

# Crop Report

For the Period May 2 to May 8, 2023

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Seeding was delayed in the month of April due to cool weather and spring snowstorms. Fields had to warm up and dry out before work could begin. The provincial seeding progress of nine per cent is behind the five-year average (2018-2022) of 23 per cent. Seeding is furthest advanced in the southwest, west-central and northwest regions. Seeding progress is slower in the eastern regions where snowfall was heavier and water in fields is taking longer to disappear.

The northwest leads with seeding progress at 17 per cent, while the west central and southwest are at 14 and 13 per cent respectively. The northeast has seven per cent seeding complete, which is ahead of normal for this time of year. The southeast and east central regions have wetter fields than the rest of the province and both sit at three per cent seeded.

The most rainfall over the past week was recorded in the Marengo area with 35 mm. The Rockglen area received 10 mm and the Webb and Hazenmore areas received seven mm, and many more areas of the province received between one to five mm of rain over the week. Producers in the southwest and west central regions are already raising concerns about how dry their fields are and are hoping for a good soaking rain once the majority of seeding is finished.

Topsoil moisture for cropland is rated as five per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate, 21 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is rated as two per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and four per cent very short. While these conditions show improvement over last fall, producers are hoping for more rain in June and July.

## One year ago

More spring precipitation has led to seeding delays and flooded fields. Seeding progress reached 14 per cent, the most progress is seen in the southwest and west-central regions where conditions are drier. The early spring moisture has allowed for better dugout recharge than seen in the previous spring.

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Seeding Progress in SK	
Per cent seeded Historical all Crops	
May 8, 2023	9
May 9, 2022	14
May 10, 2021	38
May 11, 2020	18
May 13, 2019	38
May 7, 2018	9
<b>5 year avg. (2018-2022)</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>10 year avg. (2013-2022)</b>	<b>22</b>

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The winter snowfall was rated as 34 per cent above normal, 48 per cent normal and 18 per cent below normal. Livestock producers in areas that did not receive adequate snowfall are anticipating minor to moderate water shortages over the next two months if they do not receive a significant rainfall.

Snowmelt runoff improved this spring compared to previous years with 21 per cent of crop reporters receiving above normal, 57 per cent normal and 22 per cent below normal levels of runoff. Of these reporters, 75 per cent reported that the amount of runoff received would fill dugouts and water bodies in their area which is reassuring news for livestock producers who have had two difficult years with water quality and quantity.

Calving is coming to an end and livestock producers will soon begin assessing their pastures and moving cattle out when they can. Producers who are running low on feed for their livestock have already started moving some of their herd to pasture to help reduce feed consumption. The cool weather throughout April was good for moisture retention but it did not allow pastures to rapidly regrow. Warm weather and some light rains would be appreciated by many livestock producers to ensure cattle have adequate feed while on pasture.

Producers are currently harrowing, rock picking and rolling. When the weather allows, farmers are spraying and seeding. Producers are reminded to be safe during their field activities and when transporting equipment across or alongside roadways. When working in extremely dry areas, especially pastures, ensure sparks or any other fire risk is limited and a water source is available.

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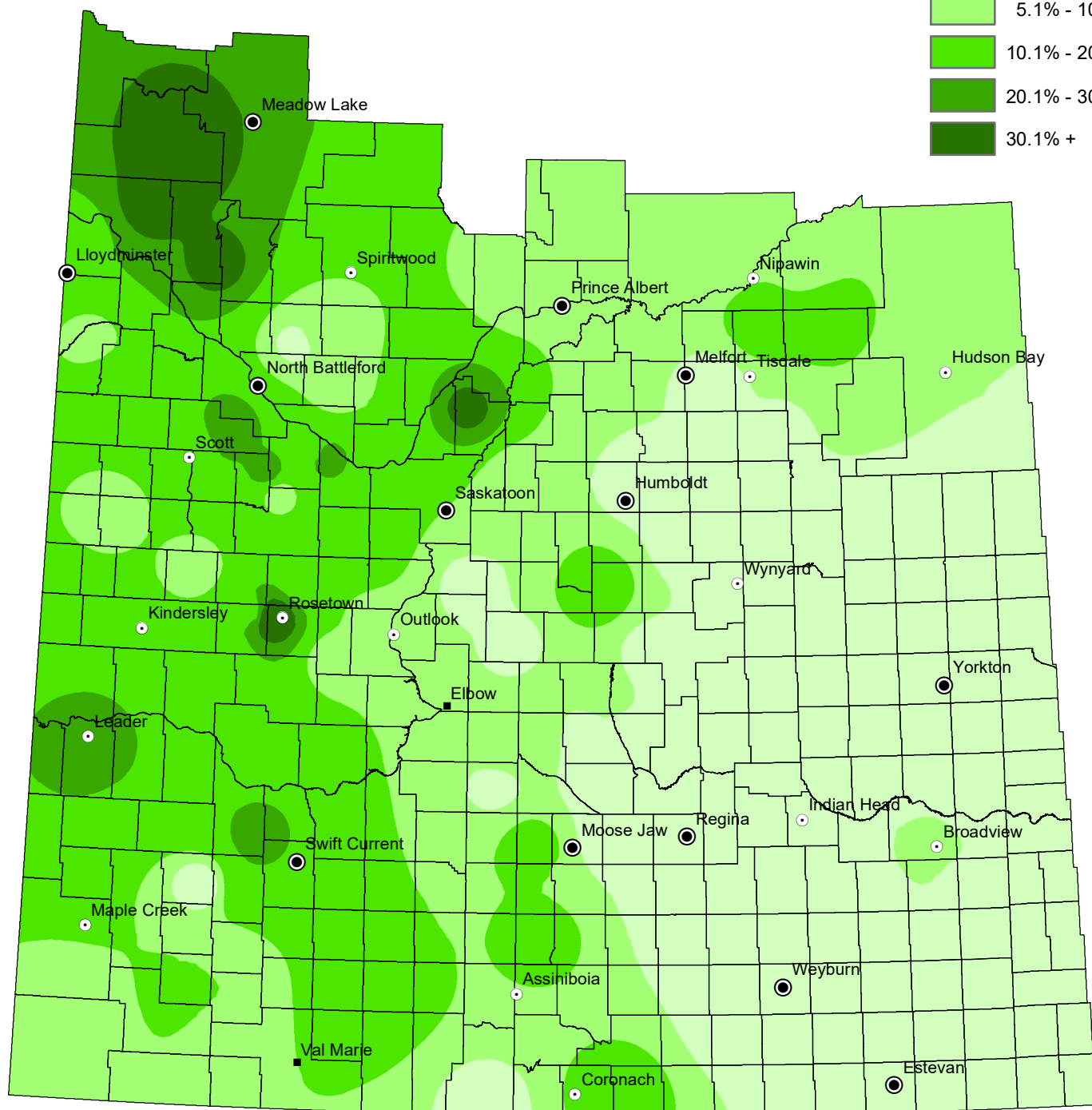
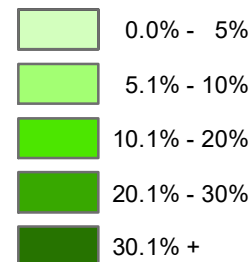
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# Seeding Progress

