



Crop Report

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Crop Report for the week of May 1, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded three per cent of the 2005 crop, compared to the five-year (2000-04) average of two per cent planted at this time, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Nine per cent of the crop is planted in the southwest, four per cent is planted in the southeast, and one per cent is planted in the central grainbelt region.

Most areas of the grainbelt received trace amounts of rain and snow this past week, but very little measurable precipitation. Topsoil moisture conditions are reported as adequate across the majority of the grainbelt. Some areas are experiencing drying caused by the winds.

The May 1, 2005 Stubble Subsoil Moisture Map shows improvement from November 1, 2004 because of winter snowfall and spring rains. Most of the grainbelt is in good to excellent subsoil moisture conditions. Pockets of dry areas remain scattered from the northwest to the southeast.

Cool weather this past week halted field work across the province. Some pre-seeding fieldwork was completed, and it is expected that a return to warmer temperatures will bring a flurry of field work and seeding activity.

Some farmers continued with combining, baling, and burning of the 2004 crop that was left in the field over winter.

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Seeding Progress in Saskatchewan per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 1/05	3
5-year Avg. (2000-04)	2
May 2/04	6
May 4/03	3
Apr 28/02	0
Apr 29/01	1
Apr 30/00	2

1 Year Ago

Saskatchewan farmers had seeded six per cent of the 2004 crop.

Strong winds caused soil erosion, particularly in west central areas.

Pastures and hay lands needed rain and warm temperatures to generate grass growth.



South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

Last week in the southeast, it was cool and windy with traces of snow and freezing night time temperatures. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported.

Four per cent of the crop has been seeded in the southeast. Crop District (CD) 3ase reports almost 16% seeded, while CDs 1a and 2b report 2% seeded. Crops being seeded include peas, durum, and spring wheat. Farmers are waiting for warmer weather.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land have improved last week with 88% of reporters rating moisture as adequate, compared to 73% last week. On hay and pasture land, moisture conditions have deteriorated with 63% of reporters say they have adequate moisture, compared with 82% last week. Rain would be welcomed for surface moisture, and to ensure proper germination of small-seed crops.

Subsoil moisture improved in the southeast from November 1, 2004. The region is showing good to very good subsoil moisture levels with some fair areas and one pocket of poor subsoil moisture in CD 3ase.

Some fieldwork was done during the past week, including fertilizer and chemical applications, rock picking, moving bales, harrowing, cultivating, and burning of straw. A little more combining was completed.

Localized shortages of flax seed and good quality wheat seed were reported.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest had a week of cool, windy weather with some snow flurries. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported. There are concerns that early seeded crops, grass, and hay could sustain damage from the frost.

Almost 9% of the crop has been seeded in the southwest. Crop District 3asw is 15% seeded, while CD 3an is 2% seeded. Crops being seeded include peas, canola, and lentils.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are similar to last week with over 95% of crop reporters rating moisture conditions as adequate. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land are also similar to last week, with over 85% of reporters rating moisture conditions as adequate.

According to the May 1, 2005 Stubble Subsoil Moisture map, conditions are fair to very good in the southwest – an improvement from November 1, 2004. There are two pockets of poor conditions in CD 3bs, one pocket in CD 3asw, and one pocket in CD 3an.

The cold weather halted much of the fieldwork at mid week. Farmers were applying chemicals and

picking rocks. Additional harvesting was done in CD 3asw. Localized chemical shortages were reported in CD 3bn.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region had a cool, windy week with some snow flurries. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported. Strong winds damaged buildings in CD 6a. Alfalfa has been set back by frost.

Almost 1% of the crop has been seeded in the east central region. Peas and lentils are the main crops being planted. Some re-seeding of canola is expected in CD 6a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly from last week. Eighty-eight per cent of reporters rate topsoil moisture as adequate compared with 82% last week. There is some concern about moisture levels for shallow-seeded crops. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions deteriorated as 75% of reporters say they have adequate moisture, down from 82% last week. Pastures need rain and warmer temperatures for good grass growth.

