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Resolution Response

SARM received a response from the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy on the following resolutions:

- **5-22A: Affordable Access to SaskEnergy Services for Rural Residents**

Learn More:

More information about this monitoring initiative is available online at: [Waterhemp: biology and control](#) (Field Crop News: see section 3, Testing services to identify waterhemp and determine if herbicide resistant)

Coordinated Monitoring Initiative for Waterhemp

The Weeds Surveillance Community of Practice, stood up by the Canadian Plant Health Council (CPHC), has developed a harmonized protocol for monitoring of *Amaranthus* spp. weeds, with a focus on waterhemp, to enable coordination and information-sharing across provinces.

This surveillance initiative is one of the first opportunities to put the design, outreach and action of the CPHC to the test, after 3 years of working together to build relationships, define priorities and develop approaches in areas of mutual interest.

In bringing together industry, academia, federal-provincial-territorial

governments, and other partners to take collaborative action under the Plant and Animal Health Strategy for Canada, the CPHC aims to strengthen plant health in Canada. And the CPHC needs your networking help.

Amaranthus spp., more commonly known as pigweeds, are a group of challenging agricultural weeds that are difficult to distinguish. Among those present in Canada, waterhemp is relatively new and continues to spread in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba, causing major challenges to agricultural production given that most populations are resistant to at least 2 and up to 5 different herbicide groups.

Waterhemp monitoring has been done in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec for several years now, and will continue this year using the harmonized protocol from now through October to understand the distribution of herbicide-resistant populations in Canada. Other provinces are also on the lookout for this weed so that range expansion can be detected early. This work will help inform management programs for this problem weed so that growers can limit its impact and further spread in Canada.

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2022 P²IRC Symposium

Plant Phenotyping and Imaging Research Centre(P²IRC) is excited to announce that the Plant Phenotyping and Imaging Research Centre's annual symposium has been planned for its 7th year. Hosted by the Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS), the 7th Annual P²IRC Symposium will be held **October 25, 2022** at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Saskatoon East - University.

Building on the previous years, the 7th Annual P²IRC Symposium will include:

- Diverse program of speakers, P²IRC researchers from across Canada, industry representatives, students and others.
- Progress updates from P²IRC's phase two of research.
- The 7th Annual P²IRC Student Poster Competition.
- Excellent networking opportunities with world-class researchers and stakeholders including many Canadian industry representatives.

For registration information, please visit the [Eventbrite page](#).

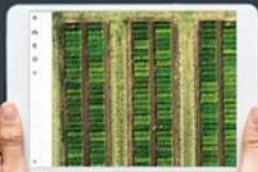
For more information about P²IRC and their previous symposiums, please [click here](#).

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Saskatchewan's Water Supply Conditions Have Improved Entering the Summer Months

The Water Security Agency has prepared the Water Supply Conditions and Outlook report for July.

Below is a snapshot by area:

Northern Saskatchewan

In northern Saskatchewan, precipitation varied from well below normal in the far northwest to well above normal in southern and eastern areas. Thunderstorm activity resulted in precipitation varying locally as well. The additional runoff in the Churchill River Basin has resulted in flows being above normal across the basin.

Southeast

In the southeast corner of the province, lower than normal rainfall helped dry out areas that had become saturated, allowing flows to recede. The central grain belt also saw lower than normal precipitation resulting in drier than normal soil conditions there. Heavy rainfall localized in the upper portion of the Wascana Creek Basin generated high runoff resulting in some flooding of agricultural land in the Kronau Marsh area.

Central

East-central and northeastern areas of the grain belt saw higher than normal precipitation leading to generally wet conditions.