from April 1 to May 8, 2023

## Seeding Progress



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.

**\*Special care must be taken when considering topsoil moisture for this report. Regional topsoil moisture values were not able to be weighted, the reported numbers below are simple averages. Averages for subsequent weeks will be weighted.**

### **Southeast Saskatchewan:**

- Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas
- Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas
- Crop District 3ASE – Radville, Minton and Lake Alma areas

Seeding has been slow in the southeast due to excess water sitting on fields and cool soil temperatures. Three per cent of their crop is in the ground. This is well behind the five-year average of 22 per cent for this time of year. Once conditions improve, producers are confident they can get back on track with their operations.

There was no significant rainfall in the region over the past week. The most rain was recorded in the Moose Jaw area at five mm. The Alida and Glenavon areas received three mm and the Frobisher area two mm, producers are hoping this trend will continue for the following weeks so that seeding can progress.

<b>Southeastern Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>Per cent seeded (May 8, 2023)</b>
1A	1
1B	4
2A	3
2B	4
3ASE	4
<b>Region average</b>	<b>3.0</b>

The southeast region is starting the growing season with reassuring moisture conditions after several snowstorms hit the region throughout the winter and early spring. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 19 per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate, two per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is rated as seven per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and one per cent very short. Producers would like to see warm dry weather in the forecast so they can get into their fields. Rain will be needed once seeding is finished to ensure crop development and pasture growth.

There is not much field activity in the region due to wet field conditions. Most of the work is being done in the northwestern half of the region where minor seeding and spraying is underway when weather allows.

### **Southwest Saskatchewan:**

- Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas
- Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas
- Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current, Shaunavon and Ponteix areas
- Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas

Producers now have 13 per cent of their crop in the ground. While this is behind the five-year average of 32 per cent, producers are not worried about getting all of their acres seeded.

Producers in the west half of the region are already reporting that their crop land and pastures are dry and would like to see widespread precipitation.

Over the past week there were localized showers in the Gull Lake and Shaunavon areas that resulted in 21 mm of rainfall. This moisture will help crops and pastures establish themselves this spring. Topsoil ratings have improved from snowfall over the winter and the spring storm that took place in April.

Producers are happy to see their dugouts recharged and fields have adequate moisture. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate, 14 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is rated as one per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate, 23 per cent short and one per cent very short. Even with the improved soil moisture conditions, producers would like to see it rain more regularly throughout the coming weeks.

<b>Southwestern Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>Per cent seeded (May 8, 2023)</b>
3ASW	10
3AN	9
3BS	9
3BN	21
4A	10
4B	17
<b>Region average</b>	<b>13</b>

Producers are already testing water sources on their pastures to ensure the quality is safe for livestock. Now that calving has finished, they are also moving cattle to pasture. These pastures have been slow to green up this spring after cool wet conditions and livestock producers are nervous about how well their pastures will sustain their cattle after two hard years under dry conditions.

#### **East Central Saskatchewan:**

- Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas
- Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas

Seeding is progressing very slowly in the east central region as snow and excess water were slow to disappear. Producers are hoping for a warm dry forecast where they can see their fields dry up and allow field work to begin. Currently producers in the region have three per cent of the crop in the ground, this is behind the five-year average of nine per cent. Many producers indicate that if the weather stays warm, they are seven-10 days from seeding become general in their respective areas.

<b>East-central Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>Per cent seeded (May 8, 2023)</b>
5A	2
5B	3
6A	5
<b>Region average</b>	<b>3</b>

There was minimal precipitation across the region in the last week. The Goodeve area received five mm while the Esterhazy area received three mm. Producers would prefer the rain stay away for now until they get more of their seed in the ground. An increase in daily temperature would be welcomed especially by livestock producers who are reporting their pastures have been very slow to green up.

Topsoil moisture levels look very good for the region after some adequate snowfall and cool weather aiding water retention early in the spring. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent surplus, 78 per cent adequate and 17 per cent short. Hay and pasture are rated as four per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate, 22 per cent short and three per cent very short. Soil moisture appears to be suitable for seed germination and there should not be any moisture concerns early on for pastures.

Livestock producers are busy trying to wrap up calving so they can move their cattle to pasture. There is little concern over water availability for livestock due to good runoff and good dugout recharge. Producers not yet seeding are busy prepping their equipment.

#### **West Central Saskatchewan:**

- Crop District 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas
- Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston and Major areas
- Crop District 7B – Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas

Seeding is in full swing across the west central and producers now have 14 per cent of their crop in the ground, this is just behind the five-year average of 16 per cent. Producers were delayed by cool weather in early spring but not delayed by excess moisture like other regions of the province.

