

Crop Report for September 4, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers have 18 per cent of the 2005 crop combined, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

This week's progress marks an improvement from eight per cent last week, but is well behind the five-year average of 38 per cent combined.

Harvest is furthest advanced in the southwest, where 38 per cent of the crop is combined. About four per cent has been combined across the northern grainbelt. Eastern areas were again delayed by rain.

The fall rye crop is 79 per cent combined, with five per cent put to alternate uses. The winter wheat crop is 83 per cent harvested. Peas are at 58 per cent and lentils are at 54 per cent. About 27 per cent of the triticale crop has been combined, with

18 per cent put to alternate uses. Mustard is at 29 per cent combined. All other crops are less than 20 per cent combined.

Rain, wind and insects caused the majority of the crop damage this past week. Reporters expressed several quality concerns, including staining, bleaching, lodging, sprouting and light bushel weights. Other concerns expressed include shattering, mould, scattering of swaths, lodging, second growth and muddy fields.

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 4, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	Average 2000-04
Winter wheat	12	26	11	83	20	71
Spring wheat	30	15	18	9	1	38
Durum	33	14	12	16	3	39
Oats	23	7	21	8	2	26
Barley	35	14	17	17	3	42
Fall rye	13	33	11	79	32	75
Triticale	19	10	15	27	16	40
Flax	4	1	12	1	0	9
Canola	63	40	44	11	1	29
Mustard	34	26	19	29	8	44
Sunflowers	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lentils	29	32	14	54	16	57
Peas	27	26	10	58	23	67
Canary seed	8	4	12	1	1	16
Chickpeas	10	12	n.a.	15	1	n.a.
Total	35	19	21	18	5	38

1 Year Ago

Farmers had 5% of the 2004 crop combined. Fourteen per cent was combined in the southwest.

Topsoil remained wet as many areas received showers.

Damage came from grasshoppers, sawflies, bleaching, staining, mould, sprouting, and frost.

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

South eastern combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	93	72
Spring wheat	17	7
Durum	20	6
Oats	15	8
Barley	35	17
Fall rye	93	73
Triticale	6	0
Flax	1	0
Canola	28	15
Mustard	24	16
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	59	34
Peas	81	60
Canary seed	1	0
Chickpeas	46	32
Total	28	15

The south eastern region had a thunderstorm mid-week and then winds and warmer temperatures. An average of 45 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 14 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 3ase, to an average high of 59 mm reported in CD 1b. Over 100 mm was reported in the Indian Head area. Wind damage was reported throughout the region. Damage from flooding and hail was reported in CDs 1b and 2. Weather damage included shattering, shelling out, lodging, staining, sprouting, and bleaching. Reporters expect grade loss. Golf ball sized hail was reported northeast of Weyburn.

Twenty-eight per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined and a further 32% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Fall crops are furthest ahead with 93% of the both the winter wheat and the fall rye combined. Eighty-one per cent of the peas, 59% of the lentils, and 35% of the barley have been combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions on

cropland got wetter this past week. Sixty-three per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate and 27% rated topsoil moisture as surplus. Conditions were also wetter on hay and pasture land with 71% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate and 12% rating it as surplus.

Sawflies were a major source of crop damage this past week and farmers are swathing when they can to help mitigate the damage. Rust was reported in CD 2b.

Desiccation is taking place for weed control.

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

South western combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	96	84
Spring wheat	31	8
Durum	19	3
Oats	31	12
Barley	39	22
Fall rye	77	60
Triticale	35	13
Flax	0	0
Canola	37	17
Mustard	56	15
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	75	47
Peas	88	77
Canary seed	4	0
Chickpeas	8	1
Total	38	20

The southwest was warmer and drier this past week though some areas saw showers. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in CD 3asw, to an average high of 9 mm reported in CD 3an. Wind damage, including lodging and scattering of swaths, was reported in CDs 3asw, 3an, 3bs, and 4a. Hail damage was reported in CD 4a. Reporters expressed concern about

bleaching, lodging, and staining.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined and a further 29% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Fall crops are furthest ahead with 96% of the winter wheat crop and 77% of the fall rye crop combined. Eleven per cent of the fall rye has been put to alternate uses. Eighty-eight per cent of the peas, 75% of the lentils, 56% of the mustard, 39% of the barley, and 37% of the canola have been combined. Other crops are 35% or less combined. Some farmers in the southwest have completed harvest.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried up from last week, with no reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 10% last week. Conditions were similar to last week on hay and pasture land with 44% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 42% last week.

