

## Crop Report for May 28, 2006

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 80 per cent of the 2006 crop, up from 64 per cent the previous week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Problems due to excess moisture increased in some areas of northern and central Saskatchewan last week. Over one-quarter of crop reporters now rate topsoil moisture as surplus on crop land.

Limited progress was made with fieldwork in many areas of the province, due to wet and/or windy weather. Crop reporters indicated there is talk of changes to seeding plans, as seeding operations were again delayed by rain.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April. Over 80 per cent of the reporters rated pastures in their area as good to excellent. The percentage of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as short or very short, decreased to 15 per cent from 33 per cent the previous week. While livestock water supplies are generally adequate across the province, localized areas in the south are reporting insufficient supplies of livestock water.

Crops are generally emerging well. There have been reports of flea beetles sightings in some areas, as well as reports of gophers damaging crops and pasture. There was also some flooding of low lying areas, and some seed was washed out as a result of water erosion. Hail was reported in a number of localized areas, but damage to crops was expected to be minimal.

### Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 28/06	80
5-year Avg. (2001-05)	80
May 29/05	85
May 31/04	79
May 25/03	69
May 26/02	74
May 27/01	93

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Important Saskatchewan Crop Insurance deadlines in June:

- Crop Insurance will not accept yield-loss liability for any spring crops seeded after June 20, with the exception of greenfeed. If your crop has failed to adequately establish or has suffered significant damage, contact your customer service office by June 20.
- Unseeded acreage claims (too wet to seed) must be registered by June 25.
- Seeded Acreage Reports are due June 25. Seeded acreage information is necessary to calculate your 2006 coverage and any claims. Seeded acreage forms were mailed to customers at the end of May but now may be completed online by CropConnect customers.
- The deadline to seed greenfeed is June 30. Greenfeed seeded acres must be reported to Crop Insurance by July 5.

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## 1 Year Ago

85% of the 2005 crop was seeded.

Wet and/or windy weather limited fieldwork progress.

Many pastures had sufficient moisture, but lacked heat units for good growth.

**Seeding Progress by Crop District**

CD	May 28/06	May 29/05
1a	89	69
1b	78	80
2a	90	89
2b	87	85
3an	92	92
3ase	92	93
3asw	90	87
3bn	92	95
3bs	96	97
4a	99	98
4b	97	99
5a	69	81
5b	53	73
6a	74	85
6b	85	88
7a	88	94
7b	88	91
8a	52	77
8b	70	85
9ae	66	91
9aw	70	85
9b	79	69
Prov.	80	85

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

Last week started off warm in the southeast and then turned cool and damp. An average of 19 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 8 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 3ase, to an average high of 24 mm reported in CD 2a. Over 50 mm was reported in the Tantallon and Midale areas. Rainfall amounts were variable within RMs and reporters told of amounts of 75 mm and more in their areas. Soil erosion from fast running water was reported in the Moosomin area.

Reasonable seeding progress was made this past week to bring the southeast seeding completion up to 87%. Crop District 3ase is furthest advanced at 92% complete while CD 1b is least advanced at 78% complete. Areas that did not receive much rain have quit seeding flax as the topsoil is so dry.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week as 72% of reporters indicated that their districts had adequate moisture, compared with 64% last week. On hay and pasture land, 72% of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 56% last week.

Pasture conditions have improved in the southeast since the end of April. Over 80% of reporters rate their pastures in good to excellent condition, compared to less than 60% at the end of April. Ninety-four per cent of reporters rate livestock water supplies as adequate. Water shortages are found in CD 3ase. Some pastures in the Ceylon area have no water.

Crops are generally emerging nicely and the recent rains will be beneficial for crop growth. Fall-seeded crops are looking good, though there was some drown-out in the Tantallon area. In-crop spraying is underway as the weather permits.

Flea beetles were sighted in areas across the region, but damage is minimal at this time. Gophers are still causing damage in CD 1b. Livestock producers in the Minton area lost some calves to predators.

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

The southwest started off hot and dry this past week, and then mid-week the rains came, though not every area was fortunate to receive the amounts they wanted. An

average of 24 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 7 mm reported in CD 4b, to an average high of 36 mm reported in CD 3asw. Over 70 mm was reported in the Gravelbourg and Glenbain areas. As in the southeast, rainfall was variable. Hail was reported in a few areas, and did damage to alfalfa crops east of Gravelbourg. There was hail damage to buildings in the Beechy area. There was some soil erosion from flooding in CD 3asw and areas of fields will likely need to be re-seeded.

Some seeding progress brought the southwest seeding completion up to 93%. Crop District averages vary between 90 and 99% complete.

Crops are emerging better with the rain. Rain also helped the fall-seeded crops though these crops remain short and stressed in CD 4.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week. Seventy-one per cent of reporters indicated that their districts have adequate moisture, compared with 37% last week. On hay and pasture land, 55% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 24% last week.

Pasture conditions have deteriorated since the end of April when 72% of reporters rated conditions as good to excellent. At the end of May, 54% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. The recent rain will help improve pastures. Ninety-three per cent of reporters rate livestock water

availability as adequate. Ratings of inadequate come from CDs 3asw, 3bs, and 4a. Some producers are hauling water for their stock in the Swift Current area.

Flea beetles were found in the canola in the Glenbain area. Gophers are becoming very numerous in the Shaunavon area.

Farmers were spraying, cultivating, seeding grass, rolling pulse crops, and fixing fences. Reporters in the Val Marie area were complaining of a thick crust on the summerfallow.

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

The east central region was cold and wet during the past week. An average of 28 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 24 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 33 mm reported in CD 5a. Over 70 mm of rain was reported in the Theodore area. Pea-sized hail was reported in the Bethune area. As much as 20% of the crop has been lost to flooding in the Churchbridge area. As well, water is flowing into basements and feedlots are turning into mud holes.

The east central region averaged the highest percentage of crop seeded during the past week, bringing seeding completion up to 66%. Regional reports vary between 53 and 74% complete.

Some reporters express doubt about being able to finish seeding. Some individuals have not been able

to start seeding their land at all. Reporters also suggest that more feed crops could be seeded or there could be more summerfallow. In CD 6a, some acres of barley, canola, and pulses were switched to wheat. Also canola acres are being changed to shorter season canola varieties.

Crops are germinating nicely. The rain will be helpful as areas in the south part of the region were getting dry on top.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week with the precipitation. Sixty-three per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have surplus moisture on crop land. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions also got wetter, with 38% of reporters indicating surplus moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 60% of reporters rated conditions as good. At the end of May, 94% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. Supplies of water for livestock are adequate across the region.

Weed growth is heavy, and spraying is underway as weather and field conditions permit. Fall-seeded crops are growing well.

