

Crop Report for September 10, 2006

Eighty-five per cent of the 2006 crop has been harvested, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

This is well ahead of the five-year (2001-05) average of 44 per cent combined, and 22 per cent lying in the swath, or ready to straight combine.

Combining progress is furthest advanced in the southwest where 96 per cent of the crop has been taken off, followed by the southeast where 90 per cent of the crop is off. Combining is least advanced in the northeast with 75 per cent of the crop taken off.

Yield estimates to date indicate slightly below average production for 2006. However, crop reporters estimate that over 90 per cent of the spring wheat will fall into the top two grades. Downgrading of crops was the result of wheat midge and weathering, with wind and drought being the main sources of crop damage during the past week.

Seeding of fall crops is underway, and earlier seeded crops have emerged. The biggest factor limiting seeding of fall crops is lack of moisture. Fall field work is also being hampered by dry soil conditions.

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1 Year Ago

Weather conditions continued to impede harvest progress, with much of the province experiencing heavy rains on the weekend.

Thirty-four per cent of the 2005 crop was combined.

Rain and wind were the main sources of crop damage.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 10, 2006

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2006	2005	Average 2001-05	2006	2005	Average 2001-05
Winter wheat	0	6	13	100	93	77
Spring wheat	12	38	20	86	23	42
Durum	6	34	16	93	42	46
Oats	21	30	19	73	16	32
Barley	12	36	18	86	35	46
Fall rye	0	3	10	100	89	79
Triticale	1	23	11	98	39	50
Flax	26	16	14	43	4	13
Canola	18	62	46	81	25	35
Mustard	6	30	18	89	45	51
Sunflowers	2	0	0	4	1	1
Lentils	1	17	13	98	72	65
Peas	0	15	11	99	77	73
Canary seed	26	22	16	61	5	20
Chickpeas	9	17	8	83	27	29
Total	12	37	22	85	34	44

Sask. harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	86	59
Durum	93	77
Oats	73	44
Barley	86	65
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	98	91
Flax	43	19
Canola	81	53
Mustard	89	75
Sunflowers	4	4
Lentils	98	95
Peas	99	95
Canary seed	61	26
Chickpeas	83	64
Total*	85	63

* includes 1% Other

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

South eastern harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	94	77
Durum	91	72
Oats	87	68
Barley	96	83
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	47
Flax	61	29
Canola	93	75
Mustard	99	92
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	74	38
Chickpeas	91	79
Total	90	73

The south eastern region was generally warm and dry last week, with cool nights near the end of the week. An average of less than 1 mm of precipitation was reported, with an average high of 2 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 2b. Wind and drought damage were reported across the region. Canola swaths were blown around. Frost was reported in the Windthorst, Odessa, and Indian Head areas.

Ninety per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been harvested and a further 7% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of fall rye and winter wheat is complete. Over 90% of the spring wheat, durum, barley, triticale, canola, mustard, lentils, peas, and chickpeas have been harvested.

Crop reporters estimate that over 90% of the spring wheat will fall into the top two grades. Downgrading comes from wheat midge.

Average yield estimates for the southeast indicate that the fall rye,

triticale, and lentil yields will be the highest in the province.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are the same as last week with 62% of reporters giving a "very short" rating. Conditions are drier on hay and pasture land with 71% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short compared to 66% last week.

Insect damage last week came from saw flies and flea beetles. Fire damaged crops in the Indian Head area.

Fall field work is being delayed in many areas due to the very dry soil conditions. Some fall herbicide application is underway, as well as harrowing, baling straw, and hauling bales. There have been some baler fires in the Tantallon area. Some fall crops have been seeded, but many farmers are reluctant to seed into their very dry fields.

Cattle are being moved onto stubble fields or being supplemented with hay on pastures. Water supplies are becoming dangerously low in CDs 1 and 3ase.

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

South western harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	97	87
Durum	96	85
Oats	93	84
Barley	96	92
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	97
Flax	56	35
Canola	99	94
Mustard	98	98
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	100	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	88	28
Chickpeas	82	62
Total	96	88

The southwest had another hot, dry week, with some very windy days. An average of less than ½ mm of precipitation was reported. Drought damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CDs 3asw, 3an, and 3bn.

Ninety-six per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been harvested and a further 3% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Winter wheat, fall rye, triticale, peas, and lentils are completely harvested. Over 90% of the spring wheat, durum, oats, barley, canola, and mustard have been harvested. The hot weather has made for hot grain going into storage so attention will need to be paid to these crops to avoid loss.

Crop reporters estimate that over 90% of the spring wheat will fall into the top two grades.

Average yield estimates for the southwest indicate that yields for all crops except lentils will be the lowest in the province. In some areas, the difference between crops on summerfallow and crops on stubble was significant – as much as 30 bushels an acre.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland deteriorated this past week, with 84% reporting very short topsoil moisture, compared with 76% last week. Conditions also deteriorated on hay and pasture land with 84% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short, compared with 78% last week.

Sawflies continued to cause crop damage across the region. Wild game and waterfowl damaged crops in CD 3b.

Farmers were hauling bales, summerfallowing, mowing weeds, harrowing, applying herbicide, picking rocks, cleaning corrals, fixing fence, and baling straw.

