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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT - PRAIRIE PROVINCES

This is the sixth of the 1976 series of eleven telegraphic reports, issued by Statistics Canada, covering 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 Atmospheric Environment Service, Department of the Environment.

Special note. - Due to survey scheduling within the Agriculture Division of Statistics Canada it is possible to publish only summary reports in the Telegraphic Crop Reporting Series for the month of July. It is anticipated that regular service will be resumed in August.

SUMMARY

Prairie Provinces. - Crop conditions are generally good throughout the Prairies and the outlook is promising. Most cereals are now in head and oilseeds are in bloom. Moisture conditions are reported as satisfactory in most districts. Haying is well advanced except where there have been delays due to excessive moisture or showers. Earlier unfavourable weather however has reduced hay yields. Very little pest damage is reported.

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RUST REPORT

Leaf rust of wheat has reached light to moderate levels of severity in Manitoba. If weather favourable to leaf rust development continues some heavy infestations are expected to develop, particularly in late-sown crops in western regions of the province. Leaf rust was found in all fields of the varieties of Manitou, Neepawa, and Napayo, but none was found in Glenlea wheat. Traces of wheat stem rust were found on wild barley but were not seen in commercial fields. Traces of oat crown rust were found across Manitoba and moderate to heavy infestations may develop on later-sown crops. Oat stem rust has not been found to date in Manitoba.

MANITOBA

Crop progress is favourable with early-sown cereals well headed. Most wheat stands are heavy. Moisture conditions are variable throughout the province and in some areas rain is needed. Rye and some early cereals are beginning to ripen. Flaxseed and rapeseed are in bloom. In previously wet areas there is a heavy growth of wild oats and other weeds. Farmers have nearly completed haying and pastures are good. Insect damage is light.

SASKATCHEWAN

Generally warm weather and above average precipitation have made conditions excellent for growth. The majority of crops have headed out and in some areas the early-seeded cereals are beginning to flower. Rain has tended to delay haying operations and also cause some deterioration in hay quality. Dry weather is needed to complete haying operations. Recent rains have also delayed summerfallow operations and some fields are quite weedy, especially those which were not sprayed.

ALBERTA

Condition of cereal crops in Alberta varies from fair to excellent. Oilseeds are blooming with a potential average yield prospect. Haying is in progress with a below normal yield expected. In the west-central area of the province rain is needed for continued good growth and filling of heads. In the southwest at Lethbridge, sugar beet thinning has been completed. At Medicine Hat in the south-east part of the province, a hail storm swept through the irrigated portion of the district nearly wiping out a strip of cropland three to five miles wide and 15 to 20 miles long. Otherwise, grain crops in the dryland portion appear as average to above average. No major crop diseases or insect problems have been reported to date.

Precipitation and Temperature Data, Prairie Provinces(1)

	Unweighted Average Precipitation		
	Per cent variation from normal(2)		
	Man.	Sask.	Alta.
April 1, 1976 - July 12, 1976	- 10	+ 29	+ 1
April 1, 1976 - July 5, 1976	- 5	+ 29	+ 3
April 1, 1976 - June 28, 1976	+ 5	+ 33	+ 10
April 1, 1975 - July 14, 1975	+ 17	+ 18	+ 23

	Mean Temperature		
	°C. variation from normal(2)		
	Man.	Sask.	Alta.
For the week ending July 12, 1976	- 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.3
For the week ending July 5, 1976	- 1.1	- 0.3	- 0.5
For the week ending June 28, 1976	- 1.9	- 4.8	- 4.8
For the week ending July 14, 1975	- 2.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.3

(1) Source: Atmospheric Environment Service.

(2) Positive sign indicates above normal and negative sign indicates below normal.

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