

For the Period April 21 to 27, 2015

Saskatchewan farmers are in the field, seeding, harrowing and controlling weeds. Two per cent of the 2015 crop is in the ground. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is less than one per cent.

Producers in the southwest have been seeding for a couple of weeks already, and have seven per cent of the crop in. Some areas in the southwest are reporting 20 per cent seeded. Significant rain and snow over the weekend, particularly in areas of the central and northern regions, have delayed seeding and field work. Most producers are hoping to be in the field again at the start of next week.

The southeastern region has four per cent seeded. All other regions have very little, if any, crop in the ground to date.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 20 per cent surplus, 76 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.

Pasture conditions are rated as 12 per cent excellent, 53 per cent good, 26 per cent fair and nine per cent poor. Some pastures have excess moisture or are slow to green up.

Areas in the eastern regions are reporting excess moisture. Precipitation during the past week varied across the province, with some central regions reporting 75 mm. Areas in the north reported receiving up to 20 cm of snow. Weather has generally been good for spring calving.

One year ago

Cold temperatures with significant moisture events delayed spring seeding. Seeding had just started in some areas in the southwest.

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In history: The provincial 20 year (1995 – 2014) average seeding progress for the last week in April is just under two per cent seeded. Six 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)

Some producers in the southeastern region have begun to seed and to work fields, although the majority will be waiting at least a week for field conditions to improve. The region has four per cent seeded to date. Seeding is most advanced in the 2B and 3ASE regions. Warm temperatures forecasted for the week should see most producers in the field by early next week.

Most of the region recorded very little rainfall over the past week, although the western edge of the region recorded higher amounts. The Moose Jaw area reported between 10 and 20 mm. This area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (49 mm).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 27 per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 17 per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. CD 1B is reporting that 61 per cent and 53 per cent of the cropland and hay land and pasture, respectively, have surplus topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions are rated as 15 per cent excellent, 42 per cent good, 36 per cent fair and seven per cent poor. Pastures are slow to green up due to cool temperatures, and some have excess moisture issues. Cattle are being moved to pasture, although the majority will be moved in the coming weeks. Roads are in poor shape. Farmers are busy preparing equipment, finishing up calving, moving cattle, cleaning seed and working fields.

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)

Most producers in the region have been seeding for the past week, and now have seven per cent of the crop in the ground. Some producers in Crop District 3AN have yet to begin, however, as the weekend brought up to 60 mm of rain. CDs 3ASW and 3AN are reporting three per cent seeded, 3BS four per cent, 3BN eight per cent, 4A 11 per cent and 4B 12 per cent.

Precipitation this week ranged from nil to 60 mm in the Eyebrow area, which has received the greatest amount of precipitation to date (73 mm). Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 10 per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and six per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate, 14 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Pasture conditions are rated as nine per cent excellent, 65 per cent good, 23 per cent fair and three per cent poor. Although moisture conditions are good for the most part, pastures are slow to green up due to cool weather.

There have been reports of seed treatment and inoculant shortages in some areas of the region. Farmers are busy with seeding and weed control operations.

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)

Cold temperatures and wet weather are delaying seeding in most of the east-central region. A large amount of water is lying in many fields, and there has been some localized flooding of secondary roads, which limits access to some areas. Crop reporters are indicating that general seeding may not begin for at least another week or more.

The region reported varying amounts of precipitation this week, ranging from nil to 75 mm in the Bradwell area. This area has also received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (80 mm). The northern area of CD 6A received snow as well.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are reported as 44 per cent surplus and 56 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 30 per cent surplus and 70 per cent adequate. CD 6A is reporting that 61 per cent of cropland and 46 per cent of hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions are rated as five per cent excellent, 41 per cent good, 34 per cent fair, 17 per cent poor and three per cent very poor. Excess moisture and cool conditions are delaying pasture growth.

