

Crop Report for October 9, 2005

Seventy-six per cent of the 2005 harvest is complete, compared to 69 per cent last week and the five-year average of 87 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The southwest is furthest along at 97 per cent complete, followed by the southeast at 96 per cent complete. The northwest is least advanced with 38 per cent combined. Provincial winter wheat, fall rye, durum, mustard, pea, and lentil crops are all at least 90 per cent combined. Overall, the crop is expected to be below average for quality.

Frosts and migratory birds caused the majority of the crop damage during the past week. South eastern areas received snow during the past week, which lodged standing crops.

Northern and west central areas are still in a surplus moisture situation. Reporters indicate that it takes very little moisture to stop harvest operations.

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, rock picking, fertilizer application, and harrowing.

Sask. combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	63	56
Durum	90	83
Oats	63	52
Barley	72	66
Fall rye	99	90
Triticale	80	68
Flax	59	49
Canola	80	71
Mustard	90	85
Sunflowers	1	1
Lentils	95	93
Peas	96	94
Canary seed	58	47
Chickpeas	84	72
Total	76	69

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 9, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	Average 2000-04
Winter wheat	2	2	0	99	98	99
Spring wheat	29	15	6	63	79	89
Durum	8	14	5	90	75	89
Oats	27	26	11	63	62	80
Barley	22	14	6	72	81	88
Fall rye	1	1	0	99	95	93
Triticale	16	9	5	80	44	77
Flax	21	29	12	59	25	69
Canola	20	25	12	80	73	85
Mustard	8	9	4	90	85	92
Sunflowers	16	0	0	1	41	25
Lentils	4	4	2	95	95	93
Peas	3	2	1	96	97	96
Canary seed	26	24	10	58	54	74
Chickpeas	7	11	n.a.	84	36	n.a.
Total	19	16	7	76	76	87

1 Year Ago

Seventy-six per cent of the 2004 crop had been harvested, ranging from the west central region at 89% complete to the southeast at 67% complete.

Winds and frosts were causing the majority of the crop damage.

Grasshoppers were damaging emerging fall-seeded crops.

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

South eastern combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	97	95
Durum	98	93
Oats	92	87
Barley	99	97
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	97
Flax	84	73
Canola	98	94
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	97
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	91	83
Chickpeas	99	96
Total	96	92

The south eastern region had some significant amounts of snow during the past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported. Crop District (CD) 1b received the majority of the snow and averaged 15 mm of precipitation as a water equivalent. Over 35 mm was reported in the Redvers area. Frost and wind damage were reported across the region. Snow lodged standing crops.

Ninety-six per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined or put to alternate uses, with a further 3% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Flax and sunflowers are the only crops that are less than 90% harvested. There were some reports of light bushel weights on flax. Secondary growth is making combining difficult.

Crop reporters in the southeast rated crop land topsoil moisture similar to last week – 55% adequate. On hay and pasture land, 49% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as

adequate compared to 53% last week. Some areas in CDs 2a and 3ase would like to see some rain as soil conditions are getting very dry.

Migrating waterfowl were damaging crops in CD 2b.

Some fall work was done, including fall spraying, hauling bales, cultivating, baling straw, burning flax straw, and harrowing. Cattle are being turned out onto stubble fields.

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

South western combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	97	95
Durum	97	92
Oats	97	85
Barley	98	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	82	67
Flax	69	61
Canola	99	98
Mustard	99	96
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	71	69
Chickpeas	81	70
Total	97	93

Some areas in the southwest saw snow flurries during the past week, and most saw several frosts. Precipitation was minimal. Frost damage was reported in CDs 3asw, 3b, and 4a. Wind damage was reported in CDs 3asw and 3b. Drought damage was reported in CD 3asw. Concerns were expressed about bleaching.

Ninety-seven per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined or put to alternate uses, and a further 2% is lying in the swath

or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are less than 90% combined include triticale, flax, sunflowers, canary seed, and chickpeas. Some of the crop taken off this past week was tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are similar to last week, with 72% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Conditions dried slightly on hay and pasture land with 60% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 64% last week. Areas in CDs 3asw and 3bs need rain to alleviate the dry conditions.

