

For the Period May 1 to 7, 2018

Seeding is underway for many producers, with more expecting to hit the field in the coming week. Nine per cent of the crop is now in the ground, behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 19 per cent for this time of year. A slow start to spring has delayed field operations in much of the province.

Seeding is furthest advanced in the southwestern region, where 18 per cent of the crop is in the ground. Fifteen per cent is seeded in the southeast, while all other regions in the province are reporting three per cent seeded.

Little to no rainfall was reported last week in most regions, with the Swift Current area receiving the most – 9.5 mm. Many areas received rain earlier this week that will help with the dry field conditions.

Strong and warm winds have dried fields throughout the province, and many producers will need rain in the coming weeks to help crops germinate and establish. Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as three per cent surplus, 67 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and five per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 55 per cent adequate, 31 per cent short and 12 per cent very short.

Winter wheat assessment continues as fields green up. Pasture and hay land growth has been slow and some cattle producers are supplementing feed. There have been multiple reports of grass and stubble fires due to the dry conditions and rain would be welcomed to help alleviate concerns.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, controlling weeds and moving cattle.

SaskPower reports 25 cases of farm machinery coming into contact with electrical equipment over the last week, bringing the total for this month to 27. SaskPower reminds producers that most farming-related incidents happen during seeding and spraying. Check for overhead lines before beginning your work. More safety information is available at www.saskpower.com/safety.

One year ago

Eleven per cent of the crop was seeded. Recent rainfall was delaying seeding for many producers as fields remained wet.

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Seeding Progress in SK

Per cent seeded All Crops

May 7, 2018	9
May 8, 2017	11
May 9, 2016	35
May 11, 2015	34
May 11, 2014	7
May 13, 2013	8
5 year avg. (2013-2017)	19
10 year avg. (2008-2017)	16

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Southeastern 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

Producers in the southeastern region have made good seeding progress this week, as 15 per cent of the crop is now in the ground. This is behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average for this time of year of 26 per cent. While some producers have been in the field for a week or two, some are just getting started.

The majority of the region received little to no rainfall last week, with the Vibank area reporting the most -- 5 mm. The Kipling and Broadview areas reported 3 mm, the Glenavon area 4 mm, the Moose Jaw area 1 mm and the Radville area 2 mm. The Moose Jaw area has received the most precipitation (18 mm) in the region since April 1.

Southeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% seeded (May 7, 2018)
1A	7
1B	14
2A	32
2B	8
3ASE	38
Region average	15

Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly deteriorated over the past week, thanks to strong and warm winds. Many producers have indicated that, while there is enough topsoil moisture for seeding, rainfall will be needed in the coming weeks to help with germination and establishment. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 36 per cent adequate, 47 per cent short and 17 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 18 per cent adequate, 55 per cent short and 27 per cent very short.

Spring winter wheat assessment continues as fields green up. There have been many reports of grass and stubble fires in the region due to the dry field conditions. Pastures are slow to grow and some cattle producers continue to supplement their animals' feed.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, moving cattle and controlling weeds if necessary.

Southwestern 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

Eighteen per cent of the crop is now in the ground, behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 32 per cent for this time of year. While some producers have been in the field for a couple of weeks, some are just getting started.

Small amounts of rainfall were received last week, with the Swift Current area reporting the most -- 9.5 mm. The Hazenmore, Consul and Rockglen areas reported 8 mm, the Glenbain area 7 mm, the Limerick area 4 mm, the Maple Creek area 5 mm

Southwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 7, 2018)
3ASW	11
3AN	13
3BS	22
3BN	12
4A	19
4B	33
Region average	18

and the Gull Lake area 6 mm. The Rockglen area has received the most precipitation (39 mm) in both the region and the province since April 1.

While most producers have indicated that moisture is adequate for seeding, rain will be needed in the coming weeks to help with germination and establishment. Strong winds have dried fields, dugouts and sloughs. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 68 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and six per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 62 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and 12 per cent very short.

Pastures are slow to green up and some cattle producers continue to supplement their animals' feed. Spring winter wheat assessment continues. There have been multiple reports of grass and stubble fires in the region due to the dry field conditions.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, branding and controlling weeds.

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 operations are getting underway in the region and three per cent of the crop is in the ground. This is slightly behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of seven per cent for this time of year. Many producers expect to be seeding in the coming weeks.

East-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 7, 2018)
5A	4
5B	1
6A	3
Region average	3

The majority of the region did not receive any rainfall last week, although the Langenburg and Pelly areas reported 2 mm, while the Rocanville and Craik areas each reported 1 mm. The Craik area has received the most precipitation (23 mm) in the region since April 1.

Although wind has been welcomed to help dry fields for seeding, many producers have indicated that rain will be needed in the coming weeks for crops to germinate and emerge. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate, 27 per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 53 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and 10 per cent very short.

Pastures continue to be slow greening up and will need warm weather for growth. Winter wheat assessment continues, although growth has also been slow. Multiple grass and stubble fires have been reported in the region.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, controlling weeds and fixing fences.

West-Central Saskatchewan:

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

General seeding has begun for many producers in the region and more expect to be in the field this week. Three per cent of the crop is now seeded, behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 12 per cent for this time of year.

