

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)

Producers in the region have more than doubled the number of harvested acres, thanks to relatively warm and dry weather. Twenty per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from eight per cent last week. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is nine per cent combined.

No rainfall was reported in the region this past week. At 303 mm, the Outlook area holds the regional record for the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as one per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and 16 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate, 19 per cent short and two per cent very short.

Pasture conditions are rated as four per cent excellent, 49 per cent good, 36 per cent fair, 10 per cent poor and one per cent very poor. At this time, it is estimated that 12 per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled, mainly due to lack of growth.

Strong winds have blown swaths around and shelled out some standing crops. Cereal crops are slow to ripen due to secondary growth and heavy weed infestations. There are reports of staining and sprouting of some crops that will likely downgrade quality. Overall, producers are indicating that yields and grades are average, although there are some crops that have yielded much less than estimated.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations 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)

Good progress was made this past week in the northeastern region. Ten per cent of the crop has been combined, up from two per cent last week. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is four per cent combined.

Rainfall in the region ranged from trace amounts to 3 mm in the Porcupine Plain area. At 402 mm, the Humboldt area holds the regional record for the greatest amount of

rainfall since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as nine per cent surplus, 87 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and six per cent short.

Pasture conditions are rated as eight per cent excellent, 72 per cent good, 17 per cent fair and three per cent poor. At this time, it is estimated that four per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled, mainly due to lack of growth.

Little crop damage was reported last week, although there are reports of chitting damage to some barley crops. Swathing is in full swing; however, high humidity is delaying combining in some areas of the region. Some crops are slow to ripen and many fields have varying crop stages, making harvest difficult. There are also flushes of weeds emerging and some secondary growth in cereal and canola fields. Overall, producers are indicating that yields and grades are average, although there are some crops that have yielded better than expected.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations and hauling bales and grain.

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 harvest progress was made this past week. Thirteen per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from three per cent last week. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is three per cent combined.

Very little rain fell this past week, helping harvest progress. The Barthel area received the most rain, 3 mm. At 274 mm, the Barthel area holds the regional record for the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as one per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 75 per cent adequate, 23 per cent short and two per cent very short.

Pasture conditions are rated as 41 per cent good, 41 per cent fair, 15 per cent poor and three per cent very poor. At this time, it is estimated that eight per cent of forage crops did not get cut or baled, mainly due to lack of growth.

Strong winds have lodged some crops and blown swaths around. The light frost of a few weeks ago has damaged some late-seeded canola, although damage is minimal in most cases. Harvest has been difficult in some areas as many crops have not ripened evenly and there are new flushes of weeds emerging. Overall, producers are indicating that yields and grades are average, although there have been reports of lower-than-expected pulse yields.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations and hauling bales.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress - August 31, 2015

