

For the Period August 14 to 20, 2018

Another week of warm and dry weather has allowed producers to make great strides in the field, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. Sixteen per cent of the 2018 crop is now in the bin, up from five per cent last week and significantly ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) average of seven per cent for this time of year. Twenty-two per cent of the crop is now swathed or ready to straight-cut. Reported yields vary greatly, depending on moisture received in the past few months.

Seventy-five per cent of the fall rye, 57 per cent of the winter wheat, 55 per cent of the field peas and lentils, 24 per cent of the mustard, 16 per cent of the barley, 14 per cent of the durum, five per cent of the spring wheat and

Saskatchewan Harvest August 20, 2018 Per cent combined

Winter wheat	57
Fall rye*	75
Spring wheat	5
Durum	14
Oats**	6
Barley	16
Canaryseed	1
Flax	0
Canola	3
Mustard	24
Soybeans	5
Lentils	55
Peas	55
Chickpeas	3

*includes 20 per cent 'other'

**includes three per cent 'other'

soybeans, and three per cent of the canola are now in the bin. An additional 29 per cent of the canola and 14 per cent of the mustard are swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwest, where 31 per cent of the crop is now combined. The southeastern region has 24 per cent combined, the west-central region 13 per cent and the east-central region seven per cent.

The northeast now has four per cent combined, while the northwest has one per cent. Many producers in the north expect to be in the field within the next week.

Little to no rainfall was received across the province, although the Radville area reported 8 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions have significantly worsened this week in the face of the warm and dry weather. Across the province, topsoil moisture

One year ago

Fourteen per cent of the 2017 crop had been combined and 15 per cent was swathed or ready to straight-cut. Warm weather and lack of rainfall in most areas was deteriorating topsoil moisture conditions.

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Harvest Progress in SK Per cent Combined All Crops

Aug 20/18	16
5 year avg. (2013-2017)	7
Aug 21/17	14
Aug 22/16	9
Aug 17/15	9
Aug 18/14	1
Aug 19/13	1
10 year avg. (2008-2017)	7

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conditions on cropland are rated as 25 per cent adequate, 44 per cent short and 31 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 17 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and 48 per cent very short. Many southern and central areas have not received significant rainfall in close to two months and crops continue to rapidly dry down.

The majority of crop damage this past week was due to lack of moisture and warm temperatures. As well, strong winds have blown swaths around. Some areas in the province received frost, although damage is expected to be minimal as crops were advanced enough. Pastures and hay crops continue to decline due to lack of moisture. Pasture conditions are currently rated as 17 per cent good, 28 per cent fair, 29 per cent poor and 26 per cent very poor. There continue to be reports of stubble and grass fires and concerns remain of feed shortages in some drier areas. Producers are busy combining, swathing crops, desiccating crops and hauling bales.

Saskatchewan Harvest by Crop District August 20, 2018							
Crop District	Per cent combined		Crop District	Per cent combined		Crop District	Per cent combined
1A	17		4A	29		7A	12
1B	8		4B	34		7B	7
2A	21		5A	4		8A	5
2B	31		5B	3		8B	5
3ASE	54		6A	14		9AE	0
3ASW	17		6B	18		9AW	2
3AN	35					9B	0
3BS	24						
3BN	37						

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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

Harvest progress has tripled thanks to recent warm and dry weather. Twenty-four per cent of the crop is now combined, up from just eight per cent last week and well ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) average of 12 per cent for this time of year. Twenty-seven per cent of the crop is now swathed or ready to straight-cut.

While the majority of the region did not report any rainfall last week, the Radville area received 8 mm and the Kisbey and Weyburn areas 3 mm. The Lampman area maintains the record (398 mm) for rain in both the region and the province since April 1. The prolonged lack of moisture and warm temperatures have caused crops to ripen quickly, and many pastures and hay fields remain in need of significant rainfall to help them recover. Pasture conditions in the region are currently rated as 11 per cent good, 47 per cent fair, 25 per cent poor and 17 per cent very poor.

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to decline with the lack of moisture. Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 14 per cent adequate, 55 per cent short and 31 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 10 per cent adequate, 37 per cent short and 53 per cent very short. All crop districts are reporting that at least 78 per cent of cropland, hay land and pasture is short or very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Reported yields so far vary greatly across the region, all depending on how much moisture was received over the growing season. Overall, yields range from average to well below average; however, there have been some pulse and cereal crops that have yielded much better than expected. Most crop damage this past week was due to lack of moisture, but strong winds have blown swaths around in some fields. There have been a few reports of ergot and fusarium in durum fields. Given the dry conditions, concerns remain about feed shortages and the risk of fire.

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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

Harvest is moving along quickly in the southwest, where 31 per cent of the crop now combined. This is up from 10 per cent last week and remains well ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) average of 14 per cent for this time of year. An additional 17 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Some areas reported small amounts of rainfall, although the majority of the region did not receive any. The Hazenmore area reported 2 mm of rain and the Cabri area 1 mm. The Vanguard area has received the most rainfall (193 mm) in the area since April 1. The

prolonged lack of moisture and warm temperatures have caused crops to ripen quickly and many pastures and hay fields remain in need of significant rainfall to help them recover. Pasture conditions in the region are currently rated as two per cent good, 15 per cent fair, 29 per cent poor and 54 per cent very poor.