West-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 7, 2018)
6B	3
7A	3
7B	4
Region average	3

Very little rainfall was received last week, although the Biggar and Sonningdale areas reported 2 mm, the Eyebrow and Phippen areas 1 mm and the Kerrobert area 3 mm. The Rosthern area has received the most precipitation (20 mm) in the region since April 1.

Strong winds have dried up fields, although rain will be needed in the coming weeks to help crops germinate and emerge. Pastures have been slow to green up and also need a good rain. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and 16 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate, 23 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, working fields and moving cattle.

Northeastern 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

Improved weather has allowed some producers to get into the field. Three per cent of the crop is now in the ground, behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of eight per cent for this time of year. Some fields remain cool and wet, although recent winds have dried up many.

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 7, 2018)
8A	3
8B	3
9AE	5
Region average	3

Little to no rainfall was reported in the region last week, although the Arborfield and Vonda areas reported 1 mm and the Prince Albert and Garrick areas reported 2 mm. The Nipawin area has received the most precipitation (27 mm) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved thanks to recent winds; however, rain will be needed in the coming weeks to help crops emerge and establish. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 15 per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate and six per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate and 18 per cent short.

Pastures and hay land remain slow to green up, but the warmer weather has helped with growth. Some cattle producers continue to supplement their animals' feed. Farmers are busy seeding and working fields.

Northwestern Saskatchewan:

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

Thanks to improved weather, three per cent of the crop is now seeded. This is behind the five-year (2013-2017) seeding average of 12 per cent for this time of year. General seeding is expected to be underway in the coming weeks, once the soil warms up a little more.

Northwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 7, 2018)
9AW	2
9B	3
Region average	3

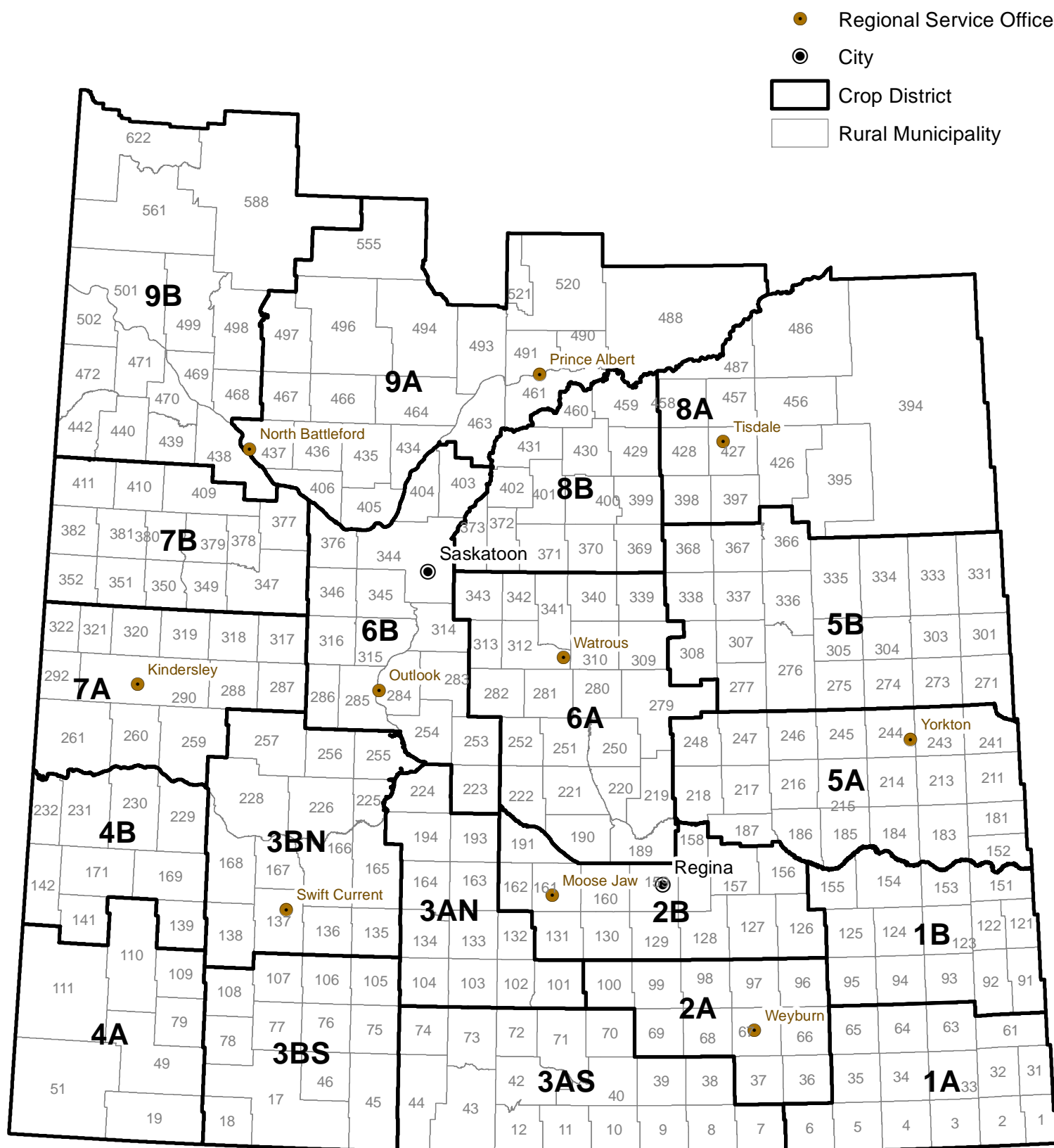
Little to no rainfall was reported last week, although the Pierceland area reported 6 mm, the Mayfair area 1 mm and the Hafford and North Battleford areas 2 mm. The Hafford area has received the most precipitation (24 mm) in the region since April 1.

