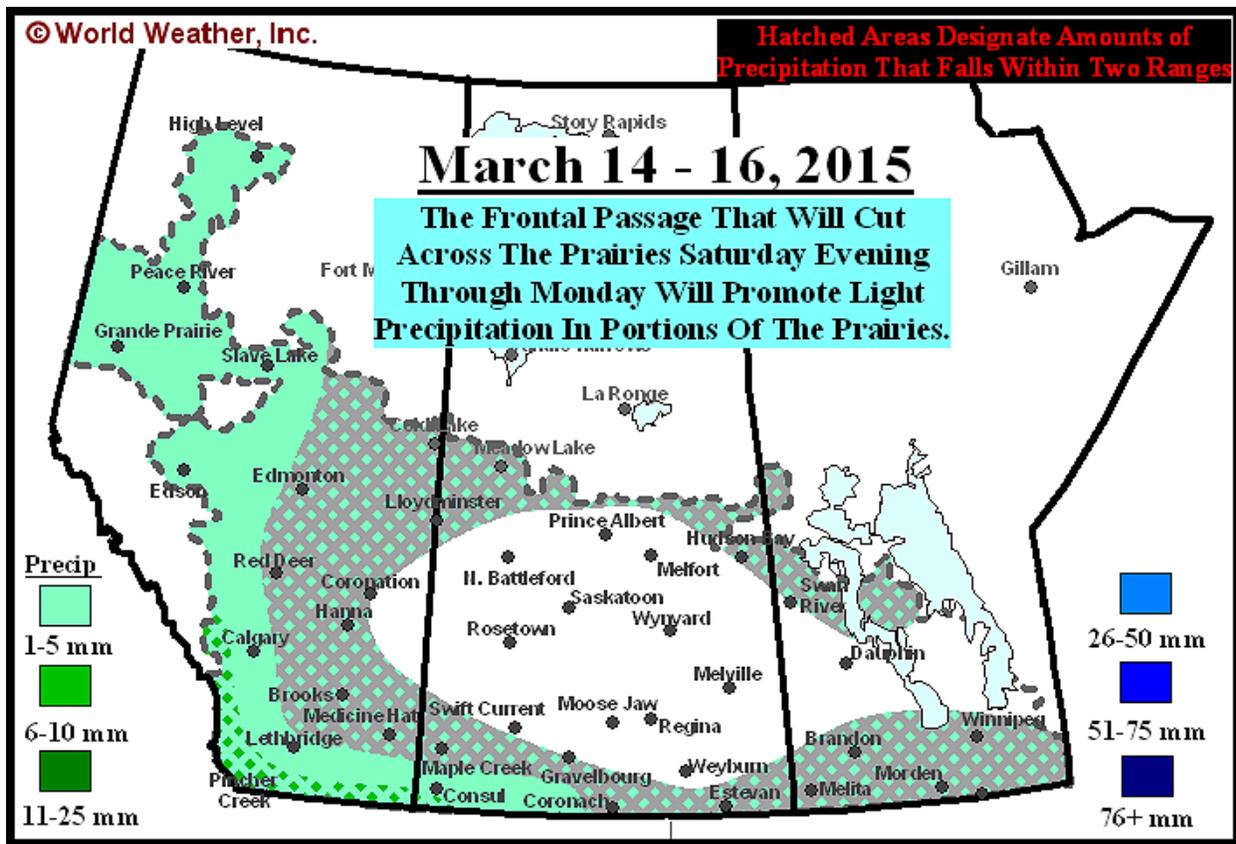


Canada 7-Day Weather Outlook

Friday, March 13, 2015

One change was noted from Thursday's forecast. Precipitation was significantly reduced from the frontal passage that will sweep across the Prairies Saturday evening through Monday. Portions of Alberta will still receive light to moderate precipitation while the remaining portions of the Prairies receive little or no precipitation. A weak surge of cold air will promote light and erratic precipitation in Alberta and Saskatchewan Wednesday and Thursday with a few lingering showers in Saskatchewan next Friday. Light precipitation will also fall in northeastern Saskatchewan and portions of Manitoba today. Dry weather will dominate between precipitation events.

Other than a brief period where temperatures cool into a near normal range, Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan will generally warm into an above average range during the coming week. A frontal passage will bring cool air to Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan Sunday and Monday before warmer air returns Tuesday. The remaining portions of the Prairies will be warmest today and Saturday. Cool air from the frontal passage will begin to advance into Saskatchewan Sunday and Manitoba Monday, lowering temperatures into a near normal range. Seasonable temperatures will continue through next Friday in most of these areas.