Topsoil moisture conditions are rapidly deteriorating in the region. Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as six per cent adequate, 36 per cent short and 58 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as two per cent adequate, 21 per cent short and 77 per cent very short. All crop districts are reporting that at least 82 per cent of cropland and 93 per cent of hay land and pasture are short or very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Reported yields so far vary greatly across the region, all depending on how much moisture was received over the growing season. Overall, yields range from about average to well below average; however, some reporters have indicated that yields are much better than expected for crops such as pulses. The majority of crop damage was due to lack of moisture, but strong winds have blown swaths around in fields. Given the dry conditions, concerns remain about feed shortages and the risk of fire.

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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

Seven per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from two per cent last week and ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) average of three per cent for this time of year. Twenty-four per cent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

No rainfall was reported last week across much of the region, although the Humboldt area reported a trace. The Langenburg area has received the most precipitation (390 mm) in the region since April 1. While warm temperatures and lack of moisture are drying crops down, pastures and hay fields remain in need of rainfall to help them recover. Pasture conditions are currently rated as four per cent good, 25 per cent fair, 42 per cent poor and 29 per cent very poor.

Topsoil moisture conditions have significantly worsened since last week. Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 17 per cent adequate, 55 per cent short and 28 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as nine per cent adequate, 49 per cent short and 42 per cent very short. Crop District 6A is reporting that 44 per cent of the cropland and 59 per cent of the hay land and pasture are very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Reported yields so far range from below average to above average, all depending on moisture received throughout the growing season. Some fields are yielding better than expected, but yields vary greatly from field to field. Most crop damage this past week was due to lack of moisture and wind. There are reports of frost in areas such as Humboldt and

Kelvington; however, damage is expected to be minimal as crops have advanced enough. Some producers continue to spray for bertha armyworms in canola fields.

Producers are busy combining, swathing canola and hauling bales.

West-Central Saskatchewan:

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

Twelve per cent of the crop is combined in the region, up from just two per cent last week and well ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) average of four per cent for this time of year. Twenty-three per cent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

No rainfall was reported in the region last week. The Saskatoon area has received the most precipitation (318 mm) in the region since April 1. The prolonged lack of moisture and warm temperatures have caused crops to ripen quickly and many pastures and hay fields remain in need of significant rainfall to help them recover. Pasture conditions in the region are currently rated as 24 per cent good, 29 per cent fair, 34 per cent poor and 13 per cent very poor.

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to deteriorate in the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 28 per cent adequate, 46 per cent short and 26 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 20 per cent adequate, 42 per cent short and 38 per cent very short. Crop District 7B is reporting that 93 per cent of the cropland and 91 per cent of the hay land and pasture are short or very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Reported yields so far vary greatly across the region, all depending on how much moisture was received over the growing season. Overall, yields range from about average to well below average. Some barley has been taken off light and some wheat samples have been smaller than normal. Much of the oat crop is being baled for greenfeed. Most crop damage this past week was due to lack of moisture and warm temperatures. Given the dry conditions, concerns remain about feed shortages and the risk of fire.

Producers are busy combining, desiccating pulses and swathing canola.

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

Harvest is well underway and began much earlier than normal for many producers. Four per cent of the crop is now combined, up from less than one per cent last week and ahead of the five-year (2013-2017) average of two per cent for this time of year. An additional 20 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

No rainfall was reported in the region, although the Garrick area received 1 mm. The Arborfield area has received the most precipitation (330 mm) in the region since April 1. Pastures and hay fields remain in need of significant rain to help them recover from recent hot and dry weather. Pasture conditions at this time are rated as 56 per cent good, 27 per cent fair, 16 per cent poor and one per cent very poor.

Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as 68 per cent adequate, 30 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 68 per cent adequate, 31 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Reported yields so far vary greatly across the region, all depending on moisture amounts received the past few months. While most yields have been about average so far, there are a few reports of crops yielding much higher than expected. Crop damage this past week was mainly due to lack of moisture and wind. Many fields have uneven growth, making swathing and desiccation timing difficult. Some canola fields continue to be sprayed for bertha armyworms.

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Northwestern Saskatchewan:

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

Harvest is just beginning in the region as crops are rapidly drying down. One per cent of the crop is now combined, in line with the five-year (2013-2017) average for this time of year. An additional 14 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

No rainfall was reported this past week, although the Neilburg area reported a trace. The St. Walburg area has received the most precipitation (370 mm) in the region since April 1. Hay fields and pastures in the region are in need of significant rainfall to help them recover from recent hot and dry weather. Pasture conditions are currently rated as two per cent excellent, 30 per cent good, 25 per cent fair, 30 per cent poor and 13 per cent very poor.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 57 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and 11 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 51 per cent adequate, 37 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. Crop District 9AW is reporting that 23 per cent of the cropland and 27 per cent of the hay land and pasture are very short topsoil moisture at this time. Rain would be beneficial to help fill later-seeded crops.

Expected yields range from about average to well above average, all depending on moisture received in the past few months. Most crop damage last week was due to lack of moisture and wind. Some crops have uneven growth, and swathing and desiccation timing will be difficult.

Producers are busy combining, desiccating fields and swathing crops.

