

# Crop Report

For the Period July 21 to July 27, 2020

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Haying continued throughout the province, with fewer delays caused by rainfall this past week. Livestock producers now have 26 per cent of the hay crop cut and 49 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is currently rated as seven per cent excellent, 68 per cent good, 20 per cent fair and five per cent poor. Many farmers have indicated that hay yields are below normal this year, particularly in areas that received less rainfall in early summer.

Rainfall this past week varied throughout the province, with many areas not receiving any rain and areas around Indian Head and Neilburg receiving up to 50 mm. The St. Walburg area has received the most rain since April 1 with 416 mm.

With the lack of rainfall in many areas and warm temperatures this past week, moisture conditions have reduced slightly in the province. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate, 22 per cent short and five per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 63 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and 11 per cent very short.

Crop development progressed rapidly this past week due to warm weather. Winter cereals are starting to ripen and earlier seeded crops have started to mature. Some farmers have indicated that harvesting of those crops will begin in the coming weeks. While the majority of crops overall are in fair-to-good condition, most of the spring cereals, canola, field peas and soybeans are in fair-to-excellent condition.

Crop damage this past week was due to strong winds, lack of moisture, localized flooding, hail and wildlife. There have also been reports of diseases such as root rots, ascochyta, sclerotinia, fusarium head blight and other foliar diseases and insects such as grasshoppers.

Farmers are busy haying, scouting for pests and getting equipment and bins ready for harvest.

## One year ago

Haying was progressing in the province with 27 per cent cut and 39 baled or put into silage. Hay yields were below normal and most of it was in fair to good condition. Most of the crop were also in fair to good condition.

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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

Livestock producers currently have 46 per cent of the hay baled or put into silage. An additional 26 per cent is cut and ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as four per cent excellent, 64 per cent good, 23 per cent fair and nine per cent poor. Producers have indicated that both hay yields and pasture carrying capacity is lower than normal due to dry conditions earlier in the year.

Rainfall varied throughout the region this week, with areas around Indian Head receiving the most rain in the province with 50 mm. Areas north of Weyburn received two mm, the Briercrest and Maryfield areas four mm, the Carnduff area 19 mm, the Moosomin and Wilcox areas 20 mm and the Regina area 32 mm. The Kisbey area has received the most precipitation in the region since April 1 (219 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions have deteriorated in the region, with more land being rated short or very short. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 72 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 58 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and seven per cent very short. Crop District 1B reported that 49 per cent of the cropland and 59 per cent of the hay and pasture land is short topsoil moisture at this time.

Crop conditions vary within the region, but the majority of crops are in fair-to-excellent condition. Warm temperatures and recent rain have helped support rapid crop development and producers have indicated that they are planning to begin harvest and start desiccating pulse crops within the next few weeks.

Most of the crop damage this past week was due to lack of moisture, strong winds, wild life and localized hail. There have also been reports of root rots and other diseases in the region, as well as damage caused by grasshoppers.

Farmers are busy haying, getting equipment ready for harvest, hauling grain and scouting for pests.

**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

Livestock producers currently have 68 per cent of the hay baled or put into silage. An additional 21 per cent is cut and ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as five per cent excellent, 69 per cent good, 21 per cent fair and five per cent poor. In areas that had minimal rainfall in spring and into early summer, hay yields are reported to be below normal.

Minimal rainfall was received in the southwest region this past week, with the Big Beaver area receiving the most with 14 mm. More rainfall will be needed soon to support crop and pasture development. The Hazenmore area received one mm, the Gravelbourg area five mm, the Tyner area six mm and the Gull Lake area 13 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions have reduced in the region this past week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 63 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and 13 per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 54 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and 18 per cent very short. Crop District 4A reported that 50 per cent of the crop, hay and pasture land is very short topsoil moisture at this time.

The majority of crops in the southwest region are in fair-to-good condition. While recent heat has promoted crop growth, the lack of moisture and high temperatures in many areas have producers concerned about crop development and seed fill. More rain is desired in the region.

Most of the crop damage this past week was due to dry conditions, wind and heat stress. There have also been reports of diseases such as root rots, ascochyta and sclerotinia, as well as insects such as grasshoppers.

Farmers are busy haying, scouting for insects and disease and getting ready to start desiccating and harvesting crops within the next few weeks.

**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

Livestock producers currently have 48 per cent of the hay baled or put into silage. An additional 23 per cent is cut and ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as 13 per cent excellent, 46 per cent good, 33 per cent fair and eight per cent poor.

