

Crop Report for October 23, 2005

Harvest progress is now at 94 per cent complete, up from 90 per cent last week, and ahead of the five-year average of 92 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Southern regions are pretty much complete, while the northeast remains least advanced with 78 per cent combined. West-central regions made the most progress, moving from 84 per cent to 94 per cent complete. East-Central regions are at 96 per cent complete, and northwest regions are at 84 per cent. Production is

expected to be above average, while quality is expected to be below average.

Waterfowl, wild game and weathering caused the majority of the crop damage during the past week. Farmers need a good stretch of average to above-average temperatures and dry weather to complete this year's harvest.

Fall work continued this past week, with baling, bale hauling, rock picking, fertilizer and chemical application, harrowing and cattle work all taking place.

Sask. harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	92	86
Durum	99	96
Oats	90	86
Barley	93	90
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	99	89
Flax	85	79
Canola	94	92
Mustard	99	96
Sunflowers	11	7
Lentils	98	97
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	87	77
Chickpeas	99	96
Total	94	90

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 23, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		Average 2000-04
	2005	Average 2004	2000-04	2005	2004	
Winter wheat	1	1	0	99	99	100
Spring wheat	7	7	3	92	91	93
Durum	1	7	2	99	88	94
Oats	9	14	6	90	79	n.a.
Barley	6	5	3	93	93	n.a.
Fall rye	1	0	0	99	95	n.a.
Triticale	1	1	0	99	77	n.a.
Flax	10	25	n.a.	85	49	n.a.
Canola	6	13	7	94	86	90
Mustard	1	6	3	99	93	96
Sunflowers	15	2	n.a.	11	41	n.a.
Lentils	2	1	1	98	99	95
Peas	1	1	0	99	98	97
Canary seed	11	15	n.a.	87	79	n.a.
Chickpeas	1	4	n.a.	99	71	n.a.
Total	5	8	4	94	88	92

1 Year Ago

Widespread snowfall stalled harvest progress.

Combining progress remained at 88%.



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

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	99
Durum	99	99
Oats	98	98
Barley	99	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	96	93
Canola	99	99
Mustard	100	100
Sunflowers	16	12
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	99	97
Chickpeas	100	100
Total	98	98

The south eastern region was generally cool and there was moisture in many areas during the past week. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 10 mm reported in CD 3ase. Frost damage was reported in CDs 1a and 2. Wind damage was reported in CDs 1 and 2a. Reporters also cited concerns with bleaching.

Combining progress remains at 98% for the south east, with a further 1% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Some flax, sunflowers, and canary seed were combined. The southeast region could see the highest provincial yields for winter wheat and the lowest provincial yields for spring wheat, durum, mustard, sunflowers, and peas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried in spite of the damp weather, with 54% of reporters rating moisture as adequate, compared to 63% last week. On hay and pasture land, 49% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 55% last week. In CD 3ase, livestock owners had to haul water for their cattle.

Migrating waterfowl damaged crops in CD 2b. Rusty grain beetles were causing problems in CD 1a.

Last week, farmers applied fertilizer and chemicals, hauled bales, picked rocks, harrowed, burned flax piles, and worked with cattle. The new feedlot at Ceylon was taking cattle and is expected to soon be full.

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

The southwest received some moisture during a cool week. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in CD 3bn, to an average high of 17 mm reported in CD 3asw. Frost damage was reported in CD 3bn.

Combining progress in the southwest remains at 99%, and a further 1% is lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. There was harvesting progress made in oats, triticale, flax, mustard, canary seed, and chickpeas. The southwest region could see the highest provincial yields for fall rye and the lowest

provincial yields for oats, barley, triticale, flax, canola, and canary seed. Some of the downgrading in the spring wheat was due to midge damage.

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

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are similar to last week, with 60% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Conditions on hay and pasture land improved with 53% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 46% last week.

Waterfowl caused crop damage in CD 3bn.