Farmers are busy working on equipment, controlling weeds, putting down anhydrous ammonia fertilizer and waiting to seed. There are a couple of reports of farmers picking up harvest from where they left off last fall.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Seeding has begun for a few producers but the majority will likely begin in the coming week. Rainfall for the week ranged from one to 51 mm in the Hanley area. Since April 1, the Outlook area has had the greatest amount of rainfall (55 mm). Many areas reported snow over the weekend as well (the Langham area reported 18 cm). Some drier fields are being worked or spread with fertilizer, while other fields remain too wet to support equipment. There are a few reports of seeding in the Rosetown, Kindersley, Conquest and Major areas. Weed control, harrowing and fertilizer application are general throughout the region.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

Pasture conditions are rated as 22 per cent excellent, 52 per cent good, 21 per cent fair and five per cent poor.

Farmers are busy preparing equipment, working fields, starting to seed and moving cattle to pasture.

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)

Most producers are hoping to be in the field to start seeding next week. Cool and wet weather has delayed field work and warm weather will be needed to dry up fields. Some roads are soft and will not be able to support equipment for a while.

Much of the region received rain and/or snow this past week, ranging from one to 52 mm of moisture. The Arborfield area received 34 mm, the Humboldt area 52 mm and the Alvena area 25 mm. The Humboldt area has reported the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (54 mm). The Lake Lenore area reported 20 cm of snow. Power outages were reported in some areas due to the heavy snow bringing down power lines and trees.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 23 per cent surplus and 77 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus and 89 per cent adequate.

Pasture conditions are rated as seven per cent excellent, 60 per cent good, 13 per cent fair, 11 per cent poor and nine per cent very poor. Cool and wet weather has slowed pasture growth.

Farmers are busy cleaning seed, controlling weeds and getting ready to seed.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

There are a few reports of seeding just nicely starting in the Turtleford, St. Walburg and Lloydminster areas. The majority of producers are expected to get started next week. The region received some precipitation this week, ranging from trace amounts to 24 mm (Speers area). Some areas reported snow as well (Speers area 18 cm). The Hafford area has received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (35 mm).

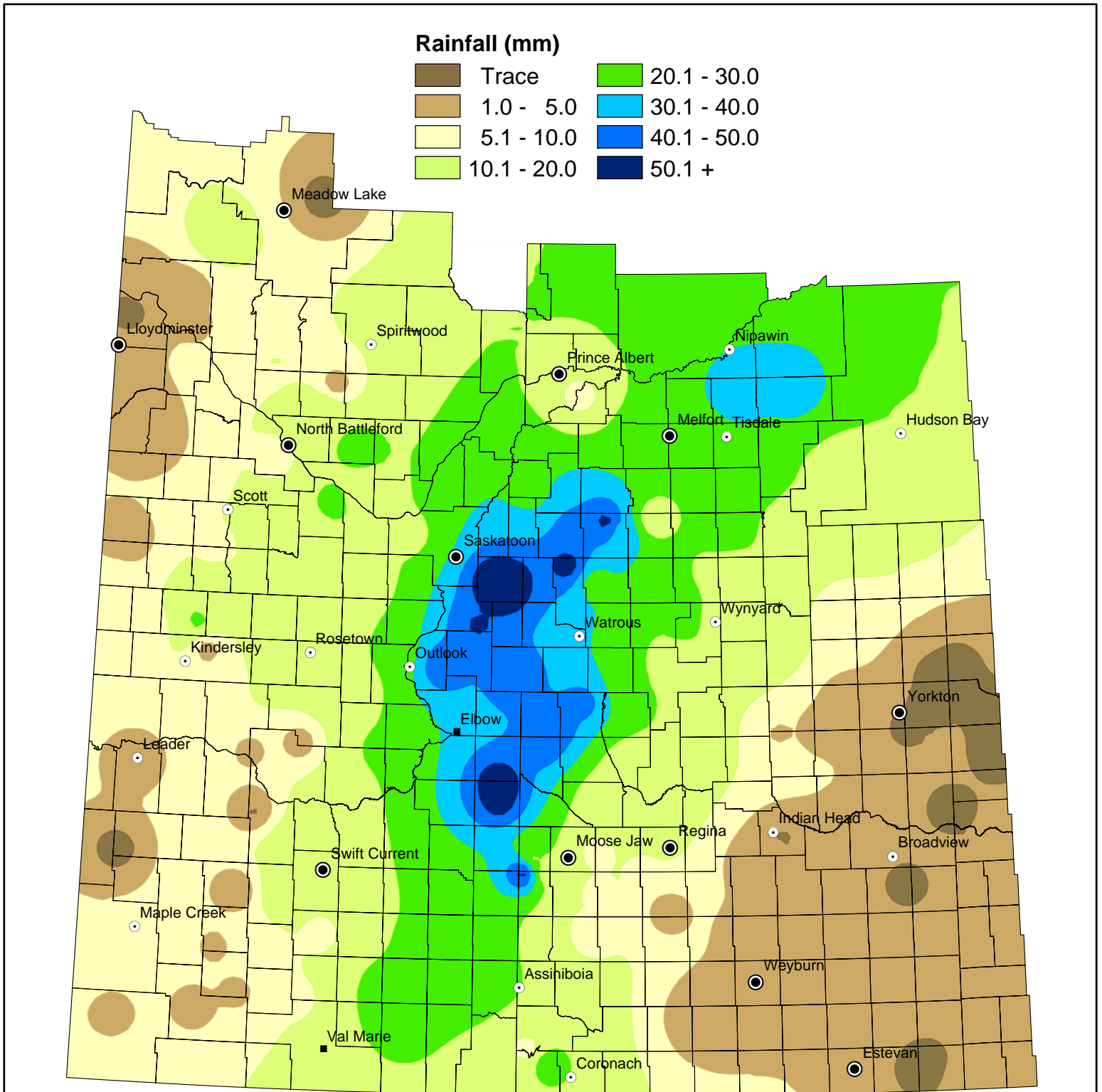
Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as two per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 88 per cent adequate and 12 per cent short.

