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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT - CANADA 1/

This is the fourth of the 1955 series of nine telegraphic reports, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the sixth of a series of thirteen telegraphic reports on crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces. A selected list of crop correspondents chosen from the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, private crop observers and grain men supply the information on which these reports are based. The weather data included in this release are furnished by the Meteorological Division, Department of Transport.

SUMMARY

Maritime Provinces - Seeding and planting have now been completed in Prince Edward Island. Early sown grain and potatoes are making rapid growth with favourable weather during the past week. Silage-making is under way with good yields of grass and clover being reported. Farmers in Nova Scotia have finished seeding and crops are making satisfactory growth. The first cut for grass silage has been about completed with a good tonnage reported. Pastures are good throughout the province. Harvesting of strawberries in the Annapolis Valley is in full swing at the present time. In New Brunswick sunny, warm weather during the past ten days has enabled farmers to complete seeding operations and has favoured the growth of all crops. Clover is starting to bloom and timothy is beginning to head, with haying expected to be general in about ten days. The potato crop is progressing well.

Quebec - With the exception of a few districts where moisture is in short supply, weather conditions during the past fortnight were favourable to the growth of all field crops. Ensiling of grass and haying are in full swing. Pastures in general are green with the milk flow tending to increase. Grain is coming along well in nearly all counties. Truck and fruit crops are promising and heavy yields are expected. One of the largest strawberry crops on record had been looked for in the Montreal district but dry weather reduced the harvest. Strawberry picking is beginning around Quebec City and if suitable weather prevails good results are anticipated. Tobacco is doing well although a few fields have suffered hail damage. In summary, agricultural conditions in Quebec are favourable and are likely to remain so, provided all regions have a good rainfall soon.

Ontario - Haying is general throughout all of old Ontario and is commencing in northern Ontario. Yields are running from average to below average. Moisture conditions vary greatly over all the province with crops particularly in southern counties from Lambton and Middlesex to York in need of rain at the present time. The northern part of southwestern Ontario and most of eastern Ontario received beneficial showers during the past week and crops generally are making

1/ Data for Newfoundland not available.

fairly good development although haying operations were interfered with temporarily. Pastures are very good in some sections but are drying up in the area where rainfall is needed. Early-seeded spring grains are heading out in southwestern Ontario and fall wheat is beginning to turn colour. The canning pea harvest is well advanced and raspberries are now coming on the market.

Prairie Provinces - Warm, dry weather has prevailed quite generally over the Prairie Provinces during the past two weeks. Moisture supplies are being rapidly depleted in some areas, particularly in western and northern regions of Saskatchewan and in east-central Alberta and the Peace River area. Rain is needed immediately in these districts to maintain present conditions. Elsewhere, with the exception of local areas where flooding was serious, grain crops are making generally excellent progress. Haying is getting under way in most regions with prospects excellent in Manitoba, mostly good in Saskatchewan, but only fair in many parts of Alberta.

British Columbia - Heavy rains over most areas of British Columbia during the weekend of June 26-27 have maintained the generally favourable outlook for fruits, vegetables and field crops. In the coastal districts strawberries are now being picked in volume. Haying was general in all southern areas but is now delayed due to wet weather.

Maritime Provinces Warmer weather during the past two weeks has seen the completion of seeding and favoured the development of all crops throughout the Maritimes. In Prince Edward Island where some showers accompanied the higher temperatures growing conditions have been excellent. Practically all crops are now planted, with early-sown grain and potatoes making rapid growth. Later seedings are growing satisfactorily. A large percentage of potatoes are up. Silage-making is under way with good yields of grass and clover being reported. There is a heavy set of fruit on strawberries. Flea beetles are causing considerable damage to potatoes and it is reported that Colorado potato beetles are laying large numbers of eggs.

In Nova Scotia fine weather with rain during the past weekend made for excellent growing conditions. Seeding has been completed and all crops are making satisfactory growth. The first cut for grass silage is nearly finished. Quality is reported to be excellent with a fair to good yield expected in different areas. The hay crop appears normal and pastures are making good growth throughout the province. In the Amherst area potatoes and root crops have emerged and the thinning of turnips is under way. Potato fields look promising. Strawberry picking is in full swing in the Annapolis Valley and a good crop is in prospect although rain is needed. It is expected that strawberries from Colchester County will reach the market about July 4th. The apple crop outlook appears good at the present time but the drop is just starting. Scab is fairly well under control in most orchards. The fruit season however remains five days later than average.

