

Crop Report for May 7, 2006

Saskatchewan farmers now have nine per cent of the 2006 crop planted, down from the five year average of 11 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Seeding is most advanced in the southwest, where 27 per cent of the crop has been planted. Farmers have seeded eight per cent of the crop in the southeast, and four per cent in the west central region. The remaining areas have less than three per cent of the crop seeded.

Some south western areas received precipitation last week, which helped improve topsoil moisture conditions. Overall, topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are similar to last week, with just over one quarter of crop reporters indicating surplus topsoil moisture conditions and just over two-thirds indicating adequate topsoil moisture conditions on crop land. In north eastern and east central regions, more than half of the reporters continue to report surplus moisture.

Across the province, two per cent of the winter wheat and three per cent of the fall rye were reported

as winterkilled. Many farmers reported that damage came from flooding this spring.

Pre-seeding fieldwork continues as weather permits.

Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 7/06	9
5-year Avg. (2001-05)	11
May 8/05	16
May 9/04	19
May 4/03	3
May 5/02	2
May 6/01	13

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

More Saskatchewan producers may be considering large Kabuli chickpeas as part of their 2006 seeding plans. If you have endorsed chickpeas for coverage this year, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance reminds you to review the terms and conditions applied to this crop. Copies are available at your customer service office and at www.saskcropinsurance.com. These terms and conditions include recommended agronomic practices regarding seeding dates, seed treatment, disease prevention and control and crop rotations.

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1 Year Ago

Sixteen per cent of the 2005 crop was seeded.

Precipitation improved topsoil moisture conditions in some north western and south eastern areas.

Five per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were reported as winterkilled.

Warmer weather and precipitation were needed.

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 7/06	May 8/05
1a	10	15
1b	5	19
2a	7	24
2b	8	16
3an	12	20
3ase	12	34
3asw	10	22
3bn	27	30
3bs	37	37
4a	46	51
4b	46	56
5a	2	13
5b	1	8
6a	2	11
6b	5	7
7a	4	17
7b	5	9
8a	2	6
8b	1	9
9ae	0	3
9aw	1	4
9b	5	2
Prov.	9	16

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

This past week was cool and windy in the southeast with rain and snow showers. By the weekend, the weather was warm and sunny. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 3 mm in Crop District (CD) 1ase to an average high of 20 mm in CD 1b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as adequate by 75% of reporters, compared to 72% last week. Twenty-two per cent of reporters rate topsoil moisture on crop land as surplus. Some farmers were burning stubble in an effort to dry land for seeding. On hay and pasture land, 85% of reporters report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, while 12% rate topsoil moisture conditions as short. Rain is needed in areas of CD 3ase to promote grass growth.

Some seeding progress was made and south eastern farmers report 8% of the 2006 crop planted, up from 2% last week. Crop Districts 3an and 3ase are furthest advanced at 12% seeded. Crop District 1b is least advanced with 5% seeded. Crops being seeded include peas, durum, spring wheat, lentils, barley, and canola.

Two per cent of both the winter wheat and the fall rye were winterkilled in the southeast. Some of the “winterkill” was actually spring drown out.

Farmers continue with rock picking, spraying, and applying fertilizer and chemical. Supplies of some pasture mixes were in short supply in CD 2a.

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

This past week in the southwest was cool with snow early in the week, changing to more moderate temperatures as the week progressed. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from 3 mm reported in CD 3asw, to an average high of 14 mm in CD 4b. The wind caused some crop erosion in CD 4a. There were also reports of some germination problems due to dry soil in CD 4a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved as 83% of reporters rated moisture as adequate, compared to 78% last week. Thirteen per cent rate cropland topsoil moisture as short. On hay and pasture land, 70% report adequate topsoil moisture conditions,

compared to 64% last week. Twenty-eight per cent rate hay and pasture land topsoil moisture as short. In CD 3bs, native grass land and light land are very short of moisture.

