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## TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT — CANADA

This is the seventh of the 1956 series of nine telegraphic reports, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, covering crop conditions throughout Canada. Included in this report is the eleventh 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 Throughout the Maritime Provinces the weather during the past two weeks has been cool and wet. This has hampered hay making. However, in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia haying is nearing completion. Pasture conditions are described as better than average in Nova Scotia and good in New Brunswick. Grain crops are beginning to ripen in some areas. Reports from Charlottetown indicate that root crops are making satisfactory growth. In Nova Scotia potatoes look good and in New Brunswick crop prospects are described as excellent.

Quebec Frequent rains during the past two weeks have hindered haying operations in the Province of Quebec with the result that haying will be unusually prolonged. Reports state that yields are very good but in certain areas the quality is down. There is a distinct difference between the condition of early and late sown grains, the former looking good but the latter being retarded to a point where there is some doubt that the crop will reach maturity. Potatoes are showing good growth and yield prospects are promising but field corn is growing slowly because of continuing low temperatures. In some counties lodging of cereals is reported and recent hail has caused considerable damage to tobacco and canning beans. Conditions are favourable for dairy production, with pastures remaining green.

Ontario The general field crop outlook in Ontario has improved considerably during the past month. Fall wheat harvesting is well advanced and yields will approximate average. Spring grains continue to make excellent growth and some of the early-seeded fields are now harvested. Harvesting will be spread out over a rather long period owing to the variation in seeding dates. The average yield of spring grains will be above normal in a number of counties and probably only slightly below normal for the province as a whole. First cutting of hay crops is practically completed but frequent rains caused deterioration in quality. Second growth of hay

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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crops is very good on early cut fields and Ontario as a whole will have sufficient hay supplies for winter feeding. New seedings of hay and clovers have made excellent development. Pastures are generally excellent for this time of year, with milk flow above average and beef cattle in good flesh. Medium and late potatoes are developing well. Dry beans, turnips, soybeans, and flax are also in near normal condition. Corn crops are uneven and having suffered somewhat from excessive rainfall, are about 15 per cent below normal in appearance at the present.

Prairie Provinces Better than average crop yields are in prospect for the Prairie Provinces barring the occurrence of an early frost. Harvesting has started in all three provinces but will not be general for another week to ten days. Apart from lodging and loss from hail, crop damage to date has been slight. Frequent showers have interfered with haying but pastures generally are in excellent condition.

British Columbia A prolonged period of hot weather ended during the first week of August, with cooler temperatures and heavy showers being recorded throughout the province. However, warmer and more settled weather has returned. In the Peace River area crops have made rapid growth and haying is virtually completed. In the Okanagan region harvesting of grain crops has commenced and will be general in a few days. The pea harvest is in full swing. Around Creston, both peas and fall wheat are being harvested. In the Lower Fraser Valley a considerable quantity of oats is being used for hay and silage. Tobacco and hops appear promising. On Vancouver Island fall wheat harvesting has commenced.

MARITIME PROVINCES In Prince Edward Island haymaking is still in progress but about 75 per cent of the crop has been harvested. Yields are excellent. Grains are growing well and root crops are making satisfactory growth. Reports indicate, however, that aphids are becoming numerous on potatoes and some fields of barley are infested. The situation, however, is not regarded as serious.

In Nova Scotia the weather during the past two weeks has been cool and showery. This has not been favourable for haying operations but haymaking is nearly completed except on lowland areas and marshes. Grain is in head and beginning to ripen in early areas. Pastures range from fair to good in different districts. In the Annapolis Valley the hay crop is above average. Grain and corn promise a good average crop but are still retarded. Potatoes are above average. Fall-planted cereals have been harvested. Growing conditions have been favourable but more sunshine and heat are needed. Most pests are under satisfactory control except the Tussock moth which is attacking blueberries in the northern and central parts of the province with some severe damage reported.

Haymaking in New Brunswick has been retarded by poor curing weather during the past two weeks. Although much hay has been stored, the condition of the crop is poor. Grains have made heavy growth but crops are late in maturing. Potatoes planted at the normal season have a heavy top growth and the set appears to be good with crop prospects favourable. Late-planted potatoes are not sufficiently advanced, however, to permit a forecast. Some late blight is reported but infection is not general. Unless serious lodging is encountered the grain crop should be heavy. Pastures are above average. Beans and peas have made good growth with the pea harvest beginning now. The raspberry crop is good and picking is well advanced. Blueberry crop prospects are favourable but only an average production is expected in the Charlotte area. Apple prospects are improving slightly but the crop is late.