Rainfall in the region ranged from zero to 30 mm in the Kelvington area. The Kenaston area received two mm, the Elfros area three mm, the Kuroki area 10 mm, the Saltcoats area 12 mm and the Raymore area 24 mm. The Kuroki area has received the most precipitation in the region since April 1 (258 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions have continued to deplete in the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 55 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and six per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 51 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and 17 per cent very short. District 6A reported that 58 per cent of the cropland and 33 per cent of the hay and pasture land is short topsoil moisture at this time and that seven per cent of cropland and 36 per cent of hay and pasture land is very short.

Crop development progressed quickly this past week due to warm temperatures. Farmers reported that most crops look good, but in some areas where they received less rainfall there are concerns that lack of moisture will affect crop fill. Most crops in the east-central region are in fair-to-good condition.

Most of the crop damage this past week was due to dry conditions and wind. There have also been reports of localized damage from heavy rain, which resulted in lodged crops. Farmers are still spraying for disease and insect pests as conditions warrant it.

Farmers are busy haying, hauling grain, scouting for insects and disease and spraying.

**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

Haying continued to progress in the region due to warm, dry weather. Livestock producers currently have 51 per cent of the hay baled or put into silage. An additional 23 per cent is cut and ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as 10 per cent excellent and 90 per cent good.

Minimal rainfall was reported in many areas of the west-central region this past week, but many parts of Crop District 7B did receive between an inch to an inch and a half of rain. The area south of Battleford received the highest amount of rain this week in the region with 39 mm. The Kindersley area received one mm, the Sonningdale area 13 mm, the Unity area 12 mm and the Luseland area 36 mm. The Luseland area has received the most precipitation since April 1 (351 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions were reduced in the region this past week with more land now rated as short for moisture. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate and 12 per cent short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate and 23 per cent short. Crop District 6B reported that 24 per cent of the cropland and 34 per cent of the hay and pasture land is short topsoil moisture at this time.

Warm and dry conditions this week have helped promote advancement of crops. The majority of crops in the west-central region are in good-to-excellent condition. Farmers have indicated that crops are doing good and the rain over the past month has really benefited their development.

Most of the crop damage this past week was due to localized hail, flooding, wind and dry conditions. There were also reports of diseases such as ascochyta, root rots, sclerotinia and other foliar diseases, as well as insects like grasshoppers.

Farmers are busy haying, hauling grain, scouting for insects, spraying fungicides and getting equipment and bins ready for harvest.

**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

Haying is progressing in the region and livestock producers currently have 23 per cent of the hay baled or put into silage. An additional 45 per cent is cut and ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as seven per cent excellent, 67 per cent good and 26 per cent fair.

There was a varied amounts of rainfall in the region, ranging from zero to 26 mm in the Hudson Bay area. The Bruno and Melfort areas received three mm, the Arborfield area eight mm, the Tisdale area 14 mm and the Spruce Home area 20 mm. The Paddockwood area has received the most precipitation since April 1 (337 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions improved this past week, with less land being rated as surplus. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. Crop District 8B is reporting that 23 per cent of the cropland and 32 per cent of the hay land and pasture is short topsoil moisture at this time.

Warm weather helped speed up crop development in the region. Some farmers, particularly in Crop District 8B, reported that some crops are showing signs of stress from lack of moisture. The majority of crop are in fair-to-excellent condition.

Most of the crop damage this past week was due to localized flooding and hail. There has also been reports of damage caused by wild life, insects and disease.

Farmers are busy haying, scouting for pests, spraying and fixing equipment.

**Northwestern Saskatchewan:**

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

Farmers reported that rain has delayed them from being able to start and continue haying in some areas. However, haying has been progressing in the region and livestock producers currently have 28 per cent of the hay baled or put into silage. An additional 31 per cent is cut and ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as 90 per cent good and 10 per cent fair.

Most of the northwest region received at least some rainfall this past week. Areas around Neilburg received the highest amount of rain in the province this week with 50 mm. Areas west of Prince Albert received three mm, the North Battleford area received 16 mm, the Pierceland area 21 mm, the Frenchman Butte area 22 mm and the Barthel area 40 mm. The St. Walburg area has received the most precipitation in the province since April 1 (416 mm).