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

West central regions were unsettled this past week. An average of 22 mm of precipitation was

reported for the region, ranging from an average low of 15 mm reported in CD 6b, to an average high of 30 mm reported in CD 7b. Over 75 mm was reported north of Macklin. Some hail was reported in the Major, Wilkie, and Kerrobert areas. Rainfall amounts were variable within RMs.

Some seeding progress was made this past week to bring west central seeding completion up to 87%. Crop District reports vary between 85 and 88% complete. Reporters expect that 10 to 20% of acres may not be seeded due to the surplus moisture – this would be parts of fields rather than whole fields. Crops are emerging nicely.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated somewhat during the past week with 17% of reporters indicating that their districts have surplus moisture, up from 6% the previous week. On hay and pasture land, 86% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, down from 91% the previous week.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 86% of reporters rated their pastures as good to excellent. At the end of May, 100% rate them good to excellent. Livestock water availability is adequate across the region.

Weed growth is strong. Spraying has been slow with less than ideal weather conditions. Glyphosphate was in short supply in the Rosetown area.

Fall rye is starting to head out in the Perdue area. Flea beetles were reported in the Kerrobert area.

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

A warm, dry week turned cool and wet in the northeast during the past week. An average of 29 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 24 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 36 mm reported in CD 8a. Over 60 mm was reported in the Porcupine Plain area. Washouts south of Tisdale that had been filled in were washed out again. Reporters tell of one quarter that had a washout 30 feet wide and 2 feet deep.

Reasonable seeding progress was made this past week to bring the northeast seeding completion up to 63%. Crop District reports vary between 52 and 70% complete. Producers in the wettest areas are not expecting to seed all of their land this spring.

Reporters indicate that there may be more summerfallow acres than first expected.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week with the rainfall. Two-thirds of reporters indicate that their districts have surplus moisture, compared to 14% last week. On hay and pasture land, 54% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 100% last week. The balance report surplus moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northeast since the end of April when less than 75% of reporters rated pastures as good to excellent. At the end of May, all reporters give the good to excellent rating. Livestock water supplies are considered adequate across the region.

There is still some canola to combine south of Tisdale, but the land needs to dry up a lot before that can be done. There is also some combining to be done in the Paddockwood area.

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

The northwest had a cool, windy week, with rain showers. An average of 30 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, ranging from an average low of 29 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 32 mm reported in CD 9aw. Over 70 mm was reported in the Debden area. Reporters indicated some variability in the rainfall amounts within RMs.

The northwest made some seeding progress during the past week, bringing seeding completion up to 74%. Crop district reports vary between 70 and 79% complete. Crops are emerging and looking good.

Reporters in the Meadow Lake area indicate that there is more chemfallow than there has been in years.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week as the surplus moisture area increased in size. Twenty-four per cent of reporters indicate that their districts have surplus moisture, compared to 4% the previous week. Moisture conditions improved on hay and pasture land as areas short of topsoil moisture moved into the adequate category.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northwest. At the end of April, 59% of reporters rated pastures in their district in good to excellent condition, while at the end of May, that number was 97%. Livestock water supplies are adequate across the region.

Gophers are damaging crops in the Rabbit Lake area.

# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 27, 2006

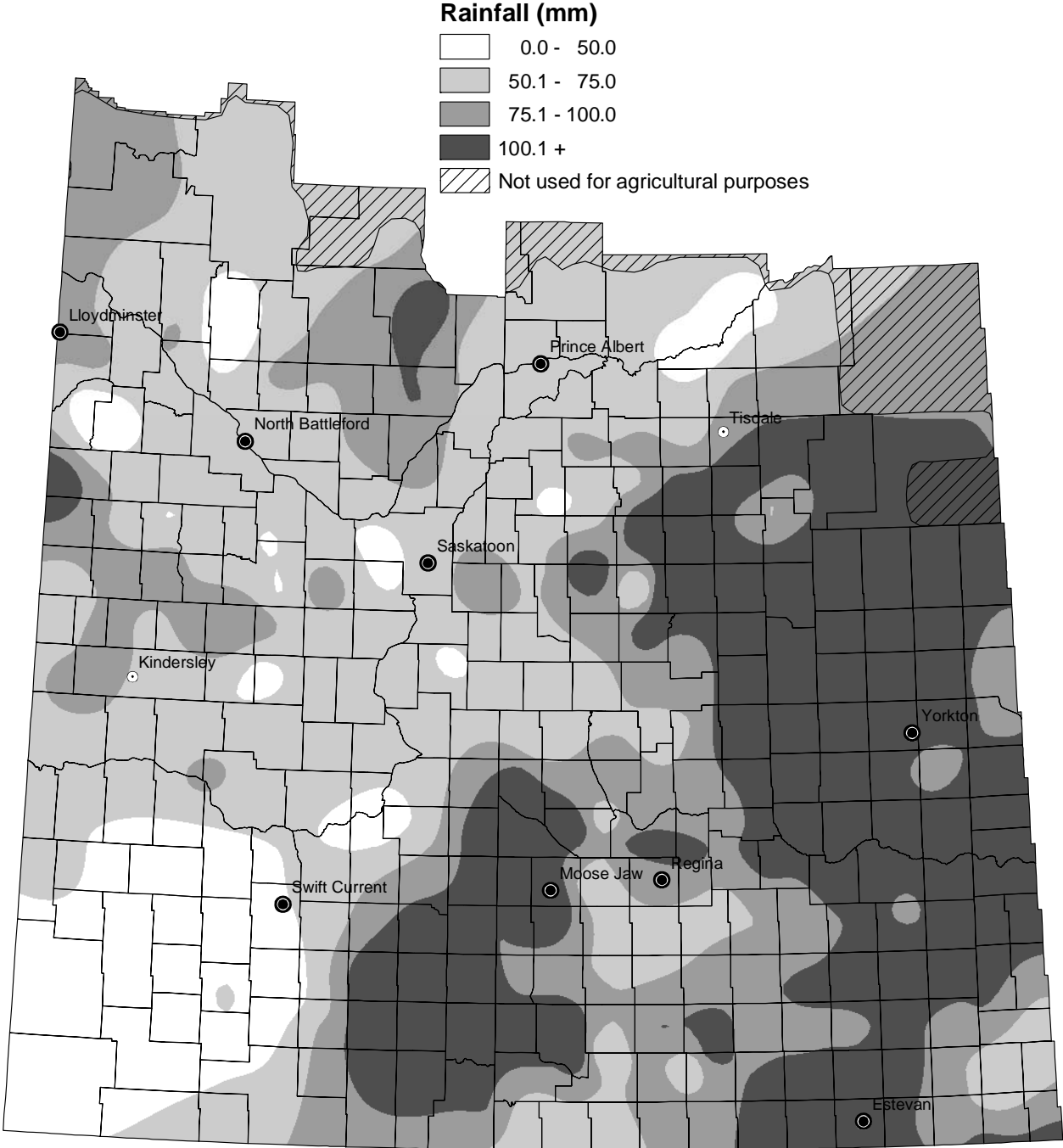
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Dist. No.	Name	Week	April 1	Dist. No.	Name	Week	April 1	Dist. No.	Name	Week	April 1	
1A	1 Argyle	45	110	105	Glenbain	71	147	286	Milden	18	65	
	2 Mount Pleasant	17	100	106	Whiska Creek	41	73	316	Harris	16	65	
	3 B Enniskillen	8	86	107	Lac Pelletier	14	34	344	Corman Park	16	45	
	32 Reciprocity	15	57	108	Bone Creek	7	52	345	Vanscoy	15	46	
	33 A Moose Creek	12	75	3BN	135 Lawtonia	43	104	346	Perdue	24	89	
	33 B Moose Creek	19	85	136	Coulee	32	67	376 A	Eagle Creek	11	54	
	34 Browning	22	124	138	Webb	8	44	376 B	Eagle Creek	18	57	
	35 Benson	19	111	166	Excelsior	26	56	404	Laird	24	82	
	61 Antler	7	60	167	Sask. Landing	7	51	7A	259 Snipe Lake	9	51	
	63 A Moose Mountain	22	98	225	Canaan	11	37	287	St. Andrews	13	44	
	63 B Moose Mountain	26	95	226	Victory	19	66	292	Milton	20	79	
	64 Brock	18	110	228 A	Lacadena	12	60	317 B	Marriott	20	83	
	65 Tecumseh	18	95	228 B	Lacadena	27	82	317 C	Marriott	21	63	
1B	91 Maryfield	9	81	257	Monet	15	69	318 A	Mountain View	33	92	
	92 Walpole	44	109	4A	19 Frontier	28	73	318 B	Mountain View	26	88	
	92 B Walpole	25	101	49 B	White Valley	10	28	320	Oakdale	10	71	
	93 Wawken	29	112	51	Reno	14	40	321	Prairiedale	24	89	
	95 Golden West	18	126	79	Arlington	7	22	322	Antelope Park	27	59	
	121 Moosomin	4	119	109	Carmichael	TR	45	7B	347 A	Biggar	11	49
	122 Martin	13	128	110	Piapot	NIL	44	347 B	Biggar	13	49	
	123 Silverwood	25	121	111 A	Maple Creek	7	32	350 A	Mariposa	41	80	
	124 Kingsley	21	100	111 B	Maple Creek	NIL	39	350 B	Mariposa	21	78	
	125 Chester	5	99	4B	139 Gull Lake	2	31	351	Progress	36	80	
	151 A Rocanville	11	150	141	Big Stick	6	41	352	Heart's Hill	13	63	
	151 B Rocanville	55	197	142	Enterprise	15	54	377	Glenside	24	67	
	153 Willowdale	34	110	169	Pittville	NIL	22	378 A	Rosemount	15	55	
	154 Elcapo	28	94	231	Happyland	11	55	379	Reford	19	57	
	155 Wolseley	22	150	232	Deer Forks	9	51	380 A	Tramping Lake	37	50	
2A	36 Cymri	57	146	5A	152 Spy Hill	58	172	381	Grass Lake	32	78	
	66 Griffin	20	90	183	Fertile Belt	19	129	409	Buffalo	40	67	
	67 Weyburn	9	94	185	Mcleod	29	125	410	Round Valley	43	66	
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	96 Fillmore	26	109	211	Churchbridge	70	147	397	Barrier Valley	45	117	
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	99 Caledonia	2	86	216	Tullymet	34	123	428	Star City	32	70	
2B	126 Montmartre	7	76	217 A	Lipton	30	88	456	Arborfield	49	87	
	127 Francis	2	82	217 B	Lipton	48	114	457 A	Connaught	42	79	
	128 Lajord	15	70	241	Calder	19	91	458	Willow Creek	15	46	
	129 Bratt's Lake	1	63	243	Wallace	40	123	486	Moose Range	24	51	
	131 Baildon	21	86	245 A	Garry	35	133	487	Nipawin	19	45	
