

Crop Report for September 17, 2006

Harvest operations were stalled mid-way through the week in most regions of the province as a result of rain, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Ninety-one per cent of the 2006 crop has been harvested, up from 85 per cent last week. This is considerably ahead of the five-year (2001-05) average of 52 per cent harvested. Harvesting is furthest advanced in the southwest where 97 per cent of the crop is off, and is least advanced in the northwest where 84 per cent of the crop has been taken off.

On a provincial basis, the winter wheat and fall rye harvest is complete, and the pea, lentil, and triticale harvest is nearing completion. Sunflower, flax, and canaryseed crops are less than three-quarters complete.

Over 90 per cent of the barley has been harvested. Crop reporters expect that 43 per cent of the barley crop will grade malt, 46 per cent will grade 1 CW and the remainder will grade 2 CW. The 10-year crop report average is 30 per cent malt, 49 per cent 1 CW, and 21 per cent 2 CW.

Rain, snow and wind caused the majority of crop damage during the past week. While most areas of the province were either dry or drying out and therefore benefited from the moisture, the central and northern areas needed another week of dry weather to work on harvest. Central and northern areas averaged over 65 mm of rain, and will require warm, drying weather to resume harvest operations.

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	Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 17, 2006					
	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb			% Combined		
	2006	2005	Average 2001-05	2006	2005	Average 2001-05
Winter wheat	0	6	9	100	93	85
Spring wheat	6	40	22	93	25	50
Durum	3	31	17	96	49	56
Oats	13	33	21	85	20	41
Barley	7	36	20	92	38	54
Fall rye	0	3	6	100	89	84
Triticale	1	28	13	99	39	54
Flax	24	18	16	60	7	22
Canola	12	62	43	88	29	45
Mustard	4	26	16	93	53	62
Sunflowers	0	9	3	4	1	1
Lentils	1	17	11	99	73	75
Peas	1	14	9	99	80	82
Canary seed	21	27	17	70	12	30
Chickpeas	4	13	7	92	29	34
Total	7	37	22	91	37	52

1 Year Ago

Cool, wet weather continued to delay harvest progress.

Thirty seven per cent of the crop was combined - ranging from 67% done in the southwest to 11% done in the northwest.

Crop damage came from migrating birds, lodging, bleaching, staining, and sprouting.

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

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	98	94
Durum	95	91
Oats	93	87
Barley	99	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	97
Flax	78	61
Canola	96	93
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	100	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	88	74
Chickpeas	92	91
Total	94	90

The south eastern region was generally warm and dry for the first part of last week, and then turned cloudy and cool. An average of 15 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in Crop Districts (CDs) 1a and 2a, and an average high of 23 mm reported in CD 3ase. Localized wind and drought damage was reported across the region. Frost was reported in the Montmartre area.

Ninety-four per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been harvested and a further 4% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, triticale, lentils, and peas is complete. Flax and sunflowers are less than 80% harvested.

Almost all of the barley has been harvested in the southeast. Crop reporters expect 30% to 50% of that to grade malt, and 45% to 70% to grade 1 CW.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved this past week. Thirty-six per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as very short compared with 64% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 45% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short compared to 72% last week.

Sawflies continued to cause crop damage and wheat midge caused downgrading on some wheat samples. The rain caused some bleaching in the Moose Jaw area. There is a shortage of straw in the Minton area.

Some more acres were planted to winter cereals this past week, and some reporters expect more may be seeded now that there has been some moisture.

Dugouts are drying up in the Wawota area. Pastures are out of grass or almost out of grass in a number of areas, resulting in cattle being moved to other feeding areas or supplemental feeding on pastures.

Farmers have been spraying fall herbicides, baling straw, harrowing, hauling bales, bunching flax straw, repairing buildings and machinery, and fixing fence.

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

The past week turned from hot and dry to cool and wet in the southwest. An average of 29 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 19 mm

reported in CD 4a, to an average high of 45 mm reported in CD 3bn. Over 70 mm of rain was reported in the Outlook area. Localized wind damage was reported in CD 3b. Flooding damage was reported in the Lucky Lake area. Reporters in CDs 3b and 4a reported snow in their areas – up to 4 inches.

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	97	97
Durum	97	96
Oats	96	93
Barley	97	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	69	56
Canola	100	99
Mustard	98	98
Sunflowers	50	0
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	88	88
Chickpeas	94	82
Total	97	96

Ninety-seven per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been combined and a further 2% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, triticale, canola, peas, and lentils is complete. Flax and sunflowers are the only crops less than 70% harvested.

Some fall crops were seeded this past week, and more may be seeded now that there is some moisture.

Ninety-seven per cent of the barley has been harvested in the southwest. Crop reporters expect 33% to 55% of that to grade malt.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved this past week. Twenty-eight per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as very short compared with 84% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 37% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short compared to 84% last week.

Livestock owners in the Bengough area are worried about water for their stock over the winter. Some in the Bengough, Mankota, and Assiniboia areas are already hauling water for their cattle. Dugouts are also under pressure in the Mossbank area. Some farmers are already feeding their cattle as pastures are not productive.

There were reports of crops bleaching, as well as damage from ducks, geese, and gophers.