Farmers applied fall chemicals and fertilizer, hauled bales, seeded grass, baled, picked rocks, did soil testing, and fenced. Calves were weaned and sold.

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

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	95	92
Durum	98	94
Oats	96	93
Barley	97	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	93
Flax	81	75
Canola	97	97
Mustard	99	97
Sunflowers	17	3
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	85	80
Chickpeas	100	98
Total	96	94

The east central region was cool, with some wind, rain and snow. An average of 9 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 6 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 5b. Wind damage was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CD 5b. Rain damage and weathering were reported in CD 6a.

Harvesting progress improved to 96% complete for the east central region with a further 4% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. The east central region could see the highest provincial yields for sunflowers and the lowest provincial yields for chickpeas. Crops harvested this week will need to be dried down prior to winter storage.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter during the past week, with 13% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 4% last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land were similar to last week with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate.

Wild game and water fowl damaged crops across the region.

Fall work included burning flax straw, baling, hauling bales, tillage, fertilizer and chemical application, and working cattle.

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

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	93	82
Durum	94	80
Oats	90	75
Barley	92	86
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	62
Flax	67	38
Canola	98	91
Mustard	99	81
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	98	92
Peas	99	97
Canary seed	78	49
Chickpeas	91	72
Total	94	84

The west central region was cool and frosty last week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 7a, to

an average high of 3 mm reported in CD 7b. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CD 6b. Some flooding damage was reported in CD 7b. Other concerns were bleaching, staining, and general rain damage.

Combining progress improved to 94% in the west central region, with a further 5% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. The west central region could see the highest provincial yields for triticale, lentils, peas, canary seed, and chickpeas and the lowest provincial yields for winter wheat and fall rye. Much of the harvested grain was tough and has been piled on the ground.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland remained similar to last week, with 77% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. The balance rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus. Grain trucks were still getting stuck in the fields. Conditions were also similar on hay and pasture land with 90% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate.

Crop damage from ducks, geese, and deer were reported across the region.

Farmers baled, hauled bales, cultivated and disced sloughs, and sprayed for winter annuals. Cattle were coming home from summer pastures.

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

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	76	66
Durum	80	76
Oats	67	66
Barley	79	73
Fall rye	98	97
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	37	20
Canola	83	83
Mustard	92	90
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	98	98
Canary seed	55	48
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	78	73

The northeast started off with good harvest weather last week, but rain later in the week ended harvest again. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 10 mm reported in CD 9ase. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CDs 8a and 9ae. Other concerns included lodging, sprouting, and general rain damage.

Seventy-eight per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 18% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. The northeast region could see the highest provincial yields for spring wheat, durum, oats, barley and canola and the lowest provincial yields for lentils. Much of the grain harvested was tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions got a bit wetter this past week, with 65% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 61% last week. Farmers are struggling with mud and wet conditions. Conditions also got wetter on hay and pasture land with 48% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 32% last week.

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

Some harrowing and fertilizing were done.

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

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	80	71
Durum	100	85
Oats	76	71
Barley	84	79
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	35	35
Canola	91	86
Mustard	100	75
Sunflowers	n/a	0
Lentils	n/a	n/a
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	55	50
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	84	78

The north western region was cold and windy with some rain mid-week. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 6 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 7 mm reported in CD 9aw. Frost, wind, and weathering damage were reported across the region. The wind broke off barley heads in CD 9b.

Eighty-four per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined, with a further 14% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Some progress was made in most crops. The northwest region could see the highest provincial yields for flax and mustard. Reporters expect that a lot of grain drying will need to be done.

Topsoil moisture on crop land got slightly wetter as 29% of reporters rated moisture as surplus, compared with 25% last week. Hay and pasture land is similar to last week with over 80% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate.

Geese, ducks, and game damaged crops in CD 9b.