Some seeding of fall crops took place – into very dry soil. Others are waiting for a rain before planting. Earlier seeded winter wheat crops have emerged. Reporters complain of plugged elevators and poor grain movement. There was a fire reported in the Mossbank area.

Some farmers are feeding cattle due to poor pasture conditions. Livestock water supplies are low to dry in many areas of the southwest.

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

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	82	47
Durum	85	51
Oats	66	31
Barley	84	59
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	22	4
Canola	77	45
Mustard	70	37
Sunflowers	22	22
Lentils	98	91
Peas	100	92
Canary seed	38	11
Chickpeas	80	53
Total	78	49

The east central region was warm and dry during the past week, with frost in some areas. An average of less than ½ mm of precipitation was reported during the past week. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths and shelling out of crops, was reported in CDs 5b and 6a and drought damage was reported in CD 5b. Frost was reported in the Langenburg, Saltcoats, Jedburgh, Ituna, Kamsack, and Kelvington areas.

Seventy-eight per cent of the 2006 east central crop has been harvested and a further 18% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest is complete for

winter wheat, fall rye, triticale, and peas. Over 80% of the spring wheat, durum, barley, and lentils are complete.

Crop reporters estimate that over 80% of the spring wheat will fall into the top two grades. Downgrading came primarily from wheat midge and also from weathering. In the Young area, it was estimated that wheat was weighing 63 to 66 pounds per bushel and oats 36 to 41 pounds per bushel.

Average yield estimates for the east central region indicate that sunflower yields will be the highest in the province. Many farmers are disappointed with their yields.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got drier with 25% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short, compared to 16% last week. Conditions also got drier on hay and pasture land with 34% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short, compared to 22% last week.

Sawflies continued to cause crop damage in CD 6a. There was a field fire in the Imperial area.

Winter wheat is being seeded, though some farmers are hoping for some moisture before they plant.

Farmers are baling straw, hauling bales, applying herbicides, mowing weeds, and picking rocks.

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

The west central region was warm and dry last week with no measurable rainfall. There was some localized wind damage, including scattering of swaths.

Eighty-seven per cent of the 2006 west central crop has been harvested and a further 10% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	99
Spring wheat	87	59
Durum	91	62
Oats	71	31
Barley	88	64
Fall rye	100	97
Triticale	90	60
Flax	19	3
Canola	88	66
Mustard	70	55
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	97	87
Peas	99	92
Canary seed	47	23
Chickpeas	63	50
Total	87	63

combined. Harvest is complete for winter wheat and fall rye. Over 90% of the durum, lentils, and peas have been harvested.

Crop reporters estimate that over 95% of the spring wheat will fall into the top two grades. Downgrading came from wheat midge damage.

Average yield estimates for the west central region indicate that mustard, pea and chickpea yields will be the highest in the province. Farmers felt the yields were disappointing considering the excellent start in the spring.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are drying, with 16% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short, compared to 6% last week. Conditions were also drier on hay and pasture land with 25% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short, compared to 6% the previous week.

Sawflies continued to be a source of crop damage in the west central region. Fire caused some crop damage in the Hanley area. There were some stubble fires in the Harris area.

Farmers were seeding fall crops. Many are looking for showers to aid either in planting or germination

of those crops. Other work included herbicide application, harrowing, and hauling bales. Cattle were being moved onto harvested fields for feed.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	79	44
Durum	83	38
Oats	62	32
Barley	83	57
Fall rye	98	98
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	15	1
Canola	71	39
Mustard	63	48
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	100	86
Peas	99	90
Canary seed	41	23
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	75	45

The north eastern region was generally warm and dry last week, though some areas saw a frost. An average of less than ½ mm of precipitation was reported during the past week. Localized wind damage was reported in CD 8 where swaths were scattered. Frost was reported in the Arborfield, Nipawin, Porcupine Plain, and Garrick areas. There was expected to be some damage in late canola fields and emerging fall crops.

Three-quarters of the 2006 north eastern crop has been harvested and a further 21% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat and lentils is complete. Over 80% of the durum, barley, fall rye, and pea crops are harvested.

Crop reporters estimate that over 90% of the spring wheat will fall into the top two grades.

Downgrading comes from wheat midge damage and ergot.

Average yield estimates for the northeast indicate that winter wheat, spring wheat, durum, oats, barley, pea and canary seed yields will be the highest in the province.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are getting drier, with 37% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 68% last week. Conditions are also drier on hay and pasture land with 33% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 50% last week.

Sawflies are still causing some crop damage in CD 8b.

Farmers are seeding winter wheat and would like to see some rain to help with germination.

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

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	79	43
Durum	85	40
Oats	63	27
Barley	74	46
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	42
Flax	4	7
Canola	78	44
Mustard	40	0
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	95	65
Peas	99	85
Canary seed	n/a	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	78	46

The north western region was warm, dry, and windy this past week.

No measurable rain was reported. Drought damage was reported across the region. Frost was reported in the Leask area.

Seventy-eight per cent of the 2006 north western crop has been harvested and a further 19% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Fall rye and winter wheat crops have been completely harvested. Over 90% of the triticale, lentils and peas have been harvested.

Crop reporters estimate that over 90% of the spring wheat will fall into the top two grades. Downgrading came from wheat midge damage.

