

Crop Report for May 14, 2006

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 25 per cent of the 2006 crop, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The five-year (2001-05) average shows that 30 per cent of the crop is normally seeded at this time. The southwest is reporting 57 per cent of the crop seeded, followed by the southeast region with 29 per cent seeded. The northeast has only seeded six per cent, due to wet soil conditions. Rain in east central and northeastern areas delayed drying of previously wet fields in those regions.

Fifty-seven per cent of the peas have been planted, 45 per cent of the lentils, 44 per cent of the chickpeas, 43 per cent of the durum, 26 per cent of the triticale, 25 per cent of the mustard, 23 per cent of the spring wheat, 16 per cent of the canola, 13 per cent of the barley, eight per cent of the flax, seven per cent of the oats and canary seed, and one per cent of the sunflowers. Early seeded crops are emerging in southern and central regions.

Two-thirds of the crop reporters rate their crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, similar to last week's report. Three-quarters of the crop reporters also indicated that their hay and pasture land have adequate topsoil moisture, which is also similar to last week. East central and northeastern areas of the province continue to report the wettest topsoil at this time.

Additional harvesting of the 2005 crop was completed last week in the southeast and in the northern regions.

Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 14/06	25
5-year Avg. (2001-05)	30
May 15/05	47
May 16/04	41
May 11/03	8
May 12/02	13
May 13/01	43

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1 Year Ago

47% of the 2005 crop was planted.

Strong winds and a lack of precipitation continued to dry out topsoil south of Saskatoon.

Reports of re-seeding canola, due mainly to frost damage, came from the southeast, southwest, and east central regions.

CD	May 14/06	May 15/05
1a	18	20
1b	21	41
2a	44	67
2b	32	44
3an	51	61
3ase	45	54
3asw	36	55
3bn	55	60
3bs	68	70
4a	66	83
4b	77	88
5a	7	41
5b	7	41
6a	13	40
6b	11	46
7a	19	60
7b	26	53
8a	5	38
8b	7	42
9ae	3	32
9aw	12	29
9b	19	29
Prov.	25	47

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

The southeast experienced a mix of weather conditions during the past week – cool, dry, showers, and thunderstorms. An average of 2 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of trace amounts reported in Crop Districts (CD) 1a and 2a, to an average high of 3 mm in CDs 1b and 2b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved with 88% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 78% last week. Eighty-one per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 85% last week. More short moisture areas were reported this week. Lighter soil were crusting in CD 2a.

South eastern farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 29% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 3ase is most advanced with 45% planted. Crop District 1a has the least planted at 18%.

Sixty-two per cent of the peas have been seeded in the southeast, as

has 46% of the lentils, 37% of the durum, 31% of the chickpeas and spring wheat, 25% of the canola, 23% of the mustard, 19% of the barley, 12% of the canary seed, and 11% of the oats. Early seeded crops are emerging.

Some fields are still wet in low spots and there were estimates of up to 20% of unseeded acres in individual fields.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 1a, there was still some talk of a certain amount of chemfallow as well as changes if the weather stays hot and dry. From CD 2a, some have moved from durum to spring wheat. From CD 2b, some are planting more lentils and flax than originally intended and some are switching some acres to spring wheat and chickpeas. From CD 3ase, there could be more cereals and less lentils.

Cattle are being moved out to summer pastures. There are some dry areas where rain is required to keep pastures and hay in good shape. Unharvested 2005 crops were being burned in CD 2b.

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

The southwest was generally cool and windy with some showers during the past week. An average of 7 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 3asw, to an average high of 14 mm in CD 3bn. Hail was reported west of Assiniboia for the third time this spring. Hail was also reported in the Richmond area.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated somewhat during the past week. Seventy-seven per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 84% last week. Sixty-two per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate,

compared to 70% last week. Some hay and pasture land is suffering from lack of moisture.

South western farmers continued to make good seeding progress. Reports show 57% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 4b is most advanced with 77% planted. Crop District 3asw has 36% planted.