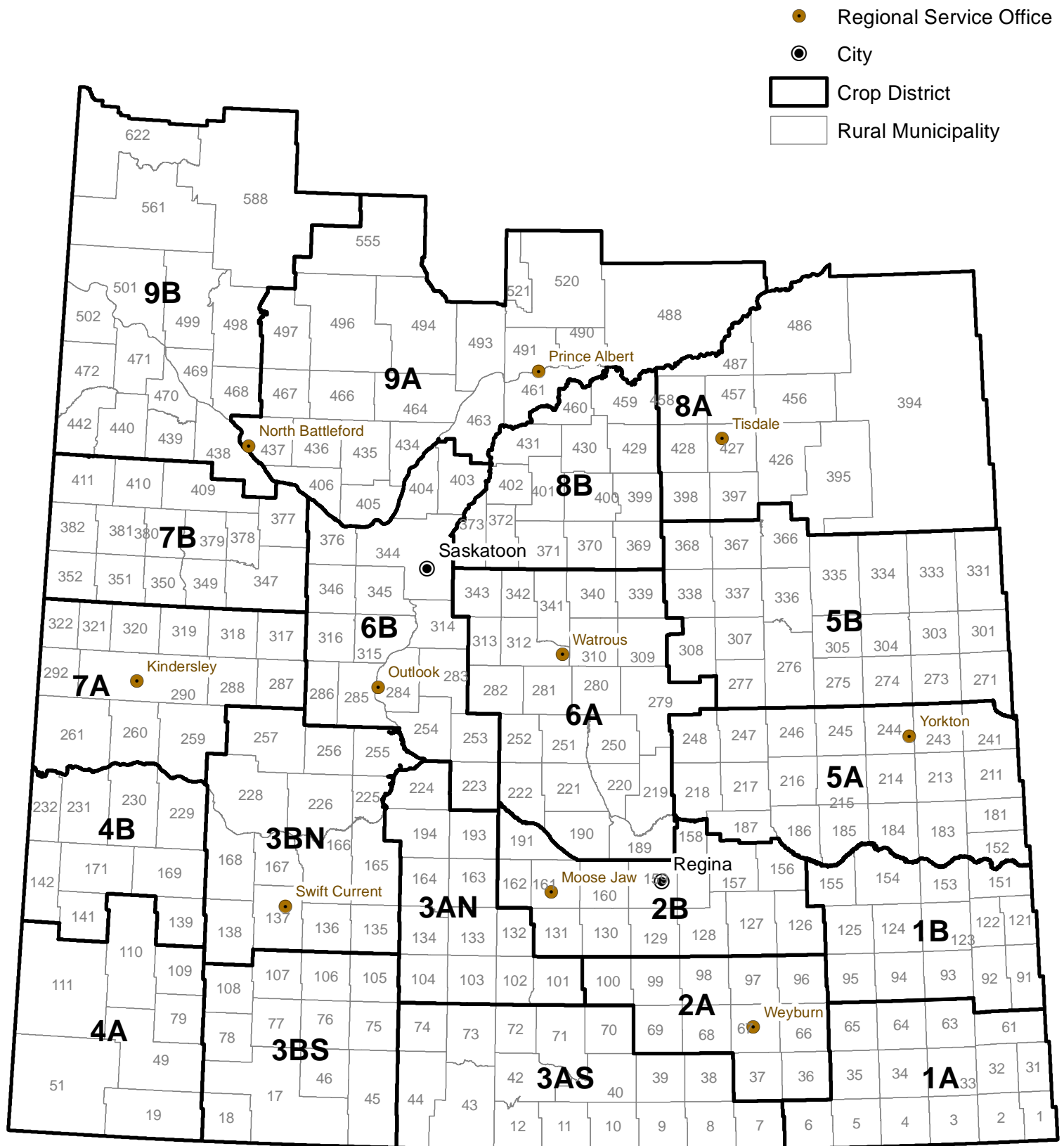
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*Other - crop that will not be harvested due to weather, insect or disease damage or will be greenfeed or silage

Winter Wheat	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	30	0	19	51	
southwest	10	0	13	77	
east central	1	0	16	83	
west central	0	0	2	98	
northeast	0	0	25	75	
northwest	40	5	54	1	
provincial	24	1	18	57	
Fall Rye	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	% other (greenfeed/silage)
southeast	1	1	5	73	20
southwest	4	0	24	53	19
east central	0	0	2	98	0
west central	0	12	3	85	0
northeast	0	5	22	73	0
northwest	9	10	50	31	0
provincial	1	5	19	55	20
Spring Wheat	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	54	14	19	13	
southwest	68	3	13	16	
east central	78	10	9	3	
west central	76	6	13	5	
northeast	82	7	10	1	
northwest	92	3	4	1	
provincial	76	8	11	5	
Durum	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	48	8	19	25	
southwest	65	4	18	13	
east central	71	14	12	3	
west central	90	3	6	1	
northeast	47	15	35	3	
northwest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
provincial	64	5	17	14	
Barley	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	32	15	19	34	
southwest	47	1	14	38	
east central	55	23	9	13	
west central	78	8	9	5	
northeast	54	16	13	17	
northwest	81	10	8	1	
provincial	57	14	13	16	
Oats	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	% other (greenfeed/silage)
southeast	65	18	3	10	4
southwest	51	4	5	25	15
east central	84	12	1	1	2
west central	84	5	0	1	10
northeast	88	3	7	2	0
northwest	88	4	5	0	3
provincial	82	8	4	3	3
Canaryseed	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	94	1	3	2	
southwest	89	7	4	0	
east central	99	1	0	0	
west central	77	0	23	0	
northeast	99	1	0	0	
northwest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
provincial	91	1	7	1	

