

## Crop Report for September 24, 2006

Saskatchewan farmers have harvested 92 per cent of the 2006 crop, up from last's week's total of 91 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Last year, at this time, only 53 per cent of the crop had been harvested. The five-year average (2001-2005) is 63 per cent harvested.

Very little harvesting progress was made during the past week, due to wet crops from the previous week's rainfall. Additional rain fell this week in some areas. The

southeast, southwest, and northwest regional totals increased from last week; the other regional totals remained the same as last week.

Weathering, flooding, and frost were the main sources of crop damage during the past week. In addition, migratory waterfowl resulted in some crop damage. Crop reporters also raised concerns with sprouting and bleaching of crops.

One-third of the province's pastures were reported in good to excellent condition, which is an improvement from the end of August.

Availability of livestock water was rated as adequate by 86 per cent of reporters, lower than the end of August. Some reporters in the southern part of the province indicated that sloughs and dugouts are low or empty.

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	Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 24, 2006 % In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined Average		
	2006	2005	2001-05 Average	2006	2005	2001-05
Winter wheat	0	4	4	100	96	94
Spring wheat	5	39	22	94	39	60
Durum	2	23	14	98	67	68
Oats	11	35	23	86	36	52
Barley	6	33	20	93	52	65
Fall rye	0	1	3	100	90	88
Triticale	1	18	9	99	53	65
Flax	21	28	18	63	22	34
Canola	11	44	35	89	52	58
Mustard	5	23	14	94	70	74
Sunflowers	0	0	2	4	1	2
Lentils	1	9	7	99	86	84
Peas	1	8	5	99	87	89
Canary seed	21	30	17	72	28	42
Chickpeas	5	20	8	92	43	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>

### 1 Year Ago

Fifty-three per cent of the 2005 crop had been harvested.

Harvest delays came from rain, dews, frosts, and high humidity.

Issues included lodging, sprouting, bleaching, staining, second growth, and soft fields.

Close to 70 per cent of the province's pastures were in good to excellent condition.

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

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	98	98
Durum	98	95
Oats	94	93
Barley	99	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	82	78
Canola	98	96
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	3	0
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	88	88
Chickpeas	92	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>

The south eastern region had a cool, wet week with some frost. An average of 22 mm of precipitation was reported, with an average low of 15 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 3ase, and an average high of 26 mm reported in CD 1b. Over 50 mm was reported in the Moose Jaw area. Flooding and wind damage was reported in CD 1b and frost, wind, and rain damage was reported in CD 2. There was some downgrading of crops because of bleaching.

Ninety-six per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been combined and a further 3% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Some progress was made in harvesting durum, oats, flax, canola, and sunflowers this past week.

Topsoil moisture on crop land has improved with 38% of reporters

rating moisture conditions as adequate compared to 15% last week. On hay and pasture land, 28% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 15% last week.

Pasture conditions in the southeast have improved very slightly since late August, with 11% of the reporters rating pastures as good to excellent, compared to 7% at the end of August. Over half of the reporters rate pastures as poor or very poor.

Two-thirds of the reporters rate water supplies as adequate, compared to 77% in late August. Ratings of inadequate water supplies are the highest in CDs 2a and 3ase. Farmers are hauling water for their stock.

Many farmers were happy to see the moisture, and feel more is needed to build up subsoil reserves.

Farmers were able to do some fall work, including spraying, fertilizing, baling straw, harrowing, hauling bales, burning flax straw, fixing fence, and hauling cattle home from summer pastures. There are concerns with deer getting into grain piles.

Canada thistle is a problem in the Weyburn area this year, and farmers are having trouble sourcing some types of herbicide. Fall-seeded crops are emerging well, and more was seeded with the recent moisture.

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

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	97
Durum	98	97
Oats	96	96
Barley	97	97
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	70	69
Canola	100	100
Mustard	98	98
Sunflowers	50	50
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	88	88
Chickpeas	94	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>

The southwest had a cool and cloudy week, with snow reported in some areas at the beginning of the week. An average of 18 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 13 mm reported in CD 4b, to an average high of 23 mm reported in CD 4a. Almost 50 mm was reported in the Tompkins area. Damage from frost was reported in the Lisieux, Swift Current, and Lucky Lake areas. Wind damage was also reported in the Lucky Lake area. Several areas reported downgrading from bleaching and sprouting. The wind and rain also caused some lodging. The snow caused damage to trees in the Cadillac area. South of Ponteix, snow drifted three to four feet high.

Ninety-eight per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been harvested and a further 2% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest progress was made in spring wheat, durum, and flax this past week.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved from last week, with 60% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 32% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 47% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 27% last week.

Most farmers welcomed the moisture, and feel more is needed to build up subsoil reserves.

Pasture conditions in the southwest are slightly better than they were in late August, with 12% of reporters rating pastures as good to excellent, compared to 6% at the end of August. Some livestock owners are feeding their stock, while others have some fall grazing.

Livestock water availability has deteriorated from late August. Sixty-nine per cent of reporters rate water supplies as adequate, compared to 81% in late August. Ratings of inadequate water supplies are the highest in CDs 3asw, 3bs, and 4a. Some livestock owners must haul water for their stock.

Crop damage came from gophers in the Mankota area, and ducks and geese in the Rush Lake area. The remaining crop is expected to be downgraded.

With the recent rain, some more fall crops were planted. Earlier seeded fall rye and winter wheat are emerging nicely.

Some fall work was done, including fixing machinery, hauling bales, and hauling grain.

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

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	91	91
Durum	93	93
Oats	87	86
Barley	92	92
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	47	44
Canola	86	84
Mustard	82	82
Sunflowers	22	22
Lentils	99	99
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	60	60
Chickpeas	90	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>

The east central region had a cool, wet week. An average of 17 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 12 mm reported in CD 5b, to an average high of 22 mm reported in CD 6a. Over 50 mm was reported in the Leroy area. Flooding and wind damage were reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Frost damage was reported in CDs 5a and 6a. Sprouting and bleaching caused downgrading.

The east central area remained at 87% harvested. Some harvest progress was made in oats, flax, canola, and chickpeas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved this past week, with 67% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 54% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land

with 74% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 56% last week. Some summerfallow fields have standing water in them and some swaths are lying in water.

Pasture conditions in the east central region are better than late August, with 35% of reporters rating pastures as good to excellent, compared to 22% at the end of August.

Livestock water availability continues to be adequate for all reporters.

Crop damage also came from migratory birds in CDs 5b and 6a.

Some field work was done this past week, including spraying, harrowing, hauling bales, cultivating, hauling grain, and banding fertilizer. Cattle were moved to stubble fields in some areas. Winter wheat crops were emerging. There were concerns of drowning in low areas of fall crops.

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

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	95	95
Durum	97	97
Oats	86	86
Barley	96	94
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	99
Flax	36	35
Canola	95	95
Mustard	94	94
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	59	52
Chickpeas	85	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>94</b>

The west central region was cool and wet during the past week, with some snow and some frost. An average of 21 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 13 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 27 mm reported in CD 6b. Over 40 mm was reported in the Hanley and Denzil areas. Damage from frost and flooding was reported across the region. Crop downgrading was reported, including sprouting and bleaching. Piles of grain were sprouting on the top. The wet weather caused some lodging.

West central harvest progress remained at 94% complete. Some harvest progress was made in barley, flax, and canary seed. From the Cando area, it was reported that canola is starting to bloom and peas were re-growing.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got a bit wetter during the past week. Forty-two per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 38% last week. There is lots of water laying around, particularly in CD 6b. Conditions were similar to last week on hay and pasture land with 24% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 23% last week.

Pasture conditions in the west central region have improved since late August, with 61% of reporters rating pastures as good to excellent, compared to 37% at the end of August.

