

For the Period May 8 to 14, 2018

Thanks to good seeding conditions, Saskatchewan producers made up the time lost in previous weeks. Thirty-five per cent of the crop is now in the ground, just ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 32 per cent for this time of year. Crops are starting to emerge.

Seeding is furthest advanced in the southeast, where 49 per cent of the crop is in the ground. Forty-five per cent is seeded in the southwest, 28 per cent in the northeast, 26 per cent in the west-central region and 24 per cent in the east-central and northwestern regions.

Rain showers were reported throughout the province, particularly in the southwestern and west-central regions. The Gull Lake area received 18 mm of rain, the most in the province. There have been multiple reports of grass and stubble fires due to the dry conditions and rain would be welcomed to help alleviate dry field conditions and concerns.

Most areas need rain to help alleviate dry field conditions.

Thirty-three per cent of the spring wheat, 26 per cent of the canola, 57 per cent of the lentils and 63 per cent of the field peas have been seeded to date. Little rain, warm temperatures and strong and warm winds have caused topsoil moisture conditions to decline. Hay and pasture growth is slow due to little rainfall. Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 57 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 40 per cent adequate, 43 per cent short and 17 per cent very short.

Producers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and moving cattle.

SaskPower reports 46 cases of farm machinery contacting electrical equipment in the last week, bringing the total for May to 73. Most farm-related incidents happen during seeding. SaskPower reminds producers to be aware of their surroundings at all times and to plan ahead. More safety information is available at www.saskpower.com/safety.

One year ago

Thirty per cent of the crop was seeded.
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Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded All Crops	
May 14, 2018	35
May 15, 2017	30
May 16, 2016	51
May 18, 2015	64
May 11, 2014	7
May 13, 2013	8
5 year avg. (2013-2017)	32
10 year avg. (2008-2017)	37

Per cent seeded all crops May 14, 2018	
Spring wheat	33
Durum	39
Barley	23
Oats	15
Canary seed	26
Flax	14
Canola	26
Mustard	39
Soybeans	36
Lentils	57
Field peas	63
Chickpeas	54

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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, Minton and Lake Alma areas

Producers in the southeastern region have made good seeding progress this week and 49 per cent of the crop now in the ground. This is ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 39 per cent for this time of year. Fifty-two per cent of the wheat, 58 per cent of the durum, 39 per cent of the canola, 41 per cent of the soybeans and 76 per cent of the lentils have been seeded to date.

Although some areas received small amounts of rain, moisture is still needed to help replenish the topsoil.

The Ceylon area received the most rain in the region – 8 mm. Most other areas received between 0 and 5 mm of rain. The Moose Jaw, Regina and Ceylon areas have received the most precipitation (19 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have deteriorated over the past week, thanks to strong and warm winds. Rain will be needed in the coming weeks to help with crop germination and establishment. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 29 per cent adequate, 51 per cent short and 20 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 13 per cent adequate, 57 per cent short and 30 per cent very short. Hay and pasture is slow to grow and moisture is needed to help establish a hay crop. Crops are starting to emerge. Germination is uneven in some areas.

Farmers are busy seeding, moving cattle and controlling weeds, if necessary.

Southeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% seeded (May 14, 2018)
1A	37
1B	44
2A	71
2B	46
3ASE	65
Region average	49

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

Forty-five per cent of the crop is now in the ground, just slightly behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 50 per cent for this time of year. Thirty-one per cent of the wheat, 34 per cent of the durum, 60 per cent of the canola and lentils, 62 per cent of the field peas and 51 per cent of the chickpeas are in the ground.

Rain showers were reported throughout most of the region. The Gull Lake area received 18 mm, the Limerick area 7 mm, the Hazenmore area 12 mm, the Swift Current area 14 mm and the Leader area 6

Southwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 14, 2018)
3ASW	47
3AN	40
3BS	43
3BN	43
4A	42
4B	55
Region average	45

mm. The Rockglen area has received the most precipitation (45 mm) in both the region and the province since April 1.

Crops are emerging in good condition. While most producers have indicated that moisture has been adequate for seeding, rain will be needed in the coming weeks to help with crop establishment. Pastures and hay land are greening up, although growth is slow due to a late spring and lack of moisture. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 57 per cent adequate, 31 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 43 per cent adequate, 38 per cent short and 19 per cent very short.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, branding and controlling weeds.

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 operations are well underway in the region. Twenty-four per cent of the crop is in the ground, slightly ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 19 per cent for this time of year. Thirty per cent of the wheat, 23 per cent of the barley, 19 per cent of the canola, 64 per cent of the lentils and 61 per cent of the peas have been seeded. Early seeded crops have emerged in good condition.

East-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 14, 2018)
5A	26
5B	15
6A	31
Region average	24

The majority of the region did not receive any rainfall last week. The Kenaston area received 3 mm and the Bulyea and Humboldt areas reported 2 mm. The Craik area has received the most precipitation (25 mm) in the region since April 1.

Producers have indicated that topsoil is drying out quickly and rain will be needed in the coming weeks for crops to germinate and emerge properly. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 56 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and five per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 33 per cent adequate, 52 per cent short and 15 per cent very short. Pastures are greening up, but are slow to grow due to the late spring.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, controlling weeds and fixing fences.