Average yield estimates for the northwest indicate that spring wheat, flax, and canola yields will be the highest in the province, and lentils yields will be the lowest.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got drier during the past week, with 24% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 52% last week. Conditions also got drier on hay and pasture land with 20% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 41% last week.

Insect damage came from sawflies, bertha armyworm larvae, diamondback moth larvae, and grasshoppers. Rust and mildew were reported in CD 9aw. Geese damaged crops in 9aw.

Late-seeded swath grazing stands are suffering due to drought. Waterfowl damaged crops in the Debden area.

Fall crops were being seeded, and earlier-seeded ones were emerging.

Dry soil conditions hampered tillage operations.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 9, 2006

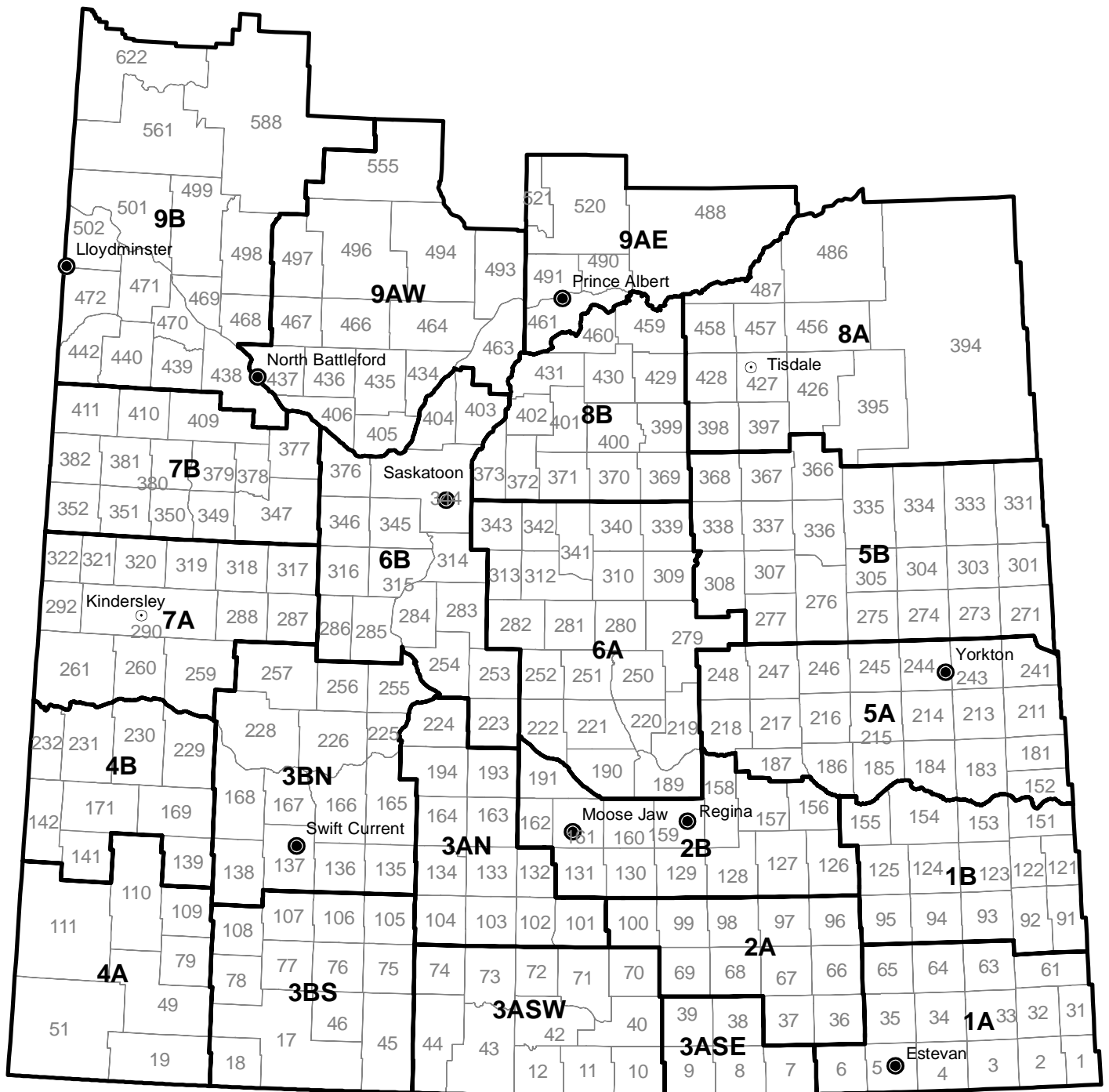
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2 Mount Pleasant	NIL	205	106 Whiska Creek	NIL	212	346 Perdue	NIL	265
3 B Enniskillen	NIL	179	107 Lac Pelletier	NIL	190	376 B Eagle Creek	NIL	234
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33 B Moose Creek	NIL	237	3BN 136 Coulee	NIL	249	7A 259 Snipe Lake	NIL	167
35 Benson	NIL	212	138 Webb	4	245	288 Pleasant Valley	NIL	215
63 A Moose Mountain	NIL	217	165 Morse	3	225	292 Milton	NIL	242
63 B Moose Mountain	NIL	233	166 Excelsior	NIL	242	317 B Marriott	NIL	240
64 Brock	NIL	228	167 Sask. Landing	NIL	227	317 C Marriott	NIL	227
65 Tecumseh	1	230	225 Canaan	NIL	202	318 A Mountain View	NIL	275
1B 92 B Walpole	NIL	216	226 Victory	NIL	209	318 B Mountain View	NIL	252
93 Wawken	NIL	230	228 A Lacadena	NIL	189	320 Oakdale	NIL	198
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121 Moosomin	NIL	251	4A 19 Frontier	NIL	169	322 Antelope Park	NIL	257
122 Martin	NIL	253	49 A White Valley	NIL	136	7B 347 A Biggar	NIL	280