Moisture conditions in the region have improved with less land being rated as surplus for topsoil moisture, particularly in Crop District 9AW. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as nine per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as nine per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Crop District 9B is reporting that 20 per cent of the cropland and 16 per cent of the hay land and pasture has surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

While warm temperatures this week have promoted crop development, farmers have indicated that some crops are still behind their normal stages for this time of year. Many fields in the region remain wet and this has caused damage to crops in low lying areas. The majority of crop are in good condition.

Most of the crop damage this past week was due to flooding, hail and wind. There have also been reports of damage caused by wild life and diseases such as ascochyta and leaf spot diseases in cereals. Farmers have continued spraying for diseases, with many using aerial applications.

Farmers are busy haying, scouting for insects and disease pests and fixing equipment.

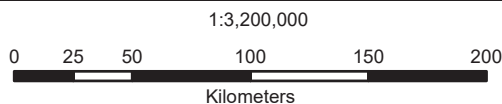
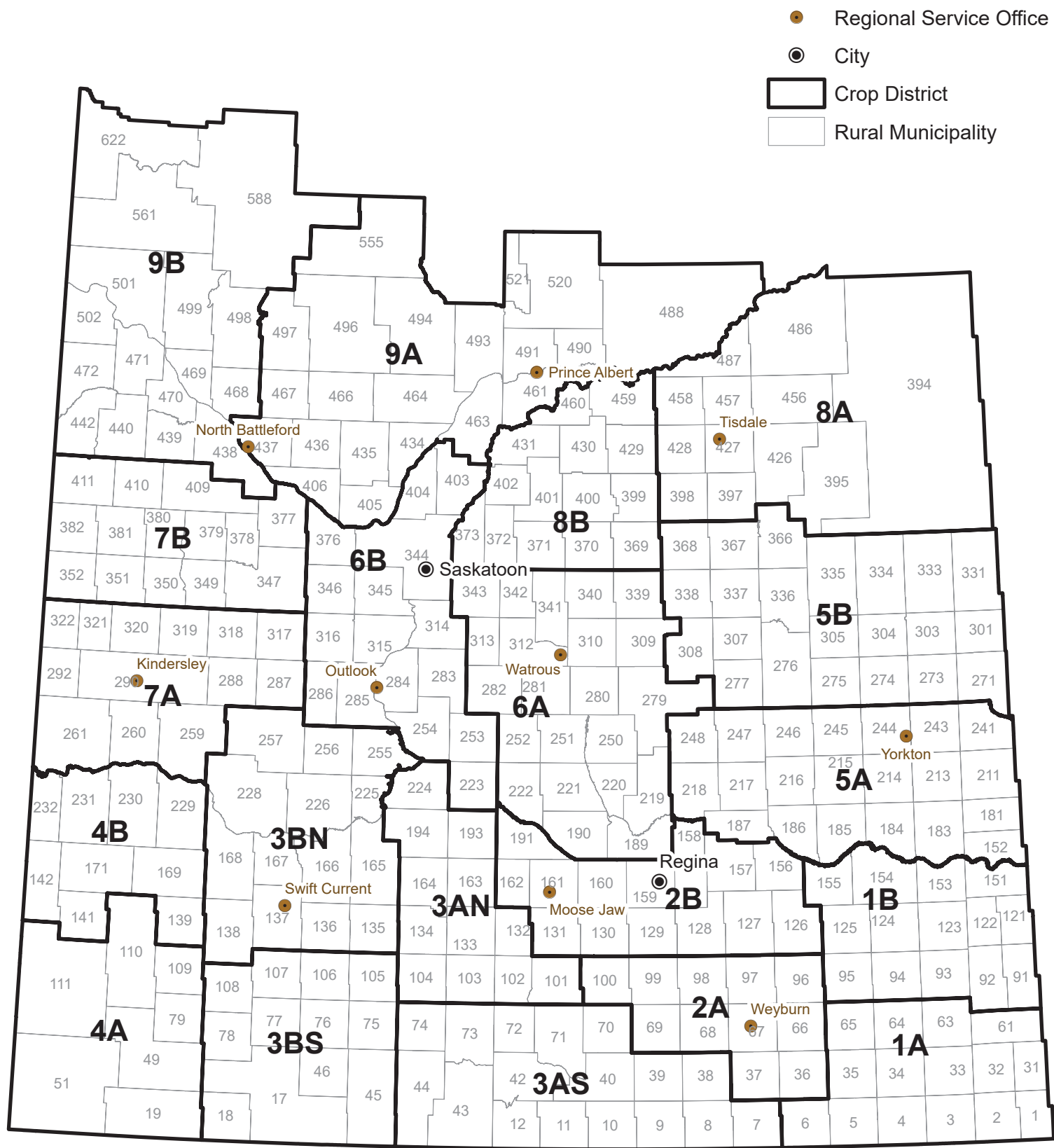
## Crop Conditions - July 27, 2020