Insects were the main source of crop damage this past week, with reporters citing damage from aphids or sawflies. Swathing is taking place due to sawfly infestation. Glume blotch was reported in CD 3an. Gophers are caused damage in CD 3bs.

Pastures are poor in the southwest and some farmers in the Viceroy and Hazenmore areas are already providing supplementary feed to their stock.

There were a few combine fires last week in CD 3an, but fortunately they did not amount to much. Some desiccated lentil crops in CD 3bs were reported to be shelling out. One farmer in CD 3bn was having problems with “chipping” because lentils are so dry. Geese were feeding on shelled out lentils and peas in CD 3bn.

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

East central combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	71	47
Spring wheat	4	1
Durum	4	0
Oats	2	1
Barley	15	6
Fall rye	87	62
Triticale	4	0
Flax	0	0
Canola	10	3
Mustard	9	1
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	36	12
Peas	41	23
Canary seed	0	0

The east central region was windy and wet during the past week. An average of 50 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 42 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 60 mm reported in CD 5b. Ninety millimeters of rain was reported in the Broadview and Elfros areas. Damage from flooding and wind damage was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Spotty hail damage was reported in CD 6a. Reporters expressed concern about lodging, shattering, shelling, staining, bleaching, pitting, bushel weight loss, mould, and sprouting.

Eleven per cent of the 2005 east central crop has been combined and a further 47% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Eighty-seven per cent of the fall rye and 71% of the winter wheat have been combined. Forty-one per cent of the peas, 36% of the lentils, and 15% of the barley have been combined. All other crops are less than 15% combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are quite wet with 42% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 20% last week. Low spots in fields are full of water in many areas. Conditions on hay and pasture land are good with 90% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 75% last week.

Insect damage came from flea beetles and sawflies. Some crops are being cut early to help with the saw fly damage. Rust and mildew were reported in CD 5a. Geese, deer, moose, and coyotes caused crop damage in CD 6a.

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

West central combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	66	13
Spring wheat	5	0
Durum	2	0
Oats	4	0
Barley	9	0
Fall rye	76	32
Triticale	0	0
Flax	0	0
Canola	3	0
Mustard	2	0
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	30	8
Peas	35	6
Canary seed	1	0
Chickpeas	0	0
Total	9	1

The west central region was started off warm, turned cool and damp, and then drying by the weekend. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, with the highest average amount being 8 mm reported in CD 6b. The Dundurn area reported 21 mm. Wind damage was reported in CDs 6b and 7b. Reporters

expressed concern about scattered swaths, light bushel weights, staining, bleaching, sprouting, and lodging.

Nine per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined and a further 31% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Seventy-six per cent of the fall rye and 66% of the winter wheat crop have been combined. Thirty-five per cent of the peas and 30% of the lentils have been combined. Progress on the remaining crops is less than 10%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried up from last week, with 3% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 24% last week. Conditions were good on hay and pasture land with 84% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 78% last week.

Sawflies continue to be a source of crop damage in the west central region; aphids were reported in CD 7a. Wheat is being swathed to keep ahead of the saw fly damage. Fungal disease in lentils was reported in CD 7a.

Farmers will have to deal with weeds and second growth. Combines are getting stuck in low spots.

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

North eastern combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	40	16
Spring wheat	1	0
Durum	0	0
Oats	2	0
Barley	9	1
Fall rye	37	15
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	0	0
Canola	1	1
Mustard	2	0
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	4	0
Peas	25	2
Canary seed	3	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	4	1

The north eastern region received more rain this past week. An average of 37 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 26 mm reported in CD 9ae, to an average high of 45 mm reported in CD 8a. Amounts of over 70 mm were recorded in the Arborfield area. Damage from wind and flooding were reported in CD 8. Reporters expressed concern about sprouting, lodging, erosion, second growth, light bushel weights, and bleaching.

Four per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined and a further 38% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Winter wheat is 40% combined and fall rye is 37% combined. Twenty-five per cent of the peas have been taken off. All remaining crops are less than 10% combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter this past week, with 54% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 33% last week. Conditions are also wetter on hay and pasture land with 24% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to none last week.

Sawflies and bertha armyworm larvae caused crop damage in CD 8b, while grasshoppers caused damage in CD 9ae. Mould and mildew were reported in CDs 8b and 9ae.

