

## For the Period May 16 to 22, 2017

Seeding is advancing quickly in the province thanks to warm, dry weather. Producers now have 60 per cent of the provincial crop in the ground, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 65 per cent. Many producers have completed seeding operations while others will need several more weeks of warm, dry weather. At this time, it is estimated that five per cent of acres will not be seeded due to excess moisture.

Seeding is most advanced in the southeast, where producers have 80 per cent of the crop in the ground. Seventy-six per cent is seeded in the southwest; 59 per cent in the west-central region; 53 per cent in the east-central region; 43 per cent in the northwest and 25 per cent in the northeast.

Much of the province did not receive any moisture this past week, although the Vonda area reported 18 mm. Fields remain wet in more northern regions while fields in other parts of the province are in need of rain to help crops germinate and emerge.

Provincially, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate, nine per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as seven per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and two per cent very short.

The majority of crops are either at or behind normal developmental stages for this time of year. Overall, emerged crops are in good condition, although there has been some damage caused by strong winds, localized flooding and lack of moisture. Hard frost last week damaged some alfalfa, winter cereal and canola fields; some fields will be re-seeded in the coming weeks.

Pasture conditions are rated as 15 per cent excellent, 53 per cent good, 24 per cent fair, seven per cent poor and one per cent very poor.

### One year ago

Thanks to warm and dry weather, 81 per cent of the 2016 crop had been seeded. Some areas of the province were in need of rain to help crops germinate and emerge.

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### Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded All Crops

May 22, 2017	60
May 23, 2016	81
May 25, 2015	87
May 26, 2014	64
May 20, 2013	27
May 21, 2012	64
5 year avg. (2012-2016)	65
10 year avg. (2007-2016)	66

### Provincial Crop Development

	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	11	78	11
Spring Cereals	2	52	46
Oilseeds	1	48	51
Pulse Crops	3	65	32

SaskPower reports that there were 23 power line contacts involving farm equipment between May 15 and 21 (67 in May to date), and encourages farmers to use caution. Safety information is available at [www.saskpower.com/safety](http://www.saskpower.com/safety).

Producers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and moving cattle.

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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

Seeding continues to quickly advance in the region. Producers now have 80 per cent of the crop in the ground, up from 60 per cent last week. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 64 per cent. Many producers have wrapped up seeding operations while others will need another week or two to finish up. At this time, it is estimated that two per cent of acres will not be seeded in the region due to either lack of moisture or localized flooding.

Southeast			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	18	72	10
Spring Cereals	9	46	45
Oilseeds	4	67	29
Pulse Crops	5	75	20

Little to no rain was received last week, although the Briercrest and Moose Jaw areas each reported 1 mm. The Briercrest area has reported receiving the most precipitation (58 mm) in the region since April 1. Rain will be needed soon to help crops germinate and emerge and for pastures to grow.

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to rapidly deteriorate in the region due to strong winds and warm temperatures. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and five per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 56 per cent adequate, 34 per cent short and nine per cent very short. Crop District 2A is reporting that 23 per cent of cropland and 33 per cent of hay land and pasture is very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Emerging crops are in good condition, although the majority are either at or behind normal developmental stages for this time of year. Strong winds and lack of moisture have caused damage this week. Mid-week frost has caused severe damage to many alfalfa, winter cereal and oilseed crops. Some fields have already been re-seeded while others will be in the coming weeks.

Rainfall would be beneficial to pastures in the region as conditions are rated as 10 per cent excellent, 36 per cent good, 33 per cent fair, 19 per cent poor and two per cent very poor.

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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

Thanks to warm, dry weather, producers in the southwest now have 76 per cent of the crop seeded, up from 46 per cent last week. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average

for this time of year is 78 per cent. Many producers have wrapped up seeding operations while others will need another week or two to finish up. At this time, it is estimated that one per cent of acres will not be seeded in the region due to moisture concerns.

Southwest			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	2	89	9
Spring Cereals	2	76	22
Oilseeds	1	73	26
Pulse Crops	6	73	21

Rainfall ranged from small amounts to 6 mm in the Kyle area. The Rockglen and Gravelbourg areas reported 3 mm, the Vanguard and Tyner areas 2 mm, the Maple Creek area 1 mm and the Hazlet area 5 mm. The Tyner area has reported receiving the most precipitation (59 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions are deteriorating in the region due to strong winds. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and 10 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and 17 per cent short. Crop District 3BN is reporting that 16 per cent of cropland and 32 per cent of hay land and pasture is short topsoil moisture at this time.

Crops are emerging and are in good condition; however, the majority of crops are either at or behind normal developmental stages for this time of year. Strong winds and lack of moisture have caused some crop damage this week while frost has damaged alfalfa, winter cereal and oilseed crops. Some fields will likely be re-seeded in the coming weeks.

Pasture conditions in the region are rated as 11 per cent excellent, 74 per cent good, 14 per cent fair and one per cent poor.

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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

Significant seeding progress was made this past week thanks to warm, dry weather. The east-central region now has 53 per cent of the crop seeded, up from 19 per cent last week. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 55 per cent. Field conditions have been optimal for most producers; however, some wet fields remain that will need more time to dry before they will be able to support equipment. At this time it is estimated that four per cent of acres will not be seeded due to excess moisture.

East-Central			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	1	78	21
Spring Cereals	1	56	43
Oilseeds	0	55	45
Pulse Crops	0	54	46

Little to no rainfall was reported in the region, although some areas received small amounts. The Langenburg area reported 8 mm, the Quill Lake area 7 mm and the

Lumsden and Humboldt areas 3 mm. The Foam Lake area has reported receiving the most precipitation (59 mm) in the region since April 1.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as seven per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 10 per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate, 11 per cent short and one per cent very short. Some areas could use a good rain to help replenish topsoil moisture and allow for crops to germinate.

