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# Crop Report 

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## 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 <br> August 31, 2015 <br> \% combined |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| 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 |  |
| *includes three per cent <br> 'other' <br> **includes two per cent 'other' |  | **includes two per cent 'other'


| Harvest Progress in SK <br> Per cent Combined <br> All Crops |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Aug 31/15 | $\mathbf{2 9}$ |
| 5 year avg. <br> $(2010-2014)$ | 14 |
| Sept 1/14 | 7 |
| Sept 2/13 | 14 |
| Aug 27/12 | 21 |
| Aug 29/11 | 21 |
| Aug 30/10 | 8 |
| 10 year avg. <br> $(2005-2014)$ | 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.

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

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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-thanexpected 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 (20102014) 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 combine | \% 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 | 2 | 1 | 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 | 0 | 8 |  |

## Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



## Weekly Rainfall from August 25 to August 31, 2015



Weekly Rainfall Summary


## Cumulative Rainfall

## from April 1 to August 31, 2015



## Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

## August 31, 2015



## Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

August 31, 2015