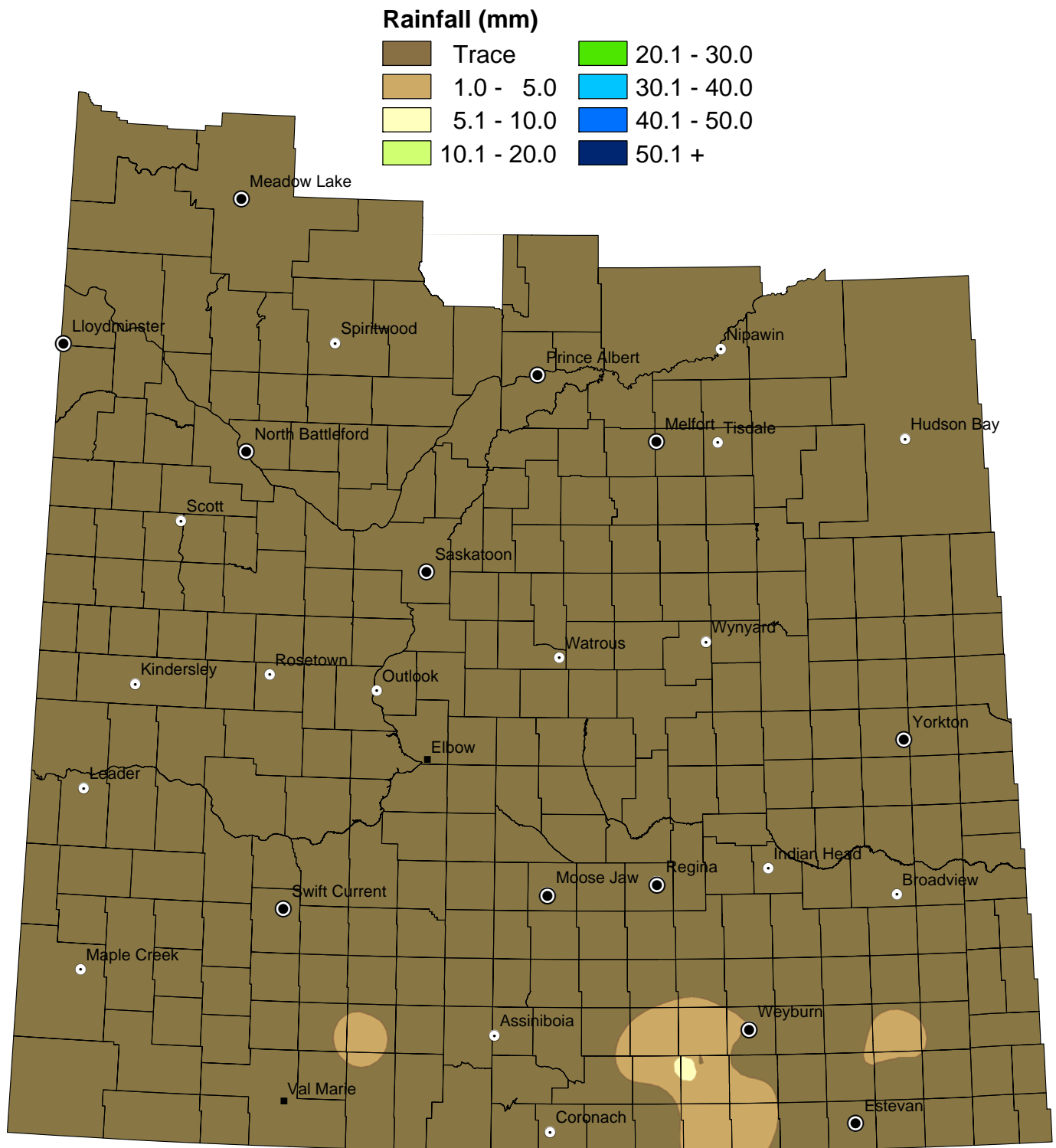
Flax	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	99	0	1	0	
southwest	99	0	1	0	
east central	98	1	1	0	
west central	99	0	1	0	
northeast	100	0	0	0	
northwest	100	0	0	0	
provincial	99	0	1	0	
Canola	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	57	33	6	4	
southwest	66	15	10	9	
east central	69	27	2	2	
west central	60	33	5	2	
northeast	78	18	3	1	
northwest	85	13	2	0	
provincial	68	25	4	3	
Mustard	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	77	3	11	9	
southwest	43	7	9	41	
east central	100	0	0	0	
west central	87	10	1	2	
northeast	97	3	0	0	
northwest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
provincial	62	7	7	24	
Soybeans	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	92	0	1	7	
southwest	100	0	0	0	
east central	99	0	1	0	
west central	96	0	4	0	
northeast	100	0	0	0	
northwest	100	0	0	0	
provincial	94	0	1	5	
Field Peas	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	5	2	8	85	
southwest	17	0	9	74	
east central	19	8	19	54	
west central	28	2	27	43	
northeast	31	4	28	37	
northwest	55	6	30	9	
provincial	24	3	18	55	
Lentils	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	15	1	14	70	
southwest	31	1	11	57	
east central	21	4	26	49	
west central	42	3	17	38	
northeast	67	2	11	20	
northwest	74	0	24	2	
provincial	29	2	14	55	
Chickpeas	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined	
southeast	74	0	0	26	
southwest	95	0	3	2	
east central	50	0	13	37	
west central	63	0	25	12	
northeast	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
northwest	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
provincial	94	0	3	3	

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from August 14 to August 20, 2018