Crops are just beginning to emerge and are either at or behind normal developmental stages for this time of year. The region received frost last week but damage is expected to be minimal as the majority of the crop had not yet emerged. Harvest operations continue in the region, although most of what remains is likely not salvageable.

Pasture conditions in the region are rated as nine per cent excellent, 49 per cent good, 37 per cent fair and five per cent poor.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, controlling weeds 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 were able to seed almost half of their acres last week thanks to some welcomed warm, dry weather. Fifty-nine per cent of the crop is now in the ground, up significantly from 16 per cent last week. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 68 per cent. At this time it is estimated that five per cent of acres will not be seeded due to excess moisture.

West-Central			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	0	92	8
Spring Cereals	0	52	48
Oilseeds	0	47	53
Pulse Crops	0	58	42

Most areas received very little to no rainfall last week, although the Macklin area reported 5 mm. The Kerrobert area reported 2 mm, the Smiley area 3 mm and the Dinsmore area 4 mm. The Cando area has reported receiving the most precipitation (84 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have greatly improved due to the warmer weather. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 96 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Crop District 7A is reporting that 11 per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Crops are slowly emerging and are either at or behind normal developmental stages for this time of year. Frost was received last week but damage is expected to be minimal as

the majority of crops had not yet emerged. However, some alfalfa fields were damaged from the frost. Many producers have wrapped up harvest operations on salvageable fields.

Rainfall earlier in the season has greatly benefitted pastures in the region as conditions are rated as 28 per cent excellent, 61 per cent good and 11 per cent fair.

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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 warm, dry weather has allowed many producers in the region to get into the field.

Despite continued wet field conditions, the region now has 25 per cent of the crop in the ground, up from just four per cent last week. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 56 per cent. At this time it is estimated that 15 per cent of the acres will remain unseeded due to excess moisture.

Several weeks of warm, dry weather is needed to help dry fields up.

Northeast			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	0	10	90
Spring Cereals	0	21	79
Oilseeds	0	13	87
Pulse Crops	0	16	84

Small amounts of rainfall were reported across the region with the Vonda area reporting 18 mm. The Melfort area reported 1 mm, the Spruce Home area 9 mm, the Porcupine Plain area 2 mm and the Tisdale area 8 mm. The Nipawin area has reported receiving the most precipitation (135 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have greatly improved with the warmer weather. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 46 per cent surplus and 54 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 39 per cent surplus, 60 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Crop Districts 8A and 9AE are reporting that 69 per cent and 43 per cent, respectively, of cropland has surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

The majority of crops have not yet emerged but are expected to be either at or behind normal developmental stages for this time of year. Frost was received last week but damage is expected to be minimal. 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 as field conditions and weather permits. Some fields are being tilled in an effort to help dry them up and be suitable for seeding.

Pasture conditions are rated as nine per cent excellent, 43 per cent good, 32 per cent fair, 13 per cent poor and three per cent very poor.

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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

Significant seeding progress was made in the region thanks to warm, dry weather.

Forty-three per cent of the crop is now seeded, up from just eight per cent last week. The five-year (2012-2016) seeding average for this time of year is 64 per cent. Many fields remain wet and unable to support equipment. At this time it is estimated that five per cent of acres will remain unseeded due to excess moisture.

Northwest			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	38	47	15
Spring Cereals	6	30	64
Oilseeds	0	39	61
Pulse Crops	3	35	62

Small amounts of rainfall were received in the region last week with the Duck Lake and Lloydminster areas reporting 4 mm. The Mayfair area reported 2 mm and the Meadow Lake and Turtleford areas 3 mm. The St. Walburg area has reported receiving the most precipitation (125 mm) in the region since April 1.