Pasture conditions are rated as 11 per cent excellent, 50 per cent good, 23 per cent fair, 11 per cent poor and five per cent very poor. Cool weather has slowed pasture growth, but moisture is adequate in most areas.

Farmers are busy moving cattle, fertilizing forage crops, cleaning seed and controlling weeds.

Weekly Rainfall

from April 21 to April 27, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 21 to 27, 2015

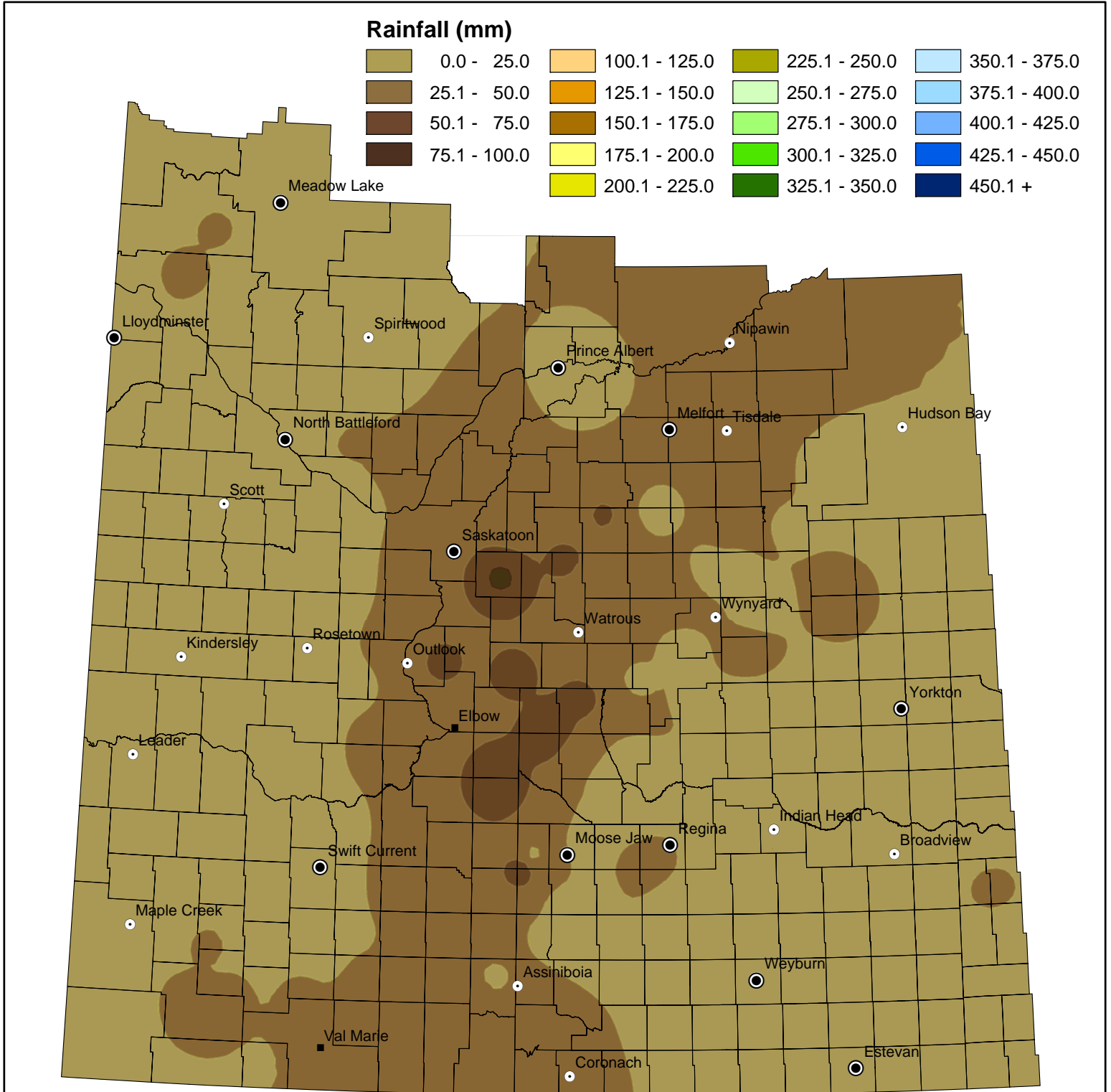
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	2	4	4A	49	White Valley	4	29	7A	287	St. Andrews	10	12	
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	3		51	Reno	4.6	16		288	Pleasant Valley	16	18	
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A		79	Arlington	4	29		290 A	Kindersley	5.5	7	
	34	Browning	N/A	5		109 A	Carmichael	7	9		290 B	Kindersley	3	3	
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		109 B	Carmichael	4	30		290 C	Kindersley	N/A	NIL	
	63	Moose Mountain	2	17		110	Piapot	N/A	1		292	Milton	6	8	
	64	Brock	2	6		4B	139	Gull Lake	1		1	317 A	Marriott	N/A	NIL
	65	Tecumseh	1	7			142	Enterprise	NIL		2	317 B	Marriott	16	21
	91	Maryfield	2	6			169	Pittville	N/A		N/A	318	Mountain View	13	15
	122	Martin	3	30			231	Happyland	2		2	320 A	Oakdale	23	25
1B	123	Silverwood	N/A	11	5A	183 B	Fertile Belt	NIL	8	7B	320 B	Oakdale	12	17	
	124	Kingsley	NIL	12		211	Churchbridge	NIL	16		321	Prairiedale	5	16	
	125 A	Chester	1	19		213	Saltcoats	1	11		347	Biggar	11	16	
	125 B	Chester	2	12		216	Tullymet	N/A	NIL		350 A	Mariposa	7	9	
	151 A	Rocanville	1	12		241	Calder	NIL	10		350 B	Mariposa	13	17	
	151 B	Rocanville	N/A	N/A		243	Wallace	NIL	13		351	Progress	N/A	4	
	154	Etcapo	NIL	2		244	Orkney	NIL	8		352	Heart's Hill	6	13	
	155 A	Wolseley	1	11		245 A	Garry	1	20		377	Glenside	24	24	
	155 B	Wolseley	N/A	N/A		245 B	Garry	4	4		378 B	Rosemount	N/A	5	
