

Crop Report for October 2, 2005

Farmers made decent harvest progress this past week with 69 per cent of the crop now combined, up from 53 per cent last week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report. The five year average is 79 per cent.

The southwest remains furthest along at 93 per cent complete, followed by the southeast with 92 per cent combined. The northwest remains the furthest behind at 29 per cent complete. The east central region made the most harvest progress this past week to bring the total combined to 73 per cent. The northeast and west central regions are less than 45 per cent complete.

Overall, the crop is expected to be below average for quality.

During the past week, crop damage was caused by frost, water fowl, wild game, sawflies, wind, and rain. Grasshoppers are damaging emerging fall-seeded crops in the northwest.

Some regions expect to finish harvest in the coming week, while others could need at least until the end of October. Those that have finished harvest have begun fall work, including straw baling, hauling bales, herbicide application, rock picking, and harrowing.

Sask. combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	96
Spring wheat	56	39
Durum	83	67
Oats	52	36
Barley	66	52
Fall rye	90	90
Triticale	68	53
Flax	49	22
Canola	71	52
Mustard	85	70
Sunflowers	1	1
Lentils	93	86
Peas	94	87
Canary seed	47	28
Chickpeas	72	43
Total	69	53

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Saskatchewan Crop Insurance

Upcoming Saskatchewan Crop Insurance deadlines:

- Premiums for 2005 are due by October 31. Interest will start to accrue in October; however, if your premium is paid by October 31, there will be no interest charged.

- All production declarations, post-harvest claims and extension of insurance requests must be filed by November 15. Declarations must be filed before a yield-loss claim can be registered.

(Forage claims were to be filed with Crop Insurance by September 30. Any claims submitted between October 1 and November 15 will have indemnities reduced by 25 per cent. Forage claims will not be accepted after November 15.)

You may mail, phone, fax or drop off your declarations at your customer service office. CropConnect customers may now complete personalized declarations online at www.saskcropinsurance.com.

1 Year Ago

About 51% of the 2004 crop had been harvested – ranging from 64% in the southwest and west central regions to 33% in the northwest.

Strong winds and hard frosts caused the majority of the crop damage.

Overall crop quality was expected to be below average.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 2, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	Average 2000-04
Winter wheat	1	4	1	99	94	98
Spring wheat	33	37	12	56	47	80
Durum	13	22	7	83	53	83
Oats	30	44	18	52	30	69
Barley	25	28	10	66	60	82
Fall rye	1	3	1	90	95	93
Triticale	14	17	n/a	68	40	n/a
Flax	23	21	14	49	7	55
Canola	27	56	20	71	41	76
Mustard	12	21	7	85	61	86
Sunflowers	0	0	1	1	0	7
Lentils	5	12	3	93	84	90
Peas	4	7	2	94	91	95
Canary seed	23	33	13	47	23	62
Chickpeas	10	18	n.a.	72	27	n.a.
Total	23	32	11	69	51	79

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

South eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	95	79
Durum	93	84
Oats	87	74
Barley	97	91
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	70
Flax	73	34
Canola	94	87
Mustard	99	94
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	97	96
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	83	55
Chickpeas	96	85
Total	92	80

The south eastern region was milder last week, but did see some frosts and strong winds. Very little precipitation was reported during the past week. The highest amount reported was 5 mm in the Glenavon area. Frost and wind damages were reported across the region. Swaths were scattered in several regions and some standing grain was shelled. Concerns were expressed about bleaching.

Ninety-two per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined, with a further 6% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are at least 95% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, spring wheat, peas, lentils, triticale, mustard, and chickpeas.

The southeast is drying out as 54% of reporters rated topsoil moisture on crop land as adequate, compared to 76% last week. Forty-four per cent rated crop land topsoil moisture as short or very short. On hay and pasture land, 51% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 68% last week. Forty-nine per cent rated hay and pasture land topsoil moisture as short or very short.

Migratory birds and deer damaged crops in CD 2b. Grasshoppers were laying eggs in combined fields. There is a shortage of livestock water supplies in CD 3ase.

Farmers are turning to other fall work, including spraying, baling straw, hauling straw and hay bales,

burning flax straw, fall tillage, and livestock work (cleaning corrals, weaning calves, etc.). Sunflowers were being desiccated by air in CD 2b. Fall seeded crops have emerged and reporters say they are looking good.