Producers are already raising concerns about how dry their cropland and pastures are and would like

to see it rain in the coming weeks. Cereals and pulses are the main crops that have been seeded so far with some producers waiting to seed canola until they get some rain.

<b>West-central Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>Per cent seeded (May 8, 2023)</b>
6B	13
7A	14
7B	15.0
<b>Region average</b>	<b>14.0</b>

There were small general showers near the Marengo area with recorded rainfall ranging from 19 to 35 mm. This rainfall will help any seeded crops germinate and help pastures regrow. There were smaller showers across the region ranging from two to 13 mm, this will likely not be enough to change any of the dry conditions felt by producers in those areas. There are fire bans in place in the region and producers are reminded to be careful while conducting field activities due to the high chance of grass fires being caused by sparking or hot equipment.

Topsoil moisture conditions have greatly improved compared to the previous two growing seasons, however, producers do hope for more rain in the forecast. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 52 per cent adequate, 43 per cent short and five per cent very short. Hay and pasture are rated as 43 per cent adequate, 49 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Pastures in parts of the western half of the region are reported to be regrowing nicely after two very dry years. Producers in other parts of the regions are wary about how long the pastures will hold their cattle and if the current water supplies will remain safe without additional rain.

Producers who can, have started moving their herds to pastures as on farm feed supplies begin to diminish. Others are busy spraying pre-seed herbicide and picking rocks to prep fields for seeding. Strong winds hampered their ability to spray for several days so producers may choose to forego the pre-seed herbicide and simply seed instead.

### **Northeast Saskatchewan:**

- Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas
- Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas

Producers are just getting their seeding operations underway in the northeast after a week of warm weather allowed them access to their fields. Seeding is now at seven per cent, this is just ahead of the five-year average of six per cent. Producers are optimistic that they will keep a good pace with their seeding if the weather cooperates. Many producers are applying anhydrous ammonia fertilizer as conditions are favourable for application. In the areas of heavier clay soils, producers are delaying work in any fields holding water in low spots in the hopes they will dry out. However, some believe the water may be here to stay for the season.

<b>Northeastern Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>Per cent seeded (May 8, 2023)</b>
8A	8
8B	6
9AE	6
<b>Region average</b>	<b>7</b>

There was almost no precipitation this past week across the region with only a handful of producers reporting as much as one mm. This will help continue the drying trend in the region, but rain will be needed for the crop to further its development in the coming months.

Topsoil moisture conditions this week are rated as three per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate and eleven per cent short. Hay land and pasture levels were rated as two per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and 16 per cent short. As of right now crops have all they need to germinate and emerge, but rains will be needed if temperatures warm up in the coming weeks. Pastures are beginning to green up nicely in the region and livestock producers will be getting their cattle ready to be moved out to graze shortly.

Producers are busy seeding, applying anhydrous or carrying out other field work to get ready for when they can enter their fields. Those who have not started seeding are getting their equipment ready so they can get out and seed as soon as the fields are ready.

### **Northwest Saskatchewan:**

- Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas
- Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas

Producers In the northwest have 17 per cent of the crop in the ground, this is ahead of their five-year average of 12 per cent. Producers are happy to begin their seeding operations sooner than normal. They would still appreciate some rainfall. There are many producers reporting their dugouts did not adequately fill from the spring runoff and some are already having issues with their water quality for their livestock and spraying.

<b>Northwestern Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>Per cent seeded (May 8, 2023)</b>
9AW	8
9B	25
<b>Region average</b>	<b>17</b>

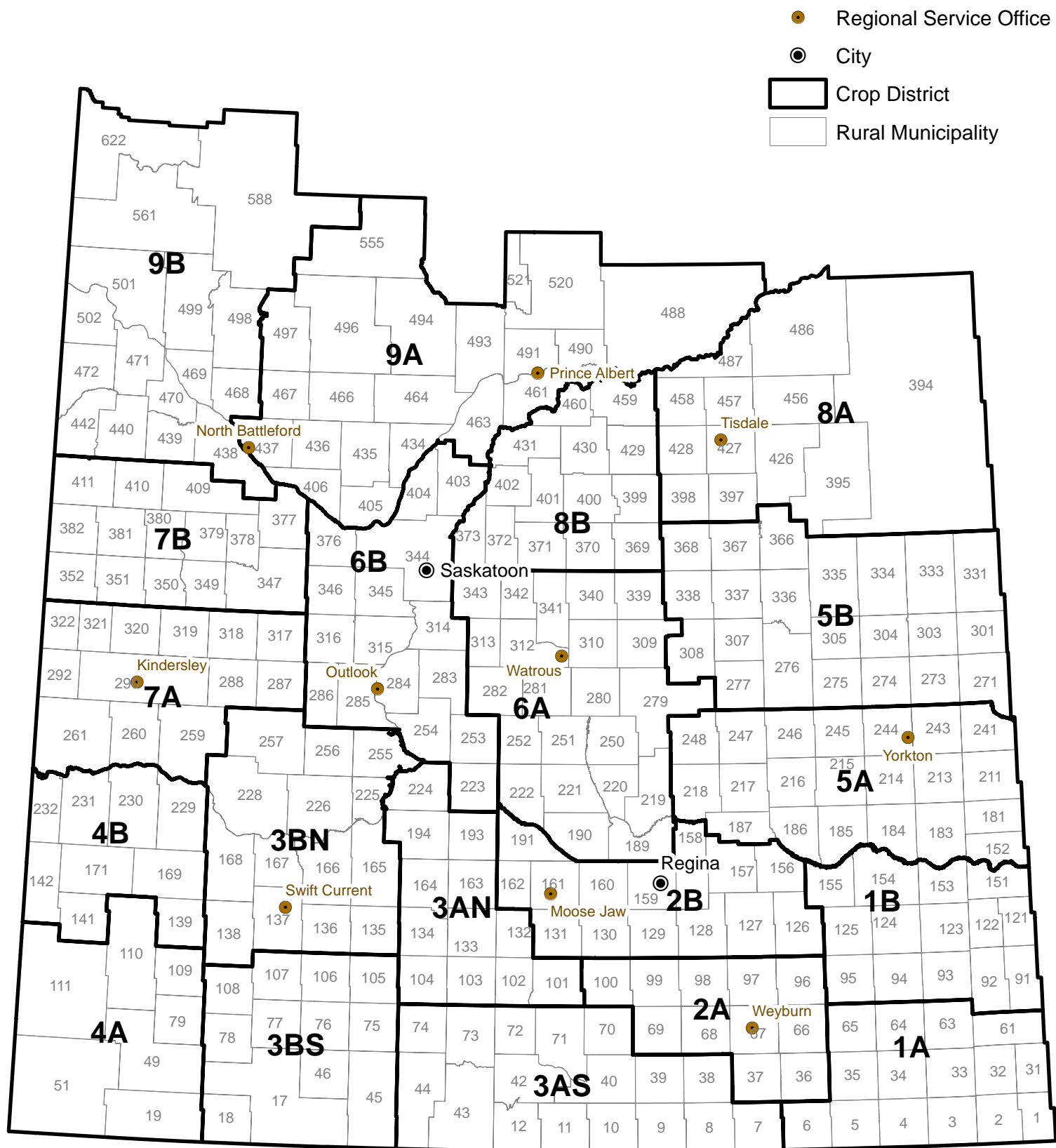
Very small, scattered rainstorms crossed the region over the week resulting in some minor precipitation that could not be registered in a rain gauge. If the dry windy conditions continue, crops in the region may face development challenges. Cropland topsoil moisture