South western farmers report 27% of the 2006 crop planted, up from 12% last week. Crop District 4 is furthest advanced at 46% seeded and CD 3asw is least advanced at 10% seeded. Some early seeded crops are emerging.

One per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the southwest.

Gophers continue to be a problem in CD 3asw. There was some concern of frost damage to early crops and alfalfa in CD 3bn. Chickpea inoculant was in short supply in CD 3bs.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region started cool and damp last week, but turned milder by the end of the week. An average of 6 mm of precipitation, including snow, was reported. This ranged from an average low of 5 mm in CD 6a, to an average high of 7 mm in CD 5a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land remained the same as last week, with 56% of reporters rating moisture as surplus. Sloughs are numerous, there are lots of washouts in fields, and some roads are still flooded. On hay and pasture land, 72% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 63% last week.

East central farmers report 2% of the 2006 crop planted, up from

less than one half of 1% last week. Crop Districts 5a and 6a report 2% seeded, while CD 5b reports 1%. Crops being planted include peas and spring wheat.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the east central region. In some areas, fall crops were hurt more by spring flooding than by cold winter weather.

While waiting for the fields to dry enough for seeding, some farmers were harrowing, spraying, picking rocks, applying fertilizer, and repairing machinery. Many are facing heavy weed pressure. Flax straw was raked and burned. Some unharvested crop from 2005 was also burned. A shortage of diesel fuel was reported at one dealer in CD 5b.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region was cool with snow and rain until temperatures warmed up near the end of the week. An average of 14 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 13 mm in CD 6b to an average high of 14 mm in CD 7. Alfalfa was set back by the cold.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved with 26% of reporters rating moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 32% last week. On hay and pasture land, conditions were similar to last week with 83% of reporters indicating adequate topsoil moisture conditions.

West central farmers report 4% of the 2006 crop planted, up from less than one-half of 1% last week.

Crop Districts 6b and 7b are furthest advanced at 5% seeded. Crops planted include peas, lentils, spring wheat, and canola.

Six per cent of the winter wheat and 4% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the west central region. Much of the damage was due to spring drown-out.

Farmers were applying fertilizer and chemical, spraying, harrowing, fencing, and smoothing out wash-outs in the fields. Weed growth is heavy. There was a shortage of good oats and barley seed in CD 6b.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Snow and rain early in the week in the northeast turned warmer with some shower activity. An average of 16 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 12 mm reported in CD 9ae to an average high of 18 mm in CD 8b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated the same as last week with 54% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus. On hay and pasture land, 67% of reporters rate topsoil moisture as adequate, up slightly from 65% last week.

Some seeding progress was made this past week. North eastern farmers report 1% of the 2006 crop planted, up from nothing planted last week. District 8a is furthest advanced at 2% seeded.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northeast.

Some of the unharvested 2005 crop was burned and some was combined. Barley that was combined

was infected with fusarium. Farmers were applying fertilizer, spraying, harrowing, and smoothing ruts in fields.

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

This past week brought snow and rain to the northwest, and also some warm, sunny weather. An average of 24 mm of precipitation was reported, with some locations reporting up to 40 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 88% of north western reporters, compared to 85% last week. On hay and pasture land, 96% report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 85% last week.

Some seeding progress was made during the past week. North western farmers report 3% of the 2006 crop planted, up from one half of 1% last week. Crop District 9b is furthest advanced at 5% seeded. Peas are the primary crop that has been seeded.

One per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northwest. Much of the damage was from spring flooding.