The warm drier weather of the past two weeks has enabled New Brunswick farmers to finish seeding. With the excellent growing conditions all crops are doing well. The hay crop appears above average with timothy beginning to head and clovers starting to blossom. Haying operations have begun and should be general in about ten days with a good crop in prospect. Silage-making is underway. Early potatoes are up six to eight inches and the crop is progressing well. Spraying for insect control is being continued. Corn and grains are in various stages of development depending on time of planting. The grain crop looks promising.

Quebec Rain is needed in some parts of the L'Assomption area east of Montreal. However, pastures are still good and haying started a few days ago. Cigar tobacco planting is finished and prospects are good. The flue-cured tobacco crop is in satisfactory condition except where hailed on June 20. Damages have been estimated at about \$100,000. Sugar beets, vegetable crops, small fruits, cereals and corn are doing well. Conditions remain promising in southwestern Quebec apple orchards. The June drop is under way but has not been harmful to the size of the crop. However, a general and serious outbreak of green apple aphid prevails and spraying is required. Vegetables in the St. Jean area are generally in excellent growing condition. Pea harvesting started two days ago and haying commenced over a week ago. Some early potatoes are on the market. Onion maggots have caused severe injury to the onion crop this past month on muck and sandy soils. Corn leaf aphids have also caused very severe damage to barley in most regions around St. Jean.

In the Lennoxville district haying is started and ensiling of grass is about half completed. First-year hay has not turned out as well as expected. Cereal crops are very good although land is becoming very dry. Pastures are in good condition.

Around Ste. Anne de la Pocatière east of Quebec City the weather has been dry with only 1.42 inches of rain between the 1st and the 28th of June. Most crops need rain but so far no severe damage has been caused to cereal crops. Pastures and meadows, however, are in need of rain, particularly on high, light soils. A heavy quantity of hay has already been stored in the form of grass silage. Cereals, potatoes and hoed crops are doing well. The strawberry crop is abundant but rain will be needed to maintain present good prospects.

In the Lake St. Jean area, at Normandin, only 1.20 inches of rain have been received since June 1 but crops have not suffered as yet. Meadows and pastures are in excellent condition and grain is coming on very well. Clover is making excellent growth and potatoes are very good. Some garden crops and fruit trees have been attacked by worms. Early red clover is ready to cut.

In the Baie de Chaleur area seeding, which had been adversely affected by frequent rains, was completed during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of June. Germination has been rapid and present weather favours growth although the season is very late. Tulips are just past bloom and lilacs are in full bloom. Farmers are hoping for a late fall to ripen grain. Haying will not start for another two weeks but the crop is very promising. Pastures are in very good condition.

Ontario Despite cool dry weather most crops in Essex county are well advanced but moisture is needed to continue normal growth. Winter wheat is ripening fast with combining expected to get under way in a couple of weeks. The first cutting of hay is now practically completed. Corn, tobacco and soybeans are making rapid growth although a small acreage of soybeans had to be replanted as a result of worm damage to seed. The harvesting of peas is nearing completion with excellent yields being reported. Early potatoes, tomatoes, cherries and raspberries are being harvested at the present time. Late tomatoes and sweet corn are promising.

All crops in Kent county are making good growth. The harvesting of peas is well under way and the harvesting of early potatoes is just getting started. The harvesting of the winter wheat crop will begin in the very near future. Corn, beans and sugar beets are doing well but rain is needed. Cutworms are present in some areas.

The harvesting of a fine quality hay crop is in full swing in Middlesex county. Yields on old stands are good while those on 1954 seeding are only fair. At the present time farmers are interested in buying hay. Pastures are in urgent need of rain. The fall wheat crop is beginning to turn colour. Although spring grains, corn, beans and sugar beets are promising at the present time, rain is needed. Some aphid injury has been reported on grain crops. Fruit crops are normal and vegetable and tobacco prospects are good with increasing interest being taken in irrigation.

A report from Vineland indicates that the digging of early potatoes is just getting started. The harvesting of sweet cherries is well under way and the commercial harvesting of strawberries is nearly finished. For the most part the oriental fruit moth infestation is very light on peaches. Apple scab is prevalent in a few orchards.

In the Walkerton district recent rains have interfered with haying operations but have promoted generally good crop growth. However, in some cases, excess moisture on heavier soils has caused yellowing of malting barley. Aphids are general on grain throughout the county but so far have not assumed serious proportions. The seeding of turnips has been completed and most of them have made a good start.

At Arthur ideal weather conditions have advanced crops by two weeks. At the present time fall wheat promises a bumper crop and pastures are above normal. The hay crop is not heavy and in many cases new seeding is thin. Many farmers have completed the ensiling of grass and some have started haying. Last week, hail north of Fergus did considerable damage to all crops. It stripped leaves off spring grain and hay and beat the stems into the ground. For some fields of hay there was a loss of about 50 per cent.

