

## Crop Report for the week of May 29, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 85 per cent of the 2005 crop as of May 29, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The five-year average for seeding completion at this date is 86 per cent.

Wet and/or windy weather during the past week limited the progress of fieldwork in many areas of the province.

Crops are generally emerging well. Some crop reporters indicated that later-seeded crops appear to be emerging better than early-seeded crops.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay and pasture land remained similar to the previous week. More than 80 per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate. Localized areas, primarily in the southwest, report short topsoil moisture conditions due to the wind's drying action.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April with more than two-thirds of the reporters rating pastures in their area as good to excellent. Many pastures have sufficient moisture, but are lacking

heat units for good growth. Livestock water supplies are reported to be adequate across the province.

Farmers are concerned about the minimal weed control before crop emergence due to cool, windy

weather. There are a few reports of flea beetles and cutworms, but the most damaging of crop pests are gophers in the southwest.

Frost was reported in south western and west central areas, but there are no damage estimates at this time.

### Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

|                       | All<br>Crops |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| May 29/05             | 85           |
| 5-year Avg. (2000-04) | 86           |
| May 31/04             | 79           |
| Jun 1/03              | 91           |
| May 26/02             | 74           |
| May 27/01             | 93           |
| May 28/00             | 95           |

### Seeding Progress by Crop District

| CD    | May 29/05 | May 30/04 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 1a    | 69        | 35        |
| 1b    | 80        | 62        |
| 2a    | 89        | 51        |
| 2b    | 85        | 77        |
| 3an   | 92        | 71        |
| 3ase  | 93        | 52        |
| 3asw  | 87        | 22        |
| 3bn   | 95        | 88        |
| 3bs   | 97        | 76        |
| 4a    | 98        | 88        |
| 4b    | 99        | 98        |
| 5a    | 81        | 78        |
| 5b    | 73        | 83        |
| 6a    | 85        | 87        |
| 6b    | 88        | 94        |
| 7a    | 94        | 96        |
| 7b    | 91        | 96        |
| 8a    | 77        | 93        |
| 8b    | 85        | 94        |
| 9ae   | 91        | 93        |
| 9aw   | 85        | 88        |
| 9b    | 69        | 89        |
| Prov. | 85        | 80        |

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## 1 Year Ago

Farmers had seeded 80% of the 2004 crop.

Cool, wet weather slowed seeding progress in many areas of the province.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved.

Pasture conditions were variable with the poorest pastures in the west central region.

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

Cool, damp, and windy weather was general in the southeast during the past week. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CDs 2b and 3ase.

Reasonable seeding progress was made this past week to bring the southeast seeding completion up to 82%. Crop District 3ase is furthest advanced at 93% complete while CD 1a is least advanced at 69% complete. Some re-seeding will be necessary in CD 1a due to earlier frost damage. Crops are generally emerging nicely, though slowly due to lack of heat.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week as some areas of surplus moisture dried up. Eighty-eight per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have adequate moisture, compared with 79% last week. On hay and pasture land, 90% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate.

Pasture conditions have improved in the southeast since the end of April when over 20% of reporters rated pastures in their districts as poor or very poor. Only 5% give that rating now, with 56% rating pastures as good to excellent. Earlier frost damage slowed pasture and hay growth. Some farmers continue to supplement slow-growing pastures with extra feed for their stock. Livestock water availability is adequate in all areas.

Heavy weed growth is reported in many areas. Seeding and weed control operations were delayed this past week with the wet weather.

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

The southwest had a cool, windy week with frost reported in a number of areas. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of less than ½ mm reported in CD 4a, to an average high of 11 mm reported in CD 3asw. The wind caused soil erosion and cut off crops in CDs 3bs and 4b. The wind has also been drying and some areas are in need of rain.

Some seeding progress brought the southwest seeding completion up to 94%. Crop District averages vary between 87 and 99% complete. Crops are emerging but need sunshine. Early-seeded crops are looking less advanced than later-seeded crops. There was some re-seeding of canola in CD 3asw due to earlier frost damage, and re-seeding of mustard and canola is expected in CD 3bs.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly during the past week. Eighty-two per cent of reporters indicated that their districts have adequate moisture, compared with 89% last week. On hay and pasture land, 62% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 75% last week.