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

South western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	99
Spring wheat	95	82
Durum	92	76
Oats	85	70
Barley	96	83
Fall rye	100	85
Triticale	67	59
Flax	61	36
Canola	98	90
Mustard	96	87
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	97
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	69	36
Chickpeas	70	30
Total	93	81

The southwest had generally good harvest weather during the past week, with heavy frosts and some showers later in the week. Most Crop Districts reported an average of around 5 mm of precipitation. The biggest amount reported was 12 mm in the Eastend area. Frost damage was reported on later seeded fields across much of the region. Wind damage was reported in CDs 3b and 4a. Other weather damage, including bleaching and sprouting, came from the weekend rain.

Ninety-three per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined, and a further 4% is lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 95% harvested include winter wheat,

fall rye, spring wheat, barley, peas, lentils, mustard, and canola. The quality of later seeded crops is not as good as crops harvested earlier.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly, with 73% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 68% last week. Conditions also improved slightly on hay and pasture land with 64% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 62% last week. The balance of the reporters rate topsoil moisture as short or very short. Cattle were being given supplemental feed on pastures in CD 3asw because of the very dry soil conditions.

Crop damage came from sawflies, wild game, and migratory ducks and geese.

As farmers finish harvest, they are completing other fall work, including hauling bales, cutting slough hay, fall tillage, picking rocks, fall spraying, and livestock work. Some farmers were buying fertilizer in anticipation of a price increase in the spring.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region started the week with good harvesting weather but had showers near the weekend as well as frosts throughout the week. The highest amount reported was 6 mm in the Kenaston area. Frost and wind damages were reported across the region. Frost damage was limited to late crops. Reporters expressed concern about sprouting, bleaching, and weathering.

Seventy-three per cent of the

East central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	97	91
Spring wheat	66	35
Durum	71	31
Oats	56	28
Barley	79	58
Fall rye	100	99
Triticale	85	31
Flax	27	6
Canola	82	59
Mustard	76	53
Sunflowers	3	3
Lentils	95	81
Peas	98	91
Canary seed	39	7
Chickpeas	88	57
Total	73	49

2005 east central crop has been combined, and a further 22% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. This area had the largest week over week gain in combining progress. Crops that are at least 90% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, peas, and lentils. Some canola in CD 5a was reported to have a high green count. Cereals came off tough in many areas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland remained much the same as last week, with 76% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Conditions were also much the same on hay and pasture land with 82% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Some producers are running short of pasture and are beginning to feed hay to their livestock.

Migrating birds are damaging crops across the region. Wild game are damaging crops in CD 5a. Adult grasshoppers are moving in to lay eggs.

Other field work done last week included chemical application, hauling bales, tillage, and baling straw. There were some reports of grain heating in

bins in CD 5b last week. Winter wheat was still being seeded in CD 6a last week. Reporters said emerging winter wheat looked to be in good shape.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	97	86
Spring wheat	28	17
Durum	34	14
Oats	24	13
Barley	47	35
Fall rye	96	96
Triticale	62	9
Flax	7	3
Canola	58	36
Mustard	53	25
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	79	64
Peas	89	77
Canary seed	8	8
Chickpeas	18	41
Total	44	31

The west central region had some good harvesting weather last week, but also saw frosts, showers, and heavy dews. The precipitation average for the west central region last week was 8 mm, with 22 mm reported in the Luseland area. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported in CDs 6b and 7a. Damage from flooding was reported in CD 7. Reporters expressed concern about sprouting, lodging, and bleaching.

Forty-four per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined, with a further 38% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are at least 70% harvested include winter wheat, fall rye, peas, and lentils. Cereals grains came off tough last week and

aeration bins were in use. Reporters said canola and mustard were yielding and grading well, but later combined cereal grains had dropped in quality.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved during the past week. Forty-seven per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 57% last week. Machinery was getting stuck in wet fields. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 81% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 72% last week.

Saw fly and migratory water fowl damage continued. Uncovered piles of grain were suffering spoilage due to the heavy rains.

Cattle are coming home from community pastures.

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

North eastern combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	92	82
Spring wheat	30	13
Durum	32	12
Oats	31	17
Barley	44	26
Fall rye	71	64
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	1	0
Canola	58	30
Mustard	67	24
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	46	46
Peas	74	64
Canary seed	12	12
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	43	24

The northeast had a few nice days during the past week, but also had frosts and showers. An average of 8 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, with 17

mm reported in the Garrick area. Frost and flooding damage were reported across the region. Wind damage, including shelling of canola, was reported in CD 8. Hail damage was reported in CD 8a. Reporters also expressed concern with sprouting and weathering. Hay bales are standing in water in some areas.