Compared to the November 1, 2004 Stubble Subsoil Moisture map, the May 1, 2005 map shows an improvement. The majority of the region is rated as having good to very good subsoil moisture conditions. An area of fair conditions with a pocket of poor conditions is located in CD 6a.

Fieldwork includes fertilizer application, rock picking, harrowing, spraying, and land rolling. Combines are moving again, and baling and burning of the 2004 crop is also being done.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central area was generally cold and windy during the past week with traces of snow. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported. There are concerns of setbacks and damage to alfalfa crops from the frost.

Almost one per cent of the crop has been seeded in the west central region. Crops being seeded include peas and spring wheat.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are the same as last week, with 97% of reporters rating moisture as adequate. All reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate.

The May 1, 2005 map of the west central region shows a significant improvement over the November 1, 2004 map. Subsoil moisture conditions are rated as fair to very good. There is one pocket of poor conditions in CD 7b.

Spring fieldwork being done in the area includes harrowing, chemical and fertilizer application, rock picking, spraying, and straw burning. Localized shortages of granular chemicals were reported in CD 6b.

More combining was completed this past week.

Cattle were being moved out to pastures in CD 7a.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

A cold, windy week, complete with snow and freezing night time temperatures made up the weather in the northeast this past week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported.

Less than one-half of one per cent of the crop has been seeded in the northeast. There are localized shortages of flax and canola seed in CD 8b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly during the last week as the area of surplus moisture increased. Eighty-one per cent of reporters rated moisture as adequate. On hay and pasture land, 91% of reporters say they have adequate moisture, an increase from 81% last week.

There has been some improvement in the northeast from the November 1, 2004 Stubble Subsoil Moisture map to the May 1, 2005 map. The majority of the region is in very good subsoil moisture condition with a patch of good conditions on the west side.

Fieldwork early in the week included picking rocks, burning stubble, harrowing, and chemical and fertilizer application. More of the

2004 crop was combined or baled this past week.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The past week was cold and windy in the northwest with snow and sleet. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported.

Less than one half of one per cent of the crop has been seeded in the northwest.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week with 55% of reporters rating moisture as adequate, compared with 72% last week. The balance of the ratings was in the surplus category. On hay and pasture land, 86% of reporters say they have adequate moisture, compared with 82% last week.

On May 1, 2005, the region showed generally good to very good subsoil moisture conditions – an improvement from November 1, 2004. There is a pocket of fair conditions on the east side and one on the west side of the region.