Livestock water availability has also improved, with all reporters indicating 100% adequate.

There was some crop damage caused by ducks and geese in the Conquest and Tramping Lake areas.

Farmers did some fencing.

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

<b>North eastern harvesting progress</b>		
	<b>% this week</b>	<b>% last week</b>
<b>Winter wheat</b>	100	100
<b>Spring wheat</b>	90	90
<b>Durum</b>	97	97
<b>Oats</b>	78	77
<b>Barley</b>	89	88
<b>Fall rye</b>	100	100
<b>Triticale</b>	n/a	n/a
<b>Flax</b>	31	29
<b>Canola</b>	84	84
<b>Mustard</b>	99	67
<b>Sunflowers</b>	n/a	n/a
<b>Lentils</b>	100	100
<b>Peas</b>	99	99
<b>Canary seed</b>	63	46
<b>Chickpeas</b>	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>

The north eastern region was cloudy and cool last week. An average of 20 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 6 mm reported in CD 9ae, to an average high of 22 mm reported in CD 8b. Over 50 mm was reported in the Pleasantdale area. Crop damage from flooding and frost were reported across the region.

The overall harvesting progress number remained at 85% complete for the northeast. Some harvesting progress was made in oat, barley, flax, mustard, and canary seed crops.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter, with 95% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to 86% last week. Tractors were getting stuck on summerfallow fields. Many fields have standing water. Conditions were also wetter on hay and pasture land with 90% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 81% last week. Some livestock owners pulled stock out of pastures because they were too wet.

Pasture conditions in the northeast region are better than late August, with 67% of reporters rating pastures as good to excellent, compared to 47% at the end of August.

Livestock water availability is the same as late August, with all reporters rating water supplies as adequate.

Crop damage came from migrating birds and wild game. Some piles of grain were starting to heat, so farmers started grain dryers.

Farmers did some desiccating last week.

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

The north western region was cool and cloudy with more showers and some frost during the past week. An average of 22 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, with an average high of 25 mm reported in CD 9aw. Over 75 mm was reported in the Meadow Lake

area. Some folks were happy to see the moisture, while others find themselves with saturated fields. Swaths are lying in water in low spots. Damage from flooding and frost was reported across the region. Crops will be downgraded from bleaching, staining, and sprouting.

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	89	88
Durum	85	85
Oats	76	69
Barley	88	79
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	97
Flax	21	12
Canola	86	84
Mustard	80	40
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	95	95
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	n/a	50
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>84</b>

Eighty-seven per cent of the 2006 north western crop has been harvested and a further 11% is lying in the swath or is ready to be

straight-combined. Harvesting progress was made in spring wheat, oats, barley, flax, canola, and mustard.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter during the past week, with 42% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 30% last week. Conditions also got wetter on hay and pasture land with 13% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 10% last week.

Pasture conditions in the northwest region are poorer than they were in late August, with 46% of reporters rating pastures as good to excellent, compared with 58% a month ago.

Geese were causing crop damage in the northwest. Some grain was heating in bins in the Debden area.

Cattle are being moved onto stubble fields. There is heavy weed growth in fields. Farmers did some fence fixing.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress by Crop District at Sept 25, 2006 (total of all crops)		
Crop District	% Combined	% Other
1a	98	0
1b	94	0
2a	96	0
2b	95	0
3ase	98	1
3asw	97	1
3an	95	0
3bs	98	1
3bn	91	6
4a	99	1
4b	98	2
<b>South</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1</b>
5a	90	0
5b	84	0
6a	88	0
6b	93	0
7a	86	8
7b	95	1
<b>Central</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1</b>
8a	89	0
8b	86	0
9ae	73	0
9aw	82	0
9b	90	2
<b>North</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SK</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1</b>



# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 23, 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	24	190	136 Coulee	22	318	344 Corman Park	22	335
2 Mount Pleasant	5	235	138 Webb	15	298	376 A Eagle Creek	29	415
3 B Enniskillen	26	221	165 Morse	25	312	376 B Eagle Creek	36	392
33 A Moose Creek	29	184	166 Excelsior	2	260	404 Laird	30	395
35 Benson	21	234	167 Sask. Landing	23	290	7A 259 Snipe Lake	10	228
63 A Moose Mountain	37	266	225 Canaan	16	268	287 St. Andrews	2	206
63 B Moose Mountain	20	266	226 Victory	11	262	292 Milton	9	286
64 Brock	20	259	228 A Lacadena	12	249	317 B Marriott	10	318
1B 92 Walpole	23	236	228 B Lacadena	23	313	317 C Marriott	10	307
92 B Walpole	28	261	255 Coteau	18	417	318 A Mountain View	15	346
93 Wawken	30	270	4A 49 B White Valley	3	185	318 B Mountain View	29	350
95 Golden West	19	266	79 Arlington	14	163	320 Oakdale	21	282
123 Silverwood	34	326	109 Carmichael	48	245	321 Prairiedale	14	406
124 Kingsley	32	288	110 Piapot	33	195	7B 347 A Biggar	13	366
125 Chester	NIL	248	111 A Maple Creek	11	173	347 B Biggar	16	282
151 B Rocanville	41	490	111 B Maple Creek	30	197	350 A Mariposa	14	229
153 Willowdale	33	273*	4B 139 Gull Lake	14	208	350 B Mariposa	18	288
155 Wolseley	19	310	141 Big Stick	13	191	351 Progress	24	320
2A 36 Cymri	21	322	169 Pittville	11	163	352 Heart's Hill	24	310
66 Griffin	19	234*	231 Happyland	8	239	378 A Rosemount	19	326
67 Weyburn	18	230	232 Deer Forks	18	238	378 B Rosemount	16	272
68 Brokenshell	19	237	5A 183 Fertile Belt	39	358	379 Reford	21	319
69 Norton	9	270	185 Mcleod	8	236	380 Tramping Lake	20	242
96 Fillmore	12	275	186 Abernethy	11	269	381 Grass Lake	29	342
97 Wellington	10	299	187 North Qu'appelle	NIL	244	382 Eye Hill	45	435
99 Caledonia	42	278	211 Churchbridge	5	303	409 Buffalo	15	298
2B 126 Montmartre	15	270	213 Saltcoats	16	277	410 Round Valley	32	310
127 Francis	21	266	216 Tullymet	4	398	8A 395 Porcupine	6	500
129 Bratt's Lake	31	242	217 B Lipton	15	293	397 Barrier Valley	5	527
131 Baildon	25	340	243 Wallace	17	299	398 Pleasantdale	58	471
156 A Indian Head	17	293	245 A Garry	26	321	456 Arborfield	17	479
156 B Indian Head	21	296	245 B Garry	17	408	457 A Connaught	34	574
157 South Qu'appelle	22	270	246 Ituna Bon Accord	7	349	457 B Connaught	9	435
158 Edenwold	10	231	247 Kellross	22	435	458 Willow Creek	32	428
160 Pense	10	288	248 Touchwood	3	303	486 Moose Range	7	345
161 Moose Jaw	54	455	5B 271 Cote	5	275	487 Nipawin	4	481
191 Marquis	35	348	273 Sliding Hills	2	268	8B 369 St. Peter	23	605
3ASE 9 Surprise Valley	18	312	276 Foam Lake	17	408	370 Humboldt	21	420
38 A Laurier	16	285	277 Emerald	32	384	371 Bayne	7	418
