# Crop Report 

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Crops are developing quickly but normally in much of the province, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. Seventy-one per cent of the fall cereals, 62 per cent of the spring cereals, 61 per cent of the oilseeds and 70 per cent of the pulse crops are at their normal stages of development for this time of year. Many areas in the province remain very dry and crop conditions continue to decline due to hot temperatures and lack of rain.

Livestock producers now have 20 per cent of the hay crop cut and 59 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 13 per cent excellent, 54 per cent good, 26 per cent fair and seven per cent poor. Many hay swaths are significantly smaller than normal and hay will be in short supply this year in some areas. Hay yields are below average overall. Estimated average dryland hay yields for the province are 1.2 tons per acre for alfalfa; 1.0 ton per acre for alfalfa/bromegrass; 0.96 ton per acre for other tame hay and 1.4 tons per acre for greenfeed. Estimated average irrigated hay yields are 1.9 tons per acre for alfalfa; 2.0 tons per acre for alfalfa/bromegrass and 1.8 tons per acre for greenfeed.

One year ago
Another week of heavy rain caused localized flooding in many areas. Crops were lodged and under excess moisture
stress. High humidity and frequent
showers continued to delay haying, although hay yields were above average overall.

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|  | Provincial <br> Ahead | $\%$ <br> Normal | $\%$ <br> Behind |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fall Cereals | 24 | 71 | 5 |
| Spring |  |  |  |
| Cereals | 9 | 62 | 29 |
| Oilseeds | 7 | 61 | 32 |
| Pulse Crops | 14 | 70 | 16 |

Pasture conditions continue to decline due to the lack of rainfall.
The majority of the province received very little, if any, rain this past week; however, the Pelly area reported receiving 60 mm . Many areas have not received any significant rain for a number of weeks. Topsoil moisture is quickly deteriorating and rain is needed for crops to fill and for topsoil to be replenished. Across the province, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as three per cent surplus, 32 per cent adequate, 43 per cent short and 22 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 26 per cent adequate, 37 per cent short and 34 per cent very short.

Sources of crop damage this past week include hail, wind, localized flooding, diseases such as sclerotinia and insects such as aphids and wheat midge. The high temperatures have caused heat blasting damage in many flowering canola crops.

Producers are haying, scouting for pests and getting ready for harvest.
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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 and Lake Alma areas

Livestock producers in the region now have 22 per cent of the hay crop cut and 54 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as four per cent excellent, 48 per cent adequate, 33 per cent and 15 per cent very poor. Hay yields are lower than average overall and many producers

| Southeast crop development - July 17, 2017 |  |  |  |
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|  | \% Ahead | \% Normal | \% Behind |
| Fall Cereals | 30 | 63 | 7 |
| Spring Cereals | 21 | 60 | 19 |
| Oilseeds | 17 | 58 | 25 |
| Pulse Crops | 22 | 64 | 14 | have indicated that there will likely not be a second cut this year due to lack of plant growth. Pastures in many areas are at carrying capacity and rain is needed to help replenish dugouts.

Hot temperatures and lack of moisture in much of the region continue to cause stress to crops, hay and pasture. Very little rain was received this past week, although the Baildon area reported 10 mm . The Glenavon area holds the record for the most precipitation (173 mm ) in the region since April 1. Many more-southerly areas of the region have not received much more than two or three inches since April 1; many crops in these areas are severely heat-stressed and are beginning to dry down. Crop yield will be affected, especially on those crops that have been in full flowering during the high temperatures. There are indications that harvest of winter cereal and pulse crops may begin in some areas within the coming weeks.

Topsoil moisture conditions are rapidly deteriorating under the hot and dry weather, and have significantly worsened since last week. Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 27 per cent adequate, 43 per cent short and 30 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 15 per cent adequate, 47 per cent short and 38 per cent very short. Crop District 2A is reporting that 100 per cent of cropland and hay land and pasture are very short topsoil moisture at this time, while CD 3ASE is reporting that 98 per cent of both the cropland and hay land and pasture are short to very short topsoil moisture. Significant rainfall is needed in the region to help crops fill and to replenish the topsoil; however, any rainfall will likely be too late in some areas.

In addition to the high temperatures and lack of rain, hail, wind, diseases such as sclerotinia and insects such as aphids and wheat midge caused crop damage this past week. Much of the canola crop has some damage from heat-blasting. Gophers and large wildlife continue to cause issues in some areas.

Producers are busy haying, scouting for pests and getting ready for harvest.

## 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

Haying continues in the area and 15 per cent of the hay crop is cut and 67 per cent is baled or put into silage. Hay quality is currently rated as seven per cent excellent, 50 per cent good and 43 per cent fair. Hay yields are lower than average overall and many producers have

| Southwest crop development - July 17, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
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|  | \% Ahead | \% Normal | \% Behind |  |
| Fall Cereals | 17 | 79 | 4 |  |
| Spring Cereals | 15 | 60 | 25 |  |
| Oilseeds | 15 | 59 | 26 |  |
| Pulse Crops | 16 | 67 | 17 |  | indicated that there will likely not be a second cut this year due to lack of plant growth. Pastures in many areas are at carrying capacity and rain is needed to help replenish dugouts.

