

The Guide Crop Report

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velopment of plants. Frosts early in June did much damage. Crops set back and harvest will be later this year. Wheat has only just started to head out, and cutting is expected to begin third week in August. There is no pressing need for rain, growing showers are all that is required. Summerfalling is about completed. About 10 per cent. more help required at harvest time this year.

Regina

Eight points heard from. Frosts and drought are responsible for keeping crops from making maximum growth, but since the rains prospects are very favorable. Growing showers and heat are all that are required to mature the crop. About 45 per cent. of wheat is in head and cutting should commence about August 15. Harvest is later this year, and about 5 per cent. more men will be required at harvest time to handle this year's crop.

Maple Creek

Twenty-five reports received. Although three reports mention cold weather as being unfavorable, the others suggest that crop conditions are very good indeed this year. Straw will be a fair length, and in fifteen cases over 50 per cent. of the wheat is in head. Harvest will be a little later this year, wheat cutting starting about August 15 to 20. A little hail damage is noted, 60 per cent. of crop in district surrounding Quill Lake damaged, but with favorable weather much is expected to recover. Rain is plentiful. Summerfalling is about complete. Since there was little crop in this constituency last year a very much larger number of men will be required to harvest this year's very promising crop.

Swift Current

Forty-four reports received. On the whole weather has been favorable to crops, although eight reports mention incessant rains and cold weather as responsible for retarding crop growth. Generally the harvest is expected to be later. Wheat cutting will not commence before the latter end of August. Only a quarter of the wheat is in head, several districts reporting no heads apparent. There is no pressing need for rain except in one district where crop was cut to the ground by frost in middle of June. No crop last year in fourteen districts, so that many more men will be needed to handle this year's crop.

Kindersley

Fifty points heard from. Although weather has been somewhat too cold, crops have advanced splendidly of late and there is every prospect of an average crop. Harvest will be later this year. Straw will be fairly long. In most districts about 50 per cent. of wheat is in head. Owing to rains and lack of feed summerfalling in some districts is not yet complete. Rain has been plentiful generally. Wheat cutting should start about August 20 to 25. In many districts no crop was harvested last year, so that increase in harvest help this year runs from 20 to 100 per cent.

Saskatoon

Twelve reports received. In spite of early cold weather crops recently have come along in splendid shape, indications pointing to a fair to good average crop. About 45 per cent. of wheat is headed out, and cutting should start about third week in August. A strip of hail did a little local damage. Rain is needed immediately in two districts. Harvest later. About 10 per cent. more men needed.

Battleford

Twenty-four places heard from. Generally reports indicate good average crops being expected. Harvest will be later. About 25 per cent. of wheat is in head and cutting should start about third week in August. Rain and sunshine needed to hurry grain along. About 10 per cent. increase in number of men required at harvest time.

Last Mountain

Twenty-four reports received. Crop generally appears a good average one

Harvest will be later. Average of 25 per cent. of the wheat is headed out, and cutting should start about the middle of August. Rain is not generally needed, although four districts report a pressing need for moisture. On an average well over 25 per cent. more men will be required to harvest this year's crop.

Humboldt

Twenty-seven points heard from. Crops are very promising for an average yield. Harvest will be later. About 35 per cent. of wheat is headed out. Cutting should start middle of August in most districts. Three reports require heavy rains, other places have plenty for present needs. About 20 per cent. more men will be wanted to handle crop if weather is favorable from now on.

North Battleford

Eighteen reports received. Although a little too dry and cold for best development, crops are reasonably good. About 75 per cent. of the wheat is in head, but harvest will be later this year. Cutting should start about August 20. Nine districts need rain badly to help crops mature. Rest require occasional showers. Very few more men than last year will be required at harvest time.

Battle River

Thirty-three reports received. Cold weather is responsible for retarding growth somewhat, but on the whole a very good average crop is expected. Harvest will be from one to two weeks later. Some grain is nearly all headed out, while other districts report heading as just commencing. Cutting should start August 15 to 20. Rain has been plentiful in every district but one. There will be an increase of about 10 per cent. in the number of men required to harvest the crop this year.

Medicine Hat

Thirty-two points heard from. Although the heavy, continuous rains experienced will make harvesting somewhat later, with favorable weather from now on an excellent crop will be gathered. In five districts wheat is just commencing to head out. Others report from 40 to 50 per cent. of crop in head. Cutting should start about the third week in August. More help will be needed this year.