Farmers are hauling bales, picking rocks, working summerfallow, and spraying herbicide.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	91	82
Durum	93	85
Oats	86	66
Barley	92	84
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	44	22
Canola	84	77
Mustard	82	70
Sunflowers	22	22
Lentils	99	98
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	60	38
Chickpeas	80	80
Total	87	78

The east central region saw a sunny, warm week turn to windy, cool, and wet. An average of 63 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 37 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 96 mm reported in CD 5b. Up to 175 mm was reported in the Rose Valley area. Damage from flooding, wind, and hail was reported across the region. In the Kelvington area, some dry canola was hit hard by hail. There was some light hail damage in the Watrous area.

Eighty-seven per cent of the 2006 east central crop has been harvested and a further 12% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, triticale, and peas is complete. Sunflowers and flax are the only crops less than 50% harvested.

Over 90 % of the barley has been harvested in the east central region. Crop reporters expect 36% to 49% of that to grade malt.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved, with 58% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 18% last week. However 25% of reporters rate their moisture conditions as surplus. Conditions are also similar on hay and pasture land with 58% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 13% last week.

Crop reporters told of bleaching, staining, and lodging.

In the Jedburgh area, cattle were being moved onto stubble fields and some producers were beginning to feed their stock. Cattle were also being moved off pastures in the Lumsden area.

More seeding of fall crops was completed last week.

Farmers are leveling ruts, applying herbicides, harrowing, rock picking, bunching flax straw, and baling straw.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	95	87
Durum	97	91
Oats	86	71
Barley	94	88
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	90
Flax	35	19
Canola	95	88
Mustard	94	70
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	97
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	52	47
Chickpeas	85	63
Total	95	87

The west central region was hot and dry until Wednesday with rain and snow the rest of the past week. An average of 73 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 57 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 93 mm reported in CD 6b. Over 130 mm was reported in the Hanley area. Flooding and wind damage was reported throughout the region, including scattering of swaths, lodging, and twisting.

Ninety- five per cent of the 2006 west central crop has been harvested and a further 5% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, and peas is complete. Less than 40% of the flax and sunflower crop have been harvested.

Over 90% of the barley has been harvested in the west central region. Crop reporters expect 40% to 80% of that to be malt quality.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got a bit wetter this past week, with over one-third of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to none giving that rating last week. Conditions also got wetter on hay and pasture land with 22% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to none last week.

Sawflies continued to damage crops across the region. Most of the damage came from weathering and lodging. There is some concern as to how much grain piled on the ground will shed the rain.

Fall seeding is generally done and the rain should be beneficial.

Farmers are spraying herbicide and harrowing.

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

The north eastern region’s sunny week turned cool with rain and snow. An average of 127 mm of precipitation was reported during the

past week, ranging from an average low of 98 mm reported in CD 9ae, to an average high of 131 mm reported in CD 8b. Over 150 mm was reported in the Porcupine Plain, Tisdale, and Lake Lenore areas. Flooding and wind damage were reported across the region. The heavy wind and pounding rain had a devastating effect on many crops that still remain to be harvested. Hail damage was reported in the Humboldt and Bruno areas.

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	90	79
Durum	97	83
Oats	77	62
Barley	88	83
Fall rye	100	98
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	29	15
Canola	84	71
Mustard	67	63
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	100	100
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	46	41
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	85	75

Eighty-five per cent of the 2006 north eastern crop has been harvested and a further 13% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat, fall rye, and lentils is complete. Less than 30% of the flax has been harvested.

Almost 90% of the barley has been harvested in the northeast. Crop reporters expect 35% to 50% of that to grade malt.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are much wetter than last week with 89% of reporters citing

surplus moisture conditions, compared to none last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land were also wetter with 83% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to none last week.

There were some reports of bleaching. Some bales are standing in water.

Farmers were spraying weeds, harrowing, and trying to level ruts in the fields. Some seeded winter wheat.

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

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	88	79
Durum	85	85
Oats	69	63
Barley	79	74
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	97
Flax	12	4
Canola	84	78
Mustard	40	40
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	95	95
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	50	n/a
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	84	78

The north western region was cold with rain and snow this past week. An average of 64 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 56 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 75 mm reported in CD 9aw. Over 100 mm of rain was reported in the Duck Lake and Shellbrook areas. Flooding, frost, and wind damage were reported across the region. Hail damage was reported in the North Battleford area.

Eighty-four per cent of the 2006 north western crop has been combined and a further 14% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of winter wheat and fall rye is complete. Over 80% of the flax remains to be harvested.

Almost 80% of the barley has been harvested in the northwest. Crop reporters expect one-quarter to one-third of that to grade malt. Some reporters indicated that there was more wheat midge and sawfly damage than expected.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter during the past

week, with 30% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with none last week. Conditions improved on hay and pasture land with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 20% last week.

Reporters expressed concern about bleaching, sprouting, and lodging. Geese also caused crop damage.