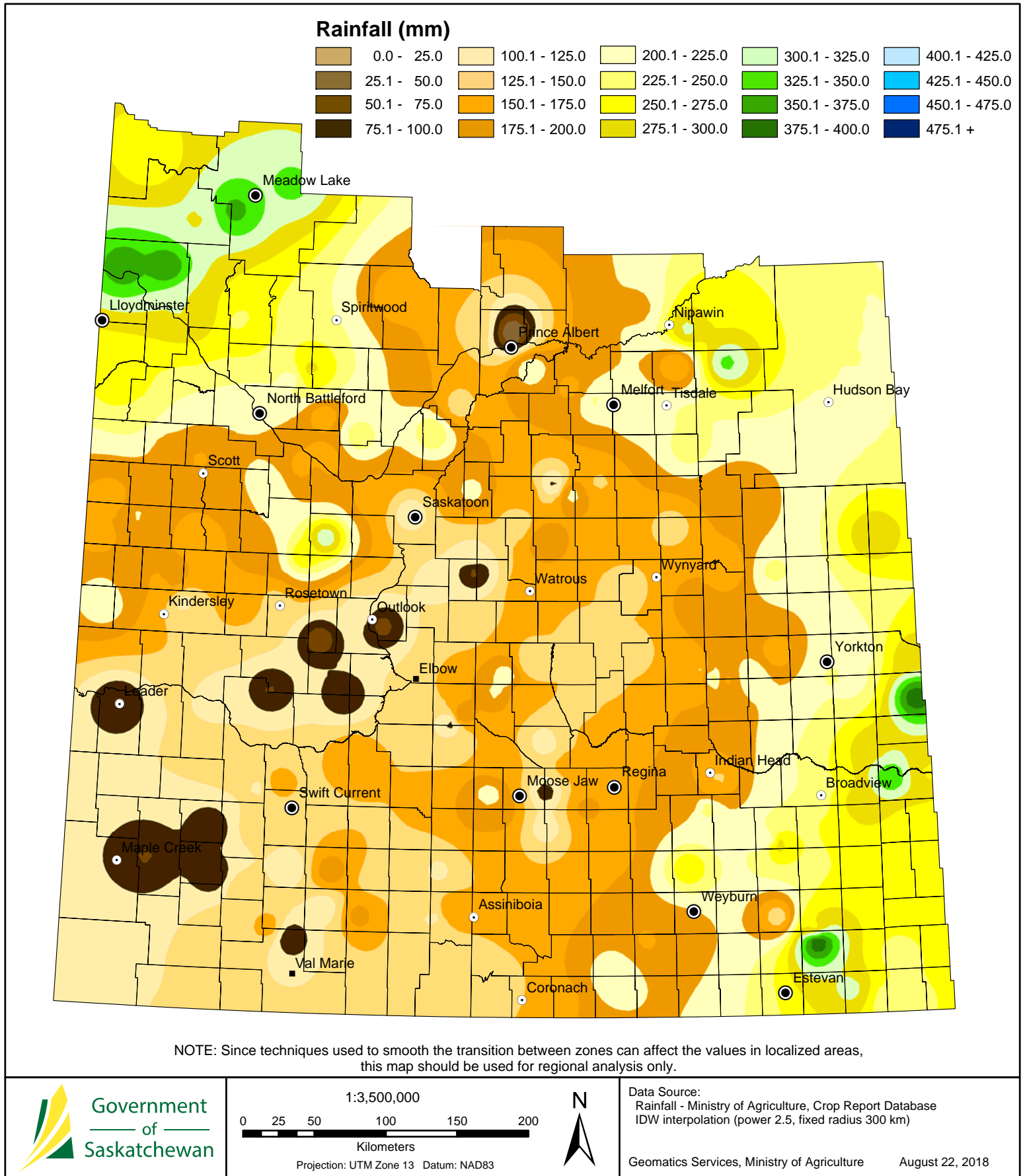


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Weekly Rainfall Summary														
(in millimeters)														
1 inch = 25 mm														
for the period August 14 to 20, 2018														
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	234	4A	51	Reno	NIL	116.1	7A	287	St. Andrews	N/A	129
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	305		79 A	Arlington	NIL	90		288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	161
	32	Reciprocity	NIL	245		79 B	Arlington	NIL	157.1		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	146.5
	34	Browning	NIL	398		109	Carmichael	NIL	77.3		290 B	Kindersley	NIL	115
	61	Antler	N/A	235		110	Piapot	NIL	74		292	Milton	NIL	225
	64	Brook	3	270		111	Maple Creek	N/A	101		317	Marriott	NIL	270
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	137		139 A	Gull Lake	NIL	81		318	Mountain View	NIL	191
	91	Maryfield	NIL	267		139 B	Gull Lake	N/A	71		320 A	Oakdale	NIL	190.5
	94	Hazelwood	N/A	168.4		169	Pittville	N/A	62		320 B	Oakdale	NIL	168
	122	Martin	NIL	262		229	Miry Creek	1.3	188.4		321	Prairiedale	NIL	186
1B	123	Silverwood	NIL	297	5A	231	Happyland	NIL	76	7B	347	Biggar	NIL	207
	124	Kingsley	NIL	253		152	Spy Hill	NIL	274		350	Mariposa	NIL	157
	125 A	Chester	NIL	198		183	Fertile Belt	NIL	296.5		351	Progress	NIL	199
	125 B	Chester	NIL	294		211	Churchbridge	NIL	390		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	169
	151	Rocanville	NIL	349		213	Saltcoats	NIL	215		377	Glenside	NIL	165
	154 A	Elcapo	N/A	245		216	Tullymet	NIL	167.8		378	Rosemount	NIL	220
	154 B	Elcapo	NIL	248		217	Lipton	NIL	158		379	Reford	NIL	189
	155	Wolseley	NIL	214		241	Calder	NIL	287		382	Eye Hill	NIL	161
	67	Weyburn	NIL	188		243	Wallace	NIL	206		409 A	Buffalo	N/A	195
	68	Brokenshell	3	194		244	Orkney	NIL	227		409 B	Buffalo	NIL	173
2A	96	Fillmore	NIL	77	5B	245 A	Garry	NIL	161	8A	410	Round Valley	NIL	197.4
	97	Wellington	NIL	269		245 B	Garry	NIL	221		395	Porcupine	N/A	222
	127 A	Francis	NIL	235.5		245 C	Garry	N/A	247		397	Barrier Valley	NIL	240
	127 B	Francis	NIL	187.8		246 A	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	247		426	Bjorkdale	N/A	115
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	160.7		246 B	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	169		427	Tisdale	NIL	228.5
	131	Baildon	NIL	110		247	Kellross	NIL	147		428	Star City	N/A	223
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	144.9		248	Touchwood	NIL	131		456	Arborfield	NIL	330
	156 B	Indian Head	NIL	159		273	Sliding Hills	NIL	227		457	Connaught	N/A	148
	159	Sherwood	NIL	174		277								