Hot temperatures and lack of moisture in much of the region continue to cause stress to crops, hay and pasture. Some areas received rain last week, although more will be needed to replenish topsoil and help crops fill. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 26 mm in the Consul and Admiral areas. The Moose Jaw area holds the record for the most precipitation ( 130 mm ) in the region since April 1. Many areas of the region have not received much more than two or three inches since April 1; many crops in these areas are severely heat-stressed and are beginning to dry down. Crop yield will be affected, especially on those crops that have been in full flowering during the high temperatures. There are indications that harvest of winter cereal and pulse crops will begin in some areas within the coming weeks.

Topsoil moisture conditions have significantly deteriorated in the past week under the high temperatures and lack of moisture. Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 10 per cent adequate, 38 per cent short and 52 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and 66 per cent very short. All crop districts in the region are reporting that at least 85 per cent of both the cropland and the hay land and pasture are short to very short topsoil moisture at this time. CDs 3ASW and 3BS report that 100 per cent of cropland and hay land and pasture are short to very short topsoil moisture. Significant rainfall is needed in the region to help crops fill and to replenish the topsoil; however, any rainfall will likely come too late for some areas.

The majority of crop damage this past week is attributed to lack of moisture, high temperatures, wind and hail. Much of the canola crop has at least some damage from heat-blasting. Gophers and large wildlife continue to cause issues in some areas.

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## 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

Haying continues in the region. Twenty-six per cent of the hay crop has now been cut and 52 per cent has been baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 10 per cent excellent, 63 per cent good, 17 per cent fair and 10 per cent poor. Hay yields are lower than average overall and some producers have indicated that there will likely not be a second cut this year.

Hot and dry temperatures continue to stress crops, hay and pasture. Rain will be needed in the coming weeks to fill heads and pods and to replenish the topsoil moisture. Rainfall this past week ranged from nil to 60 mm in the Pelly area. The Kelvington area holds the record for the most precipitation ( 218 mm )

| East-Central crop development - July 17, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
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|  | \% Ahead | \% Normal | \% Behind |  |
| Fall Cereals | 16 | 84 | 0 |  |
| Spring Cereals | 6 | 64 | 30 |  |
| Oilseeds | 6 | 62 | 32 |  |
| Pulse Crops | 6 | 79 | 15 |  | in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions are rapidly deteriorating under the hot and dry temperatures. Across the region, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as one per cent surplus, 38 per cent adequate, 46 per cent short and 15 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 32 per cent adequate, 48 per cent short and 20 per cent very short. Crop District 6A is reporting that 36 per cent of the cropland and 45 per cent of the hay land and pasture are very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Some producers have been spraying for disease and insects such as wheat midge. Other causes of crop damage this week include wind and hail. Significant rainfall is needed in the region to help crops fill and to replenish the topsoil; however, any rainfall will likely come too late for some areas. The hot and dry weather will have an affect on crop yield, especially on canola crops that have been in full flowering.

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## 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

Eighteen per cent of the hay crop is now cut and 68 per cent is baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 21 per cent excellent, 50 per cent good, 21 per cent fair and eight per cent poor. Hay yields are lower than average overall and many producers have indicated that there may

| West-Central crop development - July 17, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
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|  | \% Ahead | \% Normal | \% Behind |  |
| Fall Cereals | 27 | 70 | 3 |  |
| Spring Cereals | 2 | 73 | 25 |  |
| Oilseeds | 3 | 74 | 23 |  |
| Pulse Crops | 8 | 77 | 15 |  | not be a second cut this year.

Hot temperatures and lack of moisture in much of the region continue to stress crops, hay and pasture. Rainfall this past week ranged from small amounts to 38 mm in the Tramping Lake area, which holds the record for the most precipitation ( 186 mm ) in the region since April 1. Rain will be needed in the coming weeks to help fill heads and pods and to replenish topsoil moisture.

Topsoil moisture continues to rapidly deteriorate under the hot and dry weather. Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 27 per cent adequate, 65 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 23 per cent adequate, 60 per cent short and 17 per cent very short. Crop District 6B is reporting that 13 per cent of the cropland and 17 per cent of the hay land and pasture are very short topsoil moisture at this time.

The majority of crop damage this past week was due to lack of moisture, high temperatures, wind and hail. Some producers have been applying fungicides and are scouting for insect pests such as wheat midge and aphids. Many flowering crops in the region, including canola, have been damaged from heat-blasting; crop yields are expected to be affected.

Producers are busy haying and scouting for pests.

