

For the Period May 2 to 8, 2017

Seeding is underway for most producers in the province. Eleven per cent of the 2017 crop is now seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 16 per cent.

Seeding is most advanced in the southeast, where producers have 30 per cent of the crop in the ground. Eighteen per cent is seeded in the southwest; three per cent in the west-central region; two per cent in the northwestern and east-central regions and one per cent in the northeast.

Although recent warm weather has allowed producers to complete field work such as seeding, herbicide application and harvest, significant rainfall in many regions earlier this week will delay progress. The Outlook area reported receiving 40 mm of rain, the greatest amount of precipitation in the province. Fields and roads across much of the province remain wet and are unable to support equipment. Warm and dry weather will be needed to help fields dry before field work can continue.

Provincially, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 26 per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and six per cent short.

Producers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, moving cattle and trying to wrap up last year's harvest.

One year ago

A long stretch of good weather allowed producers to seed 35 per cent of the 2016 crop. Some areas received significant rain, alleviating concerns of dry topsoil moisture conditions.

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Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded All Crops

May 8, 2017	11
May 9, 2016	35
May 11, 2015	34
May 12, 2014	7
May 6, 2013	1
May 7, 2012	5
5 year avg. (2012-2016)	16
10 year avg. (2007-2016)	15

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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 southeast now have 30 per cent of the crop in the ground, up significantly from three per cent last week. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 21 per cent. Field conditions have been optimal for most producers, although strong winds are quickly drying out topsoil moisture and delaying herbicide applications.

The region received small amounts of rainfall last week, ranging from trace amounts to 24 mm in the Moose Jaw area. The Alida area reported 11 mm of rain, the Broadview area 9 mm, the Glenavon area 8 mm, the Indian Head area 4 mm and the Odessa area 3 mm.

The Moose Jaw area has reported receiving the most precipitation (54 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly deteriorated in the region due to strong winds and hot temperatures. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 10 per cent surplus, 70 per cent adequate, 19 per cent short and one per cent very short. A light rain would be welcomed in some areas of the region, while other areas need warm weather to help dry fields up. Crop District 1B is reporting that 31 per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture at this time, while CD 2A is reporting that 45 per cent of the cropland is currently short topsoil moisture.

Harvesting of last year's crop continues in some areas as time permits. Flax stubble is also being burned. There are concerns in some southern areas that dry field conditions will hinder crop germination and emergence. Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, controlling weeds 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

Seeding is quickly advancing in the region thanks to warm and relatively dry weather. Eighteen per cent of the crop is now in the ground, up from just two per cent last week. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 31 per cent.

Southeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% seeded (May 8, 2017)
1A	4
1B	16
2A	66
2B	30
3ASE	65
Region average	30

Southwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 8, 2017)
3ASW	8
3AN	12
3BS	21
3BN	28
4A	11
4B	17
Region average	18

Small amounts of rainfall were reported in most areas of the region, although the Gravelbourg area reported 20 mm. The Limerick and Rush Lake areas reported 13 mm of rain, the Ponteix area 10 mm, the Vanguard area 11 mm, the Shaunavon area 8 mm and the Leader area 6 mm. The Gull Lake area has reported receiving the most precipitation (57 mm) in the region since April 1.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 94 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Crop District 3ASW is reporting that 25 per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture at this time. Many fields in the region are saturated and will need warm and dry weather before they will support equipment.

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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

Thanks to warm and dry weather, producers in some areas of the east-central region have been able to complete field work and begin seeding. Two per cent of the 2017 crop is in the ground, compared to the five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year of seven per cent. Many fields remain saturated and producers are hopeful the weather will improve so seeding can become general in the coming weeks.

East-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 8, 2017)
5A	2
5B	2
6A	3
Region average	2

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to 29 mm in the Allan area. The Saltcoats area reported 6 mm of rain, the Okla area 10 mm, the Naicam area 8 mm, the Craik area 14 mm and the Kenaston area 24 mm. The Foam Lake area has reported receiving the most precipitation (53 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly improved over the last week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 39 per cent surplus and 61 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 25 per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Crop District 5B is reporting that 50 per cent of the cropland and 37 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.

Fields have been slow to dry, making it difficult to harvest what is left of last year's crop. There are reports of farmers burning residue in some areas. Livestock producers are moving cattle when they are able to do so.