	2A	67	Weyburn	N/A		2	245 C	Garry	4		26	379	Reford	15	19
68		Brokenshell	2	8	246	Ituna Bon Accord	4	20	381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A			
97		Wellington	1	7	247	Kellross	9	24	382	Eye Hill	1	3			
2B		127 A	Francis	1.5	15	248	Touchwood	20	24	409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A		
		127 B	Francis	2.5	3	271	Cote	NIL	9	410	Round Valley	5	5		
		129	Bratt's Lake	2	7	273	Sliding Hills	NIL	10	8A	395	Porcupine	16	16	
		131 A	Baildon	8	14	277	Emerald	15	30	397	Barrier Valley	22.4	28		
		131 B	Baildon	10	14	305	Invermay	5	33	428	Star City	25	28		
		156 A	Indian Head	0.5	11	307	Elfros	13	21	456	Arborfield	34	36		
		156 B	Indian Head	2	27	308 A	Big Quill	22	25	457	Connaught	N/A	NIL		
	157	South Qu'Appelle	N/A	NIL	308 B	Big Quill	12	22	486	Moose Range	N/A	N/A			
	160 A	Pense	7	7	331	Livingston	N/A	23	487	Nipawin	14	16			
	161	Moose Jaw	9	49	336	Sasman	N/A	6	8B	369	St. Peter	12	14		
3A	162	Caron	19.5	22	337	Lakeview	17	23	370 A	Humboldt	35	39			
	191	Marquis	N/A	N/A	338	Lakeside	18	20	370 B	Humboldt	52	54			
	38 A	Laurier	2	14	366	Kelvington	16	24	371	Bayne	44	44			
	38 B	Laurier	1	8	367	Ponass Lake	25	33	372	Grant	39.8	41			
	39 A	The Gap	N/A	21	6A	190 A	Dufferin	14	14	400	Three Lakes	35	39		
	39 B	The Gap	N/A	17		190 B	Dufferin	17	25	402	Fish Creek	25	29		
	12	Poplar Valley	24	46		190 C	Dufferin	9	9	429	Flett's Springs	21	25		
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A		190 D	Dufferin	12	24	459	Kinistino	N/A	N/A		
	40 B	Bengough	N/A	N/A		219 A	Longlaketon	N/A	5	9AE	460	Birch Hills	8	12	
	42	Willow Bunch	8	38		219 B	Longlaketon	9	12	488	Torch River	N/A	N/A		
43	Old Post	14	32	220		Mckillop	15	20	491	Buckland	N/A	N/A			
70	Key West	N/A	N/A	221		Sarnia	N/A	13	520	Paddockwood	24	32			
73 A	Stonehenge	24.4	37	222		Craik	47	57	521	Lakeland	24	32			