Fall crops are germinating evenly in the Delmas area. Some reporters are concerned that standing water in fields may damage fall crops. Some winter wheat was seeded this past week.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress by Crop District at Sept 17, 2006 (total of all crops)		
Crop District	% Combined	% Other
1a	98	0
1b	92	0
2a	91	0
2b	95	0
3ase	98	1
3asw	96	1
3an	90	0
3bs	99	0
3bn	91	6
4a	99	1
4b	98	2
South	95	1
5a	88	0
5b	83	0
6a	88	0
6b	93	0
7a	85	8
7b	95	1
Central	88	1
8a	89	0
8b	85	0
9ae	73	0
9aw	82	0
9b	81	2
North	84	0
SK	90	1

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 16, 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	2	166	138 Webb	38	283	344 Corman Park	100	313
2 Mount Pleasant	25	230	165 Morse	62	287	345 Vanscoy	84	334
3 B Enniskillen	16	195	166 Excelsior	16	258	346 Perdue	91	356
33 A Moose Creek	NIL	155	167 Sask. Landing	40	266	376 A Eagle Creek	122	386
34 Browning	8	259	225 Canaan	50	252	376 B Eagle Creek	122	356
35 Benson	1	213	226 Victory	42	251	404 Laird	101	365
63 A Moose Mountain	12	229	228 B Lacadena	40	284	7A 288 Pleasant Valley	42	257
64 Brock	11	239	255 Coteau	73	399	292 Milton	35	277
65 Tecumseh	2	232	4A 19 Frontier	18	187	317 B Marriott	68	308
1B 91 Maryfield	10	172	49 B White Valley	20	182	317 C Marriott	70	297
92 Walpole	6	213	51 Reno	12	165	318 A Mountain View	56	331
92 B Walpole	18	234	79 Arlington	22	149*	318 B Mountain View	69	321
93 Wawken	10	240	109 Carmichael	23	197	320 Oakdale	63	261
95 Golden West	7	247	110 Piapot	15	162	321 Prairiedale	72	392
121 Moosomin	20	271	111 A Maple Creek	20	162	322 Antelope Park	34	291
122 Martin	20	273	111 B Maple Creek	20	167	7B 347 A Biggar	73	353
123 Silverwood	NIL	292	4B 139 Gull Lake	22	194	347 B Biggar	89	266
124 Kingsley	6	256	141 Big Stick	20	178	350 A Mariposa	50	215
125 Chester	17	248	169 Pittville	30	152	350 B Mariposa	46	270
151 A Rocanville	8	309*	231 Happyland	23	231	351 Progress	55	296
151 B Rocanville	38	449	232 Deer Forks	20	220	352 Heart's Hill	52	286
154 Elcapo	10	258	5A 152 Spy Hill	11	333	377 Glenside	128	381
155 Wolseley	12	291	183 Fertile Belt	21	319	378 A Rosemount	56	307
2A 36 Cymri	5	301	185 Mcleod	15	228	378 B Rosemount	54	256
67 Weyburn	TR	212	186 Abernethy	28	258	379 Reford	60	298
68 Brokenshell	TR	218	187 North Qu'appelle	35	244	382 Eye Hill	82	390
69 Norton	24	261	211 Churchbridge	13	298	409 Buffalo	65	283
96 Fillmore	15	263	213 Saltcoats	34	261	410 Round Valley	58	278
97 Wellington	8	289	216 Tullymet	88	394	8A 395 Porcupine	157	494
99 Caledonia	13	236	217 B Lipton	34	277	397 Barrier Valley	155	523
2B 126 Montmartre	30	255	241 Calder	25	258	398 Pleasantdale	100	413
127 Francis	7	245	243 Wallace	46	282	428 Star City	96	374
128 Lajord	6	155	245 A Garry	40	295	456 Arborfield	140	462
129 Bratt's Lake	4	211	245 B Garry	63	391	458 Willow Creek	101	396
131 Baidon	28	315	246 Ituna Bon Accord	61	342	487 Nipawin	145	477
156 A Indian Head	38	276	247 Kellross	44	413	8B 369 St. Peter	152	582
156 B Indian Head	32	275	248 Touchwood	43	300	370 Humboldt	145	399
157 South Qu'appelle	15	248	5B 271 Cote	42	270	371 Bayne	131	411
158 Edenwold	18	221	273 Sliding Hills	62	266	372 Grant	106	361
160 Pense	15	278	275 B Inisinger	52	330	373 Aberdeen	138	350
161 Moose Jaw	19	401	276 Foam Lake	95	391	400 Three Lakes	140	388
191 Marquis	34	313	277 Emerald	68	352	402 Fish Creek	139	397
3ASE 9 Surprise Valley	38	295	304 Buchanan	51	324	429 A Flett's Springs	139	401
38 A Laurier	14	269	307 Elfros	114	449	429 B Flett's Springs	115	391
38 B Laurier	16	228	308 Big Quill	60	269	430 Invergordon	131	440
39 A The Gap	34	213	335 Hazel Dell	93	389	459 Kinistino	105	356
39 B The Gap	15	211	336 Sasman	110	383	9AE 488 Torch River	104	408
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	31	199	337 Lakeview	124	465	520 Paddockwood	92	473
12 Poplar Valley	1	172	338 Lakeside	124	423	9AW 405 Great Bend	79	279
40 Bengough	27	241	366 A Kelvington	109	371	406 Mayfield	88	336
42 Willow Bunch	9	205	366 B Kelvington	105	442	435 Redberry	63	334
43 A Old Post	28	184	367 Ponass Lake	152	546	436 Douglas	78	418
43 B Old Post	18	180	367 B Ponass Lake	175	358	436 B Douglas	40	205*
70 Key West	22	234	6A 189 Lumsden	23	334	463 Duck Lake	113	372
71 A Excel	29	238	190 A Dufferin	13	209	464 Leask	100	433
71 B Excel	33	266	190 B Dufferin	41	330	466 Meeting Lake	69	352
71 C Excel	3	278	190 C Dufferin	22	276	467 Round Hill	72	405
73 A Stonehenge	36	281	219 C Longlaketon	28	243	493 Shellbrook	110	360
3AN 101 A Terrell	39	243	220 Mckillop	31	324	494 Canwood	81	405
101 B Terrell	11	216	221 Sarnia	43	309	496 Spiritwood	40	351
102 Lake Johnston	38	240	222 Craik	37	348	497 Medstead	51	268
103 Sutton	NIL	236*	251 Big Arm	41	252	555 Big River	60	383
132 Hillsborough	32	309	252 Arm River	30	262	9B 438 A Battle River	62	329
134 Shamrock	26	294	279 A Mount Hope	58	306	438 B Battle River	80	339
193 Eyebrow	55	356	279 B Mount Hope	61	331*	440 Hillsdale	56	254
194 Enfield	48	270	280 Wreford	50	253	442 Manitou Lake	98	358
3BS 17 A Val Marie	26	177	282 Mccraney	68	321	468 Meota	40	289
17 B Val Marie	41	184	309 Prairie Rose	92	372	472 Wilton	86	372
45 Mankota	18	240	312 Morris	57	318	498 A Parkdale	30	250
46 Glen Mcpherson	28	199	313 Lost River	100	299	498 B Parkdale	54	262
75 B Pinto Creek	25	246	339 B Leroy	102	390	499 Mervin	68	322
76 A Auvergne	37	198	340 A Wolverine	90	402	501 A Frenchman Butte	30	241
76 B Auvergne	48	236	340 B Wolverine	123	434	501 B Frenchman Butte	48	249
77 Wise Creek	40	154	341 Viscount	75	308	501 C Frenchman Butte	39	247
78 A Grassy Creek	34	191	343 Blucher	92	358	502 Britannia	67	329
78 B Grassy Creek	23	138	6B 254 Loreburn	72	312	561 Loon Lake	61	260
78 C Grassy Creek	30	181	283 Rosedale	90	291	588 B Meadow Lake	33	331
105 Glenbain	50	414	284 Rudy	73	341	588 C Meadow Lake	95	320
106 Whiska Creek	34	246	285 Fertile Valley	55	328	588 D Meadow Lake	35	282
108 Bone Creek	32	198	286 Milden	68	311	622 Beaver River	24	242
3BN 136 Coulee	47	296	314 Dundurn	134	387			