Farmers applied fertilizer, baled straw, picked rocks, and hauled bales.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 22, 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	4	385	225 Canaan	TR	358	403 Rosthern	4	398
3 B Enniskillen	6	427	226 Victory	1	382	404 Laird	5	349
34 Browning	2	377	228 A Lacadena	NIL	308	7A 259 Snipe Lake	NIL	369
63 A Moose Mountain	TR	320	228 B Lacadena	3	349	287 St. Andrews	NIL	427
64 Brock	TR	399	257 Monet	TR	342	288 Pleasant Valley	1	461
65 Tecumseh	NIL	405	4A 19 Frontier	9	392	290 Kindersley	NIL	350
1B 92 Walpole	NIL	310	49 B White Valley	23	379	292 Milton	1	416
94 Hazelwood	NIL	371	51 Reno	8	216	317 B Marriott	2	470
95 Golden West	2	372	79 Arlington	11	226	317 C Marriott	TR	376
123 Silverwood	7	429	110 Piapot	15	358	318 A Mountain View	NIL	403
124 Kingsley	1	399	111 A Maple Creek	18	388	318 B Mountain View	2	478
125 Chester	TR	303	111 B Maple Creek	15	372	319 Winslow	1	391
151 A Rocanville	7	459	4B 139 Gull Lake	12	293	321 Prairiedale	4	454
151 B Rocanville	3	437	171 Fox Valley	7	330	322 Antelope Park	NIL	427
153 Willowdale	5	342	229 Miry Creek	5	276	7B 347 A Biggar	TR	424
155 Wolseley	TR	416	232 Deer Forks	5	379	347 B Biggar	NIL	382
2A 36 Cymri	6	426	5A 152 Spy Hill	3	323	350 A Mariposa	TR	316
66 Griffin	NIL	285	181 Langenburg	4	336	352 Heart's Hill	15	645
67 Weyburn	NIL	282	183 Fertile Belt	10	436	378 A Rosemount	TR	433
68 Brokenshell	4	286	184 C Grayson	8	395	378 B Rosemount	TR	406
96 Fillmore	4	375	185 Mcleod	2	463	379 Reford	TR	406
97 Wellington	2	342	186 Abernethy	4	368	380 A Tramping Lake	2	373
99 Caledonia	5	365	187 North Qu'appelle	7	331	409 Buffalo	2	411
2B 126 Montmartre	7	342	213 Saltcoats	4	371	410 Round Valley	10	487
127 Francis	6	433	214 Cana	7	397	8A 395 Porcupine	8	567
128 Lajord	6	267	241 Calder	6	560	397 Barrier Valley	TR	548
129 Bratt's Lake	4	259	245 A Garry	4	374	398 Pleasantdale	10	610
131 Baildon	12	376	245 B Garry	6	417	428 Star City	12	611
156 A Indian Head	3	484	246 Ituna Bon Accord	9	479	456 Arborfield	7	591
156 B Indian Head	4	421	247 Kellross	11	482	457 A Connaught	10	468
157 South Qu'appelle	7	464	248 Touchwood	11	341	458 Willow Creek	9	419
158 Edenwold	6	307	5B 271 Cote	3	431	486 Moose Range	12	430
160 Pense	5	228	276 Foam Lake	18	441	487 Nipawin	12	410
191 Marquis	NIL	314	277 Emerald	20	400	8B 369 St. Peter	8	493
3ASE 8 Lake Alma	13	306	303 Keys	6	420	370 Humboldt	5	485
9 Surprise Valley	14	297	304 Buchanan	6	273	372 Grant	3	393