Provincial							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	3	7	20	15	20	18	18
% good	73	62	64	59	63	63	49
% fair	23	30	14	23	16	17	27
% poor	1	1	2	3	1	2	6
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	15	15	2	31	20	11	5
% good	61	63	59	48	62	58	43
% fair	22	19	37	19	16	26	42
% poor	2	3	2	2	2	4	6
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Southeast							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	9	1	26	21	12	16	15
% good	66	80	55	58	55	53	50
% fair	22	17	15	17	29	26	19
% poor	3	2	4	4	4	5	16
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	20	22	10	44	21	17	9
% good	63	56	66	38	60	53	49
% fair	13	16	13	16	15	17	36
% poor	4	6	11	2	4	7	6
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Southwest							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	6	0	12	12	24	14	2
% good	55	54	64	60	55	63	64
% fair	39	46	22	25	19	21	24
% poor	0	0	2	3	2	2	10
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	1	4	0	N/A	16	5	3
% good	57	66	56	N/A	62	60	40
% fair	40	29	42	N/A	20	32	46
% poor	2	1	2	N/A	2	3	5
% very poor	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	6
East-central							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	3	22	13	12	10	7	0
% good	63	40	64	41	63	67	43
% fair	32	36	20	41	25	23	53
% poor	2	2	3	6	2	3	4
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



East-central (continued)							
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	15	7	0	0	16	12	N/A
% good	60	65	58	73	69	56	N/A
% fair	24	24	38	25	14	29	N/A
% poor	1	4	4	2	1	3	N/A
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
West-central							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	0	27	29	29	32	26	47
% good	85	65	64	66	60	65	49
% fair	15	8	7	5	8	9	4
% poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	27	26	13	32	29	21	N/A
% good	67	66	82	57	57	56	N/A
% fair	6	8	5	11	12	19	N/A
% poor	0	0	0	0	1	3	N/A
% very poor	0	0	0	0	1	1	N/A
Northeast							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	N/A	N/A	29	N/A	41	31	28
% good	N/A	N/A	60	N/A	52	58	38
% fair	N/A	N/A	10	N/A	6	10	32
% poor	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	1	1	2
% very poor	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	23	26	N/A	N/A	21	N/A	N/A
% good	45	49	N/A	N/A	55	N/A	N/A
% fair	31	21	N/A	N/A	22	N/A	N/A
% poor	1	4	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
% very poor	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Northwest							
	Winter wheat	Fall rye	Spring wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
% excellent	N/A	N/A	5	N/A	1	9	N/A
% good	N/A	N/A	85	N/A	94	75	N/A
% fair	N/A	N/A	8	N/A	5	14	N/A
% poor	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	0	2	N/A
% very poor	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
% excellent	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	9	N/A	N/A
% good	N/A	80	N/A	N/A	70	N/A	N/A
% fair	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	16	N/A	N/A
% poor	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	5	N/A	N/A
% very poor	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A

# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan

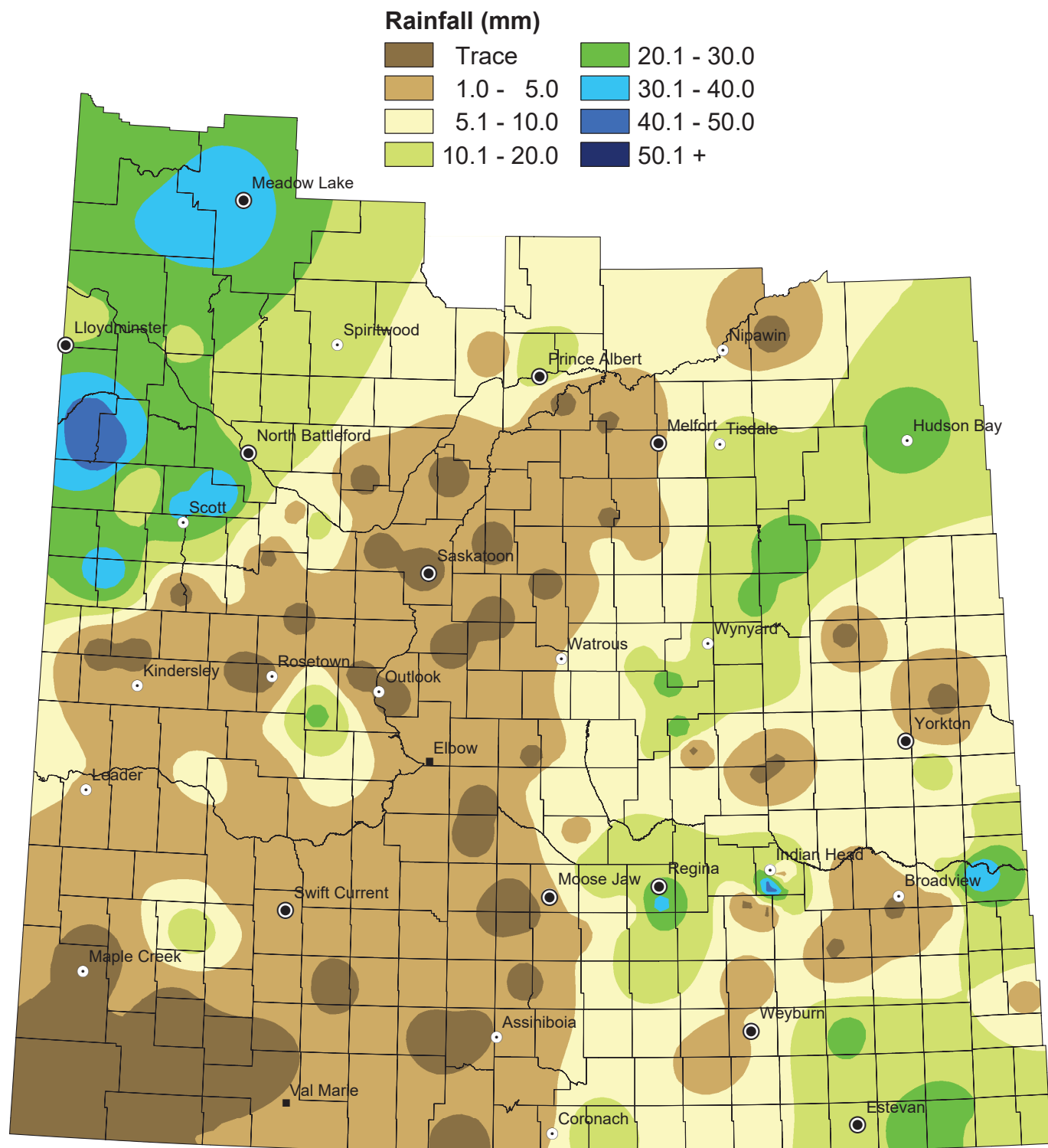


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# Weekly Rainfall

from July 21 to July 27, 2020

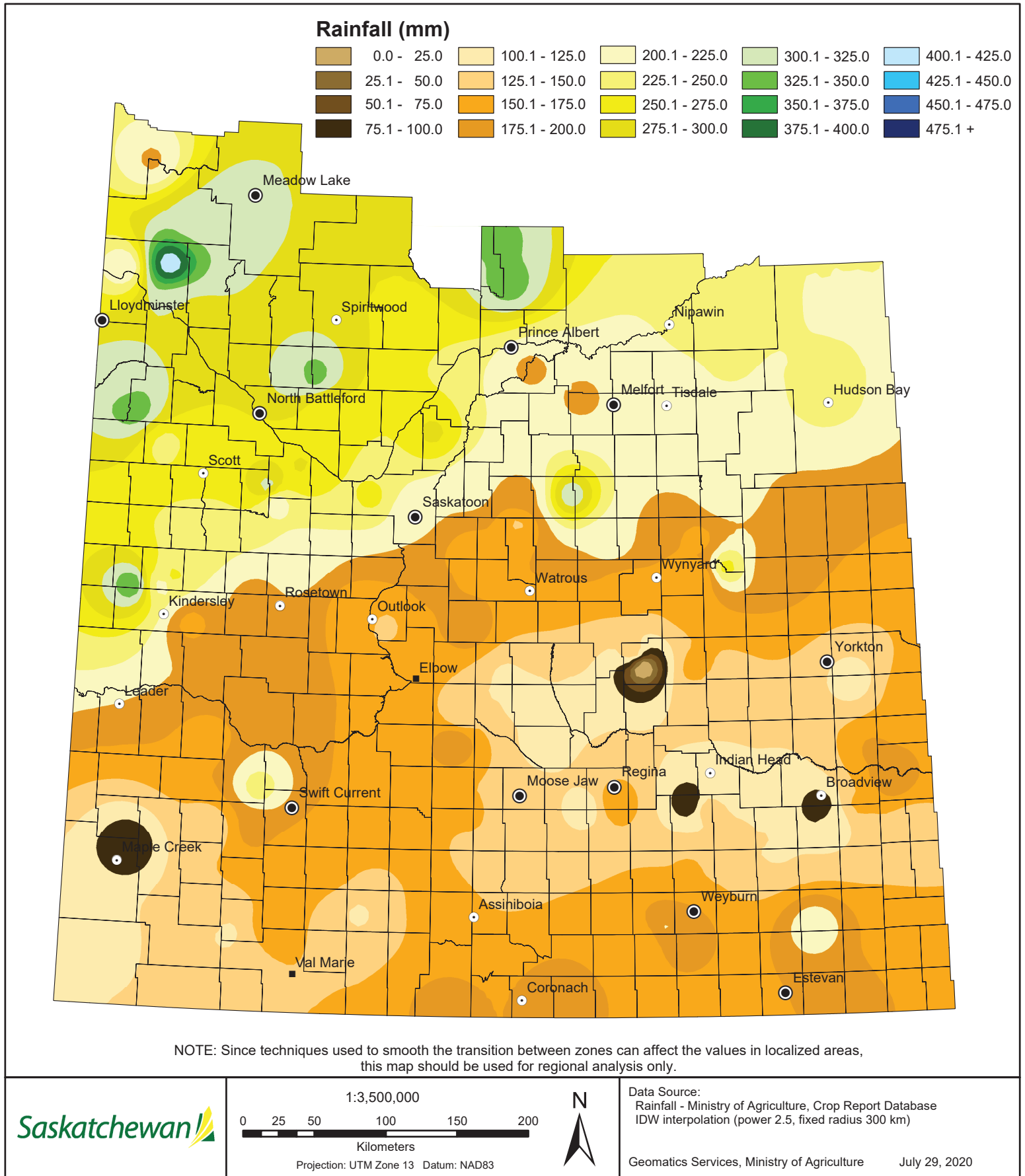


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Weekly Rainfall Summary																			
(in millimeters)										1 inch = 25 mm									
										for the period from July 21 to July 27, 2020									
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	19	180.5	4A	51	Reno	TR	109	7A	287	St. Andrews	NIL	164	8A	410	Round Valley	12	241.6
	3	Enniskillen	29	193		79 A	Arlington	NIL	150		288	Pleasant Valley	TR	189		394	Hudson Bay	26	235
	32	Reciprocity	N/A	163		79 B	Arlington	NIL	93.5		290 A	Kindersley	N/A	166.2		395	Porcupine	N/A	211