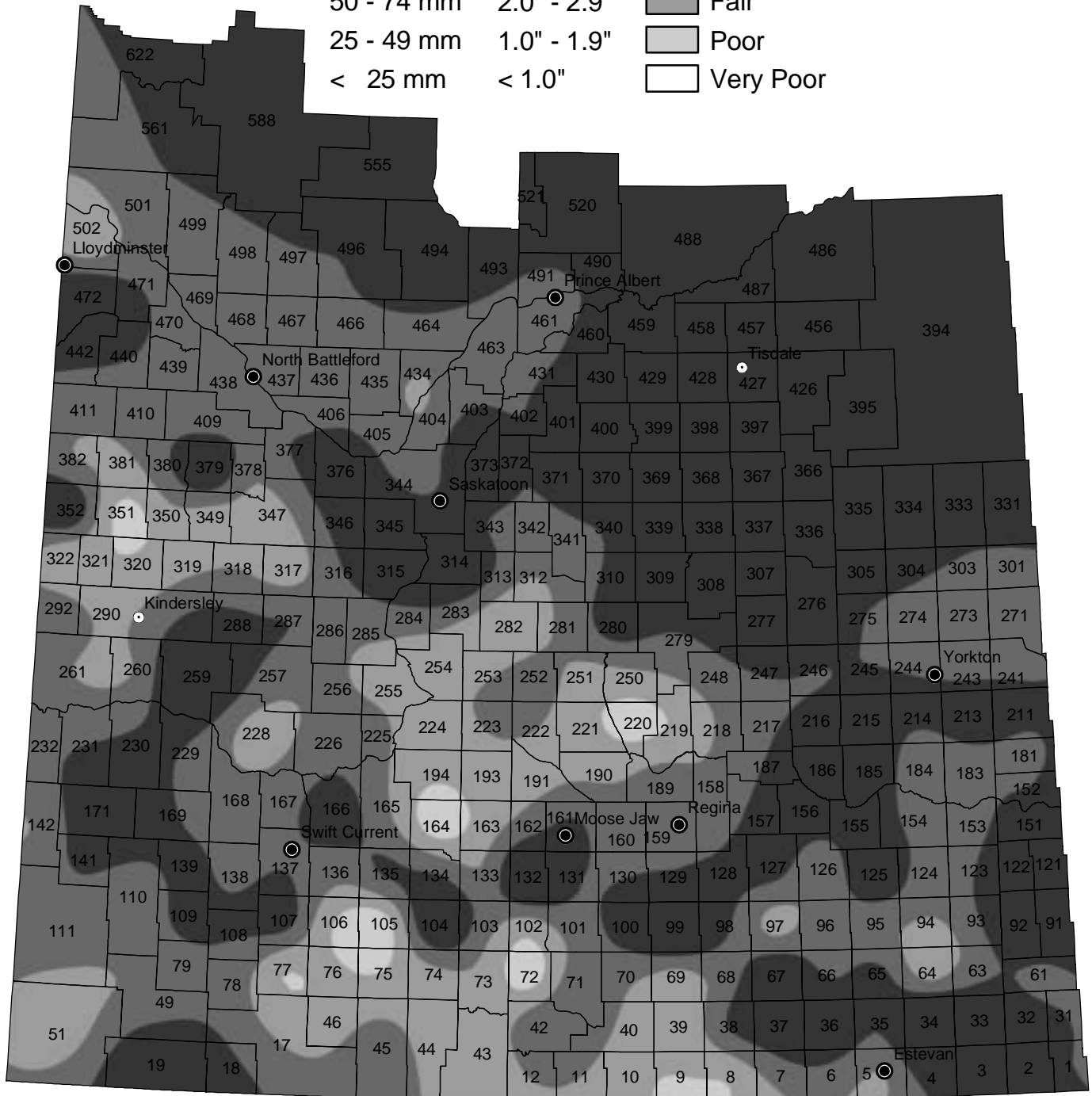
Harvesting of the 2004 crop continues. Wildlife and rodent damage was extensive in some of the crops. Fieldwork includes fertilizer and chemical applications and harrowing.

STUBBLE SUBSOIL MOISTURE MAP

MAY 1, 2005

Millimeters/Inches of Available Soil Water

> 100 mm	> 4.0"	Very Good
75 - 99 mm	3.0" - 3.9"	Good
50 - 74 mm	2.0" - 2.9"	Fair
25 - 49 mm	1.0" - 1.9"	Poor
< 25 mm	< 1.0"	Very Poor