38 B Laurier	17	245	304 Buchanan	5	329	372 Grant	28	389
39 A The Gap	12	225	307 Elfros	12	461	373 Aberdeen	36	386
39 B The Gap	8	219	308 Big Quill	18	287	402 Fish Creek	26	423
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	13	212	335 Hazel Dell	2	391	429 A Flett's Springs	6	407
12 Poplar Valley	24	196	336 Sasman	5	388	429 B Flett's Springs	28	419
40 Bengough	13	254	337 Lakeview	12	477	430 Invergordon	25	465
42 Willow Bunch	34	239	338 Lakeside	10	433	431 St. Louis	11	487
43 A Old Post	27	211	366 A Kelvington	17	388	459 Kinistino	35	391
43 B Old Post	26	206	366 B Kelvington	18	460	9AE 488 Torch River	13	421
44 Waverley	16	298	367 B Ponass Lake	10	368	520 Paddockwood	20	493
71 A Excel	11	249	6A 189 Lumsden	41	375	9AW 405 Great Bend	29	308
71 B Excel	13	279	190 B Dufferin	26	356	406 Mayfield	21	357
71 C Excel	34	312	190 C Dufferin	31	307	435 Redberry	18	352
73 A Stonehenge	18	299	219 C Longlaketon	20	263	436 Douglas	17	435
73 B Stonehenge	11	288	220 Mckillop	21	345	436 B Douglas	19	224*
3AN 101 B Terrell	30	246	222 Craik	15	363	463 Duck Lake	56	428
102 Lake Johnston	9	249	251 Big Arm	18	270	464 Leask	36	469
132 Hillsborough	23	332	252 Arm River	36	298	466 Meeting Lake	29	381
134 Shamrock	22	316	279 A Mount Hope	10	316	467 Round Hill	9	414
164 Chaplin	4	319	279 B Mount Hope	8	339	493 Shellbrook	20	380
193 Eyebrow	8	364	280 Wreford	21	274	494 Canwood	26	430
194 Enfield	2	272	282 Mccraney	14	335	496 Spiritwood	35	386
3BS 17 A Val Marie	19	196	309 Prairie Rose	14	386	497 Medstead	9	277
45 Mankota	26	266	312 Morris	22	340	9B 438 A Battle River	17	346
46 Glen Mcpherson	6	205	313 Lost River	15	314	438 B Battle River	20	359
75 A Pinto Creek	8	245	339 A Leroy	52	363	498 A Parkdale	7	257
75 B Pinto Creek	26	272	339 B Leroy	14	404	498 B Parkdale	13	275
76 A Auvergne	22	220	340 A Wolverine	11	413	499 Mervin	13	335
76 B Auvergne	8	244	340 B Wolverine	17	451	501 A Frenchman Butte	7	248
77 Wise Creek	13	167	343 Blucher	33	391	501 B Frenchman Butte	24	273
78 A Grassy Creek	15	206	6B 254 Loreburn	7	319	501 C Frenchman Butte	3	250
78 B Grassy Creek	15	153	283 Rosedale	29	320	502 Britannia	14	343
105 Glenbain	22	436	284 Rudy	29	370	561 Loon Lake	14	274
106 Whiska Creek	21	267	285 Fertile Valley	35	363	588 A Meadow Lake	78	280*
107 Lac Pelletier	38	254	286 Milden	12	323	588 B Meadow Lake	13	344
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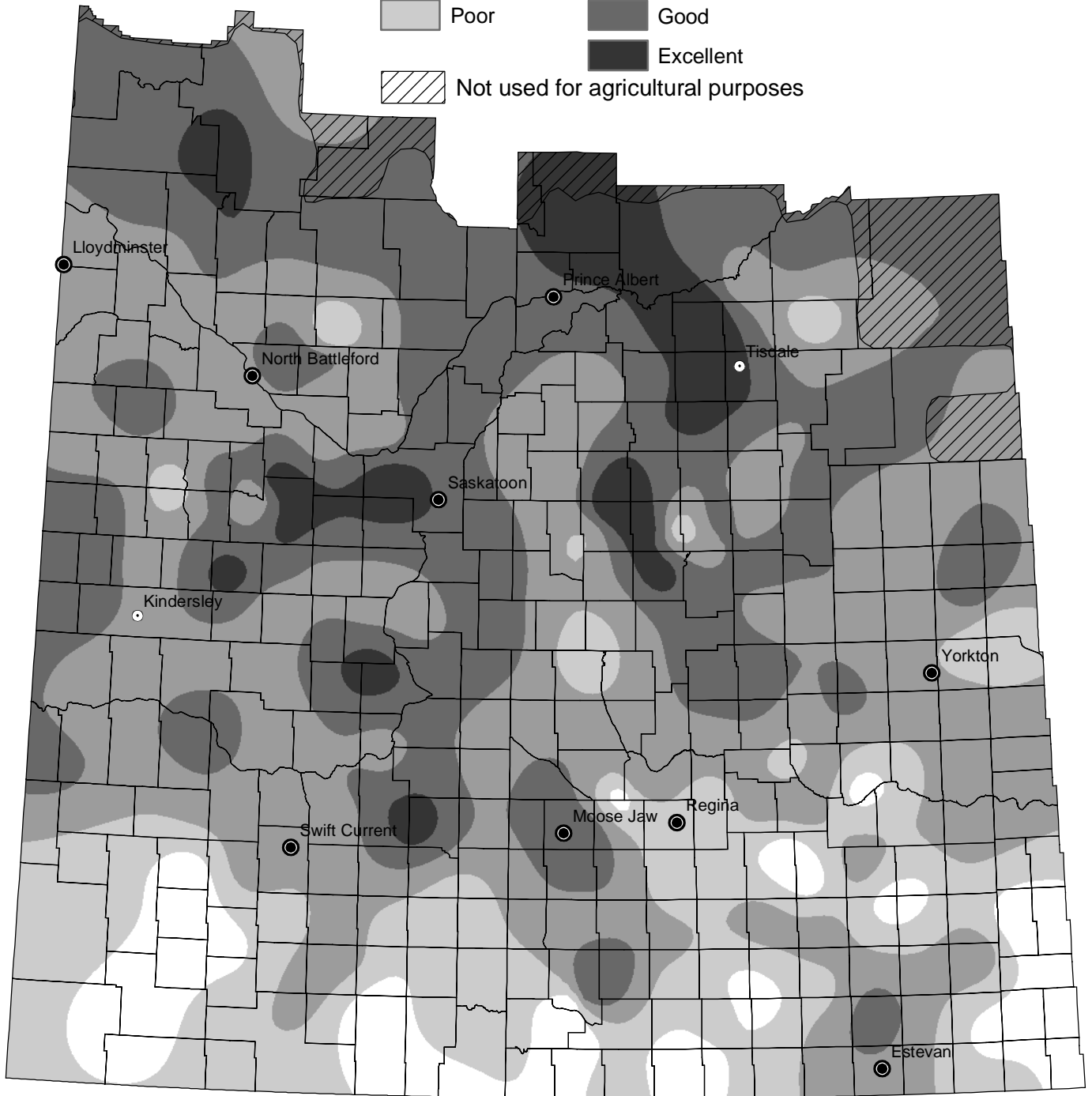
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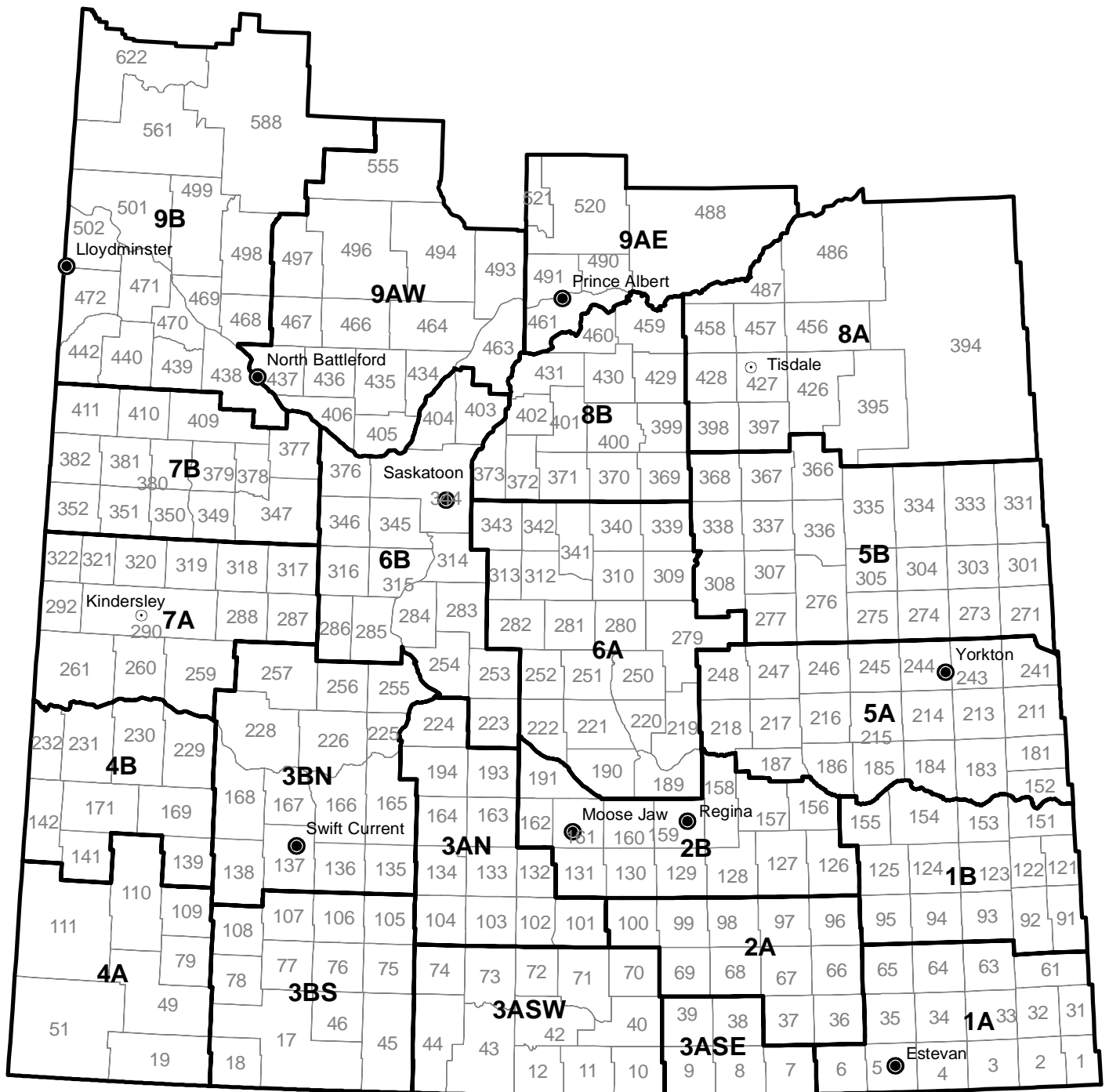
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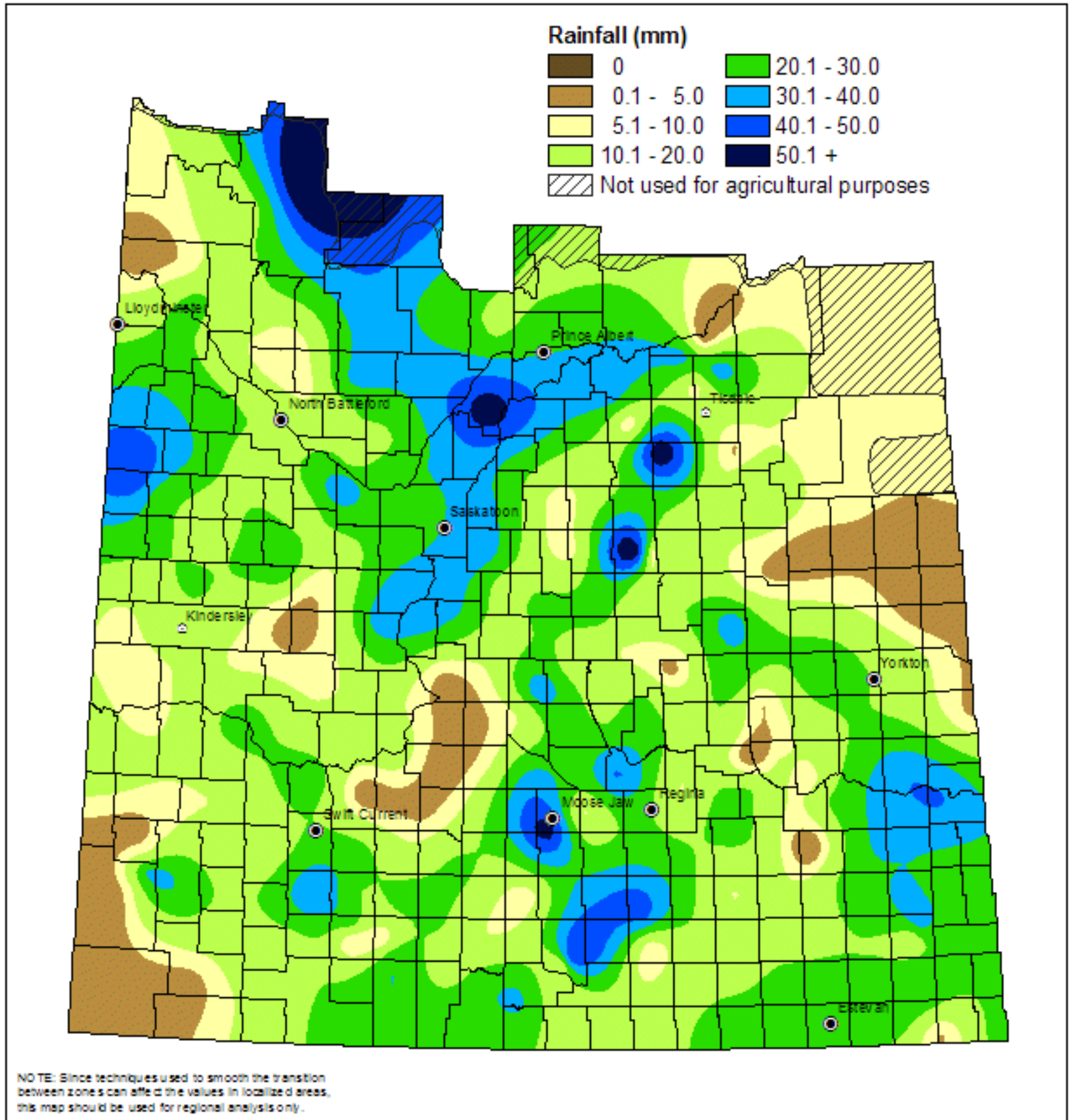
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# Weekly Rainfall