Pasture conditions have deteriorated since the end of April when 78% of reporters rated conditions as good to excellent. At the end of May, 56% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. The wind has been hard on the pastures which need rain and warmer weather to improve. Livestock water availability is adequate across the southwest.

Spraying operations were

delayed because of the wind, though some farmers did get some spraying done. Heavy weed growth is showing up and some summerfallowing has started.

Gophers continue to cause damage in CDs 3asw and 3bs, eating grain crops and alfalfa as they emerge. Badgers caused problems in CD 3bs. Cutworms were reported in CD 3bn as well as suspected brown wheat mites.

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

The east central region was cold, damp, and windy during the past week. An average of 13 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 6 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 20 mm reported in CD 5b. In CD 5b, some farmers estimate they may have lost 10 to 20% of the crops they seeded to flooding.

Limited seeding progress was made this past week to bring east central seeding completion up to 80%. Regional reports vary between 73 and 85% complete. Germination appears to be good, but growth is slow due to the cool weather. Some farmers are talking of changing seeding plans – less flax, more oats, barley, and summerfallow.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week with the precipitation. One-third of reporters indicate that their districts have surplus moisture on crop land. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are similar to the previous week, with 83% of reporters indicating adequate moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when just over one third of reporters rated

conditions as good. At the end of May, 61% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. Certainly warmer weather is needed for more vigorous pasture growth. Supplies of water for livestock are adequate across the region.

Seeding and spraying were slowed this week because of the rain, the cold, and the wind. Weed growth has progressed rapidly despite cool conditions.

Some flea beetles were reported in canola crops in CD 5b.

### **West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)**

West central regions were cool and windy with some frost this past week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported for the region. Crop Districts 6b and 7b reported the most precipitation, averaging 2 mm. Alfalfa crops are slow to recover from earlier frosts. Heavy showers compacted and crusted some fields in CD 7a. It is unclear at this time how much, if any, damage last week's frost did.

Good seeding progress was made this past week to bring west central seeding completion up to 91%. Crop District reports vary between 88 and 94% complete. Crops are generally emerging very well.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week with 100% of reporters indicating that their districts have adequate moisture. On hay and pasture land, 95% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 22% of reporters rated their pastures as poor to fair. At the end of May,

13% rate them poor to fair. Livestock water availability is adequate across the region.

Spraying this past week was challenging with the strong winds. Farmers were able to get some rock picking, summerfallowing, and chemfallowing done.

Concern was expressed about aphids in trees in CD 6b and their potential movement onto crops. A few grasshoppers were reported in CD 7a.

### **North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)**

Cold, windy, and wet described the weather in the northeast during the past week. An average of 12 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 8 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 16 mm reported in CD 8a. In CD 9ae, on Victoria Day, there was a hail storm and an inch of rain, plus tornadoes in the area destroyed trees and a grain bin.

Limited seeding progress was made this past week to bring the northeast seeding completion up to 83%. Crop District reports vary between 77 and 91% complete.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly during the past week with the rainfall. Eighty-two per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have adequate moisture, compared to 84% last week. The balance has surplus moisture. On hay and pasture land, 91% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 100% last week. Again, the balance report surplus moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northeast since the end of April when less than 60% of

reporters rated pastures as good to excellent. At the end of May, over 80% give the good to excellent rating. Sunshine would improve the pasture ratings even more. Livestock water supplies are considered adequate across the region.

Windy, wet weather interfered with spraying and seeding.

There are lots of weeds in the region. There were a few sightings of flea beetles in CD 9ae.

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

The northwest had a cool, windy week, with some rain showers. An average of 8 mm of precipitation was reported across the region. There was a light frost one night last week.

The northwest made the most seeding progress during the past week, bringing seeding completion up to 77%. Crop district reports vary between 69 and 85% complete. Crops are emerging nicely.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay, and pasture land improved during the past week as surplus moisture areas decreased in size. Ninety-six per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have adequate moisture, compared to 77% (crop land) and 97% (hay and pasture land) the previous week.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northwest. At the end of April, 77% of reporters rated pastures in their district in good to excellent condition, while at the end of May, that number was 96%. Livestock water supplies are adequate across the region.






