

For the Period April 25 to May 1, 2017

Saskatchewan farmers are slowly making their way into the field. Adverse weather has delayed spring field work, such as applying herbicide, harrowing and seeding, in some areas. Many fields remain wet. Warm and dry weather will be needed in the coming weeks before seeding can get fully under way.

The majority of producers with crop from last year still in the field have so far been unable to finish harvesting due to cool weather, wet field conditions and lodged crops. It is estimated that approximately one million acres of the 2016 crop remains in the field, with the majority being in the west-central and northeastern regions of the province. There was little harvest activity over the winter months in these areas, and spring progress has been very limited. Aeration bins and grain dryers have been in continuous operation on many farms since last fall.

Despite these challenges, some producers in the south of the province have begun seeding pulses and cereals. One per cent of the provincial crop is in the ground, compared to the five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year of six per cent. In the southeast, producers are reporting that three per cent of the crop is seeded, while in the southwest, producers have two per cent seeded. There is very little, if any, crop seeded in the other areas of the province.

Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded All Crops	
May 1, 2017	1
5 year avg. (2012-2016)	6
10 year avg. (2007-2016)	4

Much of the province received large amounts of precipitation over the last month, and fields remain wet in many areas. Provincially, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 30 per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and three per cent short.

Producers are busy seeding, calving, controlling weeds, working fields and trying to wrap up last year's harvest.

One year ago

An early spring combined with warm and dry weather allowed producers to seed 15 per cent of the 2016 crop.

Most areas were reporting that topsoil moisture was adequate-to-short for both cropland and hay and pasture land.

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The provincial 20 year (1997 - 2016) average seeding progress for the last week in April is just under two per cent seeded. Seven per cent was seeded within the first week in May.

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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 and Lake Alma areas

While seeding has begun in some areas close to the U.S. border, wet field conditions in much of the region are delaying field work. Three per cent of the crop is now in the ground, compared to the five-year (2012-2016) average of seven per cent for this time of year. Producers are seeding pulse, cereal and canola crops as time and field conditions permit. If the weather warms up in the coming week, many producers will be in the field.

Rain showers were reported in most areas, ranging from trace amounts to 26 mm in the Moose Jaw area. The Frobisher area reported 7 mm of rain, the Lampman area 9 mm, the Broadview area 11 mm, the Weyburn area 10 mm and the Odessa area 5 mm. The Briercrest area has reported receiving the most precipitation (45 mm) in the region since April 1.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 26 per cent surplus, 70 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. Crop District 1A is reporting that 63 per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Cool weather has slowed pasture and weed growth in many areas. The majority of winter cereals came through the winter in good shape; however, there are reports that some fields have winterkill damage or were lost to localized flooding early in the spring. Although the southeastern region was able to get the bulk of the 2016 crop off last fall, some fields remain unharvested.

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

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

Cool and wet weather has delayed field operations for most producers in the region. Equipment is getting stuck in many fields, but producers are hoping for warm and dry weather so they can return to the field. Two per cent of the crop is now seeded, compared to the five-year (2012-2016) average of 15 per cent for this time of year. Producers are seeding pulse, cereal and canola crops as time and field conditions permit.

Much of the region received precipitation last week, ranging from trace amounts to 23 mm in the Tyner area. The Gravelbourg area reported 7 mm of rain, the Admiral and Vanguard areas 12 mm, the Gull Lake area 13 mm and the Leader area 15 mm. The Gull Lake area has reported receiving the most precipitation (50 mm) in the region since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus and 89 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as seven per cent surplus, 92 per cent adequate

and one per cent short. Many fields are saturated and will need warm and dry weather before they will support equipment.

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There are reports of sick cattle due to the cool and wet weather.

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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

Producers are slow to get into the field in the east-central region due to cool and wet weather. A few fields have been seeded. General seeding operations are expected to get under way in the coming weeks, if the weather co-operates. Fields are slow to dry, making it difficult to harvest what is left of the 2016 crop. Although the bulk of the crop came off last fall, some crop remains in the field and there are reports of farmers burning residue in many areas.

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to 21 mm in the Foam Lake area. The Kuroki area reported receiving 10 mm of rain, the Craven area 8 mm, the Humboldt area 12 mm and the Naicam area 9 mm. The Foam Lake area has reported receiving the most precipitation (49 mm) in the region since April 1.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 42 per cent surplus and 58 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 27 per cent surplus, 70 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Crop District 5B is reporting that 57 per cent of the cropland and 55 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time. Many roads and fields remain soft and equipment is getting stuck.

Pastures are slow to green up in many areas and will need warm weather to encourage growth. Livestock producers are moving cattle when they are able to do so.

Farmers are busy getting ready for seeding, working fields, controlling weeds, calving and trying to finish up last year's harvest operations.

West-Central Saskatchewan:

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

Producers in the west-central region are struggling with wet field conditions. Cool and wet weather has not only delayed field work, but also the harvesting of last year's crop. Harvest has been very slow and fields remain saturated in some areas. There was little

harvest activity over the winter, and spring progress has been very limited. Producers are hopeful that combining can continue once the weather improves, although there are concerns that it may take some time before fields can be cleaned up. Some rural municipalities have established fire bans to minimize the burning of residue.