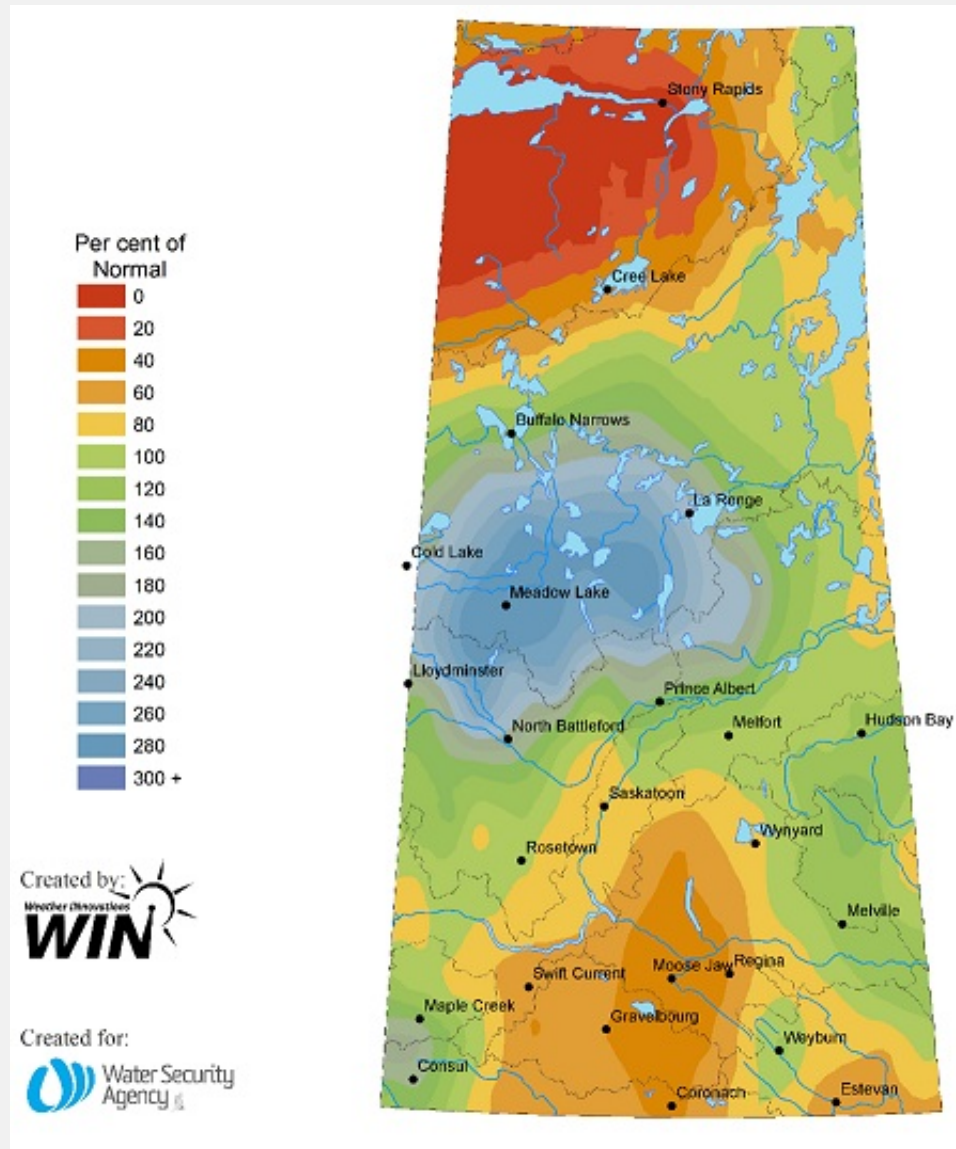
Southwest

Southwest Saskatchewan saw above normal rainfall helping to continue to improve conditions from last year's extremely dry conditions; however, most of this region still has below normal moisture levels.

Lake Diefenbaker

A significant precipitation event in Alberta generated some welcomed

inflows into Lake Diefenbaker on the South Saskatchewan River. Inflows are currently above normal for this time of year and helping to raise water levels in Lake Diefenbaker. The snowpack in the alpine region of the basin is mostly depleted. Some snow remains in the higher elevations of the alpine region but is not expected to cause significant runoff.



North Saskatchewan River

The heavy rainfall event in Alberta also hit the headwaters of the North Saskatchewan River Basin, generating above normal flows on the North Saskatchewan River and ultimately on the Saskatchewan River. Flows on the North Saskatchewan River are expected to remain above normal throughout July. Flows on the Saskatchewan River are expected to drop to slightly below normal levels over the next month.

Qu'Appelle

On the Qu'Appelle River System, nearly all the lakes are sitting near the top of their summer operating ranges, and with normal amounts of precipitation, all the lakes are expected to maintain a water level close to the targeted summer operating level. The exception is Round Lake, which is expected to remain low throughout the summer.

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Introducing Battery Recycling with Call2Recycle



Rural municipalities of Saskatchewan continue to strive to adopt green practices. One way that residents can help protect the environment is to recycle their used household batteries. Batteries make the lives of rural Saskatchewanians more convenient, but they also contain metals that can harm the environment if they enter a landfill.

To find their nearest drop-off location, residents are encouraged to use Call2Recycle's online locator tool at www.call2recycle.ca/locator. The program accepts both single-use and rechargeable batteries weighing up to 5 kilograms. Also accepted are the eMobility batteries used to power eScooters, eSkateboards, eBicycles, and Hoverboards.

Regional municipalities can partner with Call2Recycle to become collection sites, bringing easy and convenient battery recycling directly to their residents. Just visit www.call2recycle.ca/become-a-collection-partner to learn more. And while you're visiting, www.call2recycle.ca/sustainability-stories/municipalities-and-communities outlines how some other Canadian municipalities have successfully fit battery recycling with Call2Recycle into their operations.



TAKE CARE of the ENVIRONMENT,
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Find a drop-off location near you
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2022 Clubroot Soil Testing Program

Test your fields for clubroot by getting a free soil testing kit. Sign up by using the QR code or by clicking the link below.



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Governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta Disappointed in Federal Target for Fertilizer Emissions Reduction

Saskatchewan and Alberta Ministers of Agriculture are expressing profound disappointment in the federal government's fertilizer emissions reduction target.

