

Crop Report for October 16, 2005

With better weather this week, farmers made good harvest progress, with 90 per cent of the crop harvested, up from 76 per cent last week and just behind the five year average of 91 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The southwest is furthest along at 99 per cent complete. The northeast is least advanced with 73 per cent combined. Winter wheat, fall rye, durum, pea, lentil, chickpea, and mustard crops are all more than 95 per cent combined. Overall, the crop is expected to be below average for quality.

Eighty-six per cent of the spring wheat has been harvested. Of that

total, reporters estimate that 17 per cent will grade 1 CW, 25 per cent 2 CW, 42 per cent 3 CW, and 16 per cent Canada Feed. The 10-year crop report average is 53 per cent 1 CW, 20 per cent 2 CW, 15 per cent 3 CW, and 12 per cent Canada Feed.

Wind, weathering due to moisture, and water fowl caused the majority of the crop damage during the past week. Soft fields continue to cause harvesting delays in the northern grainbelt.

Fall work is well underway, including straw baling, hauling bales, fertilizer and chemical applications, harrowing, picking rocks, fixing fence, and moving livestock.

Sask. harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	86	63
Durum	96	90
Oats	86	63
Barley	90	72
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	89	80
Flax	79	59
Canola	92	80
Mustard	96	90
Sunflowers	7	1
Lentils	97	95
Peas	98	96
Canary seed	77	58
Chickpeas	96	84
Total	90	76

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 16, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Harvested		Average 1999-03
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	
Winter wheat	1	1	0	99	99	100
Spring wheat	11	8	4	86	90	92
Durum	3	7	3	96	88	93
Oats	12	14	7	86	79	n.a.
Barley	9	5	3	90	93	n.a.
Fall rye	1	0	0	99	95	n.a.
Triticale	10	2	0	89	76	n.a.
Flax	12	26	n.a.	79	46	n.a.
Canola	7	14	8	92	86	89
Mustard	3	5	3	96	93	95
Sunflowers	2	2	n.a.	7	41	n.a.
Lentils	2	1	1	97	99	94
Peas	2	2	1	98	97	96
Canary seed	19	15	8	77	79	83
Chickpeas	2	7	3	96	71	n.a.
Total	8	9	4	90	88	91

1 Year Ago

Approximately 88% of the 2004 crop had been harvested. The west central region was furthest advanced, the southeast, the least advanced.

Wind and frost caused the majority of the crop damage.

Southern and west central areas received snow.

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

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	97
Durum	99	98
Oats	98	92
Barley	99	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	93	84
Canola	99	98
Mustard	100	99
Sunflowers	12	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	97	91
Chickpeas	100	99
Total	98	96

The south eastern region was damp and cool on the eastern side and sunny and milder on the western side. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, with an average high of 20 mm reported in CD 1a. Wind damage was reported in CDs 1, 2a, and 3ase. Frost damage was reported in CDs 2b and 3ase. Concerns were also expressed about bleaching and dampness.

Ninety-eight per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined, with a further 1% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Flax and sunflowers are the main crops left to harvest. Precipitation in CD 1 stopped harvest there for most of the week.

Almost all of the spring wheat has been harvested in the southeast. Reporters estimated the 1 and 2 CW grades of the spring wheat as ranging from 96% in CD 3ase to 62% in CD 1b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved from last week, with 61% of reporters rating moisture

as adequate compared to 54% last week. On hay and pasture land, conditions were similar to last week with 51% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. There were water shortages reported in CD 3ase and some livestock owners were having to haul water and refill dugouts.

Migrating waterfowl were damaging crops in CD 2b. There were bugs found in binned grain in CD 3ase.

Farmers applied fertilizer, harrowed, baled straw, hauled bales, sprayed weeds, and burned flax straw. Cattle were being brought home from summer pastures and put on stubble fields. Fall crops were emerging in good shape.

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

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	97
Durum	99	97
Oats	99	97
Barley	99	98
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	82
Flax	94	69
Canola	99	99
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	100	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	95	71
Chickpeas	98	81
Total	99	97

The southwest had generally good fall weather during the past week. Only one crop reporter recorded precipitation last week and that amount was less than 1/2 mm. Damage from wind was reported in

CDs 3asw and 3b. Drought damage was reported in CD 3asw.

Ninety-nine per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined, and a further 1% is lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Sunflowers and flax are pretty much all that remains to be harvested.