The region received varying forms of precipitation last week, with many areas reporting a heavy, wet snowfall. The Sonningdale area reported receiving 19 mm of precipitation, the Biggar area 36 mm, the Outlook area 4 mm, the Rosetown and Luseland areas 27 mm and the Landis area 25 mm. The Biggar area has reported receiving the most precipitation (68 mm) in the region since April 1.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 30 per cent surplus and 70 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 13 per cent surplus and 87 per cent adequate. Crop District 7B is reporting that 41 per cent of the cropland and 35 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time. Warm and dry weather is needed before fields will be able to support equipment. Producers are expecting seeding operations to begin within the coming weeks.

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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

Recent cold and wet weather has prevented many producers from entering the field. Combining of last year's crop has been very slow and little progress was made over the winter months. Fields remain saturated in most areas and equipment is leaving deep ruts. Producers are hopeful that combining can start again once the weather improves, although there are concerns that it may take some time before fields can be cleaned up. Most producers are expecting to begin seeding operations in the coming weeks.

Large amounts of precipitation were reported this past week, with the Arborfield area reporting 23 mm. The Nipawin area received 22 mm of rain, the Melfort area 10 mm, the Garrick area 10 mm and the Kinistino area 5 mm. The Nipawin area has reported receiving the most precipitation (82 mm) in the region since April 1.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 50 per cent surplus and 50 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 35 per cent surplus and 65 per cent adequate. Crop District 8A is reporting that 81 per cent of the cropland and 59 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time. Warm, dry and windy days are needed before fields will be able to support equipment.

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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

Most producers are not expecting to begin seeding operations until the weather improves. Fields are very wet and the region has received a large amount of both rain and snow over the last month. The ground is still frozen in the most northernly parts of the region and some snow remains in the field. Combining last year's crop has been slow, but producers are hopeful they can continue once the weather improves.

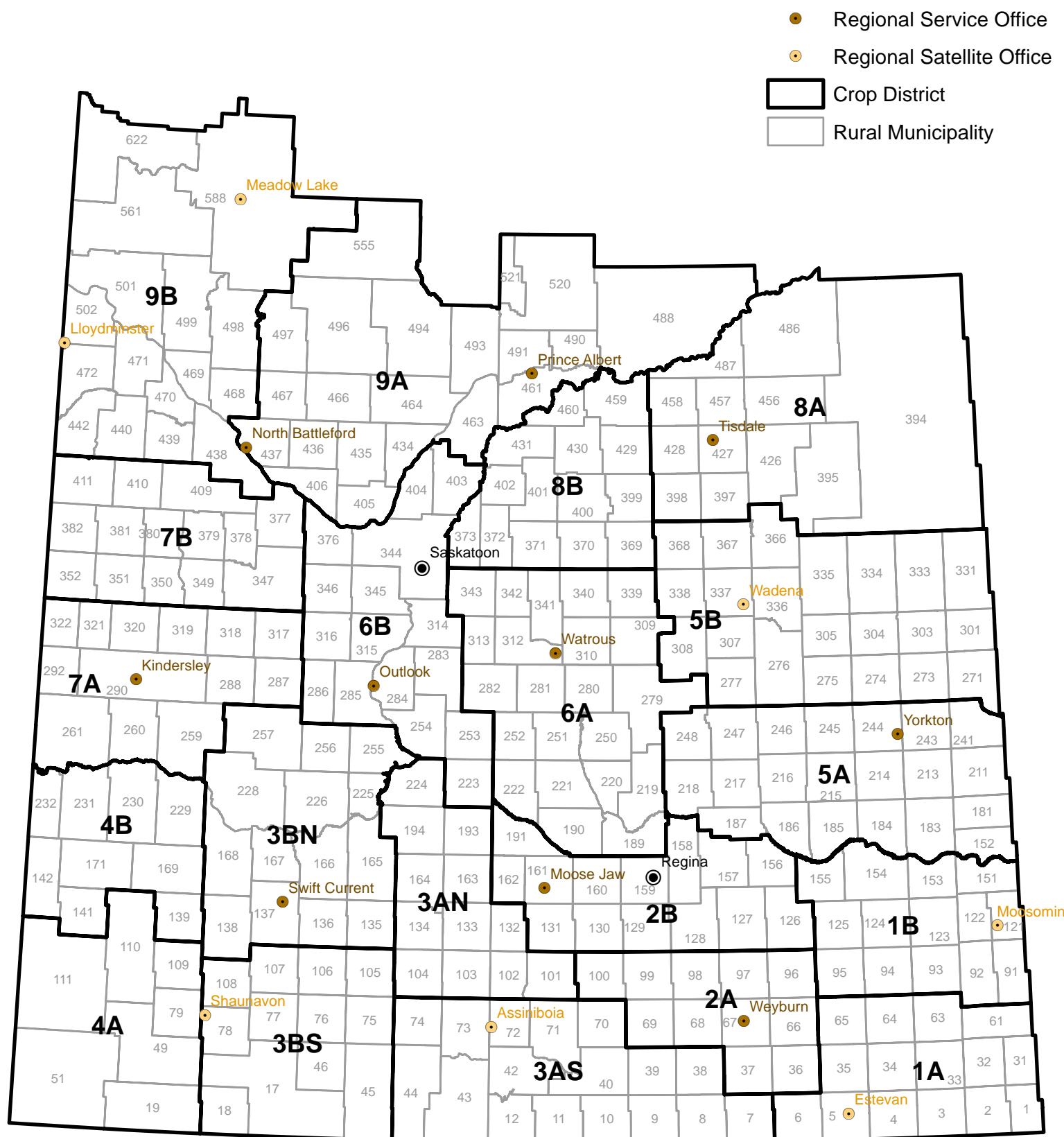
Precipitation this past week ranged from trace amounts to 18 mm in the Speers area. The Glaslyn and Lloydminster areas received 13 mm of rain, the North Battleford area 7 mm, the Frenchman Butte area 9 mm and the Neilburg area 12 mm. The Barthel area has reported receiving the most precipitation (93 mm) in the province since April 1.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 28 per cent surplus and 72 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 22 per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Crop District 9B is reporting that 34 per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture at this time. Warm, dry and windy days are needed before fields will be able to support equipment.

