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Canadian Crop Hail Association

Adjusters working to complete claims as harvest continues across western Canada

Adjusters are working to document crop damage across western Canada as harvest continues in the wake of damaging storms, according to the Canadian Crop Hail Association.

The storms occurred Aug. 22, 25-24 and 27-28.

CCHA member companies are investigating more than 700 claims of crop damage during the time period.

Darryl Tiefenbach, of Additional Municipal Hail, said storms damaged crops in the Saskatchewan communities of Loon Lake, Kindersley, Rosetown, Milden, Conquest, Outlook, Davidson, Kenaston, Jansen, Annaheim, Buchanan, Melville, Yorkton and Churchbridge.

“We expect there will be some heavy damaged areas as crops are fairly ripe and more prone to shelling. We will be starting to adjust these claims on Sept. 2 and expect to have them all adjusted by Sept. 11-12. This year has seen an average hail occurrence so far and we wish farmers all the best as they continue harvest.”

Brendan Blight, of Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation, said storms produced pea size hail and damaged crops in the Manitoba community of Russell

Jackie Sanden, of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, said storms damaged crops in the Alberta communities of Camrose, northeast and northwest of Lamont, north of Athabasca, west of Smoky Lake, Sedgewick, northwest of Wainwright, northeast of Ponoka, Grande Prairie, southeast of Lacombe, east of Vulcan and southwest of Thorhild, northwest of Barrhead, northeast of Oyen, and west of Sounding Lake.

Cassandra Holt, of Canadian Hail Agencies, said storms damaged crops in the Saskatchewan communities of Yorkton, Outlook, Simpson, Rhein, Roblin, Calder, and Fiske. In Alberta, storms damaged crops in Coronation.

Murray Bantle, of Co-operative Hail Insurance Company, said storms damaged cereals, oilseeds, and pulses in the Manitoba communities of Angusville, Foxwarren, Russell, Oakburn and Neepawa. Damaged ranged from light to heavy.

“Currently we are 80 percent complete on claims in Manitoba,” he said. “The adjusters are still completing claims from the July 19-21 storms.”

In Saskatchewan, he said storms damaged cereals, oilseeds and pulses in Lake Lenore , Bladworth, Churchbridge, Conquest, Davidson, Dinsmore, Imperial, Langenburg, Melville, Outlook, Rhein, Rosetown, Saltcoats, Swift Current, Willowbank and Yorkton.

“A large storm path began on the afternoon of Aug. 27 in west-central Saskatchewan and moved eastward into Manitoba leaving a large path of hail damage on advancing crops and creating a large number of claims of which are still coming in,” he said. “Depending on where our adjuster teams start working from it could be at least 14 days for us to view the damage. With harvest underway we ask producers to be patient. Please ensure you leave adequate samples. If you are unsure of what to leave contact your company for advice. Prior to this storm, Saskatchewan claims were 70 percent complete.”

Scott McQueen, of Palliser Insurance said storms damaged crops across Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba.

“We are seeing some heavier damage in the standing canola crops from the Aug. 27 storm,” he said. “All damage ranges from light to heavy on all crops reported in the storm.”

Tyson Ryhorchuk, of Rain and Hail Insurance Service, said storms damaged crops in the Saskatchewan communities of Glenside, Outlook, Kenaston, Lanigan, Yorkton, Saltcoats, Williwbrook and Langenburg. In Manitoba, storms damaged crops in Russell and Virden.

“Adjusters are working tirelessly to complete claims as soon as possible,” he said. “Producers with claims are asked to leave adequate strips in fields they are harvesting.”

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