

Crop Report for October 1, 2006

Total harvest completion remains at 92 per cent, due to farmers making limited harvest progress in northern regions, as well as some central areas still experiencing surplus moisture, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The five-year average is 74 per cent. The southwest remains furthest along at 99 per cent complete, followed by the southeast with 97 per cent combined. The northeast remains the furthest behind at 85 per cent complete.

Northern regions, as well as some central areas will need up to two weeks of drying weather to complete harvest. Grain dryers are running.

During the past week, crop damage was caused by flooding, frost, water fowl, wild game, winds, and rain. Quality for the crop that remains to be harvested is being downgraded due to sprouting, staining, and bleaching.

Farmers are spraying, fertilizing, hauling bales, picking rocks, and doing other fall work.

Today's report is the last weekly crop report for the 2006 season. The final crop report will be released on October 25, 2006.

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Sask. harvesting progress	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	94	94
Durum	99	98
Oats	86	86
Barley	93	93
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	99
Flax	67	63
Canola	89	89
Mustard	95	94
Sunflowers	10	4
Lentils	99	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	72	72
Chickpeas	92	92
Total*	92	92

* includes 1% Other

Upcoming Saskatchewan Crop Insurance deadlines:

- Premiums for 2006 are due by October 31. Premiums are interest-free until September 30 with interest starting to accrue October 1. However, if your premium is paid by October 31, there will be no interest charged.
- All production declarations, post-harvest claims and extension of insurance requests must be filed by November 15.
- Declarations must be filed before a yield-loss claim can be registered but whether you're in a claim position or not, you must submit your production information. Production declarations provide Crop Insurance with yield information necessary to establish your future coverage.

You may mail, fax or drop off your declaration forms at your customer service office or call 1-888-935-0000 with the information. CropConnect customers will be notified as soon as they can complete personalized grains, SMP and organic declarations online.

1 Year Ago

Sixty-nine per cent of the 2005 crop was harvested, ranging from 93% complete in the southwest to 29% complete in the northwest.

The crop was expected to be below average for quality.

Grasshoppers were damaging emerging fall-seeded crops in the northwest.



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

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	98
Durum	99	98
Oats	96	94
Barley	99	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	86	82
Canola	98	98
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	15	3
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	91	88
Chickpeas	94	92
Total	97	96

The south eastern region was generally cool and damp at the beginning of the week and turning warm and drier by week's end. An average of 9 mm was reported, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 2a. Over 25 mm was reported in the Griffin area. There was some localized wind damage. Several areas in CD 2b reported frost damage. Standing flax crops were sprouting in the Moosomin area.

Ninety-seven per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been harvested, with a further 2% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are less than 95% harvested include flax, sunflowers, canary seed, and chickpeas.

The southeast is drier than last week as 63% of reporters rated topsoil moisture on crop land as short or very short, compared to 59% last week. On hay and pasture land, 72% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as short or very short compared to 74% last week. Livestock water supplies are low in a number of south eastern locations, and some farmers are hauling water for their stock. The fire hazard in the area is high, but has improved in the last month.

Migratory birds damaged crops in CD 2b. Mole hills are increasing in fields in the Zehner area.

Fall-seeded crops are emerging and coming up nicely. More winter cereals were seeded this past week.

Farmers are doing fall tillage, spraying, picking rocks, hauling bales, taking calves to market, moving cattle, burning flax straw, hauling grain, fixing fence, and cleaning corrals.

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

The southwest had some warm weather and some unsettled weather during the past week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported. Crop District 3an reported the largest weekly average at 5 mm of precipitation. Some frost damage

was reported in the Limerick area. There are reports of bleaching and downgrading of crops from the rain.

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	99
Durum	99	98
Oats	99	96
Barley	99	97
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	81	70
Canola	100	100
Mustard	98	98
Sunflowers	50	50
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	92	88
Chickpeas	94	94
Total	99	98

Ninety-nine per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been harvested. Crops that are less than 95% harvested include flax, sunflowers, canary seed, and chickpeas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land have dried, with 40% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short, compared with 35% last week. Conditions have improved slightly on hay and pasture land with 49% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short, compared to 51% last week. Some farmers are feeding their stock. Some are hauling water for their stock and some are pumping water to dugouts.

Crop damage came from gophers and rusty grain beetles.

More winter wheat and fall rye was seeded this past week.

Farmers are busy with fall work, including hauling bales, fixing corrals and fences, moving cows, hauling grain, picking rocks, spraying, cleaning corrals, and applying fertilizer.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	92	91
Durum	95	93
Oats	87	87
Barley	93	92
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	49	47
Canola	87	86
Mustard	88	82
Sunflowers	22	22
Lentils	99	99
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	60	60
Chickpeas	91	90
Total	88	87

The east central region was cool and damp much of last week though started to dry by the weekend. An average of 9 mm of precipitation was reported, with all CD averages showing 8 mm or 9 mm. Flooding, frost, and wind damage were reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Crops

were downgrading from sprouting and bleaching.