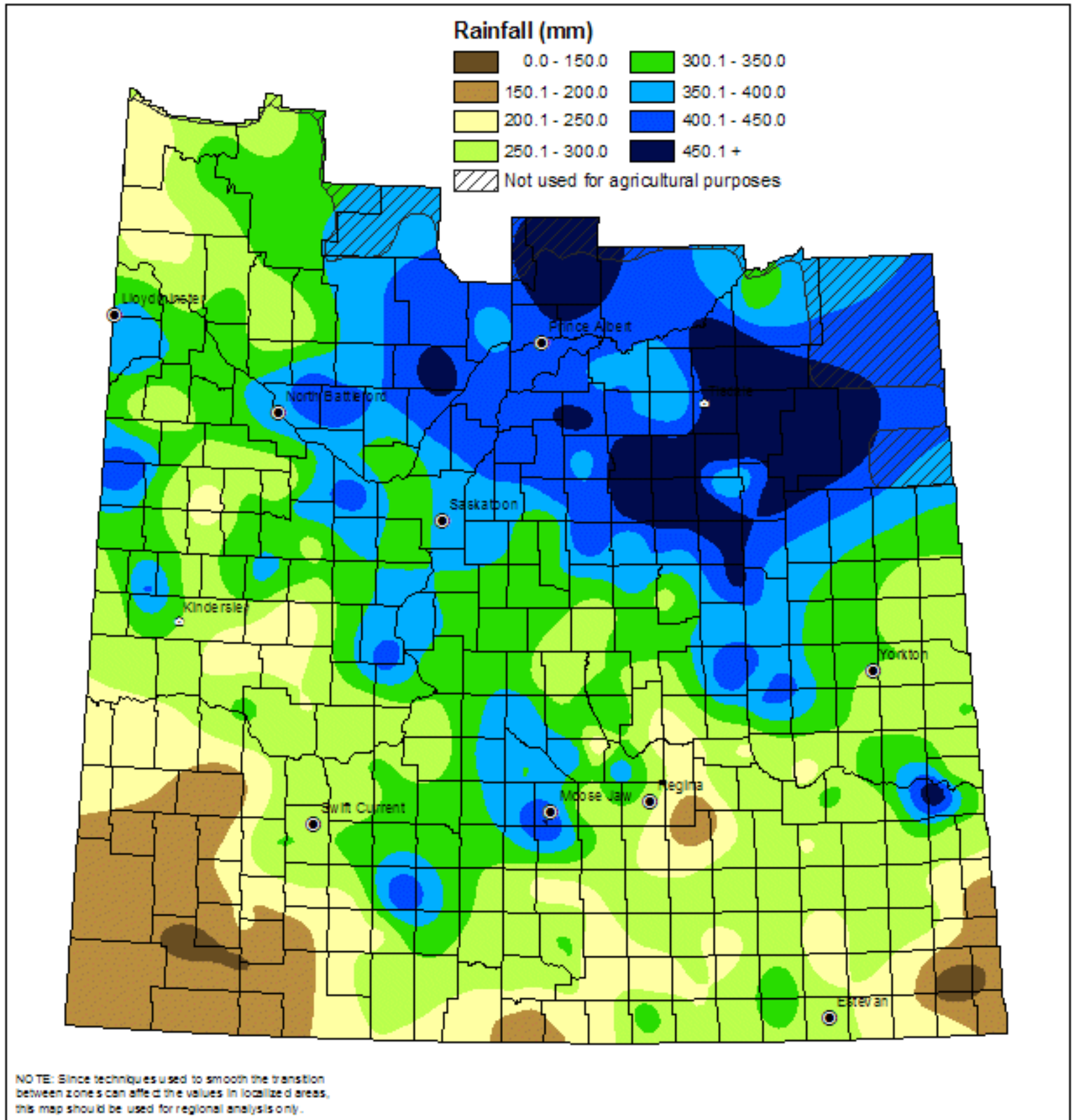
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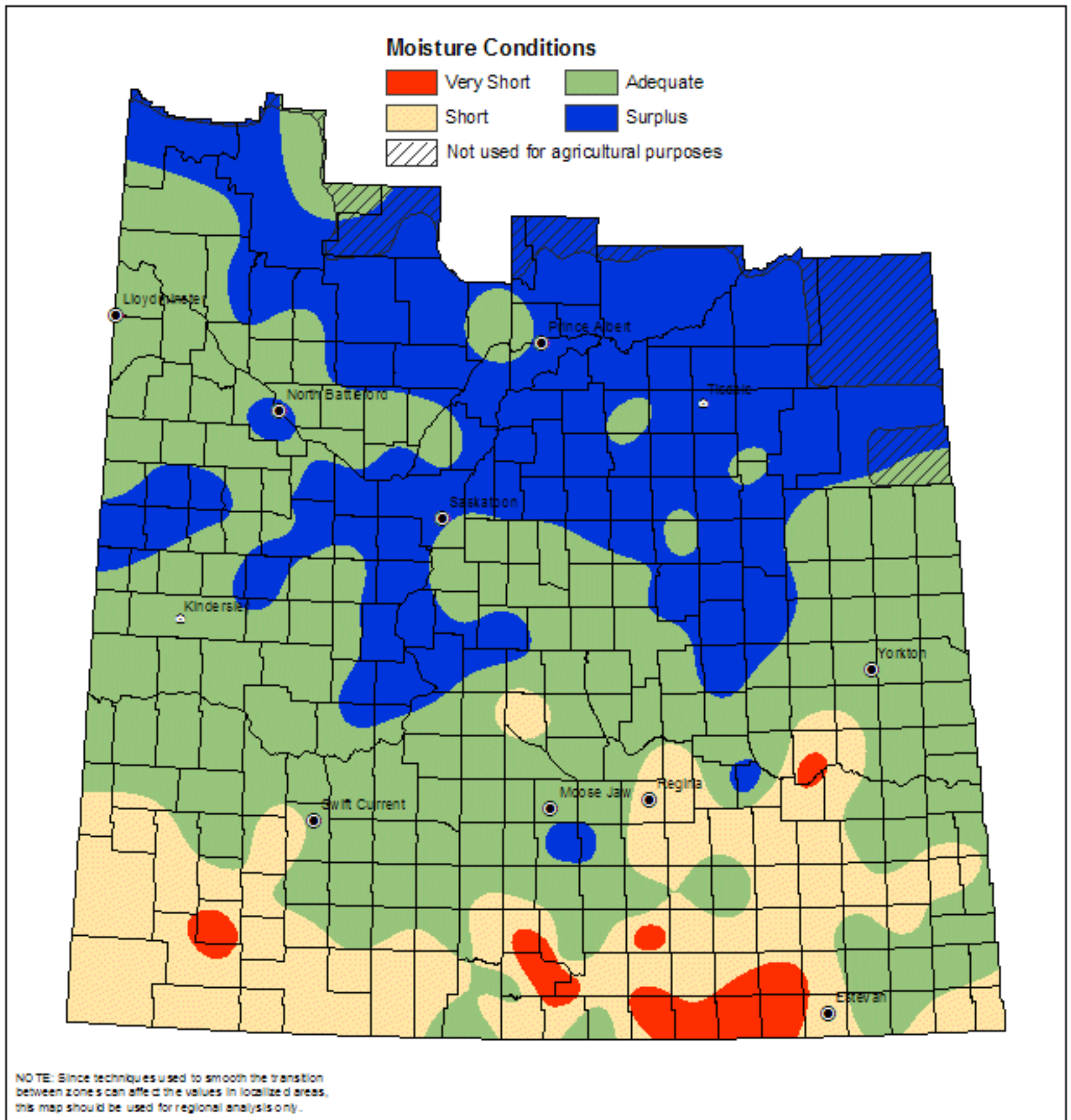
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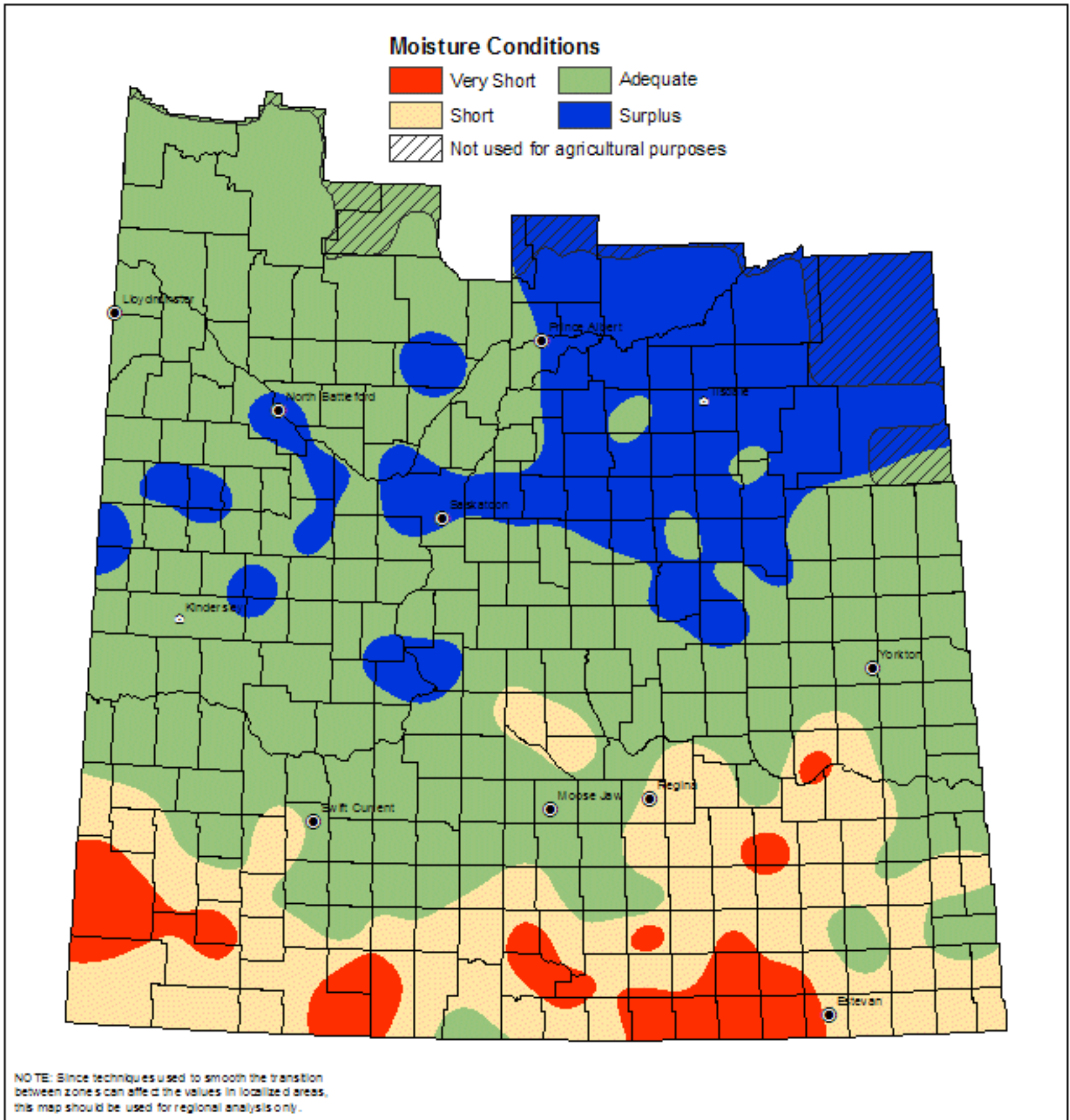
