

Crop Report for October 30, 2005

Many areas of the province have completed or almost completed the 2005 harvest, with 98 per cent of the crop complete, up from 94 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.

The northeast remains least advanced with 89 per cent combined. Wet fields continue to hamper harvest operations. Most of the grain taken off this past week came off with high moisture content and will need to be dried. Overall, the crop will be below average for quality.

Migrating waterfowl and wild game caused the majority of the crop damage during the past week. Weathering also damaged crops.

Farmers continued with fall work – baling, hauling bales, harrowing, fertilizer application, etc.

This report is the last weekly crop report for the 2005 season. The final crop report will include a summary of the year, a production table, a grades table, and an estimate of fall seeded crops. **It will be released on November 16, 2005.**

Sask. harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	99
Spring wheat	97	92
Durum	99	99
Oats	96	90
Barley	97	93
Fall rye	100	99
Triticale	99	99
Flax	95	85
Canola	98	94
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	41	11
Lentils	99	98
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	96	87
Chickpeas	99	99
Total	98	94

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Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance reminds customers that coverage for the 2005 crop year ends November 15. **November 15 is the deadline to file all production declarations and post-harvest claims.** Claims submitted between November 16 and December 31 will have indemnities reduced by 25 per cent. Claims are not accepted after December 31.

Remember that a Crop Insurance contract provides you with a yield guarantee at a designated grade. If the grade of your harvested production is lower than your designated grade, you will be compensated for the reduction in quality in any claim calculation.

If putting your insured crop to an alternate use (any use other than combining) you must contact their customer service office before baling, grazing or working it under. A pre-harvest inspection must be completed to determine if you are eligible for a claim.

If you will not complete harvest by the deadline, request an extension of insurance at your customer service office by November 15 to be covered for yield and grade losses incurred over winter.

The Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is administered by Crop Insurance and available to all Saskatchewan producers. If you detect damage due to wildlife in your crops, contact your customer service office immediately.

1 Year Ago

Fog and mist were delaying combining and field work.

Harvest progress was at 89%, with the west central region at 97% and the southeast at 79%.

Weathering caused the majority of the crop damage.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 30, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	Average 2000-04
Winter wheat	0	1	0	100	99	100
Spring wheat	3	7	3	97	91	93
Durum	1	7	2	99	89	94
Oats	4	14	6	96	80	87
Barley	3	5	3	97	93	93
Fall rye	0	0	0	100	97	95
Triticale	1	1	0	99	77	91
Flax	4	26	n.a.	95	49	81
Canola	2	13	7	98	86	90
Mustard	1	5	2	99	94	96
Sunflowers	5	2	n.a.	41	41	n.a.
Lentils	1	1	1	99	99	95
Peas	1	1	0	99	98	97
Canary seed	3	13	n.a.	96	81	n.a.
Chickpeas	1	4	n.a.	99	81	n.a.
Total	2	8	4	98	89	92

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

South eastern harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	100	99
Durum	100	99
Oats	99	98
Barley	100	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	99	96
Canola	99	99
Mustard	100	100
Sunflowers	60	16
Lentils	100	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	99	99
Chickpeas	100	100
Total	99	98

The south eastern region was generally nice this past week, with some heavy fog and dew. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported, with the highest Crop District (CD) average reported of 4 mm for CD 2b. Frost damage was reported in CD 2b and wind damage was reported in CD 2a.

Harvesting progress moved to 99% for the south east. South

eastern farmers have completed harvesting their winter wheat, fall rye, spring wheat, durum, barley, triticale, mustard, lentils, peas, and chickpeas. High humidity slowed combining and baling in some areas. Some grain was taken off on the tough side.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land remained similar to last week, with 56% of reporters rating moisture as adequate, and the balance as short. On hay and pasture land, 47% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 50% last week.

Migrating waterfowl damaged crops in CD 2b. There were still reports of bugs being found in grain.

Farmers were applying chemical and fertilizer, burning flax straw, baling, hauling bales, harrowing, hauling grain, picking rocks, and cleaning machinery.

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

The southwest had good fall weather during the past week, with a

South western harvesting progress

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

couple days of moisture-laden fog. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported, with the highest CD average reported of 7 mm for CD 4b.

Combining progress in the southwest remained at 99%. Crops reported as completed include winter wheat, fall rye, oats, triticale, canola, mustard, lentils, and peas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly this past week, with 70% of reporters rating topsoil as adequate for moisture, compared with 64% last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land also improved with 63% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 57% the previous week. A good soaking rain would be welcomed in CDs 3asw and 3b. Some livestock owners are feeding their cattle on pastures.