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending April 30, 2005

Crop Municipality			Past	Since	Crop Municipality			Past	Since	Crop Municipality			Past	Since
Dist. No.	Name		Week	April 1	Dist. No.	Name		Week	April 1	Dist. No.	Name		Week	April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	8	226	Victory		2	17	376 A	Eagle Creek		NIL	53
	3 B	Enniskillen	TR	3	228 A	Lacadena		4	26	376 B	Eagle Creek		NIL	45
	34	Browning	NIL	6	228 B	Lacadena		3	29	403	Rosthern		TR	4
	35	Benson	NIL	5	256	King George		2	18	404	Laird		1	20
	63 A	Moose Mountain	TR	8	257	Monet		4	35	7A	259 Snipe Lake		TR	43
	64	Brock	TR	5	4A	19 Frontier		1	20	260	Newcombe		1	23
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	2	49 A	White Valley		NIL	18	287	St. Andrews		1	36
1B	92	Walpole	NIL	NIL	49 B	White Valley		4	49	290	Kindersley		1	20
	95	Golden West	TR	5	51	Reno		3	19	292	Milton		1	29
	123	Silverwood	NIL	5	79	Arlington		5	18	317 B	Marriott		3	53
	124	Kingsley	2	7	109 A	Carmichael		TR	68	317 C	Marriott		TR	35
	125	Chester	NIL	5	109 B	Carmichael		4	51	318 A	Mountain View		1	28
	151 A	Rocanville	2	11	110	Piapot		5	70	318 B	Mountain View		2	39
	151 B	Rocanville	2	7	111 A	Maple Creek		10	40	319	Winslow		2	21
	153	Willowdale	TR	6	111 B	Maple Creek		5	78	320	Oakdale		2	26
	154	Elcapo	TR	TR	4B	139 Gull Lake		2	41	321	Prairiedale		1	31
	155	Wolseley	2	10	141	Big Stick		4	66	322	Antelope Park		TR	17
2A	36	Cymri	3	7	142	Enterprise		7	51	7B	347 A Biggar		NIL	30
	66	Griffin	NIL	TR	171	Fox Valley		2	53	350 A	Mariposa		NIL	13
	67	Weyburn	NIL	18	229	Miry Creek		3	30	350 B	Mariposa		TR	22
	68	Brokenshell	TR	17	231	Happyland		TR	37	351	Progress		2	26
	96	Fillmore	TR	2	232	Deer Forks		5	38	352	Heart's Hill		5	40
	97	Wellington	TR	TR	5A	152 Spy Hill		NIL	5	377 A	Glenside		4	51
	99	Caledonia	4	31	181	Langenburg		NIL	6	377 B	Glenside		1	41
2B	127	Francis	1	3	184 A	Grayson		TR	TR	378 A	Rosemount		2	37
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	21	184 C	Grayson		3	6	378 B	Rosemount		2	36
	131	Baidon	TR	26	185	Mcleod		4	14	379	Reford		TR	34
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	1	186	Abernethy		TR	3	382	Eye Hill		2	27
	156 B	Indian Head	1	6	187	North Qu'appelle		NIL	3	409	Buffalo		5	29
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	3	213	Salteoats		2	7	410	Round Valley		TR	36
	158	Edenwold	2	2	214	Cana		NIL	10	8A	395 Porcupine		3	12
	160	Pense	TR	10	243	Wallace		2	7	397	Barrier Valley		4	22
	161	Moose Jaw	TR	15	245 A	Garry		1	9	398	Pleasantdale		3	26
	191	Marquis	NIL	15	245 B	Garry		NIL	15	428	Star City		4	12
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	2	6	246	Ituna Bon Accord		TR	2	456	Arborfield		5	10
	9	Surprise Valley	TR	TR	247	Kellross		3	5	457 A	Connaught		7	20
	38 A	Laurier	1	27	248	Touchwood		4	7	457 B	Connaught		NIL	4
	38 B	Laurier	1	23	5B	271 Cote		5	10	458	Willow Creek		2	15
	39 A	The Gap	TR	2	276	Foam Lake		1	5	486	Moose Range		TR	11
	39 B	The Gap	3	5	277	Emerald		2	5	487	Nipawin		5	12
