

Crop Report for the week of May 8, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers now have 16 per cent of the 2005 crop planted, compared to the five-year (2000-04) average of 12 per cent planted at this time, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Seeding is most advanced in the southwest, where 33 per cent of the crop has been planted. Farmers have seeded 19 per cent of the crop in the southeast, and 11 per cent of the crop in the central region. Northern regions report less than 10 per cent of the crop now in the ground.

Some northwestern and southeastern areas received precipitation last week, which helped improve topsoil moisture conditions. Overall, topsoil moisture conditions on crop land have deteriorated slightly from the previous week, with the majority of the poor conditions reported east of a diagonal from Hudson Bay through Moose Jaw. The topsoil situation on hay and pasture land also deteriorated across Saskatchewan, with reporters indicating that about 68 per cent of hay and pasture land has adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared with 83 per cent last week. The deterioration in moisture is primarily due to the wind.

Across the province, five per cent of the winter wheat and two per cent of the fall rye were reported as winterkilled. Some farmers reported that damage came from flooding this spring.

Warmer temperatures and precipitation are needed in the coming weeks to encourage grass and hay growth.

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Seeding Progress in Saskatchewan per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 8/05	16
5-year Avg. (2000-04)	12
May 9/04	19
May 11/03	8
May 5/02	2
May 6/01	13
May 7/00	18

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

As you head into the field this spring, Crop Insurance customers are reminded to check with their customer service office or www.saskcropinsurance.com for the recommended seeding deadlines starting in May. Producers with extensions of insurance or discovering wildlife damage on over-wintered crops must contact Crop Insurance before harvesting or putting those acres to an alternate use.

1 Year Ago

Farmers had 19 per cent of the 2004 crop planted.

Ten to nineteen per cent of the fall rye and winter wheat crops were reported as winterkilled.

Warm temperatures and precipitation were needed to encourage grass and hay growth.

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

This past week was cool and windy in the southeast with some sunshine and some rain showers. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 1 mm in Crop District (CD) 1b to an average high of 17 mm in CD 3ase.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as adequate by 60% of reporters, compared to 72% last week. One third of the reporters rate topsoil moisture on crop land as short. On hay and pasture land, 43% of reporters report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, while 52% rate topsoil moisture conditions as short or very short.

Good seeding progress was made and south eastern farmers report 19% of the 2005 crop planted, up from 4% last week. Crop District 3ase is furthest advanced at 34% seeded. Some early-seeded crops have started to sprout.

Six per cent of the winter wheat and 3% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the southeast. Sustained warmer weather would benefit fall crops.

Rain and warmer weather are needed to encourage pasture growth. Additional harvesting of the 2004 crop took place this past week.

Farmers continue with fieldwork – fertilizer application, spraying, harrowing, rock picking, and burning the 2004 crop. Several localized shortages were reported, including fertilizer, trucks to haul fertilizer, inoculants, and good quality wheat seed.

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

This past week was cool and windy in the southwest, changing to more moderate temperatures as the week progressed. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from only trace amounts in CD 3an, to an average high of 2 mm in CD 3asw. There was soil erosion from the wind in CD 3bn.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as adequate by 84% of reporters, compared to 98% last week. Sixteen per cent rate cropland topsoil moisture as short. On hay and pasture land, 67% report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 87% last week. Thirty-three per cent rate hay and pasture land topsoil moisture as short or very short.

South western farmers report 33% of the 2005 crop planted, up from 9% last week. Crop District 4b is furthest advanced at 56% seeded. Crops are reported to be emerging in several areas. Rain is needed to germinate small-seed crops, as some surfaces are becoming very hard and dry.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 4% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the southwest. Fall seeded crops are generally progressing favourably.

Cattle are beginning to go out to pasture, but warmer weather and rain would help with grass growth.

Localized shortages of flax seed were reported. Cultivation and spraying were taking place.

**East central Saskatchewan
(Crop Districts 5 & 6a)**

The east central region was cool and windy at the beginning of the week, but turned milder, though stayed windy. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 1 mm in CDs 5a and 6a, to an average high of 3 mm in CD 5b. Soil erosion was reported in CD 5b. Frost damage to forage crops was reported in CD 6a. Strong winds caused damage to canola swaths in CD 6a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as adequate by 74% of central reporters, compared with 82% last week. On hay and pasture land, 49% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 74% last week.