Eighty-eight per cent of the 2006 east central crop has been combined, and a further 11% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Crops that are less than 90% harvested include oats, flax, canola, mustard, sunflowers, and canary seed. Grain dryers were in operation. Green growth in swaths will make harvesting more difficult.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved, with 18% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 28% last week. Some farmers are making ruts in the fields with harvesting machinery and some were getting stuck. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 11% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 19% last week.

Wild game damaged crops in CD 5a. Ducks and geese damaged crops in CD 6a.

Winter wheat crops are emerging in good condition. More winter wheat was seeded.

Some farmers were able to spray and fertilize. Farmers also hauled bales, baled straw, moved cattle, and hauled grain.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	96	95
Durum	99	97
Oats	86	86
Barley	96	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	99
Flax	38	36
Canola	96	95
Mustard	99	94
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	59	59
Chickpeas	85	85
Total	94	94

The west central region was showery and unsettled for much of last week, but turned warmer on the weekend. The precipitation average for the west central region last week was 7 mm, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 9 mm reported in CD 6b. Frost damage was reported in the Outlook and Herschel areas. Sprouting, staining, and bleaching of unharvested crops was reported. Grain piles were also reported to be sprouting.

The harvest completion average remained at 94% for the west central region. Limited progress was made with harvesting spring wheat, durum, flax, canola, and mustard. Standing canary seed crops in the Marengo

area were reported to have a lot of green growth.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved during the past week. Thirty per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 41% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 88% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 76% last week.

Farmers worked on repairing machinery, corrals, and fences. There was some herbicide spraying as well as bale hauling and cattle moving.

There were reports of grain being rejected at the elevator because of grain beetles.

An item of interest – in the Biggar area, it was reported that a fence had thousands of cobwebs that were straight out about 20 feet due to a gentle breeze. The reporter said it looked like something out of a horror movie!

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The northeast had poor harvest weather during the past week. An average of 11 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, ranging from an average low of 8 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average

high of 18 mm reported in CD 9ae. Flooding damage was reported across the region. Localized wind damage, including scattering of swaths, twisting, and lodging, was reported in CD 8a. Unharvested crops, including oilseeds, were sprouting and/or bleached.

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

Harvest completion remained at 85% for the northeast. Some combining was happening again by the weekend.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland remained the same as last week, with 95% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus. Some farmers were trying to drain water off fields. Conditions improved on hay and pasture land with 81% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 90% last week. In the Paddockwood area, cattle were moved out of some pastures because there was no high ground for them to sleep on.

Wild game and migratory birds damaged crops in CD 8b.

There was some spraying for weeds, as well as some bale hauling, hauling manure, moving grain piles, and desiccating red clover.

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

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	89	89
Durum	n/a	85
Oats	76	76
Barley	88	88
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	n/a	97
Flax	36	21
Canola	86	86
Mustard	80	80
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	100	95
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	79	n/a
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	87	87

The north western region had rain in some areas during the past week. An average of 11 mm of precipitation was reported, with 25 mm reported in the Big River area. Flooding was reported in CD 9aw. Frost damage was reported in the Meadow Lake area. Reporters expressed concern about downgrading in unharvested crops, including sprouting. Sprouting was also evident in grain piles.

Harvest completion remained at 87% for the northwest, though some progress was reported in harvesting flax, as well as limited progress in canola and wheat. Grain dryers were being used last week

Cropland dried a bit last week with 31% of reporters rating moisture as surplus, compared with 42% last week. On hay and pasture land, 96% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 87% last week. Pastures are holding out fairly well, though some farmers have

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress by Crop District at Oct. 1, 2006 (total of all crops)		
Crop District	% Combined	% Other
1a	99	0
1b	95	0
2a	97	0
2b	95	1
3ase	98	1
3asw	97	1
3an	98	0
3bs	98	1
3bn	98	0
4a	97	3
4b	97	3
South	97	1
5a	91	0
5b	84	0
6a	91	0
6b	93	0
7a	86	10
7b	95	1
Central	89	1
8a	89	0
8b	86	0
9ae	73	0
9aw	82	0
9b	90	2
North	86	0
SK	91	1

	Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 1, 2006			% Combined		
	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb			Average		
	2006	2005	Average 2001-05	2006	2005	Average 2001-05
Winter wheat	0	1	1	100	99	98
Spring wheat	5	33	17	94	56	73
Durum	1	13	9	99	83	81
Oats	11	30	22	86	52	61
Barley	6	25	14	93	66	76
Fall rye	0	1	1	100	90	91
Triticale	0	14	n/a	100	68	n/a
Flax	20	23	17	67	49	49
Canola	11	27	25	89	71	71
Mustard	4	12	9	95	85	83
Sunflowers	2	0	0	10	1	4
Lentils	1	5	4	99	93	89
Peas	0	4	2	100	94	94
Canary seed	23	23	16	72	47	55
Chickpeas	5	10	7	92	72	58
Total	7	23	15	92	69	74

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 30, 2006

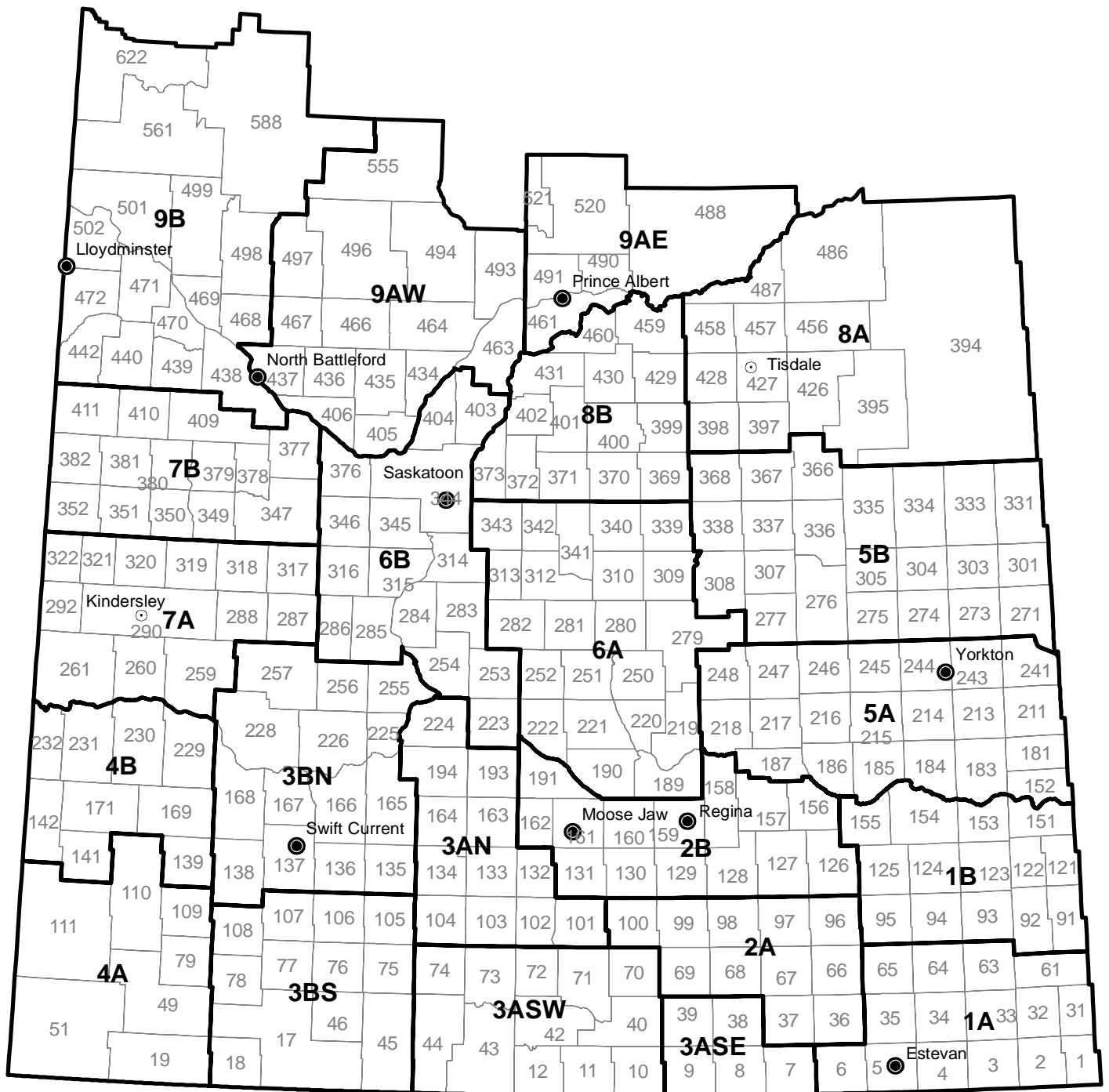
Crop Municipality	Past	Since	Crop Municipality	Past	Since	Crop Municipality	Past	Since
Dist. No. Name	Week	April 1	Dist. No. Name	Week	April 1	Dist. No. Name	Week	April 1
1A 2 Mount Pleasant	3	238	105 Glenbain	2	438	314 Dundurn	9	437
3 B Enniskillen	6	227	106 Whiska Creek	NIL	267	344 Corman Park	2	337
33 A Moose Creek	4	188	107 Lac Pelletier	NIL	254	345 Vanscoy	6	363
34 Browning	5	286	108 Bone Creek	5	210	346 Perdue	16	372
35 Benson	12	246	3BN 136 Coulee	5	323	404 Laird	13	408
63 A Moose Mountain	NIL	266	138 Webb	1	299	7A 259 Snipe Lake	1	229
64 Brock	5	264	165 Morse	NIL	312	292 Milton	2	288
1B 91 Maryfield	5	207	166 Excelsior	5	265	317 C Marriott	10	317
92 Walpole	6	242	167 Sask. Landing	0	290	318 A Mountain View	2	348
93 Wawken	2	272	225 Canaan	NIL	268	318 B Mountain View	10	360
95 Golden West	2	268	226 Victory	1	263	320 Oakdale	2	284
121 Moosomin	9	305	228 B Lacadena	1	314	321 Prairiedale	NIL	406
122 Martin	7	305	255 Coteau	13	430	7B 347 A Biggar	3	369
123 Silverwood	16	342	4A 51 Reno	NIL	173	350 A Mariposa	TR	229
124 Kingsley	10	298	79 Arlington	NIL	163	350 B Mariposa	4	292
125 Chester	3	251	110 Piapot	NIL	195	351 Progress	7	327
151 A Rocanville	15	378	111 B Maple Creek	3	200	352 Heart's Hill	6	316
151 B Rocanville	12	502	4B 141 Big Stick	4	195	377 Glenside	9	414
153 Willowdale	12	285*	142 Enterprise	NIL	237	378 A Rosemount	10	336
154 Elcapo	8	297	169 Pittville	NIL	163	378 B Rosemount	14	286
155 Wolseley	7	317	231 Happyland	2	241	381 Grass Lake	6	348
2A 36 Cymri	17	339	232 Deer Forks	2	240	382 Eye Hill	8	443
66 Griffin	25	260*	5A 152 Spy Hill	9	394	411 Senlac	3	403
67 Weyburn	8	238	183 Fertile Belt	6	343	8A 395 Porcupine	19	519
68 Brokenshell	1	238	185 Mcleod	6	241	397 Barrier Valley	12	539
69 Norton	9	279	186 Abernethy	8	277	398 Pleasantdale	11	482
96 Fillmore	7	282	187 North Qu'appelle	6	250	428 Star City	12	415
97 Wellington	14	313	213 Saltcoats	9	286	456 Arborfield	16	495
99 Caledonia	13	291	216 Tullymet	14	412	457 A Connaught	14	588
2B 126 Montmartre	10	280	217 B Lipton	5	298	457 B Connaught	15	450
127 Francis	11	276	241 Calder	13	281	458 Willow Creek	12	440