Strong and warm winds have dried up fields and many areas will be in need of rain in the coming weeks to help crops emerge and pastures grow. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate, 11 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 84 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and one per cent very short.

There have been many reports of grass and stubble fires in the region due to the dry field conditions. Many cattle producers continue to supplement their animals' feed until the pastures improve.

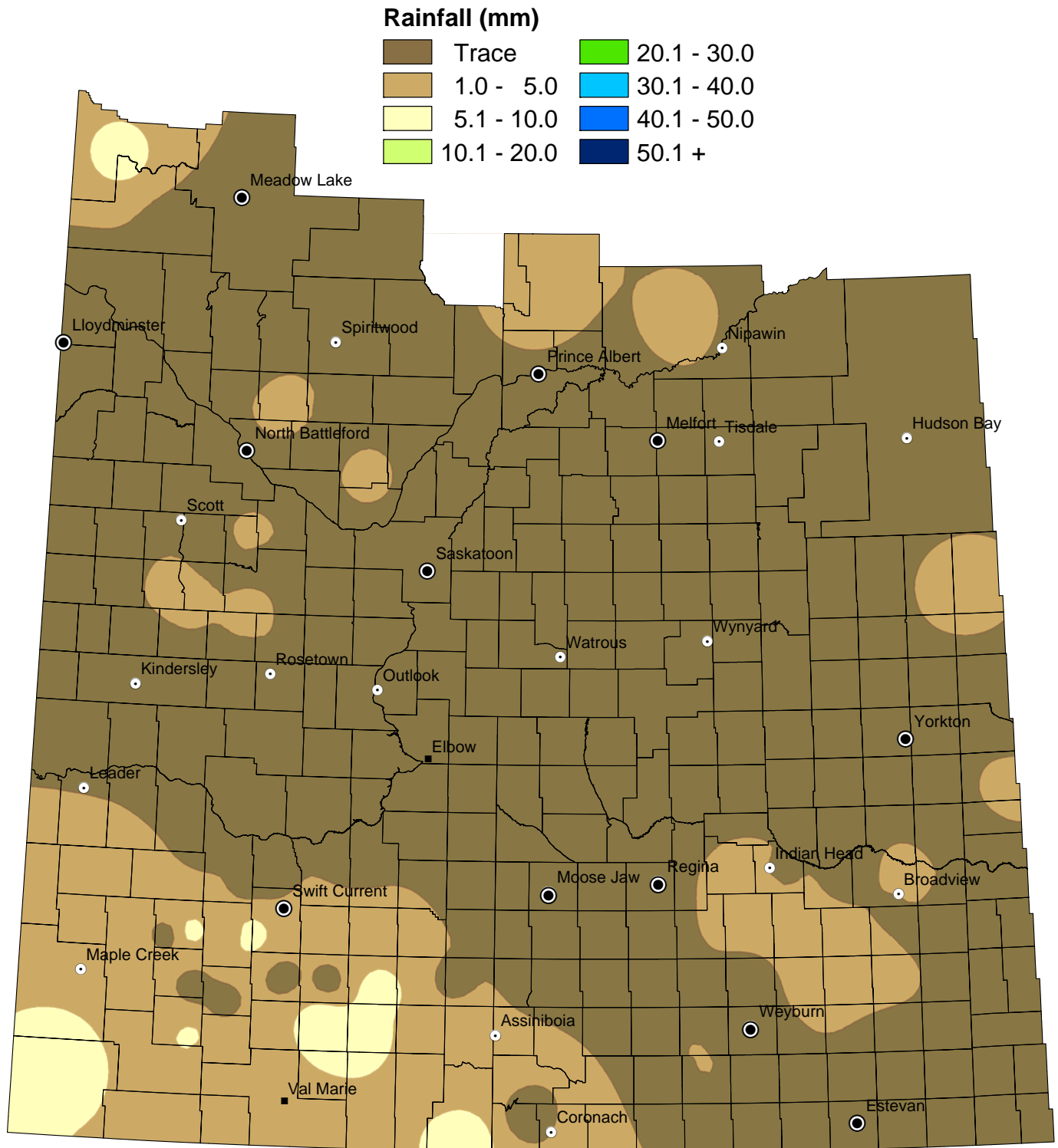
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from May 1 to May 7, 2018