Cattle are being moved to pasture as many farmyards have standing water in them.

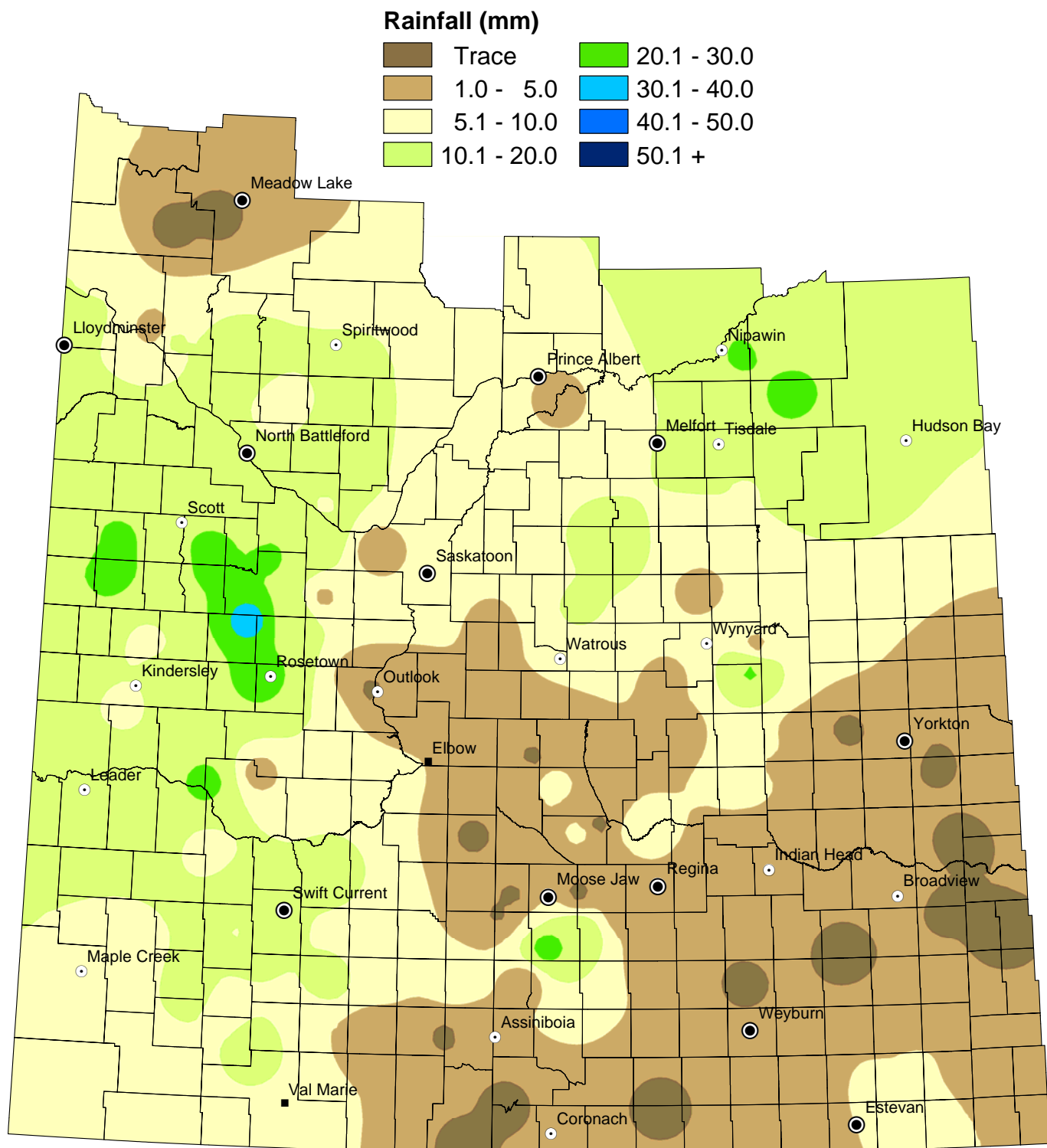
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from April 25 to May 1, 2017