	156 A Indian Head	11	105	246	Ituna Bon Accord	15	103	8B	369 St. Peter	48	131	
	156 B Indian Head	7	114	247	Kellross	43	140	370	Humboldt	20	87	
	157 South Qu'appelle	6	98	248	Touchwood	14	71	371	Bayne	18	70	
	158 Edenwold	30	104	5B	271 Cote	22	99	373	Aberdeen	3	60	
	160 Pense	33	68	273	Sliding Hills	22	73	399	Lake Lenore	25	75	
	161 Moose Jaw	38	149	275 A	Insinger	61	207	400	Three Lakes	20	58	
	191 Marquis	30	104	275 B	Insinger	74	157	401	Hoodoo	16	44	
3ASE	8 Lake Alma	6	91	276	Foam Lake	24	113	402	Fish Creek	4	66	
	9 Surprise Valley	2	84	277	Emerald	13	119	429 A	Flatt's Springs	32	82	
	38 A Laurier	16	97	304	Buchanan	31	112	429 B	Flett's Springs	27	68	
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	39 A The Gap	8	82	308	Big Quill	10	82	459	Kinistino	26	62	
	39 B The Gap	10	78	335	Hazel Dell	22	139	9AE	461 Prince Albert	30	68	
3ASW	10 Happy Valley	5	59	336	Sasman	30	121	488	Torch River	23	49	
	12 Poplar Valley	8	57	337	Lakeview	26	126	520	Paddockwood	30	45	
	40 Bengough	26	82	338	Lakeside	18	110	9AW	406 Mayfield	15	58	
	43 A Old Post	29	80	366 A	Kelvington	31	73	435	Redberry	10	73	
	43 B Old Post	48	95	366 B	Kelvington	33	99	436	Douglas	21	71	
	44 Waverley	50	132	367	Ponass Lake	33	112	463	Duck Lake	8	56	
	70 Key West	18	85	6A	189 Lumsden	31	100	464	Leask	44	100	
	71 A Excel	46	116	190 A	Dufferin	11	58	466	Meeting Lake	20	71	
	71 B Excel	54	111	190 B	Dufferin	39	110	467	Round Hill	35	67	
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	101 B Terrell	25	81	221	Sarnia	25	88	555	Big River	45	70	
	102 Lake Johnston	19	89	222	Craik	31	102	9B	438 A Battle River	38	61	
	103 Sutton	76	139	251	Big Arm	21	65	438 B	Battle River	25	56	
	132 Hillsborough	28	101	252	Arm River	17	64	440	Hillsdale	15	34	
	134 Shamrock	37	118	279 A	Mount Hope	31	75	442	Manitou Lake	25	44	
	164 Chaplin	42	92	279 B	Mount Hope	15	81	468	Meota	26	56	
	193 Eyebrow	48	110	280	Wreford	17	74	472	Wilton	30	79	
	194 Enfield	12	56	282	Mccraney	28	55	498 A	Parkdale	14	33	
3BS	17 A Val Marie	9	55	309	Prairie Rose	30	119	498 B	Parkdale	10	29	
	17 B Val Marie	28	69	312	Morris	24	68	499	Mervin	58	79	
	45 Mankota	36	100	339 A	Leroy	15	61	501 A	Frenchman Butte	30	62	
	46 Glen Mcpherson	9	62	339 B	Leroy	30	130	501 B	Frenchman Butte	32	53	
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	75 B Pinto Creek	64	124	340 B	Wolverine	43	127	502	Britannia	30	79	
	76 A Auvergne	38	66	341	Viscount	25	77	561	Loon Lake	38	74	
	76 B Auvergne	33	77	343	Blucher	2	85	588 B	Meadow Lake	30	79	
	77 Wise Creek	8	40	6B	254 Loreburn	9	51	588 C	Meadow Lake	20	59	
	78 A Grassy Creek	10	40	283	Rosedale	16	47	588 D	Meadow Lake	25	51	
	78 B Grassy Creek	10	40	284	Rudy	8	62	622	Beaver River	43	99	
	78 C Grassy Creek	12	45	285	Fertile Valley	9	70					