Swathers are leaving ruts in the fields, and farmers are getting machinery stuck. Bales are sitting in water in hay fields.

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

North western combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	1	0
Durum	0	0
Oats	0	0
Barley	5	1
Fall rye	58	16
Triticale	0	0
Flax	0	0
Canola	1	1
Mustard	0	0
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	0	0
Peas	22	4
Canary seed	0	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	4	1

The north western region was generally warm and sunny during the past week. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week. The largest reported amount of rain was 12 mm in the Shellbrook area. Flooding damage is still present from last week in CD 9b, and some wind damage was reported there. Reporters expressed concerns about lodging, second growth, mould, and sprouting.

Four per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined and a further 26% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Fifty-eight per cent of the fall rye and 22% of the peas have been combined. Other crops are 5% or less completed.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried a bit during the past week, with 20% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 31% last week. Conditions improved on hay and pasture land with 96% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 83% last week.

Insect damage came from saw flies, bertha armyworm larvae, grasshoppers, and diamondback moth larvae. Gophers are causing spotty crop damage in CD 9b. Geese damaged crops in CD 9aw.

Farmers are still trying to put up hay. Some fields have been down for three weeks.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 3, 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	19	344	228 B Lacadena	11	287	376 B Eagle Creek	10	305
3 B Enniskillen	20	374	256 King George	NIL	297	403 Rosthern	10	282
31 Storthoaks	14	311	257 Monet	5	279	404 Laird	3	246
34 Browning	35	334	4A 19 Frontier	6	356	7A 259 Snipe Lake	10	283
35 Benson	54	390	49 A White Valley	1	201	287 St. Andrews	9	346
63 A Moose Mountain	20	264	49 B White Valley	NIL	316	290 Kindersley	NIL	260
64 Brock	38	363	79 Arlington	5	190	292 Milton	NIL	292
1B 92 Walpole	11	240	109 B Carmichael	6	330	317 B Marriott	10	379
94 Hazelwood	28	352	110 Piapot	10	314	318 A Mountain View	10	314
95 Golden West	70	358	111 B Maple Creek	NIL	315	318 B Mountain View	12	363
123 Silverwood	61	404	4B 139 Gull Lake	8	246	319 Winslow	0	281
124 Kingsley	68	382	141 Big Stick	3	294	320 Oakdale	NIL	318
125 Chester	75	293	142 Enterprise	TR	291	321 Prairiedale	NIL	312
151 B Rocanville	60	410	169 Pittville	10	228	7B 347 A Biggar	11	309
153 Willowdale	80	321	171 Fox Valley	TR	273	347 B Biggar	8	272
154 Elcapo	72	305	229 Miry Creek	13	231	350 A Mariposa	NIL	285
155 Wolseley	61	406	232 Deer Forks	NIL	309	350 B Mariposa	NIL	256
2A 36 Cymri	55	395	5A 152 Spy Hill	50	302	351 Progress	NIL	354
66 Griffin	46	269	181 Langenburg	29	315	352 Heart's Hill	NIL	470
67 Weyburn	59	278	184 A Grayson	10	258	377 A Glenside	9	312
68 Brokenshell	31	280	184 C Grayson	90	376	377 B Glenside	8	316
96 Fillmore	75	369	185 Mcleod	86	456	378 A Rosemount	9	312
97 Wellington	70	337	186 Abernethy	45	358	378 B Rosemount	6	314
99 Caledonia	23	354	211 Churchbridge	43	376	379 Reford	TR	328
2B 126 Montmartre	68	324*	213 Saltcoats	51	355	382 Eye Hill	NIL	508
127 Francis	82	418	214 Cana	45	383	409 Buffalo	NIL	318
128 Lajord	59	241	241 Calder	87	544	410 Round Valley	NIL	375