Migrating waterfowl damaged crops in CD 3bn.

Fall work is underway, including fixing fence, hauling hay, repairing corrals, summerfallowing, herbicide application, picking rocks, and deep-banding. Cattle are being moved home from summer pastures.

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

East central combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	97	97
Spring wheat	70	66
Durum	79	71
Oats	69	56
Barley	84	79
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	89	85
Flax	39	27
Canola	89	82
Mustard	81	76
Sunflowers	3	3
Lentils	98	95
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	50	39
Chickpeas	94	88
Total	79	73

The east central region was cool and damp but reported minimal

precipitation. Frost and wind damage were reported across the region. Swaths were scattered and some standing grain was shelled out. Heavy dews and frosts hampered harvest progress. Other concerns included bleaching, staining, lodging, and sprouting.

Seventy-nine per cent of the 2005 east central crop has been combined or put to alternate uses, and a further 18% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 90% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, peas, lentils, and chickpeas. Much of the grain harvested was damp.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried during the past week, with 13% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to 21% last week. Conditions are similar to last week on hay and pasture land with 83% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate.

Migrating birds and wild game are damaging crops across the region.

Other than harvesting, farmers were harrowing, baling straw, spraying, cleaning corrals, applying fertilizer, hauling bales, cutting slough hay, and removing flax straw. Some livestock owners are starting to feed cattle hay in CD 5b. Cattle are being moved to stubble fields in some areas.

Some bins in CD 6a have developed hot spots and farmers are encouraged to check stored grain for heating.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	97
Spring wheat	45	28
Durum	54	34
Oats	40	24
Barley	62	47
Fall rye	96	96
Triticale	62	62
Flax	13	7
Canola	77	58
Mustard	70	53
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	85	79
Peas	97	89
Canary seed	25	8
Chickpeas	72	18
Total	60	44

The west central region was cold with frosts and some snow flurries this past week. Precipitation was minimal, especially compared to recent weeks. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage, including scattering swaths and shattering, was reported in CDs 6b and 7a. Other concerns included bleaching, staining, sprouting, lodging, and heads breaking off.

Sixty per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined or put to alternate uses, with a further 31% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include winter wheat, fall rye, peas, and lentils. Much of the grain came off tough. Farmers are still getting stuck in wet fields.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried during the past week. Thirty-nine per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 50% last week. Conditions also dried on hay and

pasture land with 19% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 23% last week.

Wild game and water fowl damaged crops across the region.

Cattle were coming home from summer pastures. Farmers were hauling bales and baling straw.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	92	92
Spring wheat	37	30
Durum	43	32
Oats	38	31
Barley	48	44
Fall rye	89	71
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	3	1
Canola	67	58
Mustard	76	67
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	88	46
Peas	98	74
Canary seed	36	12
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	51	43

The northeast was cool and wet, but warmed later during the past week. Most areas reported minimal precipitation. The largest amount was 12 mm in the Nipawin area. Damp weather meant that crops did not dry down much. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CD 8. Other concerns expressed included lodging and sprouting.

Fifty-one per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 37% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include fall rye, winter wheat, peas, and lentils. Grain was

taken off tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions dried this past week, with 71% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 87% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 39% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 54% last week. Some fields are still very wet and it is difficult to move machinery on them.

Wild game and waterfowl caused damage in CD 8b.

Farmers were harrowing.

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

North western combining progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	23	15
Durum	n/a	0
Oats	19	7
Barley	33	24
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	n/a	20
Flax	10	1
Canola	50	40
Mustard	n/a	20
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	n/a	80
Peas	86	83
Canary seed	50	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	38	29

The north western region was cool and damp with some traces of snow during the past week. The weather improved by the weekend. Precipitation was minimal for a change. Frost damage was reported across the region. Other concerns were lodging and sprouting. Snow lodged crop in the Meadow Lake area.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been

combined or put to alternate uses, with a further 49% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include fall rye and peas. Combined grain was tough.

Topsoil moisture on crop land dried this past week as reporters rated 39% as surplus, compared with 70% last week. Frost is helping to dry the fields enough for machinery to be moved onto them. Some areas are still too wet for harvest equipment. Hay and pasture land also dried with 11% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 27% last week.