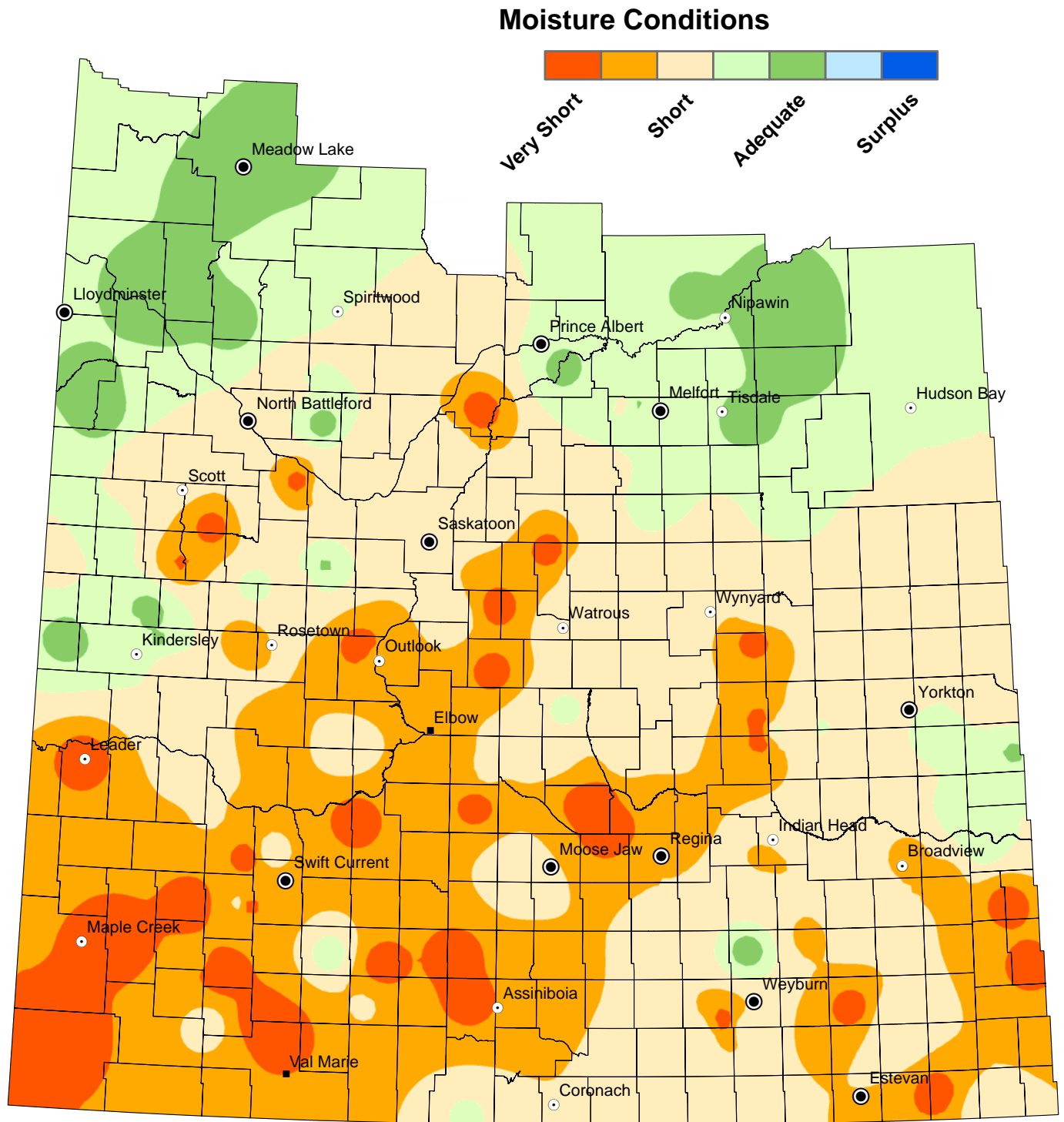
Cumulative Rainfall

from April 1 to August 20, 2018



Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