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

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

Producers in the west-central region continue to struggle with wet field conditions and trying to harvest last year's crop. Despite this, seeding operations are getting started in some areas. Three per cent of the crop is now in the ground, compared to the five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year of 12 per cent. Many fields remain saturated and warm and dry weather will be needed soon to help dry them up.

West-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 8, 2017)
6B	4
7A	1
7B	3
Region average	3

Rainfall this past week ranged from small amounts to 40 mm in the Outlook area. The Hanley area reported 32 mm of rain, the Rosthern area 35 mm, the Harris area 6 mm, the Kindersley area 3 mm, the Sonningdale area 14 mm and the Phippen area 8 mm. The Biggar area has reported receiving the most precipitation (74 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly improved due to the warmer weather. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 22 per cent surplus and 78 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as nine per cent surplus and 91 per cent adequate.

Cool and wet weather has delayed field work and there are indications that it will be some time before fields can be combined or cleaned up. Some rural municipalities have established fire bans to minimize the burning of residue.

Farmers are busy seeding, trying to finish last year's harvest, working fields and controlling weeds.

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

Seeding is just starting in the northeastern region, and producers have one per cent of the crop in the ground. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is eight per cent. Many fields remain saturated and it will be some time before the majority of producers are able to complete field work such as weed control and harrowing or finish combining last year's crop. Warm and dry weather is needed to dry fields up before seeding operations in the region can begin in earnest.

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 8, 2017)
8A	<1
8B	3
9AE	<1
Region average	1

The majority of the region received rainfall last week that will further delay field work. Rainfall ranged from 6 mm in the Porcupine Plain to 36 mm in the Prince Albert area. The

Arborfield area reported 22 mm of rain, the Nipawin area 30 mm, the Vonda area 23 mm and the Birch Hills area 35 mm. The Nipawin area has reported receiving the most precipitation (112 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have significantly deteriorated since last week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 65 per cent surplus and 35 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 62 per cent surplus and 38 per cent adequate. Crop districts 8A and 9AE are reporting that 74 per cent and 90 per cent, respectively, of cropland has 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

Warm and dry weather has allowed some producers to get into the field and start seeding. Two per cent of the crop is now in the ground, compared to the five-year (2012-2016) seeding average of 12 per cent for this time of year. Many fields remain wet and it may be some time before seeding operations become general in the region. Combining last year's crop has been slow, but producers are hopeful they can continue once field conditions improve.

Northwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 8, 2017)
9AW	4
9B	1
Region average	2

