

Crop Report for APRIL 16, 2006

Slightly over one per cent of the harvest was left out over the winter, and over one-third of that is expected to be combined this spring. Flooding and wild life damage made the remainder of the crops unsuitable for harvest, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Central and northern regions are home to the bulk of the leftover harvest.

Livestock feed grain and forage supplies are reported in a carry over position, according to over 95 per cent of reporters.

In a general overview, fields in the south could use rain, while fields in central and northern areas need drying conditions. Farmers are fixing fences, readying machinery, picking rocks, applying chemicals and fertilizer, and cleaning grain. There were reports of seeding in the southwest.

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1 Year Ago

The previous fall, between 2% and 3% of the crop was not harvested due to poor weather conditions.

Reporters expected about 48% of that unharvested crop to be combined in the spring, depending on the weather.

Livestock feed grain and forage supplies were reported in a carry over position by more than 95% of the reporters.

**South eastern Saskatchewan
(Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3as-east)**

This past week was warm and windy in the southeast. An average of 9 mm of precipitation fell during the past week, ranging from a minimum of 2 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to a maximum of 13 mm reported in CD 3ase. Several reporters would like to see a good rain, particularly for pastures.

Less than 1/2% of the south eastern crop remained to be harvested from last year, and 40% is expected to be combined this spring.

All south eastern reporters reported carry over of livestock forage supplies, while 97% of reporters indicated a carry over of feed grain supplies.

Farmers are cleaning seed, getting equipment ready, fencing, fertilizing hay land, picking rocks, harrowing, and applying chemicals. Gopher populations are already causing concern in CD 1b. Winter annual weeds are growing. Fall crops are doing well.

**South western Saskatchewan
(Crop Districts 3as-west, 3an, 3b,
& 4)**

The southwest was generally warm and windy during the past week. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 4b, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 3bn. Rain would be welcome in most areas as reserves are low.

Less than 1/2% of last year's harvest remained out over winter in the southwest, and about 3% of that is expected to be combined.

Ninety-eight per cent of south western reporters rated livestock forage supplies as being in a carry over position, and 96% rated feed grain supplies as being in a carry over position.

Farmers are cleaning grain, seeding grass, rolling hay land, applying chemicals, picking rocks, and readying machinery. CD 3asw reported lots of gophers. The grass is greening up, and the weeds are growing. Fall crops are coming up.

There are reports of seeding in the Rush Lake, Eastend, Consul, and Burstall areas.

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

Temperatures were generally above normal in the east central region during the past week. An average of 12 mm of precipitation fell during the past week, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 14 mm reported in CD 5b. Flooding is reported in several areas.

Just over 1% of the 2005 crop remained to be harvested in the east central region. Close to half of that is expected to be combined. Some harvest left in the fields over winter sustained too much wildlife damage to harvest. In some areas, swaths floated away as low lying areas flooded.

All reporters rate livestock feed supplies as being in a carry over position.

Farmers are cleaning grain and getting machinery ready. There are reports of flooding causing road damage and washing out culverts in CD 5a. Fall seeded crops are growing in the region.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The week started off cool in the west central region, but temperatures rose by the end of the week. An average of 13 mm of precipitation fell during the past week, ranging from an average low of 7 mm reported in CD 6b, to an average high of 17 mm reported in CD 7a. Some roads are under water and some fields are saturated.

About 3% of the 2005 crop was left out in the west central region. Just over 50% of that is expected to be combined.

All reporters rate livestock feed supplies as being in a carry over position.

Farmers are cleaning grain, getting equipment ready, and trying to pick rocks. Fall seeded crops are growing. Winter annual weeds are also growing. Farmers are struggling to get bales off wet fields.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9a-east)

Temperatures rose above normal in the northeast during the past week, helping to change the landscape from white to brown. An average of 3 mm of precipitation fell during the past week, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 4 mm reported in CD 8a. There has been lots of flooding in the area, damaging roads, houses, and fields.