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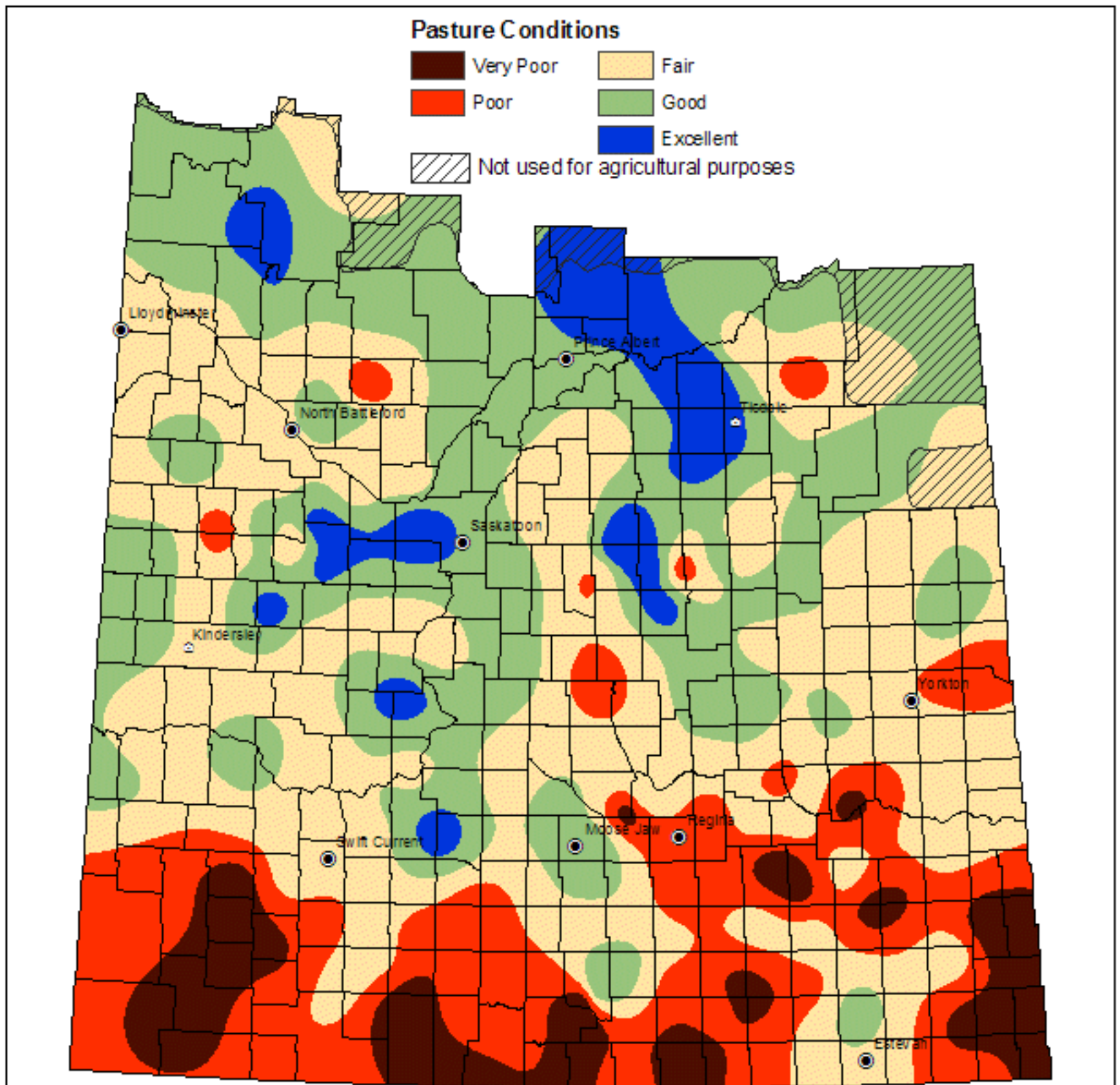
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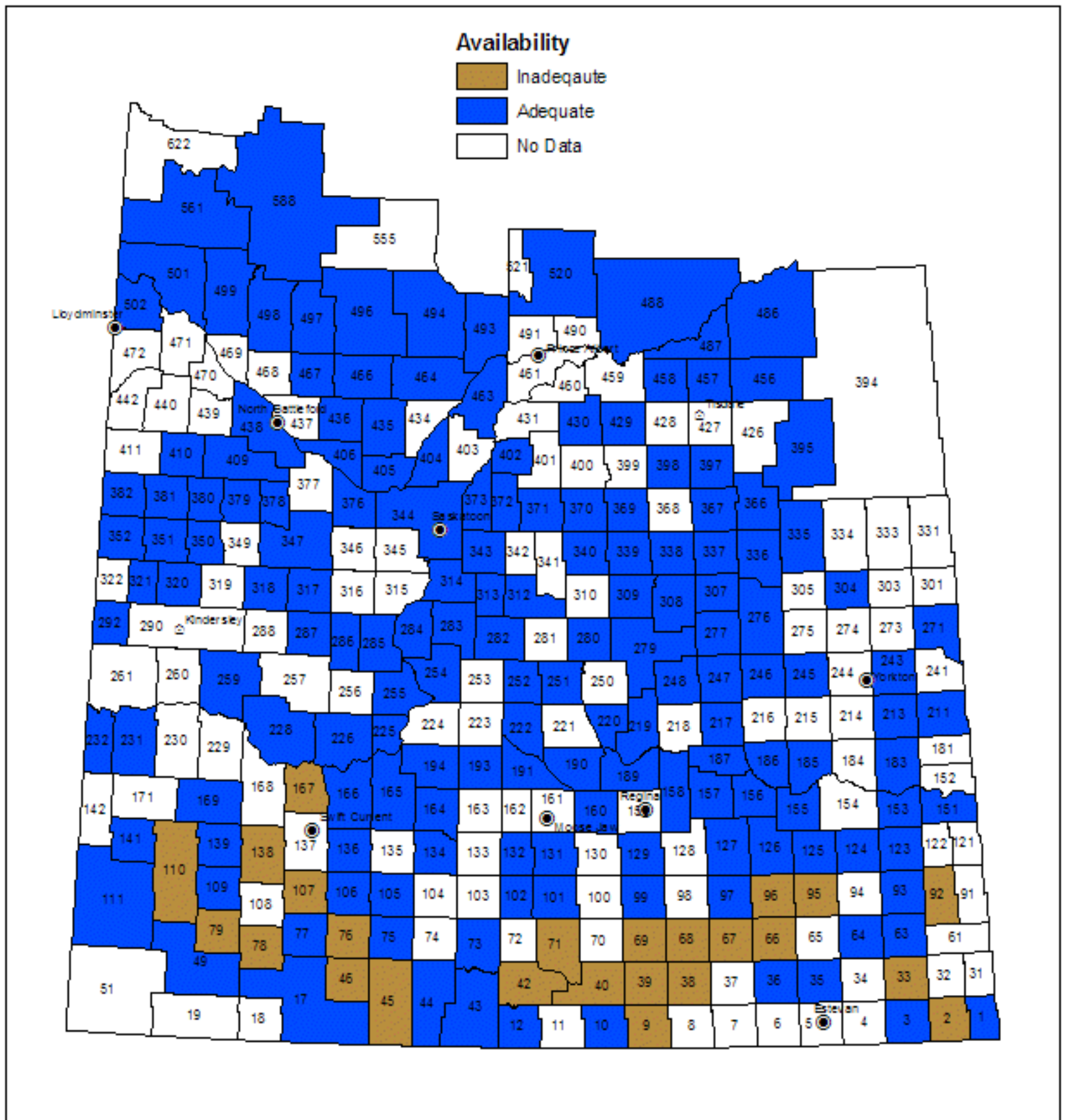