Forty-three per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 43% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 60% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, peas, and mustard. Crops are being combined tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried a bit this past week, with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 96% last week. Farmers are still struggling with standing water in fields. The stress of wet fields is hard on machinery. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 54% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 70% last week.

Moulds and migratory birds damaged crops in CD 8b.

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

The north western region had some good harvest weather, though rain, snow flurries, and frost delayed operations. An average of 16 mm of precipitation was reported, with over 40 mm reported in the Big River area. Snow leveled crops in the Pierceland area. Flooding and frost damage were reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CD 9b. Reporters expressed concerns about bleaching, sprouting,

North western combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	15	10
Durum	0	0
Oats	7	5
Barley	24	17
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	20	0
Flax	1	0
Canola	40	28
Mustard	20	20
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	80	40
Peas	83	62
Canary seed	0	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	29	20

and lodging.

Twenty-nine per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined, with a further 53% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include fall rye, lentils, and peas. Crops are coming off tough and going into aeration bins. Farmers are becoming pessimistic about getting all the harvest complete in the fall. Good weather in October is a must.

Cropland get wetter again last week with 69% of reporters rating moisture as surplus, compared with 50% last week. Machinery is getting stuck in very wet fields. On hay and pasture land, 24% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 15% last week.

Geese and ducks damaged crops in areas across the region. Gophers continued to damage crops in CD 9b. Grasshoppers were feeding on emerging fall rye. Second growth caused some harvest problems.