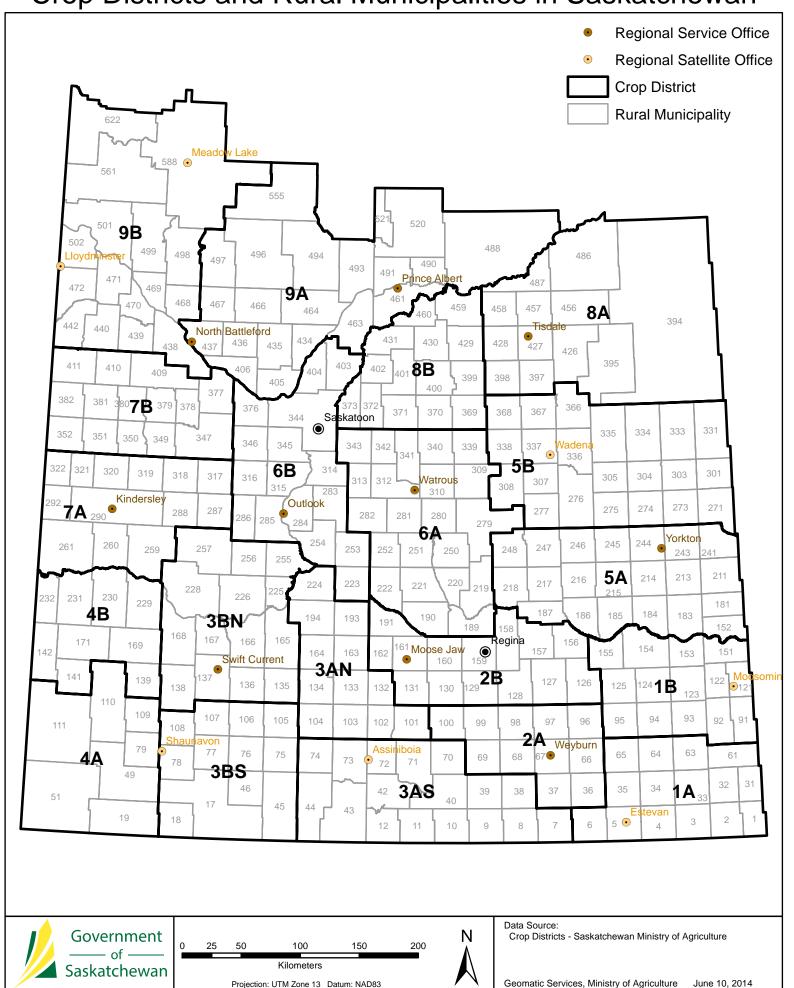
*Other - crop that will not be harvested due to weather, insect or disease damage or will be greenfeed

Winter Wheat	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight	% combined	
vviiitei vviieat	76 Standing	70 III SWatii	combine	76 COMBINED	
southeast	3	3	0	94	
southwest	0	0	0	100	
east central	0	0	4	96	
west central	0	2	8	90	
northeast	0	3	13	84	
northwest	60	20	15	5	
provincial	2	1	2	95	
Fall Rye	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	% other (greenfeed)
southeast	3	0	0	96	1
southwest	0	0	0	96	4
east central	5	0	0	95	0
west central	11	2	5	81	1
northeast	0	0	0	100	0
northwest	15	12	18	35	20
provincial	ovincial 2		1	93	3
Spring Wheat	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	35	13	14	38	
southwest	37	6	22	35	
east central	60	19	13	8	
west central	65	8	19	8	
northeast	48	15	27	10	
northwest	57	12	20	11	
provincial	52	13	18	17	
Durum	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	33	7	8	52	
southwest	36	3	20	41	
east central	62	21	13	4	
west central	87	2	10	1	
northeast	95	3	2	0	
northwest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
provincial	44	4	16	36	
Barley	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	30	11	14	45	
southwest	33	3	23	41	
east central	53	22	11	14	
west central	77	7	8	8	
northeast	42	20	9	29	
northwest	52	19	9	20	
provincial	50	15	12	23	

Oats	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	% other (greenfeed)
southeast	42	25	4	28	1
southwest	52	3	9	32	4
east central	73	18	5	4	0
west central	77	8	3	2	10
northeast	73	7	9	11	0
northwest	91	0	0	0	9
provincial	71	12	6	9	2
Canaryseed	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	60	0	16	24	
southwest	97	0	3	0	
east central	94	0	6	0	
west central	95	0	5	0	
northeast	90	4	1	5	
northwest	10	0	30	60	
provincial	82	1	8	9	
Flax	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	92	3	1	4	
southwest	85	1	9	5	
east central	100	0	0	0	
west central	98	2	0	0	
northeast	92	1	0	7	
northwest	100	0	0	0	
provincial	93	2	2	3	
Canola	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	13	43	0	44	
southwest	23	48	3	26	
east central	38	57	0	5	
west central	34	59	1	6	
northeast	45	53	1	1	
northwest	50	48	0	2	
provincial	34	51	1	14	
Mustard	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	28	5	0	67	
southwest	21	16	23	40	
east central	85	14	0	1	
west central	77	19	4	0	
northeast	100	0	0	0	
northwest	100	0	0	0	
provincial	34	15	16	35	