Wild game, geese and ducks damaged crops in CD 9aw.

Grasshoppers damaged emerging fall-seeded crops in CD 9aw.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 8, 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	19	373	167 Sask. Landing	NIL	315	346 Perdue	NIL	445
2 Mount Pleasant	18	369	226 Victory	NIL	381	376 A Eagle Creek	NIL	442
3 B Enniskillen	18	396	228 A Lacadena	NIL	308	376 B Eagle Creek	TR	450
33 A Moose Creek	20	401	228 B Lacadena	TR	346	403 Rosthern	2	394
34 Browning	10	351	256 King George	6	363	7A 259 Snipe Lake	TR	369
35 Benson	NIL	395	257 Monet	NIL	342	287 St. Andrews	NIL	427
61 Antler	36	480	4A 19 Frontier	6	383	290 Kindersley	NIL	350
63 A Moose Mountain	25	296	49 B White Valley	NIL	356	292 Milton	NIL	415
64 Brock	2	372	109 B Carmichael	NIL	375	317 B Marriott	NIL	468
65 Tecumseh	NIL	390	110 Piapot	NIL	343	317 C Marriott	NIL	376
1B 91 Maryfield	12	276	111 A Maple Creek	TR	370	318 A Mountain View	NIL	403
92 Walpole	24	288	111 B Maple Creek	NIL	357	318 B Mountain View	5	476
94 Hazelwood	NIL	352	4B 141 Big Stick	NIL	339	319 Winslow	NIL	390
95 Golden West	NIL	361	171 Fox Valley	NIL	323	320 Oakdale	NIL	460
123 Silverwood	NIL	407	229 Miry Creek	NIL	271	321 Prairiedale	NIL	450
124 Kingsley	NIL	383	231 Happyland	TR	433	7B 347 A Biggar	TR	424
125 Chester	NIL	298	232 Deer Forks	NIL	374	347 B Biggar	NIL	380
151 B Rocanville	1	417	5A 152 Spy Hill	NIL	304	350 A Mariposa	NIL	316
153 Willowdale	NIL	323	181 Langenburg	NIL	320	350 B Mariposa	2	353
155 Wolseley	TR	416	184 C Grayson	1	385	352 Heart's Hill	NIL	630
2A 36 Cymri	5	407	185 Mcleod	NIL	461	377 A Glenside	2	458
67 Weyburn	NIL	282	186 Abernethy	NIL	364	377 B Glenside	6	458
68 Brokenshell	TR	282	213 Saltcoats	1	367	378 A Rosemount	NIL	433
