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REMEMBERING SASKATOON PHILANTHROPIST IRENE DUBE



## Remembering Irene Dubé

A legacy of compassion & generosity



**All of us that knew Irene Dubé were saddened to hear of her passing.**

**Irene was a remarkable community supporter, an incredible philanthropist, and someone whose generosity touched countless lives. Her unwavering commitment to helping others made a profound difference in Saskatoon and left a lasting impact on our community. She and her late husband were known for their massive monetary donations to the city's hospitals, educational institutions and several Saskatchewan charities over the years. Irene spoke out about the importance of mental health care, knit hundreds of afghans and blankets by hand, and prayed over each of them for patients and strangers she'd never meet.**

**Together with her late husband, Les, Irene's remarkable philanthropic contributions helped transform health care across our province supporting advancements in children's health, health sciences education, mental health care and patient care.**

**Irene's kindness, compassion, and dedication to making the world a better place will not be forgotten. The legacy she leaves behind will continue to inspire and benefit generations to come.**

**Heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be deeply missed, but her legacy will live on in the many lives she touched.**

**A funeral mass for Irene will be held on Fri, June 19 at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Co-Cathedral at 2 p.m.**



***I appreciate any opportunity to make a positive difference in our constituency.***

***Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.***

***If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.***

## **SOME OF THE EVENTS THIS PAST WEEK**

### **WORKZONE SAFETY AWARENESS EVENT**



**As Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety I, along with the Honourable Kim Gartner, Minister of Highways, had the opportunity to joined partners from the Ministry of Highways, Workers' Compensation Board, City of Regina, Regina Police Service and SGI to highlight the importance of work zone safety as construction season gets underway across Saskatchewan. Every day, flaggers, engineers, labourers, supervisors and many others work to maintain and improve our roads and highways. Their safety depends on all of us.**

**Whether you're travelling in the city or on Saskatchewan's highways, slow down, stay alert and follow work zone signs. A few extra moments of caution can help ensure everyone gets home safely.**

**Work zone safety saves live.**

**FAMILY FUN DAY IN BRIGHTON!**



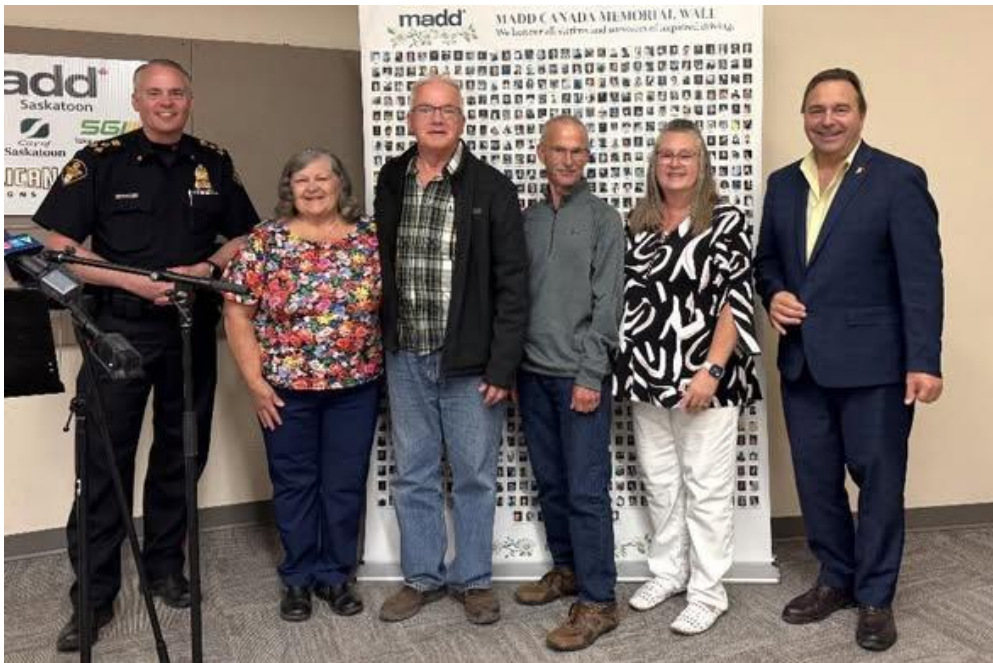
**Over the past number of years, I have had the privilege of serving constituents of Saskatoon Willowgrove.**