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 25 to May 1, 2017

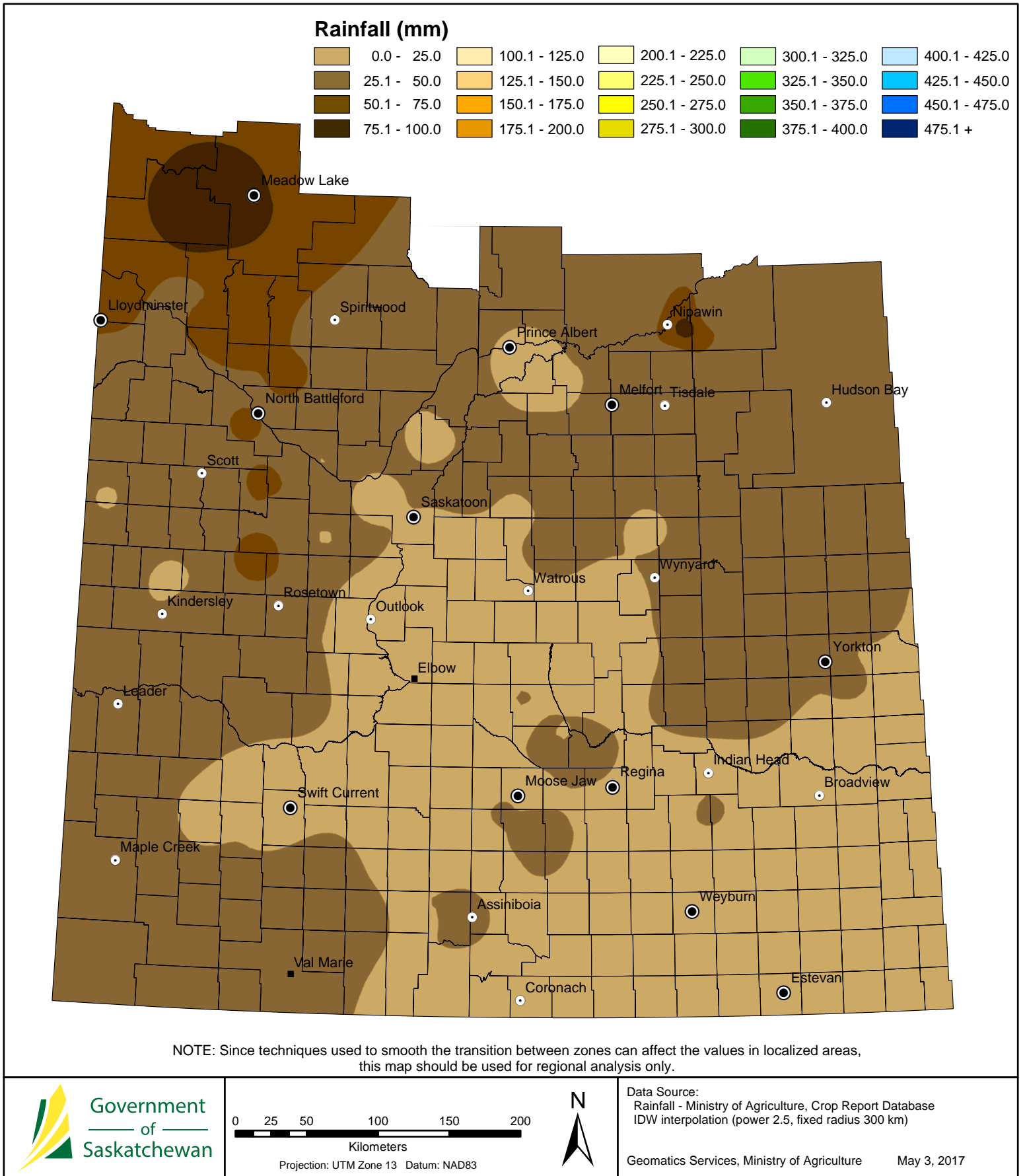
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	5	17	4A	49	White Valley	8	34	7A	287	St. Andrews	27	46
	3	Enniskillen	7	17		51	Reno	6.8	31.19		288	Pleasant Valley	N/A	23
	31	Storthoaks	N/A	10		79	Arlington	N/A	17		290 A	Kindersley	14	40
	32	Reciprocity	3	25		109	Carmichael	12.5	50		290 B	Kindersley	13	25
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	8		110	Piapot	6	36		290 C	Kindersley	7	24
	34	Browning	9	16		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		292	Milton	N/A	15
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		139 A	Gull Lake	10	15		317 A	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	64	Brock	2	15		139 B	Gull Lake	N/A	9.5		317 B	Marriott	12.5	38
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	19		142	Enterprise	N/A	N/A		318	Mountain View	36	68
	91	Maryfield	N/A	2		169	Pittville	N/A	N/A		320 A	Oakdale	7	20.5
1B	122	Martin	NIL	9	5A	231	Happyland	15	31	7B	320 B	Oakdale	9	22
	123	Silverwood	NIL	4		183	Fertile Belt	NIL	8		321	Prairiedale	17	31
	124	Kingsley	11	20		211 A	Churchbridge	1	25		347	Biggar	22	44
	125 A	Chester	NIL	22		211 B	Churchbridge	N/A	9		350 A	Mariposa	17.5	40
	125 B	Chester	NIL	15		213	Saltcoats	0	27		350 B	Mariposa	N/A	20
	151	Rocanville	1	9		218	Cupar	N/A	N/A		351	Progress	27	45
	154 A	Elcapo	N/A	5		241	Calder	3	10		352	Heart's Hill	14	31
	154 B	Elcapo	4	10		243	Wallace	N/A	9		377	Glenside	19.5	38.5
	155	Wolseley	NIL	16.25		244	Orkney	2	2		378	Rosemount	19	62
	67	Weyburn	N/A	19		245 A	Garry	NIL	29		379	Reford	25	41
2A	68	Brokenshell	N/A	20	5B	245 B	Garry	4	38	8A	381	Grass Lake	21	29.5
	97	Wellington	NIL	10		245 C	Garry	N/A	31.5		382	Eye Hill	15	22.5