Almost all of the spring wheat has been harvested in the southwest. Reporters estimated the 1 and 2 CW grades of the spring wheat as ranging from 93% in CD 3asw to 68% in CD 3bn.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried last week, with 57% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 71% the previous week. Conditions on hay and pasture land were also drier than last week with 47% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 60% last week.

CD 3asw is getting very dry and there was dust blowing last week.

Water fowl and wild game damaged crops in CD 3bn.

Farmers applied chemicals, dried grains, picked rocks, hauled bales, cut slough hay, hauled grain and harrowed. Cattle were coming home from the pasture and calves were being marketed. Fall crops were off to a good start.

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

The east central region had cool, damp mornings and generally sunny and mild afternoons. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported, with the only significant amounts falling in the Tantalton –

East central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	97
Spring wheat	92	70
Durum	94	79
Oats	93	69
Barley	96	84
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	93	89
Flax	75	39
Canola	97	89
Mustard	97	81
Sunflowers	3	3
Lentils	99	98
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	80	50
Chickpeas	98	94
Total	94	79

Langenburg areas. Wind damage was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Reporters also expressed concerns about sprouting.

Ninety-four per cent of the 2005 east central crop has been combined, and a further 5% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Flax and sunflowers comprise the majority of the crops still to be harvested. Some grain was harvested tough and grain dryers were busy.

Ninety-two per cent of the east central spring wheat has been harvested. Reporters estimated the 1 and 2 CW grades of the spring wheat as ranging from 25% in CD 5b to 47% in CD 5a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried slightly during the past week, with 4% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to 13% last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land also dried slightly with 2% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 9% last week.

Migrating birds damaged crops in CDs 5a and 6a.

Farmers applied fertilizer and chemicals, burned flax straw, baled straw, hauled bales, and cultivated. Cattle came home from the community pastures. Fall crops were looking good.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	82	45
Durum	80	54
Oats	75	40
Barley	86	62
Fall rye	100	96
Triticale	62	62
Flax	38	13
Canola	91	77
Mustard	81	70
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	92	85
Peas	97	97
Canary seed	49	25
Chickpeas	72	72
Total	84	60

The west central region had a good harvest week, although with frosts and dews it was often not possible to get into the fields until early afternoon. No measurable amounts of precipitation were recorded. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported in CDs 6b and 7b. Reporters expressed concerns about bleaching, staining, mold, mildew, and lodging.

Eighty-four per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined, with a further 13% lying in the swath or ready to be straight

combined. Crops less than 75% complete include oats, triticale, flax, and canary seed. Much of the grain was harvested damp.

Eighty-two per cent of the west central spring wheat has been harvested. Reporters estimated the 1 and 2 CW grades of the spring wheat as ranging from 46% in CD 7a to 20% in CD 7b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried during the past week. Twenty-four per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 39% last week. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 10% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 19% last week. Some farmers were still getting stuck in soft fields.

Water fowl and wild game damaged crops in CD 7a. Deer were causing some problems in CD 6b as they were defecating in swaths.

Farmers hauled bales, baled irrigated hay, sprayed for winter annuals, and baled straw. Calves were weaned and sold.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The northeast had a decent harvest week though frosts and dews slowed progress somewhat. An average of only 1/2 mm of precipitation was reported. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CD 8. Reporters expressed concern about sprouting and lodging.

Seventy-three per cent of the

North eastern harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	92
Spring wheat	66	37
Durum	76	43
Oats	66	38
Barley	73	48
Fall rye	97	89
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	20	3
Canola	83	67
Mustard	90	76
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	88
Peas	98	98
Canary seed	48	36
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	73	51

2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 22% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include winter wheat, canola, mustard, fall rye, peas, and lentils. Grain was harvested tough, and was dried, aerated, or piled on the ground.

Almost two-thirds of the spring wheat has been harvested in the northeast. Reporters estimated the grades of the spring wheat as follows: 1 and 2 CW – ranges from 10% in CD 8a to 8% in CD 9ae.

Topsoil moisture conditions dried this past week, with 61% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 71% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 32% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 39% last week. Machinery was still getting stuck in soft fields.

Migrating ducks and geese and wild game caused damage in CDs 8b and 9ae.

Farmers hauled bales, baled straw, and harrowed.