Between 1% and 2% of the 2005 crop was left out in north eastern fields over winter and over 60% of that is expected to be combined.

All reporters rate livestock feed supplies in the carry over position.

Farmers are repairing machinery, but will need good drying weather before they can hope to get out on the fields.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9a-west & 9b)

The northwest saw temperatures warm and winds increase toward the weekend. An average of 1 mm of precipitation fell during the past week, with no measurable precipitation reported in CD 9b. There was some flooding, damaging roads and filling low spots in fields.

North western areas had 3% of the 2005 crop out over the winter. Farmers hope to combine about one quarter of that crop. Some was contaminated with deer droppings.

All reporters rate livestock feed supplies as being in a carry over position.

Farmers are preparing machinery for spring fieldwork which they will start once the land is dry enough.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending April 15, 2006

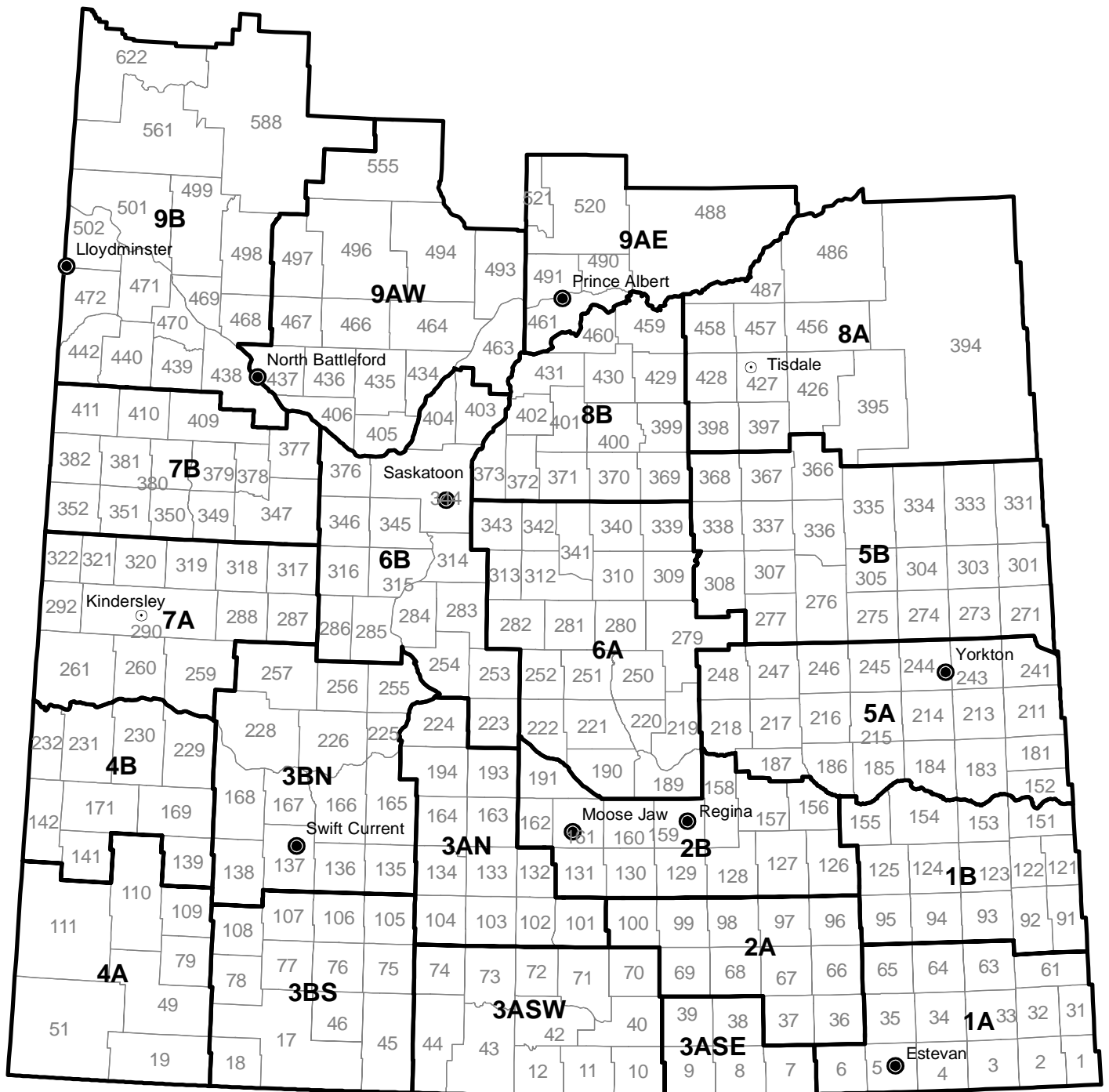
Crop Municipality	Past	Since	Crop Municipality	Past	Since	Crop Municipality	Past	Since
Dist. No. Name	Week	April 1	Dist. No. Name	Week	April 1	Dist. No. Name	Week	April 1
1A 1 Argyle	NIL	NIL	106 Whiska Creek	10	10	343 Blucher	10	29
2 Mount Pleasant	1	9	107 Lac Pelletier	2	2	6B 283 Rosedale	4	7
3 B Enniskillen	3	4	108 Bone Creek	13	16	284 Rudy	8	14
33A Moose Creek	2	2	3BN 135 Lawtonia	17	17	285 Fertile Valley	10	23
34 Browning	6	10	136 Coulee	17	18	286 Milden	NIL	7
35 Benson	2	13	138 Webb	6	6	344 Corman Park	5	N/A
64 Brock	NIL	2	165 Morse	12	14	345 Vanscoy	8	22
65 Tecumseh	4	4	166 Excelsior	7	9	346 Perdue	19	42
1B 92 Walpole	7	7	167 Sask. Landing	18	23	376 A Eagle Creek	13	15