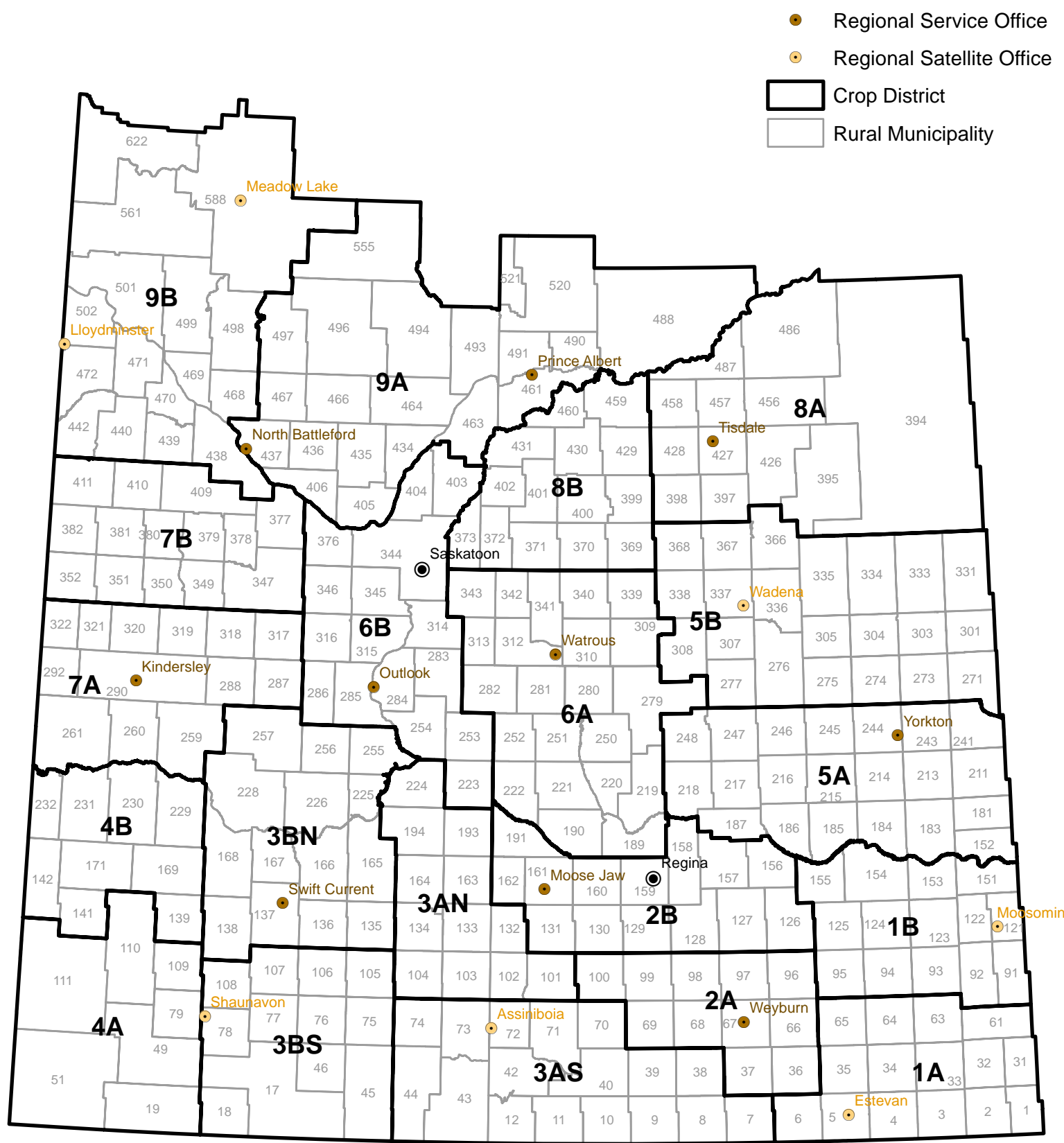
Topsoil moisture conditions have improved with the warmer weather. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 25 per cent surplus and 75 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 18 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Crop District 9B is reporting that 35 per cent of cropland and 25 per cent of hay land and pasture has surplus topsoil moisture at this time. Warm, dry and windy days are needed before many fields will be able to support equipment.

Most crops have not yet emerged but are expected to either be at or behind normal developmental stages for this time of year. Frost was received last week but damage is expected to be minimal. There are reports of farmers burning residue and unsalvageable crops. Some fields are being tilled in an effort to help dry them up and be suitable for seeding.

Rainfall earlier in the season has greatly benefitted pastures in the region as conditions are rated as 46 per cent excellent, 40 per cent good and 14 per cent fair.

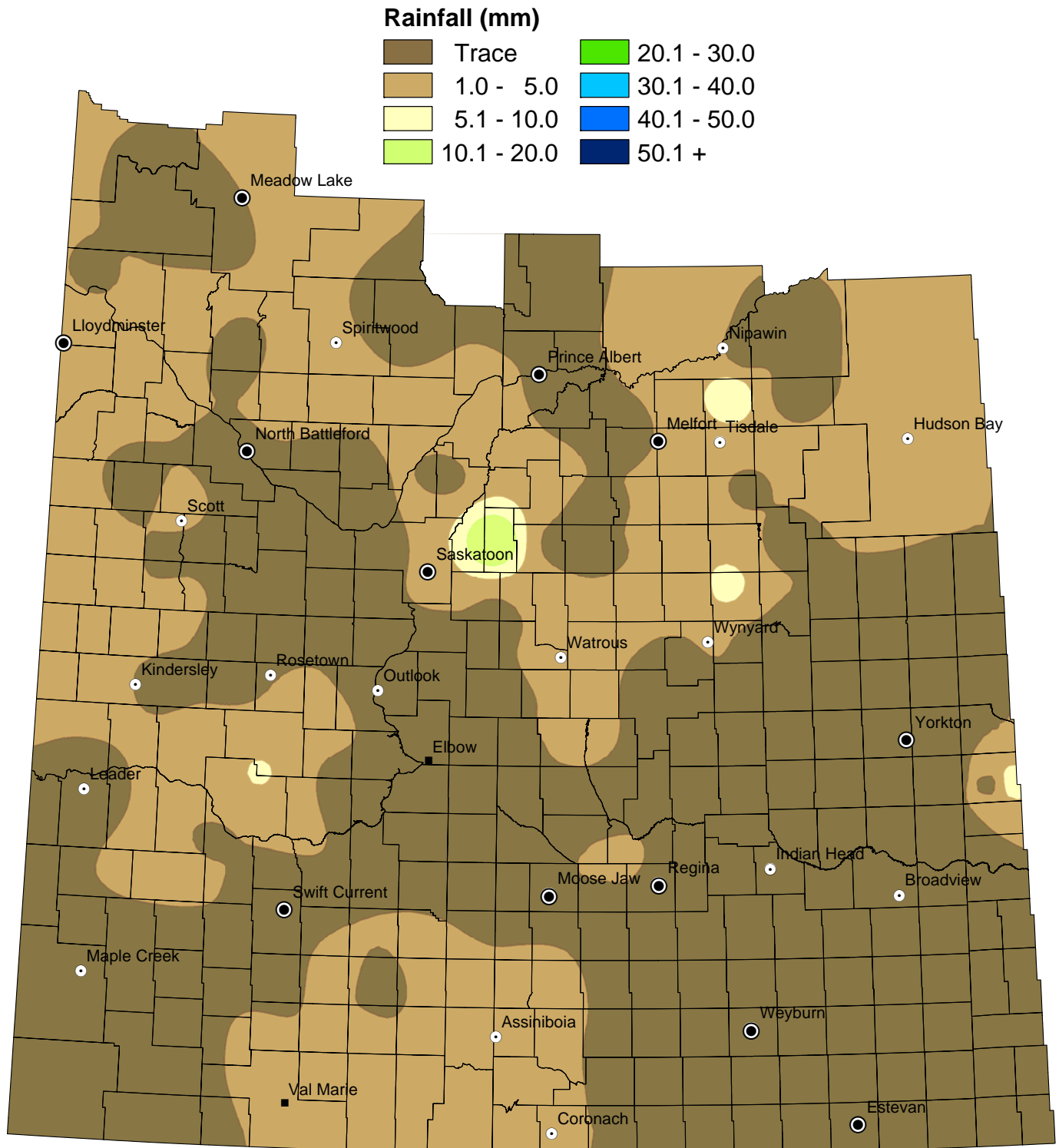
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# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



