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**HAPPY SASKATCHEWAN DAY WEEKEND!**

**August 7, 2023**

# **Celebrating Saskatchewan Day**



*Happy Saskatchewan Day!*

*On the first Monday of August, the Civic/Provincial Day has a different significance in the different provinces of Canada. The Minister of Labour Gordon Snyder first proposed Saskatchewan Day.*

*The holiday first came into regulation on 17th March 1975. Business sectors were already celebrating the holiday but Snyder wanted it as a statutory holiday. In June 1975 the day was first approved and a few weeks later it took place.*

*I hope you are able to spend an awesome time with family and friends as we celebrate Saskatchewan Day! Enjoy exploring and celebrating our beautiful province this long weekend.*

*Warm wishes to each of you on this special weekend.*

**A BEAUTIFUL TIME OF YEAR IN SASKATCHEWAN!**



**SASKATCHEWAN DAY - WHAT TO DO AND WHAT WE LOVE!**



## SASKATCHEWAN DAY

One of the best things about our province are the amazing [lakes](#). Great beaches, beautiful views, and lots of water.

If you're staying in Saskatoon, make sure you celebrate Saskatchewan Day at the [2023 Saskatoon Fringe Festival!](#) A Saskatchewan summer is best with festivals!

If you want to celebrate this amazing province we live in, make sure to take a drive out to the [Crooked Bush](#)! Check out the botanical mystery and step onto a trail lined with crooked and curved trees.

On your travels, make sure you check out all the local breweries or cideries across Saskatchewan. Most are child friendly and the perfect place to cheers our province.

May we suggest [5 Hikes In and Around Saskatoon](#)? A hike around this beautiful province might be just what your family needs. It'll give you a chance to truly appreciate the unique and beauty that Saskatchewan holds.



For those of you not near Saskatoon, we have a favourite place to hike near Regina as well. The [Wascana Trails](#) are breathtaking. You won't regret going on a hike here.

Have a great time enjoying our province.

Be sure to check out this link for many more attractions: [Saskatchewan Day - What to do and What We Love! | Family Fun Saskatoon \(familyfuncanada.com\)](#)

## CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 24 TO JULY 31



Harvest is beginning with combines becoming a frequent site in the west-central and southwest regions of Saskatchewan. Many other areas of the province are preparing for harvest operations as the hot and dry conditions continue and the crops ripen. Producers are hoping for rain once the crops are off to help replenish soil moisture for next year.



Rain was received in the north this past week, as pockets of moisture moved through the region. Reports of hail were also received in some areas. The most rain recorded was in the Prince Albert area with 53 mm and the Shellbrook region also recorded significant moisture with 47 mm reported this week. Other areas of the province received some precipitation, with many reporting only trace amounts. Hot temperatures persisted this week, which, coupled with the lack of rain, caused a decrease in soil moisture. Provincially, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 13 per cent adequate, 49 per cent short and 38 per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is very similar, where 11 per cent has adequate moisture, 42 per cent is short and 47 per cent is very short.

[Crop Report for the Period of July 24 to July 31 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## CHECK OUT THIS INTERESTING NEW PODCAST - THE SKoop