96 Fillmore	TR	371	241 Calder	NIL	554	378 B Rosemount	NIL	406
97 Wellington	TR	340	245 A Garry	TR	370	379 Reford	TR	406
99 Caledonia	NIL	360	245 B Garry	NIL	411	382 Eye Hill	NIL	632
2B 126 Montmartre	1	335	246 Ituna Bon Accord	TR	470	409 Buffalo	NIL	409
127 Francis	TR	427	247 Kellross	1	471	410 Round Valley	NIL	477
129 Bratt's Lake	NIL	255	248 Touchwood	1	330	8A 395 Porcupine	5	557
131 Baildon	NIL	364	5B 271 Cote	1	428	397 Barrier Valley	3	548
156 A Indian Head	NIL	481	276 Foam Lake	1	423	398 Pleasantdale	4	600
156 B Indian Head	TR	417	277 Emerald	4	380	428 Star City	3	599
157 South Qu'appelle	NIL	457	303 Keys	NIL	414	456 Arborfield	3	582
158 Edenwold	NIL	301	307 Elfros	2	403	458 Willow Creek	5	410
160 Pense	NIL	223	308 Big Quill	NIL	447	486 Moose Range	7	417
161 Moose Jaw	NIL	305	335 Hazel Dell	2	437	487 Nipawin	12	398
3ASE 8 Lake Alma	NIL	293	336 Sasman	8	369	8B 370 Humboldt	TR	480
9 Surprise Valley	2	283	337 Lakeview	3	386	371 Bayne	1	383
38 A Laurier	NIL	343	338 Lakeside	2	372	372 Grant	TR	390
38 B Laurier	NIL	288	366 A Kelvington	TR	408	373 A Aberdeen	TR	411
39 A The Gap	TR	214	366 B Kelvington	2	414	373 B Aberdeen	NIL	309
39 B The Gap	TR	264	367 Ponass Lake	3	456	399 Lake Lenore	1	515
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	TR	260	368 Spalding	1	361	400 Three Lakes	NIL	349
12 Poplar Valley	NIL	189	6A 190 A Dufferin	1	336	402 Fish Creek	TR	424
40 Bengough	TR	276	190 B Dufferin	NIL	293	429 A Flett's Springs	1	467
42 Willow Bunch	NIL	269	190 C Dufferin	NIL	296	429 B Flett's Springs	4	483
43 A Old Post	NIL	256	219 C Longlaketon	1	365	430 Invergordon	1	361
43 B Old Post	NIL	233	220 Mckillop	NIL	345	431 A St. Louis	0	403
44 Waverley	NIL	293	221 Sarnia	1	358	459 Kinistino	2	403