# Weekly Rainfall

from May 16 to May 22, 2017



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# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 16 to 22, 2017

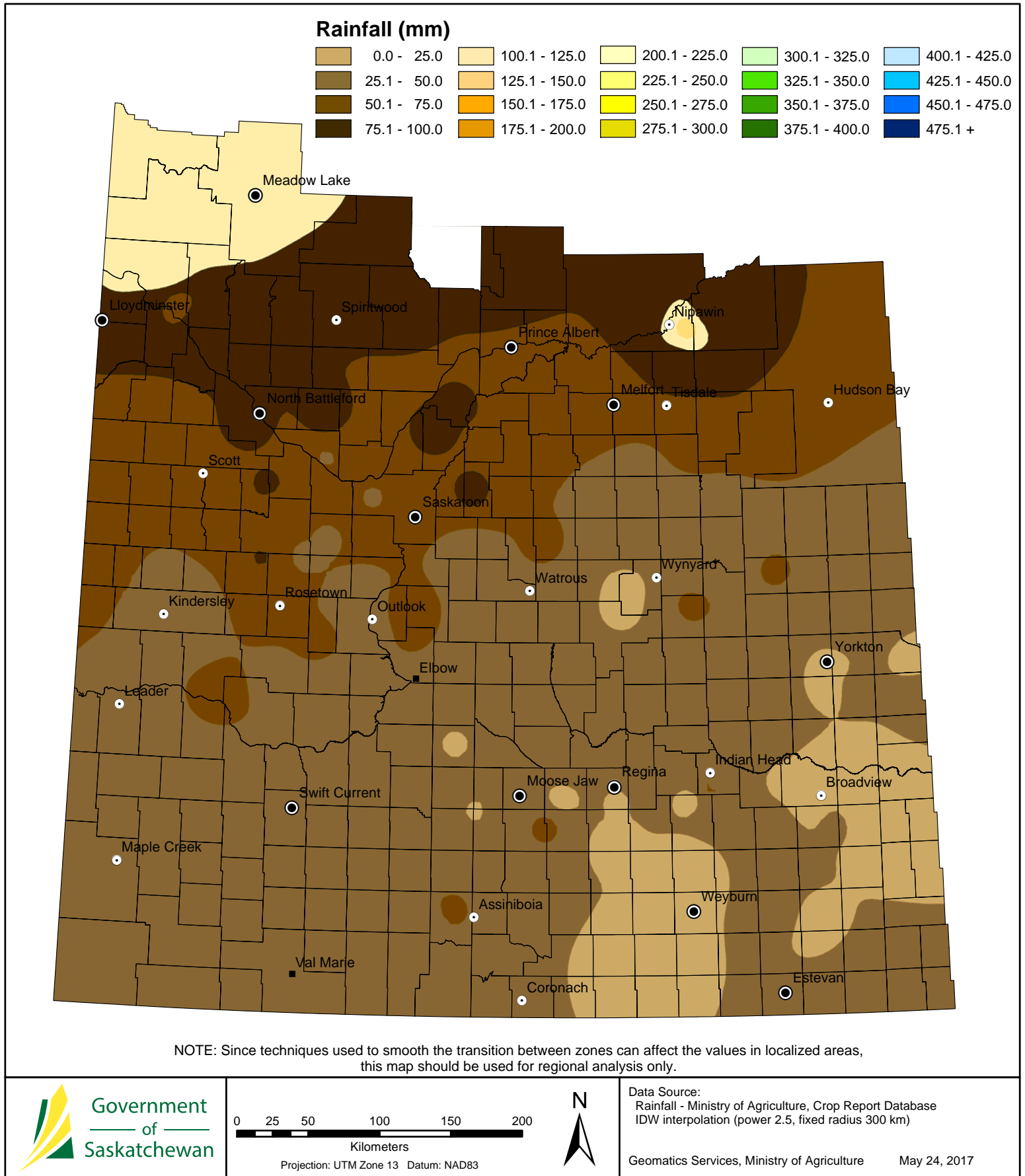
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1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	48	4A	49	White Valley	NIL	43	7A	287	St. Andrews	1	52
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	42		51	Reno	NIL	37.48		288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	52
	31	Storthoaks	N/A	10		79	Arlington	NIL	42		290 A	Kindersley	1	48
	32	Reciprocity	NIL	55		109	Carmichael	4	62		290 B	Kindersley	NIL	30
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	42		110	Piapot	0.5	43.5		290 C	Kindersley	N/A	24
	34	Browning	N/A	20		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		292	Milton	N/A	51
	61	Antler	N/A	5	4B	139 A	Gull Lake	NIL	27		317 A	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	64	Brock	NIL	17		139 B	Gull Lake	NIL	14.5		317 B	Marriott	NIL	47
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	32		142	Enterprise	N/A	N/A		318	Mountain View	NIL	77
1B	91	Maryfield	N/A	16		169	Pittville	5	34		320 A	Oakdale	2	36.5
	94	Hazelwood	NIL	0		231	Happyland	NIL	47		320 B	Oakdale	N/A	35
	122	Martin	NIL	10	5A	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	22		321	Prairiedale	3	50
	123	Silverwood	NIL	13		211 A	Churchbridge	8	39	7B	347	Biggar	NIL	58
	124	Kingsley	NIL	30		211 B	Churchbridge	NIL	24		350 A	Mariposa	NIL	56.5
	125 A	Chester	NIL	28		213	Saltcoats	NIL	34		350 B	Mariposa	2	58
	125 B	Chester	NIL	33		218	Cupar	N/A	N/A		351	Progress	N/A	78
	151	Rocanville	NIL	17		241	Calder	1	14		352	Heart's Hill	3	72
	154 A	Elcapo	NIL	19		243	Wallace	NIL	11		377	Glenside	NIL	65
	154 B	Elcapo	NIL	15		244	Orkney	NIL	7		378	Rosemount	NIL	84
	155	Wolseley	NIL	23.25		245 A	Garry	NIL	31		379	Reford	NIL	58
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	19		245 B	Garry	NIL	43		381	Grass Lake	N/A	52.5
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	20		245 C	Garry	NIL	40.5		382	Eye Hill	5	57.5
	96	Fillmore	NIL	1		246 A	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	34		409 A	Buffalo	N/A	81
	97	Wellington	NIL	12		246 B	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	31		409 B	Buffalo	2	51
2B	127 A	Francis	NIL	33		247	Kellross	NIL	42	8A	410	Round Valley	NIL	57.5
	127 B	Francis	NIL	18.75		248	Touchwood	N/A	27.5		395	Porcupine	2	56
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	17		271	Cote	NIL	42		397	Barrier Valley	0.6	55.87
	131 A	Baildon	1	58	5B	273	Sliding Hills	NIL	38		428	Star City	N/A	57
	131 B	Baildon	N/A	65		277	Emerald	1	59		456	Arborfield	NIL	87
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	25.54		305	Invermay	NIL	53		457	Connaught	8	82
	156 B	Indian Head	NIL	55		307	Elfros	NIL	32		486	Moose Range	NIL	79
	159	Sherwood	NIL	24		308 A	Big Quill	NIL	17		487	Nipawin	NIL	134.5
	160 A	Pense	N/A	12		308 B	Big Quill	NIL	19	8B	369	St. Peter	2	32
	160 B	Pense	NIL	18.5		331	Livingston	N/A	50		370 A	Humboldt	NIL	50