Haying is well under way in Waterloo county with an average crop being harvested. All crops look well at the present time but rain is needed. Cool dull weather in Simcoe county interfered with haying operations last week, but with hot dry weather this week good progress is being made. Oats and barley are heading out but straw is expected to be shorter than average. Corn and potatoes are growing well but more rain will be needed in the near future.

All crops in Norfolk county have made good growth but rain is needed now to avoid any setback. Wheat and rye are excellent and oats, now coming into head, promise a good crop. A better-than-average crop of hay has been harvested. Tobacco, corn, potatoes and fruit look promising.

Very dry weather during June retarded crop growth and dried up pastures in Hastings county. The harvesting of a good quality hay crop is well advanced. The canning of a light crop of peas is also well advanced. Aphids have caused a heavy loss of barley. Canning tomatoes are thriving. General crop conditions are favourable in Leeds. Haying is proceeding about two weeks earlier than usual. The crop is not heavy but is of good quality. Local showers occurred in most parts of the county last week, but there are some districts which are dry and in need of additional moisture. More chemical weed control than usual is being used on grain and corn. Soybean acreage is down an estimated 25 to 30 per cent but grain corn acreage is up slightly. Milk production is being maintained at normal levels.

In Dundas county the hay crop is of good quality and, although it is a little short, it is expected the outturn will be about average. Spring grains and corn are growing well. Pastures are not as lush as is desirable at this time of year. Some apples have been damaged by hail.

A late wire from Milton reports 80 per cent of the hay cut with 60 per cent under cover. Spring grains are heading on short straw but colour is good. A good wheat crop is now turning colour. Corn crop prospects are promising. Considerable hail damage has occurred in the Burlington area to apples, cherries, plums, pears, stake tomatoes, and greenhouses. Cereal crops, however, were not seriously hurt. Some parts of this district require rain.

Manitoba Only odd local showers interrupted the fine, warm drying weather prevailing throughout Manitoba during the past week. Water has receded from much of the flooded areas along the Assiniboine but it was too late for the land to dry sufficiently for planting the crop this year. Grain crops generally are making excellent progress with early wheat nearing the shot blade stage. Early oats and barley are 6 to 12 inches in height and field corn, peas and sugar beets are making satisfactory growth. Harvesting of an excellent crop of hay is just beginning. Pastures are good.

In the Vita area in southeastern Manitoba crops are promising although somewhat patchy due to the excessive rains three weeks ago. Considerable weed spraying has been done. Hay crops are excellent and most gardens are in fine condition. At Altona, south of Winnipeg, harvesting of a heavy hay crop has started. Beet thinning and weeding of sunflowers and corn are in full swing under ideal weather conditions. Late seeding has been completed. Rye is well headed, with early-sown cereals in the shot blade. Early flax and peas are budding. Earlier yellowing of cereals and flax is disappearing and no insect or disease problems have shown up as yet. Farther west at Morden the weather remains warm and dry. Heavy growth of many crops would readily benefit from rain. Some wheat and barley crops are heading and growth of grasses and clover is heavy. Corn and sunflowers are doing well. Weed growth is heavy and considerable spraying is being done. Insect damage, however, is nil.

All crops are doing well in the Pilot Mound area, with some wheat in the shot blade. A more than average amount of weed spraying is being done. Moisture conditions are good, with haying expected to commence about July 4. Good yields are anticipated. In the extreme southwest of the province at Melita moisture conditions are satisfactory with two inches of rain received since June 14. All crops have been seeded in this area. Rye is in head and weed spraying is progressing well.

At Selkirk, northeast of Winnipeg, while early crops are progressing very favourably, later seedings show considerable yellowing from excessive moisture. Spraying operations are in full swing and summerfallowing is well under way. Alfalfa is now being harvested. Colorado potato beetles are causing quite extensive damage and the potato crop is now being sprayed. Market gardens are in good condition. Seeding is finished in the immediate vicinity of Winnipeg and crops are good except in lower spots where drowned out or yellowed. Spraying has been delayed but as much as possible is being done. Summerfallowing is in full swing and harvest of a heavy hay crop has just commenced. Cutworm damage has been checked with not much injury to grain crops. Considerable acreage in the Portage la Prairie area is too wet for seeding and a substantial amount of re-seeding has been required due to water lying on crops. There is a large proportion of late-sown grain in this district with an increase in flax and buckwheat acreage noted. Beet thinning is not yet completed. Weed spraying work is ahead of last year. The hay, pasture and pea crops are in excellent condition and some early cereals are also good. All crops are growing rapidly.