QUEBEC In the Gaspé Peninsula and Baie des Chaleurs area haying is about half done although frequent rains have interfered with haymaking and adversely affected the quality of the crop. In spite of heavy rains on August 10 which caused considerable lodging, cereals look promising. Potatoes and other hoe crops are also showing good prospects. Cool weather has checked the development of late blight on potatoes. Pastures are good. Vegetable crops are doing well but are later than last year. A heavy raspberry crop is being picked.

Rain last week at Ste Anne de la Pocatière saved grass crops from drought and stimulated aftermath growth. Haying has been almost completed with yields better than anticipated. Cereals, root crops, corn, vegetables and potatoes are promising. Small fruits are yielding well.

In the St. Jean area weather during the past two weeks has been favourable. Vegetable crops have greatly improved and the first corn and tomatoes reached the market a few days ago. About 60 per cent of the pea crop has been harvested but the quality is only fair. Ninety per cent of the hay is in and grain crops, although late, look good. Reports from L'Assomption indicate that haying is completed. Cereals and canning crops are good but corn is poor. Raspberry picking is about finished and the harvesting of flue-cured tobacco is general. Part of the cigar tobacco district, however, was hit by a hail storm recently with damage to all crops estimated at half a million dollars. Pastures are deteriorating. Haying is nearly completed at Lennoxville, with the crop good except on high land. Early-sown grain is good but the late-sown crop needs favourable growing weather. Corn is fair and pastures good.

At Normandin continuous broken weather is making haying difficult with poor quality hay being stored. However, 60 per cent of the crop is in. Pastures are becoming bare but aftermath is good. Grains are variable with average yields expected. Smut infestation is reported on barley. Potatoes are promising and gardens look good. The blueberry crop is late with a short picking season and below-average crop expected.

ONTARIO Around Barrie in western Ontario haying is completed but the quality varies from good to poor. Second crop alfalfa is promising and pastures are good. Fall wheat has been cut or is ready for combining and an average crop is expected. Spring grains are variable and barley is now being cut. Potatoes promise an average or better crop while corn ranges from very good to very poor. In Bruce county harvesting of small grains is well underway and excellent yields are reported. However, much of the crop is late and some fields are badly lodged. Cutting of a heavy hay crop has been completed and the prospects are for a good second cut. Turnips are making excellent progress but the corn crop is late and many fields are poor.

In Wellington county haying is nearly completed and harvesting of fall wheat is in full swing with only fair yields being reported. Spring grain is beginning to ripen and some cutting has been done on early fields. Corn has improved considerably in recent weeks. Second growth hay is particularly good and pastures are above normal. Some land has been ploughed for fall wheat and rye. In Waterloo county farmers are starting to thresh wheat and average yields are reported. Spring grains are ripening and better than average yields are expected although some grain has lodged because of the heavy wind and rain. Corn is growing steadily but needs some hotter weather to hasten development. About 90 per cent of the hay crop is now stored. In Halton county the wheat harvest has been retarded by rainy weather and some wheat is growing in the stook. Some early fields of spring grain are being cut but harvesting will not be general for ten days. Prospects are good despite considerable rust on many varieties.

From Middlesex county in southern Ontario our correspondent reports that showery weather is delaying harvesting operations. About two-thirds of the fall crop has been combined or threshed and yields are running from 25 to 50 bushels per acre. Early-seeded fields of oats have been cut and others are ripening while some varieties are badly rusted and lodged. Harvesting of a below average tobacco crop is underway. Corn is growing well and pastures are exceptionally good. Around Essex, heavy rains have caused damage to some crops of tobacco and canning tomatoes. Late crops have made fair growth but are a little below normal. The oat harvest is mostly completed and yields were fair. The tobacco harvest is now underway but wet weather is causing delays. The Experimental Station at Harrow reports that recent heavy rains have damaged numerous fields of early tobacco, canning tomatoes and other late crops.

Around Chatham the wheat harvest has been nearly completed while the harvesting of spring grains is well underway. Yields are well below last year which was a record year for most crops in this area. Corn, soybeans, sugar beets and white beans have made good progress during the past few days but because of the considerable spread in planting dates there is wide variation in the development of these crops. The Dominion Entomological Laboratory at Chatham reports that harvesting of spring grains is well underway, early tomatoes are being picked and late corn is doing well. Corn borer and corn leaf aphid infestation is generally heavy.