conditions are rated as 57 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and four per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is rated as 50 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and nine per cent very short.

Producers continue their seeding, spraying and harrowing operations as the weather allows. Others will begin to move their cattle to pasture as the grass begins to green up. All producers are reminded to take precautions in their croplands and pastures as fire risk is high.

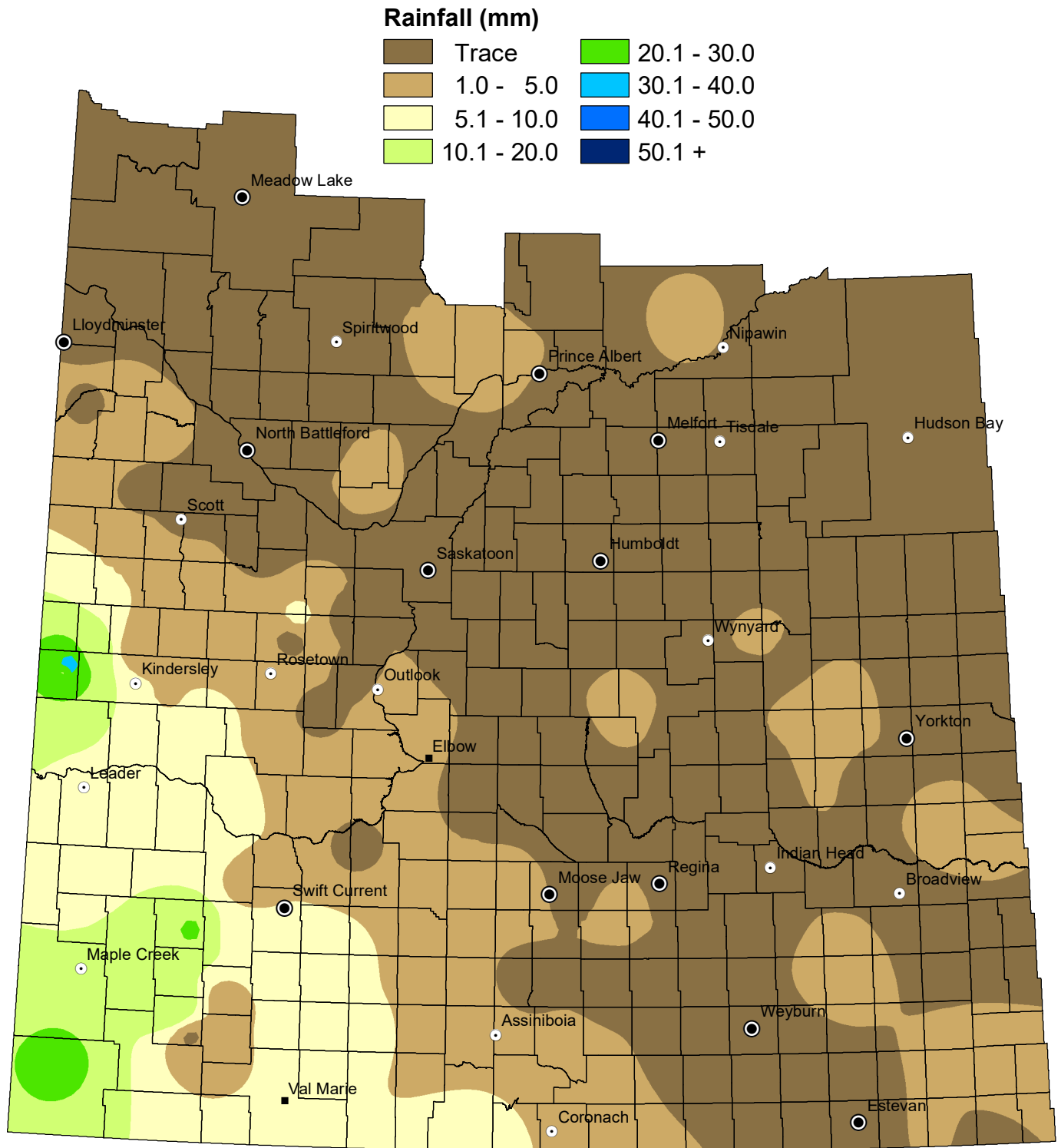


# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



# Weekly Rainfall

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# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