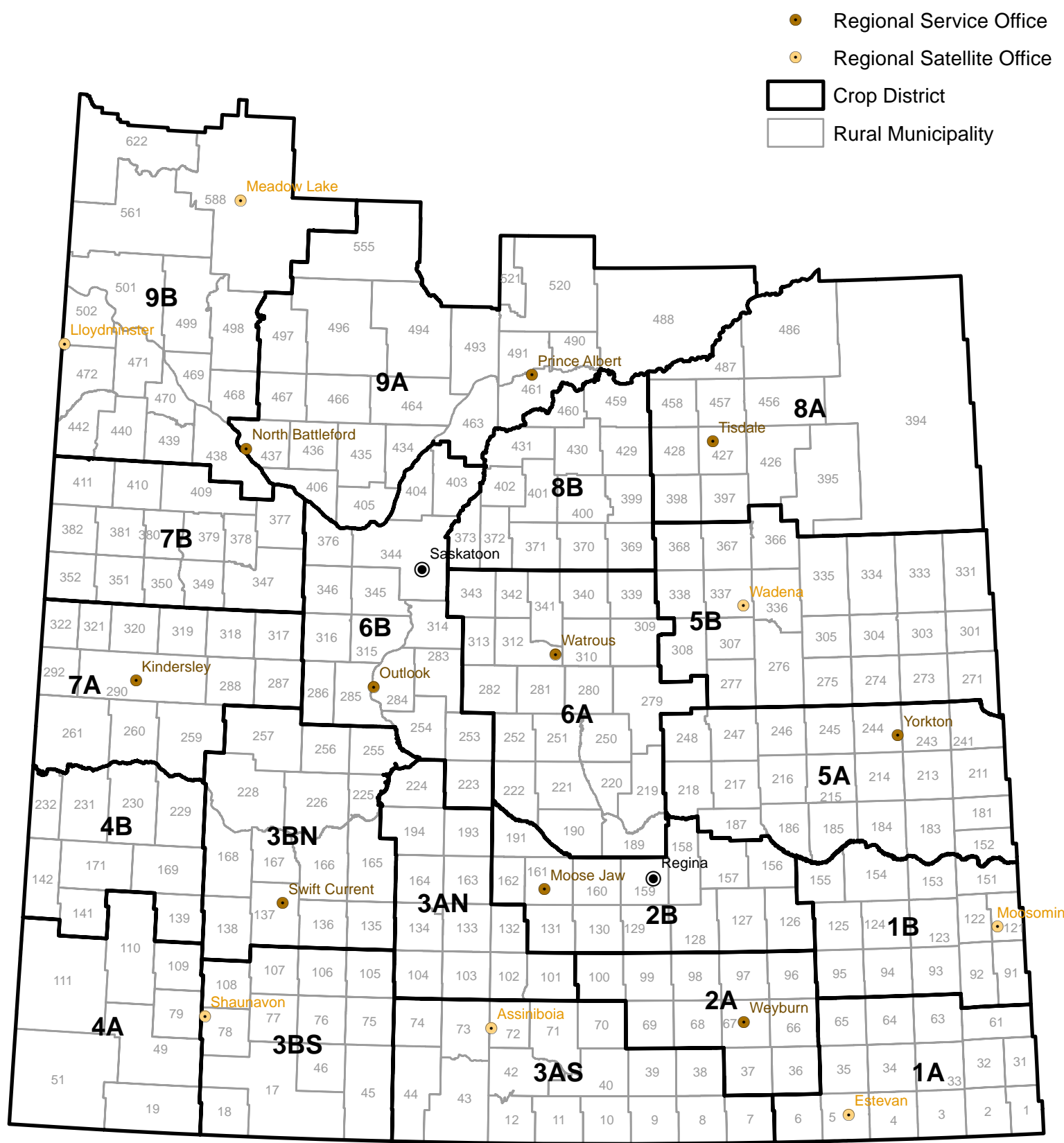
Precipitation this past week ranged from trace amounts to 27 mm in the Duck Lake area. The Debden area reported 24 mm of rain, the Speers area 12 mm, the North Battleford are 8 mm, the Glaslyn area 10 mm and the Turtleford area 4 mm. The Pierceland area has reported receiving the most precipitation (141 mm) in both the region and the province since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly improved over the last week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as nine per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Warm, dry and windy days are needed before fields will be able to support equipment.

Pastures are greening up and cattle are being moved. There are reports of crop residue being burned in some areas.