**As I make my way through this great community, I see the growth and passion of the people I serve. It was a great evening in one of the fastest growing communities, Brighton! June 10th we had a great time at Family Fun in the Park!**

**It was fantastic to meet so many constituents and have the opportunity to hear their thoughts, ideas, and concerns and talk about the new schools coming to Brighton.**

**A special thank you to everyone who came out and took part, and to all the volunteers whose hard work and support helped make the event such a success. Your engagement and commitment to our community are greatly appreciated.**

**MADD SASKATOON AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**



**I joined MADD Saskatoon to remember the victims and survivors of impaired driving and to recognize the families and communities forever impacted by these preventable tragedies. I personally know the loss these families have experienced. Thank you to Stevenson and VanDeVost families their tireless efforts in raising awareness so others won't have to experience their tragedies.**

**The vehicle on display serves as a powerful reminder of the devastating consequences of impaired driving. Every year in Saskatchewan, lives are lost, families are changed forever, and communities are left to carry the scars. As graduation season and summer celebrations begin, we all have a role to play. Find a safe ride, help a friend get home safely, or stop someone from driving impaired.**

**Together, we can honour those we remember today by looking out for one another and making our roads safer for everyone. Thank you to MADD Saskatoon and its dedicated volunteers for their tireless advocacy, education, and support for victims and survivors. Your work is saving lives.**

**EDWARDS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**



**It was great to spend some time with Dean Keith Willoughby at the Edwards School of Business on the USask campus. Edwards is known for providing an outstanding business education and preparing the next generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals. The School has ambitious plans and a bright future ahead. As Minister of Advanced Education, I am excited to partner with Edwards in these endeavours and support its continued success.**

**SASKATOON COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SERVICE AWARDS**



**It was an honour to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe, Attorney General Tim McLeod, and the Government of Saskatchewan at the Saskatoon Community Safety and Service Awards.**

**The evening celebrated the dedication and professionalism of our Police, Fire, Medical Services, and all First Responders who work tirelessly to keep our communities safe.**

**We were also privileged to hear from guest speaker Chief Tammy Cook-Searson, whose remarks highlighted the importance of service, leadership, and community.**

**Congratulations to all those recognized for their outstanding contributions and commitment to public safety.**

**WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS GARAGE SALE**



**It was a wonderful day last Saturday at the annual Willowgrove University Heights Community Garage Sale! I really enjoyed connecting with residents and visiting with so many constituents throughout the day.**

**There was a great turnout, with visitors from across the city exploring the neighbourhood and supporting local sellers. Events like this are a great reminder of the strong community spirit that makes Saskatoon Willowgrove such great places to live.**

**I even picked up a few gardening tips along the way, and I have to say the yards in Willowgrove are looking fantastic!**

**Thank you to everyone who stopped to say hello and share their thoughts. Enjoy the rest of your weekend!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES!**



***Such an exciting time of year! Congratulations graduates! Each year it gives me great pleasure to deliver congratulatory letters to all grade 12 graduates in our constituency schools.***

***Saskatchewan offers incredible opportunities across many sectors, and it's a great place to build their future, grow their talents, and make a meaningful impact.***

***With graduation season in full swing across the province, I extend my sincere congratulations to all graduates. With Saskatchewan continuing to grow and prosper, this is an exciting time to begin the next chapter of your life and explore the many opportunities available to you. Whether your future lies in healthcare, education, the skilled trades, business, agriculture, or another field, there are rewarding careers and an exceptional quality of life waiting for you right here in Saskatchewan.***

***Every student's journey is unique, and each graduate deserves recognition for reaching this important milestone. While not everyone receives an award or earns a place on the honour roll, every student who has worked hard, persevered through challenges, and completed their studies has achieved something worth celebrating.***

***I also applaud the parents, families, teachers, educational assistants, coaches, and mentors who have supported students throughout their***