	161	Moose Jaw	1	25		335	Hazel Dell	NIL	18		370 B	Humboldt	NIL	5
	162	Caron	1	25.5		336	Sasman	NIL	37		371	Bayne	NIL	54
	191	Marquis	N/A	32		337	Lakeview	7	29		372	Grant	17.5	80.47
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	14.5		338	Lakeside	4	34		400	Three Lakes	NIL	35
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	16		366	Kelvington	NIL	37		429 A	Flett's Springs	NIL	43
	39	The Gap	NIL	10		367	Ponass Lake	N/A	38.5		429 B	Flett's Springs	1	64.5
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	1	46	6A	368	Spalding	4	39		459	Kinistino	N/A	52
	12	Poplar Valley	2	47		190 A	Dufferin	NIL	33		460	Birch Hills	NIL	56.79
	40	Bengough	N/A	N/A		190 B	Dufferin	NIL	41	9AE	488	Torch River	2	82
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	34		190 C	Dufferin	N/A	45		491	Buckland	9	9
	43	Old Post	3	33		190 D	Dufferin	3	39		520	Paddockwood	NIL	100
	73 A	Stonehenge	2	41.39		219 A	Longlaketon	1	28		521	Lakeland	NIL	100
	73 B	Stonehenge	3	56		219 B	Longlaketon	N/A	48	9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	45
3AN	102	Lake Johnston	2.8	38.73		220	McKillop	N/A	34		435	Redberry	N/A	85
	103	Sutton	3	41		221 A	Sarnia	0.4	42.86		436	Douglas	NIL	87
	132 A	Hillsborough	NIL	23		221 B	Sarnia	N/A	30.62		463	Duck Lake	4	77.62
	132 B	Hillsborough	NIL	37		222	Craik	NIL	36		466	Meeting Lake	2	112
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	23		251	Big Arm	2.5	22		467 A	Round Hill	N/A	98
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	10.08		252	Arm River	NIL	28		467 B	Round Hill	2	76
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	27		279	Mount Hope	N/A	20.2		467 C	Round Hill	2	105
	75	Pinto Creek	2	41		282	McCraney	NIL	47		494	Canwood	NIL	88
	76	Auvergne	N/A	36		312	Morris	2	43.5	9B	438	Battle River	NIL	86
	77	Wise Creek	2	46		313	Lost River	N/A	48		440	Hillsdale	N/A	66.5
	78	Grassy Creek	NIL	39.48		339	Leroy	4.2	29.38		442	Manitou Lake	N/A	79.23
	105	Glenbain	NIL	38		340	Wolverine	1	55		498 A	Parkdale	NIL	97
	106	Whiska Creek	2	41		341	Viscount	N/A	40		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	56.5
	107	Lac Pelletier	NIL	34		343 A	Blucher	NIL	35		499 A	Mervin	3	88
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	43		223 A	Huron	N/A	34		501 A	Frenchman Butte	1	125
3BN	138 A	Webb	NIL	35	6B	223 B	Huron	NIL	32		501 B	Frenchman Butte	3	64
	138 B	Webb	NIL	21		284 A	Rudy	NIL	71		501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	103
	166	Excelsior	NIL	41		284 B	Rudy	NIL	44.5		502	Britannia	4	119
	168 A	Riverside	NIL	25		284 C	Rudy	NIL	35		561	Loon Lake	NIL	122
	168 B	Riverside	NIL	22.19		285	Fertile Valley	NIL	45		588 A	Meadow Lake	3	113
	226	Victory	NIL	27		286	Milden	4	55		588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	123
	228 A	Lacadena	2	59		314	Dundurn	NIL	53		622	Beaver River	N/A	177.7
	228 B	Lacadena	N/A	6.5		344 A	Corman Park	NIL	49					
	257	Monet	5.5	45.5		344 B	Corman Park	N/A	0					
						346	Perdue	NIL	48					
						376	Eagle Creek	NIL	71					
						403	Rosthern	NIL	81					