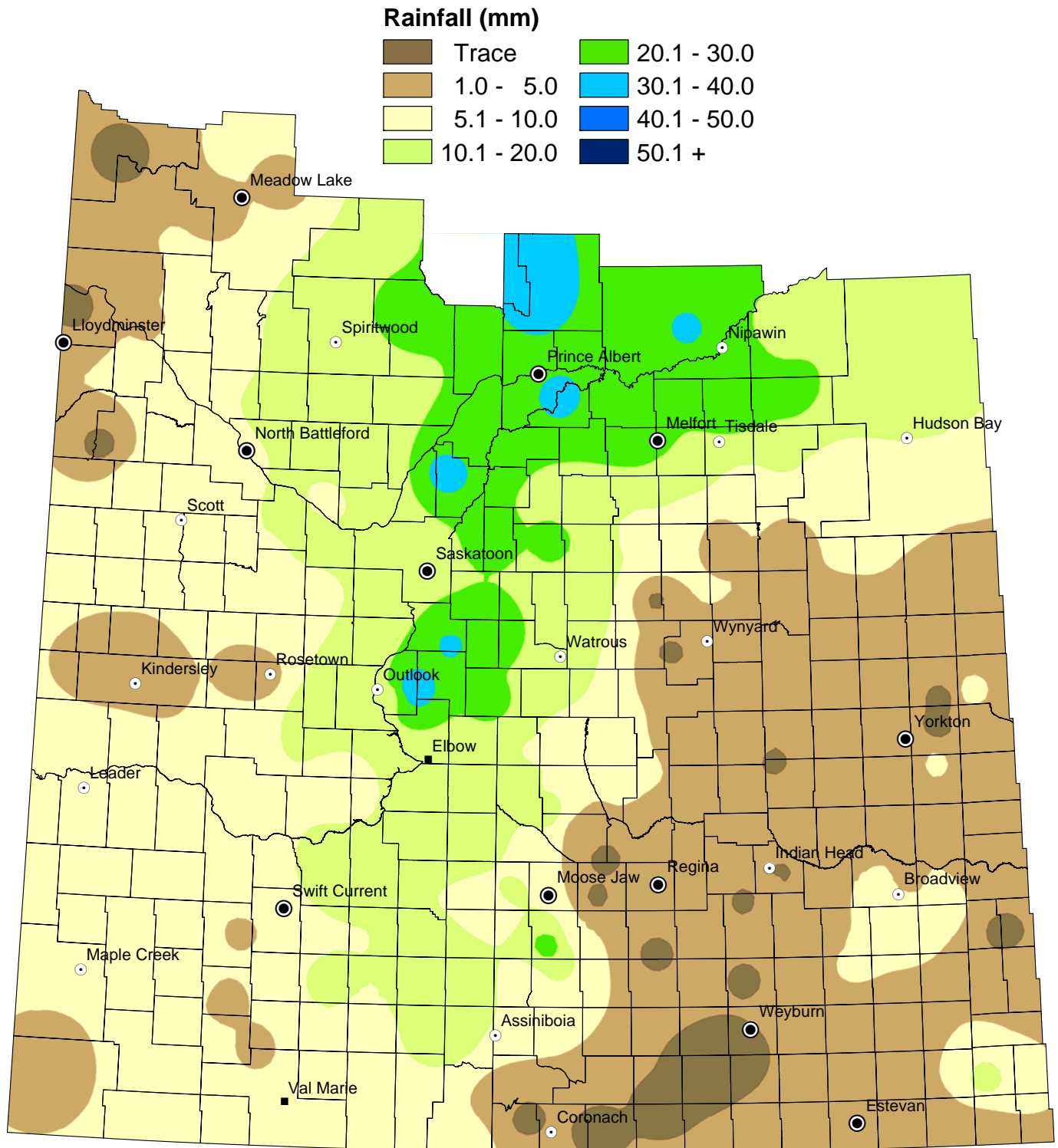
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from May 2 to May 8, 2017