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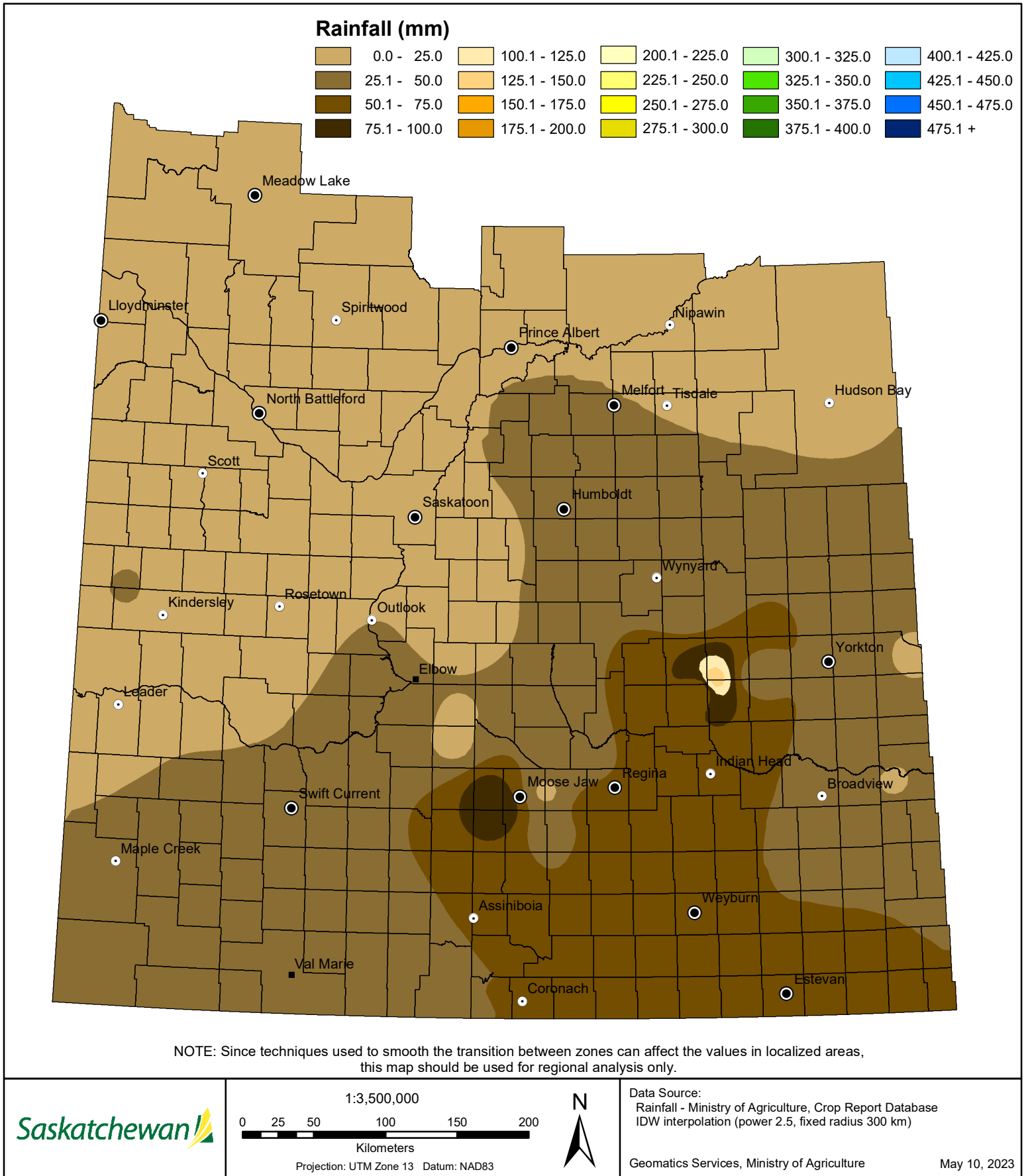
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	18	4A	51	Reno	22.8	27.1	7A	259	Snipe Lake	7	14
	3	Enniskillen	2	58		79 A	Arlington	TR	16		287	St. Andrews	3	5
	4	Coalfields	NIL	26		79 B	Arlington	19.5	44.5		288	Pleasant Valley	2	11
	32	Reciprocity	3	15		109	Carmichael	N/A	N/A		290	Kindersley	4.8	4.8
	34	Browning	N/A	N/A		110	Piapot	N/A	N/A		292	Milton	35	40
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A	4B	139	Gull Lake	21	41		292 B	Milton	19	19
	64	Brock	N/A	N/A		229	Miry Creek	9.4	21.9		317 A	Marriott	6.5	13.5
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	N/A		231	Happyland	9	11		317 B	Marriott	NIL	TR
1B	95	Golden West	N/A		5A	181	Langenburg	3	18.6		319	Winslow	1	15
	122	Martin	TR	45		183 A	Fertile Belt	2	31		320 A	Oakdale	2	10.5
	123	Silverwood	NIL	30		211	Churchbridge	NIL	31		320 B	Oakdale	2	13
	124	Kingsley	TR	26		213	Saltcoats	N/A	N/A		321	Prairiedale	13	27.5
	125 A	Chester	N/A	N/A		215	Stanley	NIL	15		347	Biggar	NIL	13
	125 B	Chester	3	33		216 A	Tullymet	NIL	NIL	7B	350	Mariposa	TR	1
	151	Rocanville	1	24		216 B	Tullymet	N/A	N/A		351	Progress	5	10
	154 A	Elcapo	TR	24		217	Lipton	NIL	53		377	Glenside	NIL	18
	154 B	Elcapo	N/A	N/A		241	Calder	1	24		378	Rosemount	NIL	17
	155	Wolesey	TR	45		243	Wallace	TR	35		382	Eye Hill	N/A	N/A
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	60		245 A	Garry	1	42		409 A	Buffalo	NIL	11
	68	Brokenshell	N/A	N/A		245 B	Garry	5	36		409 B	Buffalo	NIL	7
	96	Fillmore	N/A	N/A		246 A	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	145.5		410	Round Valley	NIL	TR
	97	Wellington	N/A	N/A		246 B	Ituna Bon Accord	2.5	23.8	8A	394	Hudson Bay	1	21
	100	Elmsthorpe	TR	72		247	Kellross	TR	22		395	Porcupine	N/A	N/A
2B	127 A	Francis	TR	55		248	Touchwood	NIL	4		397 A	Barrier Valley	0.2	20.4
	127 B	Francis	N/A	N/A	5B	273	Sliding Hills	TR	31		397 B	Barrier Valley	NIL	TR
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	60		275	Insinger	2	31.4		427	Tisdale	N/A	N/A
	131	Baldon	1	41		276	Foam Lake	NIL	22.5		428	Star City	NIL	19
	156 A	Indian Head	N/A	N/A		277	Emerald	NIL	26		456	Arborfield	TR	17
	156 B	Indian Head	N/A	N/A		277 B	Emerald	TR	12		457 A	Connaught	N/A	N/A
	159 A	Sherwood	NIL	36		301	St.Philips	TR	21		457 B	Connaught	TR	9
	159 B	Sherwood	NIL	NIL		305	Invermay	N/A	N/A		486	Moose Range	NIL	19.5
	160	Pense	NIL	20		307	Elfros	2	21		487	Nipawin	TR	13
	161 A	Moose Jaw	5	55		308 A	Big Quill	NIL	16	8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	N/A
	162 A	Caron	2.5	92.6		308 B	Big Quill	N/A	N/A		370 A	Humboldt	NIL	24
	162 B	Caron	NIL	32.5		331	Livingston	1	15		370 B	Humboldt	N/A	N/A
	191	Marquis	N/A	N/A		334	Preeceville	N/A	N/A		371	Bayne	NIL	37
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	72.5		336	Sasman	N/A	N/A		371	Bayne	NIL	22
	38 B	Laurier	TR	40		337	Lakeview	N/A	N/A		372	Grant	TR	19.2
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	5	41		366	Kelvington	NIL	16		400	Three Lakes	NIL	40
	40	Bengough	N/A	N/A		367	Ponass Lake	N/A	N/A		429	Flett's Springs	NIL	12
	43	Old Post	10	35.5	6A	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	23		430	Invergordon	N/A	N/A
	73 A	Stonehenge	3	31		190 B	Dufferin	NIL	41.5		459	Kinistino	NIL	20
	73 B	Stonehenge	N/A	N/A		190 C	Dufferin	NIL	28.5		460	Birch Hills	NIL	12.4
	74	Wood River	2.5	30		190 D	Dufferin	TR	TR	9AE	461	Prince Albert	NIL	11
3AN	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	49		219 A	Longlaketon	N/A	N/A		461 B	Prince Albert	NIL	15.5
	103	Sutton	N/A	N/A		219 B	Longlaketon	N/A	N/A		488	Torch River	2	24
	132 A	Hillsborough	N/A	N/A		220	McKillop	N/A	N/A		491 A	Buckland	N/A	N/A
	132 B	Hillsborough	1	93		221	Sarnia	NIL	37.4		491 B	Buckland	N/A	N/A
	193	Eyebrow	1	19		222	Craik	TR	49		520	Paddockwood	TR	45
3BS	75	Pinto Creek	7	35.5		251	Big Arm	NIL	NIL	9AW	521	Lakeland	TR	45
	77	Wise Creek	N/A	N/A		252	Arm River	N/A	N/A		405	Great Bend	N/A	N/A
	78	Grassy Creek	4	13.5		279	Mount Hope	2.8	27.8		435	Redberry	3	29
	106 A	Whiska Creek	N/A	N/A		279 B	Mount Hope	NIL	14.5		436	Douglas	NIL	5
	106 B	Whiska Creek	8	52		282	McCraney	1	15		437	North Battleford	TR	TR
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	N/A		310	Usborne	NIL	9.2		463	Duck Lake	N/A	N/A
	108	Bone Creek	3	29		339	Leroy	TR	41.8		466	Meeting Lake	NIL	17
3BN	138	Webb	7	46		340	Wolverine	N/A	N/A		467 A	Round Hill	NIL	22
	165	Morse	NIL	54.3		341	Viscount	N/A	N/A		467 B	Round Hill	NIL	14
	168 A	Riverside	2	22		343	Blucher	NIL	20		493	Shellbrook	4	11
	168 B	Riverside	6	24.5	6B	223 A	Huron	NIL	23		496	Spiritwood	N/A	N/A
	226	Victory	N/A	N/A		223 B	Huron	N/A	N/A		497	Medstead	N/A	N/A
	228	Lacadena	7	15		223 C	Huron	N/A	N/A	9B	440	Hillsdale	5	8
	257	Monet	N/A	N/A		284 A	Rudy	2	19		442	Manitou Lake	0.3	1.6
						284 B	Rudy	N/A	N/A		498	Parkdale	N/A	N/A
						285	Fertile Valley	TR	23		499	Mervin	TR	12.6
						286	Milden	TR	13		501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	4
						314	Dundurn	NIL	14		501 B	Frenchman Butte	N/A	N/A
						344	Corman Park	NIL	17		501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	11
						376	Eagle Creek	NIL	30		502	Britannia	TR	TR
						403 A	Rosthern	NIL	16.5		561	Loon Lake	NIL	9
						403 B	Rosthern	TR	16		588	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
											622	Beaver River	N/A	N/A