West-Central Saskatchewan:

- Crop District 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas
- Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major
- Crop District 7B – Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas

A few minor rain showers resulted in small delays in seeding over the past week, but many farmers were happy to see some moisture. Twenty-six per cent of the crop is in the ground in the region. The five-year (2013-2017) seeding average for this time of year is 30 per cent. Twenty per cent of the wheat, 31 per cent of the durum, 60 per cent of the peas and 26 per cent of the canola and lentils have been seeded to date.

West-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 14, 2018)
6B	21
7A	21
7B	29
Region average	26

Many areas in the region reported receiving more than 10 mm of rain for the week. The Macklin area reported 17 mm, the Conquest and Langham areas 15 mm, the Harris area 10 mm, the Cando area 8 mm and the Kindersley area 6 mm. The Conquest area has received the most precipitation (28 mm) in the region since April 1.

Pastures have been slow to green up; however, the recent moisture will help alleviate the situation. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 74 per cent adequate and 26 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 51 per cent adequate, 44 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, working fields 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

Producers in the region made good seeding progress last week, thanks to warm weather. Twenty-eight per cent of the crop is now in the ground, ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 15 per cent for this time of year. Forty-five per cent of the wheat, 24 per cent of the oats, 20 per cent of the barley and 18 per cent of the canola have been seeded. Recent winds have dried up many wet fields and seeding conditions are good. Due to the dry spring, some producers are able to farm areas in fields that have been inaccessible in the last few years.

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 14, 2018)
8A	37
8B	21
9AE	32
Region average	28

Little to no rainfall was reported in the region last week. The Nipawin area has received the most precipitation (27 mm) in the region since April 1.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 71 per cent adequate and 29 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 62 per cent adequate and 38 per cent short.

Pastures and hay land remain slow to green up, but the warmer weather has helped with growth. Some cattle producers continue to supplement their animals' feed.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields and calving.

Northwestern Saskatchewan:

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

Seeding operations are in full swing in the region, and 24 per cent of the crop is in the ground, just behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 28 per cent for this time of year. Twenty-five per cent of the wheat, 22 per cent of the barley, 15 per cent of the canola and 61 per cent of the peas have been seeded.

Northwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 14, 2018)
9AW	16
9B	30
Region average	24

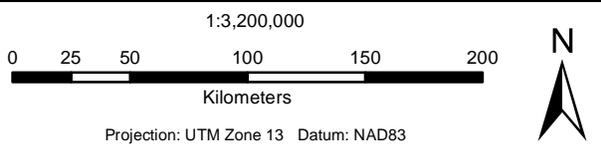
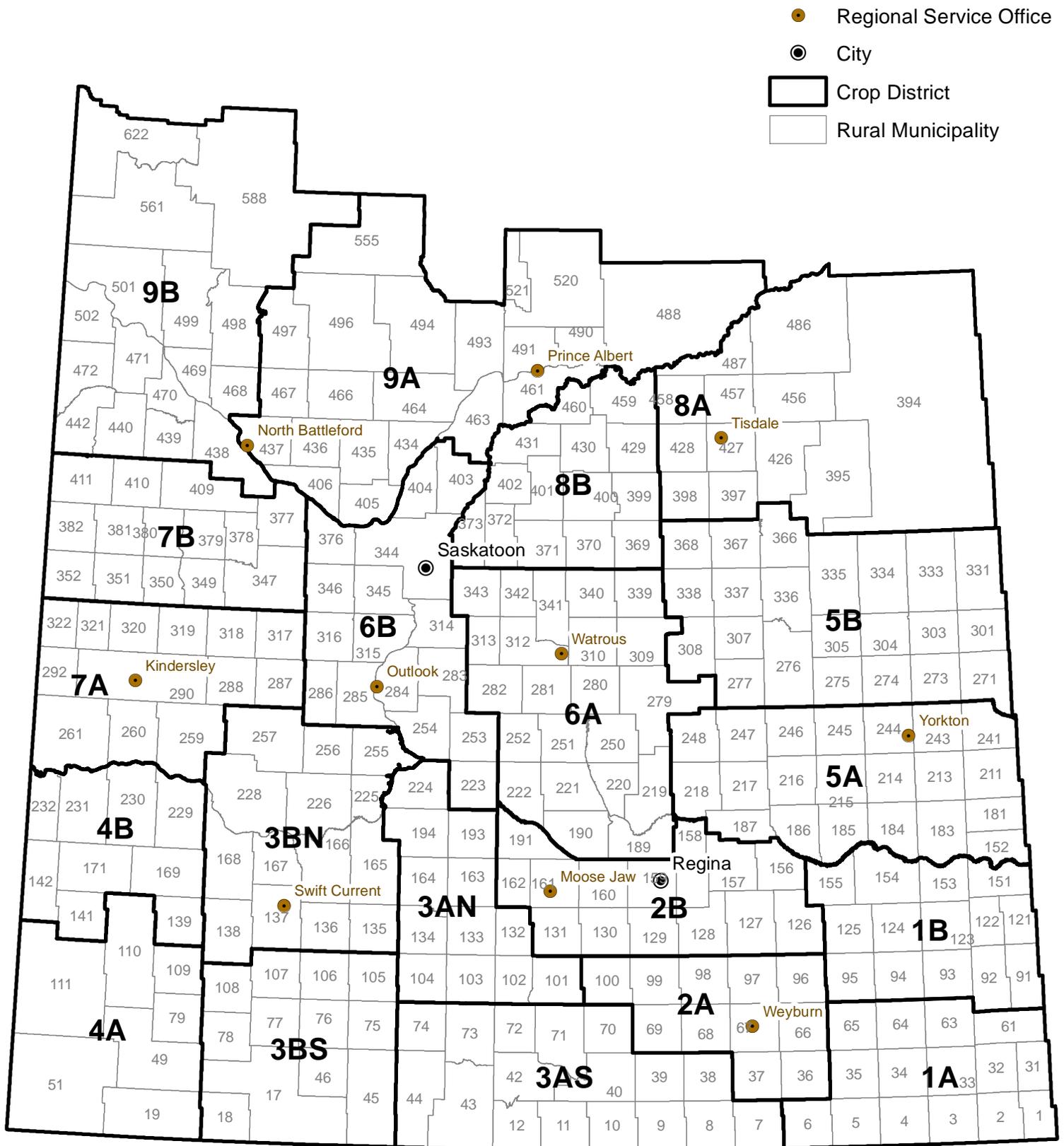
Rain in the region ranged from nil to 15 mm (North Battleford area). The Speers area recorded 6 mm, the Neilburg area 9 mm and the Radisson area 5 mm. The North Battleford area has received the most precipitation (35 mm) in the region since April 1.