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 2 to 8, 2017

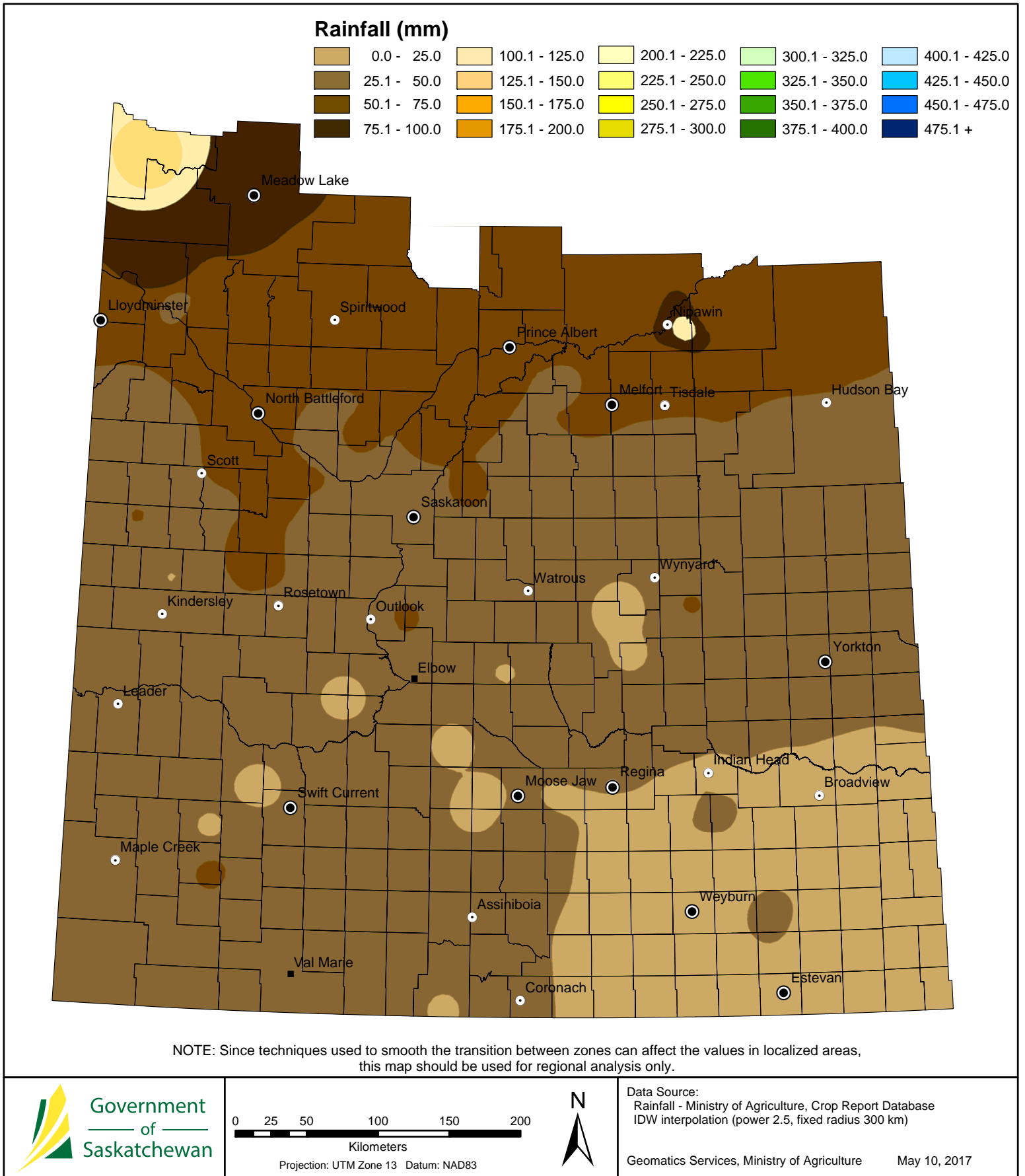
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1A	2	Mount Pleasant	1	18	4A	49	White Valley	7	41	7A	287	St. Andrews	2	48
	3	Enniskillen	3	20		51	Reno	3.1	34.3		288	Pleasant Valley	3	26
	31	Storthoaks	N/A	10		79	Arlington	8	37		290 A	Kindersley	4.5	44.5
	32	Reciprocity	11	36		109	Carmichael	7	57		290 B	Kindersley	3	28
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	8		110	Piapot	N/A	36		290 C	Kindersley	N/A	24
	34	Browning	N/A	16		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		292	Milton	N/A	15
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A	4B	139 A	Gull Lake	8	23		317 A	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	64	Brock	2	17		139 B	Gull Lake	5	14.5		317 B	Marriott	6	44
	65	Tecumseh	5	29		142	Enterprise	N/A	N/A		318	Mountain View	6	74
	91	Maryfield	4	6		169	Pittville	N/A	N/A		320 A	Oakdale	4	24.5
1B	122	Martin	NIL	9	5A	231	Happyland	6	37		320 B	Oakdale	3	25
	123	Silverwood	7	11		183	Fertile Belt	10	18	7B	321	Prairiedale	2	33
	124	Kingsley	9	29		211 A	Churchbridge	5	30		347	Biggar	9	53
	125 A	Chester	2	24		211 B	Churchbridge	4	24		350 A	Mariposa	7	47
	125 B	Chester	8	23		213	Saltcoats	6	33		350 B	Mariposa	6	47
	151	Rocanville	4	13		218	Cupar	N/A	N/A		351	Progress	6	51
	154 A	Elcapo	10	15		241	Calder	N/A	10		352	Heart's Hill	6	37
	154 B	Elcapo	4	14		243	Wallace	NIL	9		377	Glenside	13.5	52
	155	Wolseley	5	21.3		244	Orkney	2	4		378	Rosemount	10	72
	67	Weyburn	NIL	19		245 A	Garry	N/A	29		379	Reford	7	48
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	20		245 B	Garry	1	39		381	Grass Lake	N/A	29.5
2A	97	Wellington	0.5	10.5		245 C	Garry	2	38.5		382	Eye Hill	7.5	30
	127 A	Francis	3	32	5B	246 A	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	30	8A	409 A	Buffalo	7	58
	127 B	Francis	NIL	18.8		246 B	Ituna Bon Accord	3	28		409 B	Buffalo	8	32
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	10		247	Kellross	2	36		410	Round Valley	7.5	37.5
	131 A	Baildon	5	50		248	Touchwood	3	22.5		395	Porcupine	6	44
	131 B	Baildon	24	54		271	Cote	6	35		397	Barrier Valley	7.8	44.6
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	22.3		273	Sliding Hills	NIL	34		428	Star City	N/A	12
	156 B	Indian Head	4	39		277	Emerald	4	53		456	Arborfield	22	67
	159	Sherwood	2	17		305	Invermay	3	47		457	Connaught	29	59
	160 A	Pense	N/A	7		307	Elfros	2	28		486	Moose Range	15	57
	160 B	Pense	NIL	14.5		308 A	Big Quill	NIL	11	8B	487	Nipawin	30	111.5
3ASE	161	Moose Jaw	3	23		308 B	Big Quill	2	15		369	St. Peter	8	23
	162	Caron	11	21.5	6A	331	Livingston	1	42		370 A	Humboldt	10	45