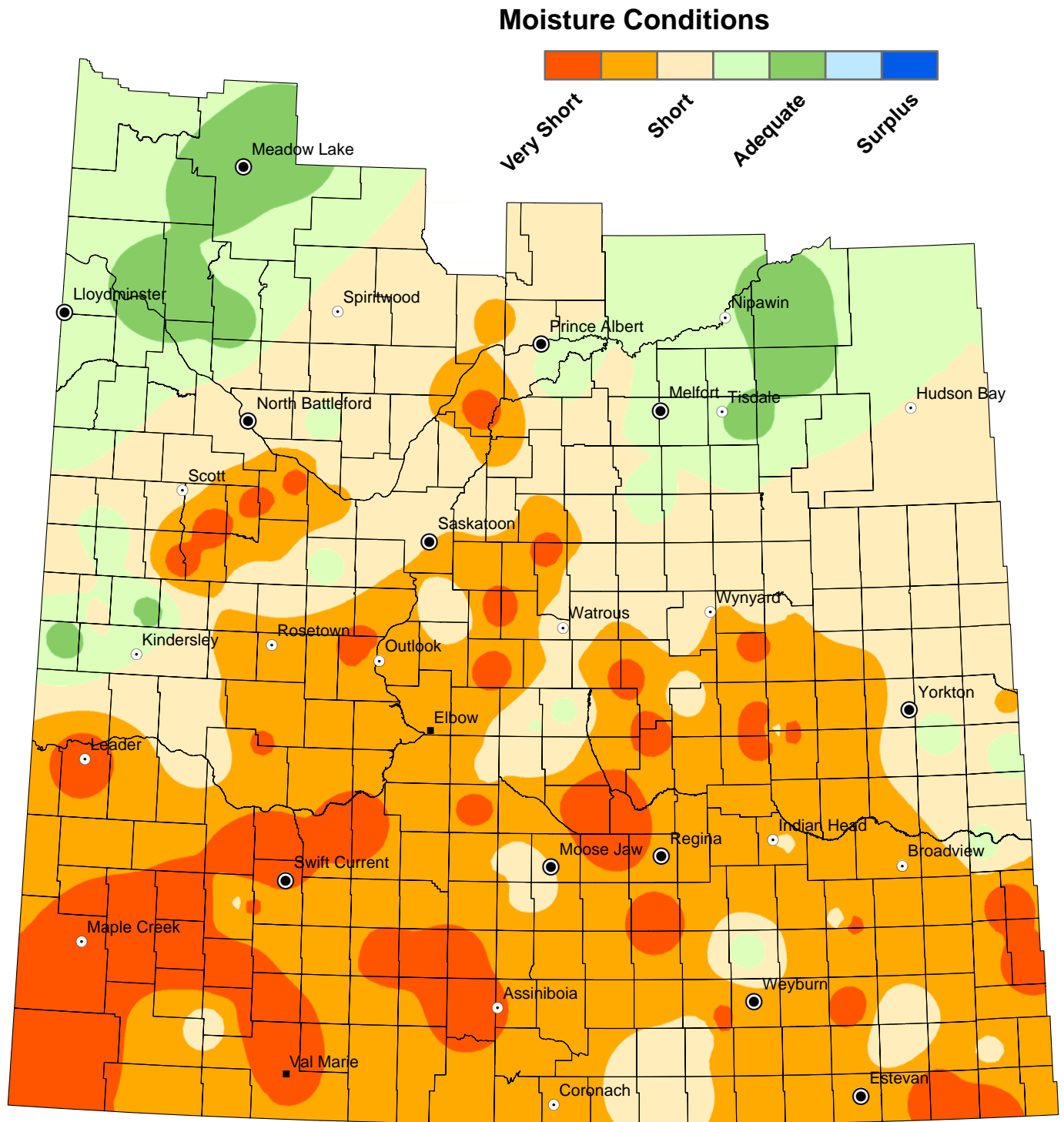
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