	34	Browning	N/A	108		109	Carmichael	N/A	62		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	13		397	Barrier Valley	10.4	221.2
	61	Antler	N/A	169		110	Piapot	N/A	51		292	Milton	N/A	242		427	Tisdale	14	205
1B	64	Brock	13	219	4B	111	Maple Creek	NIL	N/A		317	Marriott	NIL	213		428	Star City	N/A	193
	65	Tecumseh	24	152		139	Gull Lake	13	123		320 A	Oakdale	1	253.9		456	Arbordfield	8	228
	91	Maryfield	4	171		169	Pittville	N/A	121		320 B	Oakdale	NIL	209		457 A	Connaught	N/A	156
	94	Hazelwood	N/A	47		229	Miry Creek	2.3	167.6		321	Prairiedale	NIL	343		457 B	Connaught	N/A	N/A
	95	Golden West	N/A	N/A		231	Happyland	N/A	105		347	Biggar	NIL	209		486	Moose Range	TR	224
	122	Martin	20	135	5A	152	Spy Hill	N/A	44		350	Mariposa	NIL	232		487	Nipawin	N/A	294.5
	123	Silverwood	3	154		183	Fertile Belt	6	178		351	Progress	36	247		369	St. Peter	3	204
	124	Kingsley	3	109		211	Churchbridge	N/A	173		377	Glenside	3	279		370 A	Humboldt	7	315
	125 A	Chester	NIL	126		213	Saltcoats	12	113		378	Rosemount	6	308		370 B	Humboldt	N/A	168
	125 B	Chester	2	119.8		217	Lipton	TR	135		379	Reford	N/A	150		371	Bayne	3	196
	151	Rocanville	39	200		241	Calder	7	142		382	Eye Hill	N/A	295.4		372	Grant	NIL	208.4
	154 A	Elcapo	TR	80		243	Wallace	1	98.3		409 A	Buffalo	39	259		400	Three Lakes	NIL	200
	154 B	Elcapo	N/A	3		244	Orkney	N/A	N/A		409 B	Buffalo	32	269		429 A	Flett's Springs	3	197
	155	Wolseley	1	114		245 A	Garry	N/A	71		429 B	Flett's Springs	N/A	185.5		459	Kinistino	NIL	200
	67	Weyburn	N/A	187		245 B	Garry	N/A	127		460	Birch Hills	NIL	196.5		488	Torch River	5	237
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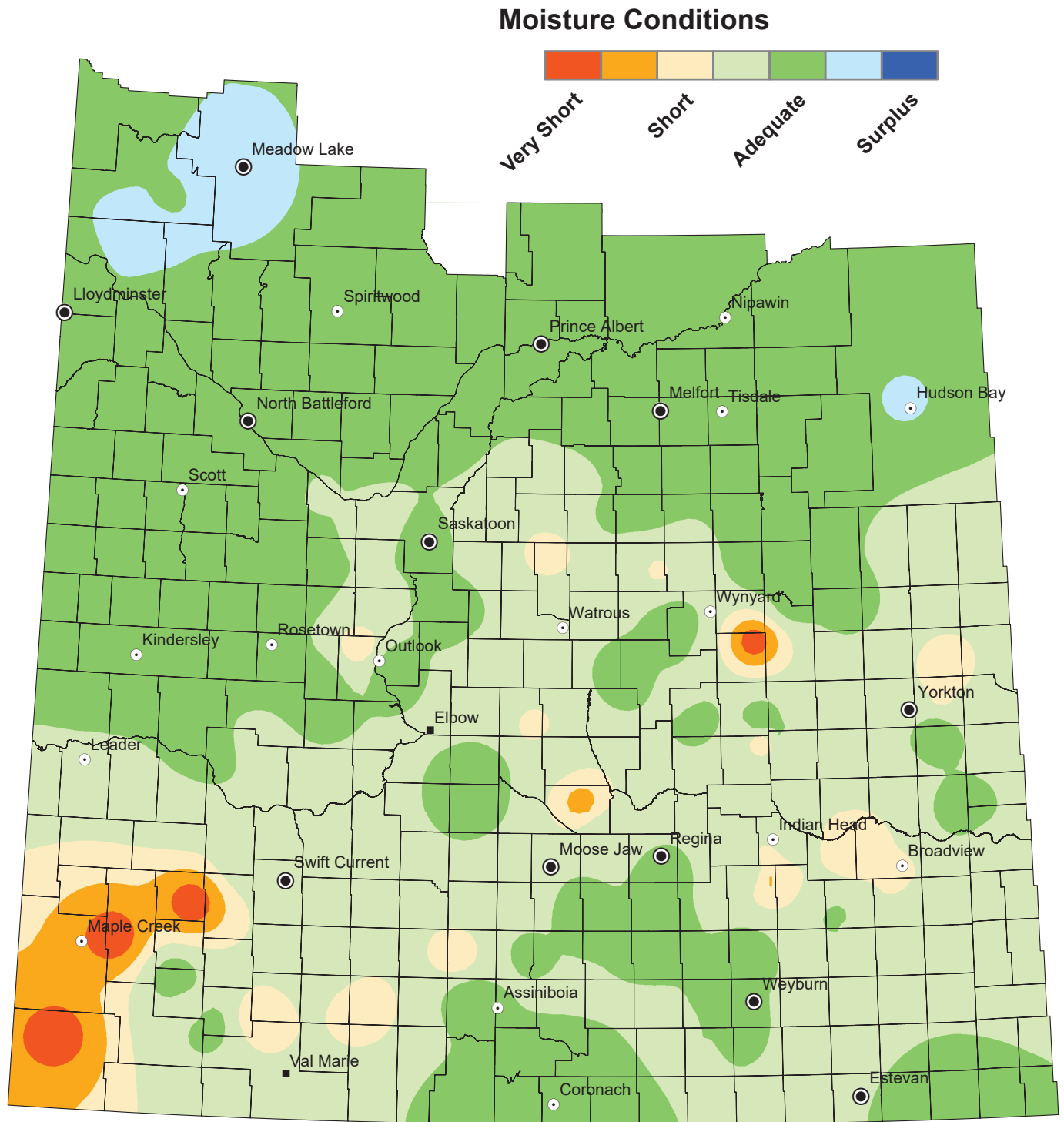
# Cumulative Rainfall