Geese caused crop damage in CD 3asw.

The fall rye that has emerged looks good. Fall field work being done includes summerfallowing, hauling bales, tillage, chemical and fertilizer application, and baling straw.

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

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	99	95
Durum	99	98
Oats	99	96
Barley	99	97
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	95	81
Canola	99	97
Mustard	100	99
Sunflowers	28	17
Lentils	100	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	98	85
Chickpeas	100	100
Total	99	96

The east central region had a generally nice week, with some fog and showers. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported, with the highest average amount reported in CD 5a with 3 mm.

Harvesting progress improved to 99% for the east central region. Crops that are complete include fall rye, triticale, mustard, lentils, peas, and chickpeas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried from the previous week, with 7% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 13% last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land dried slightly from last week with 2% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to 6% last week. Thirteen per cent of reporters rate topsoil moisture on hay and pasture land as short or very short. Some cattle on stubble fields are being fed. Water levels in some dugouts in CD 6a are down as much as three feet.

Waterfowl and wild game damaged crops in CD 5. There were

some reports of grain heating in CD 5b.

Farmers were applying fertilizer and chemical, harrowing, hauling bales, drying grain, cleaning corrals, picking rocks, and burning flax straw.

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

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	98	93
Durum	99	94
Oats	98	90
Barley	99	92
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	97
Flax	89	67
Canola	99	98
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	n/a	0
Lentils	99	98
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	95	78
Chickpeas	99	91
Total	99	94

The west central region was warm and dry until cool temperatures and fog settled in later in the week. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported, with the highest average of 7mm reported in CD 7a. Some weathering damage was reported.

Harvesting progress improved to 99% in the west central region. Winter wheat, fall rye, and pea crops are all harvested. Much of the crop taken off was tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland remained similar to the previous week, with 75% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, and over 20% still rating moisture as surplus. Conditions dried on hay and pasture land with 6% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as

surplus compared to 11% last week.

Migrating birds and wild game damaged crops across the region.

Farmers were baling, hauling bales, spraying winter annuals, applying fertilizer, and harrowing.

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

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	88	76
Durum	89	80
Oats	84	67
Barley	87	79
Fall rye	100	98
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	68	37
Canola	93	83
Mustard	100	92
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	100	99
Peas	98	98
Canary seed	78	55
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	89	78

Sun, wind and warm temperatures early in the week helped to dry crops in the northeast, but later in the week, the mist and fogs made crops damp again. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported, with the highest average of 9 mm reported in CD 9ae.

Weathering damage was reported across the region.

Eighty-nine per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 9% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. The crops that are completely harvested include winter wheat, fall rye, lentils, and mustard. Crops were taken off tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions dried this past week, with 48% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as

surplus, compared with 65% last week. Combines and tractors are still getting stuck in wet fields. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 25% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 48% last week.

Waterfowl and wild game caused damage in CD 8b. In CD 8a, some barley fields have a large amount of second growth causing harvesting problems.

Farmers did some harrowing, fertilizer and chemical application, baling, and bale hauling.

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

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	94	80
Durum	100	100
Oats	91	76
Barley	95	84
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	62	35
Canola	98	91
Mustard	100	100
Sunflowers	95	n/a
Lentils	73	n/a
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	81	55
Chickpeas	95	n/a
Total	95	84

The north western region started off warm but became foggy and drizzly near the end of the week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported, with the average high being 4 mm reported in CD 9aw. Weathering damage, including sprouting, was reported across the region.

Ninety-five per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined, with a further 5% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that have harvest completed include durum, fall rye, triticale, and mustard. Harvested grain has been tough. Some reporters expressed concern that all the crop may not get harvested this fall with the last set of showers.

Topsoil moisture on crop land got a bit wetter this past week and was reported as surplus by 32% of reporters, compared with 29% last week. Hay and pasture land is drier compared to last week with 4% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, down from 12%.

Waterfowl and deer damaged crops in CD 9b. There is compaction damage to fields because of the wet conditions.