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

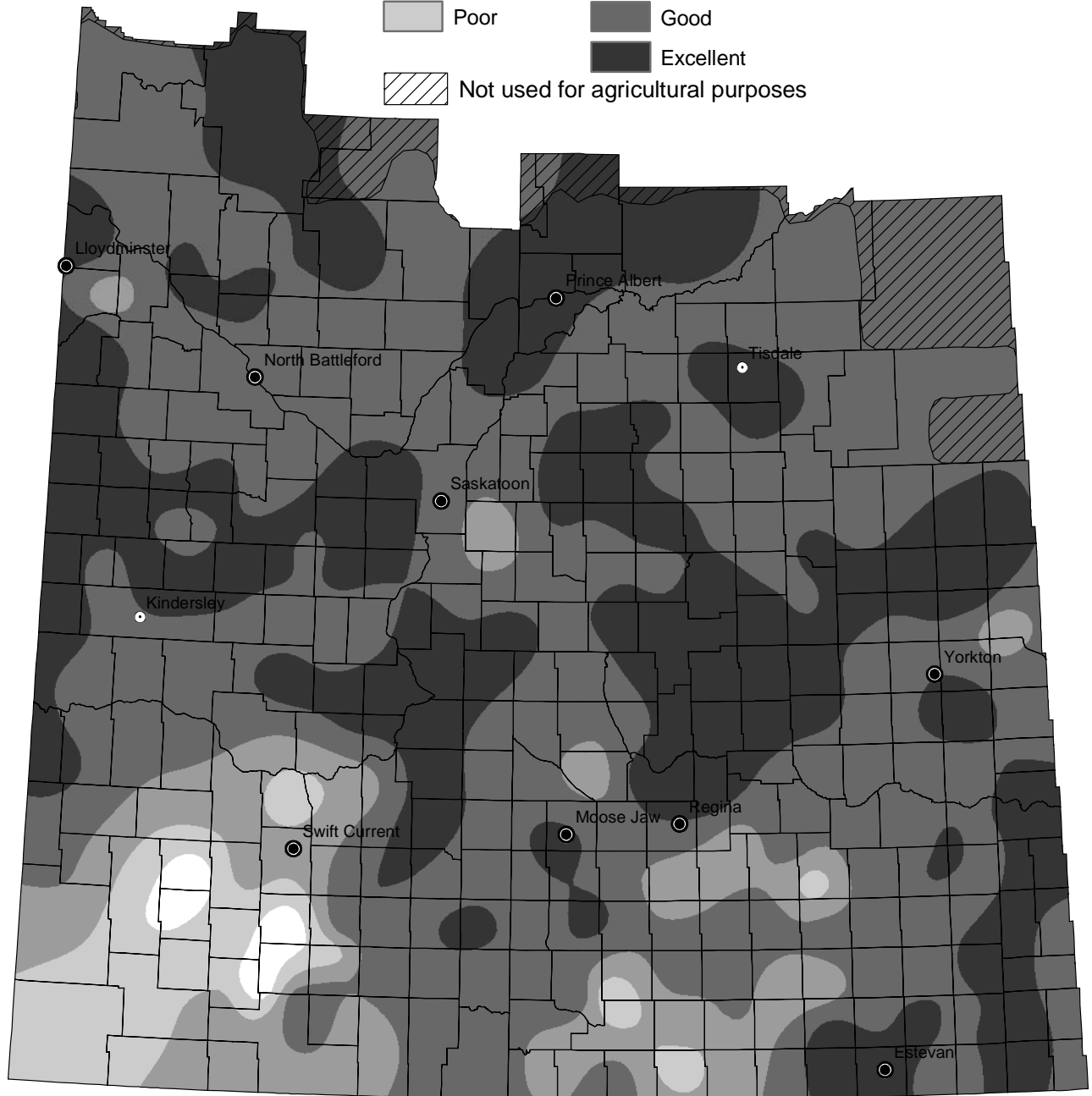
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**From: April 1, 2006**  
**To: May 27, 2006**