The majority of fields have adequate topsoil moisture, although some areas still remain short. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 76 per cent adequate, 22 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 68 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and seven per cent very short.

Many producers did not make a pre-seeding weed-control application due to slow weed growth. Weed control will be achieved through a pre-emergent or in-crop application. Pastures are starting to green up, although many producers are still feeding and waiting for better growing conditions for pastures.

Farmers are busy seeding and working fields.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan

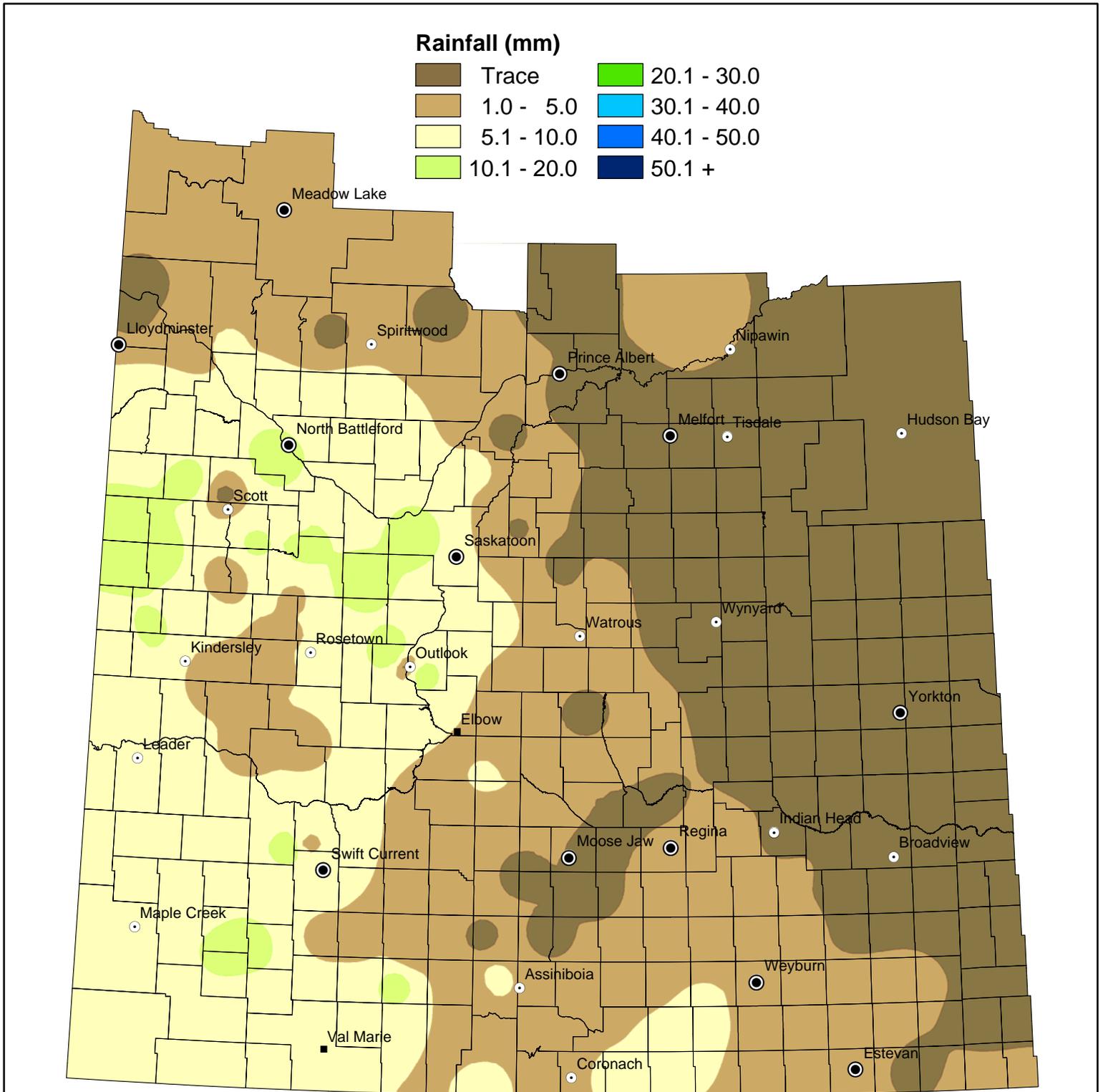


Data Source:
Crop Districts - Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture April 9, 2018

