

Crop Report for the week of May 22, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers have now seeded 71 per cent of the 2005 crop, ahead of the five-year (2000-04) average of 67 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The southwest is the furthest advanced at 81 per cent and the northwest least advanced at 56 per cent. Only Crop Districts 1a in the southeast near Estevan and 9b in the northwest near Lloydminster report less than 50 per cent seeded.

A welcome rain delayed seeding operations and fieldwork in most areas of the province this past week.

With this rain, topsoil moisture conditions improved significantly in many areas of the province. Almost 82 per cent of reporters say that topsoil moisture conditions are adequate on crop land, compared to 64 per cent last week. Topsoil moisture on hay and pasture land is rated as adequate by 85 per cent of crop reporters, compared with 52 per cent last week. The rain is reported to have greatly improved pastures and hay crops.

A return to warmer temperatures with less wind will enable farmers to finish seeding and resume other fieldwork.

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Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 22/05	71
5-year Avg. (2000-04)	67
May 23/04	68
May 25/03	69
May 19/02	46
May 20/01	74
May 21/00	79

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 22/05	May 23/04
1a	48	31
1b	63	46
2a	76	49
2b	74	75
3an	76	68
3ase	77	50
3asw	74	28
3bn	75	77
3bs	89	69
4a	94	81
4b	96	95
5a	74	60
5b	69	62
6a	67	72
6b	70	78
7a	82	84
7b	73	86
8a	73	78
8b	70	82
9ae	69	76
9aw	64	70
9b	48	69
Prov.	71	68

1 Year Ago

Farmers had seeded 68% of the 2004 crop.

Southern regions of the province received up to 50 mm of rain which improved topsoil moisture conditions.

Cool weather continued to slow growth on hay and pasture land.

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

The southeast was rainy and windy during the past week. An average of 36 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from a high of 41 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 2b to an average low of 26 mm reported in CD 3ase. The Montmartre area received 65 mm of rain. There is some concern that strong winds at the end of the week may have done some crop damage. Farmers are still assessing damage from the frosts to see if re-seeding will be necessary.

Seeding is reported as 67% complete, up from 43% last week. Crop District 3ase is furthest ahead at 77% complete, while CD 1a reports 48% complete. Earlier seeded crops are emerging – and have been helped by better soil moisture and warmer weather.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 81% of reporters, up from 62% last week. The balance of the reporters rate crop land as having surplus moisture. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 83% of reporters, up from 55% last week. Pastures are finally starting to grow.

Wet, windy weather delayed field work this past week. There was some harrowing early in the week.

Localized shortages of fertilizer were reported in CD 1b, as were shortages of good quality flax seed.

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

The southwest received rain showers last week but also had strong winds. An average of 26 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 14 mm reported in CD 4, to an average high of 37 mm reported in CDs 3an and 3bn. The Beechy area received 73 mm of rain. Strong winds caused soil drifting. The winds also caused damage to trees and roofs. The earlier frost did set back hay crops, as well as cause some damage to canola and flax crops in CD 3bn.

South western farmers have completed 81% of their seeding, up from 66% last week. Crop District 4b is furthest ahead at 96% complete, while CD 3asw is 74% done. Earlier-seeded crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 89% of reporters, up significantly from 58% last week. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 74% of reporters, up from 36% last week. The majority of the short topsoil moisture areas are in CDs 3bs and 4, and these areas could use more rain. Pastures and hay land are doing much better after the rain. Cattle are being moved out to pastures.

Fieldwork was minimal last week due to cool temperatures, windy weather, and rain. Some spraying, chem fallowing, and summerfallowing was done.

The weeds are coming up after the rain, and some are having difficulty dealing with this flush because of emerging crops. Gophers continue to be damaging in CD 3bs. Grasshoppers are out in CD 4a and starting to do damage to some crops and tame hay fields.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

Much needed rain came to the east central region during the past week, along with some windy weather. An average of 44 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 42 mm reported in CD 5b, to an average high of 48 mm reported in CD 5a. The Ituna and Kelliher areas reported 82 mm of rain. Areas in CD 5a reported that heavy rain and winds flooded and blew leaves off some emerging crops. The heavy rain also packed soil.