128 Lajord	9	172	245 B Garry	7	415	486 Moose Range	15	360
129 Bratt's Lake	10	252	246 Ituna Bon Accord	15	364	487 Nipawin	7	488
131 Baildon	12	352	247 Kellross	13	448	8B 369 St. Peter	2	607
156 A Indian Head	10	303	248 Touchwood	10	313	370 Humboldt	3	423
156 B Indian Head	13	309	5B 271 Cote	11	286	371 Bayne	4	422
157 South Qu'appelle	20	290	273 Sliding Hills	12	280	373 Aberdeen	7	393
158 Edenwold	15	245	275 B Insigner	10	345	399 Lake Lenore	6	441
160 Pense	8	296	304 Buchanan	11	340	402 Fish Creek	7	430
161 Moose Jaw	6	461	307 Elfros	8	469	429 A Flett's Springs	18	425
191 Marquis	8	356	308 Big Quill	8	295	429 B Flett's Springs	10	429
3ASE 9 Surprise Valley	5	318	335 Hazel Dell	8	399	430 Invergordon	9	474
38 A Laurier	8	293	336 Sasman	11	399	431 St. Louis	6	493
38 B Laurier	7	252	337 Lakeview	9	486	459 Kinistino	14	405
39 A The Gap	6	231	338 Lakeside	8	441	9AE 488 Torch River	17	438
39 B The Gap	11	230	366 A Kelvington	7	395	520 Paddockwood	20	513
3ASW 10 Happy Valley	3	215	366 B Kelvington	6	466	9AW 406 Mayfield	12	369
12 Poplar Valley	NIL	196	367 Ponass Lake	NIL	550	435 Redberry	5	357
40 Bengough	1	255	367 B Ponass Lake	7	375	436 Douglas	7	442
43 A Old Post	NIL	211	6A 189 Lumsden	15	390	436 B Douglas	2	226*
43 B Old Post	2	208	190 A Dufferin	7	216*	463 Duck Lake	14	442
70 Key West	5	249	190 B Dufferin	11	367	466 Meeting Lake	13	394
71 A Excel	3	252	190 C Dufferin	10	317	467 Round Hill	10	424
71 B Excel	2	281	219 B Longlaketon	13	256	493 Shellbrook	16	396
73 A Stonehenge	NIL	299	220 Mckillop	16	361	494 Canwood	18	448
73 B Stonehenge	TR	288	221 Sarnia	11	346	496 Spiritwood	12	398
3AN 101 A Terrell	NIL	256	222 Craik	12	375	555 Big River	25	433
101 B Terrell	10	256	251 Big Arm	12	282	9B 438 A Battle River	8	354
102 Lake Johnston	4	253	252 Arm River	8	306	440 Hillsdale	6	278
103 Sutton	NIL	282	279 B Mount Hope	12	351	468 Meota	6	309
132 Hillsborough	6	343	280 Wreford	3	277	472 Wilton	10	390
134 Shamrock	NIL	316	282 Mccraney	12	347	498 A Parkdale	10	267
164 Chaplin	2	321	309 Prairie Rose	5	391	499 Mervin	6	340
193 Eyebrow	13	377	312 Morris	12	352	501 A Frenchman Butte	9	257
194 Enfield	8	280	339 A Leroy	3	366	501 B Frenchman Butte	8	281
3BS 17 A Val Marie	1	197	339 B Leroy	5	409	501 C Frenchman Butte	4	254
17 B Val Marie	NIL	204	340 A Wolverine	7	420	502 Britannia	4	347
45 Mankota	NIL	266	340 B Wolverine	3	454	561 Loon Lake	10	284
75 A Pinto Creek	NIL	245	343 Blucher	7	399	588 A Meadow Lake	23	303
75 B Pinto Creek	NIL	272	6B 254 Loreburn	10	329	588 B Meadow Lake	11	355
76 A Auvergne	NIL	220	283 Rosedale	9	329	588 C Meadow Lake	19	357
76 B Auvergne	NIL	244	284 Rudy	12	382	588 D Meadow Lake	19	326
78 A Grassy Creek	NIL	206	285 Fertile Valley	11	374	622 Beaver River	18	293
78 B Grassy Creek	NIL	153	286 Milden	6	329			