The Dominion Entomological Laboratory at Vineland reports that the early peach harvest has started and brown rot has been troublesome due to wet weather. Apple scab is still very evident in some orchards. Around Simcoe wheat and rye have been harvested and yields were average. The oat harvest is beginning and although there are good and poor fields, yields will be much better than expected. All crops are making very favourable growth and pastures are abundant.

In Prince Edward county in central Ontario the Dominion Entomological Laboratory reports that the heavy downpour last night broke a drought and improved the prospects for canning and truck crops. The winter wheat harvest is underway and the outturn should be good. Stands of oats are thin and uneven. Corn borer infestation is light. In Dundas county in eastern Ontario a bumper crop of average quality hay has been harvested. Late-planted spring grains have made unusually good growth but the corn is poor. At Kapuskasing in northern Ontario recent heavy rains have delayed haying operations which are about two-thirds completed. Early-sown grain is heading while late-sown fields are just beginning to head. Pastures are in good to excellent condition.

MANITOBA A better than average crop is in prospect for Manitoba and harvesting is now underway in the southwestern part of the province. North of the C.P.R. main line, harvesting should become general by the end of this week. Late-sown crops are progressing favourably but will not yield as well as expected. Scattered thunder showers have been prevalent throughout the province causing considerable lodging and delaying harvest operations. Sugar beets, peas, and other special crops are showing good progress. Grasshoppers are numerous but little damage to crops has occurred.

Grain is filling out nicely in the Vita district of southeastern Manitoba. Some swathing started last week and it should be general toward the end of this week, weather permitting. There is a considerable amount of lodging, especially in coarse grains. About 40 per cent of the haying remains to be done in the district. Pea crop prospects are excellent. At Altona swathing of barley and wheat is in full swing and about one-tenth of these crops has been combined with above average yields.

Oats are also maturing and some cutting will be done this week. An odd field of rape has been swathed. Sunflowers are in full bloom, all corn is in the silk stage, soybeans are in pod and filling well, and early peas are maturing. The second cutting of hay has been nearly completed.

The Experimental Farm at Morden reports that crops are maturing well and swathing of grains has commenced. Yields are promising and the sample is above normal. Row crops are making good progress and pastures are excellent. Hail damage occurred north and east of Morden in an area of 1,500 acres, causing damage varying from 15 to 100 per cent. Around Pilot Mound crop conditions remain excellent and harvesting will be general about August 20. Estimated yields are wheat 26, barley 33, oats 38 and flax 12 bushels per acre. In the Melita district all the rye, 25 per cent of the wheat and barley, and 15 per cent of the oats have been swathed. Haying operations are almost completed and the crop outlook generally is very good for this area.

Our correspondent from Selkirk reports that crops are ripening rapidly and some early barley has been swathed. Some fall rye also has been harvested. Considerable lodging is occurring, especially in oats, and haying is being delayed by frequent rains. Above-average yields are anticipated in the Beausejour district. Some coarse grains have been swathed and general harvesting is expected by next week. There is no evidence of wheat stem rust but some damage to kernels has occurred from Blossom Wheat Midge. In the Portage la Prairie area harvesting of barley and rye has started and some wheat has been swathed. Harvesting will be general by the 20th. Apart from scattered hail damage and considerable lodging of crops, prospects remain quite good.

The Experimental Farm at Brandon reports that harvesting will be general this week. Barley is maturing too rapidly in some instances and not filling normally, but other crops promise good yields. The weather is warm and dry thus favouring the completion of haying. Some crown rust has appeared on oats but no stem rust is in evidence. Rye is being combined in the Virden district but yields are only fair to poor. Swathing of early oats, barley and some wheat is in progress. Crops are maturing rapidly. Flax and wheat are very promising, while coarse grains are varied with some poor stands of barley. Haying is nearly completed and summerfallows are good.

In west-central Manitoba at Shoal Lake the crop outlook is very good. Almost all crops are headed and some swathing has commenced. The damage to date from any cause has been slight. Farther north at Dauphin swathing has also started in some early-sown fields and harvesting will be general by next week. Most crops are patchy but filling well. There has been no rust or insect damage but lodging is serious and the weed infestation heavy. Most of the district will harvest an average crop but from Dauphin to McCreary yields will be poor. In the northern part of the province at Swan River, fall rye is nearly all swathed and a start has been made on barley. Haying is fairly well completed except for some of the second cut. Crops are generally very good throughout the district and gardens have produced abundantly. Some hail has occurred in local parts of the valley.

