

Crop Report for September 3, 2006

Saskatchewan farmers have combined 62 per cent of the 2006 crop, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

This increased from 37 per cent last week, and is well ahead of the five-year (2001 -2005) average of 32 per cent combined.

All areas of the province experienced good harvest progress this past week. Harvest is furthest advanced in the southwest where 86 per cent of the crop is combined, and least advanced in the northeast where 45 per cent of the crop has been combined to date.

The fall rye crop is 85 per cent combined and 14 per cent put to alternate uses, such as green feed. The winter wheat crop is 100 per cent harvested. Ninety-five per cent of the 2006 pea crop and 93 per cent of the lentil crop has been combined. Forty-two per cent of the triticale crop has been combined, and 49 per cent has been put to alternate uses. The provincial durum crop is 77 per cent combined. Other crops are less than 75 per cent combined.

With over 90 per cent of the pea and lentil crops combined, crop

reporters estimated that 94 per cent of the peas would fall into the top two grades, and 91 per cent of the lentils would fall into the top two grades.

Wind caused the majority of the crop damage this past week, including scattered swaths and shelling of ripe grain. Reporters also expressed concern about bleaching, damage from wheat midge, and field and machinery fires.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance customers who have endorsed winterkill on their fall-seeded crops must have those crops seeded by September 15 to be eligible for coverage.

For forage producers:

- Forage yield-loss claims must be filed by September 30.

- Forage declarations must be submitted by September 30 by mail, phone, fax, in person at your customer service office or online through CropConnect. Remember that you must complete your declaration before Crop Insurance can register your yield-loss claim.

- If you are in a claim position, speak to your adjuster at inspection time about deferring your indemnity. Deferrals must be requested before the cheque is issued.

- Complete program and contact information can be found at www.saskcropinsurance.com.

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Sask. harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	98
Spring wheat	59	28
Durum	77	48
Oats	44	23
Barley	65	35
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	91	74
Flax	19	3
Canola	53	27
Mustard	75	58
Sunflowers	4	0
Lentils	95	89
Peas	95	85
Canary seed	26	10
Chickpeas	64	44
Total*	63	37

* includes 1% Other

1 Year Ago

Eighteen per cent of the 2005 crop had been combined.

Rain, wind, and insects caused the majority of the crop damage.

Quality concerns included staining, bleaching, sprouting, and light bushel weights.

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

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	97
Spring wheat	77	43
Durum	72	35
Oats	68	68
Barley	83	58
Fall rye	100	99
Triticale	47	25
Flax	29	5
Canola	75	46
Mustard	92	63
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	94
Peas	98	95
Canary seed	38	14
Chickpeas	79	64
Total	73	47

The south eastern region had a warm week that cooled off with some localized showers. An average of only 1 mm of precipitation was reported, with the average high of 2 mm reported in CD 3ase. Wind damage was reported throughout the region, including moving swaths and shelling out of oat crops. Drought damage was reported in most regions. Spotty damage from hail was reported in the Grenfell and Zehner areas. There was a touch of frost in the Qu'Appelle area on the weekend.

Seventy-three per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been combined and a further 17% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of fall rye and winter wheat are complete. Ninety-nine per cent of the lentils, 98% of the peas, and 92% of the mustard have been combined. Some farmers in the southeast have completed harvest.

With almost all of the peas and lentils harvested, crop reporters estimated that over 90% will fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland were drier this past week. Sixty-three per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as very short, compared with 53% last week. Conditions were also drier on hay and pasture land with 67% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short, compared to 53% rating last week.

Sawflies caused crop damage in most crop districts in the region. Damage from aphids and flea beetles was also reported. Dry conditions make for a high fire hazard, and field fires have caused some crop loss.

Farmers are waiting for moisture to seed fall crops. Seeding has started in the Indian Head area, though dry soil is challenging.

In the Wawota area, pastures are in very poor condition and some dugouts are going dry. Dugout water levels are also dropping quickly in the Weyburn area. Water is also becoming short in the Lake Alma area.

Farmers are baling straw.