Weekly Rainfall

from May 8 to May 14, 2018



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

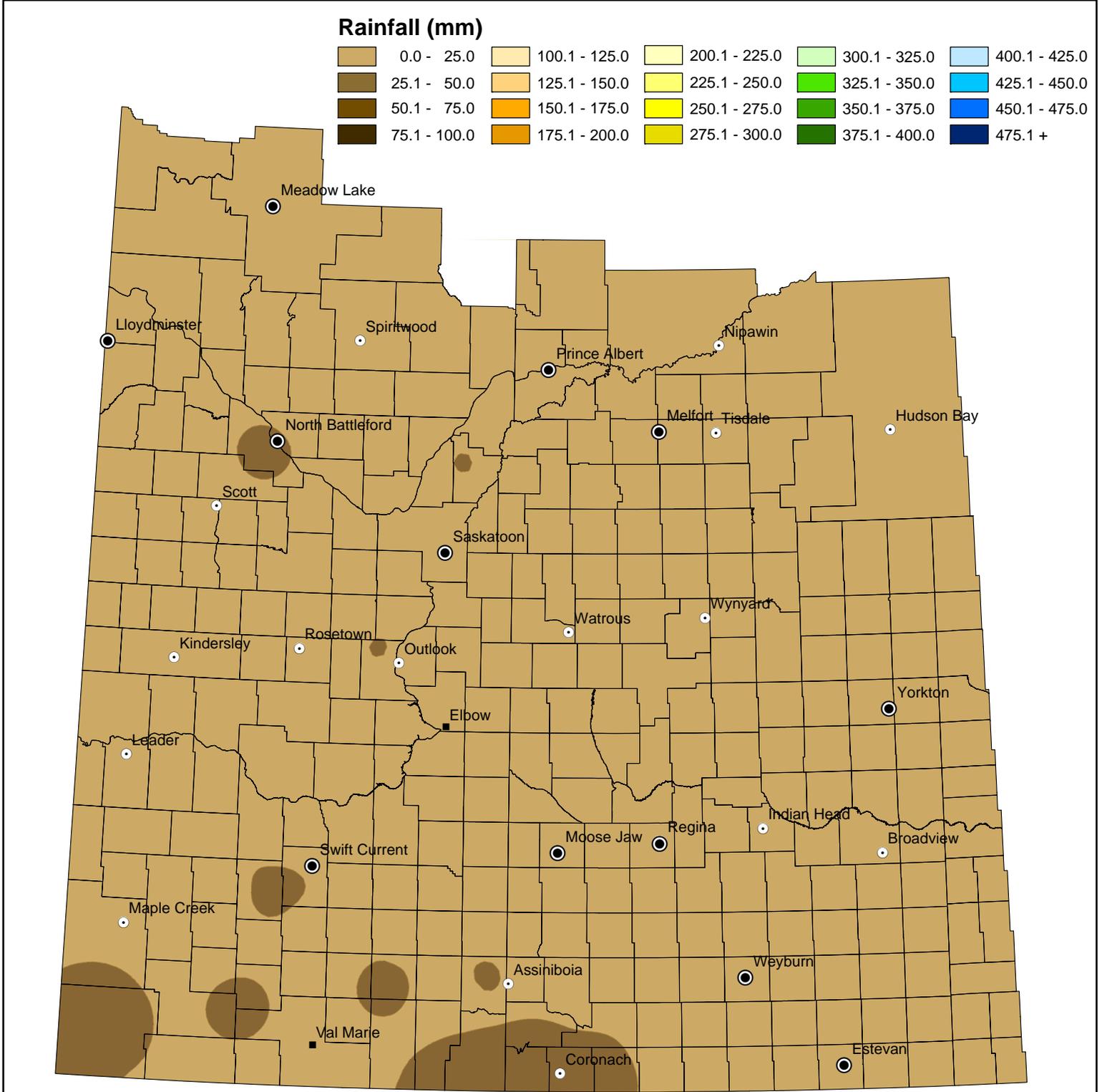
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Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	3	8	4A	49	White Valley	0	0	7A	287	St. Andrews	6	6
	3	Enniskillen	0	4		51	Reno	5	29		288	Pleasant Valley	1	6
	31	Storthoaks	0	0		79 A	Arlington	9	24		290 A	Kindersley	2	14.5
	32	Reciprocity	0	8		79 B	Arlington	10	14		290 B	Kindersley	5	5
	33	Moose Creek	0	0		109	Carmichael	18	18		292	Milton	7	11
	34	Browning	0	0		110	Piapot	10	23		317	Marriott	10	23
	61	Antler	0	4		111	Maple Creek	0	0		318	Mountain View	4	15
	64	Brock	4	6	4B	139 A	Gull Lake	5	18		320 A	Oakdale	6.5	21.5
	65	Tecumseh	0	0		139 B	Gull Lake	5	16		320 B	Oakdale	0	6
1B	91	Maryfield	0	6		169	Pittville	0	0		321	Prairiedale	12	14
	94	Hazelwood	2.5	4.5		231	Happyland	6	6	7B	347	Biggar	14	21
	96	Fillmore	0	0	5A	152	Spy Hill	0	6		350 A	Mariposa	0	0
	122	Martin	0	7		183	Fertile Belt	0	8.5		350 B	Mariposa	2	14
	123	Silverwood	1	8		211 A	Churchbridge	0	13		351	Progress	13	24
	124	Kingsley	0	5.5		211 B	Churchbridge	0	2		352	Heart's Hill	0	5
	125 A	Chester	0	14		213	Saltcoats	0	6		377	Glenside	8	21
	125 B	Chester	0	11		216	Tullymet	0	17.3		378	Rosemount	8	13
	151	Rocanville	0	12		217	Lipton	0	11		379	Reford	11	22
	154 A	Eicapo	0	12		241	Calder	0	3		381	Grass Lake	0	0
	154 B	Eicapo	TR	3		243	Wallace	0	2		382	Eye Hill	17.5	22.5
	155	Wolseley	0	5		244	Orkney	0	1		409 A	Buffalo	0	0
2A	67	Weyburn	3	5		245 A	Garry	0	10		409 B	Buffalo	0	18
	68	Brokenshell	5	10		245 B	Garry	0	2		410	Round Valley	12.5	17.5
	96	Fillmore	2	2		245 C	Garry	0	8	8A	395	Porcupine	0	9
	97	Wellington	0	7		246 A	Ituna Bon Accord	0	16		397	Barrier Valley	0	12.2
2B	127 A	Francis	2.5	14		246 B	Ituna Bon Accord	0	9.1		426	Bjorkdale	0	15
	127 B	Francis	2.5	15		247	Kellross	0	5		427	Tisdale	0	3.5
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	8		248	Touchwood	0	6		428	Star City	0	9
	131	Baldon	TR	8	5B	271	Cote	0	0		456	Arborfield	TR	15
	156 A	Indian Head	1	9		273	Sliding Hills	0	0		457	Connaught	0	8
	156 B	Indian Head	0	2		277	Emerald	0	4		486	Moose Range	0	10
	159	Sherwood	3	19		305	Invermay	0	0		487	Nipawin	0	27
	160 A	Pense	0	1		307	Elfros	0	4	8B	369	St. Peter	0	9
	160 B	Pense	0	4		308 A	Big Quill	0	0		370 A	Humboldt	0	7