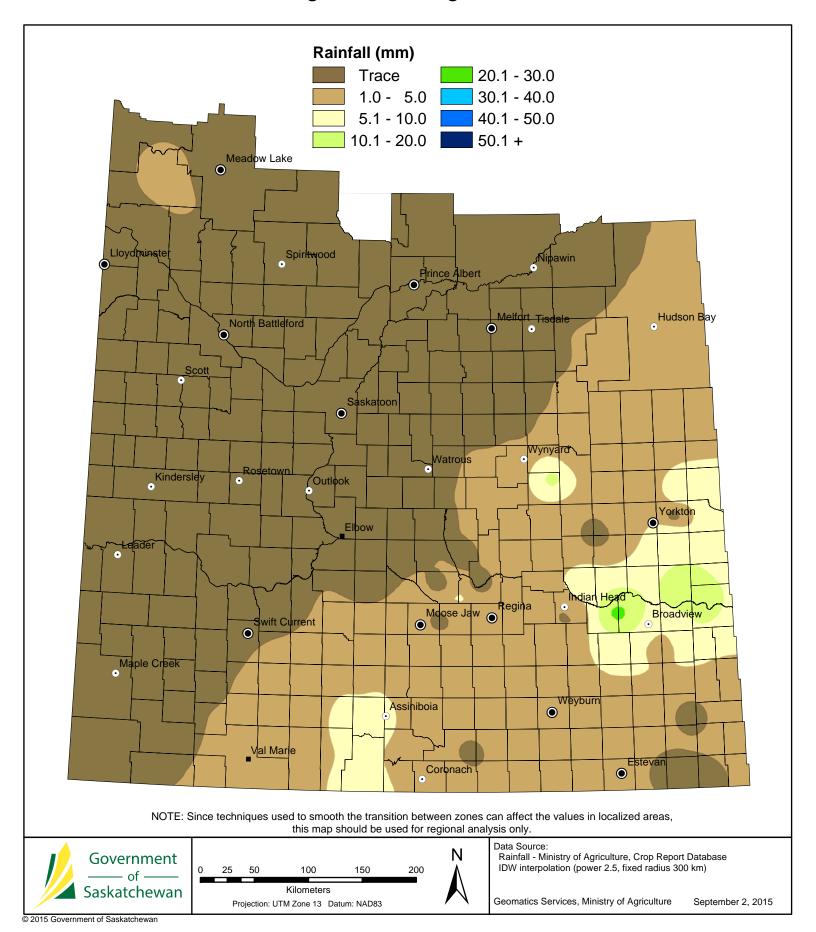
Soybeans	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	82	0	0	18	
southwest	100	0	0	0	
east central	99	0	1	0	
west central	100	0	0	0	
northeast	100	0	0	0	
northwest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
provincial	84	0	0	16	
Field Peas	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	3	0	1	96	
southwest	4	0	4	92	
east central	4	6	16	74	
west central	8	2	14	76	
northeast	7	0	14	79	
northwest	1	2	11	86	
provincial	4	1	10	85	
Lentils	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	6	0	10	84	
southwest	9	2	10	79	
east central	12	1	30	57	
west central	21	2	21	56	
northeast	40	10	12	38	
northwest	44	2	0	54	
provincial	12	2	14	72	
Chickpeas	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	0	0	0	100	
southwest	98	0	0	2	
east central	0	10	0	90	
west central	88	0	12	0	
northeast	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
northwest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
provincial	92	0		8	

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from August 25 to August 31, 2015