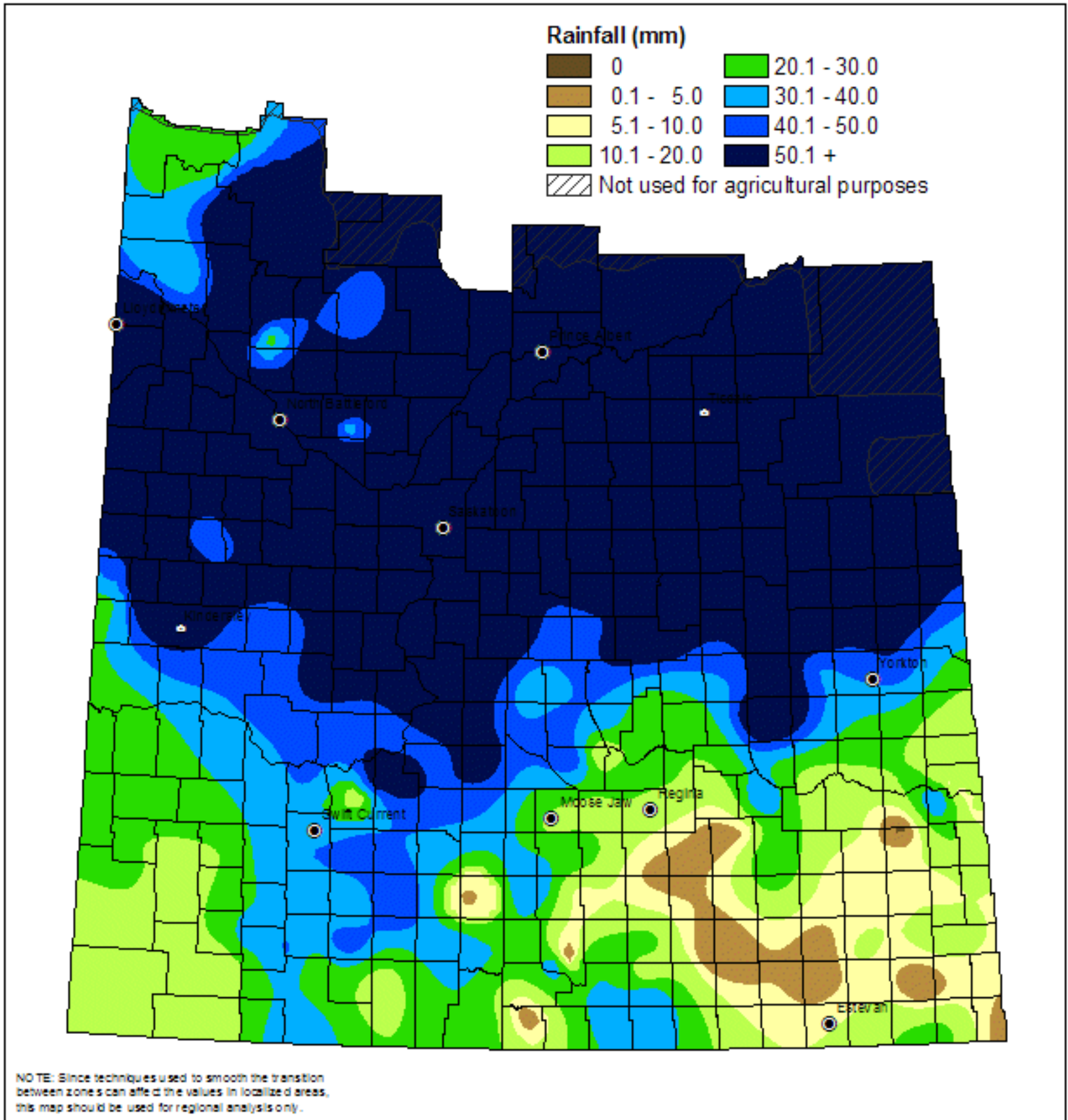
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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall

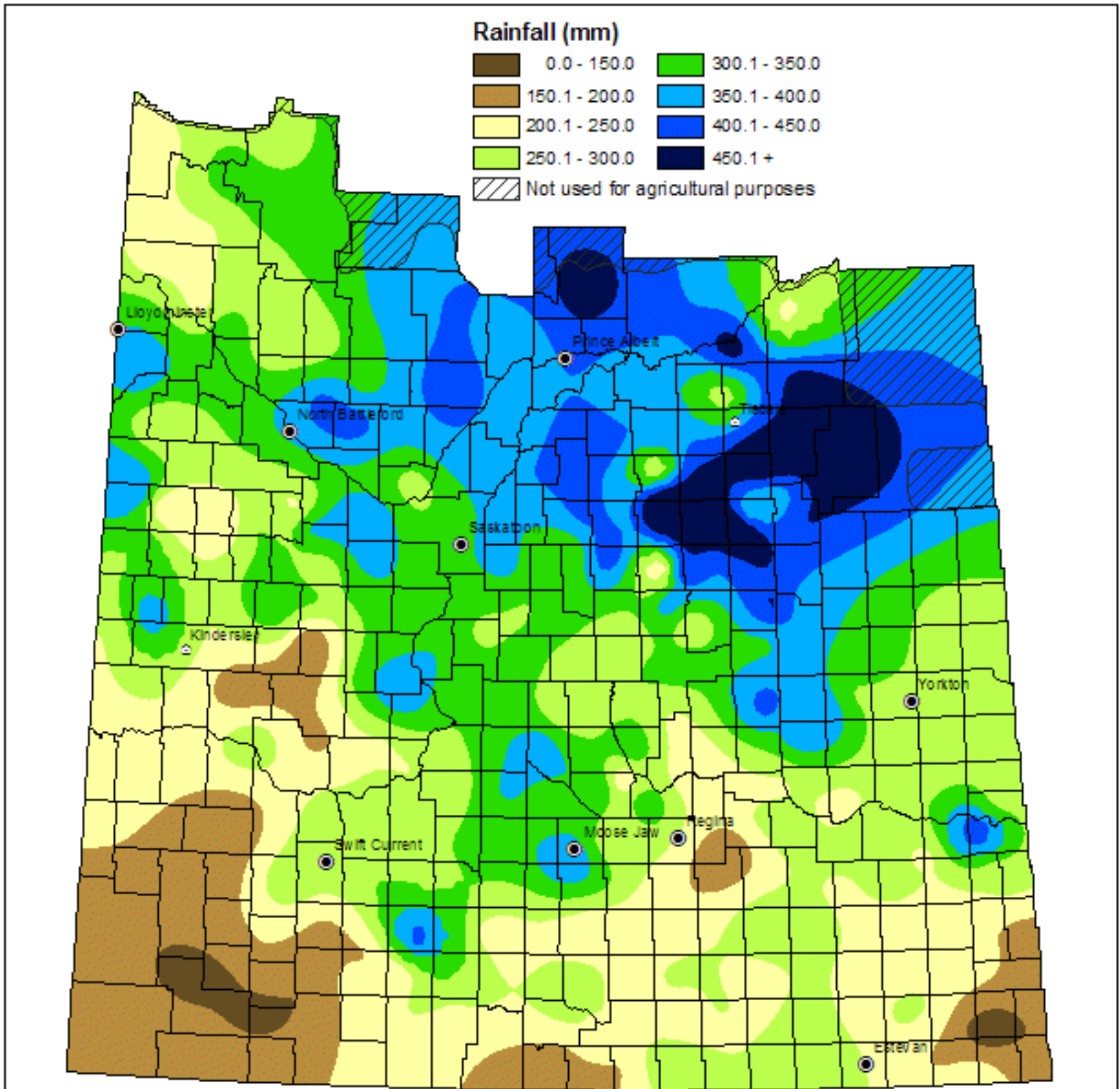
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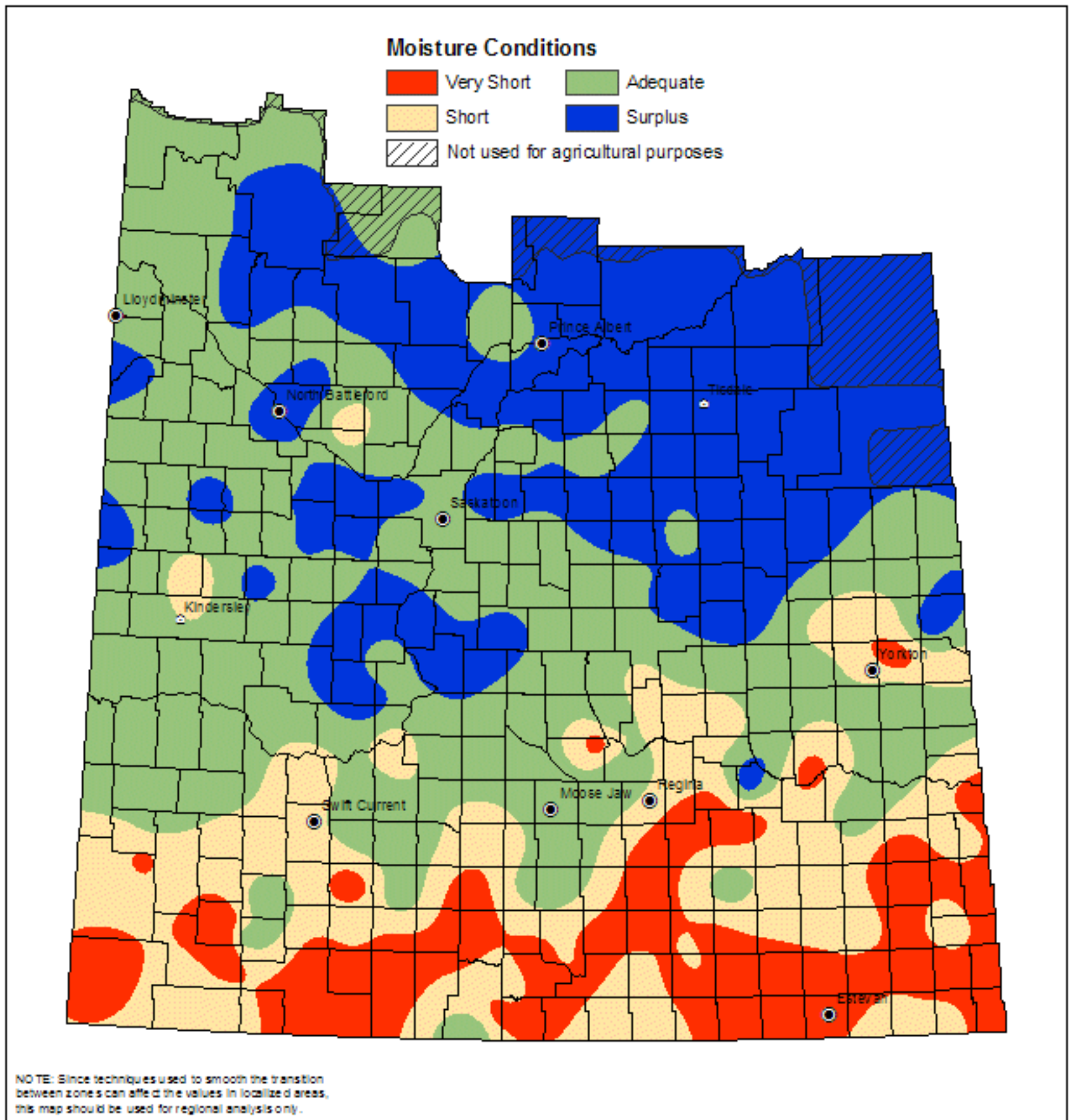
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