	191	Marquis	N/A	21		335	Hazel Dell	10	10		370 B	Humboldt	N/A	5
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	14.5		336	Sasman	1	34		371	Bayne	23	44
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	15		337	Lakeview	N/A	12		372	Grant	23	53.7
	39	The Gap	NIL	10		338	Lakeside	N/A	23		400	Three Lakes	10	28
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	39		366	Kelvington	3	30		429 A	Flett's Springs	21	35
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	38		367	Ponass Lake	1	33.5		429 B	Flett's Springs	27	61.5
	40	Bengough	N/A	N/A		368	Spalding	8	33		459	Kinistino	26	46
	42	Willow Bunch	2	25		190 A	Dufferin	3	27	9AE	460	Birch Hills	33.5	50
	43	Old Post	8	24		190 B	Dufferin	3	37		488	Torch River	31	68
	73 A	Stonehenge	12.5	34.4		190 C	Dufferin	NIL	38		520	Paddockwood	36	70
	73 B	Stonehenge	N/A	35		190 D	Dufferin	NIL	29		521	Lakeland	36	70
3AN	102	Lake Johnston	6.4	29.9		219 A	Longlaketon	N/A	22	9AW	406	Mayfield	6	30
	103	Sutton	20	32		219 B	Longlaketon	2	43		435	Redberry	11	54
	132 A	Hillsborough	7	21.5		220	McKillop	6	25		436	Douglas	12	45.5
	132 B	Hillsborough	N/A	30		221 A	Sarnia	9.4	35.7		463	Duck Lake	27	58.1
	193	Eyebrow	13	21		221 B	Sarnia	12.5	26.8		466	Meeting Lake	13	63
	17	Val Marie	N/A	10.1		222	Craik	14	33		467 A	Round Hill	10	64
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	20		251	Big Arm	7.5	14.5		467 B	Round Hill	11	35
	75	Pinto Creek	9	36		252	Arm River	9	22		467 C	Round Hill	13	58
	76	Auvergne	10	35		279	Mount Hope	N/A	14.9	9B	494	Canwood	24	65
	77	Wise Creek	4	44		282	McCraney	24	42		438	Battle River	8	60.5
3BS	78	Grassy Creek	N/A	21.6	6B	312	Morris	11	35		440	Hillsdale	0	43.5
	105	Glenbain	10	36		313	Lost River	29	42		442	Manitou Lake	N/A	47.9
	106	Whiska Creek	11	37		339	Leroy	0.4	20.4		498 A	Parkdale	9	66
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	20		340	Wolverine	12	44		498 B	Parkdale	10	35.5
	108	Bone Creek	3	39		341	Viscount	20	40		499 A	Mervin	7.5	63.5
	138 A	Webb	4	29		343 A	Blucher	21	25		501 A	Frenchman Butte	4	99
	138 B	Webb	N/A	21		223 A	Huron	N/A	5		501 B	Frenchman Butte	4	39
	166	Excelsior	13	37		223 B	Huron	20	30		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	69
	168 A	Riverside	8	19		284 A	Rudy	40	58		502	Britannia	NIL	80
	168 B	Riverside	9.3	22.2		284 B	Rudy	17	30.5		561	Loon Lake	N/A	93
3BN	226	Victory	6	18		284 C	Rudy	10	25	9B	588 A	Meadow Lake	4	78
	228 A	Lacadena	7	47		285	Fertile Valley	10	35		588 B	Meadow Lake	4	91
	228 B	Lacadena	N/A	3.5		286	Milden	14	39		622	Beaver River	NIL	140.7
	257	Monet	N/A	26		314	Dundurn	32	41					
						344	Corman Park	12	31					
						346	Perdue	9	33					
						376	Eagle Creek	13	55					
						403	Rosthern	35	55					