Farmers were hauling bales and applying fertilizer.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress by Crop District at Oct. 30, 2005		
(total of all crops)		
Crop District	% Combined	% Other
1a	99	2
1b	98	1
2a	99	0
2b	99	0
3ase	99	0
3asw	99	0
3an	99	0
3bs	99	0
3bn	99	0
4a	98	1
4b	98	2
South	99	0
5a	99	0
5b	98	0
6a	94	5
6b	99	0
7a	97	2
7b	95	2
Central	97	2
8a	84	0
8b	95	0
9ae	84	0
9aw	92	0
9b	96	2
North SK	91	1
	97	1

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 29, 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	Wxford	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	Usborne	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		

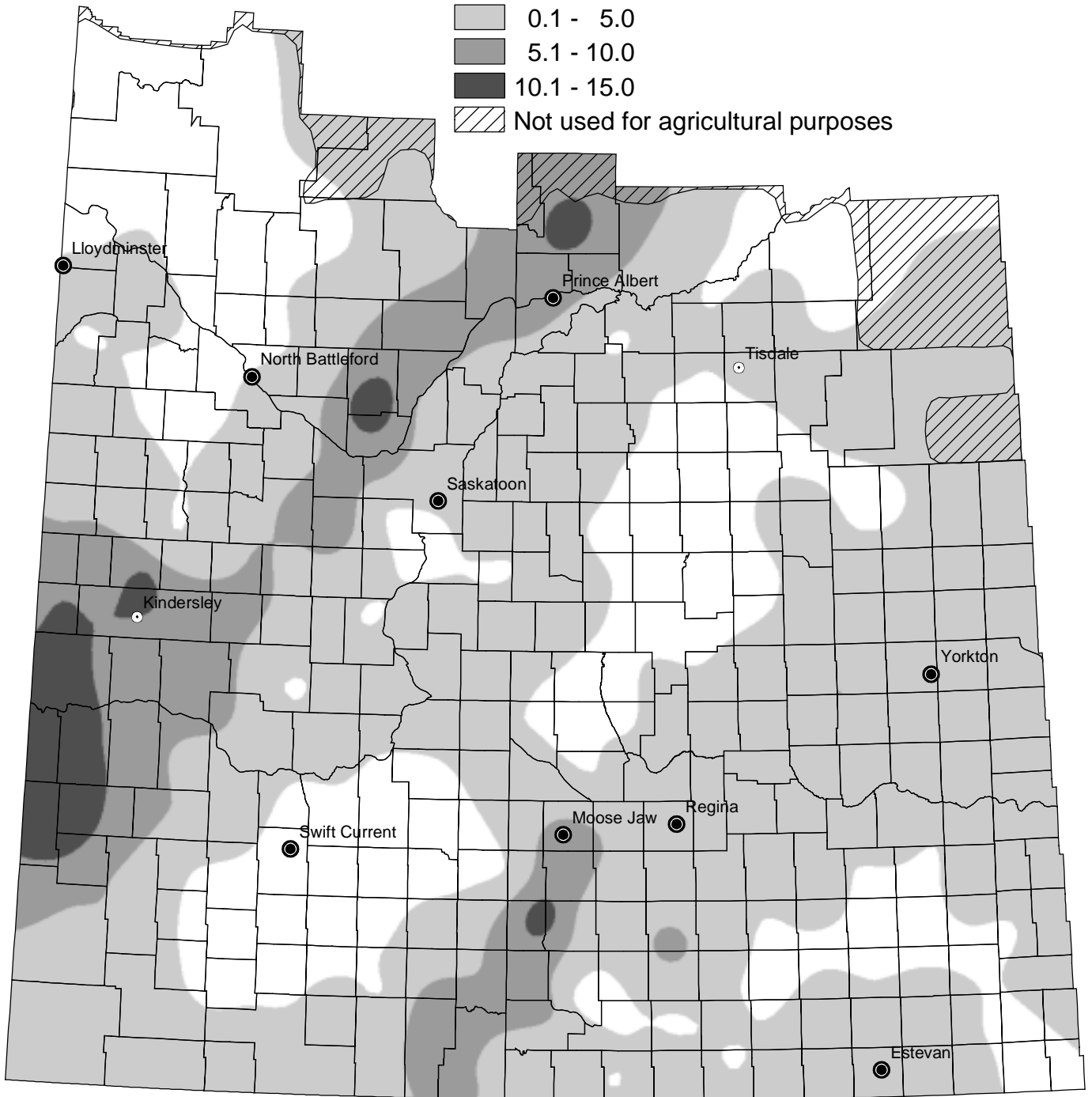
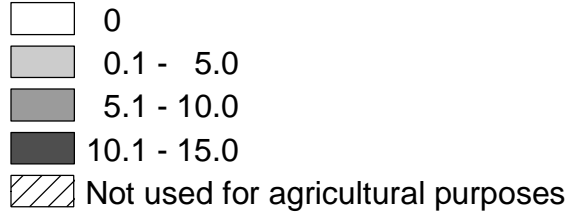
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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