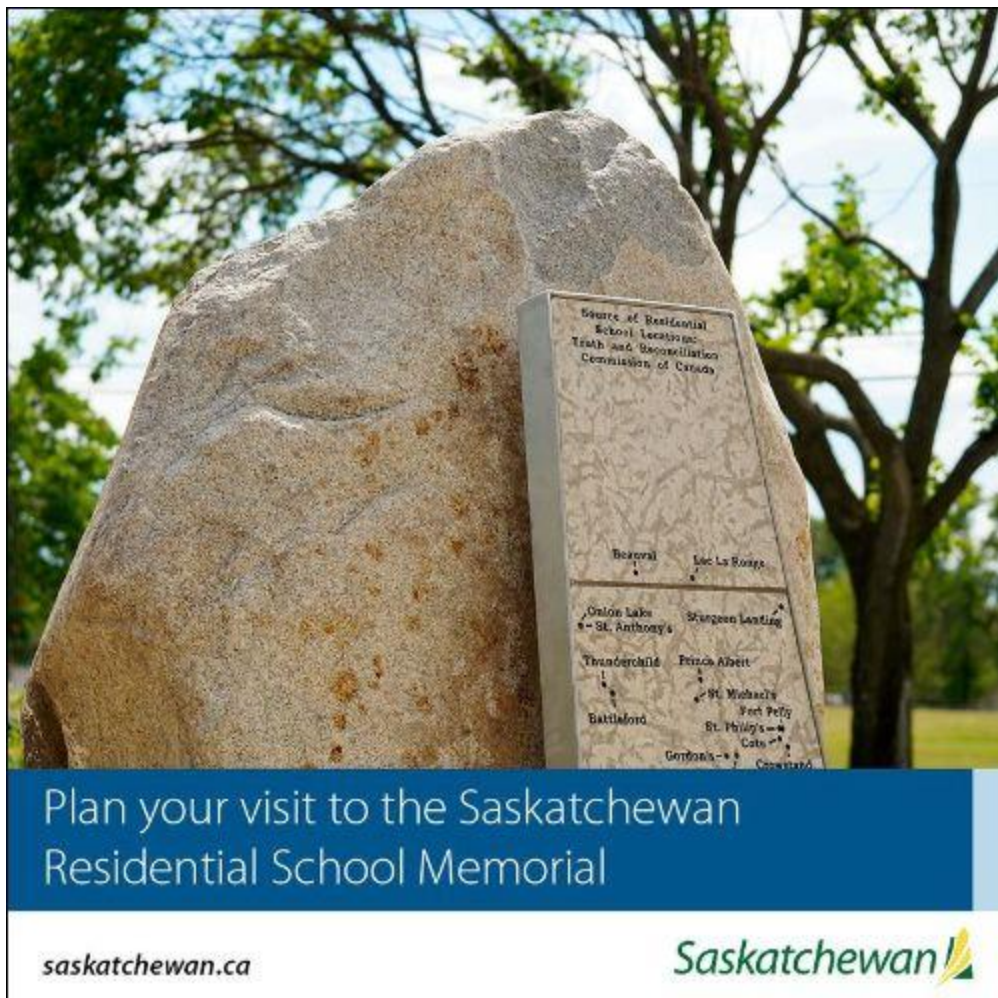
If you are interested in hearing a great podcast, listen to The SKoop - the #1 weekly podcast about Saskatchewan politics, featuring former SaskParty Cabinet Minister Kevin Doherty, NDP insider

Sally Housser, and podcaster and former SaskParty staffer Dale Richardson.

From the headlines to the backrooms, The SCoop is the only place for weekly in-depth political analysis and commentary on Saskatchewan politics.

Check out [theskoop.ca](http://theskoop.ca) website.

## RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL MEMORIAL



The Saskatchewan Residential School Memorial is welcome to visitors all year round. Located on the grounds of Government House in Regina, the Memorial honours Indigenous children who attended residential schools and all others directly or indirectly affected by the legacy residential schools.

Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty and Donna Mirasty met with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, survivors, and their families, and the Memorial was created based on those discussions. The committee asked that the Memorial be made of natural elements, including benches built with reclaimed elm wood and plants native to the area. The plants form a circle around the Memorial to symbolize the circle of life.

The site's focal point is a large central stone, which the Lieutenant Governor and Donna Mirasty found near the south side of the Qu'Appelle Valley. His Honour also incorporated a smaller stone from the La Ronge area, which sits in front of the boulder and can be used for smudging. Mounted on the boulder is a plaque made of Tyndall stone showing a map of Saskatchewan with the locations of former residential schools.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3JpcCNR>

## **SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS FOOD DAY CANADA**



August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is

# Canada Food Day *in Saskatchewan*

An opportunity to celebrate the farmers, ranchers,  
agri-businesses and cooks that produce and  
contribute to Canadian cuisine!



Saskatchewan is proud to join with other provinces across the nation in proclaiming August 5 as Food Day Canada. The day is an opportunity to celebrate Canada's farmers, ranchers, processors, chefs, researchers and home cooks.

"Food Day Canada serves as a link that connects us all through the joy of food," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "We extend our recognition to all the hardworking and dedicated individuals who play a vital role in feeding the world. I encourage everyone to take a moment to share their personal food experiences and celebrate Canadian food."

[Saskatchewan Proclaims Food Day Canada | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SECOND INTAKE PERIOD OPEN FOR SASKATCHEWAN  
VETERANS SERVICE CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM 2023-24**



The second intake period for the Saskatchewan Veteran Service Club Support Program is now open for applications until August 31, 2023.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to continue supporting veterans, their families, and their communities through this program," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said.

"More than \$1.1 million has already been provided to 59 Legion branches, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans (ANAVETS) units, and other registered, non-profit organizations this year."

[Second Intake Period Open for Saskatchewan Veterans Service Club Support Program 2023-24 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN'S Aa (STABLE) CREDIT RATING AFFIRMED  
BY MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE**

# SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

Source: Moody's Investors Service

August 1, 2023

## Saskatchewan's credit rating affirmed by Moody's

"The province maintains high levels of liquidity along with a debt burden which is the lowest among provincial peers, supporting strong debt affordability and low refinancing risks."

» Read More: [saskatchewan.ca](https://saskatchewan.ca)

Moody's Investors Service has affirmed Saskatchewan's Aa1 (stable) credit rating and outlook.

