

CROP CONDITIONS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Best Prospects are in the North—Rain Required in Many Sections

A report issued by the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture on the 9th inst., reads as follows:—

Crop reports received by the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture during the week ending July 6th, do not show a very bright prospect on conditions, as they exist in many parts of the province at the present time. With the exception of isolated districts there is a general cry of more rain needed, and in very large areas the question is how much can be saved if weather conditions are ideal from now on.

In many sections wheat is headed out, but is very short and not more than half a crop is anticipated. Where rain has been recently received in hitherto dry districts, it is stated, it will be of some assistance in furnishing feed. In other districts the rain came too late to be of much use to the growing crops.

Conditions are better in the north-west and the north-east than in most other parts of the province and at some points, such as Birch Hills and between Prince Albert and Hubbard, prospects are excellent for good yields. At Lloydminster there is plenty of moisture, though in some townships heavy hail has set back the grain a couple of weeks.

In the south-western and south-central districts the crops are nearly ruined, a few points reporting better prospects than the majority. In the east central district rain has fallen in streaks and as a result crop conditions vary widely. At Dubuc they were never better and in the vicinity of Langenburg and Sheho they are good.

More Rain Required at Once.

A later report gave a statement of conditions in greater detail, as follows:—

Crop reports received during the week ending July 13th confirmed the earlier predictions that the crops in the north are splendid, while elsewhere in the province they are poor to fair. Rain has fallen in many districts since the last report was issued, but in some cases it is reported as having come too late to be of benefit, while other districts are badly in need of more moisture. The following are the reports in detail:—

Guernsey—Territory covered Elbow, Davidson, Saskatoon, Young. Recent rains in Last Mountain district make 65 per cent. crop probable. Territory Allan to Lanigan and Lockwood needs rain badly to make 60 per cent. crop. In northern part of district seven (Biggar-Wilkie) average wheat and oat crop probable.

Marcelin—Crops here are 25 per cent. better than last year. Wheat just headed. About 500 acres of new breaking in district. Eighty per cent. summer fallow completed.

Dinsmore—A few local showers last week, but too late to be of any use to crops. At Dinsmore, Eston, Kindersley and Kerrobert, some wheat is being plowed down and many farmers do not expect to get more than their seed back. Few of the very best fields may yield seven or eight bushels per acre.

Grayson—Tugaske, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Grayson and vicinity has good promise of good crops. All along the line to Moose Jaw shows effect of drought, also from Saskatoon

to Grayson. Rye headed and colouring. Wheat and oats heading out but short in straw. Rains necessary for making crop and hay, else fodder will be very scarce.

Saskatoon—Wheat 75 per cent. headed. Past week very warm growing weather with local showers. Prospective wheat yields in 25 mile radius, range from 5 to 35 bushels per acre. North-east and north-west best yields. South-west poor. Coarse grains doing well.

Wolseley—Crops badly in need of rain. Wheat headed out and late grains will be very short unless rain comes soon.

Mervin—Crops in Mervin district are about the best there is in the province. Wheat is all pretty well headed out and very thick. We have had lots of rain which came at the right time. A lot of new ground being broken up.

Creelman—Slight shower Tuesday night, otherwise weather continues hot and dry. Oats heading out 8 to 15 inches high. Wheat heads very short and lean with tips turning white in some fields. Haying has commenced, but upland hay is very scarce and pastures also are bare and dry.

Increase in Acreage of Most Grains.

The following is a revised estimate of areas sown to field crops and estimate of areas of later sown cereals and hoed crops 1918, as compared with 1917:—

Revised area field crops:

	1917. Acres.	1918. Acres.
Spring wheat	8,273,250	9,101,000
Oats	4,521,600	4,612,000
Barley	669,900	663,000
Rye	53,250	65,000
Peas	2,605	2,500
Mixed grains	39,500	39,500
Hay and clover	260,275	245,000
Alfalfa	9,500	7,500

Late sown cereals and hoed crops:

Flax	753,700	724,000
Potatoes	67,700	68,400
Turnips, etc.	11,104	10,500
Corn for fodder	15,658	15,400

The new plant of the Whalen Pulp and Paper Company in British Columbia will commence sending out shipments shortly. The sawmill, operated in conjunction with the plant, is now running on spruce for aeroplane purposes. All the machinery is operated by electricity.

Mr. A. E. Wilson, Dominion Seed Purchasing Commissioner, of Regina, Sask., has gone to Ottawa to discuss the question of securing a sufficient supply of seed for next spring, with the Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of agriculture, and Geo. C. Clarke, federal seed commissioner.

The Michigan Fire & Marine Insurance Company of Detroit, Michigan, has ceased to write business in British Columbia. The company will carry out its outstanding contracts to expiration, and any claims for loss arising therefrom may be presented to C. E. Schlingheyde, Winch Building, Vancouver.

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Quotations furnished to The Monetary Times by A. J. Pattison Jr., & Co., Toronto
(Week ended July 24th, 1918.)

	Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask
Abitibi Power.....com.	42	46.50	Can Salt..... 6's	92.50		Dunlop Tire..... pref.	88	94.50	N. S. Steel, 6% deb.....	82	87.50
".....pref.	79	87	Can. Starch	10	15	Eastern Car..... 6's	89	94	Ont. Pulp..... 6's	77	81.50
".....7% deb.		87.50	".....pref.	70	75	Goodyear Tire	190	220	Page Hersey..... pref.	64	78.50
Amer. Sales Book.....pref.		90	Can. Timber & Land.....	90	102.50	Home Bank.....	60	65	People's Loan.....	77	88
Atlantic Sugar.....com.	8	14	Can. Westinghouse.....	100	120	Imperial Oil.....	280	295	Rosedale Golf.....	250	300
".....pref.	36	43	Chapman Ball Bearing..	23.50	30	Lambton Golf.....	330	365	Sovereign Life.....	12.50	20
Belding Paul.....pref	76	81	Chinook Coal.....com.		30	Maritime Coal.....com.	19	24.50	Temple Theatre.....com.		65
Black Lake.....bonds	28	30	Cockshutt Plow..... pref.	70.50	81	Maritime Coal & Rly. 5's	68	72.50	Sterling Bank.....	76	82.50
".....pref.	4	5.25	Collingwood Ship.com.	27.50	40	Massey Harris.....	112	138	Sterling Coal.....6's	71	76
".....com.	1.25	3.50	Consumers Cordage pref.	70	85	Matthew-Blackwell.com.	40	50	".....com.	15	19
Can. Cereal & Flour-Mill.		.85	Continental Life.....	15	24.50	Matthew Laing.....6's	93	97.50	Toronto Power 5's 1924..	80.50	85
Can. Cons. Felt.....com.	5	7	Dom. Explosives.....		30	M'Donald.....pref.	77	81	Toronto Paper.....6's	84	89
Can. Fairbanks.....pref.	83.50	93.50	Dom. Fire.....	18	22.50	Mexican North Power 5's	7	11	West. Assurance.....	7	8.75
Can. Machinery.....com.	12.50		Dom. F. & S.....8% pref.	86	95	Mississauga Golf.....	40	52.50	Wt. Can. Flour.....com	100	125
".....pref.	48	54.50	Dom. Glass.....com.	30	37	Morrow Screw.....6's	85	92.50	".....6's 1931	93.50	98
Can. Marconi.....	1.60	2.75	Dom. Iron & Steel 5's 1939	73	78	National Potash.....		1.35			
Can. Mortgage.....	68	78	Dom. Power.....com.	50	56	National Telephone... 5's	52	60			
Can. Oil.....pref.	80	95	".....pref.	90	95.50						