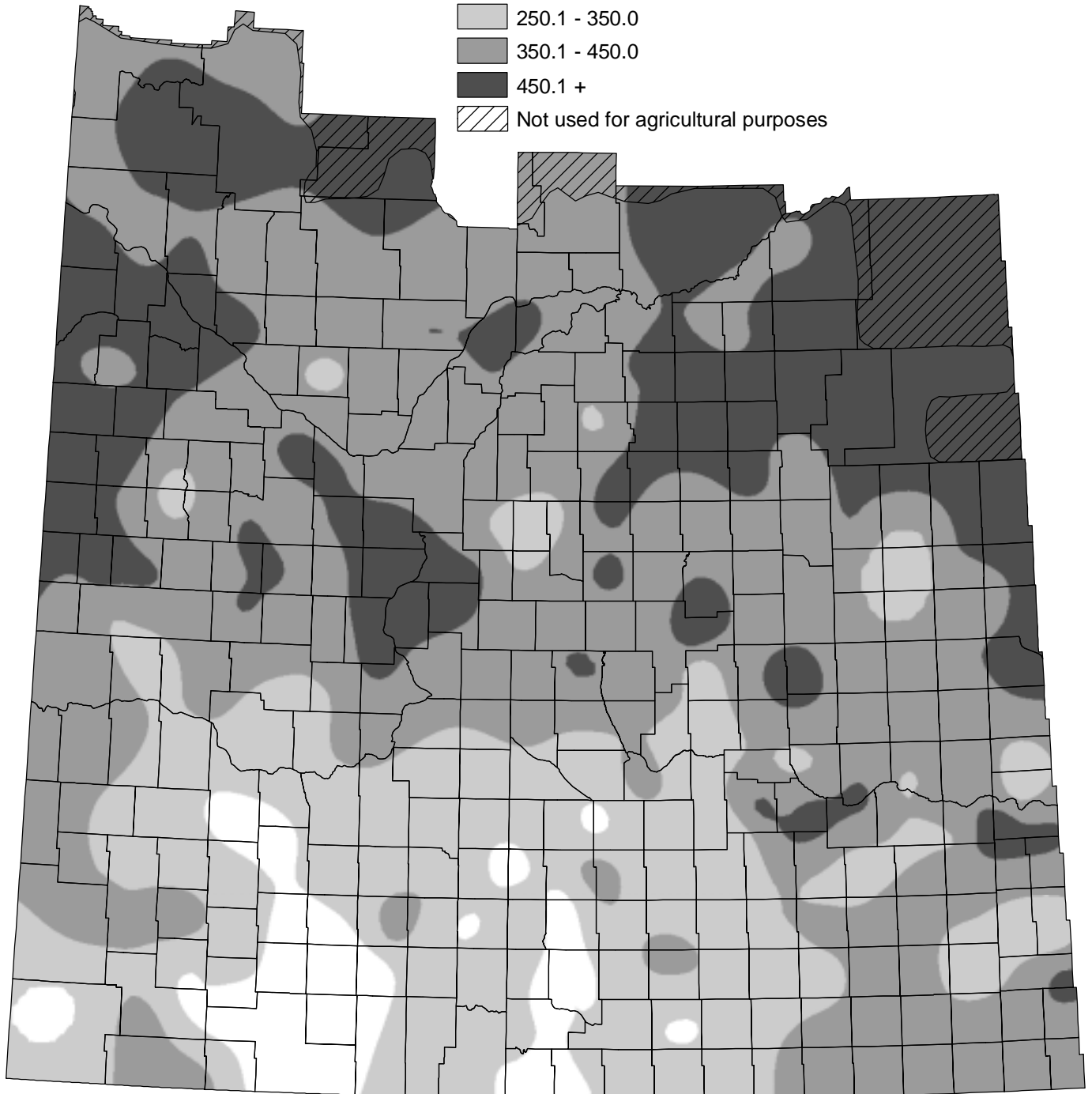
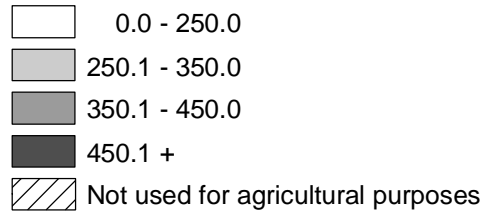
Weekly Rainfall for the week ending October 29, 2005

Rainfall (mm)



Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2005
To: October 29, 2005

Rainfall (mm)



Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