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

* incomplete

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

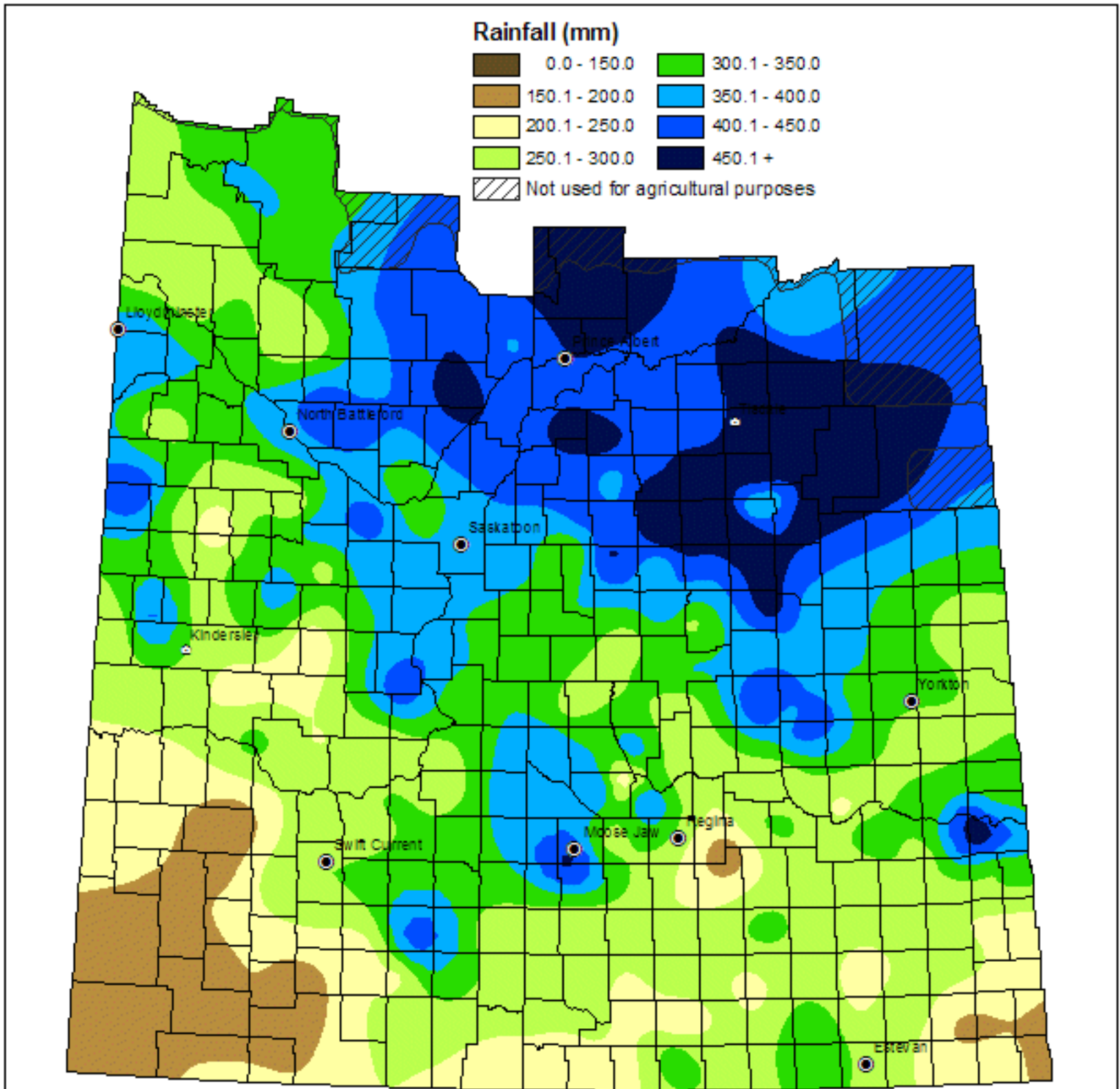
Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities



Cumulative Rainfall

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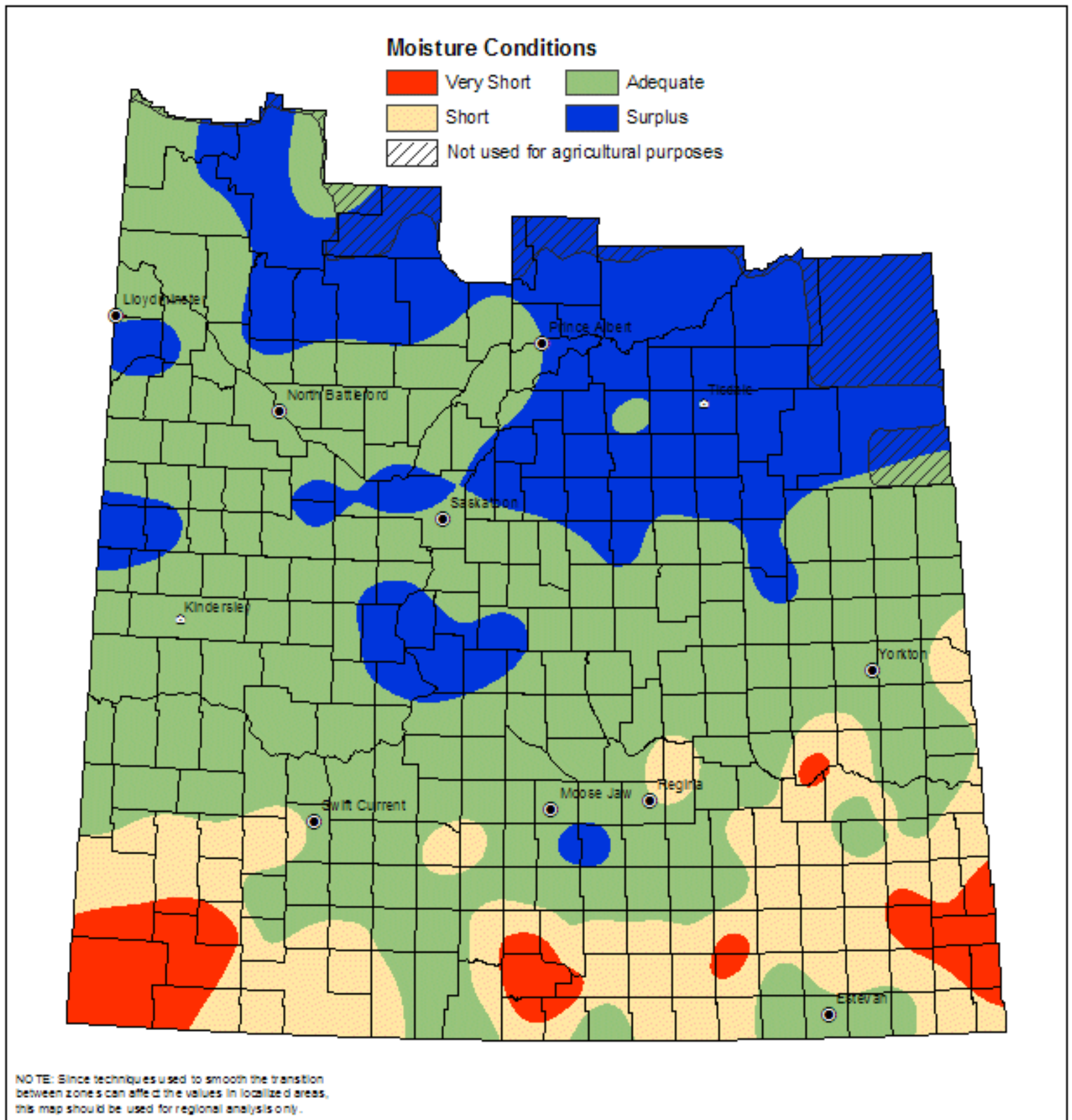
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NOTE: Since techniques used to smooth the transition between zones can affect the values in localized areas, this map should be used for regional analysis only.