Seeding is completed in the Brandon area and crop growth is rapid. A more than average amount of spraying for weeds is being done. A few leaf rust pustules are appearing in susceptible varieties of wheat crops. The outlook, however, is promising. Cutting of heavy hay crops has begun and pastures are in excellent condition. Moisture supplies are adequate.

Summerfallowing has not yet started in the northern part of the Interlake area at Arborg. Fields have been mostly too wet for weed spraying. Haying has started with good yields where fields not drowned out. Many farmers are anxious to rent hay land. Grain is making growth but is drowned out in rather large spots. Weeds are a most serious problem and the general outlook in this area is not good.

At Minnedosa in west-central Manitoba all crops are making excellent progress, with the earliest seedings coming into head. Weed spraying operations are in full swing. Some yellowing of crops is evident in low spots. Haying will be general within a week given favourable weather conditions. At Swan River in the northeastern section of the province all crops are progressing favourably, with fall rye well into the flower stage. Wheat and early-sown coarse grains are in the shot blade. The weed infestation is heavy but spraying is well advanced. Cutting of an excellent hay crop has just commenced. Gardens are good. Rain would be beneficial to all of the area.

A few medium to heavy hail storms have occurred in scattered local areas but there is no serious insect problem anywhere in the province at the present time. Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 26 per cent above normal as compared with 41 per cent above normal two weeks ago and 51 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending June 27 was 0.6 degrees below normal as compared with 6.5 degrees below normal two weeks ago and 2.1 degrees above normal a year ago.

Saskatchewan As the result of warm weather in the past two weeks grain crops have made excellent growth. However, the top soil has dried rapidly particularly in western and northern areas and rain is needed to maintain prospects. While no extensive deterioration has occurred as yet immediate precipitation is now required in some districts. Stands are generally good but germination has been slow and development retarded in the dry areas. Much early wheat is in the shot blade with some in head in local areas and fall rye is headed. Some light scattered hail storms have occurred in local areas. Haying operations are under way and good yields are anticipated in most parts of the province.

Crops are making satisfactory progress in the southeastern section. Local rains early this week will benefit late crops greatly as top soil reserves of moisture were being rapidly depleted. Early wheat is in the shot blade stage with many fields quite weedy and extensive spraying operations are reported. Excellent growth is reported from the Indian Head area with generally good control from chemical sprays on heavy growth of susceptible weeds. No rust has been discovered as yet. The hay crop in this area is very heavy and haying operations are expected to be in progress within a week.

While subsoil moisture reserves are good, reports from the Swift Current area stress the very dry surface conditions, and rains are needed to maintain the heavy growth. Heavy stands of fall rye are in flower, yields of hay are better than average and livestock in the area is in excellent condition. Farther south at Val Marie crop prospects are only fair to poor with urgent need for more precipitation. Widely scattered showers in the Eastend district have helped to maintain fairly good crop prospects. All early wheat and barley are in the shot blade stage and average 10 to 14 inches in height. In the Leader district, northwest of Swift Current, all crops are showing good progress.

The continuation of warm, sunny weather in the east-central part of the province has promoted excellent growth. Recent light rains in the Willowbrook and Togo areas were beneficial to late-sown crops where germination was retarded or spotty. Some early sown wheat in the Togo area is headed, most fields are in the shot blade stage. Haying is started and yields are expected to be about average in this district.

In central Saskatchewan reports from the Watrous-Lanigan district indicate that growth is rapid. About one-half inch of rain was received in June. Many wet spots left for summerfallow are still untouched but early rains are needed to promote growth in late-sown fields. The Dominion Entomological Laboratory at Saskatoon reports that occasional fields in southern, central and western districts of the province show moderate wireworm damage, with injury to barley generally greater than in previous areas. The only insect damage reported is localized infestation of roadside grasshoppers in the Cypress Lake district of southwestern Saskatchewan where slight marginal damage occurred. Spraying operations are in progress.

Warm weather has advanced grain rapidly in west-central areas of the province. Earliest wheat is commencing to head in the Scott area where flax stands are reported as above average and barley fields fair. Only scattered thunder showers have been received and early rains are urgently needed to maintain growth. In the Rosetown district, crops are less advanced but stands are excellent and entering the shot blade stage.

Dry weather still prevails over northeastern Saskatchewan and heavy crop stands have depleted surface moisture. Early wheat in this area is 10 to 12 inches high and coarse grains are making satisfactory progress but require early rain to maintain growth.

While early-sown crops are reported as average in northwestern districts, late-seeded fields are poor and in urgent need of moisture to promote even development. First summerfallowing operations have been completed.