	127 A	Francis	5	29		246 A	Ituna Bon Accord	4	30		409 A	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	127 B	Francis	2.5	18.75		246 B	Ituna Bon Accord	2	25		409 B	Buffalo	N/A	24
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	10		247	Kellross	10	34		410	Round Valley	N/A	22.5
	131 A	Baildon	18	45		248	Touchwood	3	19.5		395	Porcupine	16	38
	131 B	Baildon	26	30		271	Cote	1	29		397	Barrier Valley	9.88	36.77
	156 A	Indian Head	4.09	22.26		273	Sliding Hills	N/A	34		428	Star City	12	12
	156 B	Indian Head	N/A	35		277	Emerald	21	49		456	Arborfield	23	45
	159	Sherwood	N/A	15		305	Invermay	6	44		457	Connaught	15	30
2B	160 A	Pense	NIL	7	6A	307	Elfros	4	26	8B	486	Moose Range	15	42
	160 B	Pense	N/A	12.5		308 A	Big Quill	N/A	11		487	Nipawin	22	81.5
	161	Moose Jaw	1	20		308 B	Big Quill	4	13		369	St. Peter	N/A	15
	162	Caron	NIL	10.5		331	Livingston	N/A	41		370 A	Humboldt	16	35
	191	Marquis	1	21		336	Sasman	10	33		370 B	Humboldt	N/A	5
	38 A	Laurier	N/A	14.5		337	Lakeview	N/A	12		371	Bayne	N/A	21
	38 B	Laurier	1	15		338	Lakeside	3	23		372	Grant	8.59	30.67
	39	The Gap	NIL	10		366	Kelvington	N/A	27		400	Three Lakes	N/A	18
	10	Happy Valley	N/A	39		367	Ponass Lake	N/A	32.5		429 A	Flett's Springs	N/A	14
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	38		368	Spalding	9	25		429 B	Flett's Springs	10	34.5
3ASE	40	Bengough	N/A	N/A	6B	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	24	9AE	459	Kinistino	5	20
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	23		190 B	Dufferin	6	34		460	Birch Hills	3.2	16.5
	43	Old Post	NIL	16		190 C	Dufferin	5	38		488	Torch River	10	37
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	21.89		190 D	Dufferin	NIL	29		520	Paddockwood	N/A	34
	73 B	Stonehenge	4	35		219 A	Longlaketon	5	22		521	Lakeland	N/A	34
	102	Lake Johnston	2.29	23.47		219 B	Longlaketon	8	41		406	Mayfield	8	24
	103	Sutton	7	12		220	McKillop	N/A	19		435	Redberry	N/A	35