There were shortages of some varieties of seed in CD 9aw as well as some germination issues. Some combining of the 2005 crop was done, but much of it had sustained wildlife damage. Farmers were harrowing, fertilizing, fencing, and spraying.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 6, 2006

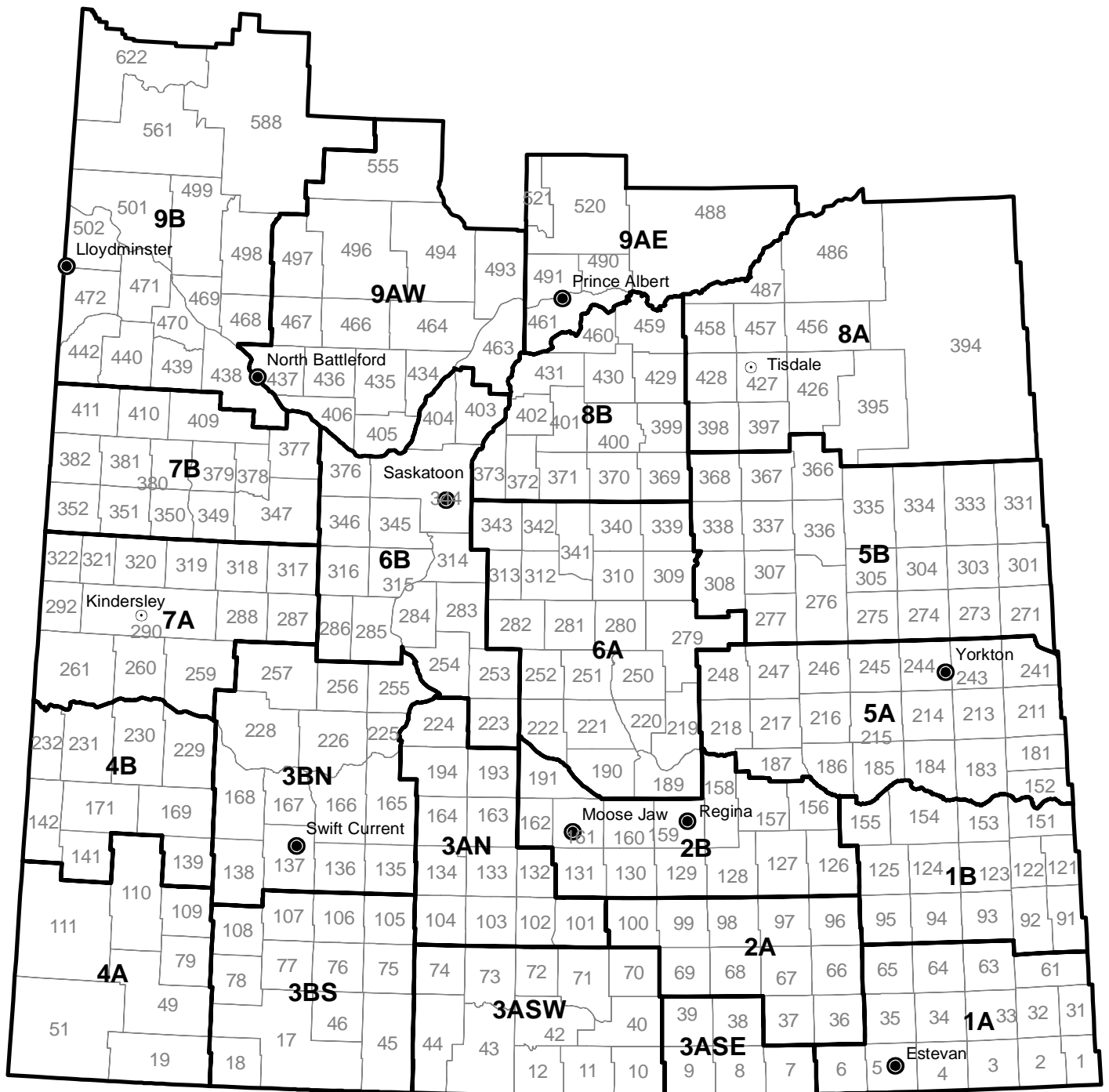
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Dist. No.	Name		Week	April 1	Dist. No.	Name	Week	April 1	Dist. No.	Name		Week	April 1	
1A	1	Argyle	10	60	136	Coulee	4	30	376 B	Eagle Creek		27	34	
	2	Mount Pleasant	18	82	138	Webb	8	20	404	Laird		25	31	
	3 B	Enniskillen	16	78	165	Morse	5	21	7A	259	Snipe Lake	15	28	
	33 B	Moose Creek	15	66	166	Excelsior	8	17	287	St. Andrews		8	22	
	34	Browning	14	102	167	Sask. Landing	10	35	288	Pleasant Valley		14	40	
	35	Benson	17	90	225	Canaan	5	15	292	Milton		29	56	
	63 A	Moose Mountain	50	52*	228 A	Lacadena	12	29	317 B	Marriott		13	41	
	64	Brock	10	92	228 B	Lacadena	11	37	317 C	Marriott		6	36	
	65	Tecumseh	5	77	255	Coteau	3	28	318 A	Mountain View		17	48	
1B	92	Walpole	26	65	257	Monet	15	29	318 B	Mountain View		26	50	
	93	Wawken	14	83	4A	49 A	White Valley	6	15	320	Oakdale		9	50
	95	Golden West	11	108		49 B	White Valley	12	18	321	Prairiedale		6	59
	122	Martin	38	116		51	Reno	4	17	7B	347 A	Biggar	17	31
	123	Silverwood	20	91		111 A	Maple Creek	11	19	350 A	Mariposa		18	39
	124	Kingsley	12	78		111 B	Maple Creek	18	23	350 B	Mariposa		11	47