There is still some hay to put up. Straw baling continued.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 1, 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	NIL	354	256 King George	NIL	357	260 Newcombe	3	311
2 Mount Pleasant	NIL	351	19 Frontier	2	377	287 St. Andrews	5	427
3 B Enniskillen	TR	378	49 B White Valley	12	356	288 Pleasant Valley	6	460
34 Browning	1	341	51 Reno	8	203	290 Kindersley	6	350
35 Benson	TR	395	79 Arlington	2	215	292 Milton	10	415
63 A Moose Mountain	NIL	271	109 B Carmichael	8	375	317 B Marriott	8	468
65 Tecumseh	1	390	110 Piapot	1	343	317 C Marriott	9	376
1B 91 Maryfield	2	264	111 B Maple Creek	5	357	318 A Mountain View	7	403
95 Golden West	1	361	4B 139 Gull Lake	8	281	318 B Mountain View	TR	471
123 Silverwood	NIL	407	141 Big Stick	5	339	319 Winslow	3	390
124 Kingsley	1	383	142 Enterprise	5	362	321 Prairiedale	8	450
125 Chester	5	298	171 Fox Valley	4	323	347 A Biggar	8	424
151 B Rocanville	2	416	229 Miry Creek	8	271	350 A Mariposa	13	316
155 Wolseley	TR	416	231 Happyland	2	433	350 B Mariposa	8	351
2A 36 Cymri	2	402	232 Deer Forks	3	374	351 Progress	22	469
66 Griffin	3	274	5A 152 Spy Hill	NIL	304	352 Heart's Hill	15	630
67 Weyburn	NIL	282	183 Fertile Belt	1	417	377 A Glenside	12	456
68 Brokenshell	TR	282	184 C Grayson	1	384	377 B Glenside	11	452
96 Fillmore	NIL	371	185 Mcleod	NIL	461	378 A Rosemount	5	433
97 Wellington	1	340	186 Abernethy	1	364	378 B Rosemount	9	406
99 Caledonia	2	360	211 Churchbridge	TR	386	379 Reford	8	406
2B 126 Montmartre	TR	334	213 Saltcoats	1	366	380 A Tramping Lake	10	371
127 Francis	2	427	214 Cana	NIL	390	382 Eye Hill	16	632
128 Lajord	NIL	261	241 Calder	1	554	409 Buffalo	11	409
129 Bratt's Lake	3	255	243 Wallace	NIL	431	410 Round Valley	12	477
131 Baildon	4	364	245 A Garry	TR	370	411 Senlac	NIL	409
156 A Indian Head	NIL	481	245 B Garry	NIL	411	8A 395 Porcupine	8	552
156 B Indian Head	1	417	246 Ituna Bon Accord	2	470	397 Barrier Valley	8	545
157 South Qu'appelle	TR	457	247 Kellross	2	470	398 Pleasantdale	8	596
158 Edenwold	1	301	248 Touchwood	1	329	428 Star City	5	596
160 Pense	NIL	223	5B 271 Cote	1	427	456 Arborfield	8	579
161 Moose Jaw	NIL	305	276 Foam Lake	1	422	457 A Connaught	16	446
191 Marquis	2	314	277 Emerald	1	376	457 B Connaught	8	363
3ASE 8 Lake Alma	3	293	303 Keys	TR	414	458 Willow Creek	2	405
9 Surprise Valley	2	280	304 Buchanan	2	266	486 Moose Range	15	410
38 A Laurier	1	343	307 Elfros	3	401	487 Nipawin	7	386
38 B Laurier	1	288	308 Big Quill	3	447	8B 369 St. Peter	8	485
39 A The Gap	TR	214	335 Hazel Dell	2	435	370 Humboldt	3	480
39 B The Gap	TR	264	336 Sasman	3	361	371 Bayne	6	382
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	NIL	260	337 Lakeview	4	383	372 Grant	7	390
12 Poplar Valley	1	189	338 Lakeside	3	370	402 Fish Creek	3	424
40 Bengough	1	276	366 A Kelvington	4	408	429 A Flett's Springs	8	466
42 Willow Bunch	2	269	366 B Kelvington	TR	408	429 B Flett's Springs	9	479
43 A Old Post	3	256	368 Spalding	3	360	430 Invergordon	4	360
43 B Old Post	2	233	6A 189 Lumsden	TR	371	431 A St. Louis	7	403
44 Waverley	NIL	293	190 A Dufferin	4	335	459 Kinistino	6	401
71 A Excel	2	242	190 B Dufferin	4	293	9AE 461 Prince Albert	8	458
71 C Excel	NIL	197	190 C Dufferin	NIL	296	488 Torch River	17	523
73 A Stonehenge	4	258	220 Mckillop	2	345	520 A Paddockwood	NIL	256
73 B Stonehenge	5	281	221 Sarnia	3	357	520 B Paddockwood	10	368
3AN 101 A Terrell	3	191	222 Craik	4	364	9AW 405 Great Bend	4	310
101 B Terrell	3	286	251 Big Arm	5	477	406 Mayfield	12	412
102 Lake Johnston	5	281	252 Arm River	5	339	435 Redberry	7	383
103 Sutton	4	231	279 A Mount Hope	3	350	436 Douglas	6	323
132 Hillsborough	4	212	279 B Mount Hope	2	469*	463 Duck Lake	2	442
134 Shamrock	10	332	280 Wreford	4	377	467 Round Hill	16	416
193 Eyebrow	3	315	281 Wood Creek	5	351	493 Shellbrook	12	371
194 Enfield	5	314	282 Mccraney	6	411	494 Canwood	15	373
3BS 17 A Val Marie	5	195	309 Prairie Rose	3	348	496 Spiritwood	8	405
17 B Val Marie	7	191	310 Usborne	5	466	497 Mdstead	12	378
46 A Glen Mcpherson	2	206	312 Morris	5	364	555 Big River	41	572
75 A Pinto Creek	3	166	313 Lost River	5	350	9B 438 A Battle River	14	508
75 B Pinto Creek	3	201	339 A Leroy	3	350	438 B Battle River	8	389
76 A Auvergne	7	160	339 B Leroy	4	355	440 Hillsdale	15	410
76 B Auvergne	7	193	340 A Wolverine	4	409	442 Manitou Lake	25	493
78 A Grassy Creek	5	258	340 B Wolverine	2	464	468 A Meota	12	475
78 B Grassy Creek	5	180	343 Blucher	4	345	472 Wilton	23	552
78 C Grassy Creek	6	259	6B 254 Loreburn	7	402	498 A Parkdale	10	372
105 Glenbain	8	343	283 Rosedale	4	470	498 B Parkdale	9	373
106 Whiska Creek	5	210	284 Rudy	5	484	499 Mervin	25	496
108 Bone Creek	4	286	285 Fertile Valley	5	474	501 A Frenchman Butte	28	438
3BN 135 Lawtonia	4	326	286 Milden	NIL	386	501 B Frenchman Butte	23	393
136 Coulee	6	316	314 Dundurn	5	455	501 C Frenchman Butte	23	430
137 Swift Current	4	201	344 Corman Park	4	367	502 Britannia	25	489
166 Excelsior	6	312	345 Vanscoy	5	468	561 Loon Lake	27	501
167 Sask. Landing	7	315	346 Perdue	14	445	588 B Meadow Lake	11	486
225 Canaan	7	358	376 A Eagle Creek	10	442	588 C Meadow Lake	28	559
226 Victory	5	381	376 B Eagle Creek	14	450	622 Beaver River	17	414
228 A Lacadena	1	308	403 Rosthern	4	393			
228 B Lacadena	6	346	7A 259 Snipe Lake	6	369			