The Canadian Hail Underwriters Association reports hail storms for Manitoba as follows: August 4, light damage to Dropmore, Makaroff and Roblin districts; medium damage at Ashville and Sifton and from Benito to Bowsman and Minitonas; August 5, medium to heavy damage from Rhodes to Cartwright, Glenora to Pilot Mount to Somerset and Carman and medium damage from Oakland to Portage la Prairie to Oakville and at Lake Frank Island, Marquette, and Sanford; August 9, medium to heavy damage from Binscarth to Birtle to Lavinia and Rivers and medium damage from Ralston to Brandon and in the Virden area. Light damage occurred in the Neepawa area.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 15 per cent above normal, as compared with 17 per cent above normal a week ago, 16 per cent above normal on July 30, and 19 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending August 13 was 2.6 degrees above normal as compared with 2.9 degrees above normal for the week ending August 6, 2.1 degrees below normal for the week ending July 30, and 7.3 degrees above normal for August 15, 1955.

SASKATCHEWAN Ideal weather during the past week has hastened crop development and swathing of early field grains is underway particularly in southern districts. However, swathing is not expected to be general for another ten days. Favourable prospects have been maintained and above average yields are anticipated for all of the principal grains. Rapeseed crop prospects are also favourable. Frost is now the greatest danger.

At Fillmore in southeast Saskatchewan swathing of a few early-sown fields is underway but will not be general until next week. All crops have filled well and good yields and grades are anticipated. Moisture supplies are ample. Around Indian Head all cereal grain crops are filling exceptionally well due to hot weather and ample soil moisture. Early-seeded crops are showing signs of maturing and some early barley will be swathed towards the end of the week. Bertha armyworms continue to menace flax crops and aerial spraying operations are continuing. Swathing of a uniformly good wheat crop will not be general for another ten days. Livestock have been doing very well on pasture all summer.

Around Swift Current in southwest Saskatchewan continued dry weather is maturing crops rapidly and this may cause some shrinkage of kernels. Swathing of fall rye is nearly complete and a start has been made on oats and barley. Some sawfly damage is evident. Pastures are fair to good. Around Val Marie conditions are fair and the crop is ripening quickly. Some oats and barley have been cut. Hailed fields are being salvaged for feed.

At Togo in east-central Saskatchewan crop prospects continue favourable. Rank growth and an abnormally high wild oat infestation are the worst retarding factors. Barley on summerfallow has lodged badly. Swathing will start about the 18th of this month. Around Willowbrook some early oat fields have been swathed but harvesting will not be general until about the middle of next week. There has been no damage of any kind to crops or gardens and wheat should average about 30 bushels to the acre.

At Drake in central Saskatchewan rye has been swathed and early fields of oats and barley are being cut. Harvesting will likely be general next week. Prospects are promising for above-average yields. Pastures are good and livestock are doing well. In the Saskatoon area early-seeded wheat is filling well and swathing of coarse grains has just started. Infestations of Bertha armyworms and beet web worms are reported daily on flax and rape fields.

Around Scott swathing will become general next week. Indications are that a better than average crop will be harvested in west-central Saskatchewan but crops in the strip west from Saskatoon some 30 miles wide range from poor to good. Flax and rape fields show considerable variation in maturity, weediness and potential yields. Around Melfort in northeast Saskatchewan hot, dry weather is all that is needed to mature the heavy crops. Little harvesting will be done for at least ten days except for isolated fields of early barley. Some fields of rape are being sprayed for armyworm but damage is not extensive. Pastures are excellent.

The following hail storms are reported by the Canadian Hail Underwriters Association: July 31, Leader, Fox Valley area (light to medium); Lancer, Abbey and Shackleton to White Bear and Tuberosa (medium); Lake Chaplin to Kelstern, Shamrock and Coderre (medium); Blewett to Cullen (medium); August 1, Gravelbourg area (light to medium); Courval to Mossbank (medium); Ardwick to Willow Bunch (light); Spring Valley to Avonlea to Edgeworth and Dummer (light to medium); Fenton, Birch Hills area (heavy); Uren area (medium); Mortlach and Tuxford areas (light to medium); Markinch, Cupar area (light); Wheatstone, Truax area (medium); August 4, Zeneta, Langenburg and Calder areas (medium); August 9, Grayson to Stockholm to Bear Creek to ~~Welwyn~~ (medium); Cutarm and Wroxton area (light); August 11, Stoughton area (light); Wordsworth area (medium) Antler area (medium). The Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Association reports four hundred less claims to date than at the same date last year.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 2 per cent below normal compared with 2 per cent above normal a week ago, 0.1 per cent below normal two weeks ago, and 27 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending August 13 was 1.5 degrees above normal compared with 2.5 degrees above normal a week ago, 1.8 degrees below normal two weeks ago and 3.1 degrees above normal on August 15, 1955.