Windy conditions made spraying difficult. Weed infestations are heavy. There is still some baling and combining to do.

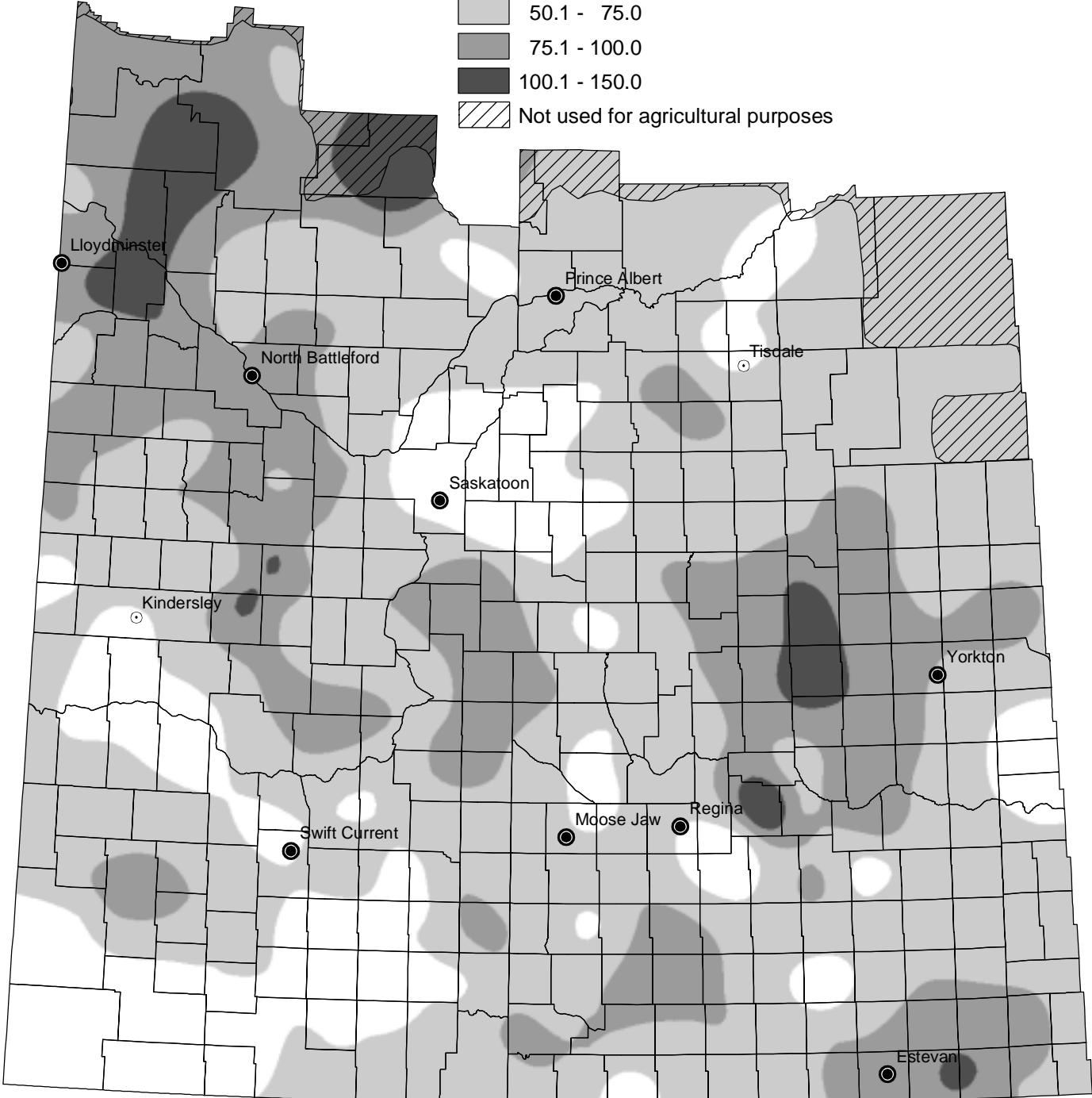
# Cumulative Rainfall

April 1, 2005

May 28, 2005

### Rainfall (mm)

-  0.0 - 50.0
-  50.1 - 75.0
-  75.1 - 100.0
-  100.1 - 150.0
-  Not used for agricultural purposes



# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 29, 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  | 3    | 76      | 167 Sask. Landing    | 3    | 62      | 346 Perdue            | NIL  | 73      |
| 3 B Enniskillen      | 7    | 104     | 225 Canaan           | TR   | 57      | 376 A Eagle Creek     | NIL  | 76      |
| 31 Storthoaks        | TR   | 68      | 226 Victory          | NIL  | 92      | 376 B Eagle Creek     | TR   | 78      |
| 32 Reciprocity       | 4    | 83      | 228 A Lacadena       | NIL  | 77      | 403 Rosthern          | 3    | 38      |
| 33 A Moose Creek     | NIL  | 83      | 228 B Lacadena       | NIL  | 46      | 404 Laird             | 3    | 46      |
| 63 A Moose Mountain  | 3    | 69      | 255 Coteau           | 3    | 60      | 7A 259 Snipe Lake     | 2    | 58      |
| 64 Brock             | 4    | 79      | 257 Monet            | 1    | 83      | 287 St. Andrews       | NIL  | 85      |
| 65 Tecumseh          | 6    | 60      | 4A 19 Frontier       | 3    | 49      | 288 Pleasant Valley   | 2    | 109     |
| 91 Maryfield         | 3    | 73      | 49 A White Valley    | NIL  | 27      | 290 Kindersley        | NIL  | 45      |
| 94 Hazelwood         | 7    | 56      | 51 Reno              | NIL  | 32      | 292 Milton            | NIL  | 55      |
| 95 Golden West       | 9    | 63      | 79 Arlington         | NIL  | 38      | 317 B Marriott        | 4    | 103     |
| 123 Silverwood       | 15   | 70      | 109 A Carmichael     | TR   | 81      | 317 C Marriott        | NIL  | 73      |
| 124 Kingsley         | 12   | 65      | 109 B Carmichael     | NIL  | 70      | 318 A Mountain View   | NIL  | 70      |
| 125 Chester          | 2    | 39      | 110 Piapot           | NIL  | 78      | 318 B Mountain View   | 3    | 87      |
| 151 A Rocanville     | 11   | 53      | 111 A Maple Creek    | TR   | 50      | 319 Winslow           | 2    | 61      |
| 151 B Rocanville     | 15   | 50      | 4B 139 Gull Lake     | 1    | 71      | 320 Oakdale           | TR   | 53      |
| 153 Willowdale       | 9    | 56      | 141 Big Stick        | 2    | 78      | 321 Prairiedale       | 3    | 73      |
| 154 Elcapo           | 14   | 52      | 142 Enterprise       | TR   | 63      | 322 Antelope Park     | NIL  | 36      |
| 155 Wolseley         | 16   | 91      | 171 Fox Valley       | NIL  | 63      | 7B 347 A Biggar       | 2    | 72      |
| 2A 36 Cymri          | 14   | 72      | 229 Miry Creek       | NIL  | 45      | 347 B Biggar          | NIL  | 90      |
| 66 Griffin           | TR   | 41      | 231 Happyland        | 3    | 49      | 350 A Mariposa        | 3    | 76      |
| 67 Weyburn           | 10   | 57      | 232 Deer Forks       | NIL  | 52      | 350 B Mariposa        | TR   | 60      |
| 68 Brokenshell       | 8    | 60      | 5A 152 Spy Hill      | 9    | 33      | 351 Progress          | 2    | 69      |
| 96 Fillmore          | 10   | 57      | 181 Langenburg       | 7    | 31      | 352 Heart's Hill      | NIL  | 75      |
| 97 Wellington        | 13   | 61      | 183 Fertile Belt     | 15   | 57      | 377 A Glenside        | 3    | 86      |
| 98 Scott             | 11   | 44*     | 184 A Grayson        | 14   | 72      | 378 A Rosemount       | 2    | 82      |
| 99 Caledonia         | 17   | 98      | 184 C Grayson        | 19   | 62      | 378 B Rosemount       | 2    | 79      |
| 2B 126 Montmartre    | 9    | 80      | 185 McLeod           | 22   | 110     | 379 Reford            | 1    | 85      |