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

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	71	23
Durum	85	n/a
Oats	71	19
Barley	79	33
Fall rye	100	99
Triticale	100	n/a
Flax	35	10
Canola	86	50
Mustard	75	n/a
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	n/a	n/a
Peas	98	86
Canary seed	50	50
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	78	38

The north western region had generally good harvest weather with moisture mainly coming in the form of morning fogs and dews. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CD 9b. Farmers expressed concerns about sprouting and lodging.

Seventy-eight per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined, with a further 19% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. This region had the highest harvest progress compared to the previous week. Crops that are at least 75% harvested include fall rye, durum, barley, triticale, canola, mustard, and peas. Much of the grain came off tough.

Seventy-one per cent of the spring wheat has been harvested in the northwest. Reporters estimated the grades of the spring wheat as follows: 1 and 2 CW – ranges from

25% in CD 9aw to 19% in CD 9b.

Topsoil moisture on crop land was reported as surplus by 26% of reporters, compared with 42% last week. Hay and pasture land was similar to last week with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Some fields are still too wet to take machinery.

Geese and ducks damaged crops across the region. There was more sawfly damage in some areas of CD 9b than first thought. There was grasshopper damage on all fall-seeded crops.

Cattle were coming out of community pastures.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 15, 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	18	391	255 Coteau	NIL	470	7A 259 Snipe Lake	NIL	369
2 Mount Pleasant	12	381	257 Monet	NIL	342	260 Newcombe	NIL	311
3 B Enniskillen	25	421	4A 49 B White Valley	NIL	356	287 St. Andrews	NIL	427
34 Browning	24	375	51 Reno	NIL	208	290 Kindersley	NIL	350
35 Benson	18	413	109 B Carmichael	NIL	375	292 Milton	NIL	415
64 Brock	27	399	110 Piapot	NIL	343	317 B Marriott	NIL	468
65 Tecumseh	15	405	111 A Maple Creek	NIL	370	317 C Marriott	NIL	376
1B 92 Walpole	22	310	4B 139 Gull Lake	NIL	281	318 A Mountain View	NIL	403
94 Hazelwood	19	371	141 Big Stick	NIL	339	318 B Mountain View	NIL	476
123 Silverwood	15	422	142 Enterprise	NIL	362	319 Winslow	NIL	390
124 Kingsley	15	398	171 Fox Valley	NIL	323	320 Oakdale	NIL	460
151 A Rocanville	NIL	452	229 Miry Creek	NIL	271	321 Prairiedale	NIL	450
151 B Rocanville	17	434	231 Happyland	NIL	433	322 Antelope Park	NIL	427
153 Willowdale	14	337	232 Deer Forks	NIL	374	7B 347 A Biggar	NIL	424
154 Elcapo	8	318	5A 152 Spy Hill	16	320	350 A Mariposa	NIL	316
155 Wolseley	TR	416	181 Langenburg	12	332	351 Progress	NIL	469
2A 68 Brokenshell	NIL	282	184 C Grayson	2	387	352 Heart's Hill	NIL	630
96 Fillmore	TR	371	185 Mcleod	NIL	461	377 A Glenside	TR	458
97 Wellington	TR	340	186 Abernethy	NIL	364	377 B Glenside	NIL	458
99 Caledonia	NIL	360	187 North Qu'appelle	NIL	324	378 A Rosemount	NIL	433
2B 126 Montmartre	NIL	335	211 Churchbridge	NIL	386	378 B Rosemount	NIL	406
127 Francis	NIL	427	213 Salto coats	NIL	367	379 Reford	NIL	406
129 Bratt's Lake	NIL	255	241 Calder	NIL	554	380 A Tramping Lake	NIL	371
131 Baildon	NIL	364	243 Wallace	NIL	431	382 Eye Hill	NIL	632