93 Wawken	4	4	225 Canaan	6	6	376 B Eagle Creek	3	3
93 B Wawken	8	8	228 A Lacadena	11	16	404 Laird	2	N/A
95 Golden West	2	2	228 B Lacadena	21	26	7A 259 Snipe Lake	13	13
121 Moosomin	10	10	257 Monet	7	13	287 St. Andrews	2	14
123 Silverwood	12	12	4A 19 Frontier	11	12	288 Pleasant Valley	10	26
124 Kingsley	5	7	49 B White Valley	6	6	292 Milton	14	24
125 Chester	8	8	51 Reno	6	10	318 A Mountain View	16	32
151 B Rocanville	16	16	109 Carmichael	TR	6	318 B Mountain View	15	23
155 Wolseley	7	7	110 Piapot	TR	2	320 Oakdale	33	51
2A 36 Cymri	10	14	111 A Maple Creek	1	4	321 Prairiedale	33	48
68 Brokenshell	15	15	111 B Maple Creek	NIL	3	7B 347 A Biggar	12	12
96 Fillmore	9	9	4B 141 Big Stick	TR	4	350 A Mariposa	19	19
97 Wellington	10	11	142 Enterprise	1	11	350 B Mariposa	31	34
99 Caledonia	19	21	232 Deer Forks	2	11	351 Progress	25	26
2B 126 Montmartre	11	11	5A 152 Spy Hill	7	7	352 Heart's Hill	26	26
127 Francis	12	12	183 Fertile Belt	3	3	377 Glenside	2	2
129 Bratt's Lake	8	12	184 A Grayson	1	1	378 A Rosemount	14	16
131 Baildon	15	22	185 Mcleod	8	8	379 Reford	14	14
156 A Indian Head	13	13	186 Abernethy	13	13	382 Eye Hill	15	15
156 B Indian Head	14	15	211 Churchbridge	13	13	409 Buffalo	9	9
157 South Qu'appelle	19	19	213 Saltcoats	6	6	410 Round Valley	5	5
158 Edenswold	9	10	216 Tullymet	17	17	8A 397 Barrier Valley	11	11
160 Pense	5	5	217 A Lipton	9	9	398 Pleasantdale	8	8
161 Moose Jaw	14	14	217 B Lipton	1	1	428 Star City	TR	TR
191 Marquis	19	19	241 Calder	9	9	456 Arborfield	5	5
3ASE 8 Lake Alma	8	9	245 B Garry	9	9	457 A Connaught	NIL	NIL
9 Surprise Valley	15	15	246 Ituna Bon Accord	15	15	458 Willow Creek	2	2
38 A Laurier	20	22	247 Kellross	11	11	486 Moose Range	2	N/A
38 B Laurier	12	13	248 Touchwood	10	10	487 Nipawin	2	2
39 A The Gap	15	15	5B 271 Cote	14	14	8B 370 Humboldt	3	3