***educational journey. Your encouragement, guidance, and dedication have helped make these accomplishments possible.***

***For those entering the workforce directly after graduation rather than pursuing further education, take pride in what you have achieved. Success looks different for everyone, and some students must overcome obstacles and work twice as hard to reach the finish line. If that describes your experience, know that your determination and resilience deserve special recognition.***

***As you move forward, remember that qualities such as kindness, creativity, and generosity are just as important as academic achievement. These attributes will serve you well as you navigate new opportunities and challenges.***

***Your hard work and dedication have brought you to this moment. Celebrate your accomplishments with family and friends, enjoy this special milestone, and look forward to all that lies ahead.***



# Convocation

***Convocation season is a time of celebration across Saskatchewan as graduates from the U of S, U of R, SIIT, FNUC, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Southwest, Suncrest , and Briercrest, Gabriel Dumont and six Regional Colleges mark the completion of their studies and prepare for exciting new opportunities.***

***I extend my heartfelt congratulations to every graduate on this significant achievement. Your hard work, perseverance, and dedication have brought you to this important milestone. As well, I recognize the faculty, staff, families, and friends who have supported students along the way.***

***Saskatchewan is fortunate to have outstanding post-secondary institutions that prepare the next generation of leaders, innovators, skilled professionals, and community builders.***

***Congratulations to the graduates of our excellent post-secondary institutions across this great province. For post-secondary graduates, be sure to take advantage of Saskatchewan's Graduate Retention Program. The program provides up to \$24,000 in income tax credits to graduates who choose to live and work in Saskatchewan after completing their studies.***

***Your futures are bright. Congratulations once again to the Class of 2026. I wish you every success in the years ahead.***



**YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT**



***Saskatchewan's economy continues to grow with key investments in our infrastructure, education system, and entrepreneurial sectors. Through these investments, our government continues to support communities and drive long-term growth across the province.***

***Building on this economic momentum, manufacturing sales reached \$2 billion in March 2026. Saskatchewan led the country in month-over-month growth. Statistics Canada reported a 20.6 per cent increase over February and an 18.3 per cent year-over-year increase. These results highlight the strength of Saskatchewan's industries and the advantages of a competitive business environment that attracts investment, creates opportunities, and protects Saskatchewan people. This builds on our record 2025 real GDP of \$85.4 billion and a 12 per cent rise in private capital investment, the largest increase in Canada.***

***Alongside this domestic growth, our government is expanding its global trade presence. Premier Moe will lead a trade delegation to explore new opportunities across the European Union, meeting with officials and industry leaders in Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium. These meetings will promote Saskatchewan's safe, reliable, and sustainably produced food, fuel, and fertilizer. These trade missions strengthen access to key markets and***

**support efforts to grow exports as targeted in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan.**

**At the same time, we are reinforcing our trade relationship with China, building on tariff reductions secured earlier this year. Discussions focused on maintaining stable, predictable access for Saskatchewan producers and expanding opportunities in agriculture, energy, and critical minerals. Together, these missions highlight our government's commitment to opening markets, supporting exporters, and ensuring Saskatchewan products remain competitive on the world stage.**

**As these trade relationships strengthen, we continue advancing major infrastructure projects that support families and communities. Construction of the new Prince Albert Victoria Hospital acute care tower has reached 50 per cent completion. This marks a significant milestone for one of the largest health-care investments in Saskatchewan's history. The tower will increase capacity by approximately 40 per cent, expanding inpatient beds from 174 to 242. It will feature a rooftop heliport, larger emergency and operating rooms, dedicated pediatrics and maternity units, a new adult mental health unit, an intensive care unit, and the region's first MRI. Mechanical, electrical, and interior work continues to progress. This project will deliver meaningful improvements to ensure northern residents receive the right care in the right place at the right time.**

**Further supporting Saskatchewan families, education infrastructure is also expanding. On May 27, we celebrated the grand opening of St. Raphael School in North Regina. It is located within a new joint-use elementary facility. This modern school reflects our commitment to strong learning environments and student success. Our government invested \$63.7 million towards this project. The facility includes capacity for 1,000 students, a shared community space, and a 51-space childcare centre. This new school will strengthen family connections and provide students with a supportive place to learn and grow.**