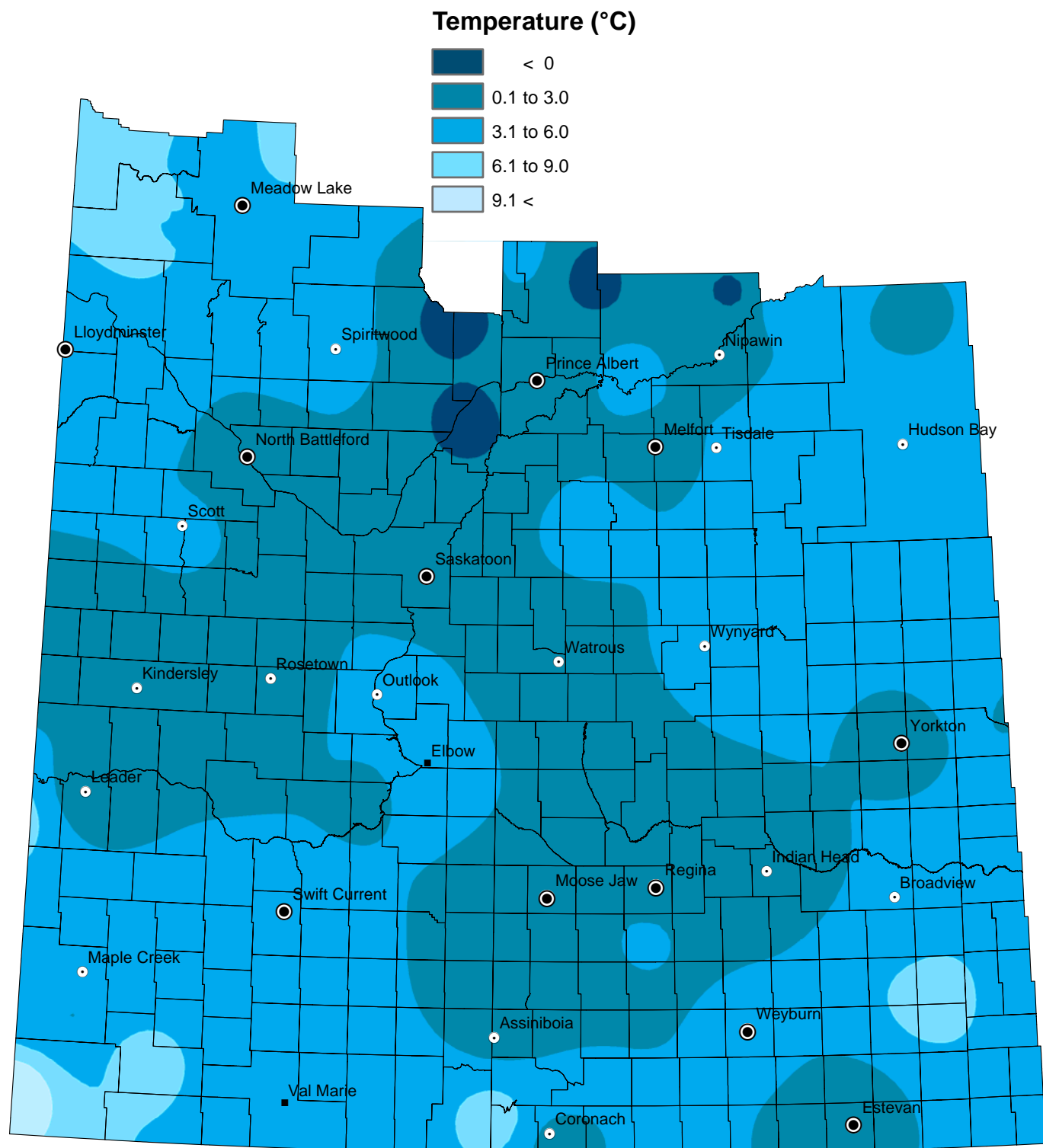
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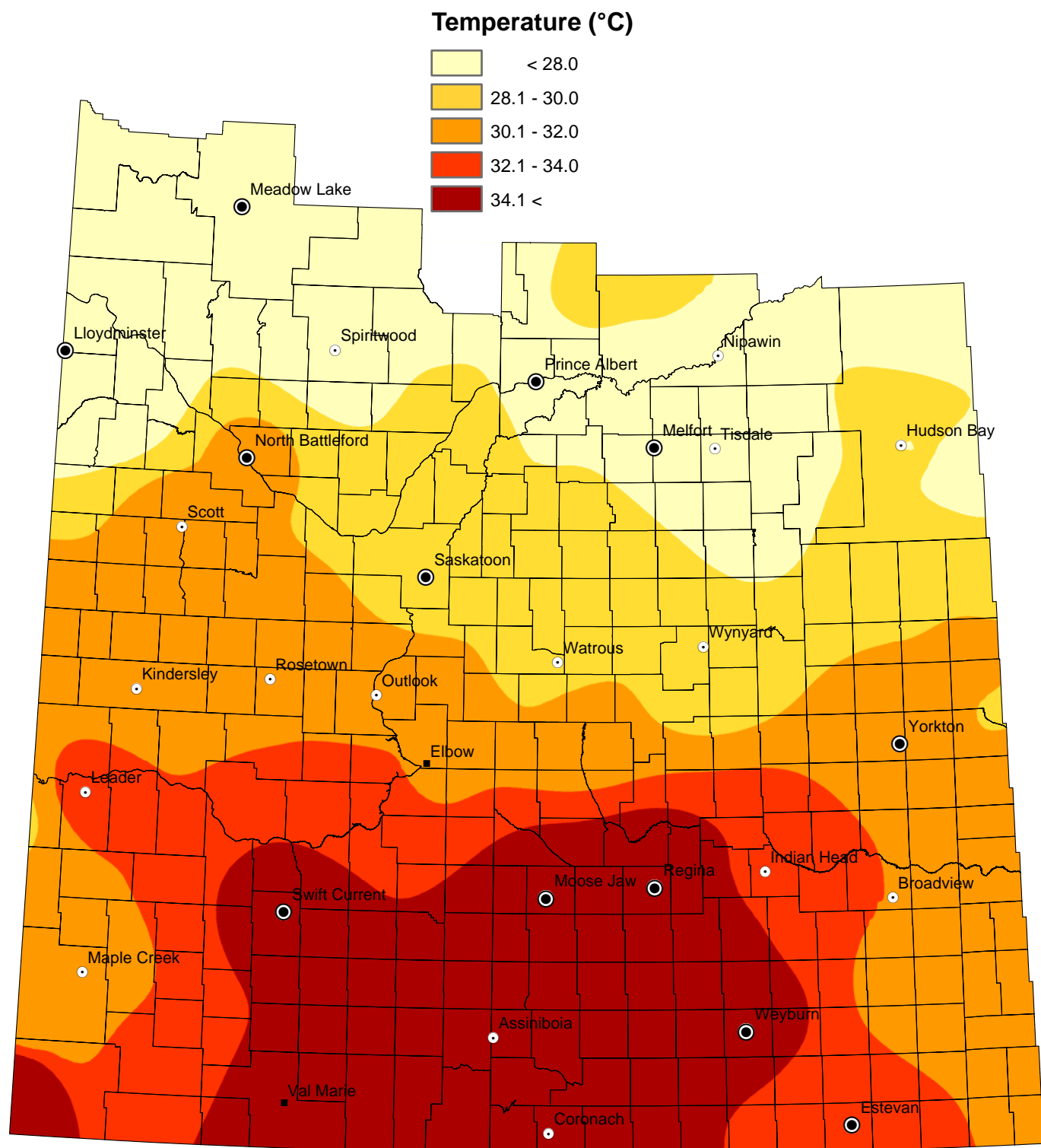
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Maximum Temperature

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