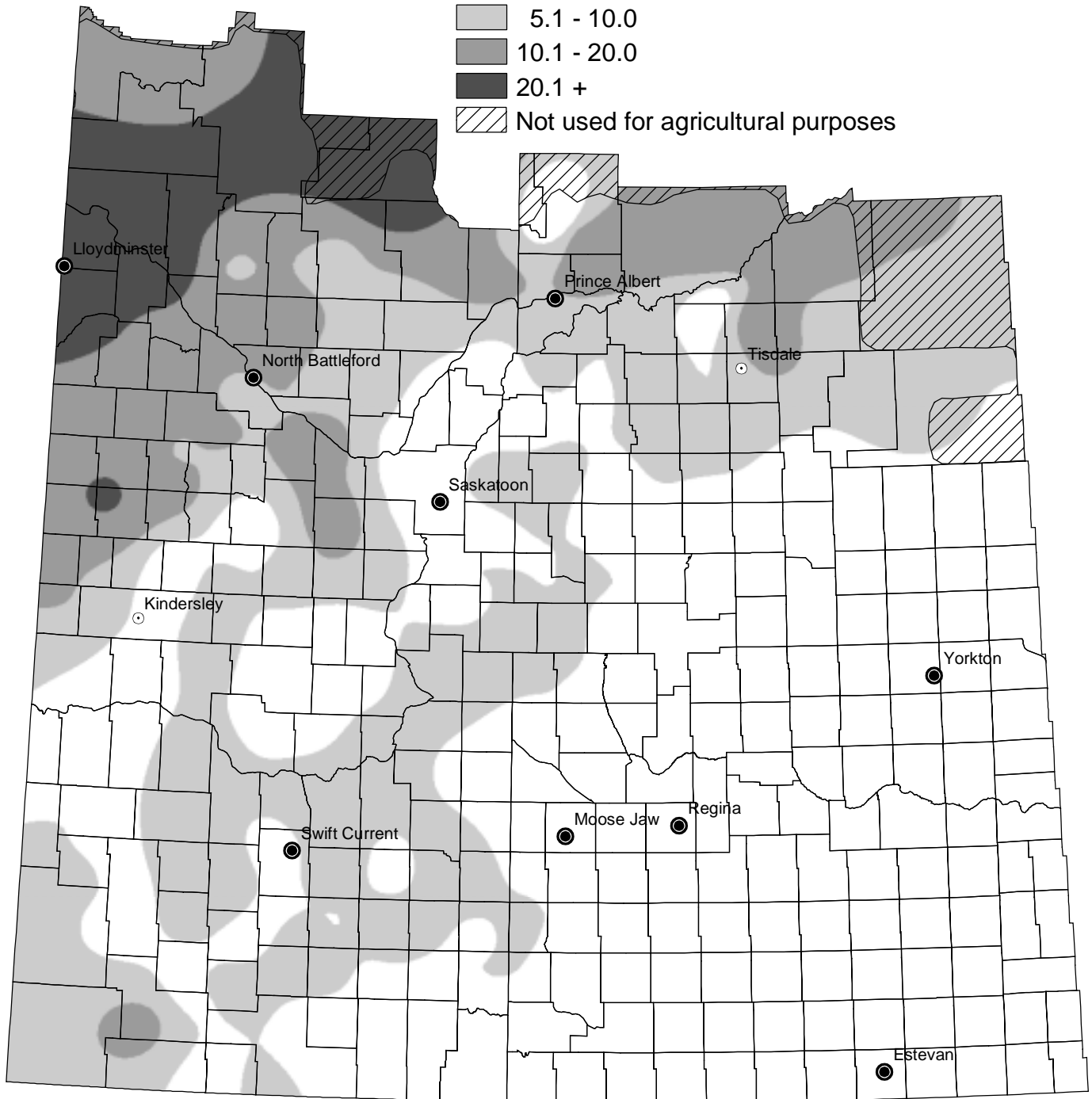
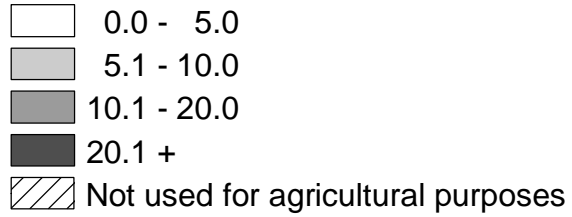
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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall for the week ending October 1, 2005