Soil temperatures will continue to increase in the snow-free areas of the Prairies during the coming week. Areas closest to the U.S. border may warm enough in a few pockets to bring winter crops out of dormancy by the end of next week, but additional warming will be needed

before dormancy ends for most crops. Snow depths will slowly decrease across the Prairies during the next seven days due to the warmer weather. However, portions of the northern and eastern Prairies will receive enough snow to keep depths mostly unchanged.

Light precipitation will be erratically distributed in portions of northeastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba today. Precipitation will fall as a wintry mixture during the next few hours before shifting into rain by midday. Rain will fall most often through this evening as well. Moisture totals will range from a trace to 3 millimeters most often. Coverage in northeastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be 15% to 20%. A majority of the Prairies will be dry today.

Saturday morning and afternoon will trend mostly dry due to a ridge of high pressure keeping moisture from flowing into the Prairies. A frontal passage will cut across the Prairies Saturday evening through Monday, which will break down the ridge and push the warm air back to the U.S. The front will be too weak and disorganized to produce widespread precipitation in the Prairies during this time and precipitation will generally be light. Showers ahead of the front will begin in northern Alberta Saturday evening and will continue in portions of Alberta and northern Saskatchewan Sunday morning and afternoon. Showers will shift into southern sections of the Prairies Sunday evening through Monday midday, though a band of isolated showers will also produce light precipitation from northeastern Alberta through northern Manitoba during this time as well.

Precipitation will fall as snow or a mixture of rain and snow in northern sections of the Prairies during the overnight hours and as a rain or a wintry mixture of rain during peak daytime heating hours. Precipitation will generally fall as rain in the southern Prairies, though southern Manitoba could see a wintry mixture of precipitation in several areas. Moisture totals will range from a trace to 5 millimeters most often with local amounts of 8 millimeters or more in southern and southwestern fringes of Alberta and the southwest corner of Saskatchewan. Snow accumulations in the northern Prairies will range from a dusting to 3 centimeters most often with locally greater amounts in the Peace River region. Precipitation coverage in Alberta will be 50% to 60%. Coverage in northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be 15% to 20%. Coverage in southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be 30% to 40%.

Tuesday through Wednesday afternoon will trend mostly dry in the Prairies. A weak frontal passage will then promote light and erratic precipitation in Alberta and Saskatchewan Wednesday evening and Thursday. Temperatures will be cold enough in the nighttime hours for precipitation to generally fall as snow while temperatures are warm enough during the day for rain or a mixture of rain and snow. Moisture totals will only range from a trace to 3 millimeters most often. Snow accumulations will not be much more than 1 or 2 centimeters. Precipitation coverage in Alberta and Saskatchewan will be 20% to 30%. Manitoba will be mostly dry.

Other than a few isolated showers in Saskatchewan, next Friday will trend mostly dry in the Prairies. Dry weather will continue March 21 – 23 before precipitation potentials increase March 24 – 27.

Surge Of Cold Air Will Begin To Lower Temperatures In West Sunday

A frontal passage will bring colder air to the Prairies Sunday and Monday. Cooling will begin in Alberta and Saskatchewan Sunday and in Manitoba Monday. Temperatures these days will cool into a near normal bias due to the surge of cold air. Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan will warm back into an above average range Tuesday through next Friday while temperatures remain in a near normal bias in much of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Until then,

temperatures will be above or well above average today and Saturday due to the ridge of high pressure funneling warm air into the Prairies.

Temperatures will remain in a near normal bias for the eastern Prairies March 21 – 27. Western sections of the Prairies will warm into a near or above average range most often.

High temperatures in northern Alberta today and Saturday will range from 7 to 13 before cooling into a range of 1 to 7 Sunday and Monday with colder pockets in far northern Alberta and the northeast corner. Highs Tuesday through next Friday will warm into a range of 4 to 10. Central Alberta will warm into a range of 10 to 16 today and Saturday and will cool into a range of 3 to 9 Sunday and Monday. Highs Tuesday through next Friday will range from 6 to 12. Southern Alberta will warm into a range of 12 to 18 today and Saturday with many areas warming as high as 22 near Montana. Highs Sunday and Monday will range from 5 to 11 before warming into a range of 8 to 14 Tuesday through next Friday.