**In addition to new school spaces, we continue to support teachers through new opportunities that enhance classroom learning. For the 2026-27 school year, we are investing \$1.5 million to support 33 new teacher-led projects**

***through the Teacher Innovation and Support Fund. Since 2024, the fund has supported 169 projects with nearly \$6.5 million. These investments help teachers deliver creative, hands-on learning experiences across the province.***

***Encouraging innovation remains central to our economic strategy. Applications are now open for the second intake of the Saskatchewan Young Entrepreneur Bursary. The program will provide up to 57 bursaries of \$5,000 to business owners aged 18 to 35. It also supports entrepreneurs operating for less than 10 years and reflects our belief that Saskatchewan is one of the best places in Canada to start and grow a business. This initiative is administered by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. It received more than 340 applications from 87 communities last year.***

***Together, these developments show how Saskatchewan is growing, building, and investing in its people. From leading the nation in manufacturing growth to expanding health care capacity, opening new schools, and supporting teachers and young entrepreneurs, our government remains focused on delivering meaningful progress for families and communities across this great province.***

If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, you can contact my constituency office.

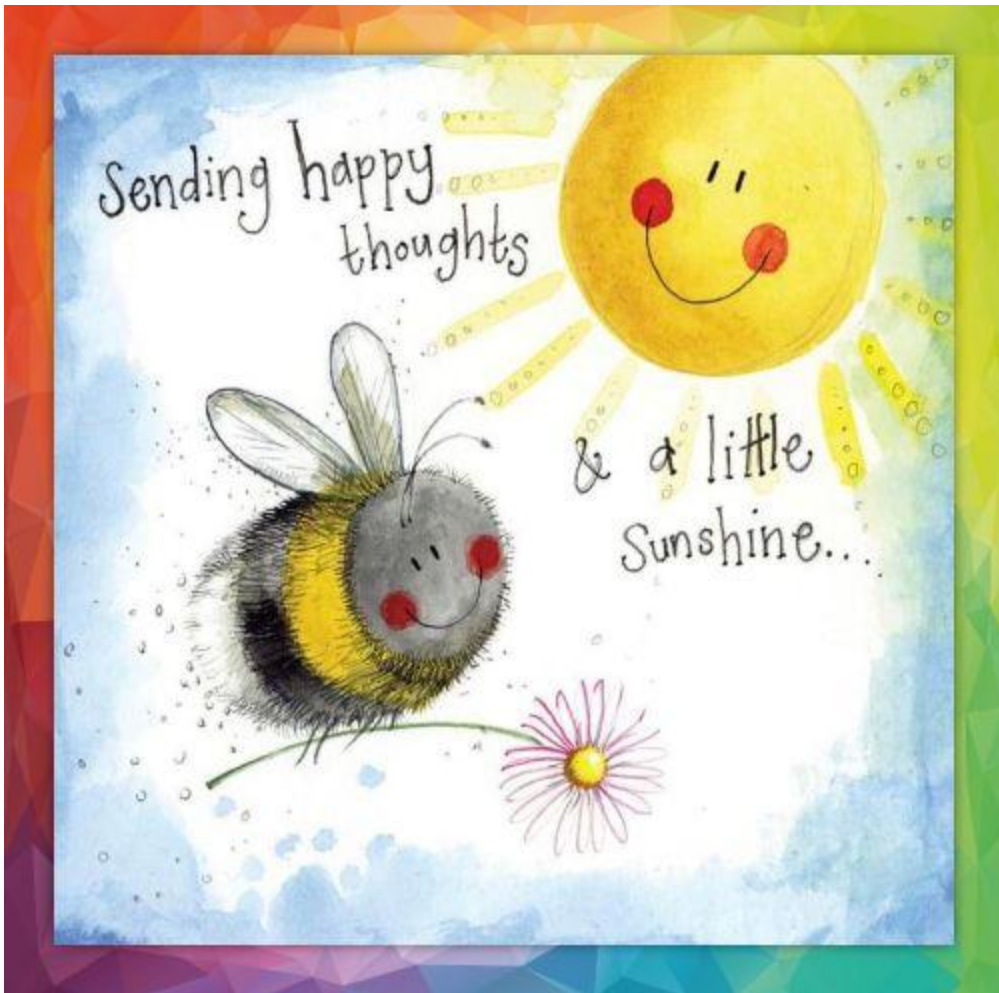
**SASKATCHEWAN RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN**