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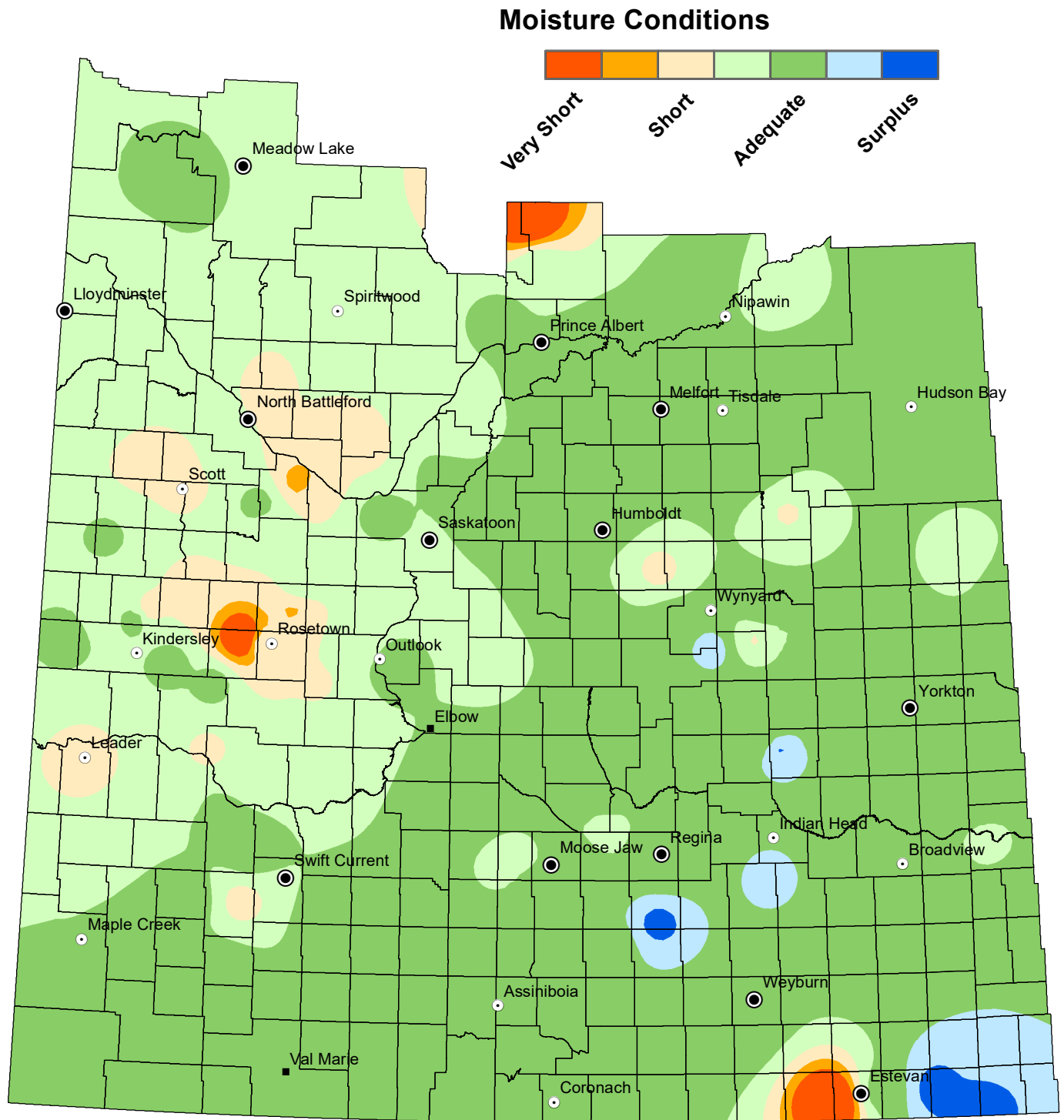
# Cumulative Rainfall