71 A Excel	NIL	242	251 Big Arm	TR	477	9AE 461 Prince Albert	3	461
71 C Excel	NIL	197	252 Arm River	NIL	339	488 Torch River	4	527
73 A Stonehenge	NIL	258	279 B Mount Hope	1	474	520 B Paddockwood	3	371
3AN 102 Lake Johnston	NIL	281	280 Wreford	NIL	377	9AW 435 Redberry	1	384
103 Sutton	NIL	231	282 Mccraney	1	412	436 Douglas	NIL	323
132 Hillsborough	NIL	212	309 Prairie Rose	5	353	463 Duck Lake	5	447
164 Chaplin	NIL	265	310 Osborne	1	467	467 Round Hill	NIL	416
194 Enfield	NIL	314	312 Morris	NIL	364	494 Canwood	1	374
3BS 17 A Val Marie	NIL	195	313 Lost River	NIL	350	496 Spiritwood	1	406
17 B Val Marie	3	194	339 A Leroy	2	352	497 Medstead	TR	378
75 B Pinto Creek	NIL	201	339 B Leroy	2	357	555 Big River	1	573
76 A Auvergne	NIL	160	340 A Wolverine	1	410	9B 438 A Battle River	NIL	508
76 B Auvergne	TR	193	340 B Wolverine	3	467	472 Wilton	NIL	552
78 A Grassy Creek	1	259	343 Blucher	TR	345	498 A Parkdale	NIL	372
78 B Grassy Creek	NIL	180	254 Loreburn	1	403	498 B Parkdale	NIL	373
105 Glenbain	NIL	343	283 Rosedale	TR	470	499 Mervin	NIL	496
106 Whiska Creek	NIL	210	284 Rudy	TR	484	501 B Frenchman Butte	NIL	393
108 Bone Creek	TR	286	285 Fertile Valley	TR	474	501 C Frenchman Butte	1	431
3BN 136 Coulee	TR	316	286 Milden	NIL	386	502 Britannia	TR	489
137 Swift Current	NIL	201	314 Dundurn	1	456	561 Loon Lake	NIL	501
138 Webb	NIL	270	344 Corman Park	NIL	367	588 A Meadow Lake	25	401
166 Excelsior	NIL	312	345 Vanscoy	NIL	468	588 C Meadow Lake	3	562
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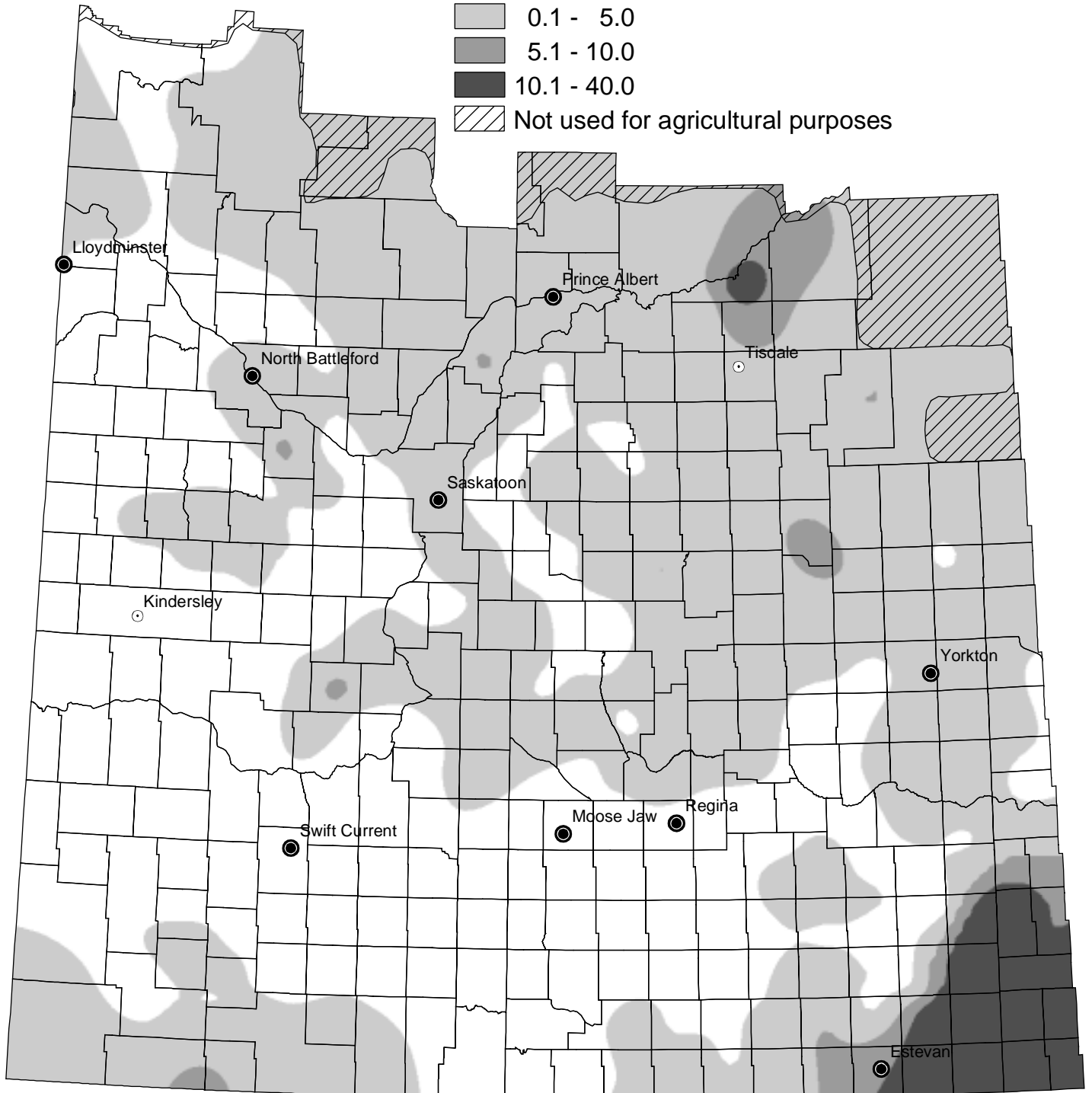
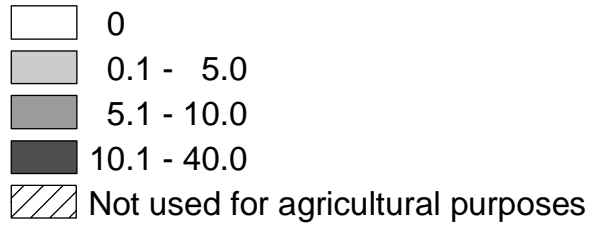
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Weekly Rainfall for the week ending October 8, 2005