Eighty-three per cent of the peas have been planted, as has 67% of the lentils, 61% of the canola, 57% of the chickpeas and durum, 52% of the spring wheat, 47% of the mustard, 46% of the barley, and 41% of the triticale. Early seeded crops are emerging.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 3asw, because of lack of topsoil moisture, shallow-seeded crops like canola and mustard may be replaced by cereals, there could be more summerfallow, and there may be less durum planted. From CD 3bs, mustard could be down and peas up.

Gophers are a problem in CD 3bs.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region saw cool temperatures and some shower activity during the past week. An average of 14 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 22 mm reported in CD 5b. Over 50 mm was reported in the Leroy area, including some hail.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly during the past week. Fifty-four per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 58% last week. Farmers are struggling with getting stuck as they try to do their spring work. Seventy-four per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 69% last week.

Some farmers are burning stubble in an attempt to speed up the drying of their fields; others are harrowing.

East central farmers made some seeding progress last week. Reports show 10% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop Districts 5a and 5b each have 7% planted while CD 6a has 13% planted.

Thirty-two per cent of the peas have been planted, as has 19% of the lentils, 12% of the canola, 9% of the spring wheat, and 8% of the durum.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 5a, more acres could be switched to barley and oats and there will be more summerfallow than normal. From CD 5b, some are considering shorter season canola, some are cleaning extra barley, more acres will be going into oats, and other will be reconsidering if they don't make good progress this week. From CD 6a, not as much barley is going in, more canola and spring wheat will be planted, and more acres will be seeded to fall crops.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central regions were generally cool with some wind and showers during the past week. An average of 10 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in CD 7b, to an average high of 15 mm reported in CD 6b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated this past week. Thirty-six per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 27% last week. Seventy-nine per cent of reporters also rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 83% last week.

West central farmers made good seeding progress last week.

Reports show 18% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 7b is most advanced with 26% planted. Crop District 6b has 11% planted.

Fifty-five per cent of the peas have been planted, as well as 27% of the lentils, 19% of the canola, 16% of the wheat, 14% of the durum, and 12% of the barley. Good oat seed is in short supply in CD 7a.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 6b, more canola will be seeded because of the good moisture conditions. From CD 7b, farmers are cutting back on barley.

Many farmers are getting stuck in the fields so are needing warm, drying weather.

Cattle are being moved out to pastures.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Many areas of the northeast had some showers during the past week. An average of 14 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 7 mm in CD 8a, to an average high of 22 mm in CD 8b. Several areas in CD 8b received 30 mm or more of rain. Half of the RM of Porcupine Plain received over 60 mm in a heavy thundershower.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were similar to last week. Fifty-two per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 54% last week. Sixty-five per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 68% last week.

North eastern farmers made some seeding progress last week. Reports show 6% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 8b is most advanced with 7% planted. Crop District 9ae has 3% planted.

Fourteen per cent of the peas and 10% of the spring wheat are planted.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 8a, because of very wet fields, there could be less wheat, and more barley or canola. From CD 8b, some seeding intentions will be changing due to wet soil conditions.

Some 2005 wheat was combined in CD 8a early in the week. In the Yellow Creek area, 95% of the 2005 crop has been combined.

Many farmers are getting stuck as they try to do spring field work.

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

The northwest was generally cool and windy during the past week. An average of 8 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 13 mm in CD 9aw.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated with 24% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 14% last week. Eighty-six per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 93% last week.

North western farmers made some seeding progress last week. Reports show 15% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 9b is furthest advanced with 19% seeded, while CD 9aw has 12% planted.

Thirty-eight per cent of the peas have been planted, as well as 20% of the spring wheat and 15% of the canola.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 9a, plenty of hay is going in and there is also lots of summerfallow. From CD 9b, it is expected that there will be more summerfallow.

There was some combining of the 2005 crop in CD 9aw.