38 B Laurier	7	295	307 Elfros	17	420	373 B Aberdeen	4	313*
39 B The Gap	7	271	308 Big Quill	15	462	399 Lake Lenore	5	520
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	12	272	335 Hazel Dell	8	445	402 Fish Creek	5	429
40 Bengough	16	292	336 Sasman	16	385	429 A Flett's Springs	6	473
42 Willow Bunch	14	283	338 Lakeside	9	381	429 B Flett's Springs	7	490
43 A Old Post	9	265	366 A Kelvington	8	416	430 Invergordon	2	364
44 Waverley	17	310	366 B Kelvington	10	425	431 A St. Louis	5	409
70 Key West	16	279	367 Ponass Lake	21	477	459 Kinistino	6	409
71 A Excel	15	257	6A 189 Lumsden	5	376	9AE 461 Prince Albert	8	469
71 B Excel	19	208	190 A Dufferin	7	343	488 Torch River	12	539
73 B Stonehenge	36	317	190 B Dufferin	7	300	520 B Paddockwood	9	380
3AN 101 A Terrell	6	197	190 C Dufferin	8	304	9AW 436 Douglas	3	326
101 B Terrell	5	291	219 C Longlaketon	10	375	463 Duck Lake	5	452
102 Lake Johnston	8	289	220 Mckillop	9	354	464 Leask	6	443
103 Sutton	NIL	231	221 Sarnia	7	365	466 Meeting Lake	8	449
132 Hillsborough	5	217	222 Craik	8	373	467 Round Hill	10	426
134 Shamrock	4	336	252 Arm River	9	347	493 Shellbrook	11	382
164 Chaplin	NIL	265	279 B Mount Hope	15	489	494 Canwood	7	381
193 Eyebrow	5	320	280 Wreford	6	383	496 Spiritwood	10	416
3BS 17 B Val Marie	6	206	281 Wood Creek	8	358*	497 Medstead	7	385
46 A Glen Mcpherson	15	221	282 Mccraney	5	417	9B 438 A Battle River	7	516
75 A Pinto Creek	8	174	309 Prairie Rose	11	364	438 B Battle River	2	391
75 B Pinto Creek	15	216	310 Osborne	11	478	440 Hillsdale	2	411
76 A Auvergne	15	175	312 Morris	9	373	468 A Meota	12	487
76 B Auvergne	15	208	339 B Leroy	8	365	472 Wilton	4	556
78 A Grassy Creek	25	284	340 A Wolverine	7	417	498 A Parkdale	8	380
78 B Grassy Creek	18	198	340 B Wolverine	5	472	498 B Parkdale	8	381
78 C Grassy Creek	17	276	343 Blucher	2	347	499 Mervin	6	501
106 Whiska Creek	17	227	6B 254 Loreburn	1	404	501 A Frenchman Butte	TR	441
108 Bone Creek	13	299	283 Rosedale	1	471	501 B Frenchman Butte	3	396
3BN 135 Lawtonia	5	331	284 Rudy	1	485	501 C Frenchman Butte	2	433
136 Coulee	7	323	285 Fertile Valley	1	475	502 Britannia	4	493
137 Swift Current	1	202	286 Milden	NIL	386	561 Loon Lake	5	506
138 Webb	2	272	314 Dundurn	TR	456	588 A Meadow Lake	15	416
165 Morse	1	334	344 Corman Park	1	368	588 B Meadow Lake	7	517
166 Excelsior	3	315	345 Vanscoy	3	471	588 C Meadow Lake	5	567
167 Sask. Landing	4	319	346 Perdue	1	446	588 D Meadow Lake	6	410