73 B	Stonehenge	22	22	251		Big Arm	43.8	56	9AW	406	Mayfield	13	19		
3AN	101	Terrell	5	16	252	Arm River	49	58	435	Redberry	20	35			
	102	Lake Johnston	14	23	279	Mount Hope	20	23	436	Douglas	24	27			
	103	Sutton	30	30	282	McCraney	50	56	463	Duck Lake	20	30			
	132 A	Hillsborough	52	64	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A	467 A	Round Hill	15.5	18			
	132 B	Hillsborough	15	41	312	Morris	N/A	N/A	467 B	Round Hill	3	3			
	134	Shamrock	24	32	313	Lost River	N/A	N/A	9B	438	Battle River	8	21		
	193 A	Eyebrow	55	59	339	Leroy	25.4	35	440	Hillsdale	1	9			
	193 B	Eyebrow	60	73	340	Wolverine	26	32	442	Manitou Lake	1.4	8			
	224	Maple Bush	N/A	N/A	341	Viscount	55	57	498 A	Parkdale	10.6	19			
	3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	30	343 A	Blucher	75	80	498 B	Parkdale	5	5		
75 A		Pinto Creek	28	36	343 B	Blucher	N/A	N/A	499	Mervin	8	14			
75 B		Pinto Creek	28	28	6B	254	Loreburn	N/A	N/A	501 A	Frenchman Butte	3	32		
76		Auvergne	N/A	4		284	Rudy	48	55	501 B	Frenchman Butte	4	16		
77		Wise Creek	9	28		285	Fertile Valley	21	29	501 C	Frenchman Butte	2	9		
78		Grassy Creek	N/A	30		286	Milden	15	19	502	Britannia	NIL	3		
105		Glenbain	22	30		314	Dundurn	51	54	561	Loon Lake	15	26		
106		Whiska Creek	16	24		344	Corman Park	18	25	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	5		
107		Lac Pelletier	8	17		346	Perdue	N/A	NIL	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A		
108		Bone Creek	8	13		376	Eagle Creek	N/A	4	588 C	Meadow Lake	N/A	7		
3BN	138 A	Webb	16	24		403	Rosthern	N/A	4	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A		
	138 B	Webb	N/A	8						622	Beaver River	10	14		
	166	Excelsior	N/A	4											
	167	Sask. Landing	15	18											
	168 A	Riverside	16	24											
	168 B	Riverside	0.8	8											
	226	Victory	20.9	35											
	228	Lacadena	4	7											
	257	Monet	3	3											