129 Bratt's Lake	28	250	245 A Garry	69	351	8A 395 Porcupine	69	416
131 Baildon	34	336	245 B Garry	52	401	397 Barrier Valley	43	444
156 A Indian Head	102	476	246 Ituna Bon Accord	54	454	398 Pleasantdale	33	434
156 B Indian Head	73	410	247 Kellross	71	442	428 Star City	33	468
157 South Qu'appelle	61	446	248 Touchwood	38	301	456 Arborfield	72	413
158 Edenwold	52	273	5B 271 Cote	55	420	457 A Connaught	53	284
160 Pense	35	208	276 Foam Lake	77	414	457 B Connaught	40	239
161 Moose Jaw	12	243	277 Emerald	67	349	458 Willow Creek	30	298
191 Marquis	20	267	304 Buchanan	44	249	486 Moose Range	51	284
3ASE 8 Lake Alma	22	287	307 Elfros	90	373	487 Nipawin	30	261
9 Surprise Valley	6	275	308 Big Quill	52	398	8B 369 St. Peter	35	301
38 B Laurier	17	286	335 Hazel Dell	72	392	370 Humboldt	36	327
39 A The Gap	15	212	336 Sasman	71	327	372 Grant	30	307
39 B The Gap	12	261	337 Lakeview	44	322	373 B Aberdeen	25	232*
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	1	258	338 Lakeside	54	278	399 Lake Lenore	29	425
12 Poplar Valley	NIL	178	366 A Kelvington	51	324	400 Three Lakes	35	297
40 Bengough	3	272	366 B Kelvington	57	334	401 Hoodoo	41	307
42 Willow Bunch	NIL	243	367 Ponass Lake	47	355	402 Fish Creek	37	341
43 A Old Post	NIL	208	6A 189 Lumsden	48	333	429 A Flett's Springs	27	393
71 A Excel	10	234	190 A Dufferin	38	307	429 B Flett's Springs	32	362
71 B Excel	5	183	190 B Dufferin	33	260	430 Invergordon	36	284
73 A Stonehenge	NIL	223	190 C Dufferin	33	244	431 A St. Louis	49	311
73 B Stonehenge	NIL	255	219 C Longlaketon	46	317	459 Kinistino	30	305
3AN 101 B Terrell	33	273	220 Mckillop	51	313	9AE 461 Prince Albert	21	338
102 Lake Johnston	12	252	221 Sarnia	25	299	488 Torch River	23	383
104 Gravelbourg	TR	179	222 Craik	NIL	310	520 A Paddockwood	25	154
132 Hillsborough	5	184	251 Big Arm	50	435	520 B Paddockwood	34	262
164 Chaplin	NIL	196*	252 Arm River	31	283	9AW 406 Mayfield	10	305
193 Eyebrow	12	276	279 A Mount Hope	52	314	435 Redberry	NIL	278
194 Enfield	NIL	222	279 B Mount Hope	59	446	464 Leask	5	300
3BS 17 B Val Marie	5	164	280 Wreford	48	314	466 Meeting Lake	4	352
45 Mankota	5	163	281 Wood Creek	38	289	467 Round Hill	NIL	292
46 A Glen Mcpherson	4	183	282 Mccraney	26	368	493 Shellbrook	12	245
75 A Pinto Creek	5	148	309 Prairie Rose	69	299	494 Canwood	8	250
75 B Pinto Creek	7	158	310 Osborne	52	397	496 Spiritwood	2	317
76 A Auvergne	3	134	312 Morris	50	282	555 Big River	NIL	416
76 B Auvergne	3	163	339 A Leroy	55	252	9B 438 A Battle River	NIL	397
78 A Grassy Creek	3	231	339 B Leroy	57	265	438 B Battle River	NIL	293
78 B Grassy Creek	5	155	340 A Wolverine	36	287	440 Hillsdale	NIL	344
78 C Grassy Creek	4	228	340 B Wolverine	44	302	470 Paynton	NIL	387
105 Glenbain	5	305	341 Viscount	45	264	472 Wilton	3	479
106 Whiska Creek	9	191	343 Blucher	20	227	498 A Parkdale	1	304
108 Bone Creek	1	248	6B 254 Loreburn	3	315	498 B Parkdale	NIL	251*
3BN 135 Lawtonia	1	250	283 Rosedale	10	401	499 Mervin	TR	402
136 Coulee	4	272	284 Rudy	6	382	501 A Frenchman Butte	1	361
137 Swift Current	4	172	285 Fertile Valley	6	371	501 B Frenchman Butte	1	312
138 Webb	3	245	286 Milden	6	304	501 C Frenchman Butte	NIL	339
166 Excelsior	1	269	314 Dundurn	21	328	502 Britannia	NIL	414
167 Sask. Landing	2	272	344 Corman Park	4	279	561 Loon Lake	NIL	436
225 Canaan	NIL	229	345 Vanscoy	6	346	588 A Meadow Lake	5	343
226 Victory	3	321	346 Perdue	8	322	588 B Meadow Lake	NIL	425
228 A Lacadena	3	240	376 A Eagle Creek	13	298	588 C Meadow Lake	5	477
						622 Beaver River	7	375