Light losses occurred from scattered hail storms June 18 in the Watrous-Young area and in the Antler, Fertile and Maryfield districts on the 23rd. Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 20 per cent above normal compared with 46 per cent above normal two weeks ago and 37 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending June 27th was 0.8 degrees above normal compared with 3.9 degrees below normal for the week ended June 13th, and with 0.9 degrees above normal for the corresponding week last year.

Alberta Dry weather has dangerously depleted soil moisture reserves in many areas of Alberta. The critical stage of crop development has been reached in the east-central and Peace River regions where wheat is in the shot blade. Early barley is beginning to head and, with rain, good crops of forage seed should be harvested. The situation in west-central and north-central districts is less critical and some scattered showers have helped. Moisture supplies are still fair to good in most southern and western areas, with a good rain extending eastward to Lethbridge and Vulcan last week. Good yields for rye and winter wheat are indicated. Farmers are irrigating at near capacity. Haying has started and will extend rapidly if dry weather continues. With the exception of the Lethbridge area, where prospects are good, hay yields are generally only fair. Pastures vary from fair to good and livestock are coming into good condition. Excellent progress has been made with summerfallow. Scattered hail damage has occurred in local areas.

At Manyberries in southeastern Alberta wheat is up 6 inches, with some stooling. Coarse grains are up 4 inches. Areas which were spring flooded were seeded to coarse grains last week. Some haying is in progress. Ranges and livestock are in good condition and soil moisture supplies are adequate. Crops around Medicine Hat are holding but moisture is now needed except for some areas where showers have occurred. The first summerfallowing operation is about complete. In irrigated sections many farmers are now using water. Pastures and livestock are in good condition and fall rye and winter wheat are filling well.

The Experimental Station at Lethbridge reports all crops south of Calgary progressing favourably in spite of late seeding. Winter wheat and rye and early-seeded barley are heading. Thinning of sugar beets is about 80 per cent completed and harvest of a good hay crop has started. Subsoil moisture reserves are good but the surface soil is dry and irrigation is getting under way.

At Brooks in south-central Alberta hot, dry weather has promoted good growth. The alfalfa crops are doing well but rain is needed and farmers are irrigating. Farther north at Hanna warm, dry weather has also facilitated growth. Wheat is well stooled and is at an average height of 12 inches. Rain will soon be needed. Farmers are spraying for weeds and the first summerfallowing operation has been completed.

Hot weather has promoted good growth in the Calgary district but surface moisture has been depleted. Late-sown grains are very shallow rooted and need rain within four or five days as roots are not down to the good subsoil moisture reserves. Prospects for the hay crop are excellent. Growth is rapid in all grains and stands are heavy in the Olds district where weather has been warm and dry for the past two weeks. Rain will soon be needed in the area east and north of the town.

In central Alberta around Stettler dry topsoil has set back crops to some extent and hot weather is forcing early seedings into the shot blade. Subsoil moisture reserves, however, are still good. Wheat averages 7 inches in height and coarse grains 5. At Donalda early wheat is coming into the shot blade at about 9 inches in height and stands are quite thick. Late-seeded crops, however, are spotty and not doing too well. Some burning has occurred from hot weather and rain is needed soon. Pastures are deteriorating somewhat although brome is still in good condition. Farther north at Sedgewick rain is needed badly. Crops and pastures are burning in this district and the hay crop will be poor.

At Red Deer in west-central Alberta warm, dry weather is advancing crops rapidly. Cereal crops are in excellent condition but rain in the next week would be welcome. Hay and pasture crops need rain now. Good weather has prevailed at Eckville west of Red Deer during the past two weeks. Subsoil moisture reserves are excellent but surface moisture is only fair. Early crops are heavily infested with weeds and considerable spraying is being done. Cereal crops vary from 3 to 9 inches in height. Pasture and hay crops need a good rain but summerfallow is in good condition.

Rain is badly needed for all crops in the Vermilion area of east-central Alberta. Early wheat is heading very thin on short straw. Late oats and barley are very uneven and germination is poor. Pastures are in poor condition following very hot weather during the past ten days. In the northeastern part of the province at Bonnyville dry, hot weather has prevailed. Late-seeded grain crops have germinated unevenly and are progressing very slowly. Early-seeded grain is good but urgently in need of rain. Hay crops are fair and some will be ready to cut by next week. Some grasshopper damage is reported.

North of Edmonton at Athabasca moisture supplies are plentiful. Wheat is up 16 inches and other crops 12 inches with good stands. Some barley fields are headed. In the Beaverlodge area of the Peace River District barley is in the shot blade and wheat and oats are up from 9 to 12 inches. Crops are growing vigorously but dry, hot, windy weather is depleting moisture supplies. Rains are needed.