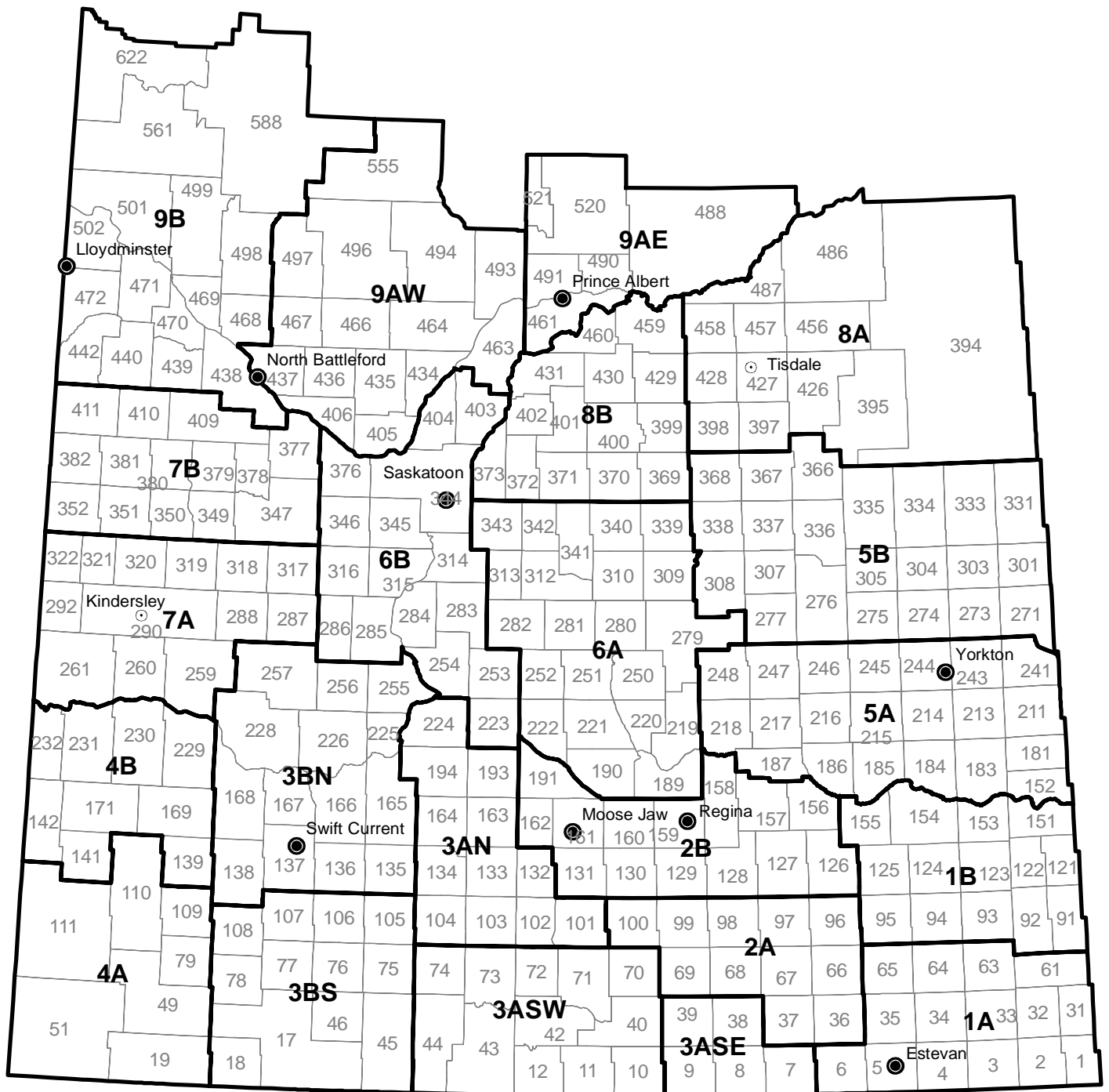
# Pasture Conditions

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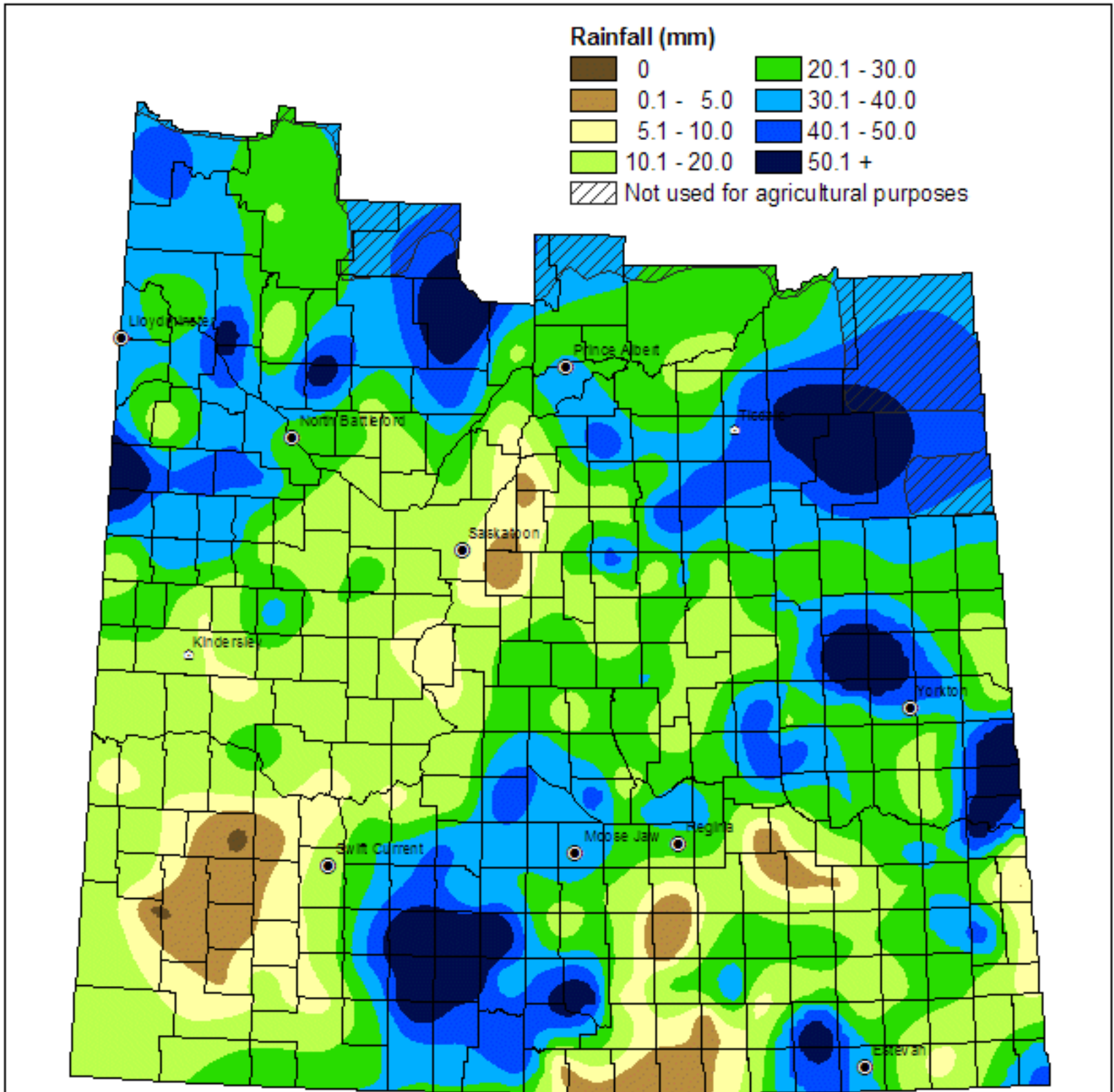
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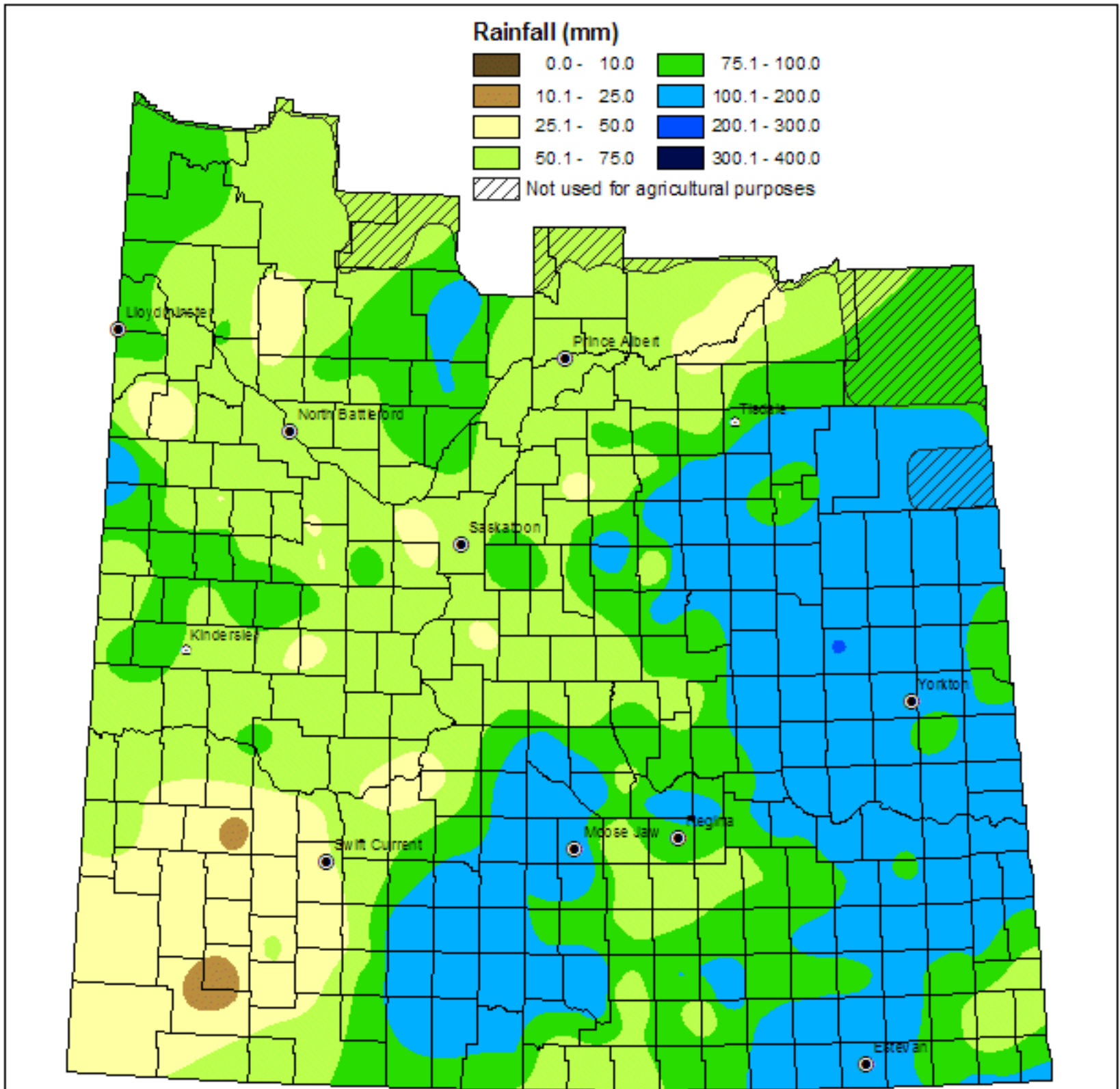