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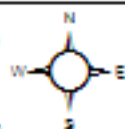
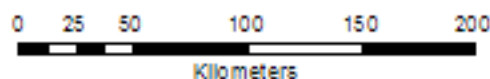


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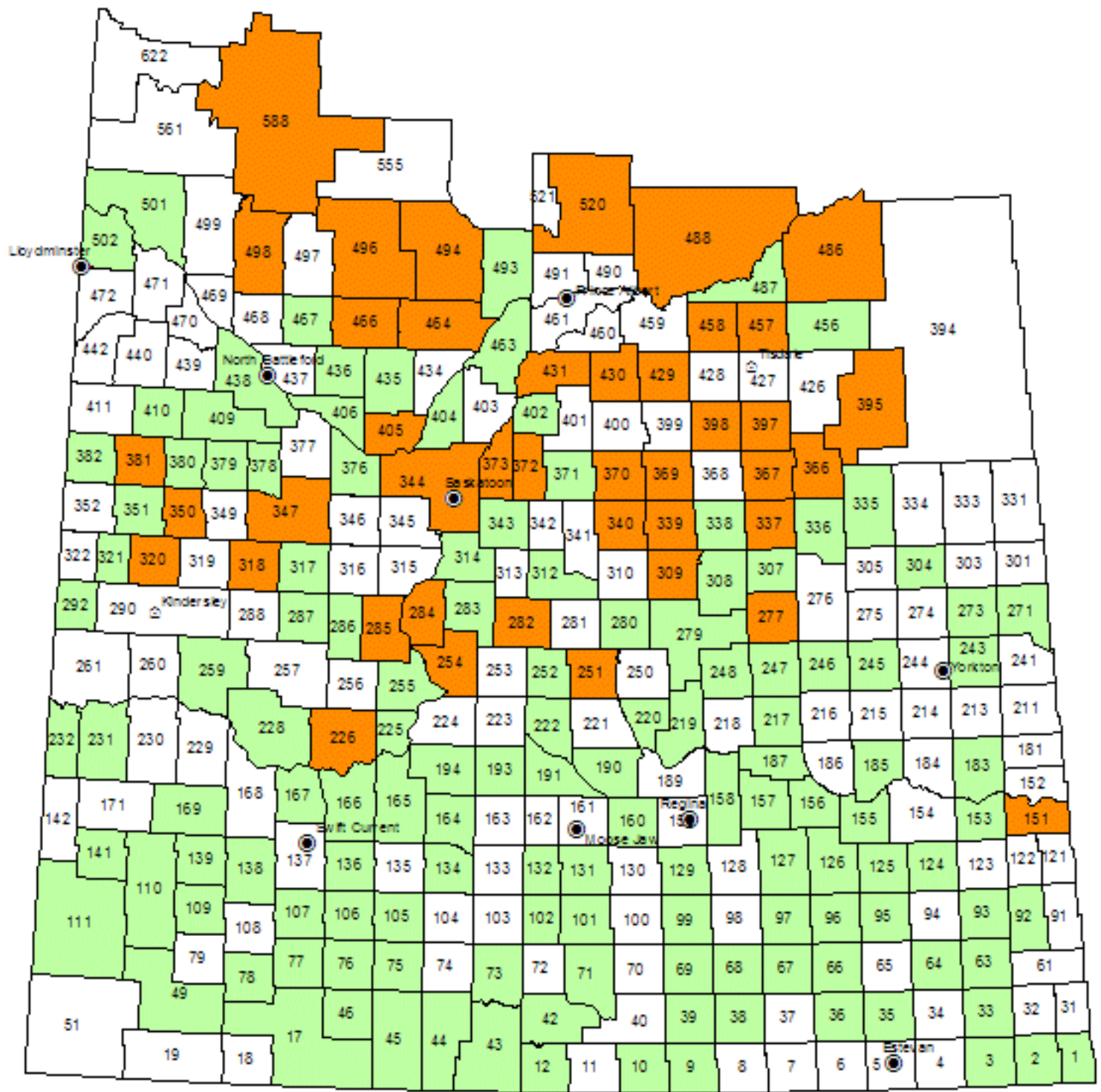