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	1	2	303	Keys		2	2	8B	369 St. Peter		1	5
	12	Poplar Valley	4	10	304	Buchanan		1	7	371	Bayne		TR	4
	40	Bengough	3	25	307	Elfros		4	15	372	Grant		1	9
	42	Willow Bunch	6	29	308	Big Quill		TR	3	373	Aberdeen		2	11
	43 A	Old Post	4	13	335	Hazel Dell		2	14	399	Lake Lenore		5	17
	43 B	Old Post	0	7	336	Sasman		1	8	400	Three Lakes		NIL	NIL
	44	Waverley	2	14	337	Lakeview		1	11	401	Hoodoo		TR	3
	70	Key West	2	15	338	Lakeside		2	9	402	Fish Creek		TR	4
	71 A	Excel	TR	31	366 A	Kelvington		3	11	429 B	Flett's Springs		1	12
	71 B	Excel	4	31	366 B	Kelvington		3	16	430	Invergordon		3	5
	71 C	Excel	TR	27	367	Ponass Lake		TR	7	431 A	St. Louis		0	3
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	3	368	Spalding		NIL	3	9AE	461 Prince Albert		3	10
	73 B	Stonehenge	5	17	189	Lumsden		TR	12	488	Torch River		2	7*
3AN	101 B	Terrell	2	18	190 A	Dufferin		3	9	9AW	405 Great Bend		2	18
	102	Lake Johnston	1	26	190 B	Dufferin		NIL	1	406	Mayfield		1	38
	103	Sutton	NIL	35	190 C	Dufferin		NIL	12	435	Redberry		2	26
	104	Gravelbourg	TR	10	220	Mckillop		NIL	2	436	Douglas		NIL	33
	132	Hillsborough	3	18	221	Sarnia		3	8	463	Duck Lake		1	3
	134	Shamrock	4	26	222	Craik		2	13	464	Leask		4	16
	193	Eyebrow	6	31	251	Big Arm		NIL	2	466	Meeting Lake		0	40
3BS	45	Mankota	11	23	252	Arm River		2	6	467	Round Hill		NIL	38
	46 A	Glen Mcpherson	TR	10	279 A	Mount Hope		NIL	3	493	Shellbrook		2	4
	46 B	Glen Mcpherson	7	15	279 B	Mount Hope		4	7	494	Canwood		3	24
	75 A	Pinto Creek	TR	12	280	Wreford		TR	TR	496	Spiritwood		6	31
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	12	281	Wood Creek		NIL	NIL	497	Medstead		TR	29
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	12	282	Mccraney		1	12	9B	438 A Battle River		1	34
	76 B	Auvergne	TR	15	310	Osborne		NIL	NIL	438 B	Battle River		4	33
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	14	312	Morris		1	10	440	Hillsdale		5	33
	78 A	Grassy Creek	1	19	313	Lost River		2	6	442	Manitou Lake		1	23
	78 B	Grassy Creek	TR	12	339 B	Leroy		2	9	468 A	Meota		3	31
	78 C	Grassy Creek	1	22	340 A	Wolverine		NIL	2	468 B	Meota		2	8
	105	Glenbain	TR	11	340 B	Wolverine		1	1	472	Wilton		2	33
	106	Whiska Creek	4	12	343	Blucher		3	3	498 A	Parkdale		NIL	14
	107	Lac Pelletier	TR	13	254	Loreburn		1	16	499	Mervin		TR	64
	108	Bone Creek	4	29	283	Rosedale		5	21	501 A	Frenchman Butte		3	49
3BN	135	Lawtonia	0	17	284	Rudy		1	20	501 B	Frenchman Butte		NIL	52
	136	Coulee	5	30	285	Fertile Valley		1	17	501 C	Frenchman Butte		2	13
	137	Swift Current	NIL	22	286	Milden		4	13	502	Britannia		2	26
	138	Webb	6	37	314	Dundurn		4	16	561	Loon Lake		3	45
	166	Excelsior	9	27	344	Corman Park		1	24	588 A	Meadow Lake		5	17
	167	Sask. Landing	2	30	345	Vanscoy		2	15	588 B	Meadow Lake		2	43
	225	Canaan	4	9	346	Perdue		TR	40	588 C	Meadow Lake		3	46
										588 D	Meadow Lake		3	29

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

* incomplete

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

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