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

The southwest was warm and dry this past week though some areas saw showers, and nights were cooling off. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 1 mm

reported in CD 3an, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 4b. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported in CDs 3asw and 3b. Drought damage was reported in CDs 3asw, 3an, 3bs, and 4. Hail damage was reported in the

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	87	68
Durum	85	61
Oats	84	68
Barley	92	77
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	93
Flax	35	4
Canola	94	83
Mustard	98	88
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	95
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	28	16
Chickpeas	62	36
Total	88	71

Big Beaver area.

Eighty-eight per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been harvested and a further 8% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvesting of fall crops is complete. Ninety-nine per cent of the peas and lentils, 98% of the mustard, 97% of the triticale, and 94% of the canola have been combined. Other crops are less than 90% combined. Some farmers in the southwest have completed harvest.

With almost all of the peas and lentils harvested, crop reporters estimated that over 95% will fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland continue to dry with 76% of

reporters rating topsoil moisture as very poor, compared with 73% last week. Conditions were similar on hay and pasture land with 78% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very poor, compared to 73% last week.

Dugouts are under pressure in the Mossbank area. Farmers in the Bengough area are moving cattle because of lack of water and dry pastures. Water is getting short in the Webb area. In the Spring Valley area, some farmers are feeding hay to cattle and dugouts are rapidly drying up. Cattle are also being fed in the Ponteix area. Fall grazing on stubble is helping some livestock owners.

Sawflies were a major source of crop damage this past week, with reports of damage coming from most regions. Grasshoppers caused some damage in CD 4b. Gophers are caused damage in CD 3asw and 3bs. Wild game caused damage in CD 3bn. Fire caused crop loss in CD 3asw. The rain caused some downgrading of crops.

Farmers that have completed harvest are starting fall work, including rock picking. Some fall seeding is being done in the Shaunavon and Burstall areas.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region had warm days and cool nights during the past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 6 mm reported in CD 5b. Damage from wind and

drought was reported across the region. Wind damage included scattering of swaths and shelling of crops. Hail damage was reported in the Jedburgh, Preeceville, Jansen, and Leroy areas. Earlier hail in the Goodeve area caused damages of 70 to 80% in some fields. Temperatures in the Ituna area were close to frost.

Forty-nine per cent of the 2006 east central crop has been combined and a further 37% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvesting is complete

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	99
Spring wheat	47	15
Durum	51	15
Oats	31	12
Barley	59	26
Fall rye	100	97
Triticale	100	76
Flax	4	1
Canola	45	20
Mustard	37	18
Sunflowers	22	0
Lentils	91	76
Peas	92	71
Canary seed	11	1
Chickpeas	53	32
Total	49	23

for fall rye, winter wheat, and triticale crops. Ninety-two per cent per cent of the peas and 91% of the lentils have been combined. All other crops are less than 60% combined.

With almost all of the peas and lentils harvested, crop reporters estimated that about 90% will fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are drier with 79% of

reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short, compared with 63% last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land also deteriorated with 80% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short compared to 63% last week.

Insect damage came from bertha armyworms, aphids, and sawflies. Wheat midge damage has downgraded wheat crops across the region. Fires caused crop losses in CD 6a.

Pastures have dried out, and farmers are feeding their stock in the Foam Lake area.

Some winter wheat was being seeded in the Kamsack area. Some farmers were harrowing, spraying for fall weeds, and baling straw.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	96
Spring wheat	59	24
Durum	62	28
Oats	31	11
Barley	64	34
Fall rye	97	95
Triticale	60	3
Flax	3	0
Canola	66	35
Mustard	55	18
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	87	76
Peas	92	85
Canary seed	23	10
Chickpeas	50	50
Total	63	31

The west central region was warm with cool nights, and some wind and showers this past week.

An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, with the highest average amount being 5 mm reported in CD 6b. Wind damage, including shelling of grain, scattering of swaths, and lodging, was reported across the region. Drought damage was reported in CDs 6b and 7b. Hail damage was reported in the Hanley area, where there was some shelling of canola and oats. There was some frost in the Landis area near the end of the week, as well as in the Hoosier area, but no damage was reported.