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 1 to 7, 2018

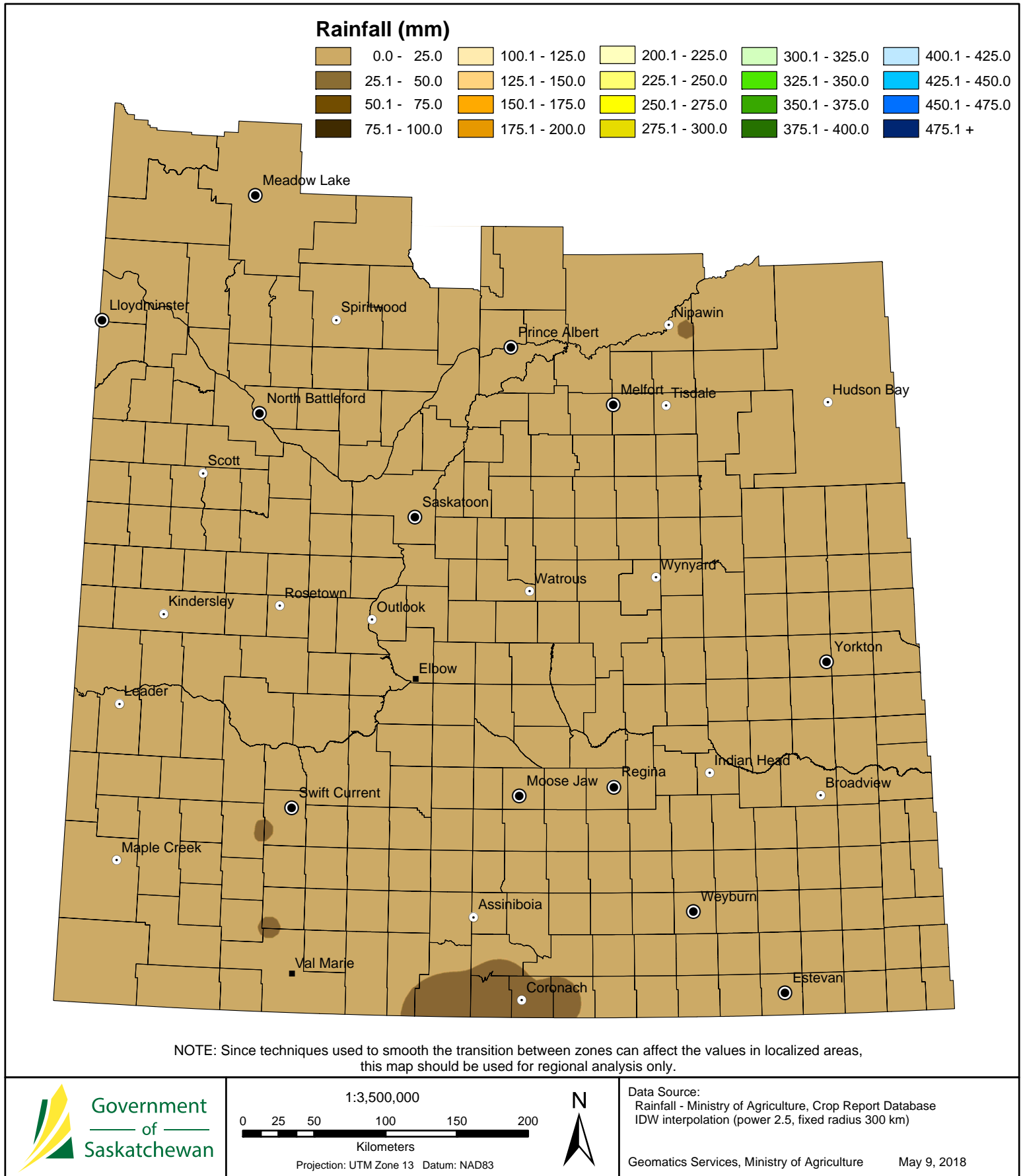
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1A	2	Mount Pleasant	0	5	4A	49	White Valley	0	0	7A	287	St. Andrews	0	0
	3	Enniskillen	0	4		51	Reno	8	24		288	Pleasant Valley	0	5
	31	Storthoaks	0	0		79 A	Arlington	6	15		290 A	Kindersley	0	12.5
	32	Reciprocity	0	8		79 B	Arlington	0	0		290 B	Kindersley	0	0
	33	Moose Creek	0	0		109	Carmichael	0	0		292	Milton	0	4
	34	Browning	0	0		110	Piapot	5	13		317	Marriott	0	13
	61	Antler	0	4		111	Maple Creek	0	0		318	Mountain View	2	11
	64	Brock	0	2	4B	139 A	Gull Lake	6	13		320 A	Oakdale	0	15
	65	Tecumseh	0	0		139 B	Gull Lake	0	11		320 B	Oakdale	0	6
1B	91	Maryfield	0	6		169	Pittville	0	0		321	Prairiedale	0	2
	94	Hazelwood	2.5	4.5		231	Happyland	0	0	7B	347	Biggar	0	7
	96	Fillmore	0	0		152	Spy Hill	1	6		350 A	Mariposa	0	0
	122	Martin	0	7	5A	183	Fertile Belt	0	8.5		350 B	Mariposa	3	12
	123	Silverwood	0	7		211 A	Churchbridge	2	13		351	Progress	0	11
	124	Kingsley	0	5.5		211 B	Churchbridge	0	2		352	Heart's Hill	0	5
	125 A	Chester	4	14		213	Saltcoats	0	6		377	Glenside	0	13
	125 B	Chester	2	11		216	Tullymet	0	17.3		378	Rosemount	2	5
	151	Rocanville	1	12		217	Lipton	1	11		379	Reform	0	11
	154 A	Elcapo	0	12		241	Calder	0	3		381	Grass Lake	0	0
	154 B	Elcapo	3	3		243	Wallace	0	2		382	Eye Hill	0	5
	155	Wolseley	0	5		244	Orkney	0	1		409 A	Buffalo	0	0
2A	67	Weyburn	0	2		245 A	Garry	0	10		409 B	Buffalo	1	18
	68	Brokenshell	0	5		245 B	Garry	0	2		410	Round Valley	0	5
	97	Wellington	0	7		245 C	Garry	0	8	8A	395	Porcupine	0	9
2B	127 A	Francis	2	11.5		246 A	Ituna Bon Accord	0	16		397	Barrier Valley	0.2	12.2
	127 B	Francis	5	12.5		246 B	Ituna Bon Accord	0	9.1		426	Bjorkdale	0	15
	129	Bratt's Lake	0	6		247	Kellross	0	5		427	Tisdale	0	3.5
	131	Baildon	0	8		248	Touchwood	0	6		428	Star City	0	9
	156 A	Indian Head	0.2	7.8	5B	271	Cote	0	0		456	Arborfield	1	15
	156 B	Indian Head	2	2		273	Sliding Hills	0	0		457	Connaught	0	8
	159	Sherwood	0	16		277	Emerald	0	4		486	Moose Range	0	10
	160 A	Pense	0	1		305	Invermay	0	0		487	Nipawin	0	27
	160 B	Pense	0	4		307	Elfros	0	4	8B	369	St. Peter	0	9
	161	Moose Jaw	1	18		308 A	Big Quill	0	0		370 A	Humboldt	0	2
	162	Caron	0	5		308 B	Big Quill	0	4		370 B	Humboldt	0	10