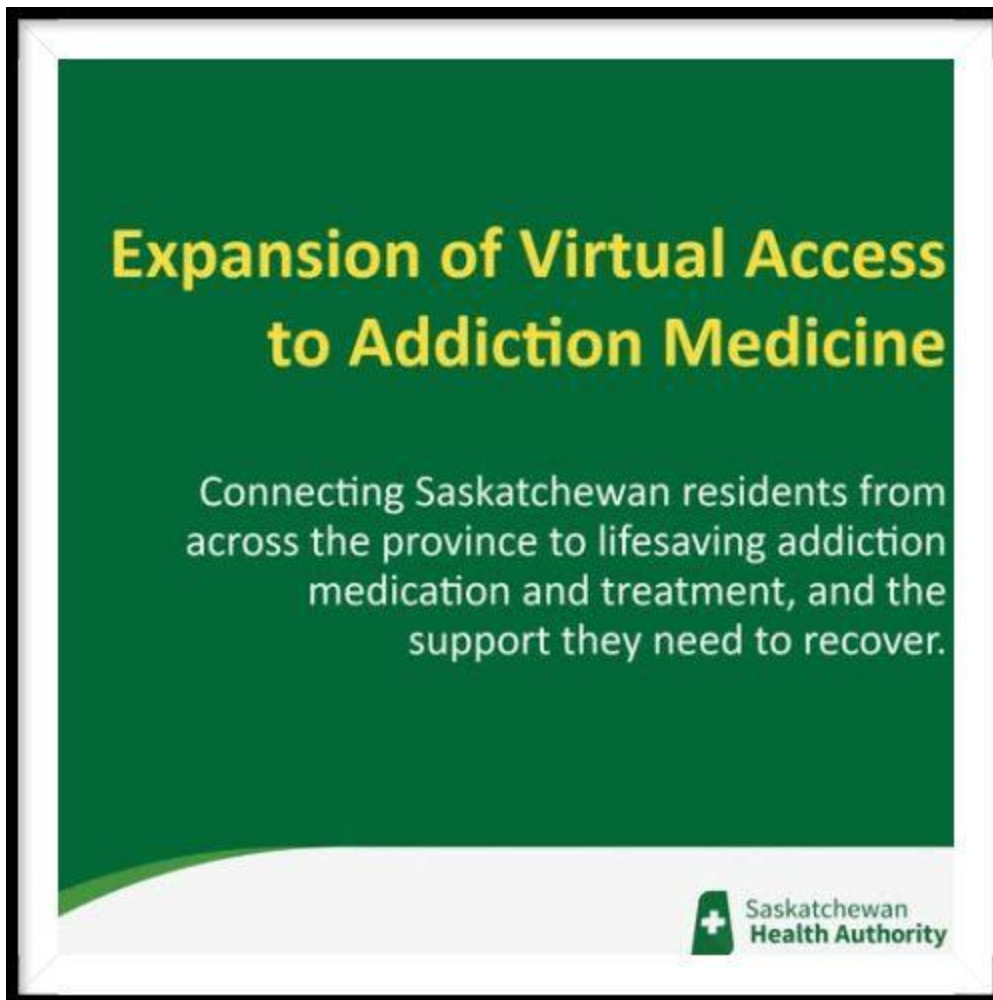
**The Government of Saskatchewan continues to partner with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan to help female offenders transition from custody and rebuild their lives with stability and supports. The province will invest \$918,000 over two years, providing the Elizabeth Fry Society with \$459,000 in annual funding for 2026-27 and 2027-28.**

***"Our \$918,000 investment in the Elizabeth Fry Society ensures that female offenders transitioning from custody have the supports they need to start strong, rebuild their lives and move forward with confidence in a healthy, stable environment," Community Safety Minister Michael Weger said." These supports strengthen families, help to reduce reoffending and contribute to safe and secure communities for everyone in the province."***