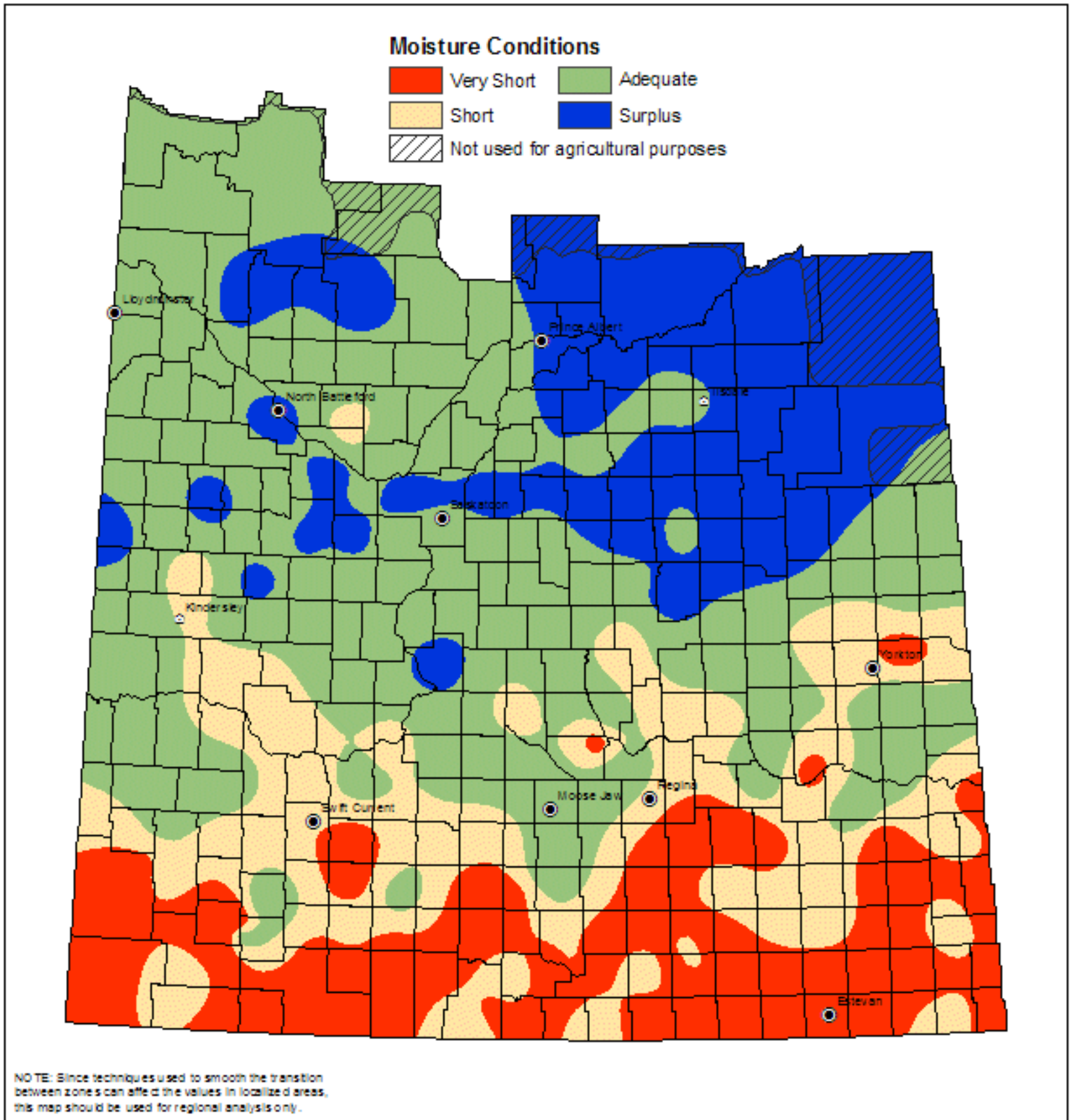
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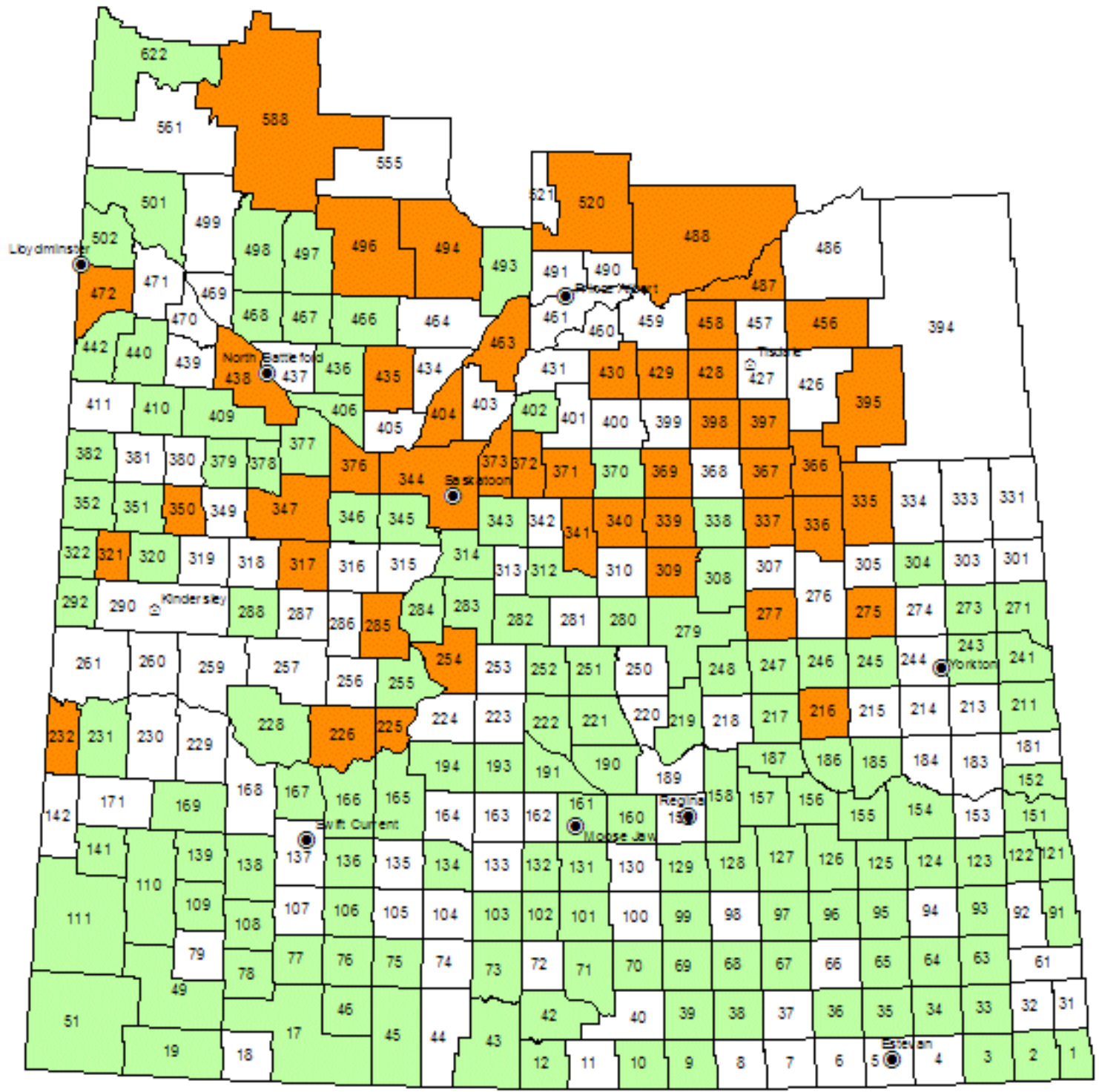
Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