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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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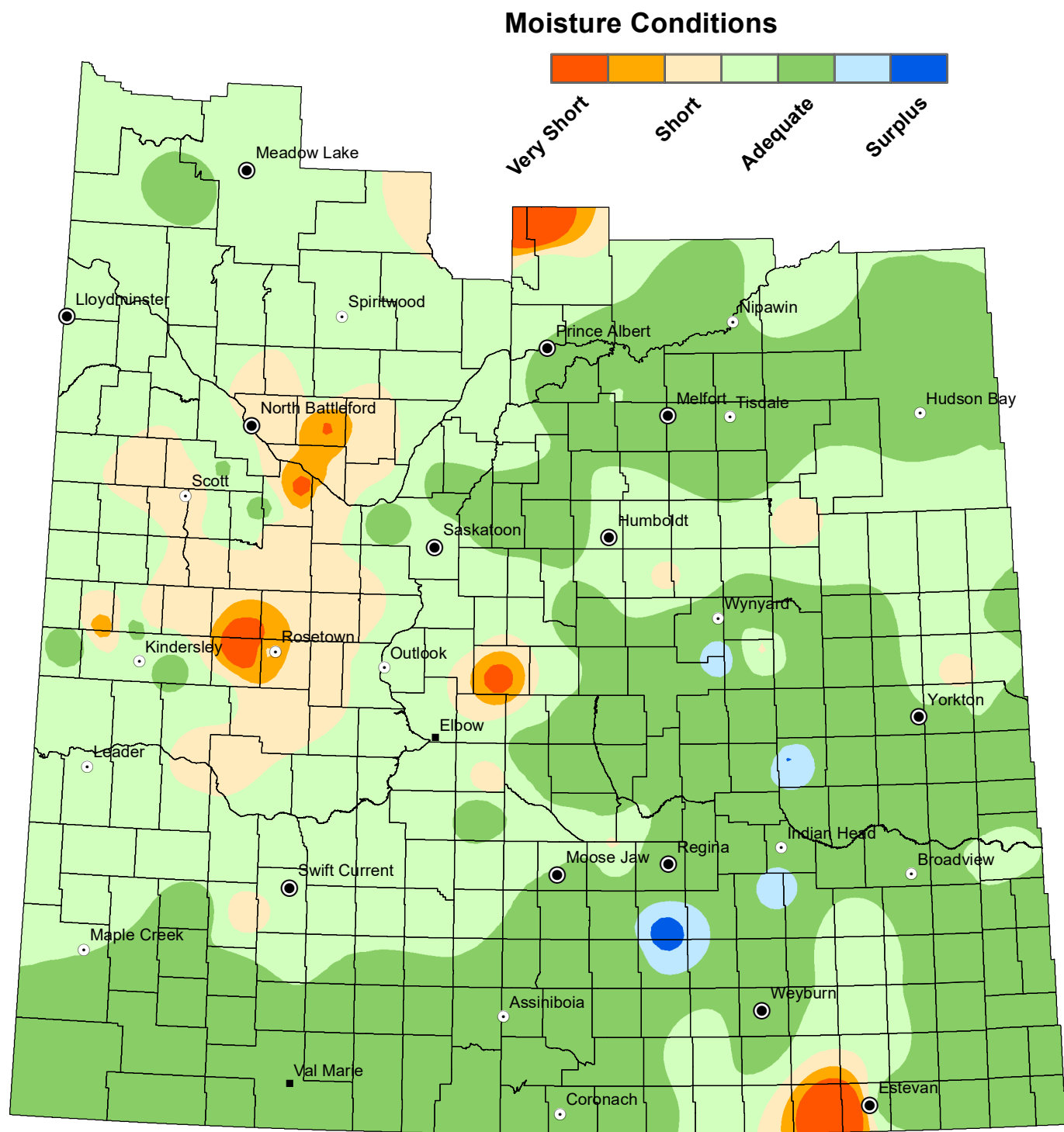
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Geomatics Services, Ministry of Agriculture