"We are pleased that all three major rating agencies have affirmed their credit ratings for our province," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "Moody's report and affirmation reflect we are headed in the right direction. Saskatchewan's financial outlook remains strong, and we will continue to be fiscally responsible by paying down debt while investing in programs and services that impact the lives of Saskatchewan people."

Saskatchewan currently has the second-highest credit rating among the provinces when all three major rating agencies are considered. In June 2023, S&P Global Ratings affirmed Saskatchewan at its highest credit rating among the provinces, and in July 2023, DBRS Morningstar affirmed Saskatchewan's AA (low) credit rating.

In their release Moody's states: "The province maintains high levels of liquidity along with a debt burden which is the lowest among provincial peers, supporting strong debt affordability and low refinancing risks."

Saskatchewan has the second lowest net-debt to GDP ratio among the provinces. Private sector forecasts have Saskatchewan experiencing real GDP growth of 1.7 per cent in 2023, the second highest amongst provinces.

Saskatchewan continues to experience strong employment, with the third lowest unemployment rate 4.7 per cent among the provinces in June, well below the national average of 5.4 per cent.

## **PASSING LANE PROJECT COMPLETE ON HIGHWAY 16**



The \$50 million passing lane project on Highway 16 is now complete!

New passing lanes now extend from Clavet, east of Saskatoon, to the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border east of Yorkton.

As economic activity across Saskatchewan continues to grow, these new upgrades will ensure traffic moves safely and efficiently across our province.

## **SPEEDS IN SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUND ZONES**





Where school and playground signs do not include a posted speed limit, treat the sign as a caution and pay close attention.

Remember that speeds in school and playground zones with a posted speed limit of 30 km/hr, are in effect from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week, year-round.

Learn more: [saskatoon.ca/speedlimit](https://saskatoon.ca/speedlimit).

**WATER SECURITY AGENCY SUPPORTING FARMERS AND  
RANCHERS THROUGH DROUGHT**

*Growth That Works For Everyone*

# Water Security Agency Supporting Producers

The WSA will make water and vacant land available to support farmers and ranchers experiencing drought conditions.



The Water Security Agency (WSA) announced it will make water and vacant land available to support farmers and ranchers experiencing drought conditions.

"With the well below normal amounts of moisture in many areas across Saskatchewan our government is working hard to support our farmers and ranchers," Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency Jeremy Cockrill said. "WSA is looking to make water available to producers in areas experiencing drought conditions or allow ranchers to utilize vacant WSA owned lands for feed supplies."

[Water Security Agency Supporting Farmers and Ranchers Through Drought | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES TO INVEST IN HEALTH CARE OPPORTUNITIES AS STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL



The Government of Saskatchewan continues to incentivize health care training opportunities for Saskatchewan students and graduates as a main pillar of the four point Health Human Resources (HHR) Action Plan.

The 2023-24 academic year will increase access to educational opportunities for students interested in a health care career by providing approximately 550 new training seats in 18 high demand health occupations, an expansion announced earlier this year. This initiative builds upon the addition of 150 nursing seats announced in 2022.

"Saskatchewan is a great place to train and build a career in health care," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "As we prepare for the upcoming school year, our government continues to prioritize enhancing opportunities to train more health-care professionals here at home and help them succeed."

[Saskatchewan Continues to Invest in Health Care Opportunities as Students Head Back to School | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



## SASKATCHEWAN RESEARCH COUNCIL CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



Saskatchewan Research Council is celebrating 20 years of creating jobs and driving our strong and growing economy forward!

In addition to the creation and maintenance of over 1,400 jobs in Saskatchewan, SRC continues to work with industries across the province to uncover new opportunities when it comes to rare earth elements and critical minerals that can play a key role in global food and energy security in the years to come.

**IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE**



*Growth That Works For Everyone*

## ***Improving Access to Care***

The Saskatchewan Virtual Visit Program allows patients to connect with their health care provider from home using audio or video conferencing.



**Saskatchewan  
Party** *Caucus*

Our government's goal is to ensure that Saskatchewan residents can easily connect with health care providers regardless of where they live. To learn more, visit [Saskatchewan.ca](http://Saskatchewan.ca).

## **SASKATCHEWAN INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

## Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship



Did you know that the [Government of Saskatchewan](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/) works with institutions across Saskatchewan to fund scholarship opportunities for students? 📌

The Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship Program helps institutions provide their students with scholarships to foster innovation and excellence in fields including:

- ✓ Agriculture
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Engineering

Learn more: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../saskatchewan-innovation...>

**THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO IN SASKATOON AND  
THROUGHOUT OUR BEAUTIFUL PROVINCE**



## FAMILY-FRIENDLY SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN SASKATOON



Saskatoonians know how to make the most of summer, and we're here to share some fantastic family-friendly activities that you won't want to miss! Embrace the warmth and beauty of Saskatoon while creating unforgettable memories with your loved ones. Here are some fun free things to do in the city:

<https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../5-free-family.../>

## SASKATCHEWAN EVENTS AND FESTIVALS TO CHECK OUT IN AUGUST



From large national and international events to local village celebrations, Saskatchewan's community and volunteer spirit are legendary. Join the fun at one of these great events in August.