From 20 to 25 per cent hail damage has been reported at Meanook in northern Alberta; in the Delburne, Lacombe and Blackfalds districts in the central part of the province and at Brooks in the south from storms on June 17 and 18. The Dominion Entomological Laboratory at Lethbridge advises that the sawfly flight is under way throughout the west of the province. It is anticipated that some late wheat may escape the infestation. The grasshopper hatch is now general with some poisoning under way in southwestern Alberta. The alfalfa weevil is apparently on the increase compared with last year's survey results.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 2 per cent below average in contrast to 14 per cent above normal two weeks ago and 19 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending June 27 was 3.4 degrees above normal compared with 0.2 degrees below normal two weeks ago and 0.6 degrees above normal a year ago.

British Columbia Heavy rains fell over most areas of the province during the past weekend. As a result, the outlook for field crops, as well as fruits and vegetables appears promising. Haying operations, however, were temporarily halted in most districts.

A report from Kamloops indicates that river levels in the area are high with considerable flooded crop land along the North Thompson. Harvesting of first crop alfalfa is about three-quarters completed. In the northern Okanagan fruit is forming well. Hay crops and pastures are excellent but the weather has been too cool for favourable growth of potatoes and tomatoes. Fall wheat is showing winter injury but, in general, crops are doing well. The Entomological Laboratory at Kamloops reports small economic infestations of grasshoppers present in widely spread districts of the southern interior. No other field crop insect pests of any importance are reported.

In the Williams Lake area growth has been relatively rapid during the past two weeks. Open range is in very good condition while timber range is improving. The hay crop is generally late but yields should be fair. Grain and other field crops are late. Harvesting of first-crop alfalfa should start in about ten days. In the central interior region around Prince George cereal crops are rather late but are doing well. A reasonably good hay crop is expected. Pastures are quite productive. Timothy and brome grass are in the shot blade and alsike clover is in the bud stage of development.

According to a report from Summerland in the southern Okanagan, the weather remains cool and moist with some warm spells. However, the season is still two to three weeks late in this area. Prospects for the apple and peach crop look good, the pear outlook is normal while cherries and apricot prospects are reduced somewhat. Forage crops, although late, are in good condition. Some difficulty was experienced in curing first-cut hay.

Heavy rains fell in the Saanichton area during the past week. The June rainfall in this region amounted to two and one-half inches, much in excess of average. The hay crop is in all stages of harvesting and has been adversely affected by wet weather. The strawberry harvest has also been interrupted by rain and crate shipments temporarily cancelled. Pastures and late-maturing crops, however, should benefit from this type of weather.

Precipitation and Temperature Data, Prairie Provinces^{1/}

Province and Crop District	Station	Precipitation			Mean Temperature	
		Week ending	Total	Normal	Week ending 8 a.m.	
		8 a.m. June 27	since April 1	since April 1	June 27 1955	Normal
			- inches -		- degrees F. -	
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
1	Pierson	.74	6.20	5.53	62	63
	Melita	.24	8.14	6.96	63	64
	Waskada	N.R.	4.21 ^{2/}	6.01	N.R.	63
	Deloraine	.55	2.92 ^{2/}	5.76	61	63
2	Boissevain	N.R.	6.68 ^{2/}	5.56	N.R.	63
	Deerwood	.25	9.53	5.67	63	63
	Ninette	.13	8.19	6.11	60	64
3	Portage la Prairie	.06	7.16	5.55	64	64
	Graysville	.02	6.98	6.15	65	64
	Morden	Trace	7.24	5.94	64	65
	Altona	.15	6.47	5.87	63	65
	Morris	NIL	5.87	5.58	63	65
	Roland	.01	5.90	5.53	63	65
	Emerson	NIL	5.54	5.13	63	64
4	Winnipeg	.32	5.55	6.21	64	65
6	Vita	NIL	7.58	5.87	64	63
	Sprague	.02	8.88	6.16	60	62
	Seven Sisters Falls	.16	5.39	4.36	64	63
7	Virden	.09	5.82	4.94	61	62
	Rivers	.06	6.77	5.59	62	62
8	Brandon	.80	8.37	5.62	62	62
	Cypress River	.47	8.48	5.51	63	64
9	Neepawa	.05	7.46	5.54	63	62
	Plumas	.08	8.70	5.60	63	62
10	Russell	.12	6.03	5.28	61	61
	St. Lazare	N.R.	1.48 ^{2/}	5.30	N.R.	61
	Birtle	.19	8.13	5.30	61	61
11	Dauphin	.21	8.76	4.54	61	62
12	Gimli	.10	6.21	6.23	63	63
13	Swan River	.10	4.86	5.29	61	60
	The Pas	Trace	5.76	3.97	61	62
MANITOBA AVERAGE		.18	7.04	5.57	62.4	63.0
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>						
1A	Estevan	.32	8.38	5.59	62	63
	Carlyle	.68	8.57	5.77	58	60
	Oxbow	.28	3.99	5.64	62	63
	Willmar	.45	6.30	5.38	N.R.	N.R.
1B	Broadview	.11	8.51	4.84	60	61
	Moosomin	.21	8.44	5.00	60	62
2A	Yellow Grass	.08	5.62	5.38	64	62
	Creelman	.08	6.32	5.04	61	62
	Weyburn	.03	5.22	5.61	62	63
	Midale	.05	5.05	5.80	62	62