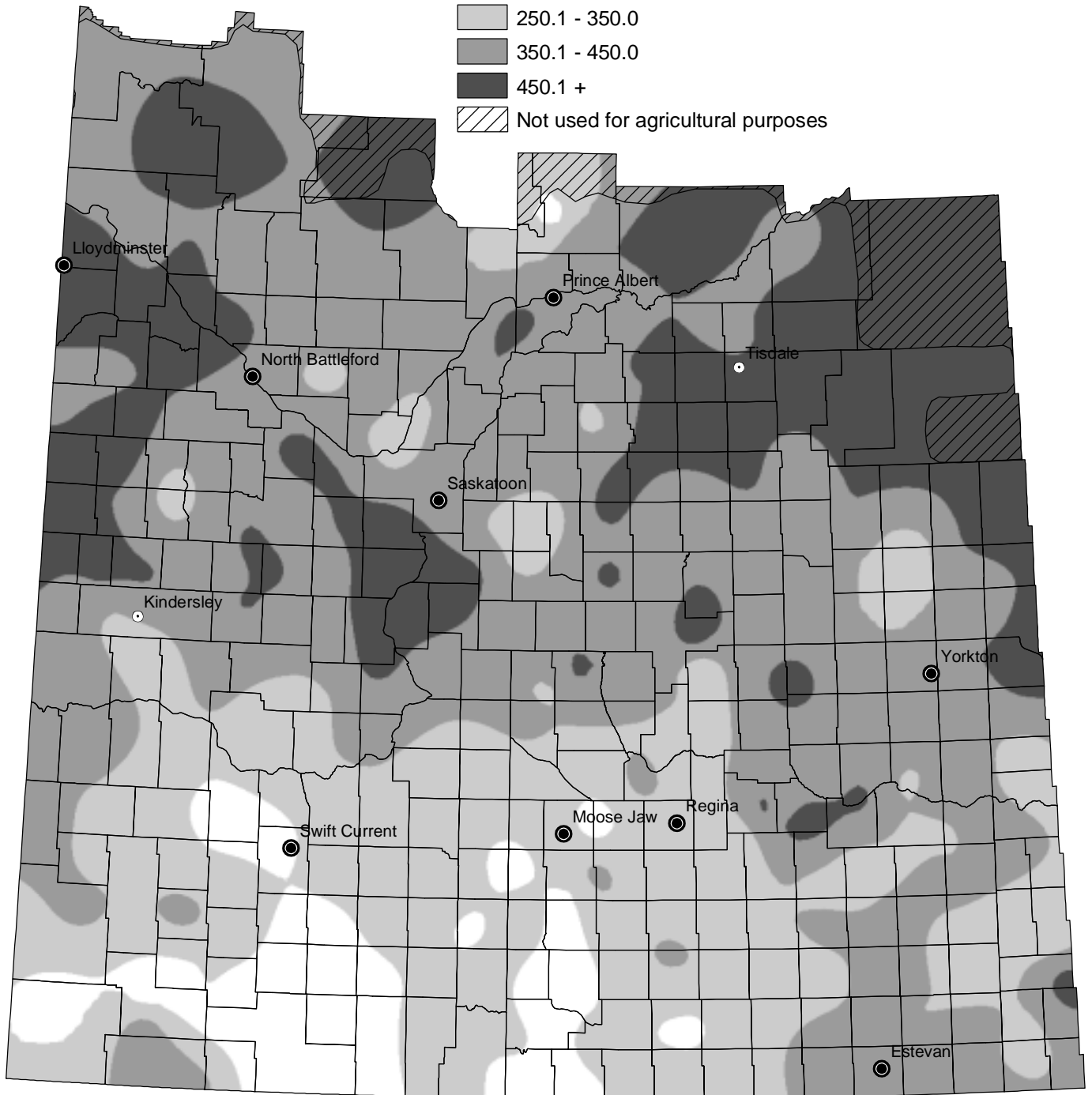
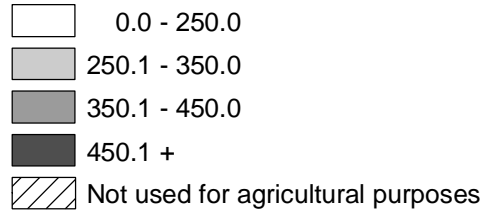
Rainfall (mm)



Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2005
To: October 8, 2005

Rainfall (mm)



Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