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# Crop Damage - Flood

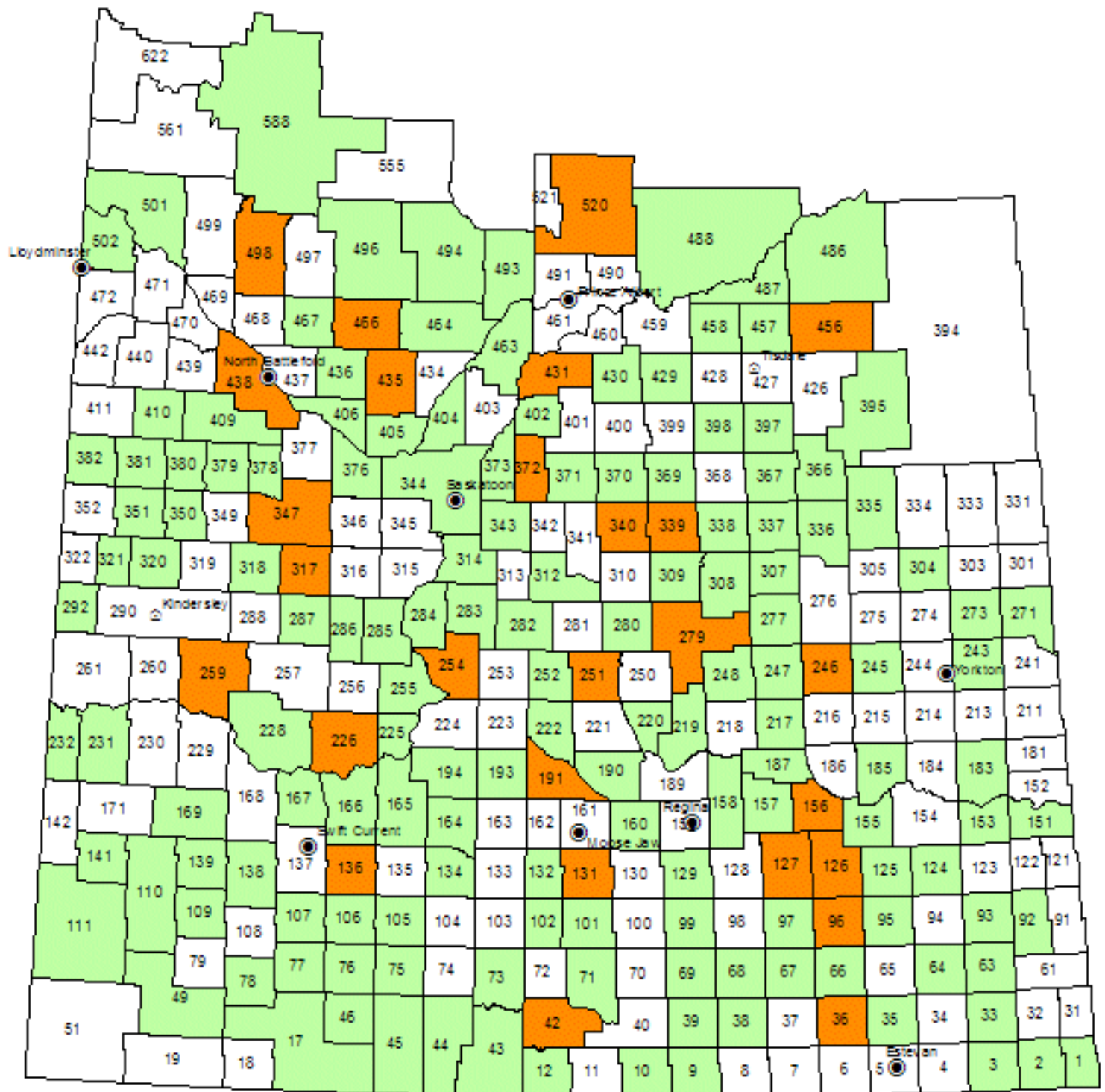
for the week ending September 23, 2006



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for the week ending September 23, 2006

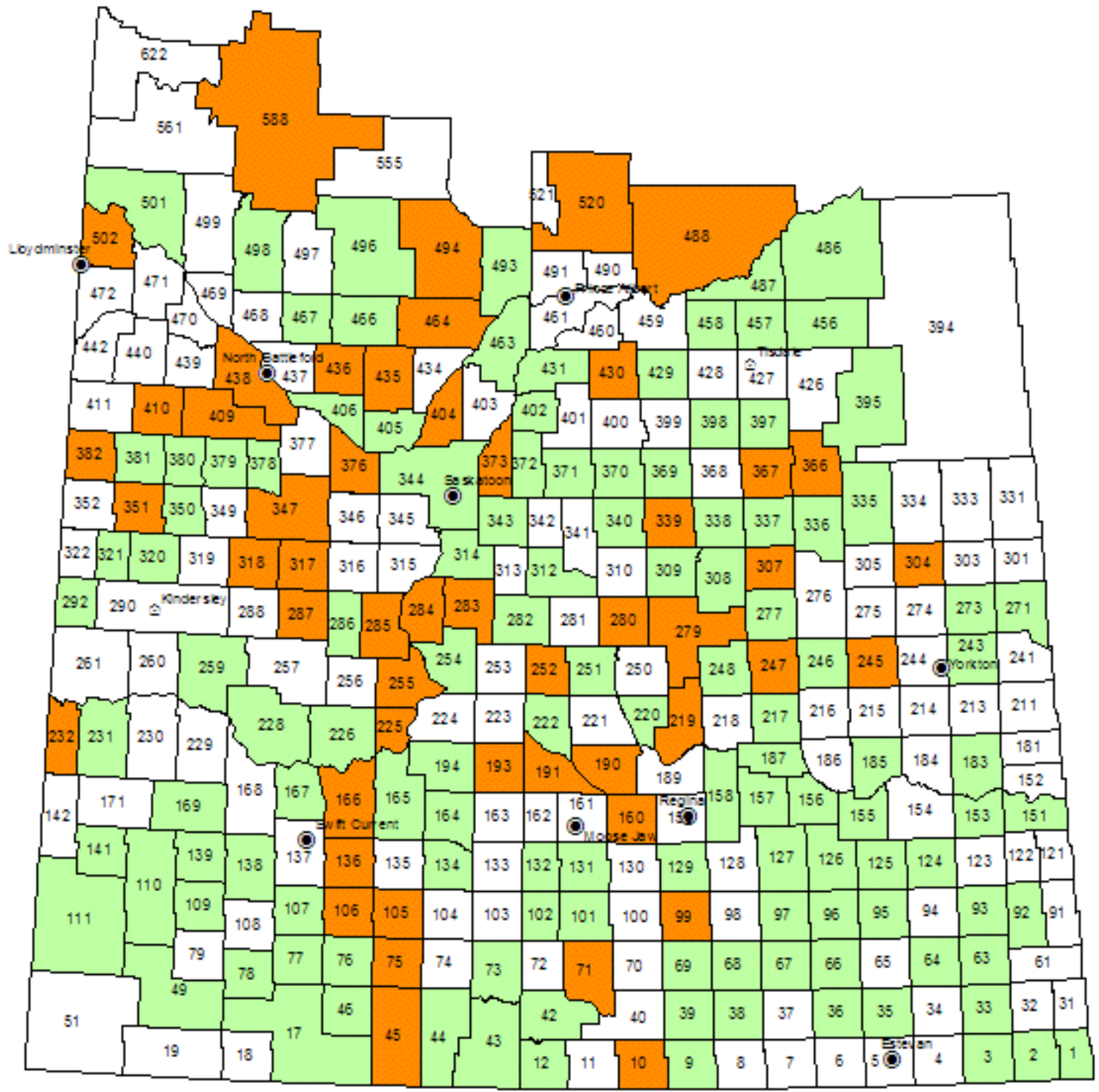


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# Crop Damage - Other

for the week ending September 23, 2006



Damage Reported
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