| 127 Francis          | 11   | 74      | 186 Abernethy        | 10   | 81      | 380 A Tramping Lake   | 2    | 57      |
| 128 Lajord           | 8    | 38      | 187 North Qu'appelle | 12   | 59      | 382 Eye Hill          | 9    | 117     |
| 129 Bratt's Lake     | 15   | 63      | 211 Churchbridge     | 12   | 44      | 409 Buffalo           | 7    | 78      |
| 131 Baildon          | 22   | 75      | 213 Saltcoats        | 15   | 59      | 410 Round Valley      | 5    | 86      |
| 156 A Indian Head    | 13   | 76      | 214 Cana             | 14   | 81      | 8A 395 Porcupine      | 15   | 53      |
| 156 B Indian Head    | 13   | 76      | 241 Calder           | 13   | 60      | 397 Barrier Valley    | 15   | 69      |
| 157 South Qu'appelle | 13   | 137     | 245 A Garry          | 16   | 90      | 398 Pleasantdale      | 15   | 88      |
| 158 Edenwald         | 17   | 68      | 245 B Garry          | 63   | 100     | 428 Star City         | 19   | 59      |
| 160 Pense            | 10   | 50      | 246 Ituna Bon Accord | 20   | 107     | 456 Arborfield        | 40   | 62      |
| 161 Moose Jaw        | 9    | 55      | 247 Kellross         | 13   | 103     | 457 A Connaught       | 11   | 51      |
| 191 Marquis          | 6    | 63      | 248 Touchwood        | 9    | 78      | 457 B Connaught       | 7    | 30      |
| 3ASE 8 Lake Alma     | 14   | 65      | 5B 271 Cote          | 20   | 85      | 458 Willow Creek      | 4    | 53      |
| 9 Surprise Valley    | 17   | 55      | 276 Foam Lake        | 21   | 108     | 486 Moose Range       | 27   | 48      |
| 38 B Laurier         | 9    | 80      | 277 Emerald          | 77   | 97      | 487 Nipawin           | 9    | 40      |
| 39 A The Gap         | 11   | 55      | 303 Keys             | 13   | 59      | 8B 370 Humboldt       | 7    | 45      |
| 39 B The Gap         | 10   | 78      | 304 Buchanan         | 11   | 67      | 371 Bayne             | 9    | 52      |
| 3ASW 10 Happy Valley | 10   | 46      | 307 Elfros           | 17   | 94      | 372 Grant             | 3    | 36      |
| 40 Bengough          | 11   | 75      | 308 Big Quill        | 4    | 82      | 373 Aberdeen          | 4    | 36      |
| 42 Willow Bunch      | 13   | 88      | 335 Hazel Dell       | 20   | 85      | 399 Lake Lenore       | 12   | 73      |
| 43 A Old Post        | 11   | 69      | 336 Sasman           | 24   | 80      | 402 Fish Creek        | 3    | 39      |
| 43 B Old Post        | 13   | 53      | 338 Lakeside         | 5    | 55      | 429 A Flett's Springs | 10   | 91      |
| 44 Waverley          | 10   | 52      | 366 A Kelvington     | 14   | 58      | 429 B Flett's Springs | 9    | 55      |
| 70 Key West          | 12   | 79      | 366 B Kelvington     | 24   | 69      | 430 Invergordon       | 9    | 50      |
| 71 A Excel           | 12   | 76      | 367 Ponass Lake      | 10   | 62      | 431 A St. Louis       | 6    | 53      |
| 71 B Excel           | 9    | 62      | 6A 189 Lumsden       | 13   | 56      | 459 Kinistino         | 13   | 74      |
| 71 C Excel           | 8    | 65      | 190 A Dufferin       | 22   | 57      | 9AE 461 Prince Albert | 3    | 53      |
| 73 A Stonehenge      | 8    | 46      | 190 B Dufferin       | 6    | 39      | 488 Torch River       | 28   | 56      |
| 73 B Stonehenge      | 10   | 67      | 190 C Dufferin       | 14   | 52      | 9AW 406 Mayfield      | 2    | 72      |