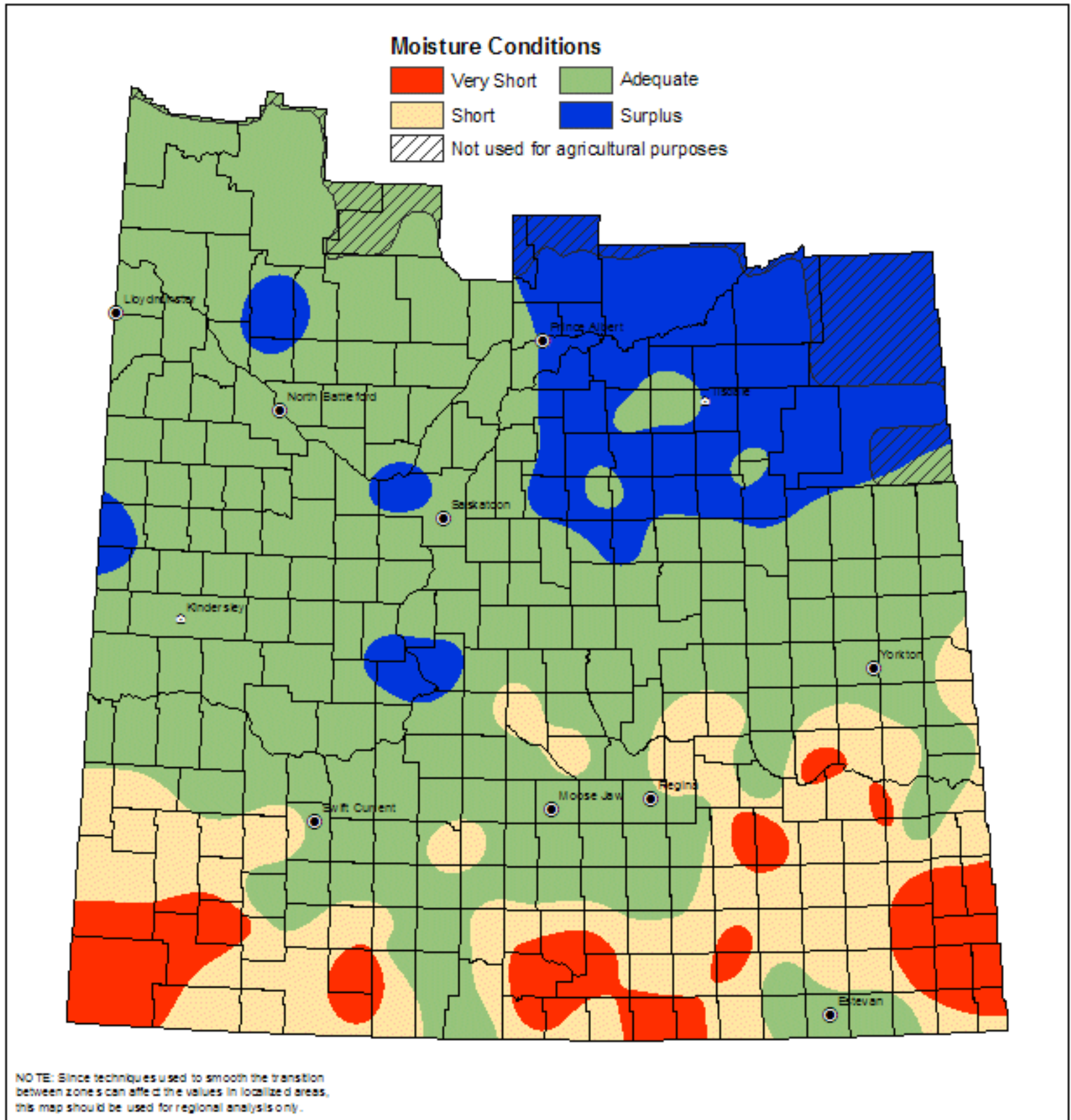
Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions

October 1, 2006



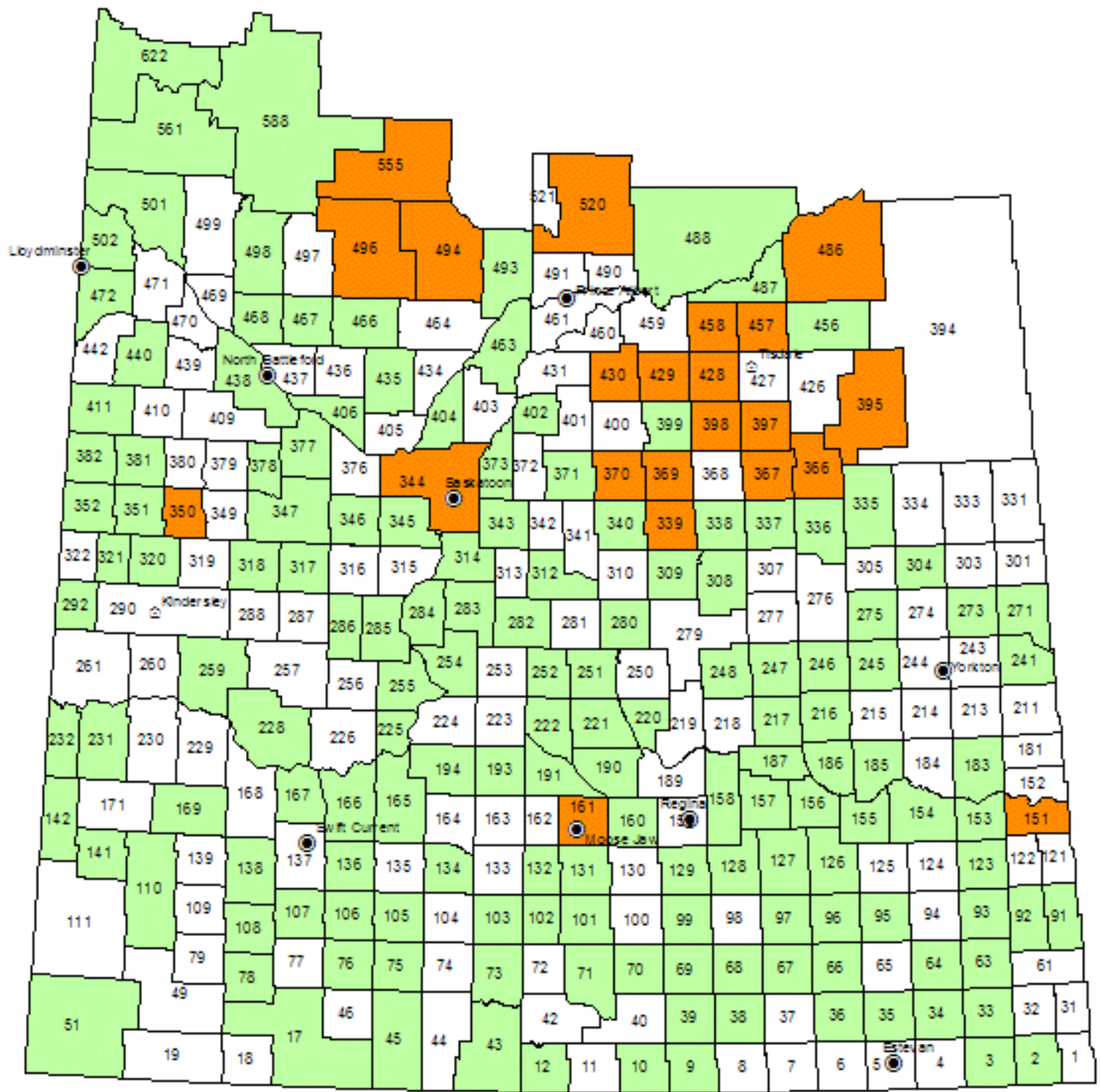
Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

October 1, 2006



Crop Damage - Flood

for the week ending September 30, 2006



Damage Reported
 No Damage Reported
 No Data