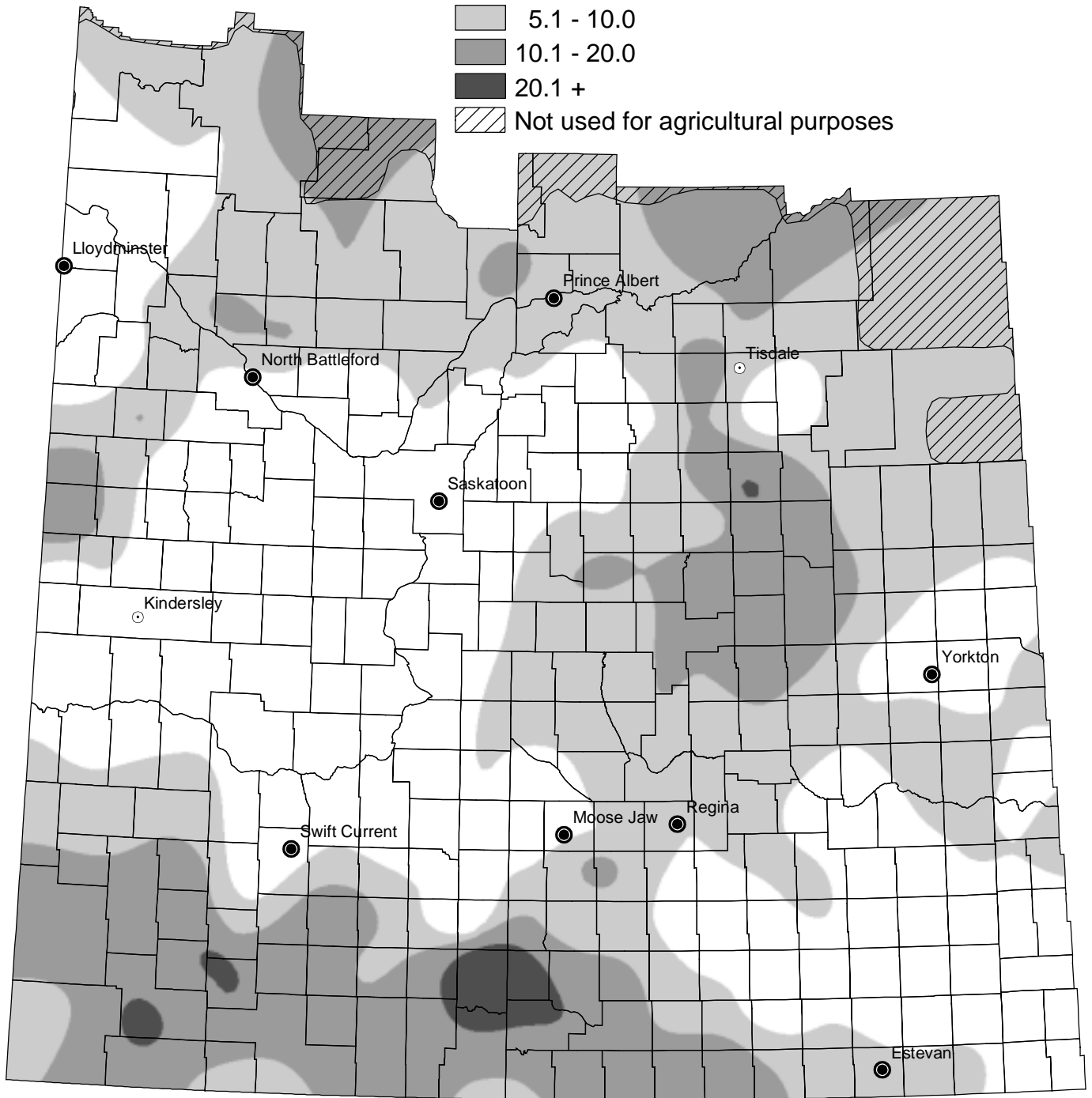
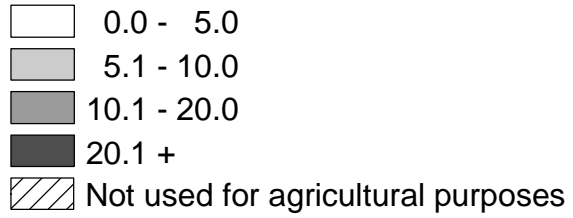
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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter






Weekly Rainfall for the week ending October 22, 2005

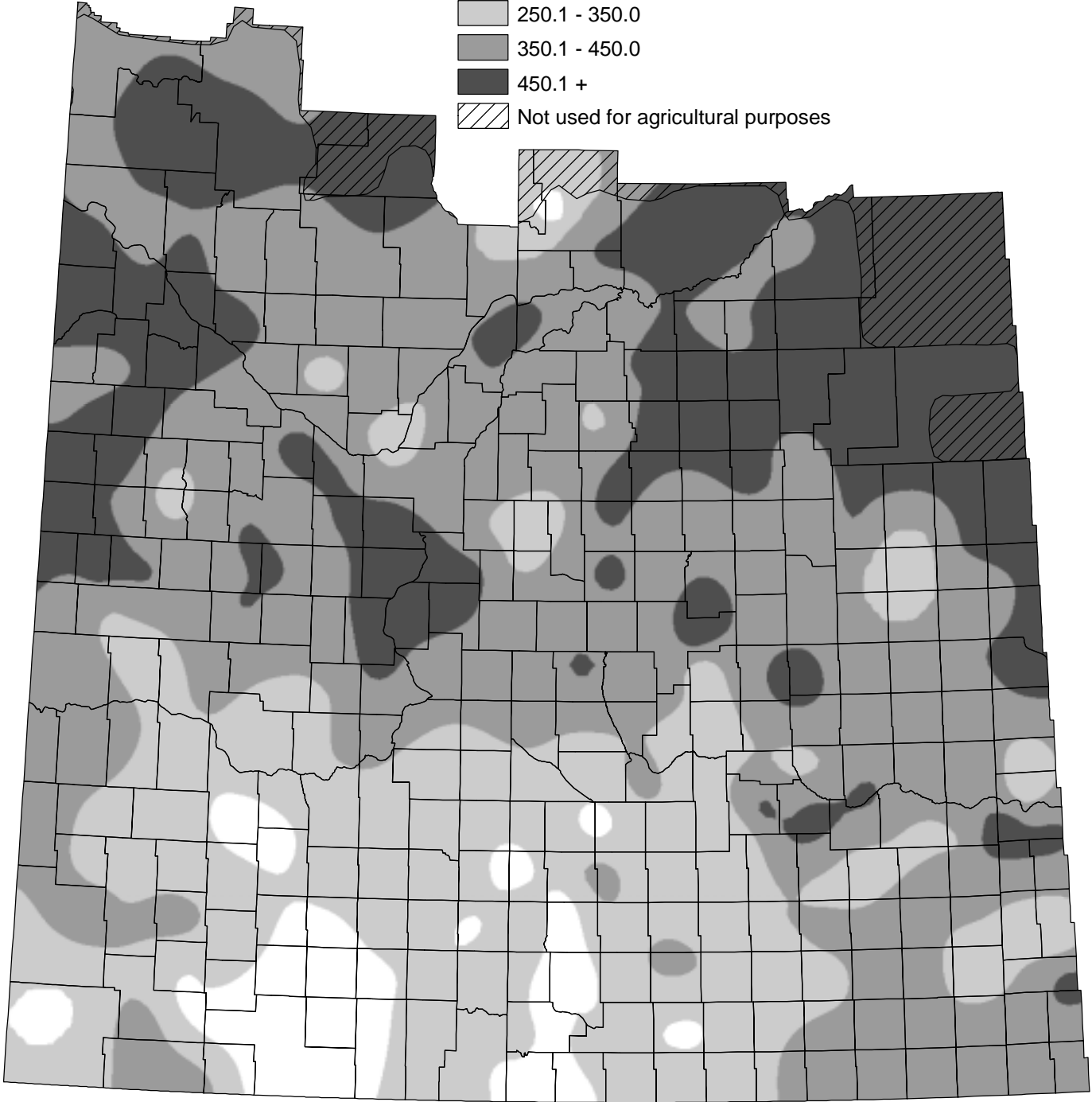
Rainfall (mm)



Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2005
To: October 22, 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