ALBERTA Crop prospects have further improved during the last two weeks in Alberta and yields are expected to run well above average. However, there is a growing danger of frost to late grain of which there is a considerable quantity. Moisture supplies are sufficient to complete filling the crop. Some early barley has been swathed in nearly all regions and cutting will be general in a number of districts this week. Very little wheat and oats have been cut to date. Fertilized crops are showing well this year being heavier and more mature than those which have not been fertilized. The canning pea harvest is about finished. The bean and pickle harvest is in full swing and some early corn is now ready for canning. Haying has been slow and is only completed in a few areas. Summerfallows are generally good in the south and fair to poor in the northern areas. Dry weather and sun are needed especially in northern and western areas to hasten the development of the crops.

Crops are ripening favourably in the Manyberries district. Some swathing of early-sown crops will commence this week and wheat harvesting will start next week. At Medicine Hat all crops are ripening quickly and swathing is general. Some oats and barley and a little wheat has been threshed. Expected yields are: wheat 20, oats 40 and barley 35 bushels per acre. Range conditions are good and the hay crop was good.

The Experimental Farm at Lethbridge reports that spring wheat is beginning to turn colour south of Calgary. Some barley has been cut. Leaf rust is appearing on winter wheat and stem rust is quite serious on soft white spring wheat. There has been considerable lodging of barley, durum and soft white spring wheat. Canning of beans and cucumbers is underway and sugar beets promise an average crop. Our Brooks correspondent reports good ripening weather. Some oats have been cut and stooked and some wheat has been swathed. Rains during the past two weeks have improved the feed outlook. Around Vulcan the weather has been very hot. Haying is completed and swathing of barley and early-sown crops has started. The flax crop is coming along very nicely and in most cases has flowered and is starting to head. No hail has been reported in the immediate vicinity since the last report but some spring wheat and amber durum are lodging badly.

In east-central Alberta at Hanna crops are all good and moisture supplies are ample. Warm weather is needed to hasten ripening. Some early barley has been swathed but other crops will not be ready for two weeks. Around Calgary moisture conditions are also good but warm, dry weather is needed to speed crop maturity. Some wheat and oats are beginning to turn colour and conditions in general are good. Good ripening weather for the past two weeks has prevailed in the Olds district. Swathing of early barley has commenced and will become general about the 25th, weather permitting. Prospects for yields are better than average.

Our correspondent from Sedgewick in central Alberta reports good prospects for all crops. There has been little hail damage to date but warmer, dry weather is needed. Early barley is being swathed. At Donalda crops are beginning to turn and are filling nicely. The weather has been generally good except that showers have been on the heavy side and the wind is causing some lodging. Hot, drier weather is needed because up to two weeks are required to ripen crops. Haying is being delayed by showers and yields are light. Crops are progressing under favourable conditions in the Stettler area. All grains are filling well. Sunny weather is the main need especially for late wheat and barley. Cutting will be general in about ten days' time. Estimated yields are: wheat 22, oats 35 and barley 40.

In west-central Alberta at Red Deer all crops are ripening very quickly and cutting of early-sown barley has started. Harvesting will be general on the 20th and good yields are expected. The second cutting of forage will produce a fair yield.

All crops are doing well in the northeastern part of the province at Vermilion. Wheat is turning colour and filling well but coarse grains are late. The hay crop is short but pastures are good. Crop conditions are reported to be good around Edmonton and cutting of early-sown crops has commenced. North of Vermilion at Bonnyville grain crops are filling well but are slow in maturing. Some early barley is being cut but harvesting will not be general before September. Rust infestation is severe in non-resistant wheat varieties, otherwise, prospects are fair. Favourable weather during the past week is giving an opportunity to complete a fair hay harvest. Farther west at Athabasca grain is also filling well. Early barley is being swathed and a good yield is in prospect. Oats are turning well but wheat is still green. A very good crop is in prospect in this district.

In the Peace River district swathing of barley has commenced and crop prospects vary from good to excellent. Our correspondent from Falher reports that all crops are filling nicely. Early barley is maturing rapidly but the ground is too wet to permit swathing. All other cereals are changing colour and harvesting is expected to start on August 20. Good yields are expected for rapeseed. At Beaverlodge barley and early oats are maturing rapidly. Estimated yields are: wheat 20, barley 30, oats 40, and flax 12 bushels per acre.