123 Silverwood	NIL	292	49 B White Valley	TR	162	350 A Mariposa	NIL	165
124 Kingsley	NIL	250	110 Piapot	NIL	147	350 B Mariposa	NIL	224
125 Chester	NIL	231	111 A Maple Creek	NIL	142	351 Progress	NIL	241
151 B Rocanville	NIL	411	111 B Maple Creek	NIL	147	352 Heart's Hill	NIL	234
153 Willowdale	NIL	240	4B 139 Gull Lake	NIL	172	377 Glenside	NIL	253
154 Elcapo	NIL	248	141 Big Stick	NIL	158	378 A Rosemount	NIL	251
155 Wolseley	NIL	279	169 Pittville	NIL	122	378 B Rosemount	NIL	202
2A 36 Cymri	NIL	296	232 Deer Forks	NIL	200	380 Tramping Lake	NIL	165
66 Griffin	NIL	200*	5A 152 Spy Hill	NIL	322	381 Grass Lake	NIL	241
67 Weyburn	NIL	212	185 Mcleod	NIL	213	382 Eye Hill	NIL	308
68 Brokenshell	NIL	218	211 Churchbridge	NIL	285	409 Buffalo	NIL	218
69 Norton	NIL	237*	213 Saltoats	NIL	227	410 Round Valley	NIL	220
96 Fillmore	NIL	248	216 Tullymet	NIL	306	8A 395 Porcupine	NIL	337
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2B 126 Montmartre	NIL	225	245 A Garry	NIL	255	456 Arborfield	NIL	322
127 Francis	NIL	238	245 B Garry	NIL	328	457 A Connaught	NIL	385
128 Lajord	NIL	149	246 Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	281	457 B Connaught	NIL	272
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157 South Qu'appelle	NIL	228	275 B Insinger	NIL	278	371 Bayne	NIL	280
158 Edenswold	NIL	203	276 Foam Lake	NIL	296	373 Aberdeen	NIL	212
160 Pense	20	263	277 Emerald	NIL	284	402 Fish Creek	NIL	258
161 Moose Jaw	4	382	307 Elfros	NIL	335	429 A Flett's Springs	NIL	261
191 Marquis	NIL	279	308 Big Quill	NIL	209	429 B Flett's Springs	NIL	276
3ASE 8 Lake Alma	NIL	251	335 Hazel Dell	NIL	296	430 Invergordon	NIL	309
38 A Laurier	3	255	336 Sasman	NIL	273	431 St. Louis	NIL	361
38 B Laurier	NIL	212	338 Lakeside	NIL	299	459 Kinistino	5	251
39 A The Gap	NIL	179	366 A Kelvington	TR	262	9AE 488 Torch River	NIL	304
39 B The Gap	TR	196	366 B Kelvington	TR	337	520 Paddockwood	NIL	381