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

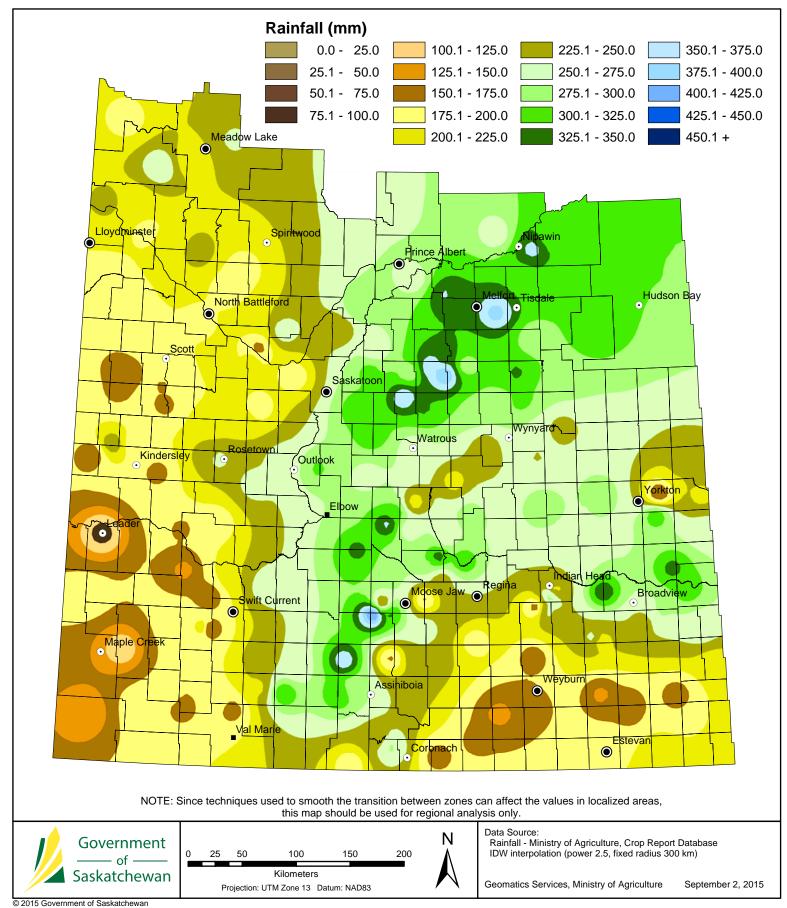
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Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	242	4A	49	White Valley	NIL	194.0	7A	287	St. Andrews	NIL	257
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	210		51	Reno	NIL	130.9		288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	232
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	192		79	Arlington	NIL	182		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	167.1
	34	Browning	N/A	171		109 A	Carmichael	N/A	135		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	155.0
	61	Antler	N/A	174		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	49		290 C	Kindersley	N/A	75
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	165.2		110	Piapot	NIL	107		292	Milton	N/A	160
	64	Brock	1	164		111	Maple Creek	N/A	98.0		317 A	Marriott	N/A	111
	65	Tecumseh	4	144.5	4B	139	Gull Lake	N/A	180		317 B	Marriott	NIL	219
1B	91	Maryfield	2	204		142	Enterprise	NIL	188.4		318	Mountain View	NIL	212
10	122	Martin	5	266		169	Pittville	N/A	111		320 A	Oakdale	NIL	198.5
	123	Silverwood	6	277		231		N/A	91		320 A	Oakdale	NIL	182
							Happyland							
	124	Kingsley	2	243		183	Fertile Belt	19	332	70	321	Prairiedale	NIL	244.5
	125 A	Chester	5	259	5A	186	Abernethy	9	251	7B	347	Biggar	NIL	201
	125 B	Chester	5	208		211	Churchbridge	7	260		350 A	Mariposa	NIL	174
	151 A	Rocanville	12	318		213	Saltcoats	10	316		350 B	Mariposa	NIL	168
	151 A	Wolseley	10	166		216	Tullymet	N/A	117		351	Progress	NIL	166
	154	Elcapo	22	343		241	Calder	7	221		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	198
	155 A	Wolseley	N/A	159		243	Wallace	NIL	153		377	Glenside	NIL	199.5
2A	67	Weyburn	5	162		244	Orkney	7	190		378 B	Rosemount	NIL	212
	68	Brokenshell	4	158		245 A	Garry	2	291		379	Reford	NIL	181
	97	Wellington	3.5	253		245 B	Garry	NIL	273		381	Grass Lake	NIL	154.5
2B		Francis	5	172.4		245 C	Garry	NIL	276		382	Eye Hill	NIL	127.2
	127 B	Francis	5	184.5		246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	275		409	Buffalo	N/A	62
	129	Bratt's Lake	3	261		247	Kellross	2	292		410	Round Valley	NIL	194.6
	131 A	Baildon	N/A	247		248	Touchwood	N/A	251.0	8A	395	Porcupine	3	320
	131 B	Baildon	2.5	217		271	Cote	7	226	-/.	397	Barrier Valley	NIL	283.8
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	286		273	Sliding Hills	6	204		428	Star City	1	384
	156 B	Indian Head	NIL	172		277	Emerald	11	249		456	Arborfield	NIL	314
		Pense	2	229	5B	305		3					N/A	312.0
	160 A				SD		Invermay	5	254.5		457	Connaught		
	161	Moose Jaw	N/A	222.2		307	Elfros		256		486	Moose Range	NIL	310
	162	Caron	1	283		308 A	Big Quill	3	236		487	Nipawin	NIL	358
	191	Marquis	4	144.9		308 B	Big Quill	N/A	229.5	8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	287
3ASE		Laurier	4	141		331	Livingston	3	150		370 A	Humboldt	NIL	402
	38 B	Laurier	N/A	168		336	Sasman	2	235		370 B	Humboldt	NIL	375