East central farmers made good seeding progress with 70% complete across the region, up from 41% last week. Crop District 5a is furthest ahead at 74% complete, while CD 6a reports 67% complete. The rain has helped crop germination and emergence.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 67% of reporters, up from 49% last week. Twenty-eight per cent report a surplus of moisture. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 83% of reporters, up from 29% last week. Cattle are being moved out to pastures.

Fieldwork was halted mid-week due to wet, windy weather. More stubble was burned last week, and some spraying got done early in the week.

Weed flushes are becoming more pronounced. Flea beetle activity in early canola crops was reported in CD 5a.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

This past week, west central regions had showers and more seasonal temperatures. An average of 38 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 31 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 42 mm reported in CD 6b. The Hanley area reported 71 mm of rain. Some emerging crops got buried with the rain. The alfalfa was hurt by the frost in parts of CD 7a.

West central farmers made good seeding progress with 75% complete across the region, up from 53% last week. Crop District 7a is furthest ahead at 82% complete, while CD 6b reports 70% complete. Early-seeded crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay and pasture land are rated as adequate by 93% of reporters, up from 65% last week. Pastures and hay lands have improved with the rain.

Farmers did get some spraying done, but many were held up with the wind and rain.

Weed growth is becoming plentiful.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Weather in the northeast was warmer with showers and winds this past week. An average of 28 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 21 mm reported in CD 8a, to an average high of 33 mm reported in CD 8b. The Bellevue area reported 43 mm of rain. Soil erosion was reported in CD 9ae.

North eastern farmers made the best seeding progress with 71% complete across the region, up from 39% last week. Crop District 8a is furthest ahead at 73% complete, while CD 9ae reports 69% done. Early seeded crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 84% of reporters, down from 95% last week. The balance of the ratings is in the surplus category. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by all reporters, up from 90% last week.

Reporters saw an increase in land sown to forage crops this spring.

Some spraying was done before fieldwork was halted due to wind and rain.

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

The northwest had some warmer temperatures and some showers during the past week. An average of 37 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 33 mm reported in CD 9aw, to an average high of 40 mm reported in CD 9b. The Lashburn area reported 52 mm of rain. Excessive rain is causing some problems with crop emergence.

North western farmers have planted 56% complete across the region, up from 29% last week. Crop District 9aw is furthest ahead at 64% complete. Early seeded crops are emerging.