From exhibitions to art shows, check it out! [Saskatchewan Events and Festivals to Check Out in August | Tourism Saskatchewan](#)

**IT'S FRINGE WEEK IN SASKATOON!**



# TICKETS & MORE INFO

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LINK *in* OUR BIO

AUGUST  
3-12

25<sup>th</sup> STREET  
THEATRE

It's Fringe Week, and the excitement is building up!



The Fringe Festival: August 3rd-12th at W.E. Graham Park & 11th Street East.



Broadway Days: August 5th & 6th on Broadway Avenue.

For more details and to grab your theatre tickets <https://www.25thstreettheatre.org/>

**SASKATOON EX AUGUST 8 - 13**



Everyone is getting excited for the [Saskatoon EX](#) at [Prairieland Park](#) kicking off on August 8!

Check out this link for additional information: [Saskatoon EX - The Six Best Days of Summer](#)

**ARE YOU READY FOR FOLKFEST AUGUST 17 & 18?**

## 2023 FOLKFEST PAVILIONS

<b>BANGLADESH</b>	101 Wiggins Avenue South Brunskill School
<b>FRANCOPHONE</b>	2320 Louise Avenue École Canadienne-Française
<b>GERMAN</b>	3021 Louise Street Nutana Legion
<b>INDIAN &amp; MÉTIS</b>	168 Wall Street Saskatoon Indian & Métis Friendship Centre
<b>IRISH</b>	2002 Arlington Avenue Nutana Curling Club
<b>SCOTTISH</b>	503 Ruth Street West Hall A Prairieland Park
<b>CHINESE   INDIA   PAKISTAN</b>	503 Ruth Street West Hall B Prairieland Park
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	503 Ruth Street West Hall C Prairieland Park
<b>UKRAINIAN KARPATY</b>	503 Ruth Street West Hall D Prairieland Park
<b>CAMEROON   IRANIAN JAPAN   NORWAY SRI LANKA   VIETNAMESE</b>	International Place 2010 College Drive Merlis Belsher Place

Discover and explore the traditions and history that make Saskatoon a vibrant and welcoming city! Saskatoon Folkfest is excited to have seventeen pavilions joining in for Folkfest 2023 | Connecting Communities! Join us on August 17 & 18: 5pm-12am and August 19: 3pm-12am.

Check out these great images from the pavilions located at International Place, Merlis Belsher Place! Take a glance at the 2023 Folkfest Pavilion list and for more details head to our website. <https://saskatoonfolkfest.com/pavillions/>

Get your ePassport now - \$16.50 for adults. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. <https://saskatoonfolkfest.com/connecting-communities-2023/>

[Camsask-Camerounians of Saskatchewan-Camerounais de Saskatchewan](#) [Saskatoon Iranian Cultural Association](#) [Saskatoon Japanese Association](#) [Saskatoon Norwegian Cultural Society](#) [Sri Lanka Association of Saskatoon Inc - SLAS](#) [Hội Người Việt Saskatoon Vietnamese Association](#)

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

A promotional poster for the 'Animal Antics Program' at the Saskatoon Zoo Society. The top half has a green background with the title 'ANIMAL ANTICS PROGRAM' in large white letters. Below the title, on the left, a red starburst contains the text 'crafts, games & animal visits!'. In the center, white text reads 'Thursdays: Sept 7th to Oct 26th 9:30 am - 11:30 am'. On the right, another red starburst says 'Ages 4 & 5 \$160'. The bottom half of the poster features two photographs: on the left, a group of children looking at a small turtle on the floor; on the right, children interacting with a large alligator. At the bottom, a dark red banner contains the Saskatoon Zoo Society logo (a paw print) and the text 'SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY'. To the right of the logo, it says 'Registration opens August 8th, 2023' and provides the website 'saskatoonzoosociety.ca/camp-activities'.

Mark your calendars!!!! Our preschool Animal Antics program is opening registration on August 8th. Get your spot before they're

gone!! [#preschool](#) [#preschoolactivities](#) [#yxe](#) [#yxeevents](#) [#yxemoms](#) [#yxelife](#)



## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

### Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns  
As every one of us sometimes learns  
And many a failure comes about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—  
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell just how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

For all the sad words of tongue or pen  
The saddest are these: "It might have been!"

~John Greenleaf Whittier  
(1807-1892)

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