| 3AN 101 B Terrell    | 14   | 45      | 219 C Longlaketon    | 6    | 56      | 435 Redberry          | 4    | 56      |
| 102 Lake Johnston    | 12   | 66      | 220 Mckillop         | 8    | 52      | 436 Douglas           | 2    | 71      |
| 103 Sutton           | 8    | 79      | 221 Sarnia           | 4    | 59      | 463 Duck Lake         | 2    | 56      |
| 104 Gravelbourg      | 3    | 48      | 222 Craik            | 5    | 76      | 464 Leask             | 4    | 68      |
| 132 Hillsborough     | 5    | 56      | 251 Big Arm          | 3    | 59      | 466 Meeting Lake      | 2    | 77      |
| 134 Shamrock         | 5    | 73      | 252 Arm River        | 1    | 78      | 467 Round Hill        | 8    | 89      |
| 193 Eyebrow          | NIL  | 76      | 279 A Mount Hope     | 5    | 58      | 493 Shellbrook        | 5    | 47      |
| 194 Enfield          | NIL  | 76      | 279 B Mount Hope     | 12   | 77      | 494 Canwood           | 5    | 52      |
| 3BS 17 A Val Marie   | 2    | 48      | 280 Wreford          | 3    | 55      | 496 Spiritwood        | 5    | 60      |
| 45 Mankota           | 4    | 39      | 281 Wood Creek       | 5    | 46      | 497 Medstead          | 4    | 62      |
| 46 A Glen Mcpherson  | 5    | 51      | 282 Mccraney         | 4    | 86      | 555 Big River         | 55   | 143     |
| 46 B Glen Mcpherson  | 5    | 29      | 309 Prairie Rose     | 4    | 77      | 9B 438 A Battle River | 5    | 94      |
| 75 A Pinto Creek     | 3    | 26      | 310 Osborne          | 2    | 66      | 438 B Battle River    | 5    | 82      |
| 75 B Pinto Creek     | 3    | 29      | 312 Morris           | 4    | 55      | 442 Manitou Lake      | 5    | 74      |
| 76 A Auvergne        | NIL  | 31      | 339 A Leroy          | 4    | 55      | 468 B Meota           | 15   | 74      |
| 76 B Auvergne        | NIL  | 42      | 339 B Leroy          | 7    | 62      | 470 Paynton           | 2    | 90      |
| 78 A Grassy Creek    | NIL  | 48      | 340 A Wolverine      | 4    | 49      | 472 Wilton            | 6    | 106     |
| 78 B Grassy Creek    | TR   | 34      | 340 B Wolverine      | 3    | 44      | 498 A Parkdale        | 5    | 60      |
| 78 C Grassy Creek    | NIL  | 47      | 341 Viscount         | 1    | 39      | 499 Mervin            | 10   | 141     |
| 105 Glenbain         | 6    | 48      | 343 Blucher          | TR   | 29      | 501 A Frenchman Butte | 8    | 109     |
| 106 Whiska Creek     | NIL  | 27      | 254 Loreburn         | 4    | 72      | 501 B Frenchman Butte | 4    | 106     |
| 107 Lac Pelletier    | NIL  | 43      | 283 Rosedale         | 3    | 95      | 501 C Frenchman Butte | 7    | 73      |
| 108 Bone Creek       | 2    | 66      | 284 Rudy             | 1    | 79      | 502 Britannia         | 10   | 90      |
| 3BN 135 Lawtonia     | TR   | 42      | 285 Fertile Valley   | 3    | 73      | 561 Loon Lake         | 6    | 92      |
| 136 Coulee           | NIL  | 67      | 286 Milden           | NIL  | 55      | 588 A Meadow Lake     | 13   | 71      |
| 137 Swift Current    | NIL  | 38      | 314 Dundurn          | 4    | 89      | 588 C Meadow Lake     | 16   | 119     |
| 138 Webb             | 2    | 68      | 344 Corman Park      | 6    | 50      | 588 D Meadow Lake     | 9    | 84      |
| 166 Excelsior        | NIL  | 48      | 345 Vanscoy          | NIL  | 53      | 622 Beaver River      | 13   | 84      |

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