39 B The Gap	9	9	273 Sliding Hills	17	17	371 Bayne	1	3
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	10	10	275 B Insinger	18	18	373 Aberdeen	3	N/A
12 Poplar Valley	9	9	276 Foam Lake	10	10	401 Hoodoo	NIL	NIL
42 Willow Bunch	11	11	277 Emerald	17	17	402 Fish Creek	2	2
43 A Old Post	13	13	304 Buchanan	12	12	429 A Flett's Springs	NIL	N/A
43 B Old Post	11	11	307 Elfros	22	22	429 B Flett's Springs	3	3
44 Waverley	11	11	308 Big Quill	18	18	430 Invergordon	1	1
70 Key West	14	14	333 Clayton	13	13	9AE 461 Prince Albert	3	6
71 A Excel	13	13	335 Hazel Dell	15	15	9AW 406 Mayfield	1	1
71 B Excel	6	6	336 Sasman	16	16	435 Redberry	2	2
73 A Stonehenge	15	N/A	337 Lakeview	12	13	463 Duck Lake	2	2
73 B Stonehenge	15	16	338 Lakeside	13	13	464 Leask	NIL	TR
3AN 101 A Terrell	18	24	366 A Kelvington	9	9	466 Meeting Lake	NIL	NIL
101 B Terrell	6	13	366 B Kelvington	8	8	467 Round Hill	NIL	NIL
102 Lake Johnston	14	20	367 Ponass Lake	8	8	494 Canwood	5	5
103 Sutton	NIL	N/A	6A 189 Lumsden	27	27	496 Spiritwood	NIL	NIL
132 Hillsborough	12	14	190 B Dufferin	28	28	497 Medstead	1	1
134 Shamrock	24	N/A	190 C Dufferin	22	22	555 Big River	NIL	NIL
194 Enfield	5	6	219 C Longlaketon	13	13	9B 438 A Battle River	NIL	NIL
3BS 17 A Val Marie	12	12	220 Mckillop	17	17	472 Wilton	NIL	2
17 B Val Marie	15	15	221 Sarnia	14	17	498 A Parkdale	NIL	NIL
46 Glen Mcpherson	15	15	222 Craik	6	10	499 Mervin	NIL	1
75 A Pinto Creek	15	15	279 A Mount Hope	6	6	501 A Frenchman Butte	NIL	4
75 B Pinto Creek	17	17	279 B Mount Hope	13	13	501 B Frenchman Butte	NIL	TR
76 A Auvergne	5	6	312 Morris	7	10	502 Britannia	NIL	3
76 B Auvergne	13	13	339 B Leroy	15	17	561 Loon Lake	NIL	NIL
77 Wise Creek	12	17	340 A Wolverine	9	15	588 A Meadow Lake	NIL	NIL
78 B Grassy Creek	7	10	340 B Wolverine	10	15	588 C Meadow Lake	NIL	NIL
78 C Grassy Creek	10	10	341 Viscount	4	4			