## 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

Haying continues in the region and 20 per cent of the hay crop is now cut and 48 per cent is baled or put into silage. Hay quality is currently rated as 25 per cent excellent, 50 per cent good and 25 per cent fair. Hay yields are about average overall but some producers have indicated that there will likely not be a second cut this year.

| Northeast crop development - July 17, 2017 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% Ahead | \% Normal | \% Behind |
| Fall Cereals | 27 | 60 | 13 |
| Spring Cereals | 1 | 52 | 47 |
| Oilseeds | 0 | 44 | 56 |
| Pulse Crops | 0 | 48 | 52 |

Hot and dry temperatures continue to stress crops, hay and pasture. Rain will be needed in the coming weeks to help fill heads and pods and to help replenish the topsoil moisture. Rainfall this past week ranged from nil to 35 mm in the Porcupine Plain area. The Nipawin area holds the record for the most precipitation ( 453 mm ) in both the region and the province since April 1.

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 11 per cent surplus, 67 per cent adequate, 18 per cent short and four per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as nine per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and three per cent very short. Crop District 8 A is reporting that 25 per cent of the cropland and 19 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Some producers have been spraying for diseases such fusarium head blight and sclerotinia and for insects such as wheat midge. Other causes of crop damage this week include wind, localized flooding and lack of moisture.

Producers are busy haying and scouting for disease and insects.

## Northwestern Saskatchewan:

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

Livestock producers now have 21 per cent of the hay crop cut and 37 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 23 per cent excellent, 69 per cent good and eight per cent fair. Hay yields so far are reported to be about average, although some areas are reporting reduced yields due to lack of

| Northwest crop development - July 17, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% Ahead | \% Normal | \% Behind |  |
| Fall Cereals | 4 | 58 | 38 |  |
| Spring Cereals | 1 | 75 | 24 |  |
| Oilseeds | 1 | 75 | 24 |  |
| Pulse Crops | 4 | 86 | 10 |  | moisture and heat stress.

Hot and dry temperatures continue to stress crops, hay and pasture. Many areas could use a good rain in the coming weeks to help crops fill and pastures grow. Rainfall this past week ranged from nil to 27 mm in the Meadow Lake area. The Pierceland area holds the record for the most precipitation ( 389 mm ) in the region since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 15 per cent surplus, 50 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 50 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and 16 per cent very short. Crop District 9B is reporting that 29 per cent the cropland and 25 per cent of the hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Wind, localized flooding and hail damaged crops this week. Golf-ball-sized hail was reported in some areas and damage is extensive in some fields. Producers continue to scout for pests and are applying fungicides for diseases such as fusarium head blight and sclerotinia. There are also reports of grasshoppers in some pockets of the region.

Producers are busy haying and scouting for disease and insects.

## Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



## Weekly Rainfall

## from July 11 to July 17, 2017



## Weekly Rainfall Summary



## Cumulative Rainfall

## from April 1 to July 17, 2017


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## Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions July 17, 2017

## Moisture Conditions



NOTE: Since techniques used to smooth the transition between zones can affect the values in localized areas,


## Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions July 17, 2017

## Moisture Conditions



NOTE: Since techniques used to smooth the transition between zones can affect the values in localized areas,


## Maximum Temperature from July 11 to July 17, 2017



Estimated Provincial Hay Yields (tons/acre) - July 17, 2017

| Provincial |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dry land | Irrigated Land |
| Alfalfa | 1.2 | 1.9 |
| Brome/Alfalfa | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| Other Tame Hay | 0.96 | 2.2 |
| Wild Hay | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Greenfeed | 1.4 | 1.8 |


| Southeast |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dry land | Irrigated Land |
| Alfalfa | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| Brome/Alfalfa | 0.96 | 1.8 |
| Other Tame Hay | 0.72 | 2.0 |
| Wild Hay | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Greenfeed | 1.0 | 1.0 |


| Southwest |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dry land | Irrigated Land |
| Alfalfa | 0.74 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Brome/Alfalfa | 0.76 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Other Tame Hay | 0.69 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Wild Hay | 1.2 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Greenfeed | 1.4 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |


| East-central |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dry land | Irrigated Land |
| Alfalfa | 1.1 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Brome/Alfalfa | 1.0 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Other Tame Hay | 0.91 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Wild Hay | 0.84 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Greenfeed | 1.6 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |


| West-central |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dry land | Irrigated Land |
| Alfalfa | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Brome/Alfalfa | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| Other Tame Hay | 0.9 | 2.5 |
| Wild Hay | 1.0 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Greenfeed | 1.7 | 3.5 |


| Northeast |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dry land | Irrigated Land |
| Alfalfa | 1.4 | 2.2 |
| Brome/Alfalfa | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| Other Tame Hay | 1.0 | N/A |
| Wild Hay | 0.9 | N/A |
| Greenfeed | 2.0 | N/A |


| Northwest |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dry land | Irrigated Land |
| Alfalfa | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| Brome/Alfalfa | 1.4 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Other Tame Hay | 1.8 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Wild Hay | 0.3 | 0.45 |
| Greenfeed | 0.9 | 1.2 |