Lows in northern Alberta will range from -6 to 0 this weekend and from -9 to -3 most days next week. Lows in central Alberta will range from -4 to 2 most often with warmer pockets this weekend and colder pockets Monday and Tuesday. Lows in southern Alberta will range from 0 to 6 this weekend with warmer pockets and from -3 to 3 next week with colder pockets Monday.

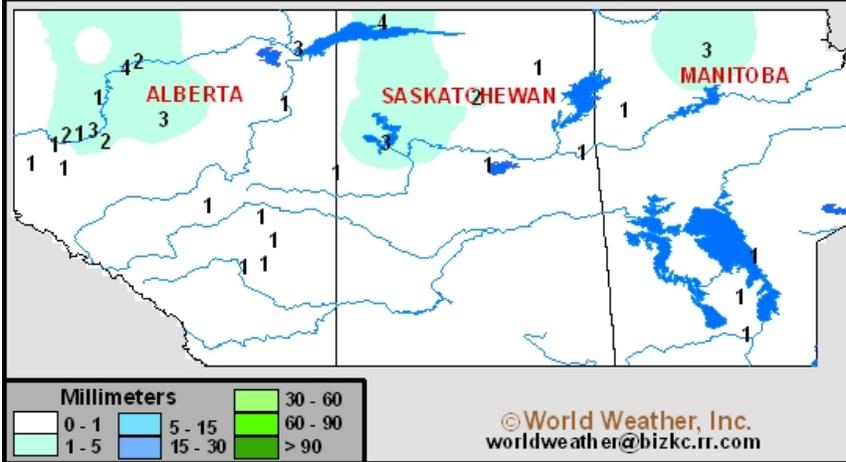
Highs in northern Saskatchewan 3 to 9 today and Saturday before cooling into a range of -1 to 5 for the remainder of the coming week. Highs in southern Saskatchewan will range from 8 to 14 today and Saturday with temperatures as warm as 18 in the southwest. Highs for the remainder of the coming week will range from 2 to 8, though southwestern Saskatchewan will often warm into the lower teens. Lows in northern Saskatchewan will range from -4 to 2 this weekend and from -12 to -6 next week. Lows in southern Saskatchewan will range from 0 to 6 this weekend and from -6 to 0 next week.

Highs in Manitoba today and this weekend will range from 6 to 12 with warmer pockets in the south. Highs next week will range from 0 to 6 most often with cooler pockets in the north. Lows will range from -7 to -1 through Monday and from -14 to -8 Tuesday through next Friday.

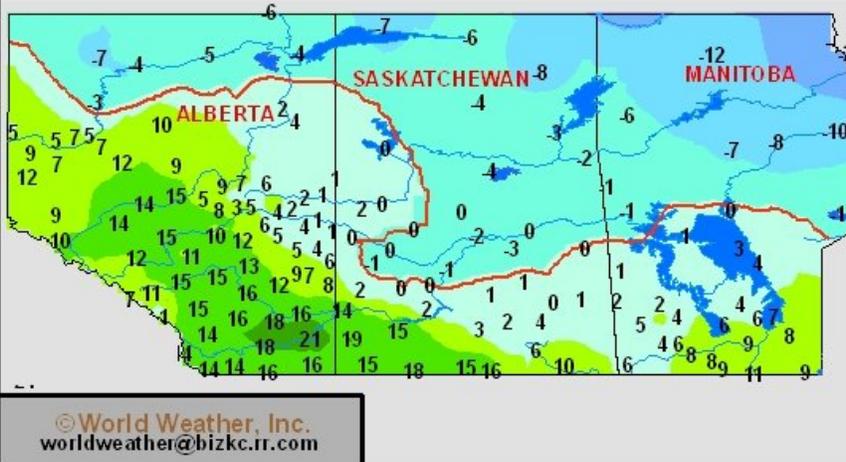
Winds

Wind speeds will generally range from 5 to 20 kph with gusts of 30 kph today. The frontal passage will increase wind speeds into a range of 15 to 30 kph with gusts of 45 kph or higher this weekend and Monday. Once the front exits the Prairies, wind speeds will return to a range of 5 to 20 kph with gusts of 30 kph or higher Tuesday through next Friday.