Cattle are being put out to pasture, but some are still being fed, either at home or on pasture.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 13, 2006

Crop Municipality					Crop Municipality					Crop Municipality				
Dist. No.	Name	Past Week	Since April 1		Dist. No.	Name	Past Week	Since April 1		Dist. No.	Name	Past Week	Since April 1	
1A	2 Mount Pleasant	NIL	82		166	Excelsior	9	26		376 B	Eagle Creek	5	39	
	3 B Enniskillen	TR	78		167	Sask. Landing	8	43		7A	259 Snipe Lake	14	42	
	32 Reciprocity	NIL	42		226	Victory	33	47			287 St. Andrews	9	31	
	33 A Moose Creek	NIL	63		228 A	Lacadena	17	46			288 Pleasant Valley	3	43	
	63 B Moose Mountain	NIL	69		228 B	Lacadena	17	54			292 Milton	3	59	
	64 Brock	NIL	92		257	Monet	19	48			317 B Marriott	17	58	
1B	93 Wawken	NIL	83		4A	51 Reno	3	20			317 C Marriott	6	42	
	93 B Wawken	NIL	76			110 Piapot	12	44			318 A Mountain View	10	58	
	95 Golden West	NIL	108			111 A Maple Creek	6	25			318 B Mountain View	11	61	
	121 Moosomin	TR	78*			111 B Maple Creek	15	38			320 Oakdale	11	61	
	123 Silverwood	5	96			139 Gull Lake	9	28			321 Prairiedale	6	65	
	124 Kingsley	1	79		4B	141 Big Stick	12	32		7B	347 A Biggar	5	36	
	125 Chester	NIL	94			142 Enterprise	10	39			347 B Biggar	2	36	
	151 A Rocanville	7	139			169 Pittville	11	19			350 A Mariposa	0	40	
	151 B Rocanville	18	142			231 Happyland	4	40			350 B Mariposa	10	57	
	153 Willowdale	NIL	76			232 Deer Forks	3	35			351 Progress	4	44	
	155 Wolseley	NIL	128		5A	152 Spy Hill	15	114			377 Glenside	10	43	
2A	36 Cymri	NIL	89			183 Fertile Belt	2	110			378 A Rosemount	3	40	
	67 Weyburn	NIL	85			184 A Grayson	NIL	49			378 B Rosemount	1	25	
	68 Brokenshell	NIL	72			185 Mcleod	5	96			379 Reford	4	37	
	69 Norton	TR	77			186 Abernethy	2	90			382 Eye Hill	12	47	
	96 Fillmore	NIL	83			211 Churchbridge	5	72		8A	395 Porcupine	2	49	
	97 Wellington	TR	67			213 Saltoats	4	67			397 Barrier Valley	26	70	
	99 Caledonia	TR	84			216 Tullymet	2	89			398 Pleasantdale	22	57	
2B	126 Montmartre	TR	69			217 B Lipton	NIL	66			428 Star City	7	38	
	127 Francis	TR	80			241 Calder	9	70			456 Arborfield	5	38	
	128 Lajord	NIL	55			245 A Garry	10	98			457 A Connaught	2	37	
	129 Bratt's Lake	2	62			245 B Garry	8	95			457 B Connaught	1	23	
	131 Baildon	2	65			246 Ituna Bon Accord	4	85			458 Willow Creek	4	31	
	156 A Indian Head	3	93			247 Kellross	4	97			486 Moose Range	1	27	
	156 B Indian Head	11	106		5B	271 Cote	7	75			487 Nipawin	1	26	
	157 South Qu'appelle	4	92			275 A Insinger	29	146		8B	369 St. Peter	24	83	
	158 Edenwold	0	74			275 B Insinger	7	83			370 Humboldt	30	67	
	160 Pense	NIL	35			276 Foam Lake	18	89			371 Bayne	30	52	
	161 Moose Jaw	6	106			304 Buchanan	15	80			372 Grant	32	45	