	125	Chester	4	94	4B	139	Gull Lake	9	19	351	Progress		10	40
	151 A	Rocanville	43	132		141	Big Stick	13	20	352	Heart's Hill		12	42
	151 B	Rocanville	26	124		142	Enterprise	16	29	377	Glenside		22	33
	153	Willowdale	10	76		169	Pittville	6	8	378 A	Rosemount		15	37
	155	Wolseley	6	128		231	Happyland	20	36	378 B	Rosemount		13	24
2A	36	Cymri	12	89		232	Deer Forks	20	32	379	Reford		18	33
	66	Griffin	6	70	5A	152	Spy Hill	21	99	380 A	Tramping Lake		6	11
	67	Weyburn	5	85		185	Mcleod	6	91	381	Grass Lake		10	28
	68	Brokenshell	3	72		186	Abernethy	5	88	382	Eye Hill		20	35
	69	Norton	TR	77		187	North Qu'appelle	2	76	409	Buffalo		13	23
	96	Fillmore	4	83		211	Churchbridge	18	67	410	Round Valley		7	12
	99	Caledonia	TR	84		213	Saltcoats	9	63	411	Senlac		18	38
2B	126	Montmartre	1	69		216	Tullymet	3	87	8A	395	Porcupine	12	47
	127	Francis	3	80		217 B	Lipton	4	66	397	Barrier Valley		12	44
	128	Lajord	2	55		245 A	Garry	8	88	398	Pleasantdale		23	35
	129	Bratt's Lake	1	60		245 B	Garry	4	87	428	Star City		20	31
	131	Baildon	4	63		246	Ituna Bon Accord	7	81	456	Arborfield		7	33
	156 A	Indian Head	3	90		247	Kellross	4	93	457 A	Connaught		21	35
	156 B	Indian Head	4	95		248	Touchwood	3	49	457 B	Connaught		18	22
	157	South Qu'appelle	5	88	5B	271	Cote	7	68	458	Willow Creek		21	27
	158	Edenwold	2	73		273	Sliding Hills	11	50	486	Moose Range		10	26
	160	Pense	NIL	35		275 B	Insinger	7	76	487	Nipawin		15	25