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

Cumulative Rainfall

from April 1 to April 27, 2015

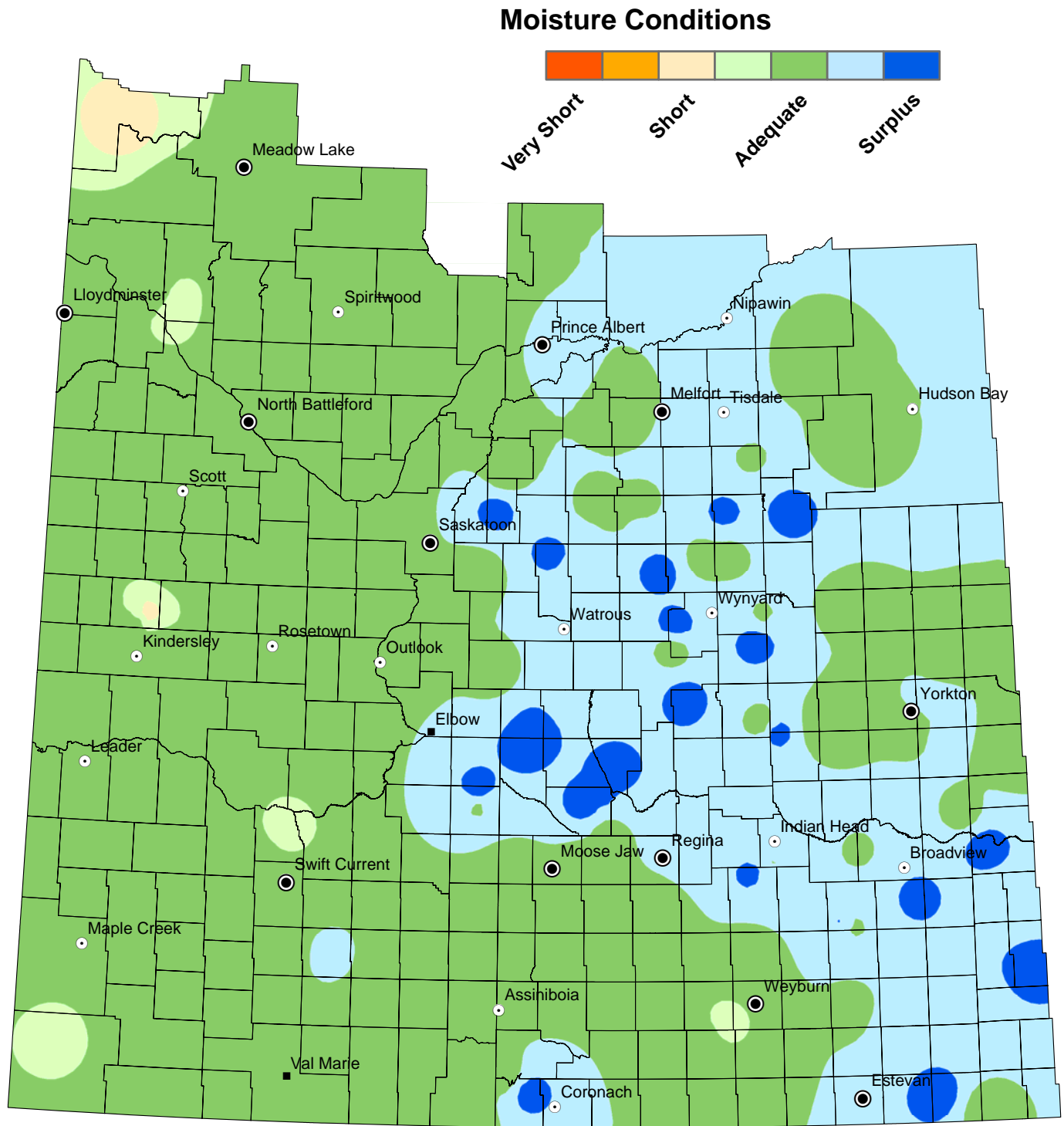


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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