	132 A	Hillsborough	0.5	14.5		221 A	Sarnia	6.4	26.28		436	Douglas	17.5	33.5
	132 B	Hillsborough	5	30		221 B	Sarnia	5	14.33		463	Duck Lake	6	31.12
	193	Eyebrook	NIL	8		222	Craik	4	19		466	Meeting Lake	N/A	50
3ASW	17	Val Marie	N/A	10.08	6B	251	Big Arm	2.5	7	9B	467 A	Round Hill	7	54
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	20		252	Arm River	NIL	13		467 B	Round Hill	N/A	N/A
	75	Pinto Creek	2	27		279	Mount Hope	N/A	14.9		467 C	Round Hill	N/A	45
	76	Auvergne	5	25		282	McCraney	2	18		494	Canwood	N/A	41
	77	Wise Creek	12	40		312	Morris	N/A	24		438	Battle River	10	52.5
	78	Grassy Creek	N/A	21.58		313	Lost River	4	13		440	Hillsdale	12	43.5
	105	Glenbain	N/A	26		339	Leroy	N/A	20		442	Manitou Lake	N/A	47.85
	106	Whiska Creek	12	26		340	Wolverine	12	32		498 A	Parkdale	13	57
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	20		341	Viscount	7	20		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	25.5
	108	Bone Creek	8	36		343 A	Blucher	4	4		499 A	Mervin	10.5	56
3BS	138 A	Webb	9	25	6B	223 A	Huron	N/A	5	9B	501 A	Frenchman Butte	N/A	91
	138 B	Webb	15	21		223 B	Huron	NIL	10		501 B	Frenchman Butte	3	35
	166	Excelsior	12	24		284 A	Rudy	2	18		501 C	Frenchman Butte	9	69
	168 A	Riverside	11	11		284 B	Rudy	4	13.5		502	Britannia	13	80
	168 B	Riverside	8.69	12.94		284 C	Rudy	N/A	15		561	Loon Lake	NIL	93
	226	Victory	N/A	12		285	Fertile Valley	1	24		588 A	Meadow Lake	1	74
	228 A	Lacadena	23	40		286	Milden	10	25		588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	87
	228 B	Lacadena	N/A	2.5		314	Dundurn	N/A	9		622	Beaver River	N/A	139.5
	257	Monet	3	26		344	Corman Park	1	19					
						346	Perdue	4	24					
3BN					6B	376	Eagle Creek	19	42	9B				
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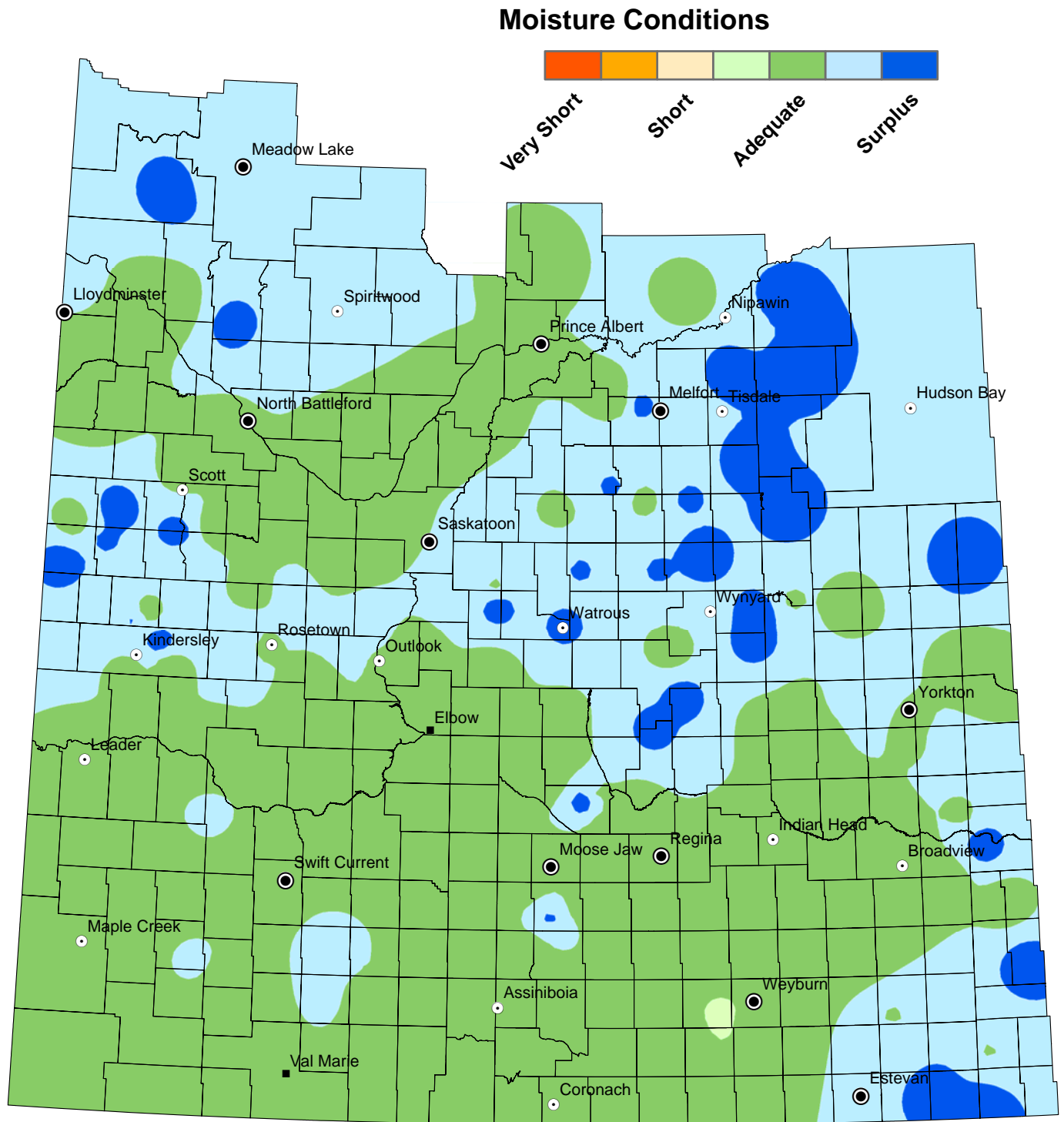
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