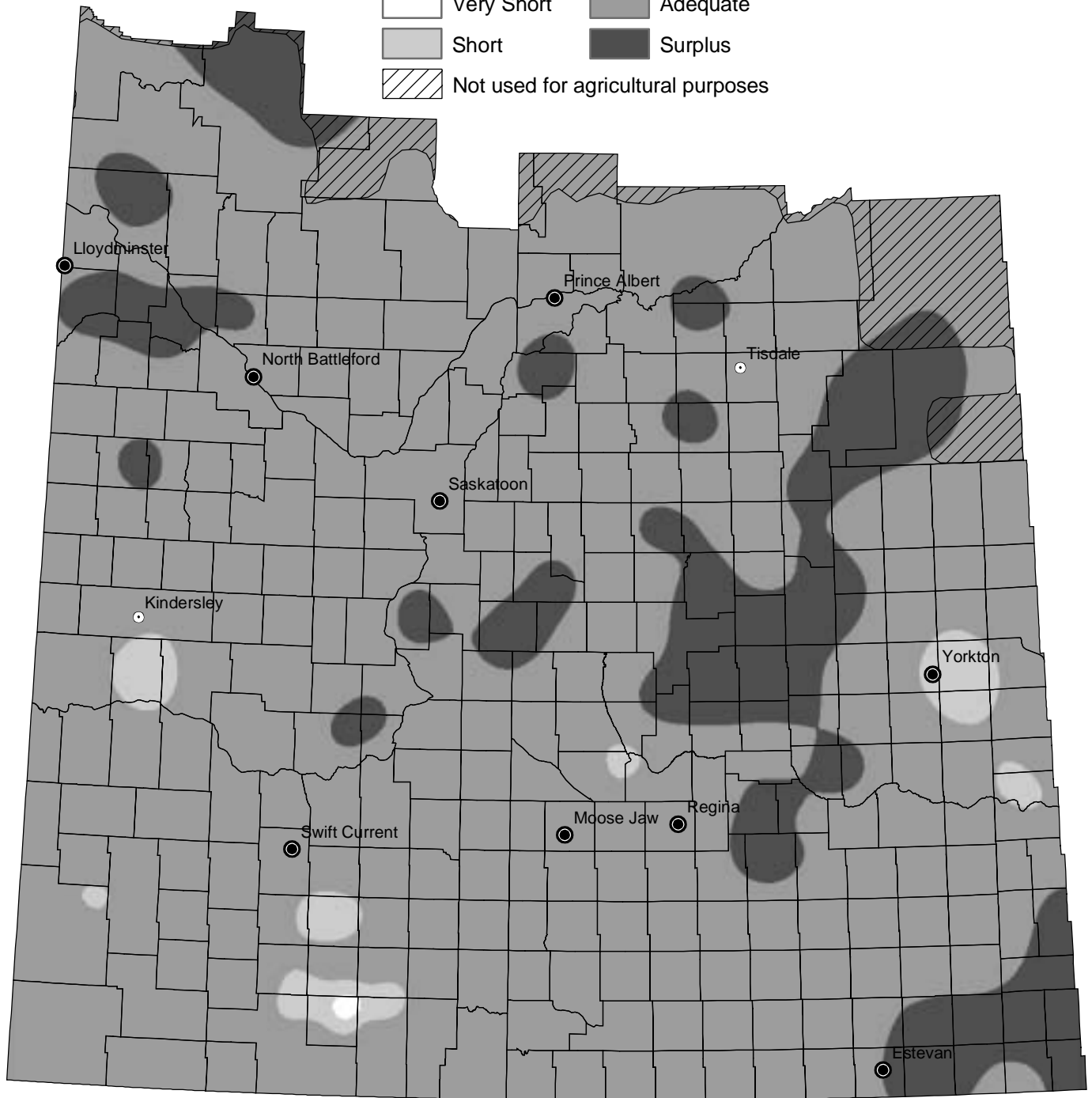
Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 80% of reporters, down from 87% last week. The rest of the reporters rate moisture conditions as surplus. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 90% of reporters, up from 80% last week. Cattle are being moved out to pastures.

Fieldwork was stopped by rain mid-week. Some farmers got some harrowing, spraying, and fertilizing done.

A shortage of good canola seed was reported in CD 9aw. Weeds are advancing rapidly.

Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions May 22, 2005

Moisture Conditions



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 21, 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	1	Argyle	32	53	225	Canaan	48	57	346	Perdue	33	73			
	2	Mount Pleasant	34	73	226	Victoria	73	92	376 A	Eagle Creek	23	76			
	3 B	Enniskillen	43	97	228 A	Lacadena	43	77	376 B	Eagle Creek	33	78			
	32	Reciprocity	35	79	228 B	Lacadena	17	46	404	Laird	22	43			
	33 A	Moose Creek	25	83	255	Coteau	27	57	7A	259	Snipe Lake	13	57		
	34	Browning	39	68	256	King George	59	77	260	Newcombe	12	35			
	35	Benson	41	63	257	Monet	47	82	287	St. Andrews	49	85			
	63 A	Moose Mountain	35	66	4A	19	Frontier	26	46	288	Pleasant Valley	49	107		
	63 B	Moose Mountain	29	68	49 B	White Valley	11	60	290	Kindersley	22	45			
	64	Brock	47	75	51	Reno	13	32	292	Milton	18	55			
	65	Tecumseh	43	54	79	Arlington	20	38	317 B	Marriott	46	99			
1B	91	Maryfield	30	70	109 A	Carmichael	13	81	317 C	Marriott	38	73			
	92	Walpole	28	44	109 B	Carmichael	18	70	318 A	Mountain View	42	70			
	94	Hazelwood	33	49	110	Piapot	8	78	318 B	Mountain View	45	84			
	95	Golden West	46	54	111 A	Maple Creek	10	50	319	Winslow	38	59			
	123	Silverwood	48	55	111 B	Maple Creek	10	88	321	Prairiedale	21	70			
	124	Kingsley	44	53	4B	139	Gull Lake	27	70	322	Antelope Park	16	36		
	125	Chester	32	37	141	Big Stick	10	76	7B	347 A	Biggar	40	70		
	151 A	Rocanville	23	42	142	Enterprise	12	63	347 B	Biggar	48	90			
	151 B	Rocanville	25	35	169	Pittville	19	47	350 A	Mariposa	58	74			
	153	Willowdale	41	47	171	Fox Valley	10	63	350 B	Mariposa	38	60			
	154	Elcapo	38	38	229	Miry Creek	15	45	351	Progress	33	67			
	155	Wolseley	62	75	231	Happyland	9	46	352	Heart's Hill	25	75			
2A	36	Cymri	32	58	232	Deer Forks	11	52	377 A	Glenside	32	83			
	66	Griffin	31	41	5A	152	Spy Hill	16	24	377 B	Glenside	35	76		
	67	Weyburn	29	47	181	Langenburg	17	24	378 A	Rosemount	43	80			
	68	Brokenshell	33	52	183	Fertile Belt	37	42	378 B	Rosemount	41	77			
	96	Fillmore	43	47	184 A	Grayson	56	58	379	Reford	50	84			
	97	Wellington	43	48	184 C	Grayson	34	43	380 A	Tramping Lake	38	55			
	99	Caledonia	36	81	185	McLeod	69	88	380 B	Tramping Lake	43	82			
2B	126	Montmartre	65	71	186	Abernethy	66	71	382	Eye Hill	41	100			
	127	Francis	53	63	187	North Qu'appelle	43	47	409	Buffalo	40	71			
	128	Lajord	30	30	211	Churchbridge	30	32	410	Round Valley	38	81			
	129	Bratt's Lake	23	48	214	Cana	55	67	411	Senlac	22	57			
	131	Baildon	25	53	241	Calder	41	47	8A	395	Porcupine	24	38		
	156 A	Indian Head	58	63	243	Wallace	49	59	397	Barrier Valley	27	54			
	156 B	Indian Head	54	63	245 A	Garry	61	74	398	Pleasantdale	36	73			
	157	South Qu'appelle	59	124	245 B	Garry	21	37	428	Star City	24	40			
	158	Edenwold	32	51	246	Ituna Bon Accord	82	87	456	Arborfield	7	22			
	160	Pense	30	40	247	Kellross	82	90	457 A	Connaught	18	40			
	161	Moose Jaw	30	46	248	Touchwood	52	69	457 B	Connaught	19	23			
	191	Marquis	40	57	5B	271	Cote	54	65	458	Willow Creek	32	49		
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	28	51	276	Foam Lake	79	87	486	Moose Range	8	21			
	9	Surprise Valley	21	38	277	Emerald	13	20	487	Nipawin	17	31			
	38 A	Laurier	35	71	303	Keys	38	46	8B	369	St. Peter	27	37		