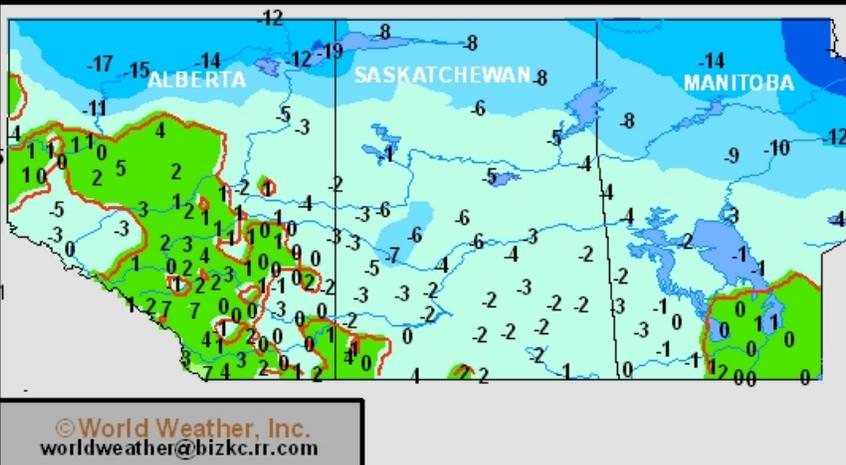
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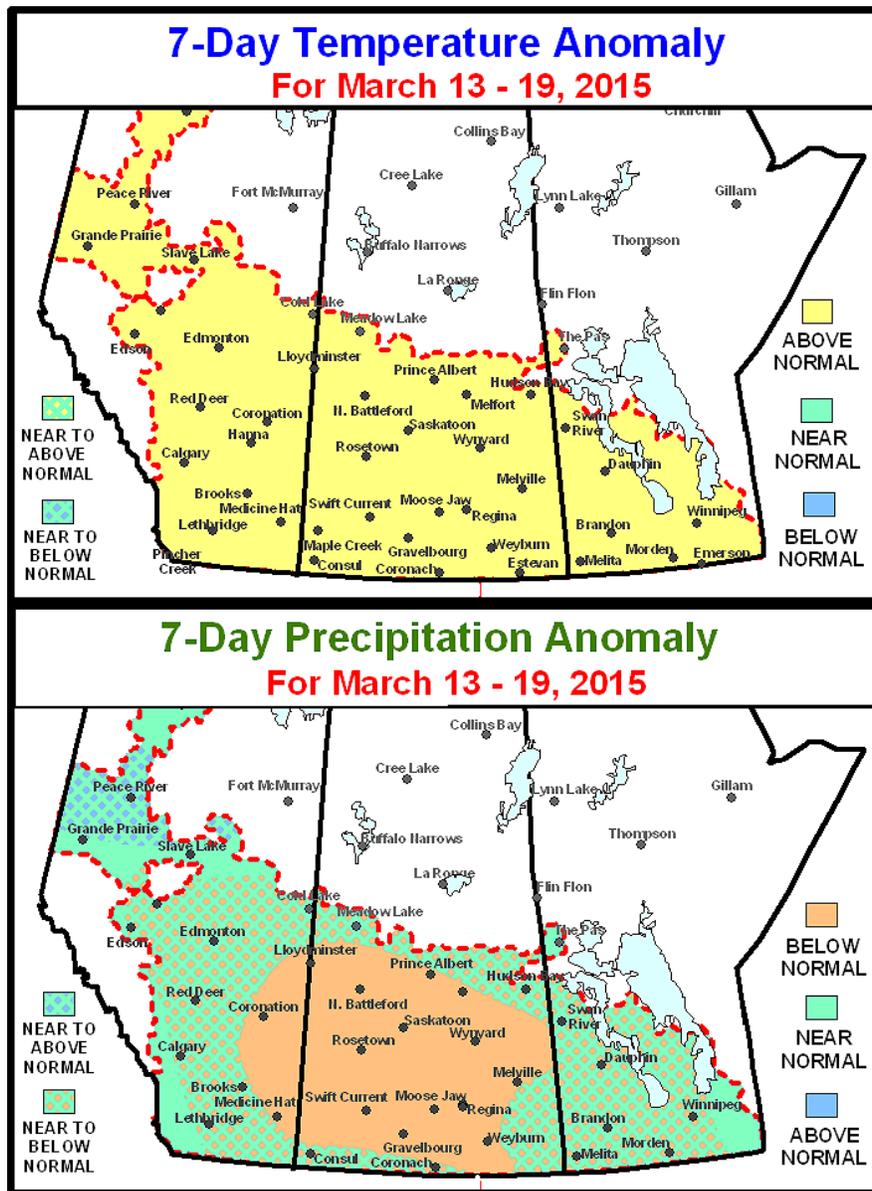
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