	161	Moose Jaw	16	100		276	Foam Lake	2	71	8B	369	St. Peter	20	59
	191	Marquis	2	69		277	Emerald	4	70	370	Humboldt		16	37
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	6	85		304	Buchanan	6	65	371	Bayne		9	22
	9	Surprise Valley	1	77		307	Elfros	4	78	372	Grant		10	13
	38 A	Laurier	4	81		308	Big Quill	5	47	373	Aberdeen		10	21
	38 B	Laurier	2	57		333	Clayton	2	4*	400	Three Lakes		26	38
	39 B	The Gap	2	65		335	Hazel Dell	4	78	401	Hoodoo		16	16
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	51		336	Sasman	8	73	402	Fish Creek		20	26
	12	Poplar Valley	2	39		338	Lakeside	8	48	429 A	Flett's Springs		24	49
	40	Bengough	3	56		366 A	Kelvington	4	36	429 B	Flett's Springs		20	30
	42	Willow Bunch	3	65		366 B	Kelvington	4	37	430	Invergordon		21	24
	43 A	Old Post	3	45		367	Ponass Lake	8	50	431	St. Louis		14	16
	43 B	Old Post	2	40	6A	189	Lumsden	1	63	9AE	461	Prince Albert	15	21
	44	Waverley	8	79		190 B	Dufferin	3	69	488	Torch River		18	24
	71 A	Excel	7	70		190 C	Dufferin	1	53	520	Paddockwood		9	15
	71 B	Excel	2	56		219 C	Longlaketon	3	59	9AW	406	Mayfield	27	31
	71 C	Excel	5	109		220	Mckillop	3	61	435	Redberry		42	46
	73 A	Stonehenge	0	73		221	Sarnia	4	61	436	Douglas		33	37
	73 B	Stonehenge	5	78		222	Craik	11	59	463	Duck Lake		15	18
3AN	101 A	Terrell	2	71		251	Big Arm	3	42	464	Leask		26	29
	101 B	Terrell	1	53		252	Arm River	4	47	466	Meeting Lake		22	33
	102	Lake Johnston	4	65		279 A	Mount Hope	5	41	467	Round Hill		30	30