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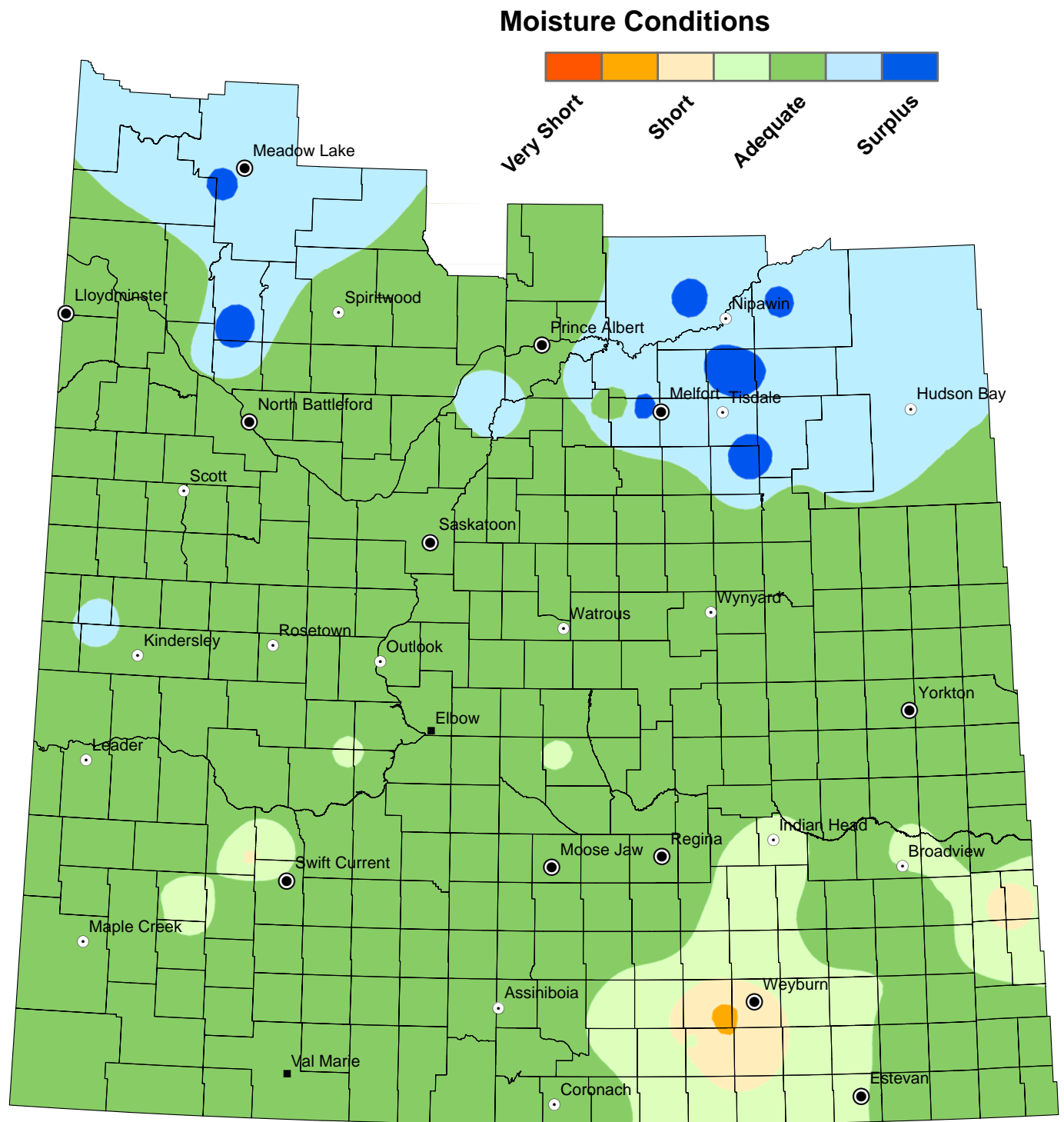
# Cumulative Rainfall