3ASW 12 Poplar Valley	NIL	171	367 Ponass Lake	2	394	9AW 406 Mayfield	NIL	248
40 Bengough	NIL	214	6A 189 Lumsden	NIL	311	435 Redberry	NIL	271
42 Willow Bunch	NIL	196	190 A Dufferin	NIL	196	436 Douglas	NIL	340
43 A Old Post	NIL	156	190 B Dufferin	2	289	436 B Douglas	NIL	165*
43 B Old Post	NIL	162	190 C Dufferin	NIL	254	463 Duck Lake	NIL	259
44 Waverley	NIL	252	219 B Longlaketon	NIL	212	464 Leask	NIL	333
71 A Excel	NIL	209	219 C Longlaketon	NIL	215	466 Meeting Lake	NIL	283
71 B Excel	NIL	233	220 Mckillop	NIL	293	467 Round Hill	NIL	333
71 C Excel	NIL	275	221 Sarnia	NIL	266	494 Canwood	NIL	324
73 A Stonehenge	NIL	245	222 Craik	NIL	311	496 Spiritwood	NIL	311
73 B Stonehenge	NIL	249	251 Big Arm	NIL	211	497 Medstead	NIL	217
3AN 101 B Terrell	NIL	205	252 Arm River	NIL	232	9B 438 A Battle River	NIL	267
102 Lake Johnston	NIL	202	280 Wreford	NIL	203	438 B Battle River	NIL	259
103 Sutton	NIL	236*	282 Mccraney	NIL	253	440 Hillsdale	NIL	198
132 Hillsborough	NIL	277	312 Morris	NIL	261	472 Wilton	NIL	286
134 Shamrock	NIL	268	313 Lost River	NIL	199	498 A Parkdale	NIL	220
193 Eyebrow	NIL	301	339 A Leroy	NIL	232	499 Mervin	NIL	254
3BS 17 A Val Marie	NIL	151	339 B Leroy	NIL	288	501 A Frenchman Butte	NIL	211
45 Mankota	NIL	222	340 A Wolverine	NIL	312	501 B Frenchman Butte	NIL	201
46 Glen Mcpherson	NIL	171	340 B Wolverine	NIL	311	501 C Frenchman Butte	NIL	208
75 A Pinto Creek	NIL	204	343 Blucher	NIL	266	502 Britannia	NIL	262
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77 Wise Creek	3	114	284 Rudy	NIL	268	588 C Meadow Lake	NIL	225
78 A Grassy Creek	NIL	157	285 Fertile Valley	NIL	273	588 D Meadow Lake	NIL	248
78 B Grassy Creek	NIL	115	314 Dundurn	NIL	253	622 Beaver River	NIL	218
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These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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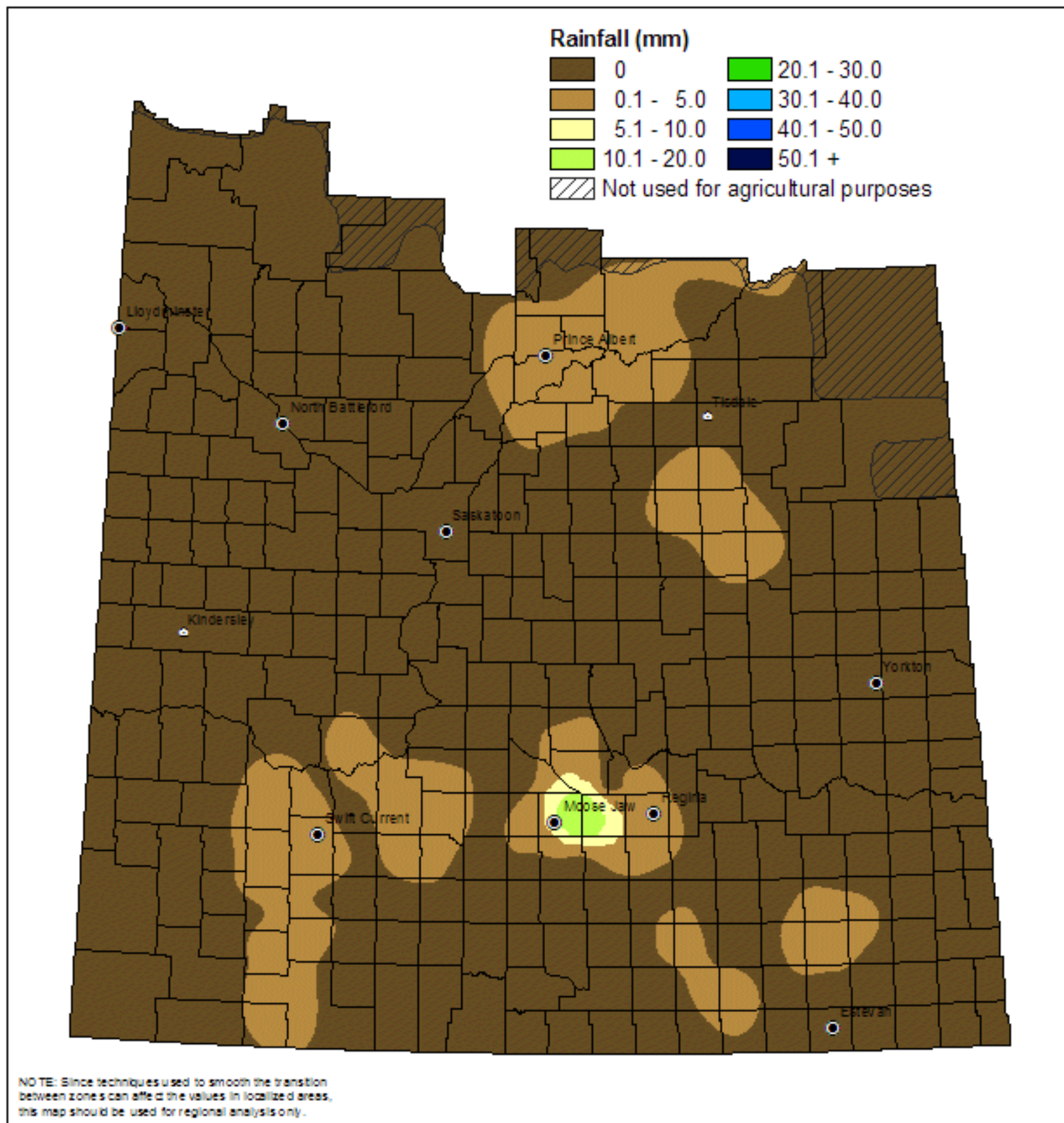
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities



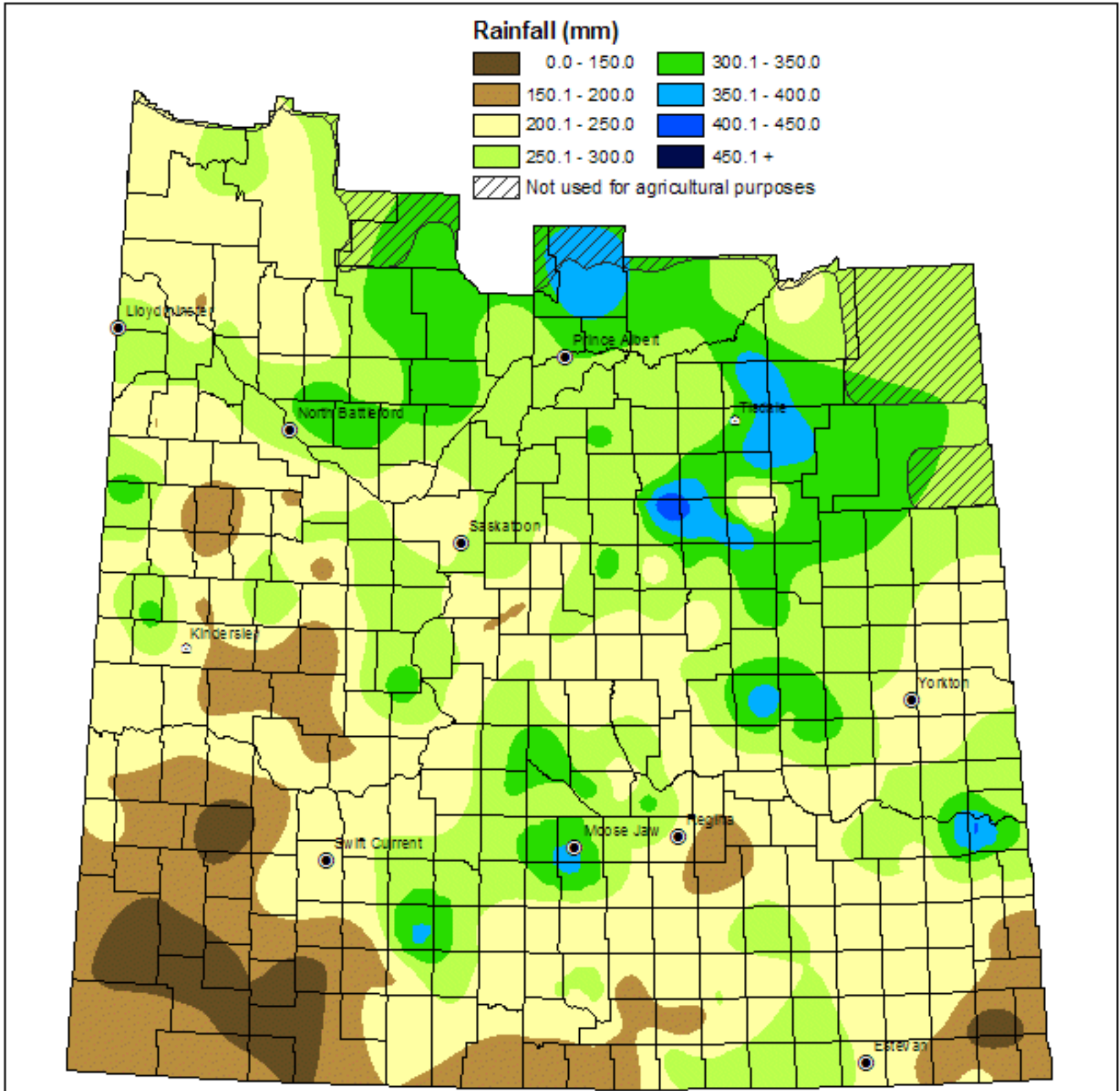
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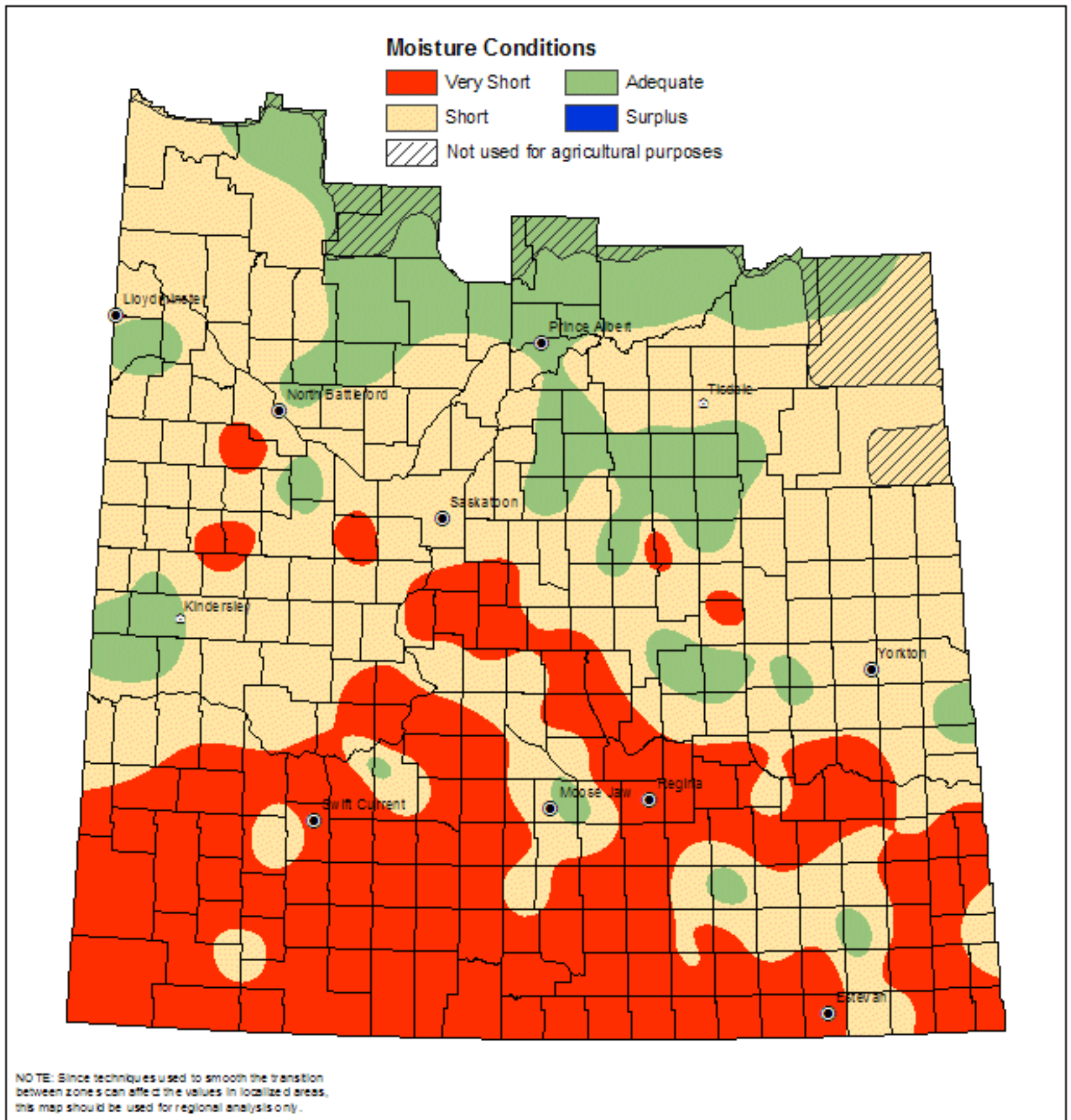
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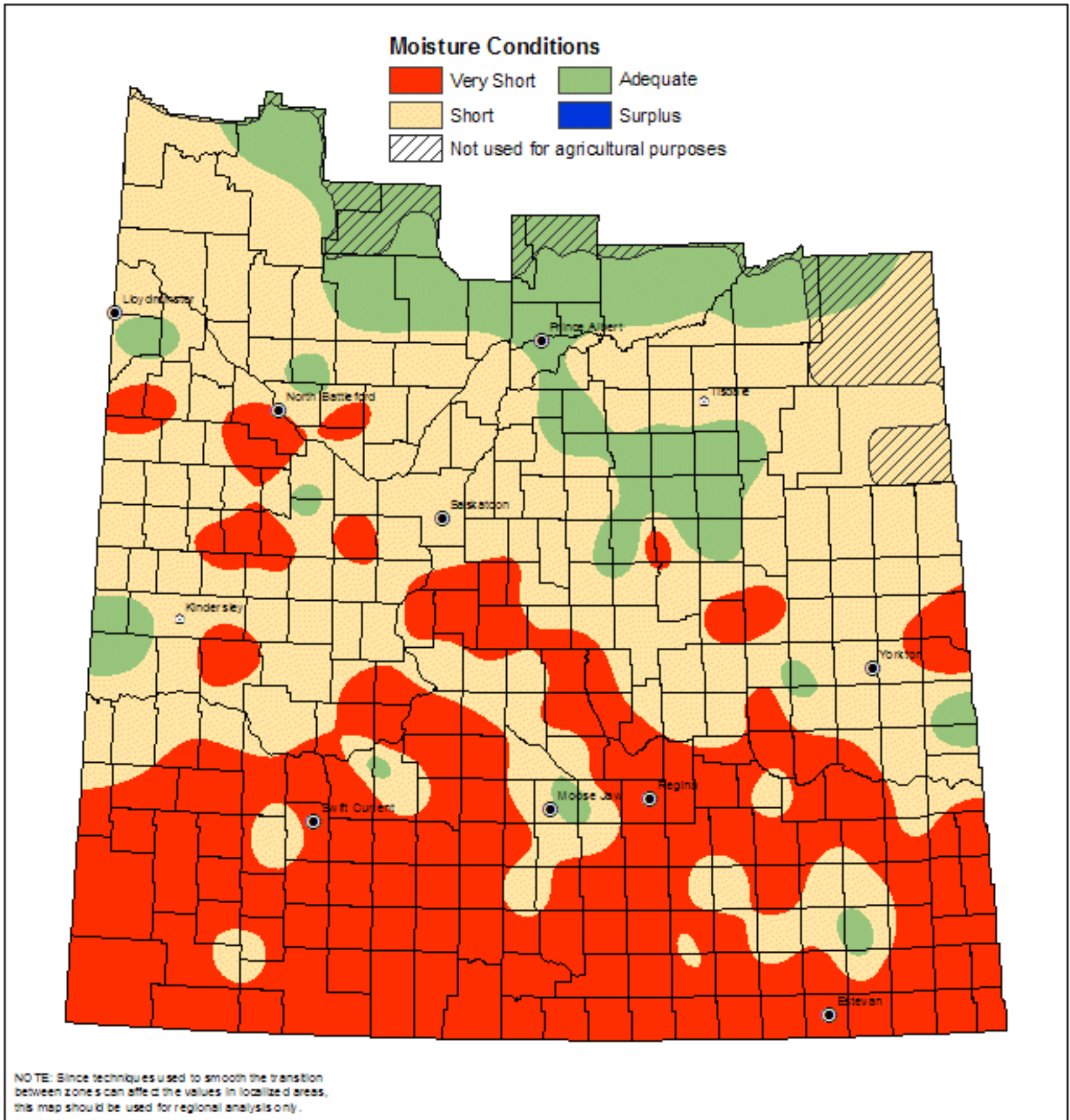