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Municipality No: A, B, C and D - more than one reporter

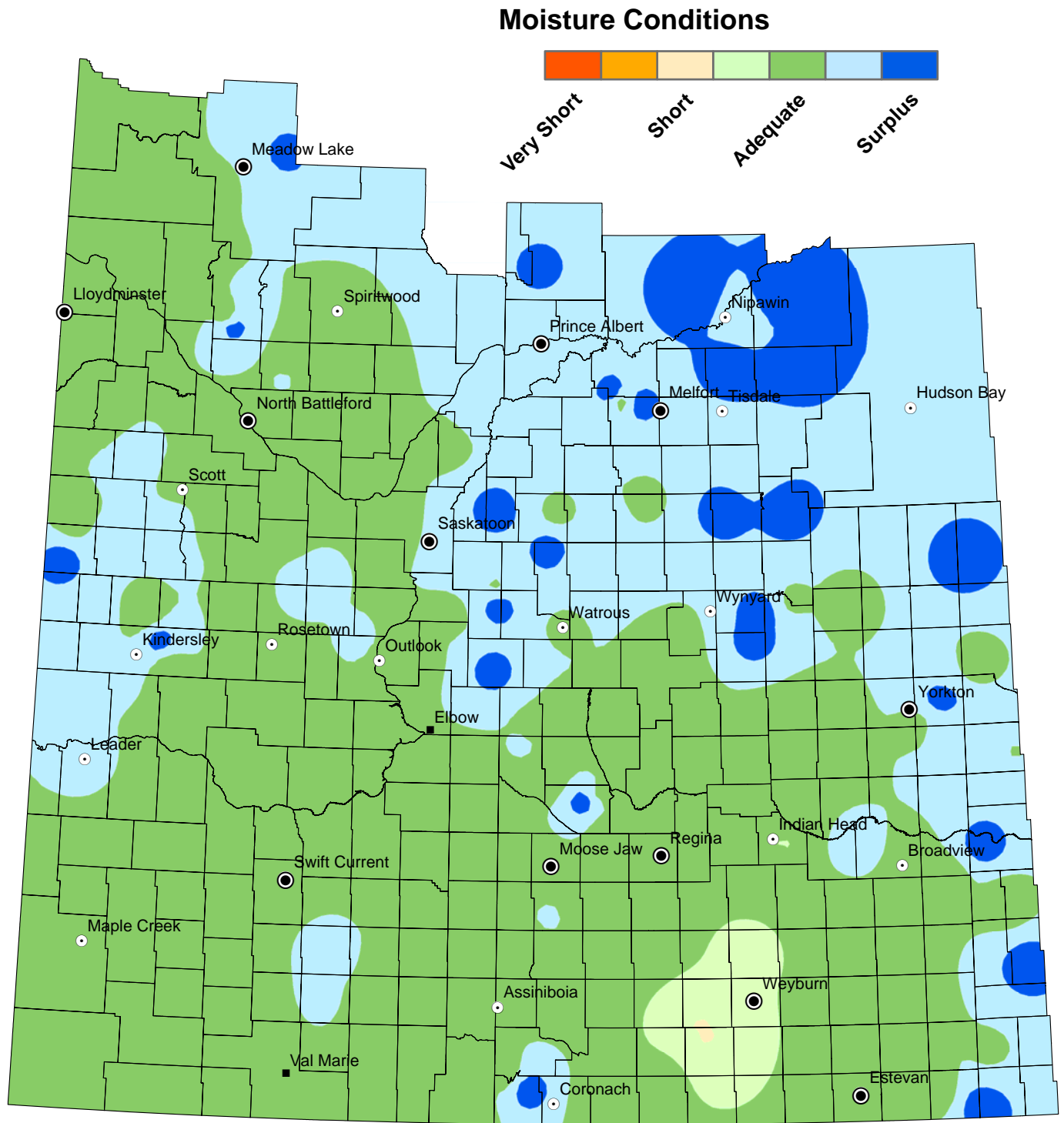
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