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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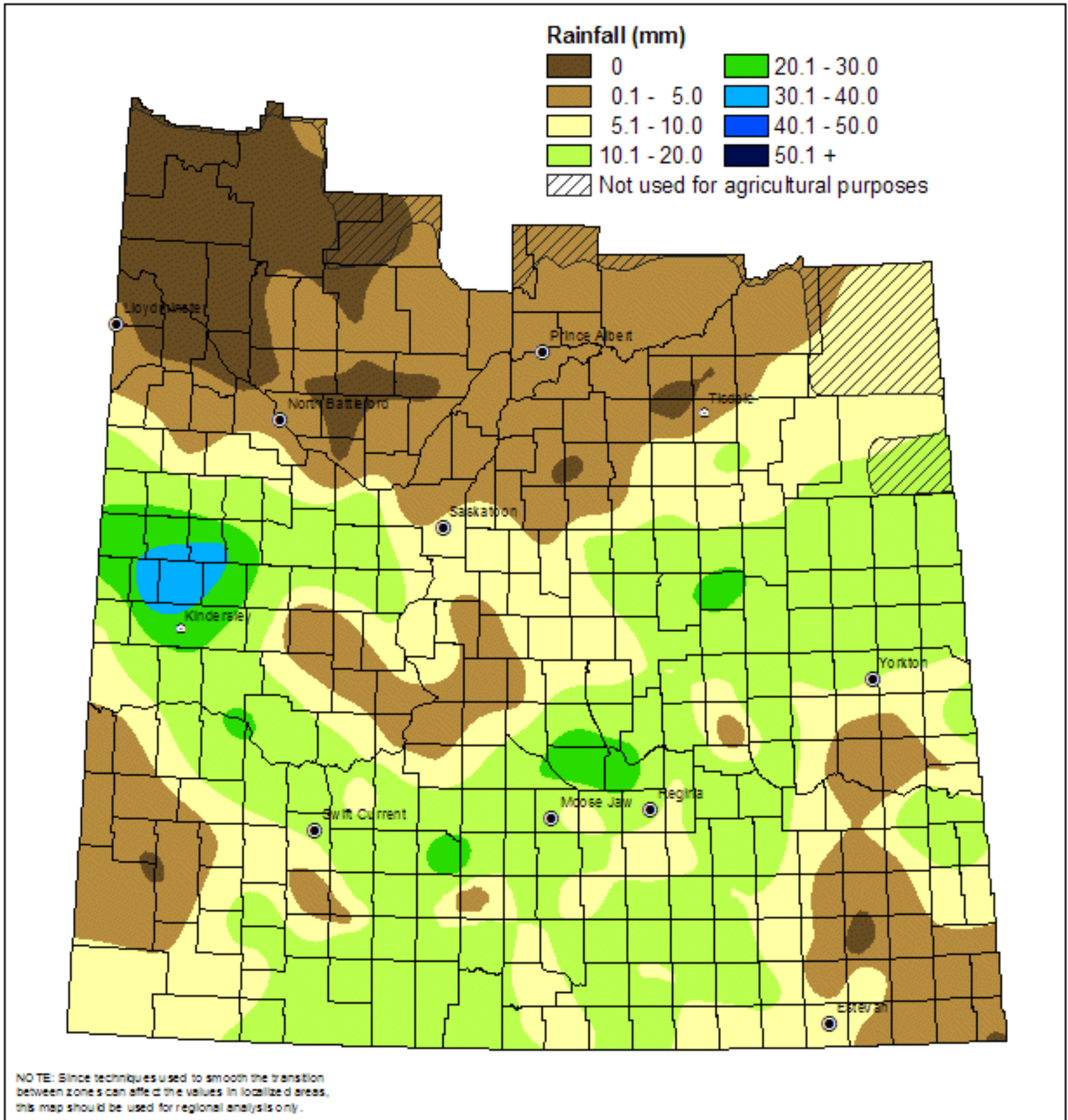
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending April 15, 2006



Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2006

To: April 15, 2006