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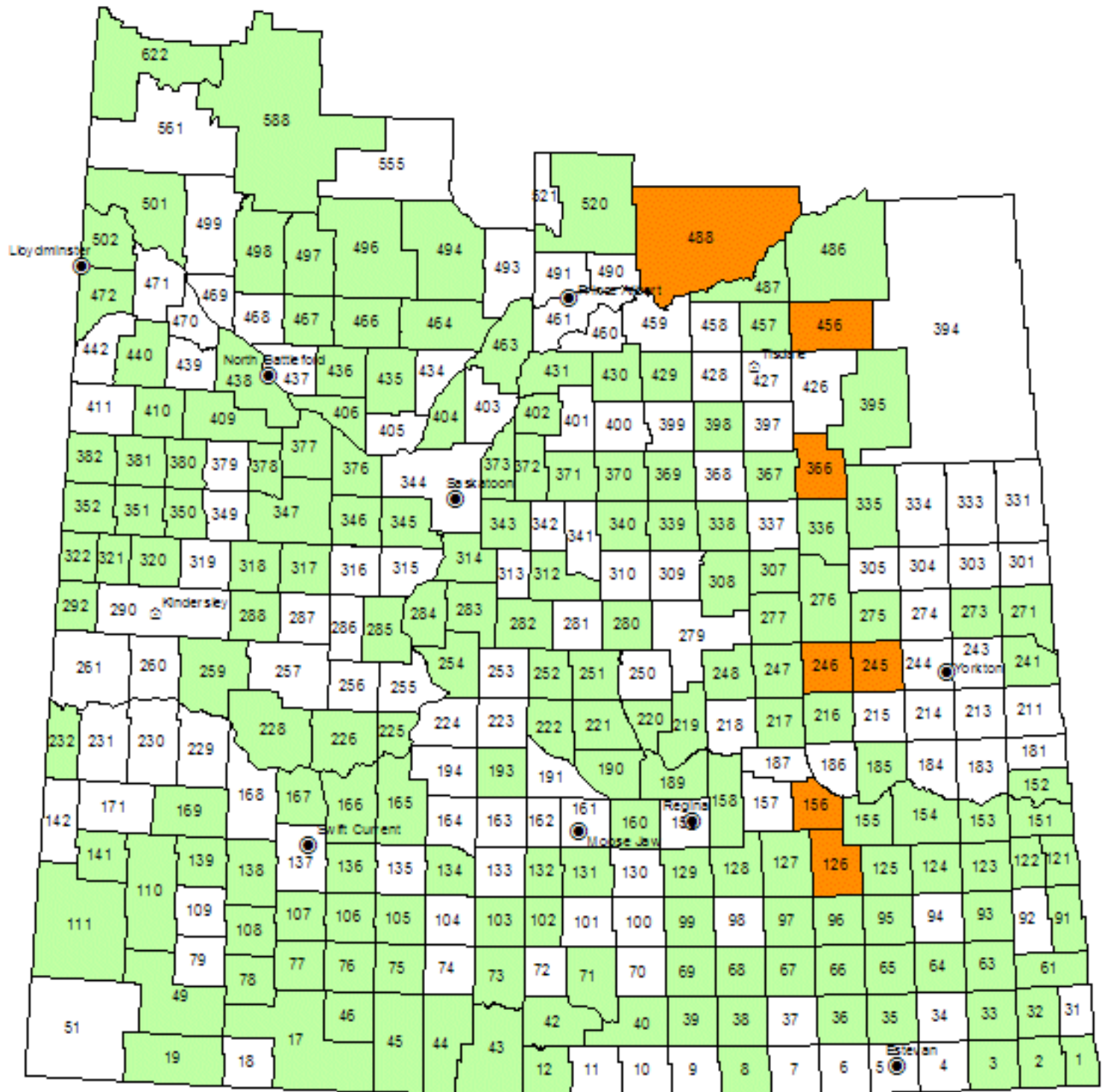
Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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Crop Damage - Frost

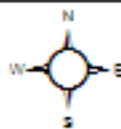
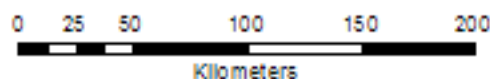
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Damage Reported
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