East central farmers report almost 11% of the 2005 crop planted, up from just under 1% last week. Crop District 5a is furthest advanced at 13% seeded. Some

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 8/05	May 9/04
1a	15	19
1b	19	23
2a	24	28
2b	16	25
3an	20	18
3ase	34	29
3asw	22	14
3bn	30	36
3bs	37	43
4a	51	66
4b	56	68
5a	13	13
5b	8	5
6a	11	9
6b	7	14
7a	17	23
7b	9	21
8a	6	10
8b	9	9
9ae	3	3
9aw	4	10
9b	2	8
Prov.	16	19

reporters say that soils are getting too dry for oilseeds to germinate properly. Early-seeded peas are sprouting.

Four per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the east central region. In some areas, fall crops were hurt more by spring flooding than by winter kill.

Cattle continued to be fed at home in many areas due to slow grass growth on pastures.

Fieldwork continued including harrowing, deep-banding, spraying, rolling, and burning of the 2004 crop. Strong winds interfered with some of this work. Combines continued to harvest last fall's crop.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region had a cool, windy week with some days of warmer temperatures. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of less than 1/2 mm in CD 6b to an average high of 4 mm in CD 7b. The winds caused soil erosion in CD 6b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were rated as adequate by 95% of west central reporters, compared to 97% last week. On hay and pasture land, 91% reported adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 100% last week. Rain would be welcome to rejuvenate topsoil moisture and help shallow-seeded crops.

West central farmers reported 11% of the 2005 crop planted, up from 1% last week. Crop District 7a is furthest advanced at 17% seeded.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 3% of the fall rye were

winterkilled in the west central region. Some fall crops were flooded out, but generally they were reported to look good.

Fieldwork was held up by windy, unsettled weather. Some farmers were able to harrow, seed grass, and apply fertilizer and chemical. Localized shortages of quality lentil seed, some seed treatments, flax seed, and certain barley varieties were reported. More combining of the 2004 crop was completed.

Pastures and hay crops were set back by the frost. More heat is needed to get the grass growing. Cattle were being moved out to summer pastures.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

This past week started cool and windy in the northeast and turned warmer with some shower activity. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 9ae to an average high of 4 mm in CD 8b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were rated as adequate by 100% of reporters as some of last week's surplus moisture dried up. On hay and pasture land, 95% of reporters rate topsoil moisture as adequate, up slightly from 91% last week.

Good seeding progress was made this past week. North eastern farmers reported 7% of the 2005 crop planted, up from less than one-half of 1% last week. Crop District 8b is furthest advanced at 9% seeded.

Four per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northeast.

Farmers have been applying fertilizer and chemical, harrowing, picking stones, and burning last year's crop. Localized shortages of flaxseed and some canola varieties were reported.

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

This past week was warmer in the northwest, but turned cooler with some rain showers by the weekend. An average of 8 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 9aw to an average high of 11 mm reported in CD 9b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were rated as adequate by 85% of north western reporters, compared to 72% last week. On hay and pasture land, 93% report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 86% last week.

Some seeding progress was made during the past week. North western farmers reported 3% of the 2004 crop planted, up from less than 1/2 of 1% last week. Crop District 9aw is furthest advanced at 4% seeded.