	191 Marquis	5	74			307 Elfros	27	105			373 Aberdeen	36	57	
3ASE	8 Lake Alma	NIL	85			308 Big Quill	25	72			399 Lake Lenore	12	50	
	9 Surprise Valley	1	78			333 Clayton	18	61			401 Hoodoo	12	28	
	38 A Laurier	NIL	81			335 Hazel Dell	38	116			402 Fish Creek	36	62	
	38 B Laurier	NIL	57			336 Sasman	18	91			429 B Flett's Springs	5	35	
	39 A The Gap	2	74			338 Lakeside	44	92			430 Invergordon	8	32	
	39 B The Gap	3	68			366 A Kelvington	4	40			431 St. Louis	15	32	
3ASW	10 Happy Valley	3	54			366 B Kelvington	28	65		9AE	461 Prince Albert	17	38	
	12 Poplar Valley	7	46			367 Ponass Lake	30	80			488 Torch River	2	26	
	42 Willow Bunch	7	72		6A	189 Lumsden	6	69		9AW	405 Great Bend	11	32	
	43 A Old Post	3	48			190 A Dufferin	1	47			406 Mayfield	8	39	
	43 B Old Post	3	43			190 B Dufferin	1	70			435 Redberry	13	59	
	44 Waverley	1	80			190 C Dufferin	TR	53			436 Douglas	10	47	
	70 Key West	NIL	67			219 B Longlaketon	4	63			463 Duck Lake	30	48	
	71 A Excel	NIL	70			219 C Longlaketon	1	60			464 Leask	25	54	
	73 A Stonehenge	NIL	73			220 Mckillop	3	64			466 Meeting Lake	18	51	
	73 B Stonehenge	5	83			221 Sarnia	2	63			467 Round Hill	2	32	
3AN	101 B Terrell	3	56			222 Craik	8	67			467 B Round Hill	5	20	
	102 Lake Johnston	3	67			251 Big Arm	1	43			493 Shellbrook	15	34	
	103 Sutton	NIL	63*			252 Arm River	TR	47			494 Canwood	9	40	
	134 Shamrock	1	81			279 A Mount Hope	3	44			496 Spiritwood	18	43	
	193 Eyebrow	3	62			280 Wreford	15	57			555 Big River	8	25	
	194 Enfield	20	39			282 Mccraney	6	27		9B	438 A Battle River	2	23	
3BS	17 A Val Marie	10	44			309 Prairie Rose	26	89			438 B Battle River	11	31	
	17 B Val Marie	4	42			312 Morris	12	44			468 Meota	TR	30	
	45 Mankota	1	64			313 Lost River	13	35			470 Paynton	NIL	16	
	46 Glen Mcpherson	5	53			339 A Leroy	38	45			472 Wilton	14	40	
	75 A Pinto Creek	7	62			339 B Leroy	52	99			498 A Parkdale	2	14	
	75 B Pinto Creek	NIL	60			340 A Wolverine	34	81			498 B Parkdale	NIL	15	
	76 A Auvergne	2	28			340 B Wolverine	38	84			499 Mervin	TR	16	
	76 B Auvergne	5	44			341 Viscount	32	52			501 A Frenchman Butte	4	29	
	77 Wise Creek	5	29			343 Blucher	36	83			501 B Frenchman Butte	NIL	21	
	78 A Grassy Creek	7	28		6B	254 Loreburn	24	42			501 C Frenchman Butte	3	43	
	78 B Grassy Creek	5	28			283 Rosedale	17	31			502 Britannia	8	46	
	105 Glenbain	5	75			284 Rudy	24	54			561 Loon Lake	4	36	
	106 Whiska Creek	5	32			285 Fertile Valley	28	61			588 A Meadow Lake	14	28	
	108 Bone Creek	8	40			286 Milden	24	39			588 B Meadow Lake	3	37	
3BN	135 Lawtonia	4	53			344 Corman Park	4	29			588 C Meadow Lake	4	36	
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	138 Webb	13	33			346 Perdue	10	65						