Sixty-three per cent of the 2006 west central crop has been harvested and a further 26% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Ninety-nine per cent of the winter wheat and 97% of the fall rye crop have been combined. Ninety-two per cent of the peas and 87% of the lentils have been combined. Progress on the remaining crops is less than 70%.

Crop reporters estimate that over 95% of the pea crop and about 90% of the lentil crop will fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried up from last week, with 56% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very, compared with 31% last week. Conditions were also drier on hay and pasture land with 73% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short compared to 31% last week.

Sawflies continue to be a source of crop damage in the west central region. Antelope damaged crops in the Tramping Lake area. Wheat midge damage is showing up in samples.

There were powerline and combine fires in the Perdue area. In the Grandora area, there was about 4 miles of crop burned.

Farmers were chemfallowing, summerfallowing, harrowing, and baling straw.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	93
Spring wheat	44	10
Durum	38	7
Oats	32	14
Barley	57	22
Fall rye	98	96
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	1	0
Canola	39	13
Mustard	48	48
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	86	55
Peas	90	67
Canary seed	23	8
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	45	17

The north eastern region was sunny and warm with some winds and showers this past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, with an average high of 9 mm reported in CD 9ae. Damage from wind and drought were reported in CD 8. Swaths were blown around and wind damage to canola swaths was severe in some fields.

Forty-five per cent of the 2006 north eastern crop has been combined and a further 39% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Winter wheat is 100%

combined and fall rye is 98% combined. Ninety per cent of the peas have been taken off, as have 86% of the lentils. All remaining crops are less than 60% combined.

About 90% of the peas and lentils are expected to fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got drier this past week, with 68% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 74% last week. Conditions are also drier on hay and pasture land with 50% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 74% last week.

Sawflies caused crop damage in CD 8b. Midge damage was evident in harvested crops, downgrading the wheat. Bertha armyworms decreased canola yields.

Winter wheat was being seeded in the Tisdale area. Some farmers were hauling hay bales, and some second cut haying operations were underway.

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

The north western region was generally warm and sunny during the past week, with some cool nights, scattered showers, and wind. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported across the region. Barley was stained from the rain in the Debden area. Drought damage was reported in CD 9b. Frost was reported in the Neilberg, Lloydminster, and Pierceland areas.

North western harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	43	13
Durum	40	15
Oats	27	8
Barley	46	13
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	42	25
Flax	7	0
Canola	44	13
Mustard	0	0
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	65	18
Peas	85	68
Canary seed	0	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	46	17

Over 90% of the peas are expected to fall into the top two grades. Some crop is being put in aeration bins to cool it because it is so hot and dry.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried during the past week, with 52% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 75% last week. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 41% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 75% last week.

Forty-six per cent of the 2006 north western crop has been combined and a further 37% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. The fall rye and winter wheat crops are off the fields. Eighty-five per cent of the peas and 65% of the lentils have been harvested. Other crops are less than 50% completed.

Geese damaged crops in the Pierceland area. There was some sawfly damage in the Duck Lake area.

Farmers were seeding winter wheat in the Meadow Lake area.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September
% In Swath or Ready to

	Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2006	2005	Average 2001-05	2006	2005	Average 2001-05
Winter wheat	0	12	12	100	83	70
Spring wheat	29	30	20	59	9	31
Durum	16	33	17	75	16	32
Oats	33	23	21	42	8	20
Barley	25	35	21	64	17	33
Fall rye	0	13	13	85	79	72
Triticale	7	19	14	42	27	40
Flax	23	4	8	19	1	4
Canola	42	63	48	53	11	22
Mustard	19	34	22	74	29	37
Sunflowers	3	0	0	4	0	1
Lentils	5	29	17	93	54	54
Peas	4	27	14	94	58	64
Canary seed	30	8	13	25	1	9
Chickpeas	19	10	9	63	15	18
Total	26	35	23	62	18	32