156 A Indian Head	NIL	481	245 B Garry	TR	411	409 Buffalo	NIL	409
156 B Indian Head	TR	417	246 Ituna Bon Accord	TR	470	410 Round Valley	NIL	477
157 South Qu'appelle	NIL	457	247 Kellross	NIL	471	8A 395 Porcupine	2	559
158 Edenwold	NIL	301	248 Touchwood	NIL	330	397 Barrier Valley	1	548
160 Pense	NIL	223	5B 271 Cote	NIL	428	398 Pleasantdale	NIL	600
161 Moose Jaw	NIL	305	277 Emerald	NIL	380	428 Star City	TR	599
191 Marquis	NIL	314	303 Keys	NIL	414	456 Arborfield	2	584
3ASE 8 Lake Alma	NIL	293	304 Buchanan	NIL	267	457 A Connaught	4	458
38 A Laurier	NIL	343	307 Elfros	NIL	403	458 Willow Creek	NIL	410
38 B Laurier	NIL	288	308 Big Quill	NIL	447	486 Moose Range	1	418
39 B The Gap	NIL	264	335 Hazel Dell	NIL	437	487 Nipawin	NIL	398
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	NIL	260	336 Sasman	NIL	369	8B 369 St. Peter	NIL	485
12 Poplar Valley	NIL	189	337 Lakeview	1	387	370 Humboldt	NIL	480
40 Bengough	NIL	276	338 Lakeside	NIL	372	371 Bayne	NIL	383
42 Willow Bunch	NIL	269	366 A Kelvington	TR	408	372 Grant	NIL	390
43 A Old Post	NIL	256	366 B Kelvington	1	415	373 B Aberdeen	NIL	309
43 B Old Post	0	233	6A 189 Lumsden	NIL	371	399 Lake Lenore	TR	515
44 Waverley	NIL	293	190 A Dufferin	NIL	336	402 Fish Creek	NIL	424
70 Key West	NIL	263	190 B Dufferin	NIL	293	429 B Flett's Springs	NIL	483
71 A Excel	NIL	242	190 C Dufferin	NIL	296	430 Invergordon	1	362
71 B Excel	NIL	189	220 Mckillop	NIL	345	431 A St. Louis	1	404
71 C Excel	NIL	197	221 Sarnia	TR	358	459 Kinistino	NIL	403
73 A Stonehenge	NIL	258	222 Craik	NIL	365	9AE 461 Prince Albert	NIL	461
73 B Stonehenge	NIL	281	251 Big Arm	NIL	477	488 Torch River	NIL	527
3AN 101 B Terrell	NIL	286	252 Arm River	NIL	339	520 B Paddockwood	NIL	371
102 Lake Johnston	NIL	281	279 A Mount Hope	NIL	350	9AW 406 Mayfield	NIL	413
103 Sutton	NIL	231	279 B Mount Hope	NIL	474	435 Redberry	NIL	384
132 Hillsborough	NIL	212	280 Wreford	NIL	377	436 Douglas	NIL	323
134 Shamrock	NIL	332	282 Mccraney	NIL	412	463 Duck Lake	NIL	447
193 Eyebrow	NIL	315	309 Prairie Rose	NIL	353	464 Leask	NIL	437
3BS 17 A Val Marie	NIL	195	310 Osborne	TR	467	466 Meeting Lake	NIL	441
45 Mankota	NIL	198	312 Morris	NIL	364	467 Round Hill	NIL	416
75 A Pinto Creek	NIL	166	313 Lost River	NIL	350	494 Canwood	NIL	374
75 B Pinto Creek	NIL	201	339 A Leroy	1	353	496 Spiritwood	NIL	406
76 A Auvergne	NIL	160	339 B Leroy	TR	357	9B 438 A Battle River	NIL	508
78 A Grassy Creek	NIL	259	340 A Wolverine	NIL	410	438 B Battle River	TR	389
78 B Grassy Creek	NIL	180	341 Viscount	NIL	347	442 Manitou Lake	1	495
78 C Grassy Creek	NIL	259	343 Blucher	NIL	345	468 A Meota	TR	475
105 Glenbain	NIL	343	6B 254 Loreburn	NIL	403	472 Wilton	NIL	552
106 Whiska Creek	NIL	210	283 Rosedale	NIL	470	498 A Parkdale	NIL	372
108 Bone Creek	NIL	286	284 Rudy	NIL	484	498 B Parkdale	NIL	373
3BN 135 Lawtonia	NIL	326	285 Fertile Valley	NIL	474	501 A Frenchman Butte	TR	441
136 Coulee	NIL	316	286 Milden	NIL	386	501 B Frenchman Butte	NIL	393
137 Swift Current	NIL	201	344 Corman Park	NIL	367	501 C Frenchman Butte	NIL	431
138 Webb	NIL	270	345 Vanscoy	NIL	468	502 Britannia	NIL	489
166 Excelsior	NIL	312	346 Perdue	NIL	445	561 Loon Lake	NIL	501
167 Sask. Landing	NIL	315	376 A Eagle Creek	NIL	442	588 B Meadow Lake	NIL	510
225 Canaan	NIL	358	376 B Eagle Creek	NIL	450	588 C Meadow Lake	NIL	562
226 Victory	NIL	381	403 Rosthern	NIL	394	622 Beaver River	NIL	436
228 B Lacadena	NIL	346	404 Laird	NIL	344			