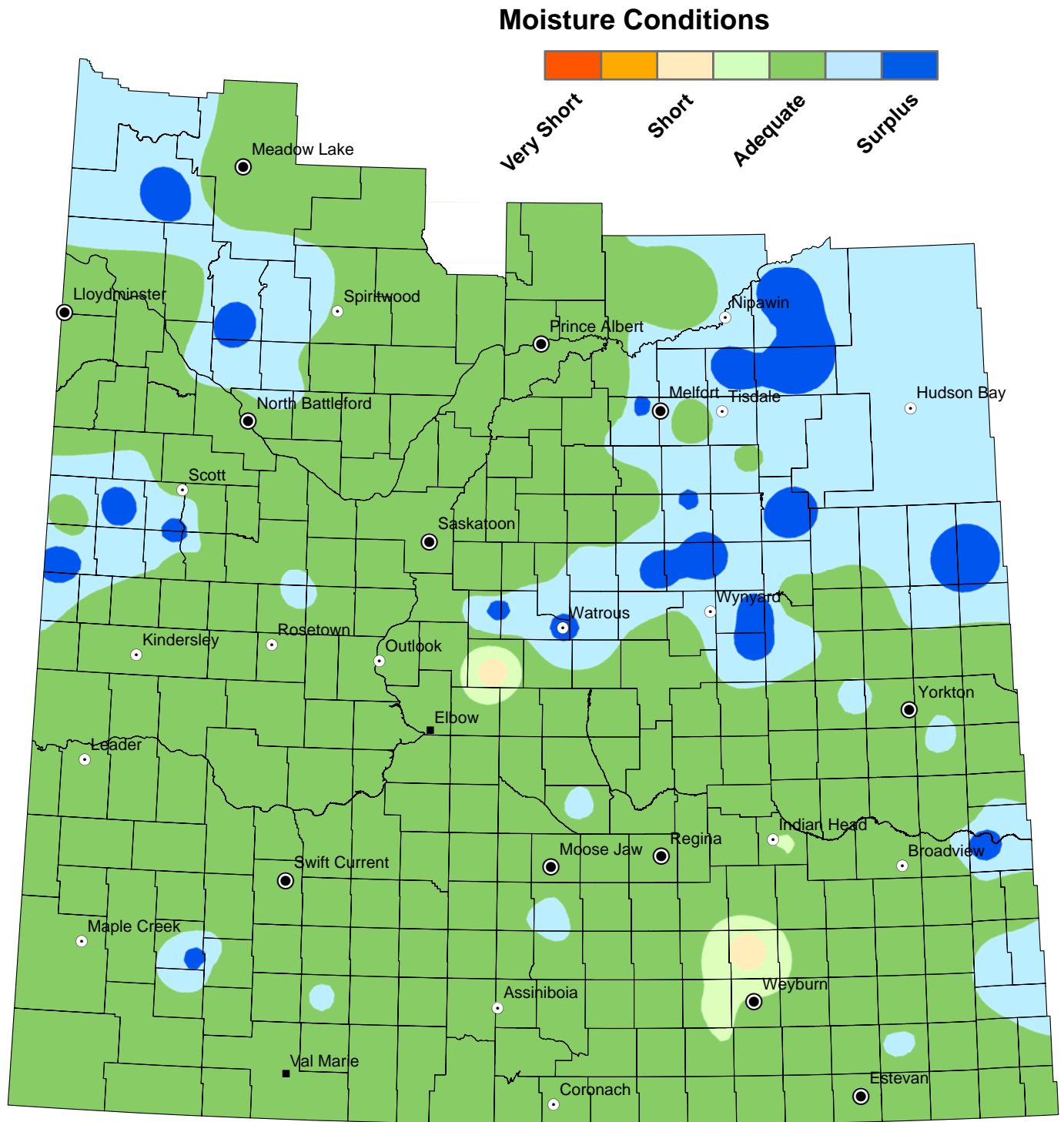
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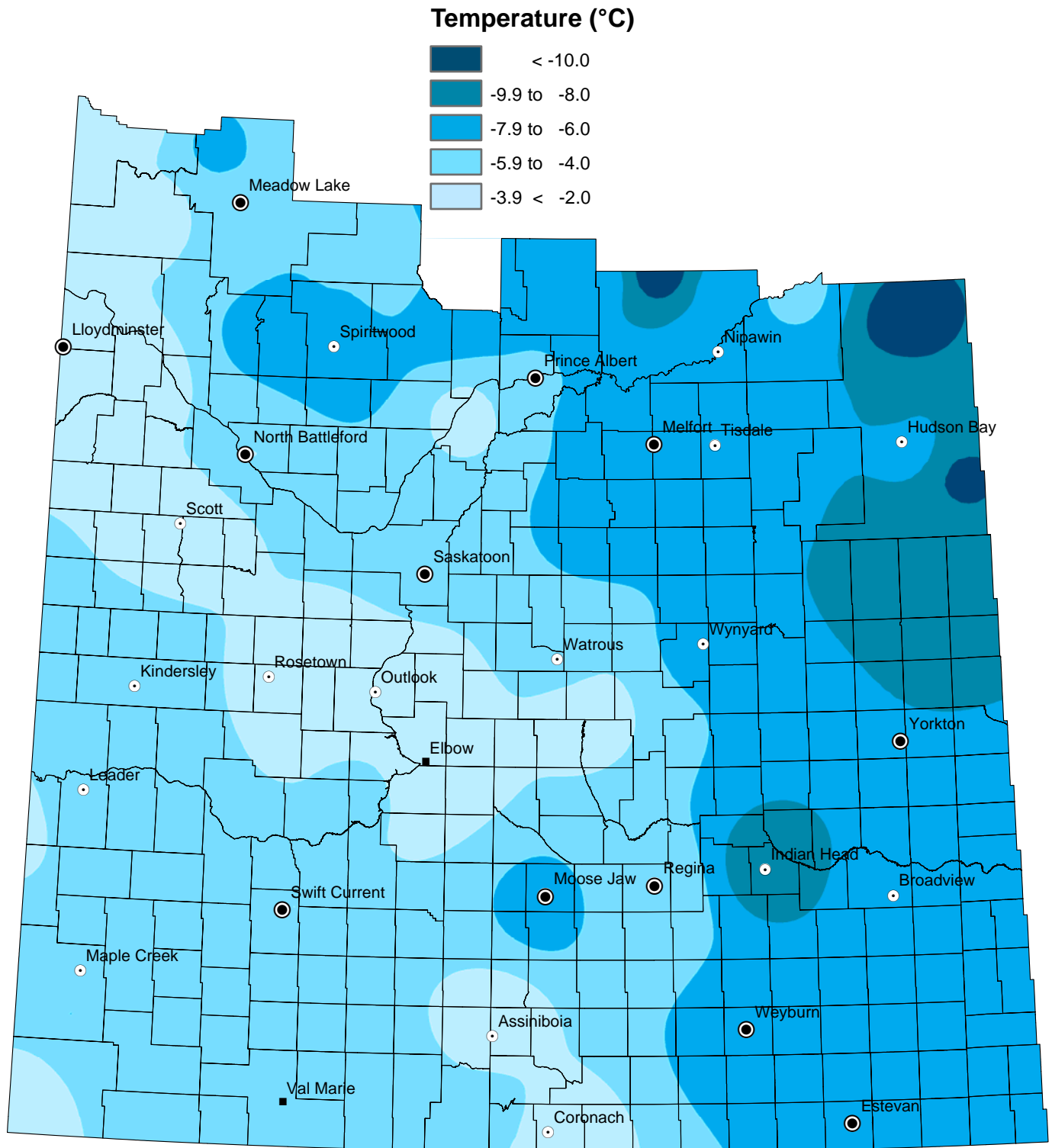