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 2, 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	164	3BN	135 Lawtonia	8	292	345	Vanscoy	2	250
	2 Mount Pleasant	NIL	205		136 Coulee	8	249	346	Perdue	5	265
	3 B Enniskillen	NIL	179		138 Webb	21	241	376 A	Eagle Creek	3	264
	32 Reciprocity	NIL	126		166 Excelsior	12	242	376 B	Eagle Creek	5	234
	33 A Moose Creek	NIL	155		167 Sask. Landing	18	227	404	Laird	2	264
	33 B Moose Creek	NIL	237		225 Canaan	7	202	7A	259 Snipe Lake	1	167
	34 Browning	NIL	250		226 Victory	5	209		287 St. Andrews	NIL	152
	35 Benson	NIL	212		228 B Lacadena	3	244		292 Milton	NIL	242
	63 A Moose Mountain	NIL	217	4A	19 Frontier	2	169		317 B Marriott	3	240
	64 Brock	NIL	228		49 A White Valley	9	136		317 C Marriott	3	227
	65 Tecumseh	NIL	229		49 B White Valley	11	162		318 A Mountain View	2	275
1B	92 Walpole	NIL	207		51 Reno	4	153		318 B Mountain View	TR	252
	92 B Walpole	NIL	216		79 Arlington	7	127		321 Prairiedale	6	320
	93 Wawken	NIL	230		110 Piapot	12	147		322 Antelope Park	3	257
	95 Golden West	NIL	240		111 A Maple Creek	20	142	7B	347 A Biggar	8	280
	121 Moosomin	NIL	251		111 B Maple Creek	22	147		350 A Mariposa	1	165
	122 Martin	NIL	253	4B	139 Gull Lake	19	172		350 B Mariposa	1	224
	123 Silverwood	NIL	292		141 Big Stick	14	158		352 Heart's Hill	6	234
	124 Kingsley	NIL	250		142 Enterprise	15	202		377 Glenside	2	253
	151 A Rocanville	NIL	301		231 Happyland	6	208		378 A Rosemount	5	251
	151 B Rocanville	TR	411		232 Deer Forks	5	200		378 B Rosemount	6	202
	153 Willowdale	NIL	240	5A	152 Spy Hill	NIL	322		379 Reford	TR	238
	154 Elcapo	NIL	248		185 Mcleod	4	213		380 Tramping Lake	TR	165
	155 Wolseley	11	279		186 Abernethy	6	230		381 Grass Lake	1	241
2A	36 Cymri	NIL	296		187 North Qu'appelle	2	209		382 Eye Hill	3	308
	67 Weyburn	NIL	212		211 Churchbridge	NIL	285		409 Buffalo	2	218
	68 Brokenshell	NIL	218		213 Saltcoats	1	227	8A	410 Round Valley	NIL	220
	69 Norton	4	230*		216 Tullymet	6	306		395 Porcupine	7	337
	96 Fillmore	TR	248		217 B Lipton	0	244		397 Barrier Valley	4	368
	97 Wellington	NIL	281		245 A Garry	6	255		398 Pleasantdale	4	313
	99 Caledonia	8	223		245 B Garry	7	328		428 Star City	5	278
2B	127 Francis	2	238		246 Ituna Bon Accord	5	281		456 Arborfield	4	322
	129 Bratt's Lake	2	207		248 Touchwood	4	257		457 A Connaught	3	385
	131 Baidon	1	287	5B	271 Cote	7	228		457 B Connaught	5	272
	156 A Indian Head	3	238		273 Sliding Hills	5	204		458 Willow Creek	6	295
	156 B Indian Head	2	243		275 B Insinger	8	278	8B	486 Moose Range	5	245
	157 South Qu'appelle	NIL	228		276 Foam Lake	5	296		487 Nipawin	5	332
	158 Edenwold	3	203		277 Emerald	4	284		369 St. Peter	8	430