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Province and Crop District	Station	Precipitation			Mean Temperature	
		Week ending 8 a.m. June 27	Total since April 1	Normal since April 1	Week ending 8 a.m. June 27 1955	Normal
			- inches -		- degrees -	
SASKATCHEWAN (continued)						
2B	Moose Jaw	.18	6.19	5.39	63	63
	Regina	.02	7.06	5.24	63	62
	Rowatt	.13	6.07	5.19	N.R.	62
	Francis	.16	6.72	4.47	60	61
	Qu'Appelle	N.R.	6.67 ^{2/}	6.29	N.R.	62
	Indian Head	.28	7.34	6.10	61	61
3AS	Wilcox	.11	5.81	5.29	62	62
	Assiniboia	.16	6.25	4.64	63	64
	Ormiston	Trace	5.08	4.89	64	64
	Readlyn	.34	8.09	4.64	61	64
	Minton	.26	5.34	6.21	N.R.	62
	Ceylon	.21	5.41	6.81	61	62
3AN	Chaplin	NIL	5.29	5.76	64	63
	Gravelbourg	.02	6.54	5.01	64	62
	Coderre	.08	6.19	4.96	60	62
3BS	Shaunavon	.44	4.86	4.46	62	62
	Cadillac	.12	5.11	6.91	60	61
	Aneroid	.09	5.82	5.61	62	61
	Instow	.65	6.10	4.73	60	63
3EN	Pennant	.10	5.62 ^{2/}	5.94	64	61
	Swift Current	.06	6.18	5.33	63	61
	Hughton	.07	4.96	5.06	64	60
4A	Maple Creek	.21	6.72	5.17	65	62
4B	Consul	.30	4.28	4.61	62	60
	Roadene	.18	5.74	5.08	62	60
5A	Leross	.92	10.40	5.45	61	59
	Yorkton	Trace	6.07	5.01	62	61
5B	Bangor	.03	6.15	4.90	62	61
	Dafoe	.20	7.60	4.78	62	59
	Lintlaw	.33	5.55	5.02	59	58
	Kamsack	.07	4.42	4.23	60	60
	Buchanan	NIL	6.31	5.04	61	60
	Pelly	.04	4.36	4.92	58	60
6A	Davidson	.14	6.78	4.44	62	62
	Dilke	Trace	6.05	4.89	N.R.	N.R.
	Imperial	N.R.	5.72 ^{2/}	4.61	N.R.	60
	Semans	N.R.	5.66 ^{2/}	3.44	N.R.	59
	Strasbourg	.04	6.12	5.07	63	61
	Watrous	.01	8.23	3.89	61	61
6B	Harris	NIL	5.29	4.54	62	60
	Outlook	NIL	5.76	3.41	63	62
	Saskatoon	Trace	5.15	4.33	64	61
	Elbow	NIL	7.95	4.49	N.R.	62
	Tugaske	Trace	7.68	4.50	60	61
	Dundurn	NIL	6.19	5.33	64	60
	Rosthern	NIL	4.82	4.44	63	61