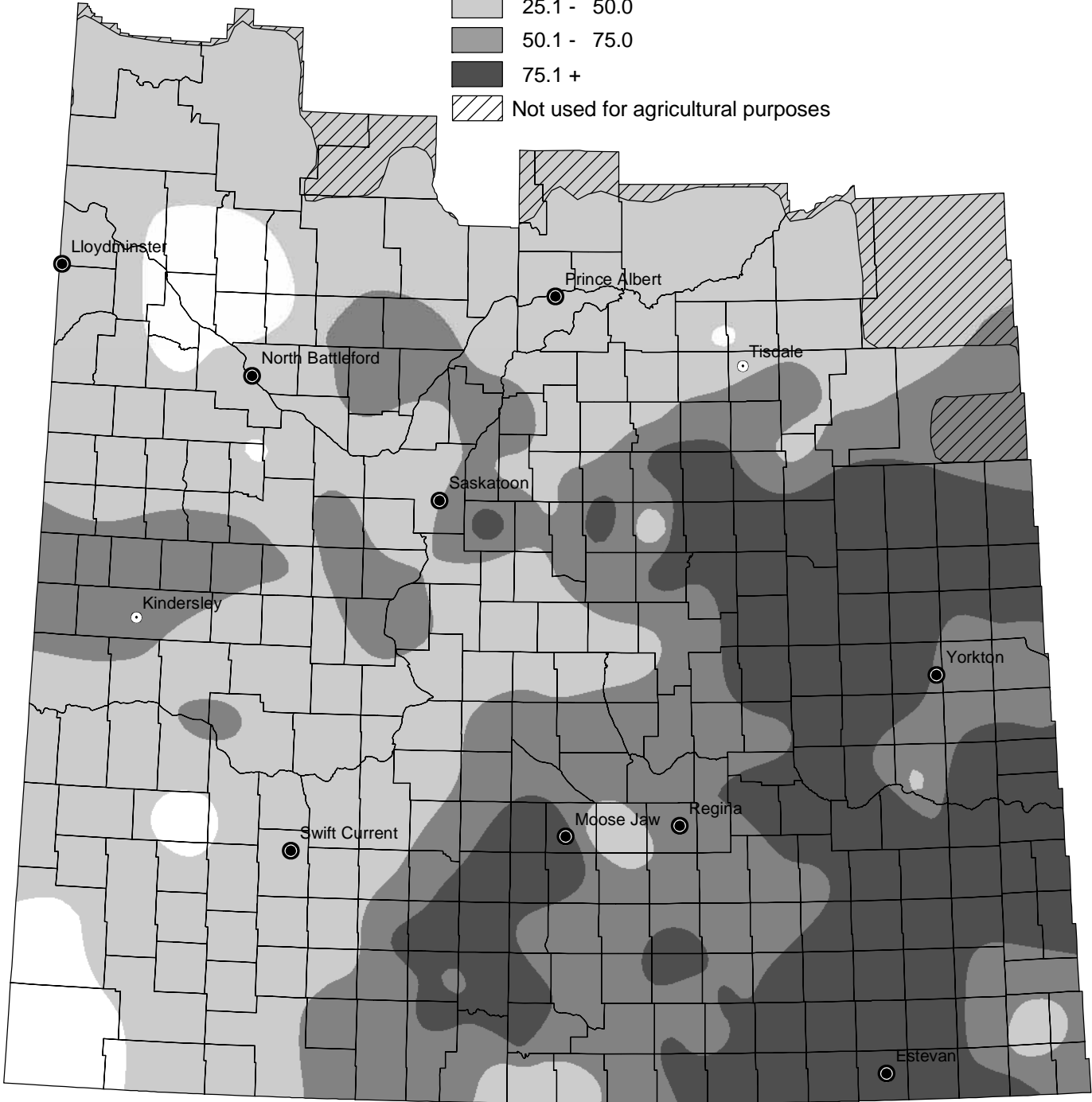
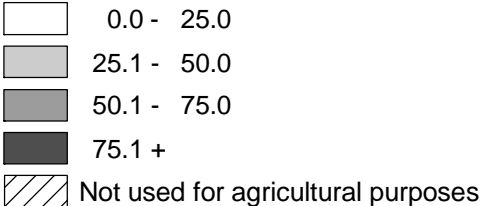
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