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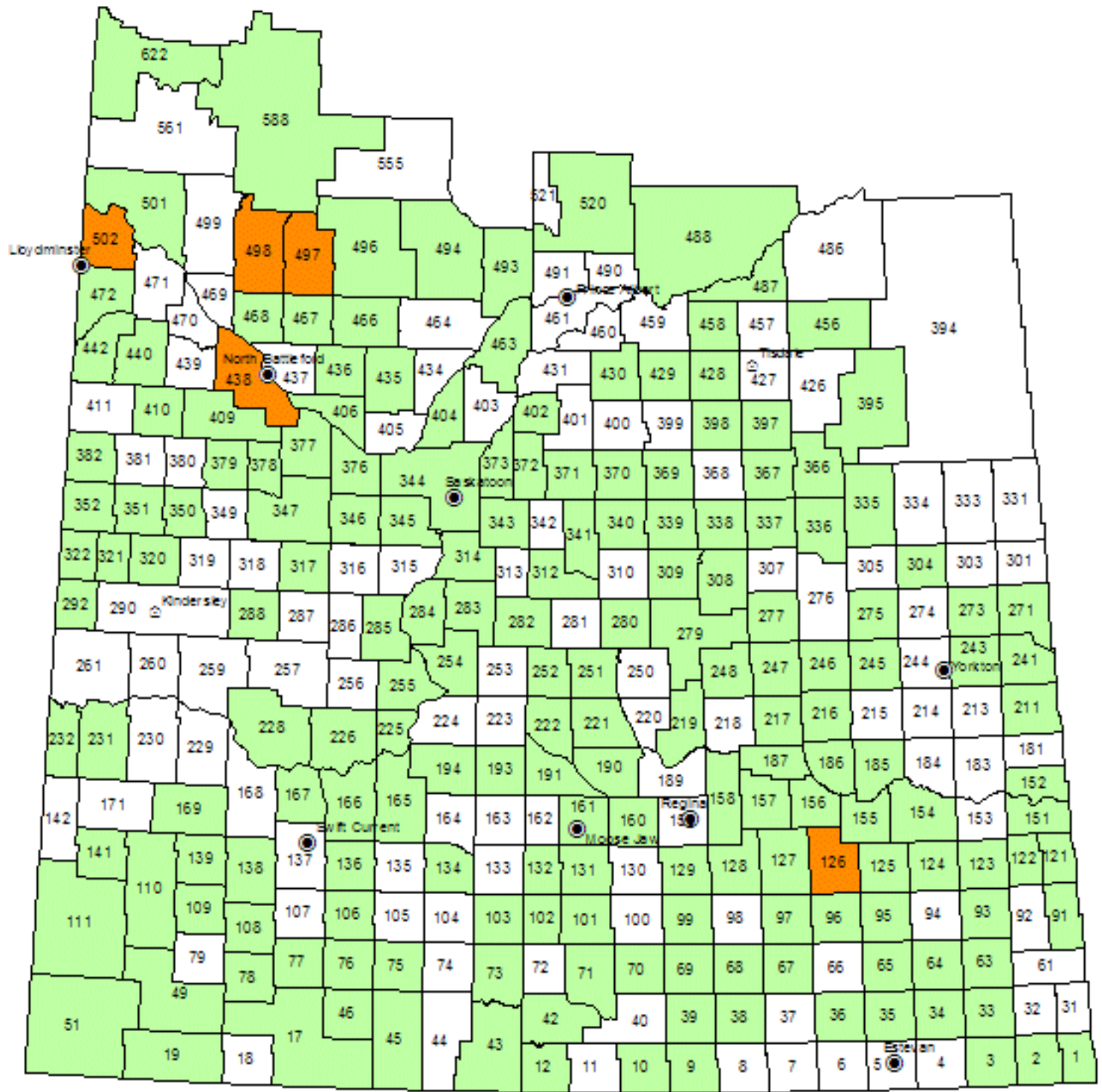
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Damage Reported
 No Damage Reported
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Crop Damage - Frost

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Damage Reported
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 No Data