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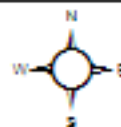
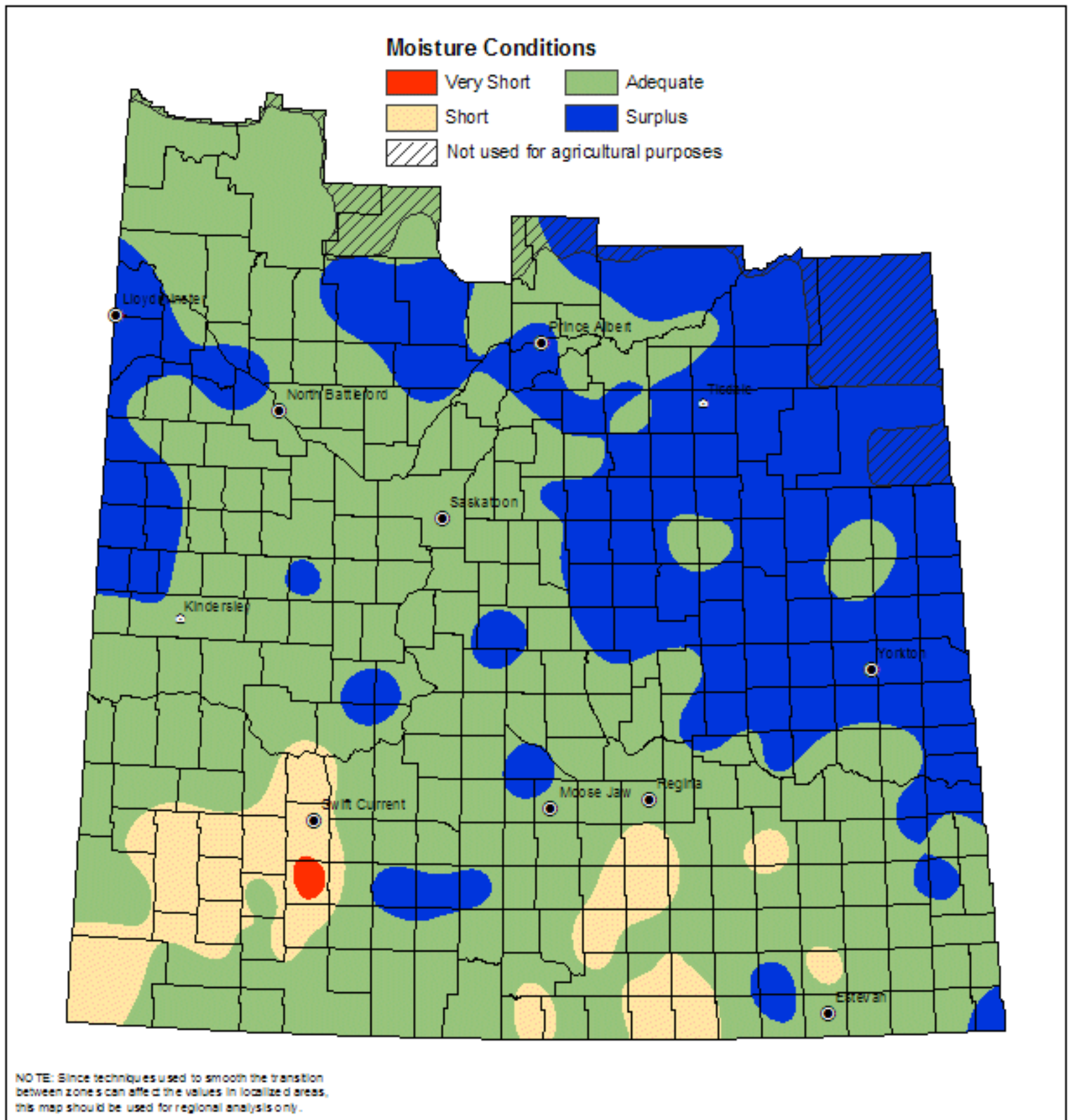
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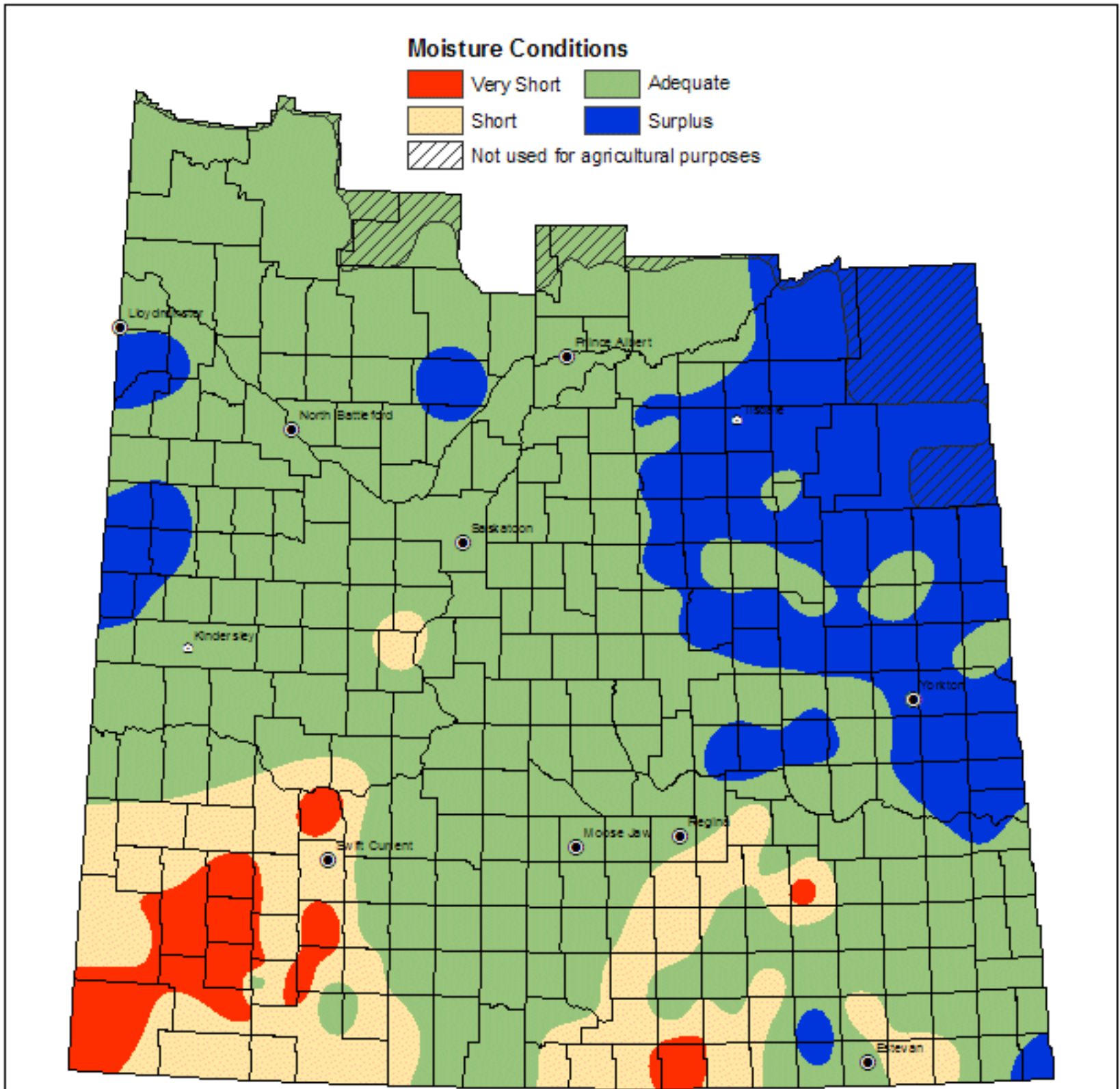
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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