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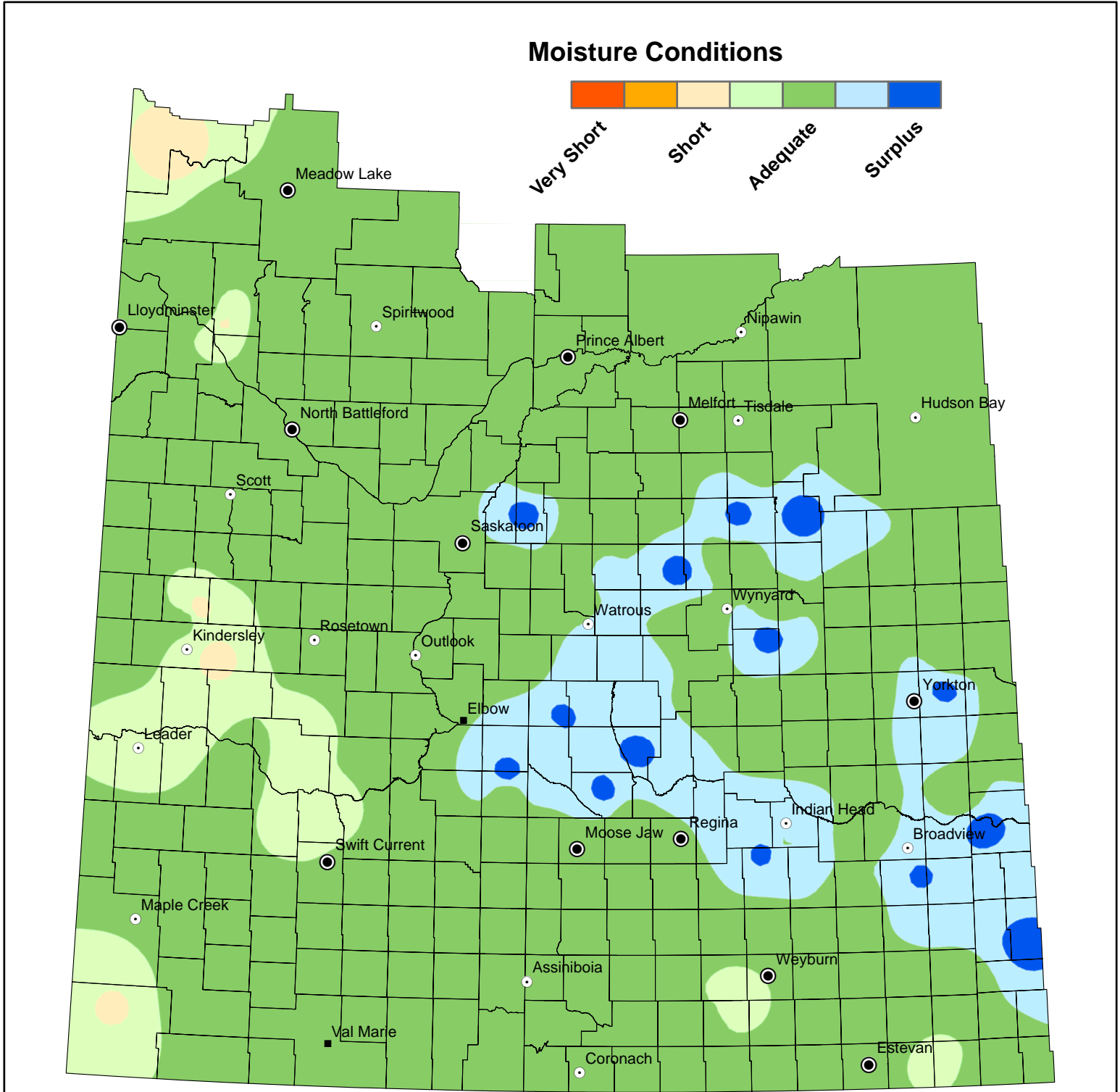


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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

April 27, 2015



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