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Province and Crop District	Station	Precipitation			Mean Temperature	
		Week ending	Total	Normal	Week ending 8 a.m.	
		8 a.m. June 27	since April 1	since April 1	June 27	
					1955	Normal
			- inches -			- degrees -
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u> (continued)						
7A	Eston	.25	3.85	4.27	64	59
	Kindersley	.27	3.88	3.96	63	58
	Rosetown	.02	4.70	4.96	62	59
7B	Macklin	.02	3.64	5.09	63	58
	Scott	Trace	4.99	4.30	61	60
	Biggar	.04	5.30	4.78	65	61
	Ruthilda	.07	3.79	4.86	N.R.	N.R.
8A	Hudson Bay	Trace	5.82	4.88	60	60
	Porcupine Plain	.10	6.53	4.77	56	61
8B	Humboldt	.04	4.85	4.16	63	60
	Melfort	.02	6.88	4.43	62	60
9A	North Battleford	NIL	3.89	4.74	64	62
	Rabbit Lake	N.R.	4.58 ^{2/}	4.59	N.R.	60
	Leask	NIL	7.18	4.47	62	62
	Prince Albert	.03	4.66	4.76	62	61
	Island Falls	.10	4.03	4.59	63	60
9B	Waseca	N.R.	4.42 ^{2/}	4.77	N.R.	60
<u>SASKATCHEWAN AVERAGE</u>		.14	5.95	4.97	61.9	61.1
<u>ALBERTA</u>						
1	Taber	.25	6.70	4.63	64	62
	Foremost	.02	6.10	6.52	64	66
	Winnifred	.16	7.72 ^{2/}	4.50	N.R.	N.R.
	Medicine Hat	NIL	6.67	4.52	67	63
	Manyberries	.06	8.59	4.76	65	64
2	Cowley	1.41	4.36	6.23	60	58
	Fort Macleod	.56	6.75	5.09	64	63
	Cardston	1.24	7.92	8.25	62	62
	Lethbridge	.47	8.06	5.41	65	62
	Del Bonita	.77	8.70	6.03	61	63
	Magrath	N.R.	6.69 ^{2/}	6.92	N.R.	62
	Vauxhall	.08	4.73	4.20	64	63
3	Hays	NIL	5.46	4.12	64	63
	Brooks	NIL	4.55	4.31	64	64
	Bindloss	.02	6.32	4.43	64	64
	Empress	.02	3.93	4.83	65	65
	High River	N.R.	5.10 ^{2/}	6.75	N.R.	58
4	Vulcan	.34	7.30	5.45	62	61
	Drumheller	NIL	2.41	5.46	64	63
	Hanna	NIL	6.03	5.83	64	63
	Naco	NIL	3.19	5.23	61	62
5	Oyen	NIL	3.83	3.70	N.R.	N.R.

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Province and Crop District	Station	Precipitation			Mean Temperature	
		Week ending	Total	Normal	Week ending 8 a.m.	
		8 a.m. June 27	since April 1	since April 1	June 27 1955	Normal
ALBERTA (continued)			- inches -		- degrees -	
6	Olds	.10	6.59	5.78	61	57
	Calgary	.04	5.65	5.90	62	58
	Three Hills	NIL	4.24	5.16	60	57
	Strathmore	.10	3.55	5.50	61	58
	Gleichen	.19	5.14	4.75	62	58
	Hussar	Trace	4.08	5.06	N.R.	N.R.
	Trochu	Trace	3.35	5.38	60	57
7	Alliance	NIL	5.32	4.41	63	59
	Hardisty	NIL	2.80	4.44	N.R.	N.R.
	Coronation	Trace	4.34	4.37	62	59
	Hughenden	NIL	5.31	4.67	64	62
8	Red Deer	.03	4.89	6.87	62	57
	Lacombe	.05	7.61	5.82	63	58
	Wetaskiwin	Trace	5.50	5.29	64	58
	Camrose	.10	3.07	5.16	64	58
	Stettler	N.R.	4.85 ^{2/}	6.08	N.R.	58
9	Rocky Mountain House	.03	6.55	6.27	61	56
	Springdale	.01	2.57	6.55	58	55
10	Vegreville	.11	2.99	5.84	60	58
	Vermilion	Trace	3.21	5.19	62	58
	Lloydminster	.09	5.69	4.25	65	58
11	Edmonton	.10	5.25	5.27	66	58
12	Edson	Trace	4.57	4.93	60	57
	Whitecourt	.07	5.43	5.29	61	58
	Sangudo	N.R.	1.75 ^{2/}	5.93	N.R.	58
13	Elk Point	.03	4.37	4.71	63	58
	Lac la Biche	.05	4.92	4.89	66	58
14	Campsie	.14	5.02	5.29	61	58
	Athabaska	.10	5.59	4.74	62	58
15	High Prairie	.10	5.59	4.61	64	57
	Wagner	.03	4.31	4.82	61	58
16	Beaverlodge	.05	3.50	4.01	66	57
	Grande Prairie	NIL	3.78	4.73	66	58
	Fairview	NIL	3.57	3.64	66	58
	Fort St. John	.09	5.12	4.72	66	59
ALBERTA AVERAGE		.13	5.10	5.22	63.0	59.6

N. R. - No report.

^{1/} - Source: Meteorological Service of Canada.

^{2/} - Incomplete; not included in average.

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