	161 Moose Jaw	NIL	378		304 Buchanan	7	273		370 Humboldt	3	254
	191 Marquis	NIL	279		307 Elfros	5	335		371 Bayne	6	280
3ASE	8 Lake Alma	NIL	251		308 Big Quill	10	209		372 Grant	4	255
	9 Surprise Valley	3	257		335 Hazel Dell	8	296		399 Lake Lenore	5	264
	38 A Laurier	NIL	252		336 Sasman	3	273		400 Three Lakes	4	248
	38 B Laurier	NIL	212		337 Lakeview	7	341		402 Fish Creek	7	258
	39 A The Gap	2	179		338 Lakeside	7	299		429 B Flett's Springs	6	276
	39 B The Gap	7	196		366 A Kelvington	3	262		430 Invergordon	3	309
3ASW	10 Happy Valley	5	168		366 B Kelvington	2	337	9AE	431 St. Louis	5	361
	12 Poplar Valley	2	171		367 Ponass Lake	6	392		488 Torch River	12	304
	40 Bengough	10	214		367 B Ponass Lake	5	183		520 Paddockwood	6	381
	42 Willow Bunch	NIL	196	6A	189 Lumsden	5	311		406 Mayfield	4	248
	43 A Old Post	NIL	156		190 B Dufferin	1	287	9AW	435 Redberry	3	271
	44 Waverley	NIL	252		190 C Dufferin	3	254		436 Douglas	NIL	340
	70 Key West	10	210		219 B Longlaketon	4	212		436 B Douglas	2	165*
	71 A Excel	6	209		219 C Longlaketon	5	215		463 Duck Lake	2	259
	71 C Excel	5	275		220 Mckillop	6	293		464 Leask	5	333
	73 A Stonehenge	NIL	245		221 Sarnia	4	266		466 Meeting Lake	2	283
	73 B Stonehenge	2	249		222 Craik	NIL	311		467 Round Hill	4	333
3AN	101 A Terrell	2	204		251 Big Arm	2	211		493 Shellbrook	5	250
	101 B Terrell	2	205		252 Arm River	3	232		494 Canwood	3	324
	102 Lake Johnston	3	202		279 B Mount Hope	8	270		496 Spiritwood	1	311
	103 Sutton	NIL	236*		280 Wreford	1	203		497 Medstead	NIL	217
	132 Hillsborough	2	277		282 Mccraney	5	253		555 Big River	1	323*
	193 Eyebrow	2	301		309 Prairie Rose	9	280	9B	438 A Battle River	3	267
	194 Enfield	NIL	222		312 Morris	7	261		438 B Battle River	5	259
3BS	17 A Val Marie	3	151		313 Lost River	1	199		440 Hillsdale	1	198
	45 Mankota	1	222		339 A Leroy	4	232		468 Meota	2	250
	46 Glen Mcpherson	3	171		339 B Leroy	8	288		472 Wilton	3	286
	75 A Pinto Creek	1	204		340 A Wolverine	7	312		498 A Parkdale	4	220
	75 B Pinto Creek	2	221		341 Viscount	10	233		499 Mervin	1	254
	76 A Auvergne	10	161		343 Blucher	2	266		501 A Frenchman Butte	4	211
	76 B Auvergne	9	188	6B	254 Loreburn	6	240		501 B Frenchman Butte	3	201
	78 A Grassy Creek	14	157		283 Rosedale	6	201		501 C Frenchman Butte	NIL	208
	78 B Grassy Creek	2	115		284 Rudy	8	268		502 Britannia	NIL	262
	78 C Grassy Creek	10	151		285 Fertile Valley	9	273		561 Loon Lake	1	199
	105 Glenbain	9	364		286 Milden	6	243		588 B Meadow Lake	3	298
	106 Whiska Creek	7	212		314 Dundurn	5	253		588 C Meadow Lake	8	225
	108 Bone Creek	12	166		344 Corman Park	NIL	213		588 D Meadow Lake	3	248
									622 Beaver River	NIL	218