from April 1 to May 22, 2017



# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

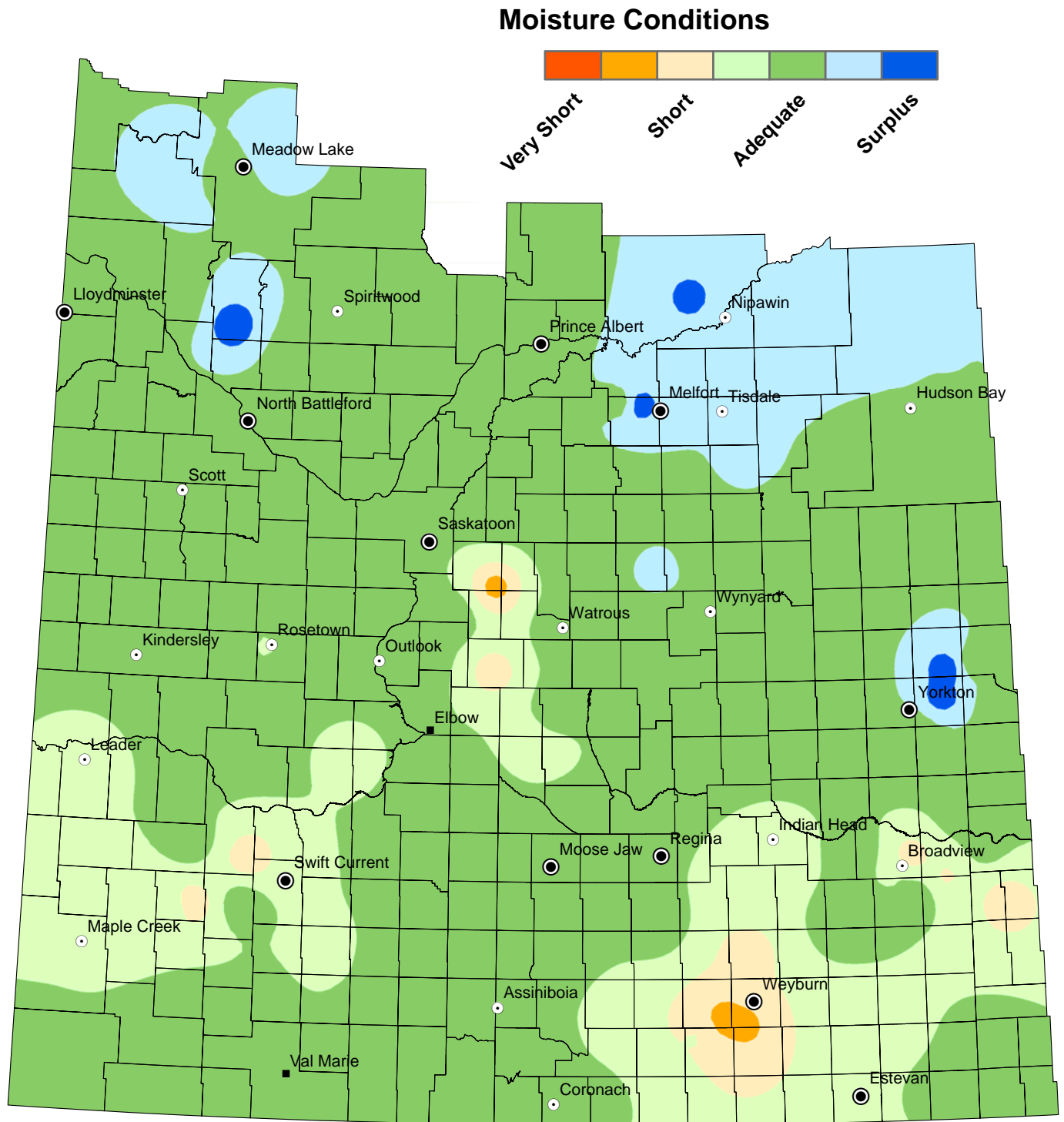
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