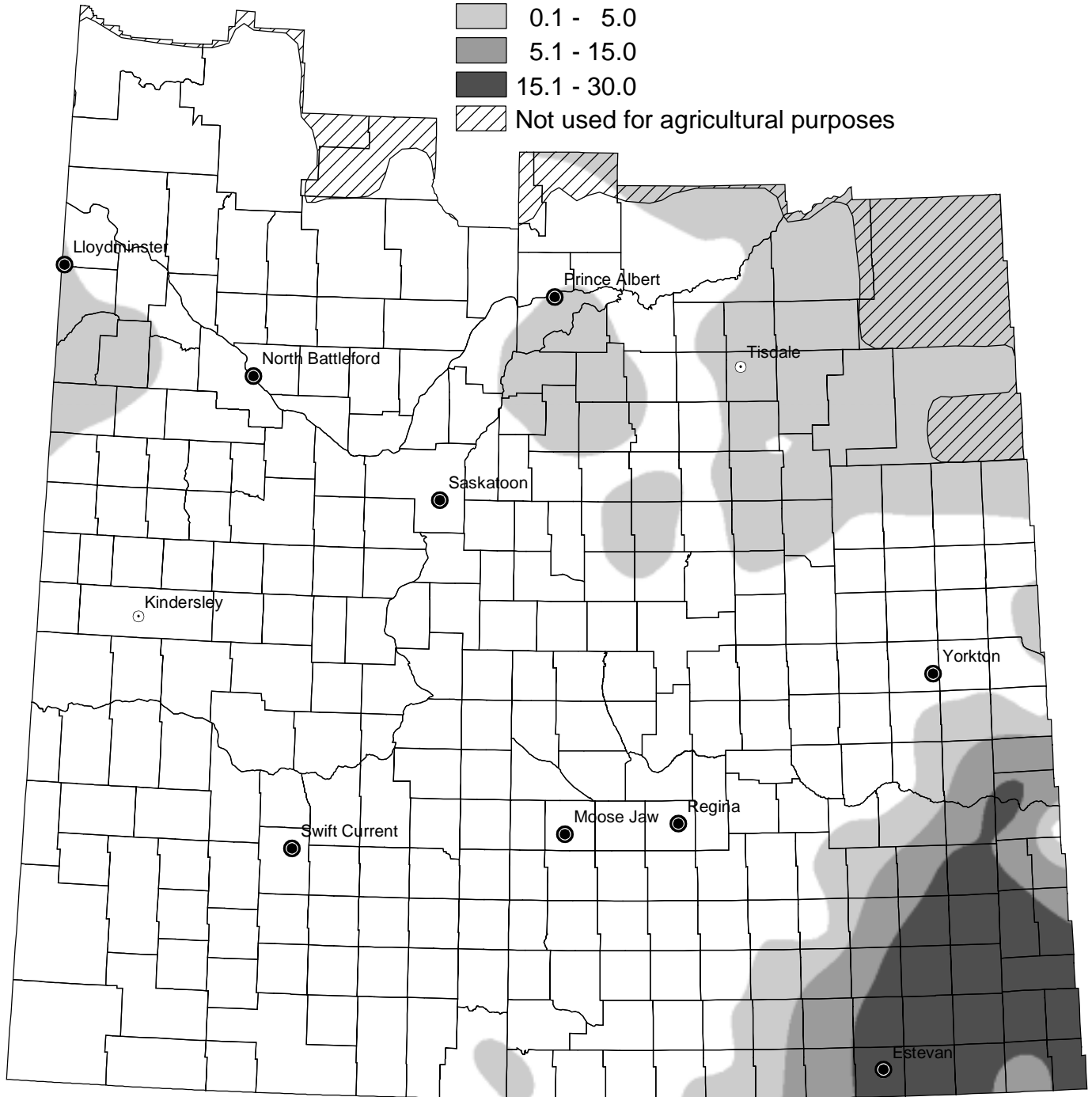
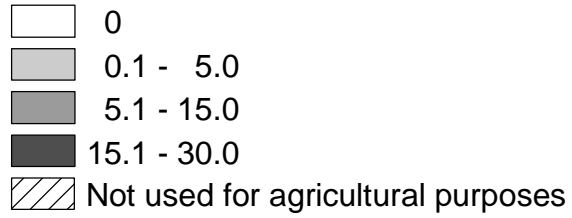
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