	191	Marquis	0	3		331	Livingston	2	2		371	Bayne	1	11
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	2	2		336	Sasman	0	1		372	Grant	0	9.5
	38 B	Laurier	0	6		337	Lakeview	0	0		400	Three Lakes	0	10
	39	The Gap	0	11		338	Lakeside	0	0		429 A	Flett's Springs	0	6
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	2	30		366	Kelvington	0	6		429 B	Flett's Springs	0	12
	12	Poplar Valley	0	32		367	Ponass Lake	0	0		459	Kinistino	0	12
	43	Old Post	8	39	6A	190 A	Dufferin	0	4		460	Birch Hills	0	4.1
	73 A	Stonehenge	1.8	16.3		190 B	Dufferin	0	3.5	9AE	488	Torch River	2	2
	73 B	Stonehenge	4	22.5		190 C	Dufferin	0	5		520	Paddockwood	2	17
	74	Wood River	1.8	16.3		190 D	Dufferin	0	1		521	Lakeland	2	15
3AN	102	Lake Johnston	0	10.1		219 A	Longlaketon	0	2.5	9AW	406 A	Mayfield	0	6
	103	Sutton	0	14		219 B	Longlaketon	0	1		406 B	Mayfield	0	12
	132 A	Hillsborough	0	11		220	McKillop	0	0		435	Redberry	2	24
	132 B	Hillsborough	1	15		221	Sarnia	0	7.5		436	Douglas	0	8
	193	Eyebrow	0	13		222	Craik	1	23		463	Duck Lake	0	8
	17	Val Marie	0	8		251	Big Arm	0	0		466	Meeting Lake	1	9
3BS	18	Lone Tree	0	5		252	Arm River	0	13		467 A	Round Hill	2	13.5
	75	Pinto Creek	8	18		279	Mount Hope	0	0.8		467 B	Round Hill	1	11
	76	Auvergne	9	17		282	McCraney	0	5.3		494	Canwood	0	3
	77	Wise Creek	3	27		312	Morris	0	12.5	9B	438	Battle River	0	20
	78	Grassy Creek	1.3	22.3		313	Lost River	0	2		440	Hillsdale	0	7.5
	105	Glenbain	7	21		339	Leroy	0	10.2		442	Manitou Lake	0	5.1
	106	Whiska Creek	0	17		340	Wolverine	0	6		498 A	Parkdale	0	3
	107	Lac Pelletier	0	3		341	Viscount	0	16		498 B	Parkdale	0	4
	108	Bone Creek	0	9		343	Blucher	0	6		499	Mervin	0	12
3BN	138 A	Webb	1	18	6B	223 A	Huron	1	4.5		501 A	Frenchman Butte	0	0
	138 B	Webb	9.5	34		223 B	Huron	0	9		501 B	Frenchman Butte	0	8
	165	Morse	0	13.1		284 A	Rudy	0	0		501 C	Frenchman Butte	0	14
	166	Excelsior	0	4		284 B	Rudy	0	9		502	Britannia	0	8
	167	Saskatchewan	0	11		285	Fertile Valley	0	13		561	Loon Lake	0	17
	168 A	Riverside	0	5		286	Milden	0	2		588 A	Meadow Lake	0	4.5
	168 B	Riverside	0	7.5		314	Dundurn	0	0		588 B	Meadow Lake	0	6
	226	Victory	0	0		344	Corman Park	0	10		622	Beaver River	6	18
	228 A	Lacadena	0	12		346	Perdue	0	3					
	228 B	Lacadena	0	0		376	Eagle Creek	0	7					
	257	Monet	0	7		403	Rosthern	0	20					