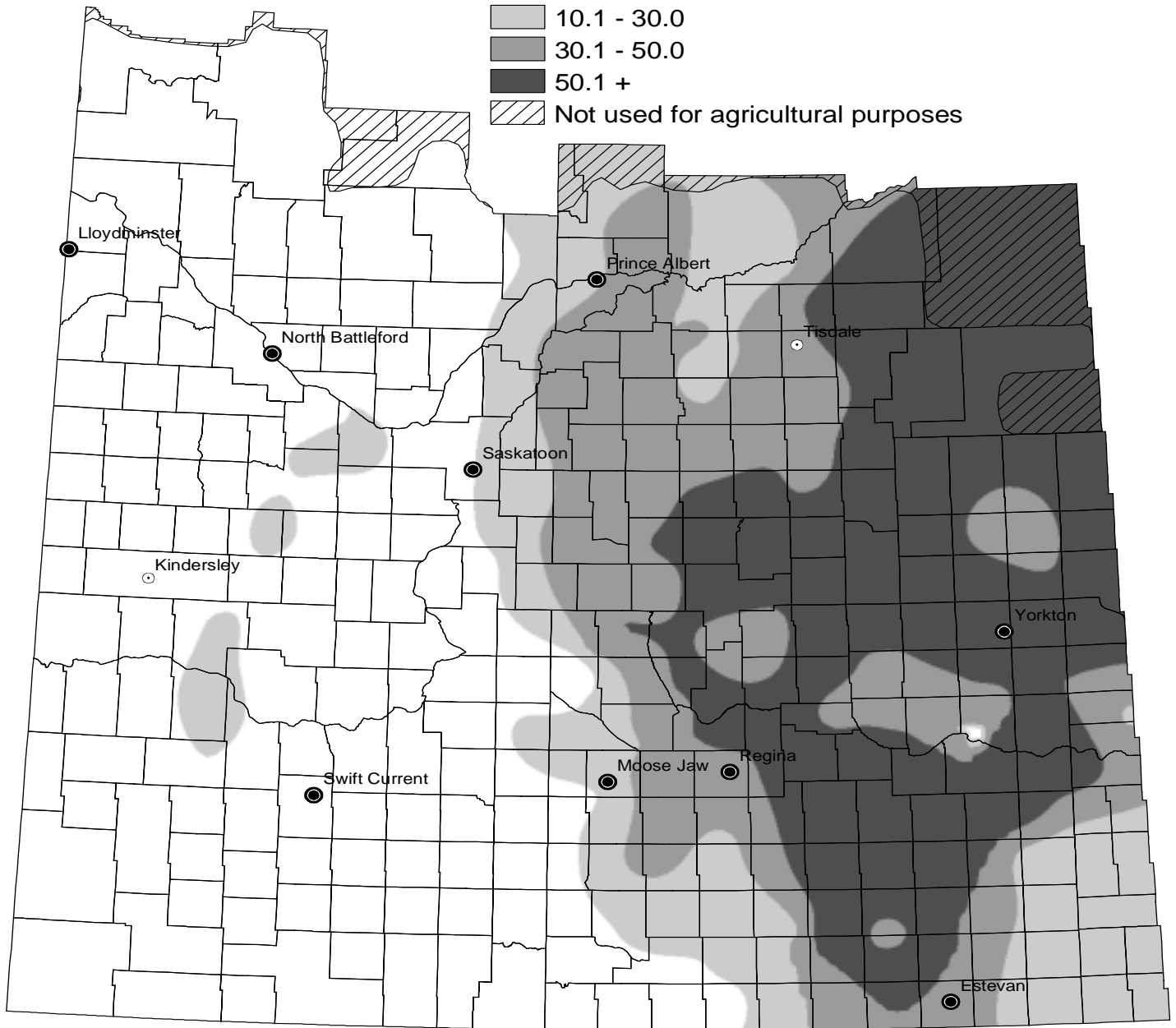
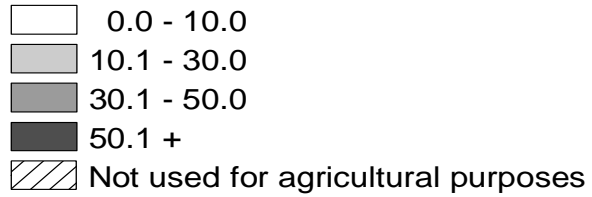
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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall for the week ending September 3, 2005