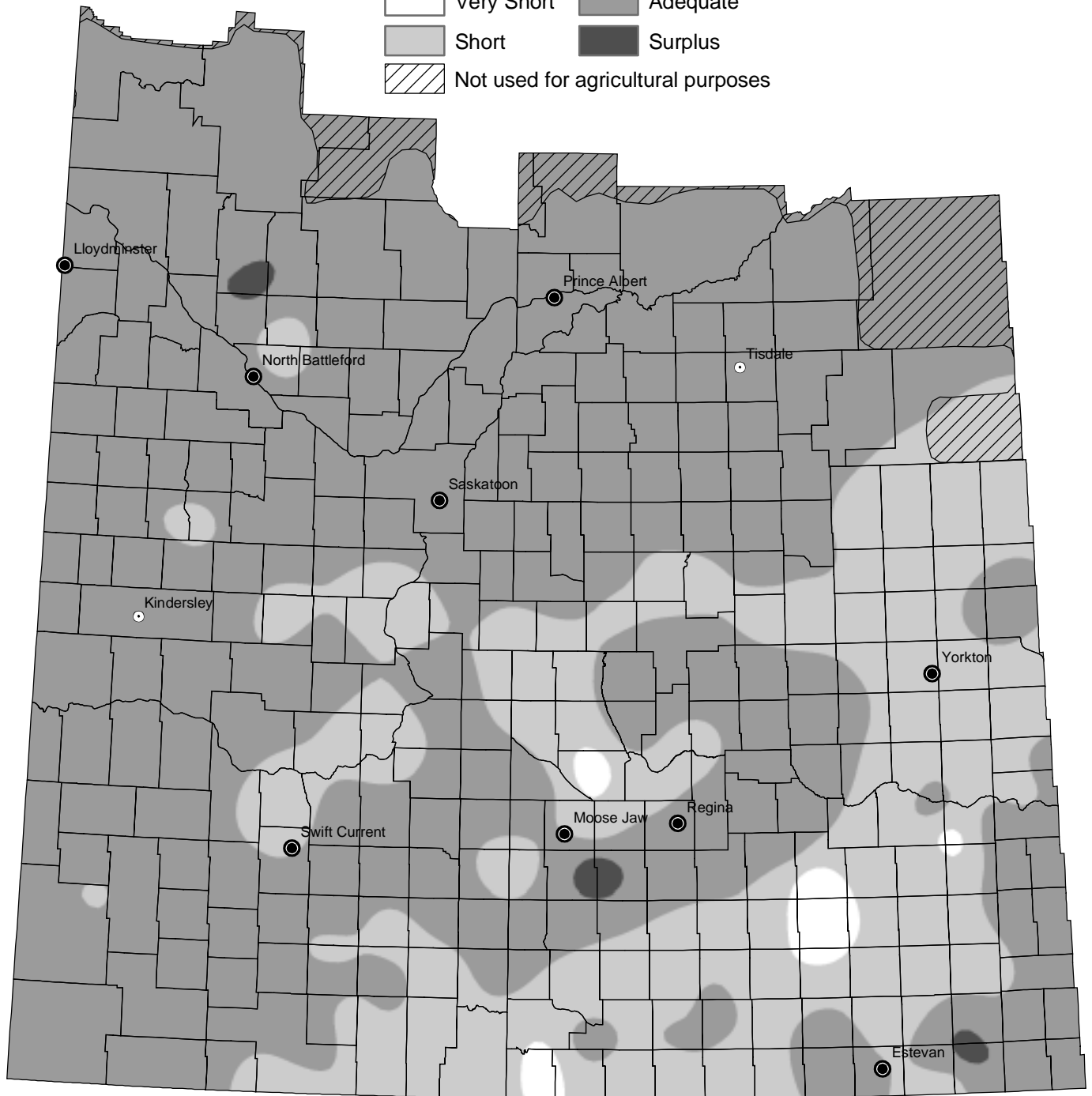
Thirteen per cent of the winter wheat and 1% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northwest.

Farmers continued with fertilizing, harrowing, rock picking, and spraying. Combining, baling, and burning of the 2004 crop also continued. Concerns were expressed about localized shortages of seed for feed oats and feed barley.

Pastures were slow to grow and cattle were still being fed at home.

Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions May 8, 2005

Moisture Conditions



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 7, 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	25	33	166	Sask. Elscior	3	30	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	45
	3 A Enniskillen	24	24	167	Sask. Landing	2	32	403	Rosthern	1	4
	3 B Enniskillen	3	6	225	Canaan	TR	9	404	Laird	1	21
	31 Storthoaks	26	26	226	Victory	2	19	7A 259	Snipe Lake	NIL	43
	32 Reciprocity	1	7	228 A	Lacadena	TR	26	260	Newcombe	TR	23
	33 A Moose Creek	3	8	228 B	Lacadena	NIL	29	287	St. Andrews	NIL	36
	33 B Moose Creek	2	7	256	King George	NIL	18	288	Pleasant Valley	TR	58
	34 Browning	3	9	4A 19	Frontier	NIL	20	290	Kindersley	1	21
	35 Benson	NIL	5	79	Arlington	TR	18	292	Milton	6	35
	63 A Moose Mountain	2	10	109 A	Carmichael	TR	68	317 B	Marriott	NIL	53
	63 B Moose Mountain	TR	14	109 B	Carmichael	1	52	317 C	Marriott	NIL	35
	64 Brock	2	7	110	Piapot	NIL	70	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	28
	65 Tecumseh	1	3	111 A	Maple Creek	TR	40	318 B	Mountain View	NIL	39
1B	92 Walpole	NIL	NIL	111 B	Maple Creek	NIL	78	319	Winslow	TR	21
	94 Hazelwood	3	8	4B 139	Gull Lake	2	43	320	Oakdale	NIL	26
	95 Golden West	NIL	5	141	Big Stick	NIL	66	321	Prairiedale	10	41
	123 Silverwood	2	7	169	Pittville	NIL	28	322	Antelope Park	3	20
	124 Kingsley	1	8	171	Fox Valley	TR	53	7B 347 A	Biggar	NIL	30
	125 Chester	TR	5	229	Miry Creek	NIL	30	347 B	Biggar	NIL	42
	151 A Rocanville	NIL	11	231	Happyland	TR	37	350 A	Mariposa	3	15
	151 B Rocanville	NIL	7	232	Deer Forks	3	41	350 B	Mariposa	TR	22
	153 Willowdale	NIL	6	5A 152	Spy Hill	NIL	5	351	Progress	8	34
	154 Elcapo	NIL	TR	181	Langenburg	NIL	6	352	Heart's Hill	10	50
	155 Wolseley	1	11	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	5	377 A	Glenside	TR	51
2A	36 Cymri	7	14	184 A	Grayson	1	1	377 B	Glenside	NIL	41
	66 Griffin	NIL	TR	184 C	Grayson	1	7	378 A	Rosemount	TR	37
	68 Brokenshell	NIL	17	185	Mcleod	1	15	378 B	Rosemount	TR	36
	96 Fillmore	NIL	2	186	Abernethy	TR	3	379	Reford	TR	34
	97 Wellington	1	1	187	North Qu'appelle	1	4	380 A	Tramping Lake	TR	17
	99 Caledonia	11	42	211	Churchbridge	TR	TR	380 B	Tramping Lake	7	39
2B	126 Montmartre	TR	TR	213	Saltcoats	NIL	7	382	Eye Hill	8	35
	127 Francis	3	6	214	Cana	NIL	10	409	Buffalo	2	31
	129 Bratt's Lake	2	23	241	Calder	NIL	3	410	Round Valley	7	43
	131 Baildon	NIL	26	243	Wallace	NIL	7	8A 411	Senlac	15	35
	156 A Indian Head	1	2	245 A	Garry	2	11	397	Barrier Valley	3	25
	156 B Indian Head	1	7	245 B	Garry	NIL	15	398	Pleasantdale	8	34
	157 South Qu'appelle	61	64	246	Ituna Bon Accord	1	3	428	Star City	2	14
	158 Edenwold	15	18	247	Kellross	NIL	5	456	Arborfield	1	11
	160 Pense	NIL	10	248	Touchwood	10	17	457 A	Connaught	2	22
	191 Marquis	1	16	271	Cote	TR	10	457 B	Connaught	NIL	4
3ASE	8 Lake Alma	10	16	276	Foam Lake	NIL	5	458	Willow Creek	NIL	15