May 10, 2023

# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

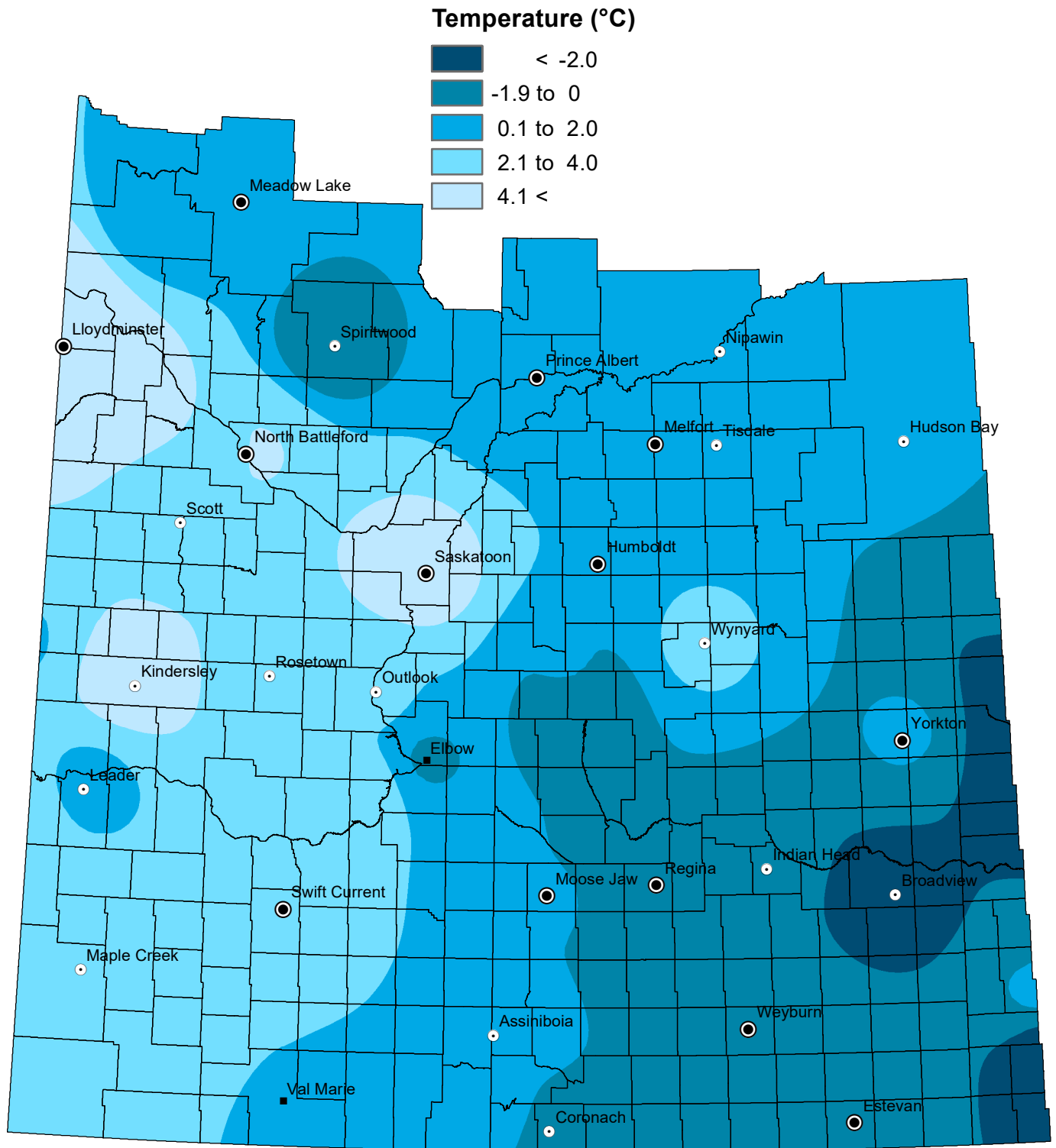
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# Minimum Temperature

## from May 2 to May 8, 2023



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# Maximum Temperature

## from May 2 to May 8, 2023