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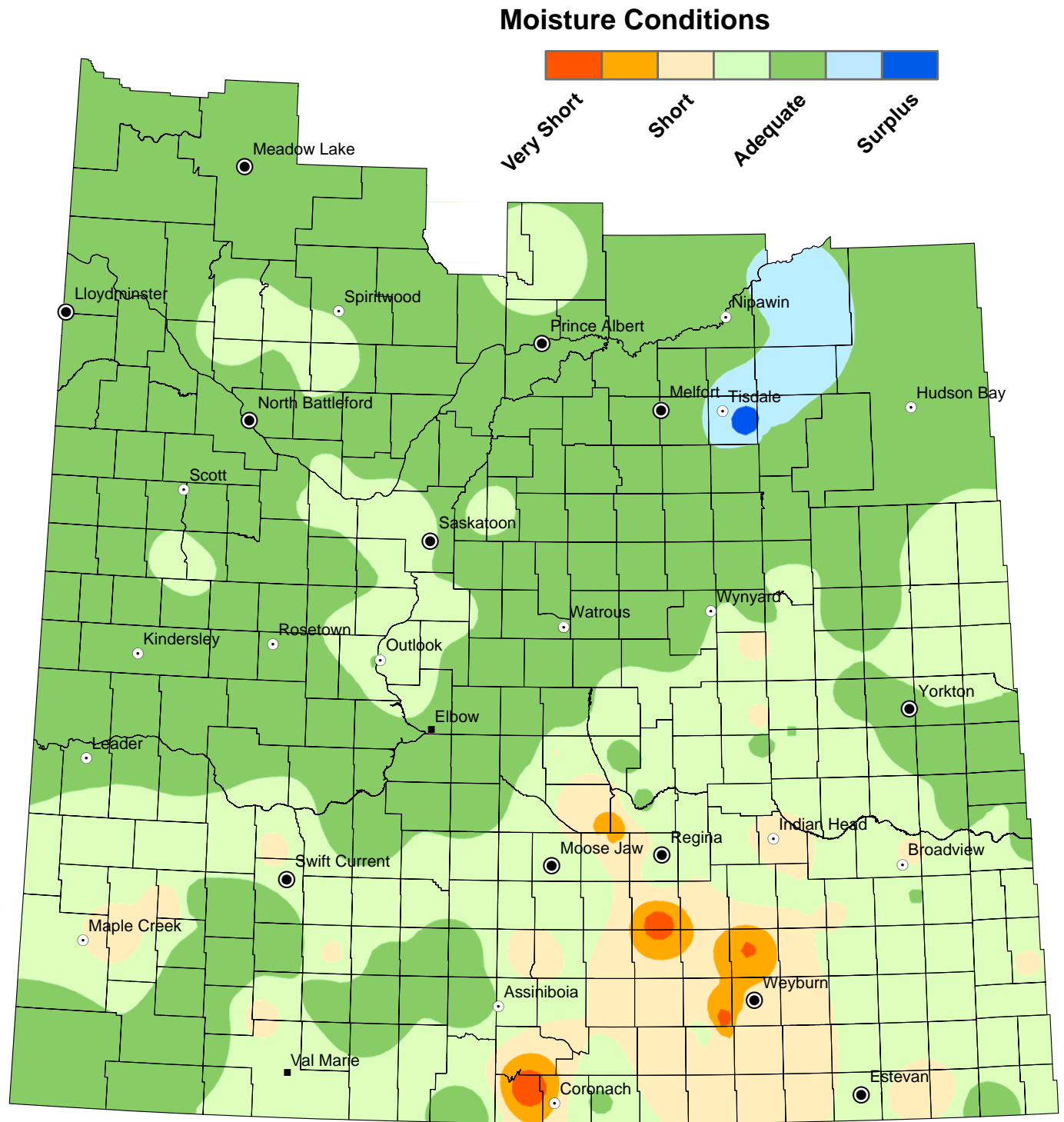
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