	161	Moose Jaw	1	19		308 B	Big Quill	0	4		370 B	Humboldt	0	10
	162	Caron	1	6		331	Livingston	2	2		371	Bayne	0	11
	191	Marquis	0	3		336	Sasman	0	1		372	Grant	1	10
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	7	10		337	Lakeview	0	0		400	Three Lakes	0	10
	38 B	Laurier	5	11		338	Lakeside	0	0		429 A	Flett's Springs	0	6
	39	The Gap	8	19		366	Kelvington	0	6		429 B	Flett's Springs	0	12
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	6	36		367	Ponass Lake	0	7		459	Kinistino	0	12
	12	Poplar Valley	1	33	6A	190 A	Dufferin	1	5		460	Birch Hills	0	4.1
	43	Old Post	6	45		190 B	Dufferin	1	4.5	9AE	488	Torch River	2	4
	73 A	Stonehenge	2.5	19		190 C	Dufferin	0	5		520	Paddockwood	0	17
	73 B	Stonehenge	7	30		190 D	Dufferin	TR	1		521	Lakeland	0	15
	74	Wood River	2.5	19		219 A	Longlaketon	0	2.5	9AW	406 A	Mayfield	5	11
3AN	102	Lake Johnston	0	10.1		219 B	Longlaketon	TR	1		406 B	Mayfield	0	12
	103	Sutton	0	14		220	McKillop	2	2		435	Redberry	0	24
	132 A	Hillsborough	0	11		221	Sarnia	1	8.5		436	Douglas	8	16
	132 B	Hillsborough	1	16		222	Craik	2	25		463	Duck Lake	0	8
	193	Eyebrow	1	14		251	Big Arm	0	0		466	Meeting Lake	7	16
	17	Vai Marie	0	8		252	Arm River	1	14		467 A	Round Hill	6.5	20
3BS	18	Lone Tree	0	5		279	Mount Hope	0	0.8		467 B	Round Hill	6	17
	75	Pinto Creek	12	30		282	McCraney	9	8.3		494	Canwood	0	3
	76	Auvergne	0	17		312	Morris	0	12.5		497	Medstead	0	0
	77	Wise Creek	0	27		313	Lost River	0	2	9B	438	Battle River	15	35
	78	Grassy Creek	6	28		339	Leroy	TR	10.2		440	Hillsdale	7	14.5
	105	Glenbain	1	22		340	Wolverine	2	8		442	Manitou Lake	9	14
	106	Whiska Creek	4	21		341	Viscount	TR	16		498 A	Parkdale	0	3
	107	Lac Pelletier	4	7		343	Blucher	0	6		498 B	Parkdale	0	4
	108	Bone Creek	0	9	6B	223 A	Huron	2	6.5		499	Mervin	6	18
3BN	138 A	Webb	9	27		223 B	Huron	TR	9		501 A	Frenchman Butte	0	0
	138 B	Webb	4	338		284 A	Rudy	13	13		501 B	Frenchman Butte	1	9
	165	Morse	0	13.1		284 B	Rudy	9	18		501 C	Frenchman Butte	0	14
	166	Excelsior	0	4		285	Fertile Valley	15	28		502	Britannia	0	8
	167	Saskatchewan	4	15		286	Milden	0	2		561	Loon Lake	1	18
	168 A	Riverside	14	19		314	Dundurn	10	10		588 A	Meadow Lake	0	4.5
	168 B	Riverside	6	13		344	Corman Park	15	25		588 B	Meadow Lake	1	7
	226	Victory	0	0		346	Perdue	15	18		622	Beaver River	0	18
	228 A	Lacadena	4	16		376	Eagle Creek	6	23					
	228 B	Lacadena	0	0		403	Rosthern	6	26					
	257	Monet	4	11										

