

Alberta Crop Report



Crop Conditions as of November 12, 2019

More snowfall over the past week practically brought harvest to a halt, with a marginal harvest progressing up 0.2 per cent for all crops across the province. Forecast for the next couple of weeks for some areas suggest some warming temperatures which will encourage snow melt, but it is unlikely to significantly advance any harvest progress, as the fields are already wet. The map (shown on the next page) for snow pack water equivalent in stubble fields suggests that there is 5-20 mm of snow pack water equivalent in the Southern Region, the eastern half of the Central Region as well as the southern, central and eastern parts of the North East Region. For the western half of the province, there was even more precipitation. More specifically, in the western parts of the Central Region, the North West Region and the northern parts of the North East Region, snow pack water equivalent is estimated at 20 mm and increasing up to 50 mm towards the west. Snow pack water equivalent is variable across the Peace Region, ranging from 5-10 mm in the northern parts, 15-40 mm in the central parts and 40 to in excess of 70 mm in the southern parts. Considering the amount of snow in the fields, and especially, in the Peace Region, which is the most behind, it would be unlikely that producers can finish harvest before next spring.

Provincial harvest progress remained unchanged from a week ago (November 5) at 89 per cent for all crops in the bin, compared to 81 per cent at this time in 2016 (See Table 1). Regionally, about three per cent of all crops in the Southern Region, eight per cent in the Central, 13 per cent in the North East, seven per cent in the North West and 35 per cent in the Peace remain unharvested.

Table 1: Estimates of Crop Harvest Progress as of November 12, 2019

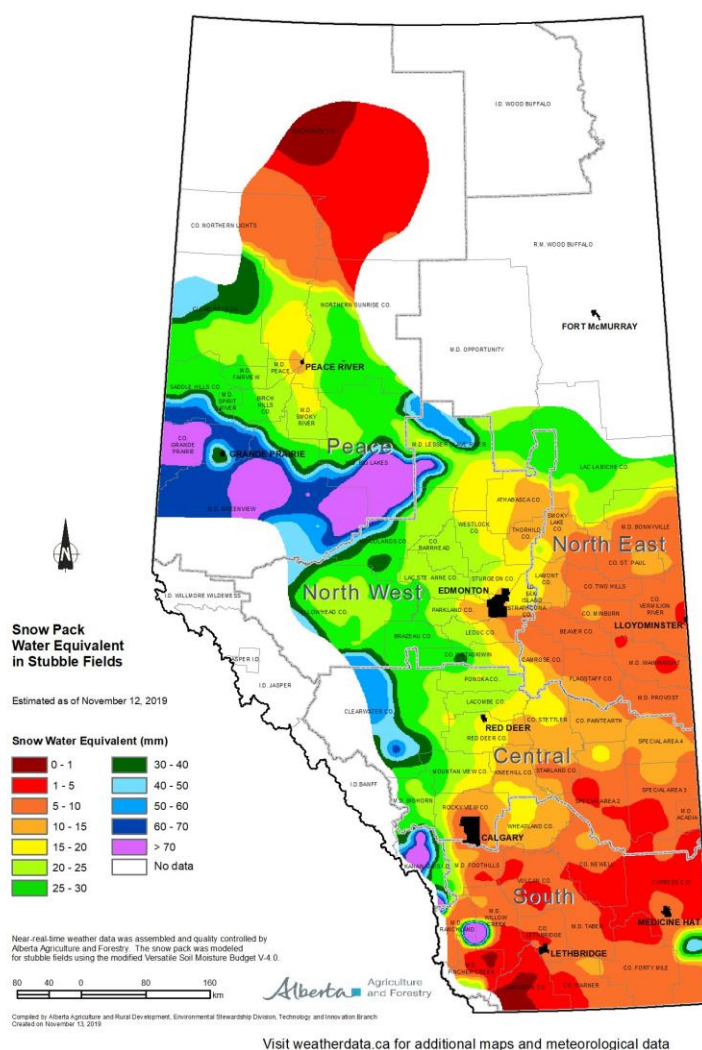
	Per cent of Crops Combined					
	South	Central	N East	N West	Peace	Alberta
Spring Wheat*	97.0%	92.4%	90.6%	95.2%	63.4%	89.7%
Durum Wheat	99.1%	99.6%	---	---	---	99.1%
Winter Wheat	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	---	---	100.0%
Barley*	98.4%	94.7%	92.9%	93.4%	55.2%	93.1%
Oats*	97.1%	92.0%	82.9%	93.6%	63.2%	85.1%
Fall Rye	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	---	---	100.0%
Triticale	100.0%	99.8%	---	---	---	99.8%
Canola*	94.7%	89.1%	81.8%	91.5%	62.3%	83.2%
Dry Peas*	100.0%	96.1%	99.1%	99.5%	88.2%	96.8%
Lentils	100.0%	100.0%	---	---	---	100.0%
Chickpeas	100.0%	100.0%	---	---	---	100.0%
Flax	96.3%	71.2%	98.0%	---	---	90.0%
Potatoes	88.7%	100.0%	---	98.0%	---	89.8%
All Crops, November 12, 2019	97.2%	92.4%	87.3%	93.0%	65.0%	89.1%
Major Crops (*), November 12, 2019	97.1%	92.1%	87.5%	93.5%	65.3%	88.3%
All Crops, November 5, 2019	97.2%	92.3%	87.1%	93.0%	63.4%	88.9%
Major Crops (*), November 5, 2019	97.0%	92.0%	87.3%	93.7%	63.7%	88.0%
Major Crops (*), November 8, 2016	99.3%	81.9%	71.3%	60.1%	80.1%	81.3%

Source: AF/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey

Regional Assessments:

- There was no harvest activity in the **Southern Region**, as more snow and cooler weather over the past week kept harvest at a standstill. About two per cent of crops are in swath and another one per cent standing. About 44 per cent of sugar beets and 11 per cent of potatoes in this region are still standing and will be abandoned and unharvested.

- Harvest progress in the **Central Region** was a marginal 0.1 per cent over the past week, as additional snow and unfavorable weather paused harvesting operation. Almost five per cent of crops in the region are in swath and another three per cent standing.
- While snow halted harvest operations in most parts of the **North East Region**, some harvesting was done, allowing for a marginal harvest progress of 0.3 per cent. In the region, almost 10 per cent of crops are in swath and three per cent still standing.
- In the **North West Region**, there was no harvest progress, due to snow. Almost four per cent of crops in the region are in swath and three per cent remain standing.
- In the **Peace Region**, precipitation in form of snow or rain halted harvest in most counties. Even so, in some counties, relatively descent conditions allowed harvest progress to advance by 1.6 per cent, with a little more wheat and canola combined in this region. Currently, the region has about 14 per cent of crops in swath and 21 per cent standing.



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