Weekly Rainfall for the week ending October 15, 2005

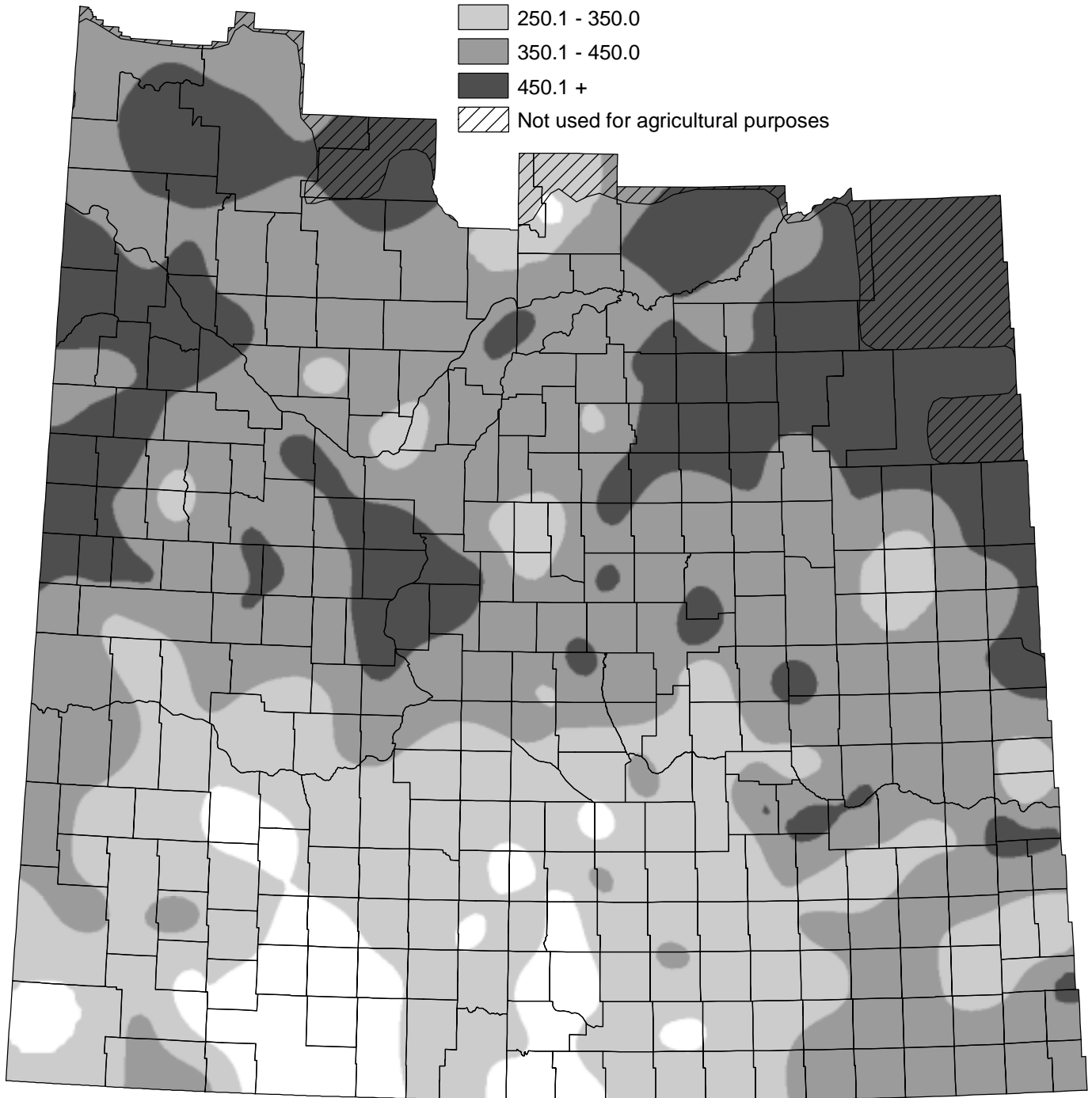
Rainfall (mm)



Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2005
To: October 15, 2005

Rainfall (mm)

-  0.0 - 250.0
-  250.1 - 350.0
-  350.1 - 450.0
-  450.1 +
-  Not used for agricultural purposes



Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