from April 1 to July 27, 2020



# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

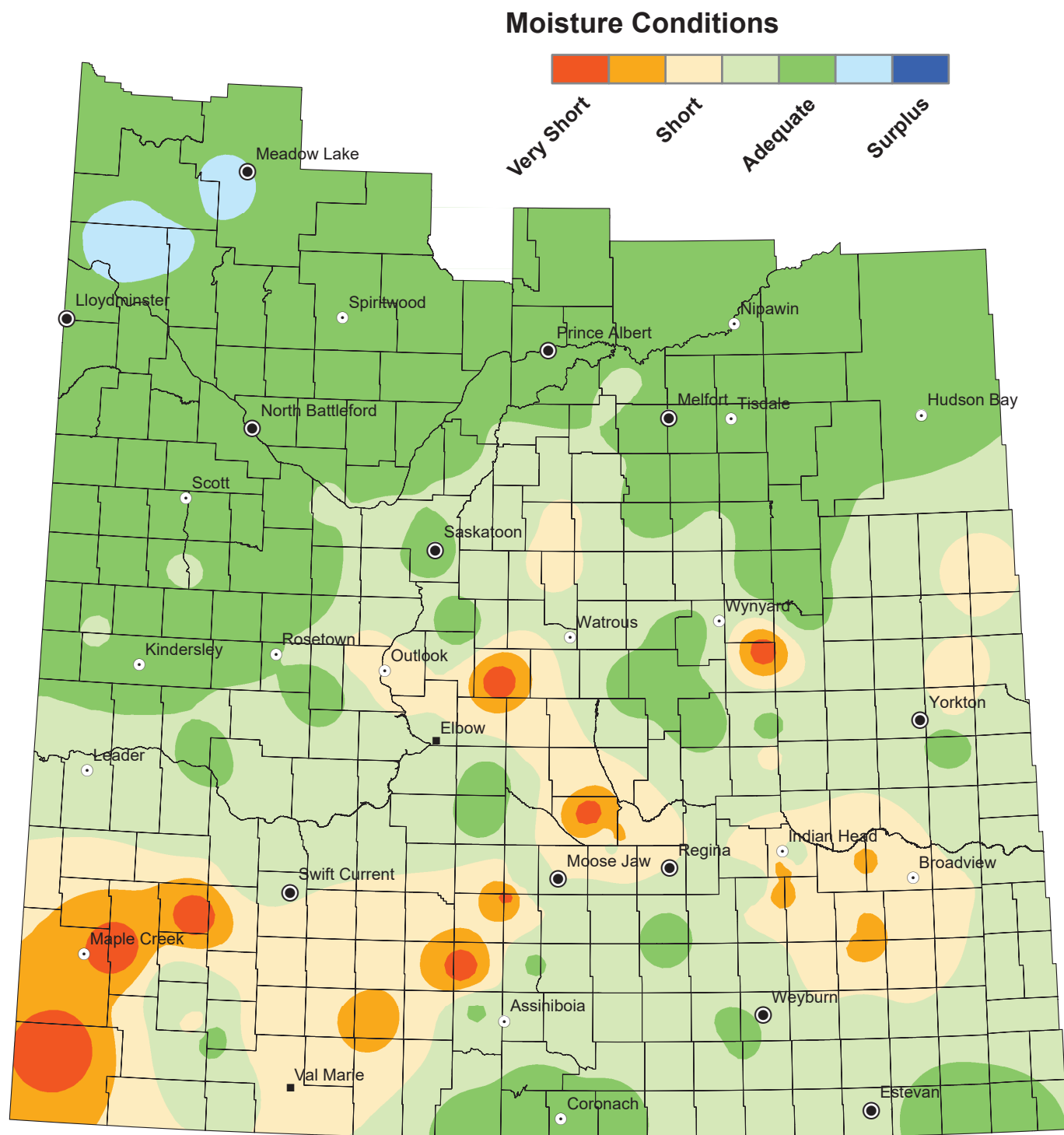
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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

## July 27, 2020



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# Maximum Temperature

## from July 21 to July 27, 2020