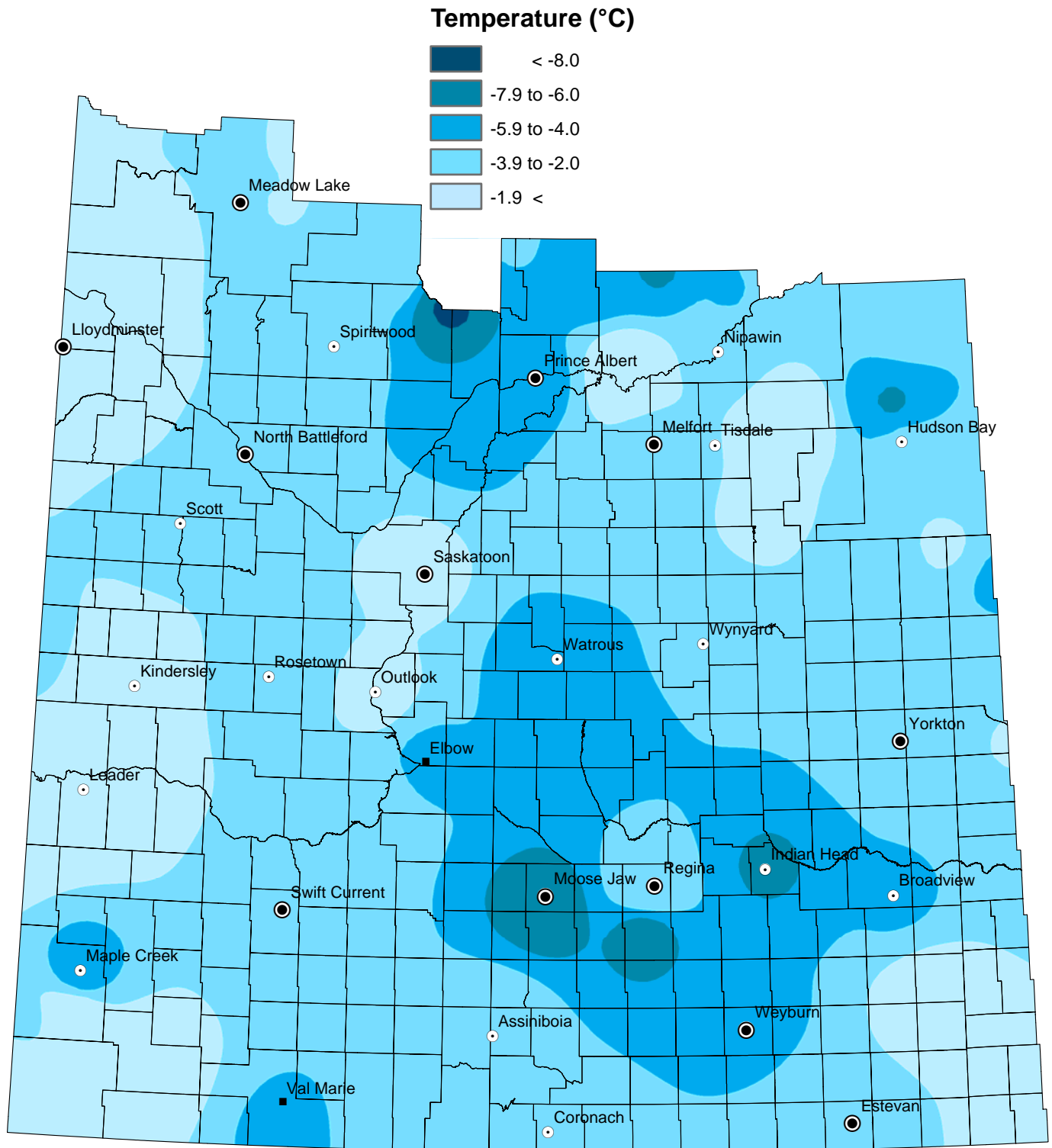
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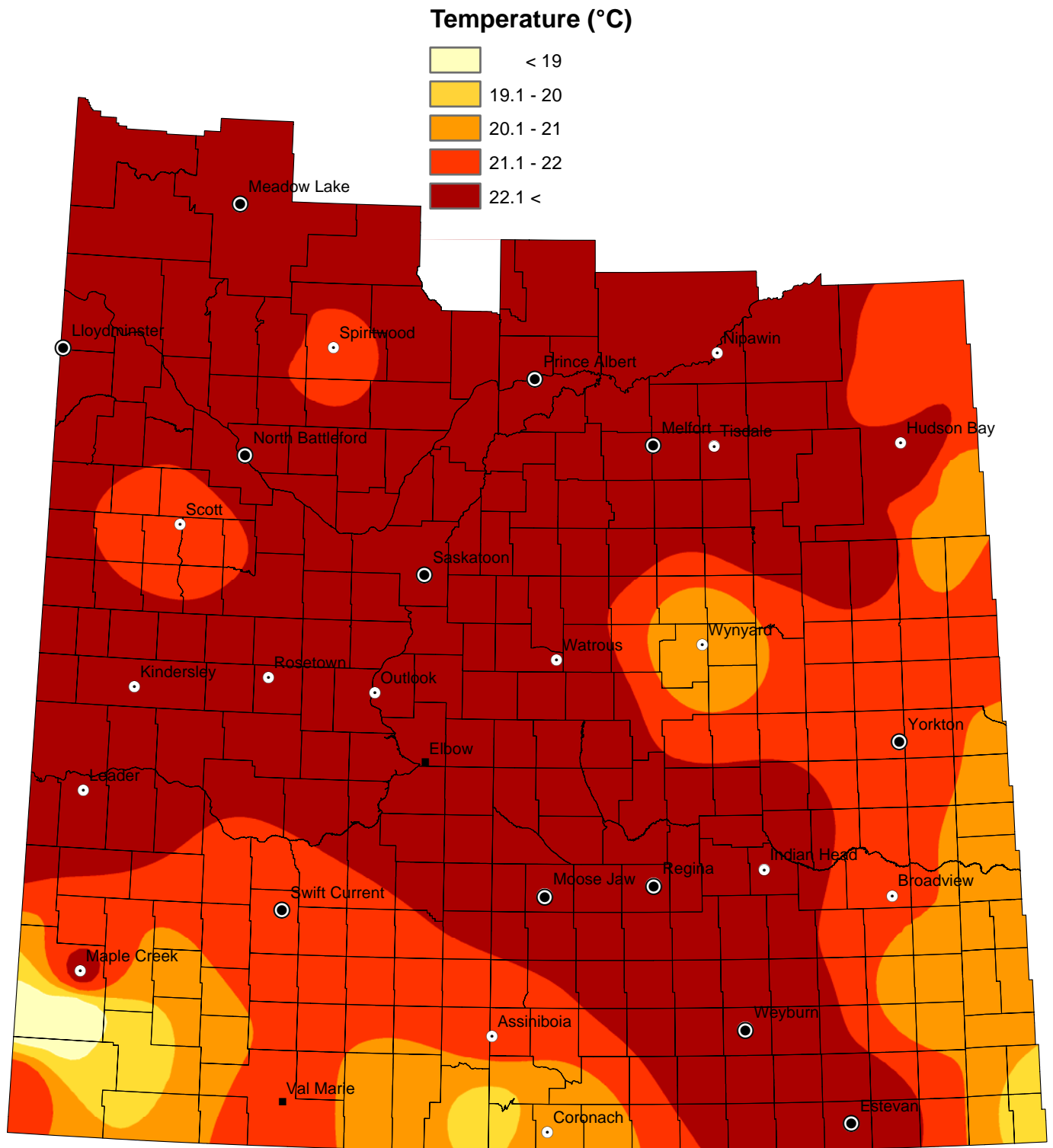
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