	38 B	Laurier	30	71	304	Buchanan	45	56	370	Humboldt	29	38			
	39 A	The Gap	15	44	307	Elfros	60	77	371	Bayne	37	43			
	39 B	The Gap	26	68	308	Big Quill	71	78	372	Grant	23	33			
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	24	36	335	Hazel Dell	47	65	373	Aberdeen	21	32			
	12	Poplar Valley	45	55	336	Sasman	47	56	400	Three Lakes	40	40			
	40	Bengough	34	64	337	Lakeview	32	48	401	Hoodoo	40	43			
	42	Willow Bunch	39	75	338	Lakeside	37	50	402	Fish Creek	28	36			
	43 A	Old Post	42	58	366 A	Kelvington	26	44	429 A	Flett's Springs	30	81			
	43 B	Old Post	31	40	366 B	Kelvington	19	45	429 B	Flett's Springs	33	46			
	44	Waverley	26	42	367	Ponass Lake	33	52	430	Invergordon	33	41			
	71 A	Excel	33	64	368	Spalding	33	37	431 A	St. Louis	43	47			
	71 B	Excel	19	53	6A	189	Lumsden	31	43	459	Kinistino	40	61		
	71 C	Excel	30	57	190 A	Dufferin	22	35	9AE	461	Prince Albert	40	50		
	73 A	Stonehenge	35	38	190 B	Dufferin	32	33	488	Torch River	19	28			
	73 B	Stonehenge	36	57	190 C	Dufferin	25	38	9AW	406	Mayfield	32	70		
3AN	101 B	Terrell	12	31	219 B	Longlaketon	35	37	435	Redberry	24	52			
	102	Lake Johnston	28	54	219 C	Longlaketon	46	50	436	Douglas	34	69			
	103	Sutton	36	71	220	Mckillop	41	44	463	Duck Lake	51	54			
	104	Gravelbourg	35	45	221	Sarnia	44	55	464	Leask	46	64			
	132	Hillsborough	33	51	222	Craik	56	71	466	Meeting Lake	35	75			
	134	Shamrock	42	68	251	Big Arm	54	57	467	Round Hill	40	81			
	164	Chaplin	45	51	252	Arm River	51	57	493	Shellbrook	38	42			
	193	Eyebrow	45	76	279 A	Mount Hope	44	53	494	Canwood	19	47			
	194	Enfield	54	76	279 B	Mount Hope	57	65	496	Spiritwood	22	55			
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	19	46	280	Wreford	52	52	497	Medstead	29	58			
	17 B	Val Marie	25	29	281	Wood Creek	41	41	555	Big River	32	88			
	45	Mankota	10	35	282	Mccraney	65	82	9B	438 A	Battle River	45	89		
	46 A	Glen Mcpherson	36	46	309	Prairie Rose	67	73	438 B	Battle River	44	77			
	46 B	Glen Mcpherson	9	24	310	Usborne	64	64	440	Hillsdale	31	75			
	75 A	Pinto Creek	8	23	312	Morris	39	51	468 A	Meota	48	88			
	75 B	Pinto Creek	11	26	313	Lost River	16	23	470	Paynton	37	88			
	76 A	Auvergne	19	31	339 A	Leroy	49	51	472	Wilton	52	100			
	76 B	Auvergne	24	42	339 B	Leroy	44	55	498 A	Parkdale	31	55			
	77	Wise Creek	24	38	340 A	Wolverine	38	45	498 B	Parkdale	31	64			
	78 A	Grassy Creek	29	48	340 B	Wolverine	38	41	499	Mervin	44	131			
	78 B	Grassy Creek	22	34	341	Viscount	37	38	501 A	Frenchman Butte	44	101			
	78 C	Grassy Creek	25	47	343	Blucher	24	29	501 B	Frenchman Butte	35	102			
	105	Glenbain	30	42	6B	254	Loreburn	51	68	501 C	Frenchman Butte	52	66		
	106	Whiska Creek	14	27	283	Rosedale	71	92	502	Britannia	44	80			
	108	Bone Creek	34	64	284	Rudy	58	78	588 A	Meadow Lake	21	58			
3BN	135	Lawtonia	25	42	285	Fertile Valley	53	70	588 B	Meadow Lake	42	94			
	136	Coulee	37	67	286	Milden	42	55	588 C	Meadow Lake	39	103			
	137	Swift Current	16	38	314	Dundurn	66	85	588 D	Meadow Lake	32	75			
	165	Morse	38	41	316	Harris	42	61	622	Beaver River	50	71			
	166	Excelsior	18	48	344	Corman Park	20	44							
	167	Sask. Landing	27	59	345	Vanscoy	38	53							

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

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