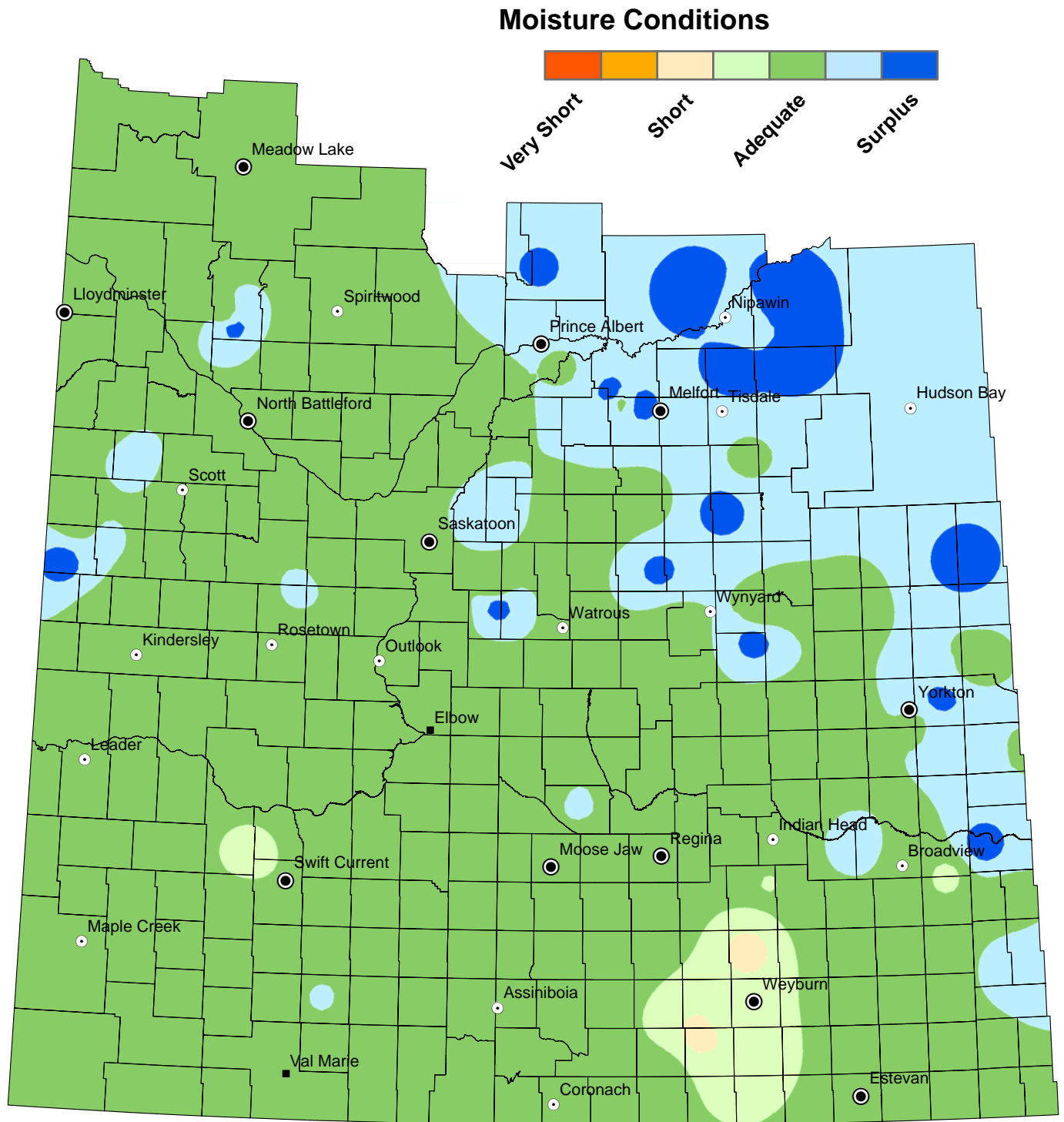
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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