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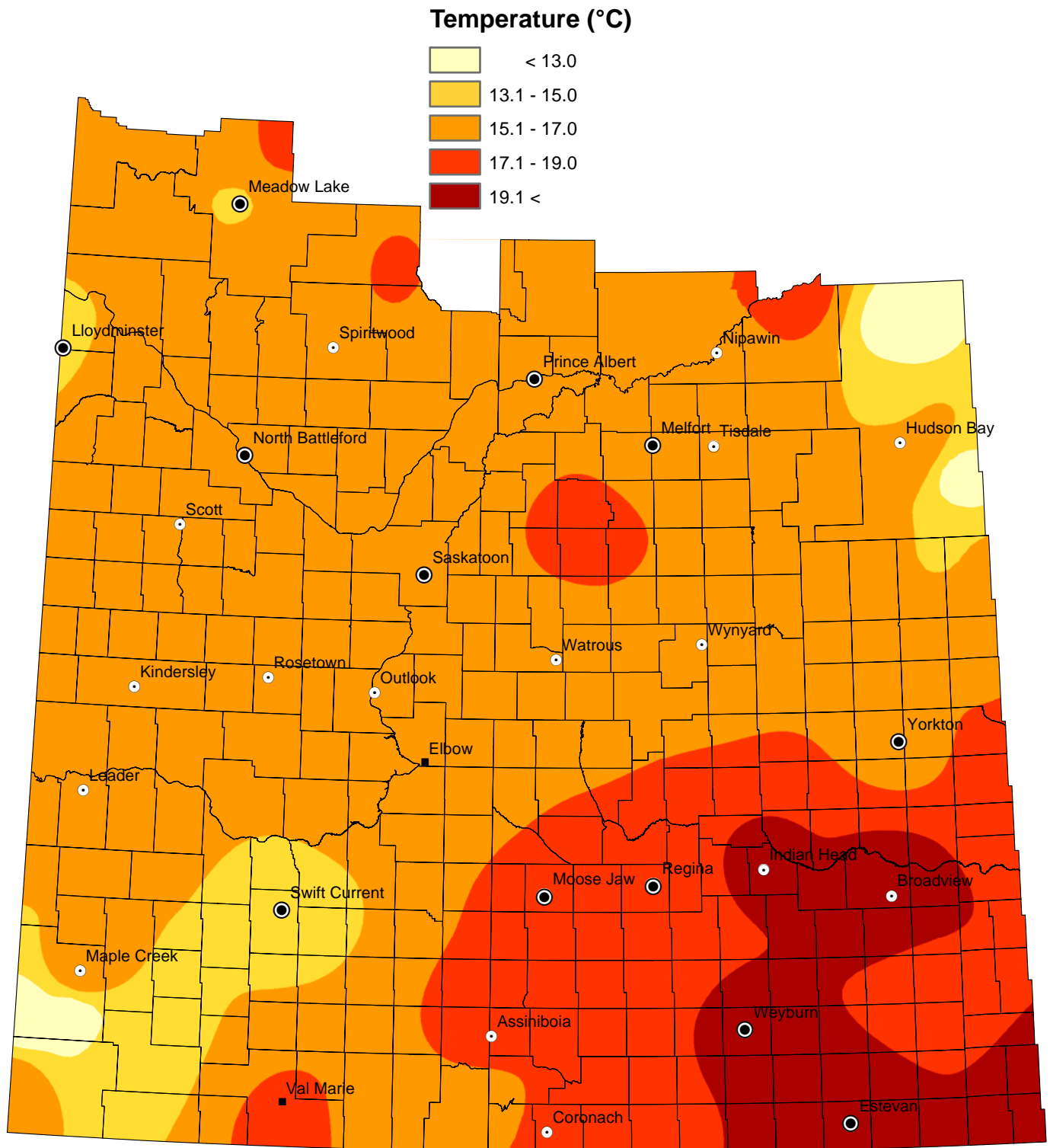
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