Rainfall (mm)








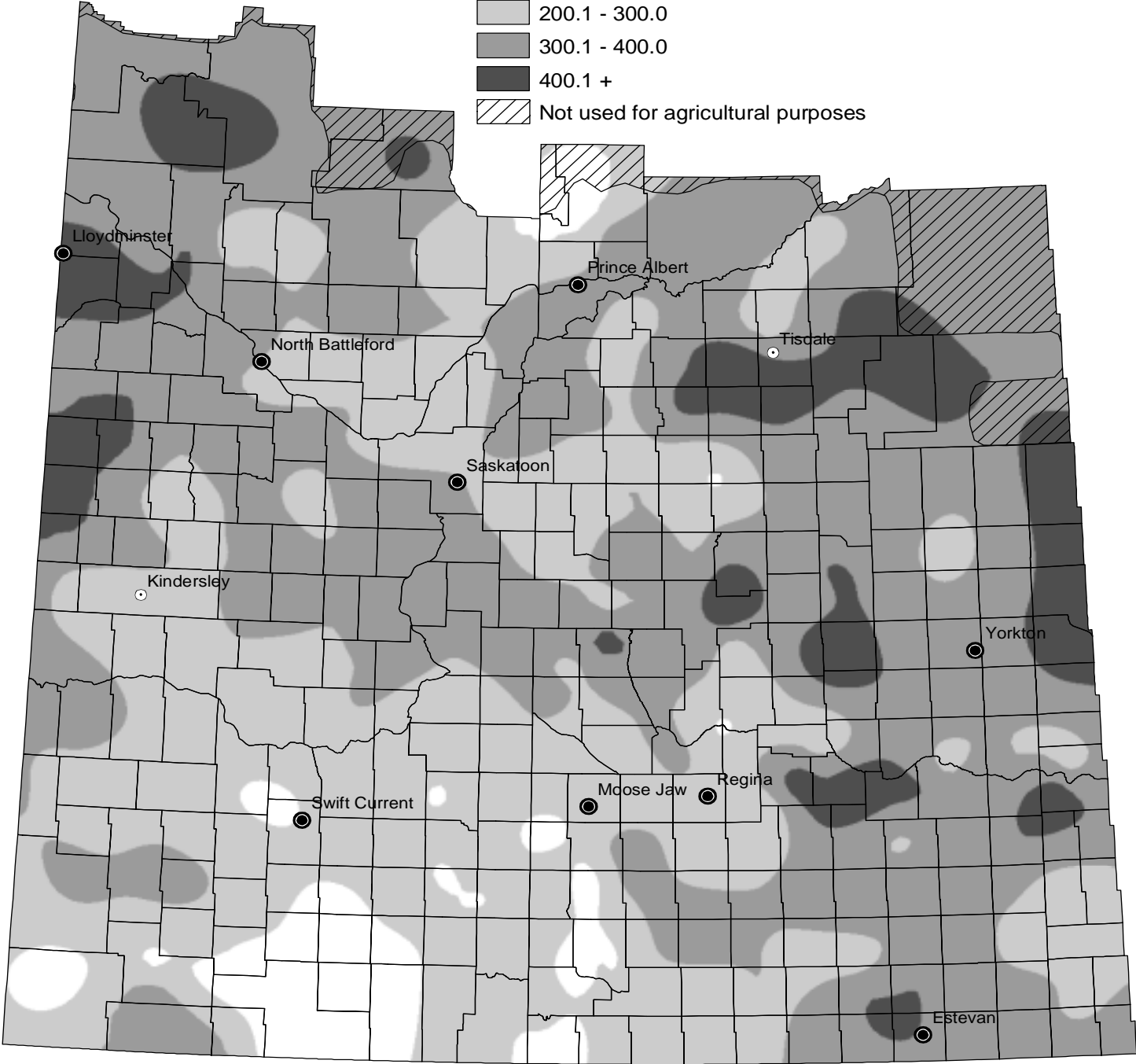
Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2005

To: Septembr 3, 2005

Rainfall (mm)

-  0.0 - 200.0
-  200.1 - 300.0
-  300.1 - 400.0
-  400.1 +
-  Not used for agricultural purposes



Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