	39 A	The Gap	3	166		337	Lakeview	N/A	308		371	Bayne	N/A	284
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	4	277		338	Lakeside	NIL	293		372	Grant	N/A	307.3
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	N/A		366	Kelvington	2	295		400	Three Lakes	NIL	338
	40 A	Bengough	NIL	258		367	Ponass Lake	NIL	328		402	Fish Creek	NIL	251
	40 B	Bengough	5	234	6A	190 A	Dufferin	2	337		429	Flett's Springs	NIL	331
	42	Willow Bunch	8	185.5		190 B	Dufferin	NIL	299		459	Kinistino	NIL	354
	43	Old Post	N/A	25.38		190 C	Dufferin	1	234		460	Birch Hills	NIL	260.1
	70	Key West	10	327.1		190 D	Dufferin	8	179	9AE	488	Torch River	NIL	260
		Stonehenge	7.5	281.5		219 A	Longlaketon	1	290		520	Paddockwood	N/A	269
	73 B	Stonehenge	4	249		219 B	Longlaketon	NIL	321		521	Lakeland	N/A	269
3AN	101	Terrell	4.1	171.6		220	Mckillop	NIL	257	9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	163
0,	102	Lake Johnston	3	368		221	Sarnia	0.8	259.2	0,	435	Redberry	N/A	268
	102	Sutton	4	428.5		222	Craik	NIL	355.5		436	Douglas	NIL	220
		Hillsborough	5	328		251		NIL	211.8		463	Duck Lake	N/A	298.5
		•					Big Arm							
		Hillsborough	N/A	31.5		252	Arm River	NIL	312		467 A	Round Hill	NIL	180
	134	Shamrock	NIL	321		279	Mount Hope	1	210.5	0.5	467 B	Round Hill	NIL	187
		Eyebrow	NIL	334		282	McCraney	NIL	267	9B	438	Battle River	NIL	194
		Eyebrow	N/A	165.0		312	Morris	NIL	258		440	Hillsdale	NIL	188
3BS	17	Val Marie	3	322		313	Lost River	N/A	321		442	Manitou Lake	NIL	175.9
		Pinto Creek	N/A	43		339	Leroy	NIL	288.3		498 A	Parkdale	NIL	237.1
	75 B	Pinto Creek	2	220		340	Wolverine	NIL	326		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	204
	76	Auvergne	3	186		341	Viscount	NIL	376		499 A	Mervin	NIL	207.0
	77	Wise Creek	N/A	163.5		343 A	Blucher	NIL	323.2		499 B	Mervin	N/A	61.9
	78	Grassy Creek	1	256		343 B	Blucher	N/A	135		501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	210
	105	Glenbain	2	242	6B	223	Huron	NIL	258		501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	191
	106	Whiska Creek	N/A	113		284	Rudy	NIL	303		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	230
	107	Lac Pelletier	NIL	177		285	Fertile Valley	NIL	261		502	Britannia	NIL	135.5
	108	Bone Creek	NIL	229.5		286	Milden	NIL	261		561	Loon Lake	3	274
3BN		Webb	N/A	135.5		314	Dundurn	NIL	259		588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	252
JUIN		Webb	NIL	274		344	Corman Park	NIL	180		588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	166			224.4		346	Perdue				588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	208
		Excelsion	NIL					N/A	181					
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	158		376	Eagle Creek	NIL	210		622	Beaver River	N/A	193.5
		Riverside	NIL	143.2		403	Rosthern	NIL	227					
		Riverside	N/A	181										
	226	Victory	NIL	172										
	228	Lacadena	NIL	180										
	257	Monet												
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These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