	132	Hillsborough	5	70		279 B	Mount Hope	7	57	467 B	Round Hill		15	15
	134	Shamrock	2	80		280	Wreford	4	42	493	Shellbrook		19	19
	164	Chaplin	7	40		282	Mccraney	2	21	494	Canwood		21	24
	193	Eyebrow	6	59		309	Prairie Rose	4	63	496	Spiritwood		21	25
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	5	34		312	Morris	4	32	555	Big River		17	17
	17 B	Val Marie	2	38		313	Lost River	5	22	9B	438 A	Battle River	20	21
	45	Mankota	TR	63		339 B	Leroy	7	48	438 B	Battle River		20	20
	46	Glen Mcpherson	NIL	48		340 A	Wolverine	7	47	440	Hillsdale		5	8
	75 A	Pinto Creek	2	55		340 B	Wolverine	8	46	468	Meota		30	30
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	26		343	Blucher	13	47	498 A	Parkdale		10	12
	76 B	Auvergne	6	39	6B	254	Loreburn	8	18	499	Mervin		14	16
	77	Wise Creek	5	24		283	Rosedale	5	14	501 A	Frenchman Butte		21	25
	78 A	Grassy Creek	7	21		284	Rudy	15	30	501 C	Frenchman Butte		40	40
	105	Glenbain	7	70		285	Fertile Valley	9	33	502	Britannia		35	38
	106	Whiska Creek	2	27		286	Milden	8	15	561	Loon Lake		32	32
	107	Lac Pelletier	7	14		344	Corman Park	15	25	588 A	Meadow Lake		14	14
	108	Bone Creek	13	32		345	Vanscoy	5	27	588 B	Meadow Lake		34	34
3BN	135	Lawtonia	3	50		346	Perdue	11	55	588 C	Meadow Lake		32	32
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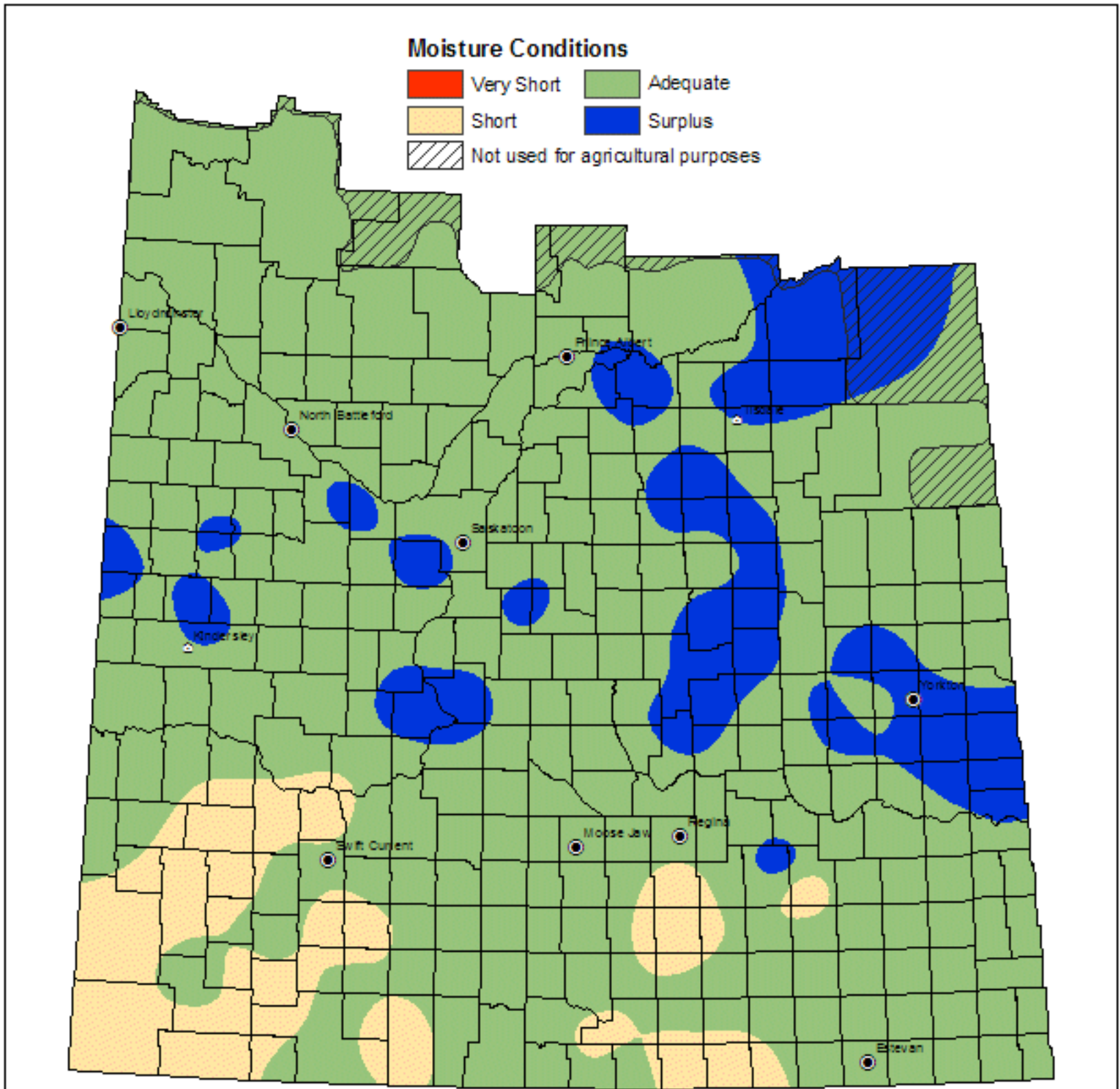
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities



Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

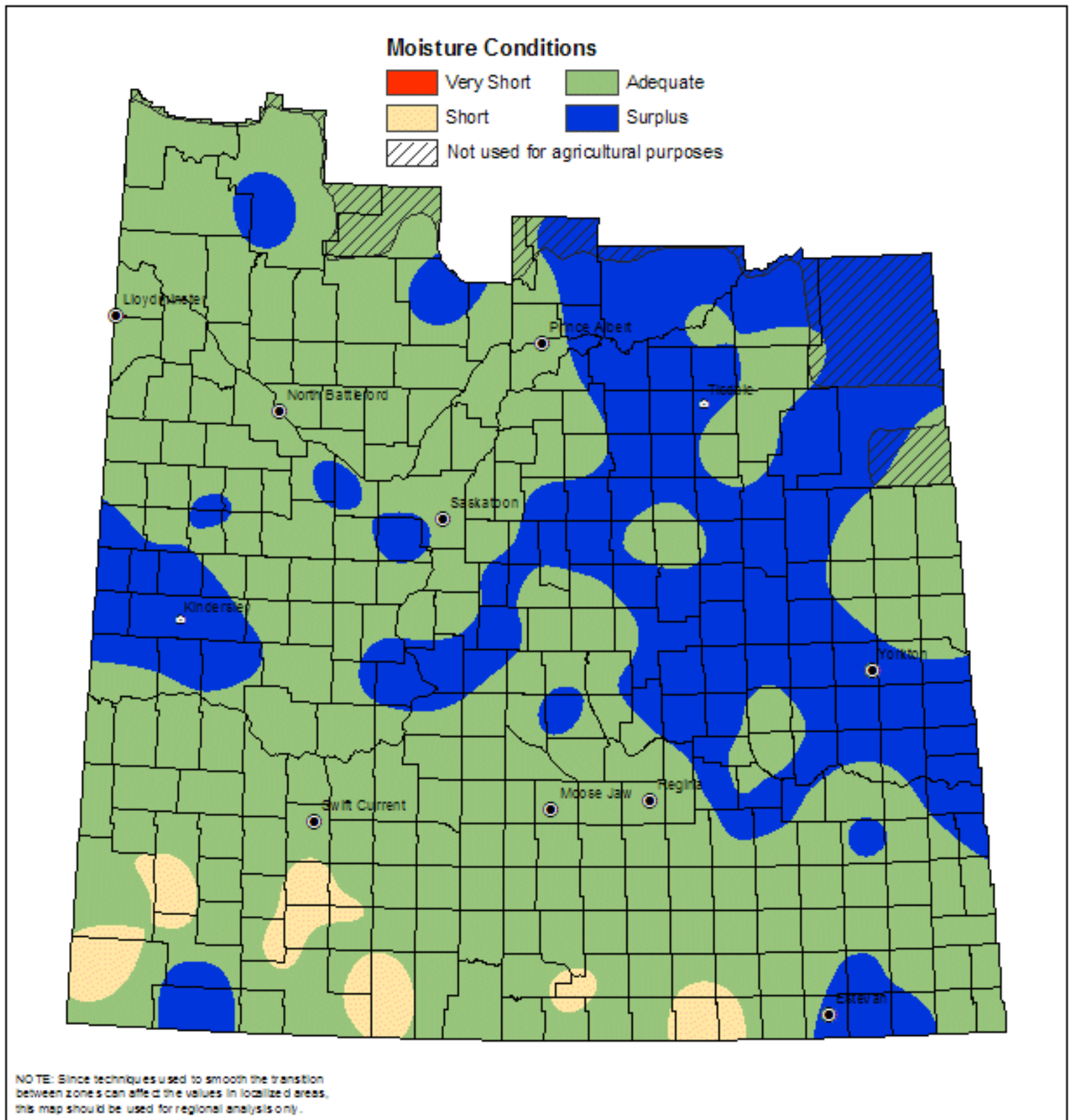
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Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions

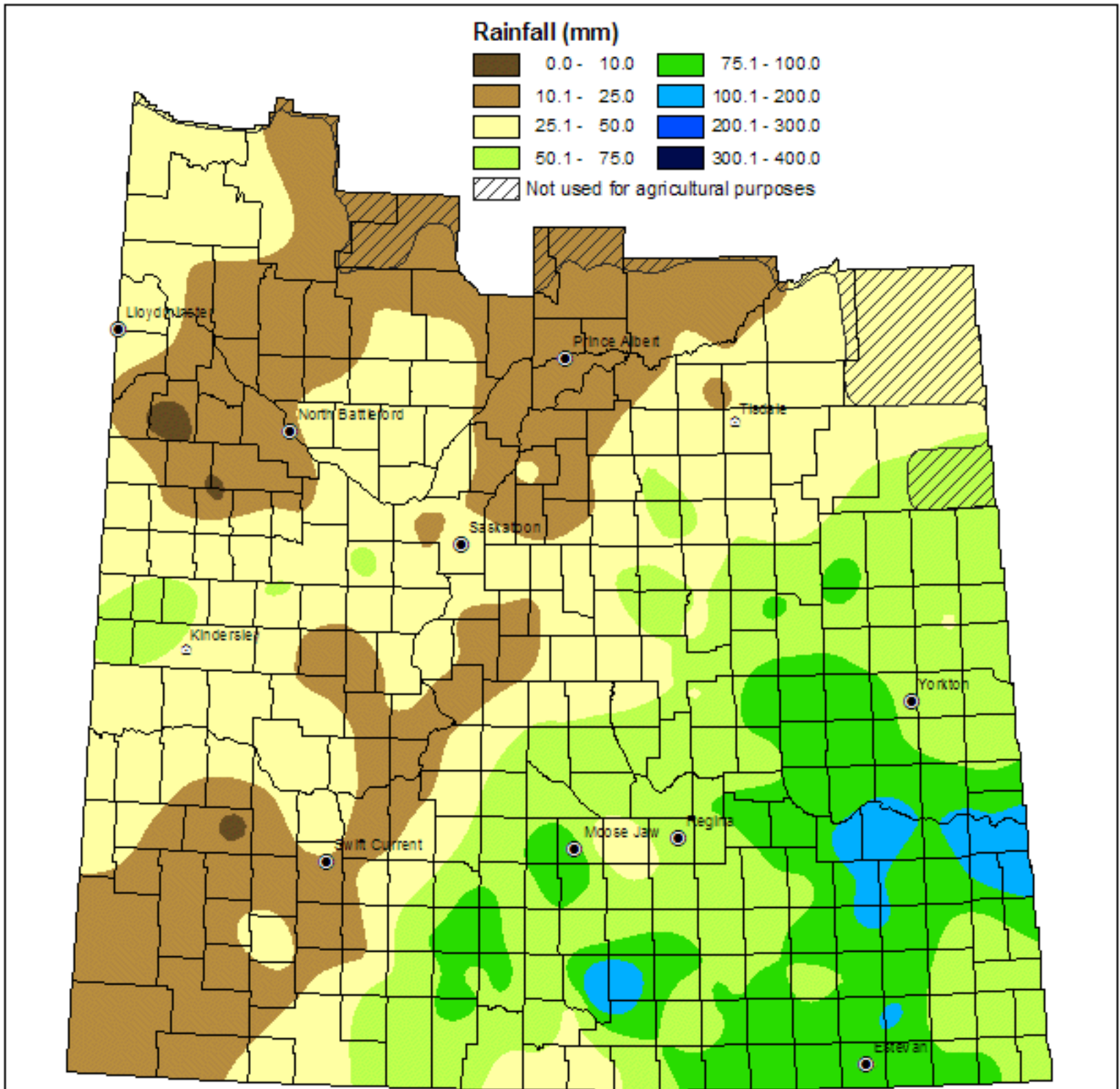
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Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2006

To: May 6, 2006



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