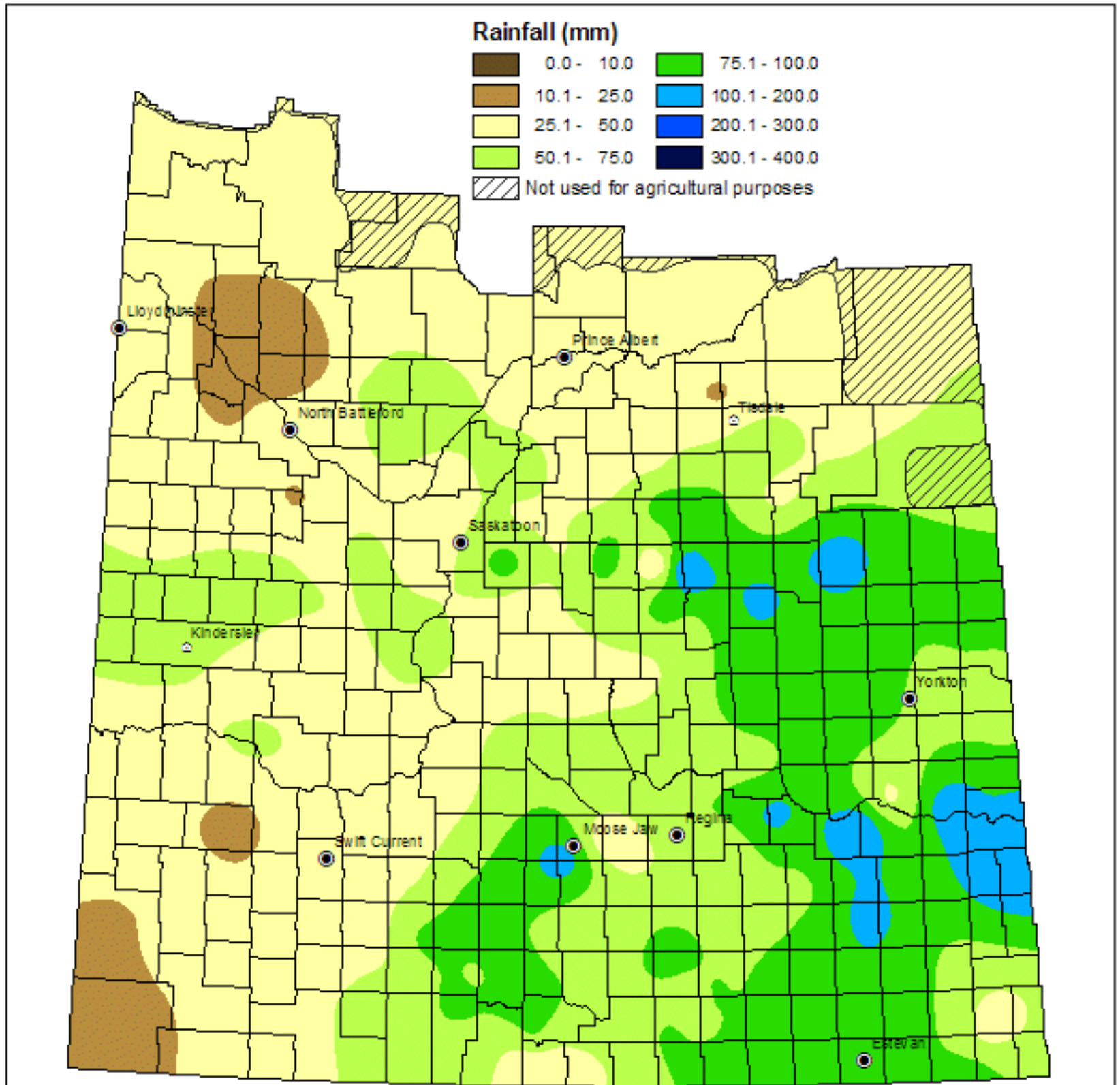
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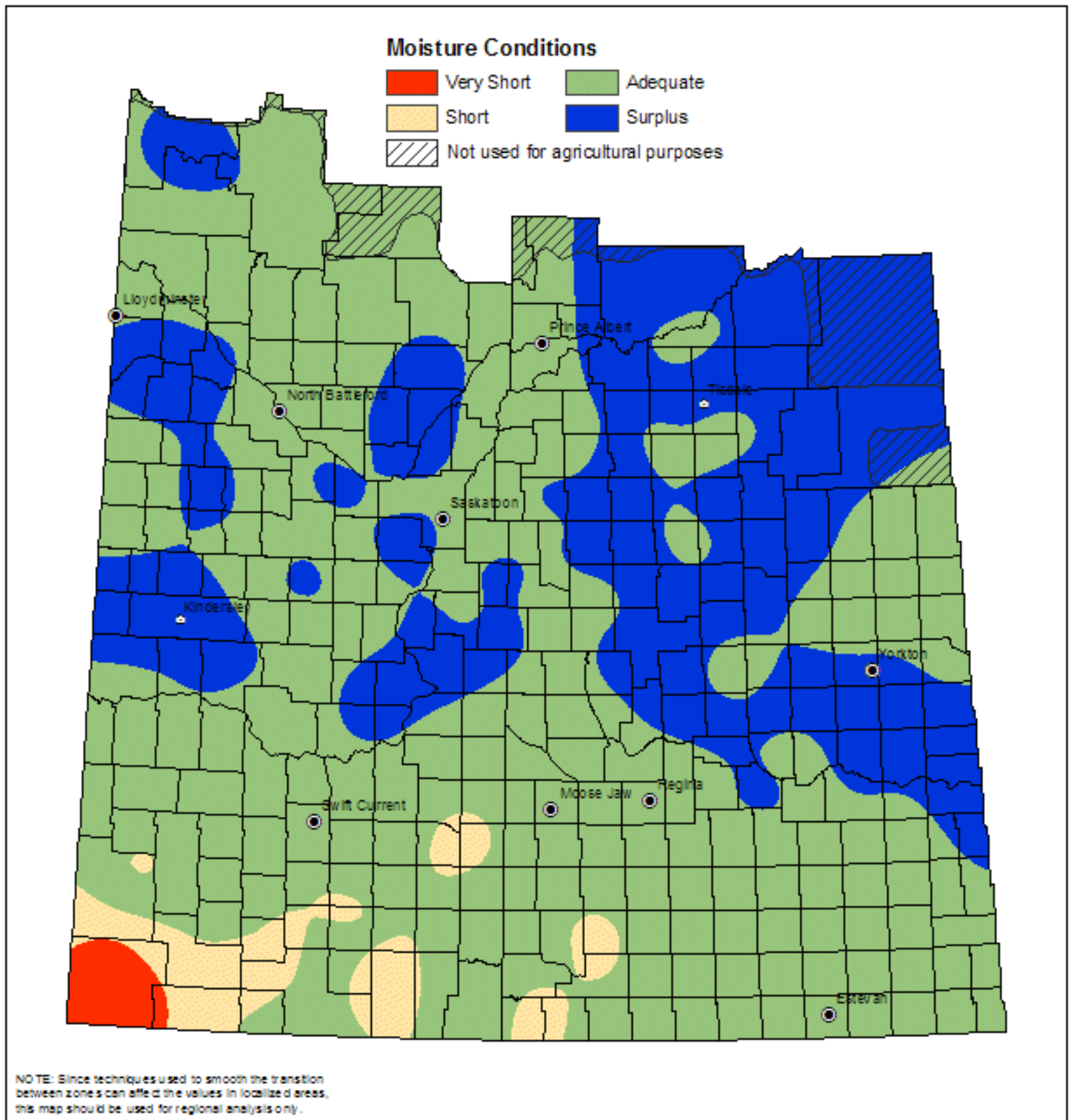
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Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions

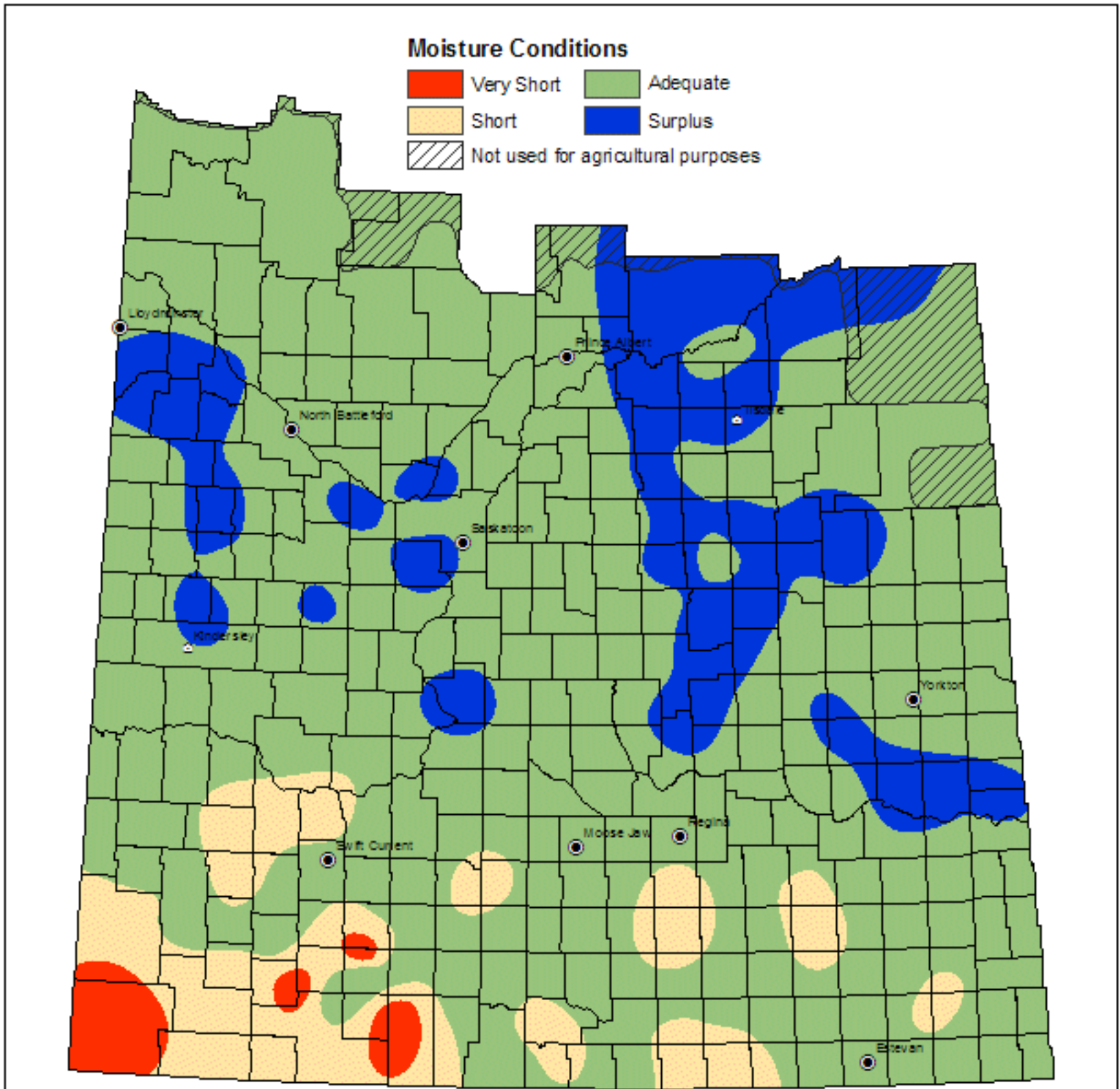
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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