Hail storms have occurred as follows: July 31, Jarvie to Rochester, light; Busby area, light; Carvel to Thorsby to Leduc, medium; Carstairs-Crossfield area, medium to heavy; August 1, Travers to Lomond to Brooks, light to medium; area south of Nemiskam and Etzikom, medium; Oyen area, light; Strome, medium; August 2, south of Nemiskam, heavy; Grassy Lake, Hays, medium; and Duchess area, light to medium; August 3, Slawa to Islay to Blackfoot, medium; Stettler area, light; August 10, Lethbridge to Stirling, light.

Average precipitation for the province since April 1 has been 16 per cent above normal as compared with 19 per cent above normal a week ago, 8 per cent above normal on July 30, and 7 per cent above normal a year ago. Mean temperature for the week ending August 13 was 1.4 degrees above normal as compared with 0.2 degrees below normal for the week ending August 6, 2.3 degrees below normal for the week ending July 30, and 0.4 degrees below normal on August 15, 1955.

BRITISH COLUMBIA In the Kootenay district, around Creston, harvesting of both peas and fall wheat has commenced. Showers occurred in the Peace River area and crops are making rapid growth. Cereals are well advanced, with fair to good yields indicated. Cutting of barley is underway. Haying is practically completed and although the quality was good, yields were somewhat below normal.

A report from Kamloops indicates that the pea harvest is almost completed in that area. Early-sown grains are being threshed. Harvesting of second-crop hay is proceeding under excellent conditions. Production from non-irrigated pastures is decreasing but irrigated pastures are doing well after a slow start. Tomatoes are being harvested for packing and canneries are starting operations. In the Prince George district the weather is dry and hot. All crops are maturing satisfactorily. Barley is being cut and some threshing has started. Pastures are dry and recovery is slow.

Our correspondent at Summerland reports that excellent weather has prevailed in that district during the past two weeks. Peaches are sizing well and early varieties are moving. Early Bartletts are also moving and the crop is good. MacIntosh apples indicate a fair to good crop. Delicious are fair and prospects for other late apples appear spotty. Cannery tomatoes are being harvested in quantity. Third-crop hay is growing well. In the Lower Fraser Valley the weather continues dry and warm and pasture growth is slow. Second-crop hay is light but the quality is excellent. Grain harvesting is becoming general throughout the district and both yield and quality are excellent. The pole bean harvest is general and yield and quality are generally high. The corn crop is promising. The potato crop gives good prospects with almost no evidence of blight. A report from Saanichton on Vancouver Island indicates that the continued hot, dry weather has been excellent for harvesting. Cereal crop prospects are good. Second crop early potatoes are still being harvested but the main crop varieties as well as corn are in need of rain. The berry harvest is practically completed with the loganberry crop only about twenty-five per cent of normal.

A report from the Entomological Laboratory at Kamloops indicates that no serious insect infestations or crop damage occurred in that area during the first half of August. A few untreated fields of potatoes have moderate infestations of tuber flea beetle but the general population is much smaller than usual for this time of year.

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18	08	24.5
32	32	20.5
W.R.	W.R.	27.5
18	32	22.5
18	32	17.5
40	W.R.	00.5
32	32	22.5
32	32	27.5
32	48	21.5