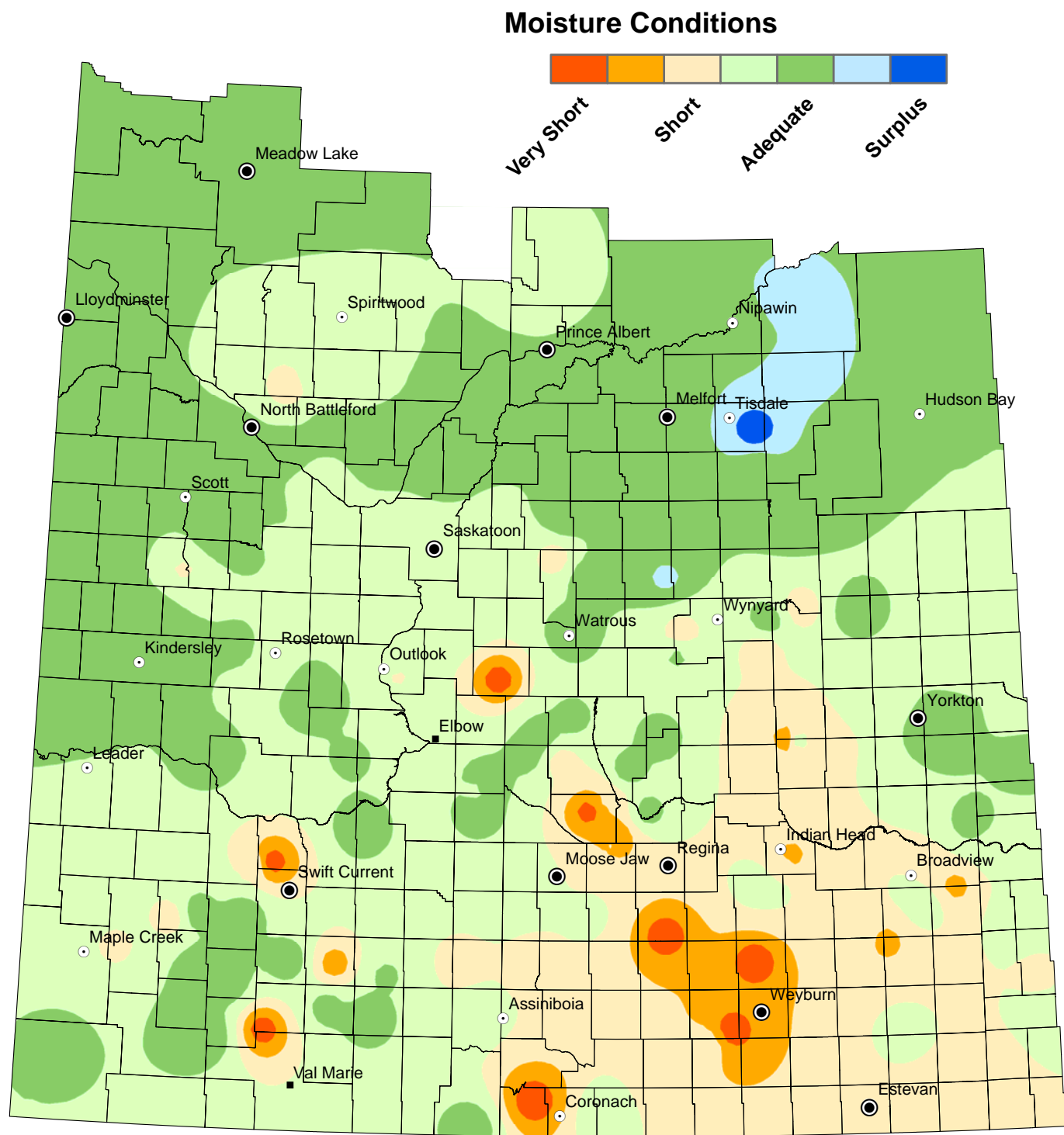
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