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

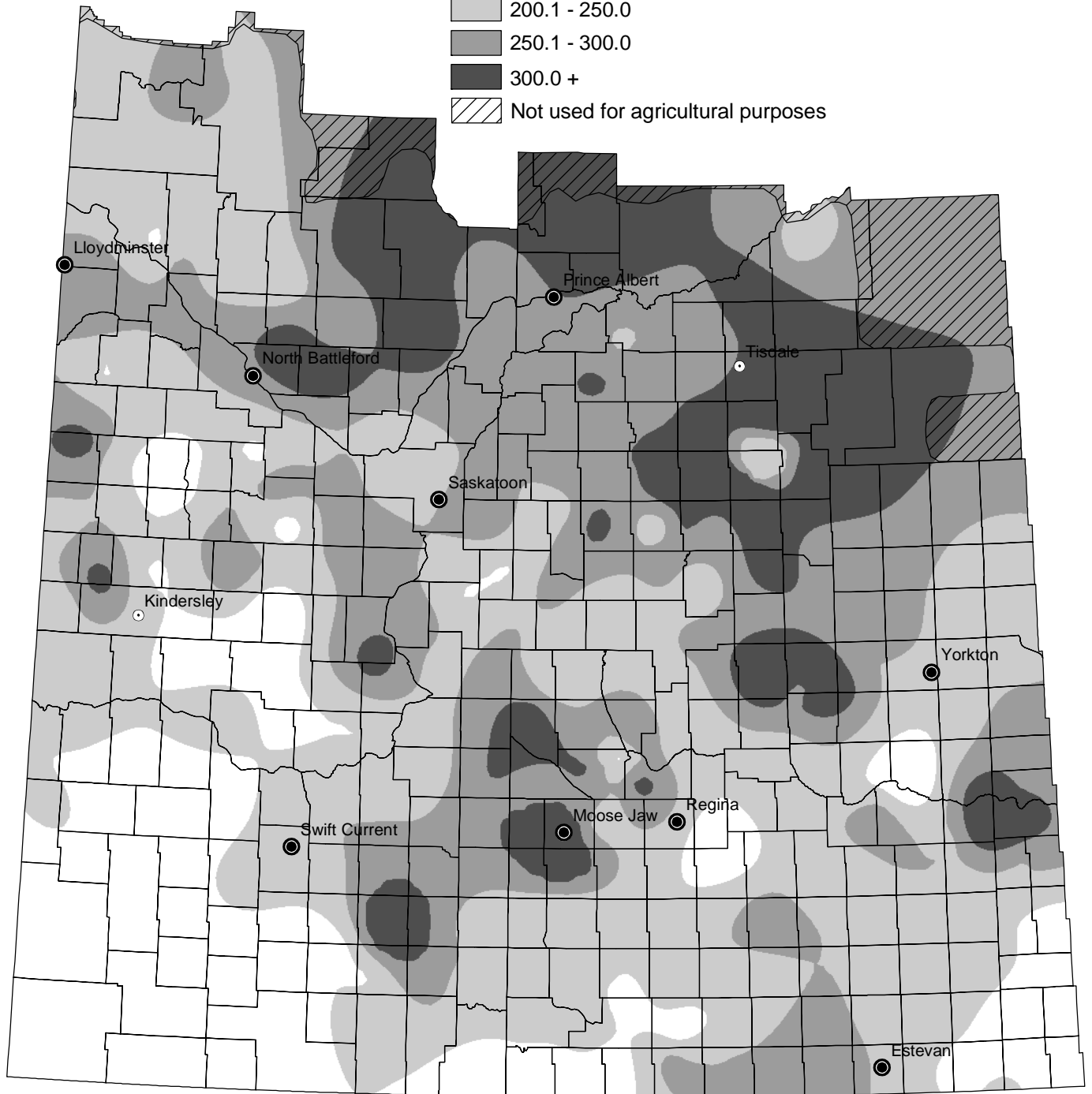
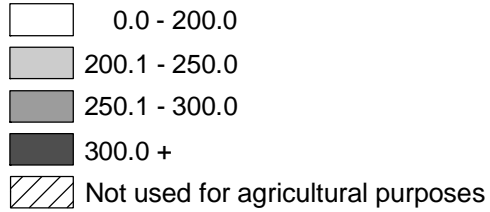
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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2006
To: September 2, 2006

Rainfall (mm)



Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