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. Aug. 13, 1956	since April 1	since April 1	Aug. 13 1956	Normal
		- inches -			- degrees F. -	
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
1	Pierson	1.11	10.29	8.90	65	63
	Melita	.42	9.68	11.50	63	64
	Waskada	.42	8.22 <sup>2/</sup>	9.66	65	64
	Deloraine	.52	10.97	9.27	64	64
2	Boissevain	.20	11.66	8.88	66	64
	Deerwood	.27	9.99	9.30	66	64
	Ninette	.72	11.20	9.40	64	64
3	Portage la Prairie	.31	9.83	9.24	68	63
	Graysville	.18	10.01	9.66	67	64
	Morden	.29	11.43	9.49	68	64
	Altona	1.30	9.74	9.46	66	65
	Morris	.20	9.07	9.33	66	65
	Roland	.14	9.42	9.17	66	64
	Gretna	.38	10.15	8.91	67	65
	Emerson	.10	8.10	8.91	66	65
4	Winnipeg	.58	9.39	10.60	67	64
6	Sprague	.56	14.02	10.00	65	63
	Seven Sisters Falls	.10	8.85 <sup>2/</sup>	7.88	66	61
7	Virden	.41	11.40	8.06	66	62
	Reston	.34	8.66	9.79	66	64
	Rivers	.55	14.31	9.37	65	62
8	Brandon	.55	12.84	9.50	65	62
	Cypress River	.12	9.08	9.38	66	63
9	Neepawa	.16	15.57	9.26	67	62
	Plumas	N.R.	.96 <sup>2/</sup>	9.35	N.R.	62
10	Russell	.01	5.70	8.85	62	60
	Rossgburn	.22	13.41	8.85	64	60
	Birtle	.56	13.94	9.46	63	60
11	Dauphin	.80	13.35	8.22	65	62
12	Gimli	.47	8.21	9.90	66	63
13	Swan River	.24	11.48	9.45	64	60
	The Pas	.10	6.50	7.46	65	62
MANITOBA AVERAGE		.40	10.67	9.26	65.5	62.9
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>						
1A	Estevan	.59	8.71	8.73	66	63
	Carlyle	1.04	10.08	9.42	60	61
	Oxbow	.15	7.96	9.03	63	62
	Willmar	.42	10.95	8.75	N.R.	N.R.
1B	Broadview	.17	10.39	8.59	62	61
	Moosomin	Trace	8.79	8.17	65	61
2A	Yellow Grass	N.R.	9.95 <sup>2/</sup>	8.30	N.R.	64
	Creelman	.48	10.53	8.33	63	64
	Weyburn	.23	10.59	8.76	65	63
	Midale	.68	9.35	9.19	64	63

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		- inches -			- degrees F. -	
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u> (continued)						
2B	Moose Jaw	.04	8.55	8.59	66	64
	Regina	Trace	10.96	8.70	64	62
	Rowatt	N.R.	8.09 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8.59	N.R.	62
	Francis	N.R.	10.26 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.24	N.R.	64
	Qu'Appelle	.20	8.89 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10.23	63	62
	Indian Head	Trace	9.18	9.80	63	61
	Wilcox	.12	10.68	8.50	64	62
3AS	Assiniboia	Trace	7.42	7.07	65	63
	Ormiston	.11	6.17	7.78	65	63
	Readlyn	.03	7.40	7.07	63	63
	Minton	.01	6.48	9.59	64	63
	Cardross	.20	6.34 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.78	65	63
	Ceylon	NIL	7.09 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10.45	64	63
	Chaplin	Trace	5.81	9.01	65	62
3AN	Gravelbourg	.11	6.83	7.13	64	63
	Coderre	N.R.	7.61 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.58	N.R.	63
	Cadillac	N.R.	6.63 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	9.43	N.R.	61
3BS	Aneroid	Trace	5.47	8.61	63	61
	Instow	.13	7.41	7.58	63	63
	Pennant	Trace	6.16	8.50	64	63
3BN	Swift Current	Trace	7.02	8.81	63	62
	Hodgeville	N.R.	7.53 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.97	N.R.	62
	Hughton	N.R.	5.32 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.78	N.R.	61
4A	Maple Creek	.10	6.27	8.18	64	63
	Consul	.94	6.84	6.81	61	61
4B	Roadene	.01	5.74 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.79	63	61
	Cupar	.14	8.59	7.91	64	61
5A	Leross	.06	9.22	8.72	62	61
	Yorkton	.33	8.23	8.91	64	60
	Bangor	.20	10.24	8.75	62	60
5B	Dafoe	.13	7.92	7.70	62	59
	Lintlaw	.10	7.38	8.66	60	58
	Kamsack	.07	7.52	8.25	62	60
	Buchanan	.06	7.24 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8.63	62	60
	Pelly	.20	7.38	8.89	60	60
6A	Davidson	.05	8.84	7.09	63	61
	Dilke	N.R.	8.41 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.36	N.R.	N.R.
	Imperial	.27	8.93	7.10	63	61
	Semans	NIL	6.10	5.64	63	60
	Strasbourg	.04	11.38	7.94	62	61
	Watrous	.13	6.77	6.30	62	60
	Harris	NIL	4.85 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.72	62	61
6B	Outlook	.12	5.56	6.21	65	61
	Saskatoon	.31	5.62	8.14	64	61
	Elbow	N.R.	9.43 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.06	N.R.	62
	Tugaske	N.R.	6.35 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.06	N.R.	62
	Dundurn	Trace	6.83	8.39	62	61
	Rosthern	.04	4.69	8.19	63	61