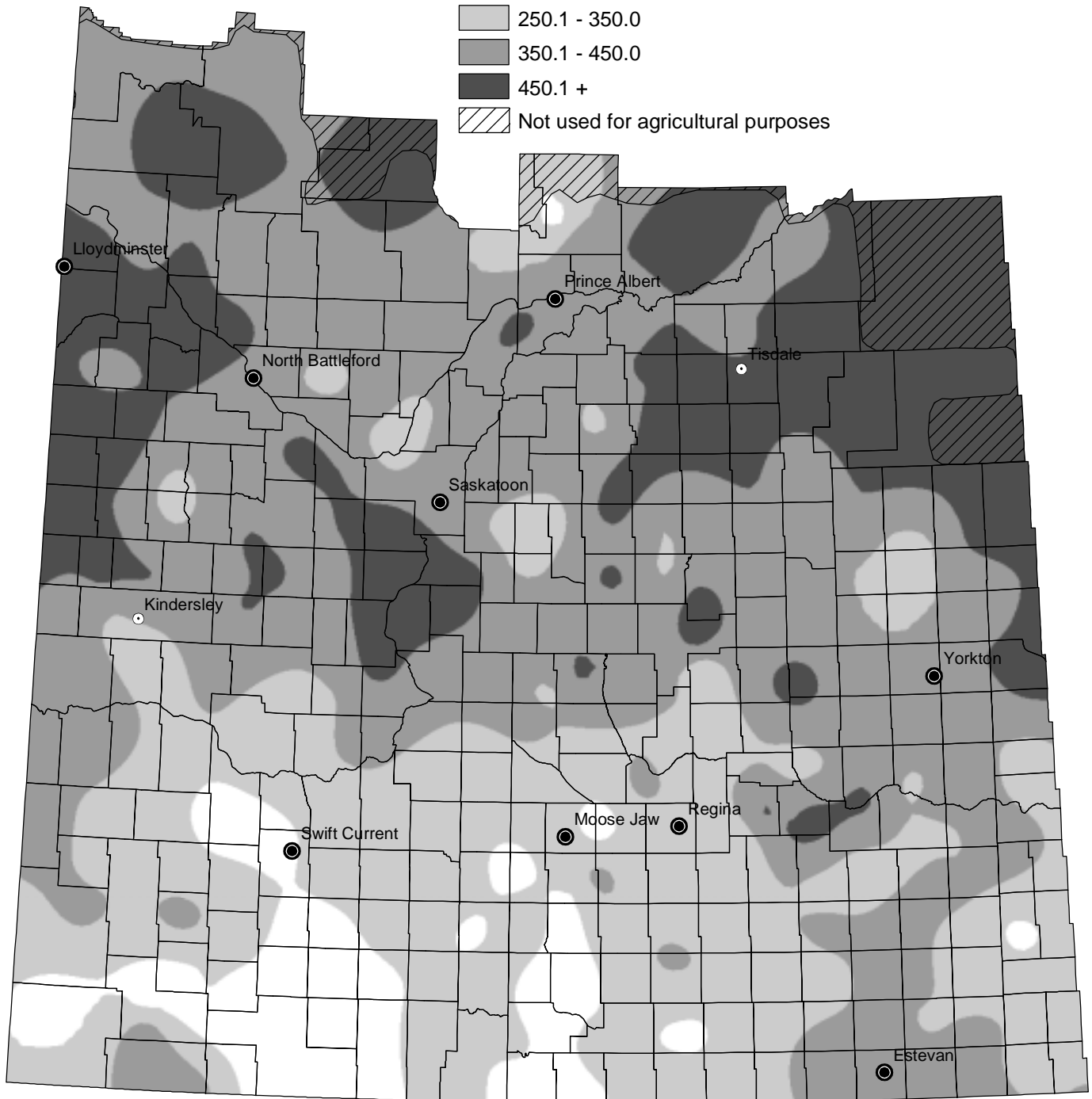
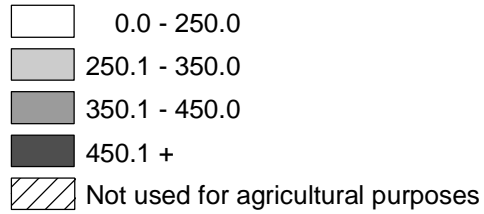
Rainfall (mm)



Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2005
To: October 1, 2005

Rainfall (mm)



Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