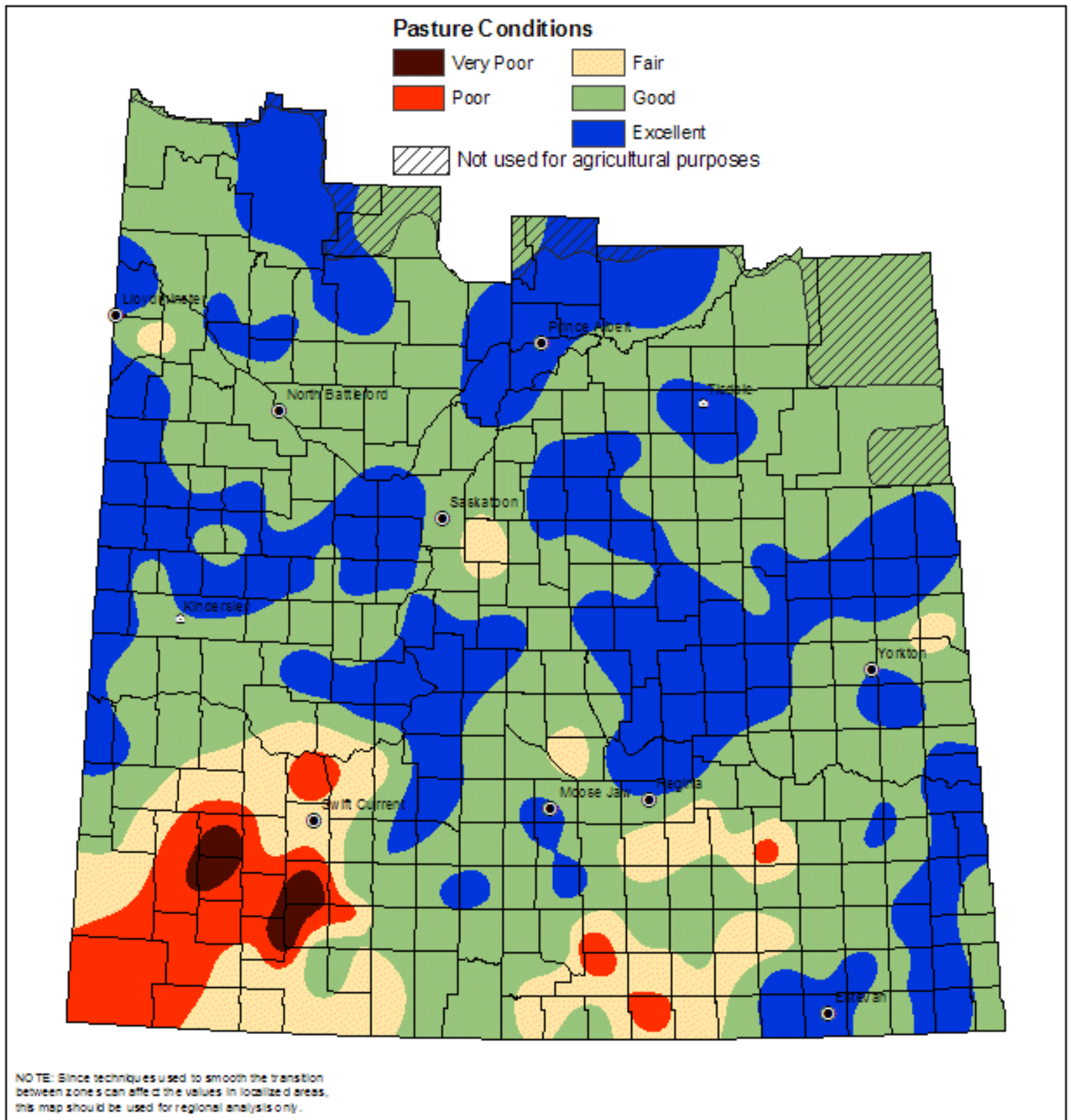
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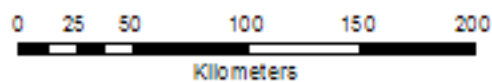
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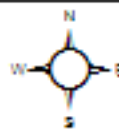
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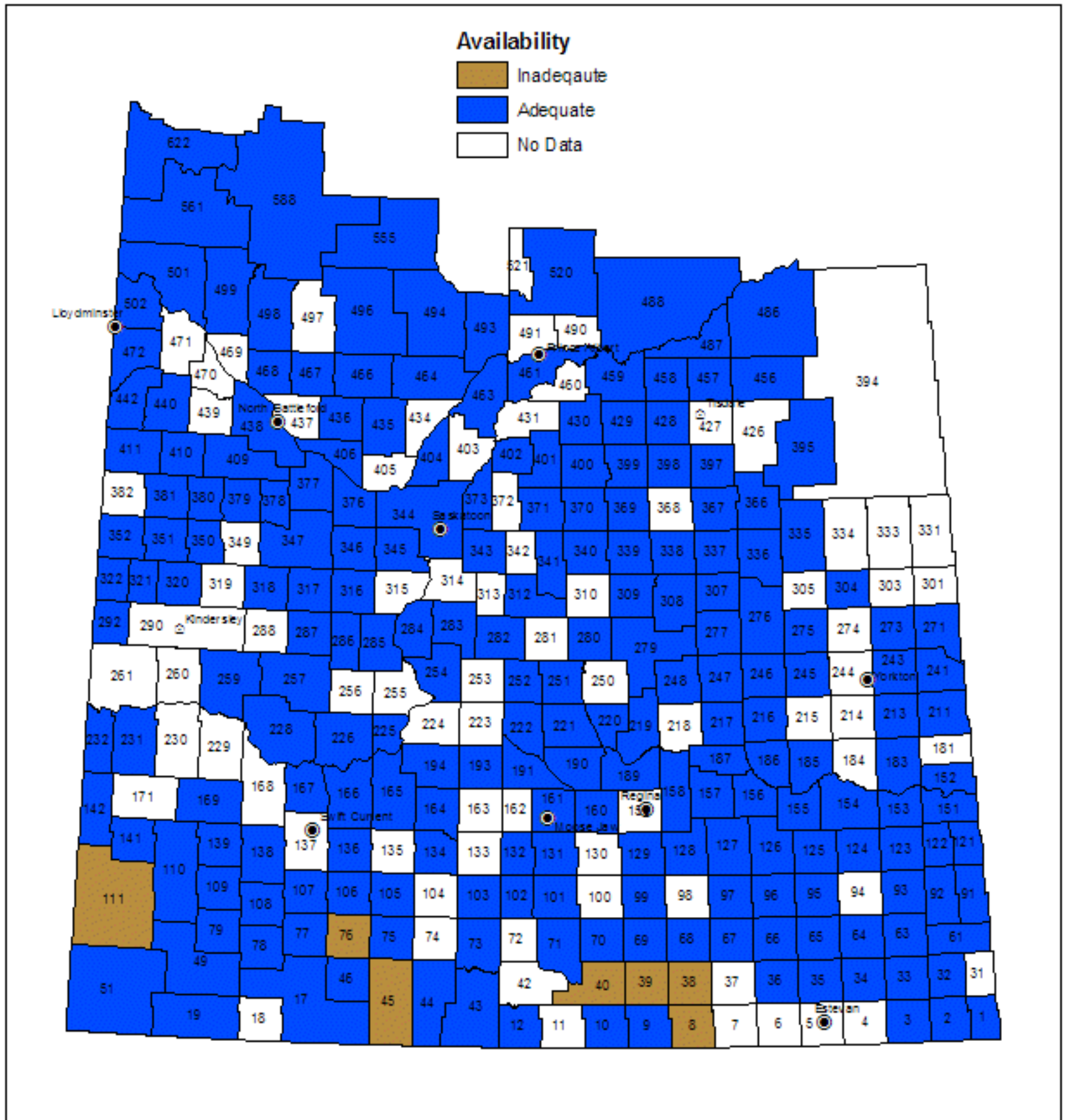


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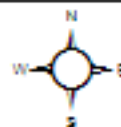
# Availability of Livestock Water

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