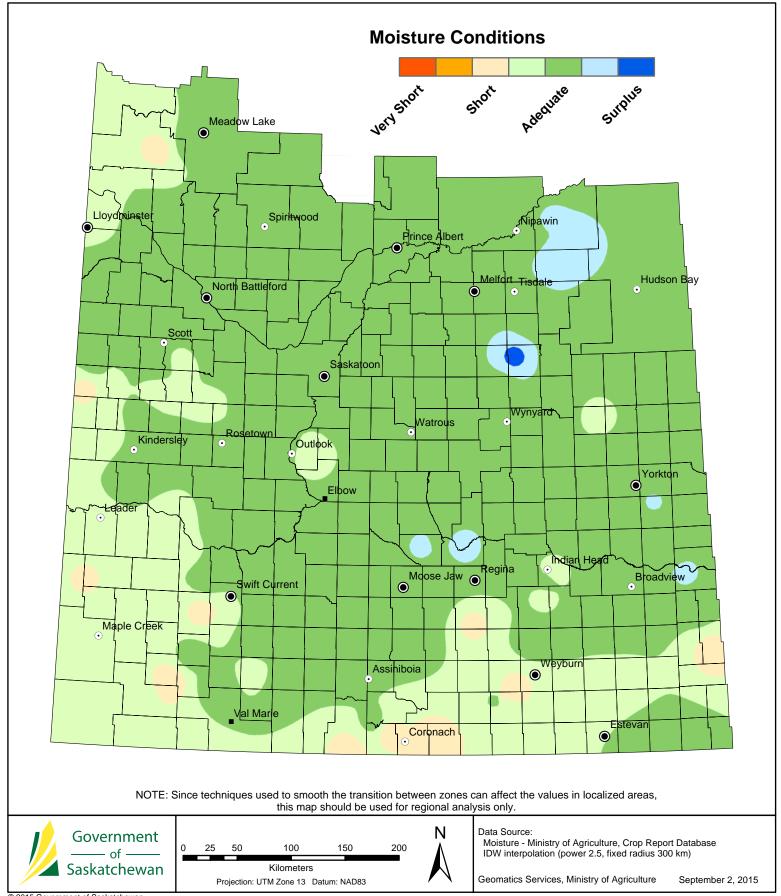
Cumulative Rainfall

from April 1 to August 31, 2015



Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

August 31, 2015



Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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