	9 Surprise Valley	10	10	277	Emerald	TR	5	486	Moose Range	NIL	11
	38 A Laurier	6	33	303	Keys	4	6	487	Nipawin	NIL	12
	38 B Laurier	16	39	304	Buchanan	2	9	8B 369	St. Peter	4	9
	39 A The Gap	22	24	307	Elfros	TR	15	370	Humboldt	2	9
	39 B The Gap	37	39	308	Big Quill	1	4	371	Bayne	2	6
3ASW	10 Happy Valley	9	11	335	Hazel Dell	4	18	372	Grant	1	10
	12 Poplar Valley	TR	10	336	Sasman	NIL	8	373	Aberdeen	TR	11
	40 Bengough	3	28	337	Lakeview	4	15	399	Lake Lenore	3	20
	43 A Old Post	TR	13	338	Lakeside	2	11	402	Fish Creek	4	8
	43 B Old Post	NIL	7	366 A	Kelvington	7	18	429 A	Flett's Springs	25	51
	44 Waverley	1	15	366 B	Kelvington	10	26	429 B	Flett's Springs	1	13
	70 Key West	2	17	367	Ponass Lake	7	14	430	Invergordon	3	8
	71 A Excel	NIL	31	6A 189	Lumsden	TR	12	459	Kinistino	2	21
	71 B Excel	2	33	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	9	9AE 461	Prince Albert	TR	10
	73 A Stonehenge	NIL	3	190 B	Dufferin	TR	1	488	Torch River	2	9
	73 B Stonehenge	NIL	17	190 C	Dufferin	TR	12	9AW 406	Mayfield	NIL	38
3AN	101 A Terrell	NIL	17	219 B	Longlaketon	1	1	435	Redberry	1	27
	101 B Terrell	TR	18	219 C	Longlaketon	4	4	463	Duck Lake	NIL	3
	102 Lake Johnston	TR	26	220	Mckillop	NIL	2	464	Leask	2	18
	103 Sutton	NIL	35	221	Sarnia	NIL	8	466	Meeting Lake	NIL	40
	104 Gravelbourg	NIL	10	222	Craik	1	14	467	Round Hill	3	41
	132 Hillsborough	NIL	18	252	Arm River	NIL	6	493	Shellbrook	NIL	4
	164 Chaplin	NIL	6	279 A	Mount Hope	5	8	494	Canwood	4	28
	193 Eyebrow	NIL	31	279 B	Mount Hope	1	8	496	Spiritwood	2	33
3BS	17 A Val Marie	2	27	280	Wreford	TR	TR	555	Big River	13	56
	17 B Val Marie	TR	4	282	Mccraney	4	16	9B 438 A	Battle River	9	43
	46 A Glen Mcpherson	NIL	10	309	Prairie Rose	2	4	438 B	Battle River	TR	33
	46 B Glen Mcpherson	NIL	15	310	Usborne	TR	TR	440	Hillsdale	11	44
	75 A Pinto Creek	NIL	12	312	Morris	2	12	468 A	Meota	9	40
	75 B Pinto Creek	NIL	12	313	Lost River	1	7	468 B	Meota	4	12
	76 A Auvergne	NIL	12	339 B	Leroy	1	10	472	Wilton	15	48
	76 B Auvergne	3	18	340 A	Wolverine	3	5	498 A	Parkdale	10	24
	77 Wise Creek	NIL	14	340 B	Wolverine	NIL	1	498 B	Parkdale	8	33
	78 A Grassy Creek	NIL	19	343	Blucher	3	6	499	Mervin	22	86
	78 B Grassy Creek	NIL	12	6B 254	Loreburn	TR	16	501 A	Frenchman Butte	8	57
	78 C Grassy Creek	TR	22	283	Rosedale	TR	21	501 B	Frenchman Butte	15	67
	105 Glenbain	TR	11	284	Rudy	TR	20	502	Britannia	8	34
	106 Whiska Creek	1	13	285	Fertile Valley	TR	17	561	Loon Lake	10	55
	108 Bone Creek	1	30	286	Milden	NIL	13	588 A	Meadow Lake	20	37
3BN	135 Lawtonia	NIL	17	314	Dundurn	2	18	588 B	Meadow Lake	9	52
	136 Coulee	NIL	30	344	Corman Park	NIL	24	588 C	Meadow Lake	18	64
	137 Swift Current	NIL	22	345	Vanscoy	TR	15	588 D	Meadow Lake	14	43
	138 Webb	1	38	346	Perdue	NIL	40				

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

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