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Cumulative Rainfall

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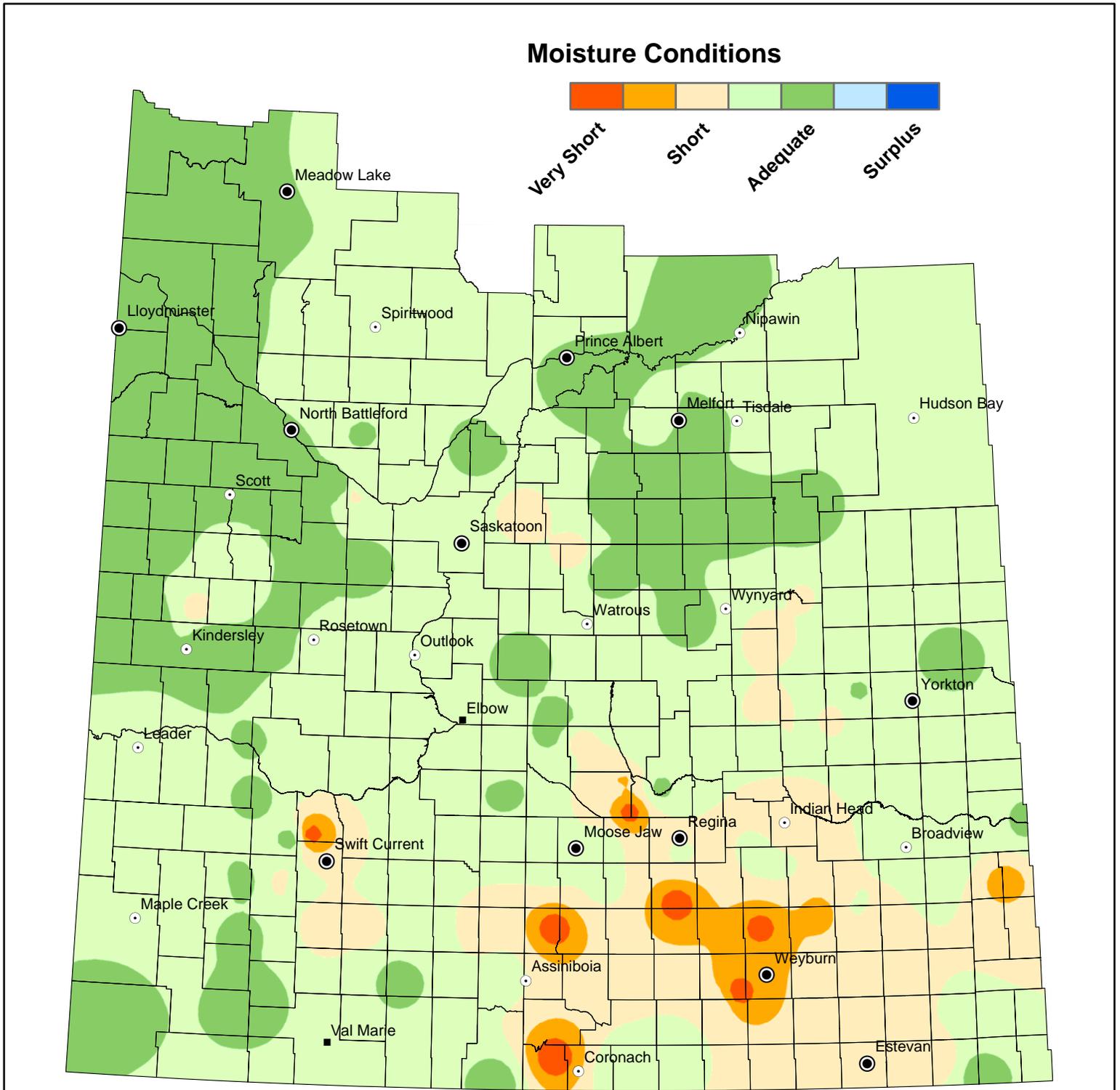


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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