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<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u> (concluded)							
7A	Kindersley	.08	9.00	7.34	63	60	
	Rosetown	.05	7.38	8.29	63	60	
7B	Macklin	.39	8.83	8.43	61	59	
	Scott	.77	5.86	7.79	60	59	
	Biggar	.28	7.93	8.53	63	61	
	Ruthilda	N.R.	7.362/	8.47	N.R.	N.R.	
	8A	Hudson Bay	.11	11.03	8.60	62	60
		Porcupine Plain	.18	9.15	8.59	59	60
8B	Humboldt	NIL	7.22	7.17	62	60	
	Melfort	.27	9.13	8.55	62	61	
9A	North Battleford	.23	6.29	8.10	64	63	
	Rabbit Lake	.18	10.53	8.53	59	59	
	Leask	.10	6.08	8.34	62	61	
	Prince Albert	.03	6.59	8.26	63	61	
		Island Falls	.32	7.28	8.65	62	61
9B	Waseca	.21	14.222/	7.97	63	59	
SASKATCHEWAN AVERAGE		.18	8.03	8.19	62.9	61.4	
<u>ALBERTA</u>							
1	Taber	.03	7.18	6.86	64	64	
	Foremost	1.00	8.93	9.62	64	67	
	Winnifred	.19	9.77	6.10	N.R.	N.R.	
	Medicine Hat	.73	10.30	7.23	66	65	
	Manyberries	.61	9.63	7.26	64	66	
2	Cowley	.54	9.45	8.90	59	61	
	Fort Macleod	.43	9.12	8.07	62	64	
	Cardston	.93	13.79	11.72	61	62	
	Lethbridge	1.22	11.05	8.06	63	63	
	Magrath	.51	9.36	9.99	63	63	
3	Vauxhall	.47	8.68	6.94	64	64	
	Hays	.09	8.18	6.83	65	64	
	Brooks	.15	7.64	6.98	64	65	
	Bindloss	NIL	9.53	6.82	63	65	
	Empress	.02	5.742/	7.48	64	65	
4	High River	.33	10.58	9.86	57	59	
	Vulcan	.33	10.29	8.30	62	60	
5	Drumheller	.09	11.51	8.78	64	66	
	Hanna	.33	10.93	9.59	62	62	
	Naco	N.R.	7.112/	8.34	N.R.	62	
	Excel	.36	6.432/	6.78	62	62	
	Oyen	.18	9.382/	6.78	N.R.	N.R.	
6	Olds	.17	11.98	9.47	60	58	
	Calgary	.17	9.60	9.85	60	60	
	Strathmore	NIL	7.11	8.61	60	57	
	Gleichen	.04	10.70	8.07	63	60	
	Hussar	N.R.	7.812/	7.97	N.R.	N.R.	

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<u>ALBERTA</u> (concluded)						
	Trochu	.12	9.06	8.88	59	59
7	Alliance	.61	9.66	7.85	60	61
	Hardisty	.17	10.48	8.68	N.R.	N.R.
	Coronation	.31	11.13	7.12	62	61
	Hughenden	N.R.	8.16 <sup>2/</sup>	8.05	N.R.	62
8	Red Deer	.51	10.46	11.42	60	57
	Iacombe	.55	10.54	9.78	61	57
	Wetaskiwin	.67	12.33	9.28	62	59
	Camrose	.33	9.48	8.32	63	59
	Stettler	.41	8.39	9.99	63	58
9	Rocky Mountain House	.24	12.00	10.16	60	57
	Springdale	.99	10.40 <sup>2/</sup>	11.61	57	56
10	Vegreville	.03	11.57	10.48	64	58
	Vermilion	.15	10.70	10.32	60	57
	Lloydminster	.04	10.99	7.64	63	58
11	Edmonton	.05	10.97	10.06	63	60
12	Edson	Trace	10.29	9.77	60	56
	Whitecourt	.16	10.38	10.55	59	57
13	Elk Point	.03	11.47	8.32	59	57
	Lac la Biche	.11	11.10	8.56	63	57
14	Campsie	.10	8.91 <sup>2/</sup>	10.07	61	58
	Athabaska	.04	8.59	9.06	61	57
15	High Prairie	.07	11.76	8.45	60	59
	Wagner	.06	5.81	9.17	60	59
16	Beaverlodge	.01	8.67	7.01	62	58
	Grande Prairie	Trace	8.93	8.39	63	58
	Fairview	N.R.	6.53 <sup>2/</sup>	6.17	N.R.	59
	Berwyn	.06	9.42	6.17	60	58
	Fort St. John	.10	10.81	8.15	63	50
ALBERTA AVERAGE		.29	10.01	8.59	61.7	60.3

N. R. - No report.

1/ - Source: Meteorological Service of Canada.

2/ - Incomplete: not included in average.

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