Fertilizer emissions reduction was not even a topic on the agenda of the annual meeting of Federal-Provincial-Territorial ministers of agriculture, who just finished 3 days of meetings in Saskatchewan. Provinces pushed the federal government to discuss this important topic, but were disappointed to learn that the target is already set. The commitment to future consultations are only to determine how to meet the target that Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Bibeau have already unilaterally imposed on this industry, not to consult on what is achievable or attainable.

Western Canadian farmers already produce the most sustainable agri-food products in the world, and they're continually being asked to do more with

less.

4R Nutrient Stewardship is a made-in-Canada approach that promotes environmental stewardship through best practices in science-based nutrient management. This innovative partnership is an example of government, industry and farmers working together to achieve better environmental outcomes without reducing much needed food production. Western Canada already accounts for almost all of the acres under 4R management in Canada.

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Taxpayers' Fairness (CPR) Act Comes into Force

[On July 22, 2022], the provincial government brings into force the Taxpayers' Fairness (CPR) Act, which was passed in the spring session of the Legislature with unanimous support.

This Act supplements two other recently passed pieces of legislation: the Constitution Amendment (Saskatchewan Act), 2022, passed by Saskatchewan's Legislative Assembly, the House of Commons, and the Senate; and provisions in the federal Budget Implementation Act, 2000, passed by Parliament in late June.

CPR currently has a claim against Saskatchewan that is being litigated in the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench.

In September, 2021, the Federal Court completely dismissed CPR's claim against the federal government, and later ordered that it pay costs of over \$1.6 million.

On November 29, 2021, the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan unanimously passed a resolution for the repeal of section 24 of The Saskatchewan Act, 1905, pursuant to section 43 of the Constitution Act, 1982. This amendment is retroactive to August 1966.

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2022 Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Symposium

Public Safety Canada (PS) hosts the Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Symposium to raise awareness amongst the Canadian Critical Infrastructure (CI) community on how to strengthen the resilience of these vital systems. The next ICS Security Symposium will be held on October 25 & 26, 2022 and will explore the theme of **Insider Risk** from both the **cyber security** and **physical security** perspectives. Given your role in your organization, PS encourages you and your colleagues to participate in the upcoming events.

Please visit the [PS ICS web pages](#) for details, as well as information on the [call for abstracts](#) for your opportunity to present and share your knowledge with the Canadian CI community. The deadline to [submit](#) a presentation abstract for the October Symposium is **Friday, September 9!**

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Collusion Risk Assessment Tool



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The Government of Canada would like to introduce the Collusion Risk Assessment Tool, recently launched by the Competition Bureau this past June. The Tool is a web-tool designed to aid procurement agents and officers in the drafting, organization, and administration of a procurement process. The Tool is designed to identify risk of bid-rigging conduct occurring in a procurement process, as well as to provide best practices that can be implemented by procurement agencies to mitigate against risks identified by the Tool.

The Tool is simple to use. First, you fill out a questionnaire according to the details of the procurement process you are currently organizing. Next the Tool will provide an assessment score of either low, medium, or high risk for bid-rigging conduct to occur. Along with your score, the Tool will provide a set of mitigating steps that your agency can take in order to ensure a pro-competitive tender process. The Tool is also accessible from its landing page on the [Competition Bureau website](#).

Procurement agencies can use the Tool completely anonymously. No identifiable information will be shared outside the Competition Bureau. To report suspected cheating in federal government contracts, [please use the online tip form](#). To register a complaint regarding a suspicious tender, [please use the complaint form](#). To request information, such as bid-rigging tips or presentations, [please use the request form](#).

[Tool Cheat Sheet](#)

[Tender Example](#)

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2022 IED Awareness Training Series

Registration is now open for the final virtual session of the 2022 IED Awareness Training Series. **Please be advised that this course is a repeat of**

Important Details:

When: September 7, 2022, 13:00-17:30 EDT

Where: Virtual Classroom

Cost: Free

Registration: [Click here](#)

the training that was held in 2021. This training is offered in English only.

Please note that this is a DHS led training session, offered to the Canadian CI through Public Safety Canada. As such, you will first have to register (if you do not have one already) to obtain a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) user ID and password that you will then use to register for the course. The step-by-step instructions on how to register for the training session are contained in the attached document.

Please follow the instructions to register yourself as soon as possible to secure your spot for this training as space is limited. Once registered on the FEMA system, you are also encouraged to explore other training material that is available to registrants.

Should you find yourself unable to attend the training, please inform the facilitators and also withdraw your registration through the FEMA site prior to the training date so that your seat can be reallocated to a person on the wait list.

Courses covered in this training :

Module 1: *IED Explosive Effects and Mitigation (AWR-337)*

This course details the difference between blast, thermal/incendiary, and fragmentation effects, and describes the consequences on various targets.

Module 2: *Homemade Explosives (HME) and Precursor Awareness (AWR-335)*

In this course, participants will learn foundational knowledge on homemade explosives and common precursor materials. Participants will also learn to identify common chemicals and materials used in HME attacks.

Module 3: *Protective Measures Awareness (AWR-340)*

In this course, participants will learn how to identify and mitigate facility security gaps. This course will provide knowledge about risk management and the three rings of security; physical, technical, and intelligence protective measures.

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