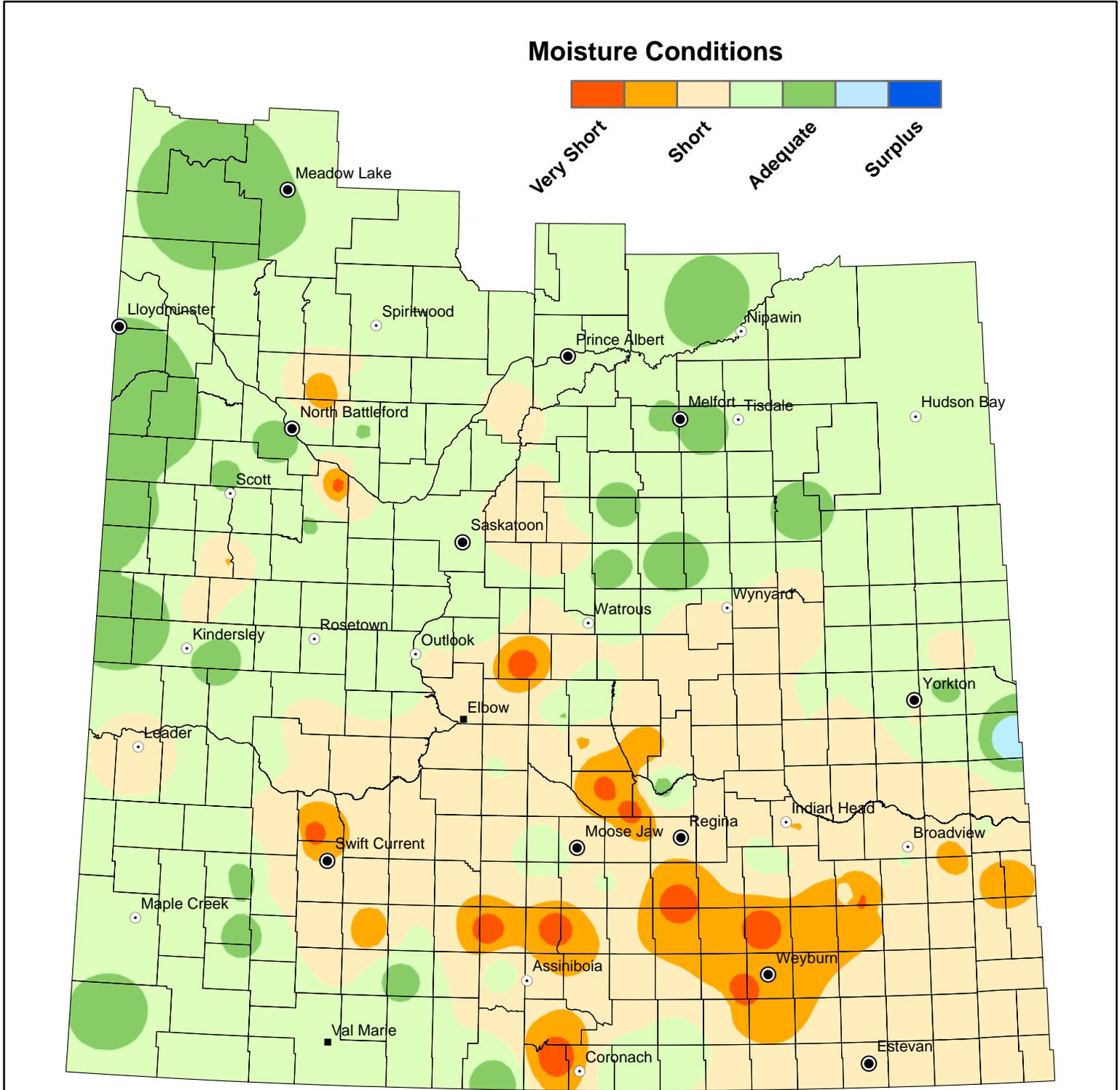
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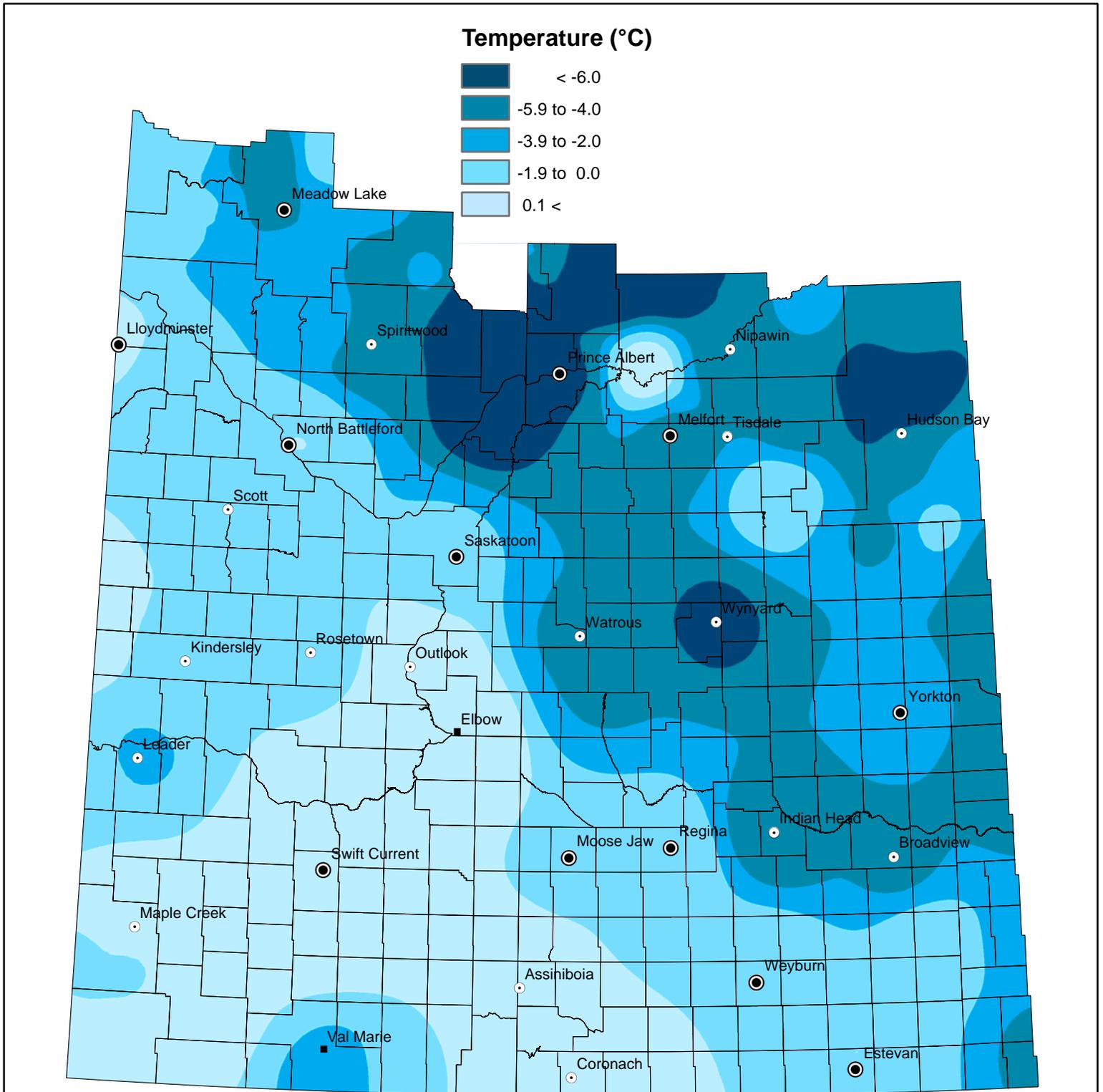