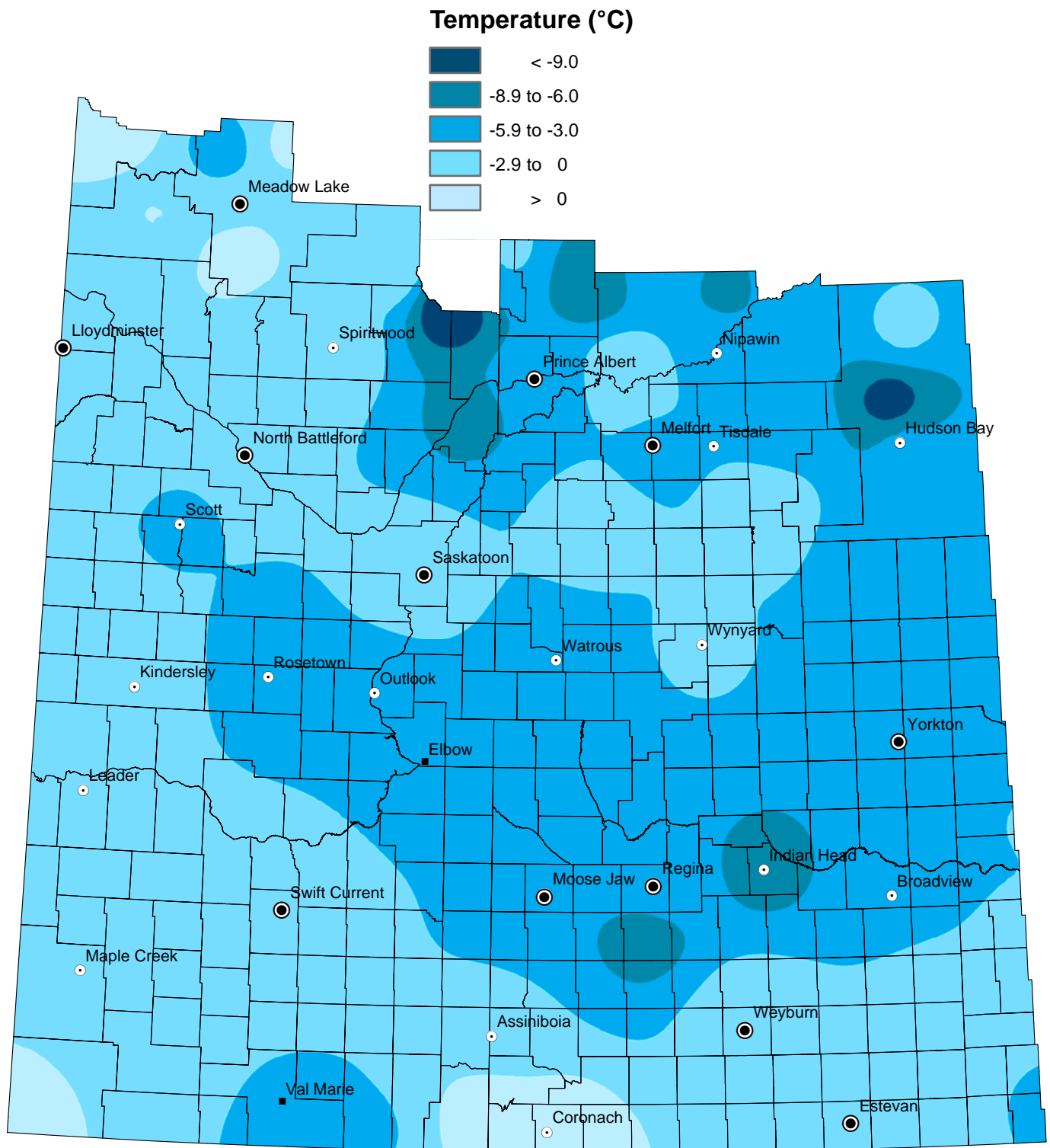
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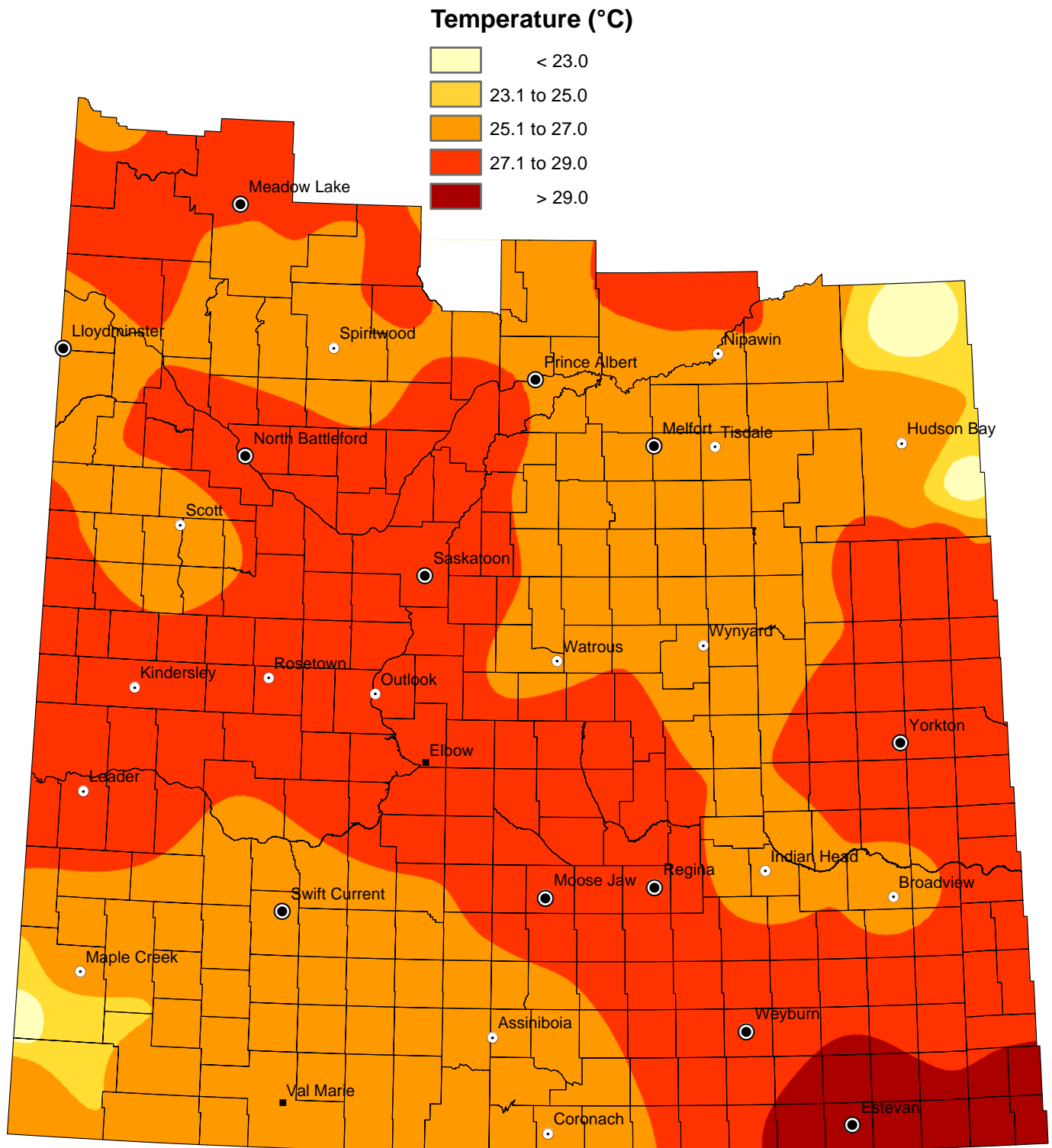
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