Lethbridge

Five reports received. The season has been very favorable and crops are splendid in this constituency. Plenty of rain has fallen and the wheat is just commencing to head out. Harvest will be later, cutting about end of August. No more help will be needed than last year.

Macleod

Twenty reports received. Crops are first-class, although too much rain has fallen generally thru this district. About 50 per cent. of the wheat is in head. Cutting should start at end of August with warm weather. Over 75 per cent. more men will be required to harvest the crop this year.

Bow River

Thirty-one reports sent in. In spite of too much rain in some localities and several reports of slight hail damage, crop prospects are very favorable this year. About 75 per cent. of the wheat is headed out. Cutting should start at end of August. Owing to the wet some summerfalling is not completed. More men will be required at harvest time but can be supplied locally.

West Calgary

One report received states that weather has been favorable for plant growth. Plenty of rain has fallen, and season will probably be later. Cutting should start September 1. No more men required for harvest.

East Calgary

Five points heard from. Plenty of sunshine and a little rain to help crop fill out will ensure the present excellent crops reaching maturity and giving a splendid yield. Three report harvest later, starting September 1, while two expect cutting to commence earlier, about August 15. More men will be required to handle the crop this year.

Red Deer

Fourteen reports received. Weather has been too wet and cold and more rain would be harmful to crops. In some localities up to 50 per cent. of the wheat is in head. Harvest will be later than last year. Cutting should start end of August. Some hail damage is noted. More men will be required to handle crop, and with haying commencing men are being looked for.

Strathcona

Nine reports sent in. Crops are very promising indeed, although a little too much rain has fallen in most localities. Most of the wheat is in head and about 75 per cent. of the barley. Season will be about same time as last year. No more help required this year.

Victoria

Thirteen places heard from. Crops are very promising. Warmer weather with less rain is needed to properly mature crops. About 50 per cent. of wheat is in head. Harvest will be generally a little later. Some localities report more men will be required, and there is a small demand just now for men.

West Edmonton

Four reports received state crops are heavy owing to excessive rains, but warm weather is required to mature crops. Wheat cutting should start August 15 to 20. No more help than last year will be required.

East Edmonton

Four points heard from. Continuous rains have kept crops back, but a very good average crop is expected. Hay crop will be excellent if weather will allow of its being saved. In two districts over 50 per cent. of the wheat is in head, while in the others no heads are showing yet. Harvest will be about the same time this year. Cutting will start about third week in August. Only a small increase in the percentage of men required for harvest is expected.

SEASONABLE REMINDERS

Outworm damage has been very considerable in many districts this year. What can be done to prevent a recurrence of this troublesome insect? Advice has been given broadcast to inquirers to use sweetened bran poisoned with paris green to stop the damage which was being done. But even if this method was effective in killing a great many of the cutworms many more escaped, and, after becoming full grown about the end of June or early in July, and passing about ten days in a hard shell pupal form, are now just about ready to emerge from the ground in their fully developed state as night-flying moths, commonly known as "millers." These moths are much more dangerous to crops than the worms themselves, because they immediately mate and the female commences to lay from a few hundred to over a thousand eggs. The eggs are laid in sod land near grass, trash, weeds and other rubbish, so that the young worm when it comes out of the egg, in August or early September, has a first-class chance to gorge itself to its heart's content on the green stuff within its reach. When frost comes the young, partly developed caterpillars hide themselves under brush, rubbish, grass roots or other waste material, and remain so until warm weather next spring, when they are again ready for business and do the most noticeable damage to crops in this western country.

From the above explanation it may be plainly seen that if all the moths were destroyed before they laid their eggs all danger of a recurrence of the pest would be over. The following means of capturing the moths is suggested by J. D. Duthie, who has spent many years studying the life histories of insects common to the west. Prepare a ten per cent. mixture of molasses and thin this with some stale beer or a little rum (rather less than half a pint of the latter), and a few drops of essence of pineapple. Paint this mixture over fence posts or trees, starting before dusk and finishing while there is yet sufficient light to see clearly. Let this remain about an hour and then, about 10 o'clock, start in at the first tree. With the aid of a good lamp and a fly "swatter" on a warm night

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