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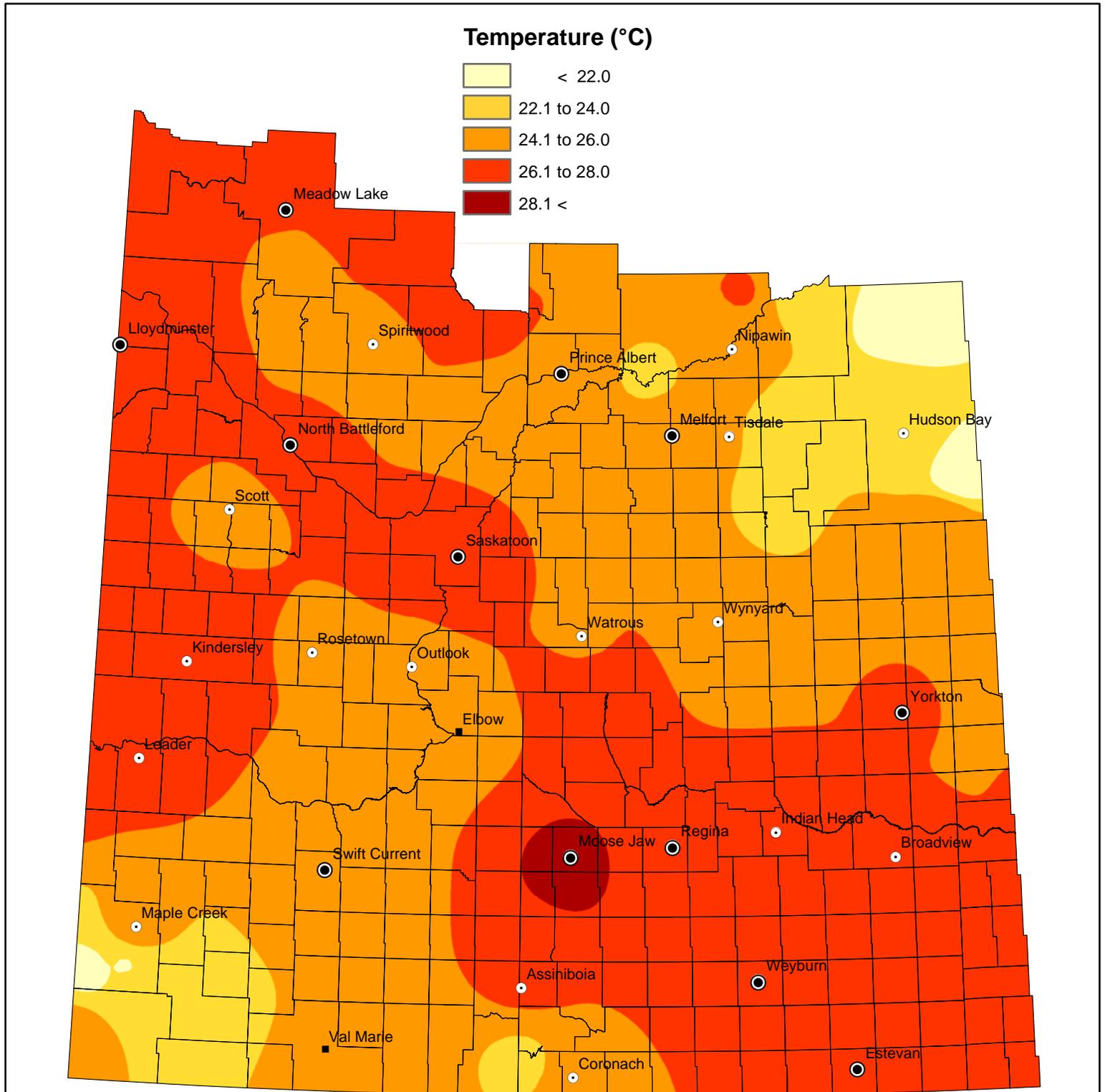
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