[Saskatchewan Renews Partnership with Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



**EXPANSION OF VIRTUAL ACCESS TO ADDICTION MEDICINE**



**The Virtual Access to Addiction Medicine (VAAM) program recently expanded to additional communities and surrounding areas, including Arborfield, Carrot River, Choiceland, Esterhazy, Hudson Bay, Kahkewistahaw First Nation, La Ronge, Melville, Pinehouse, Porcupine Plain, Tisdale and Yorkton.**

**Learn more:** <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../expansion-of-virtual..>

**HAVE YOU TRIED THESE 10 QUINTESSENTIAL CANADIAN FOODS?**



**As Canada Day approaches, I thought it would be a great time to share some classic food everyone needs to try at least once! From centuries old soups to decadent desserts, here are 10 truly iconic Canadian dishes:**

**What Canadian food truly captures the time-honoured traditions and flavours of our country, and make for essential eating if you're visiting from afar? Although it's by no means exhaustive, this roundup of 10 quintessential Canadian foods is a great place to start.**

1. Poutine



2. Canadian Bacon



3. Beaver Tails



4. Caesars



5. Canadian Pizza



6. Butter Tarts



7. Nanaimo Bars



8. Split Pea Soup



9. Tourtiere



10. Ketchup

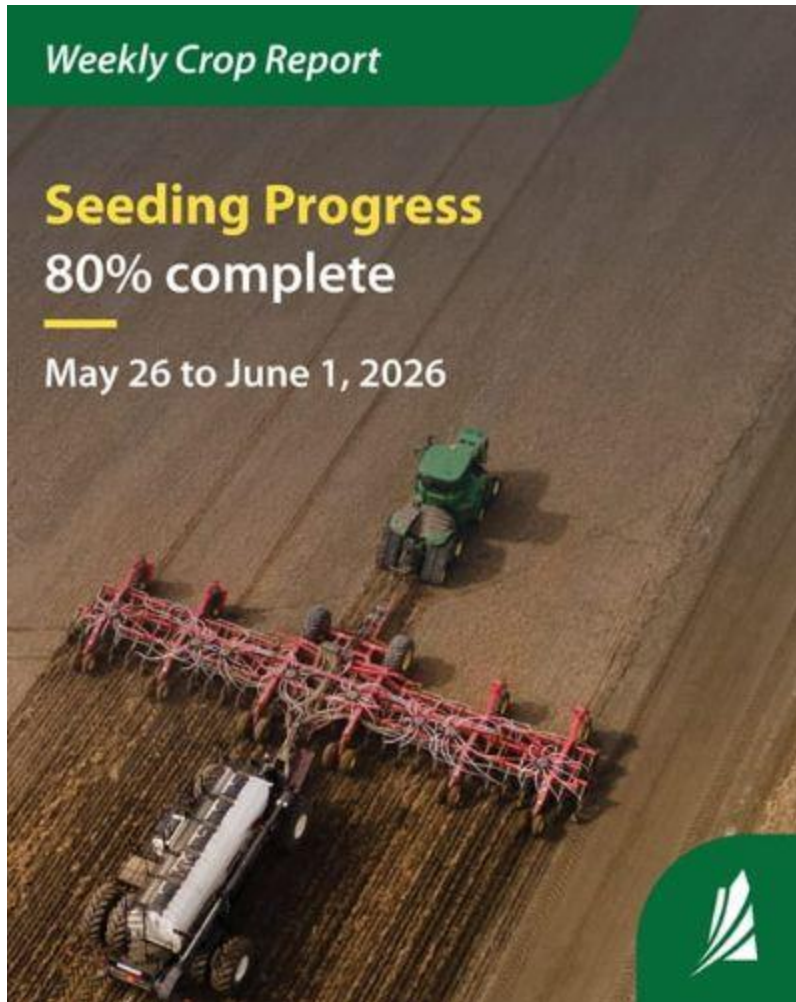


**CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 2 TO 8, 2026**

*Weekly Crop Report*

## Seeding Progress 80% complete

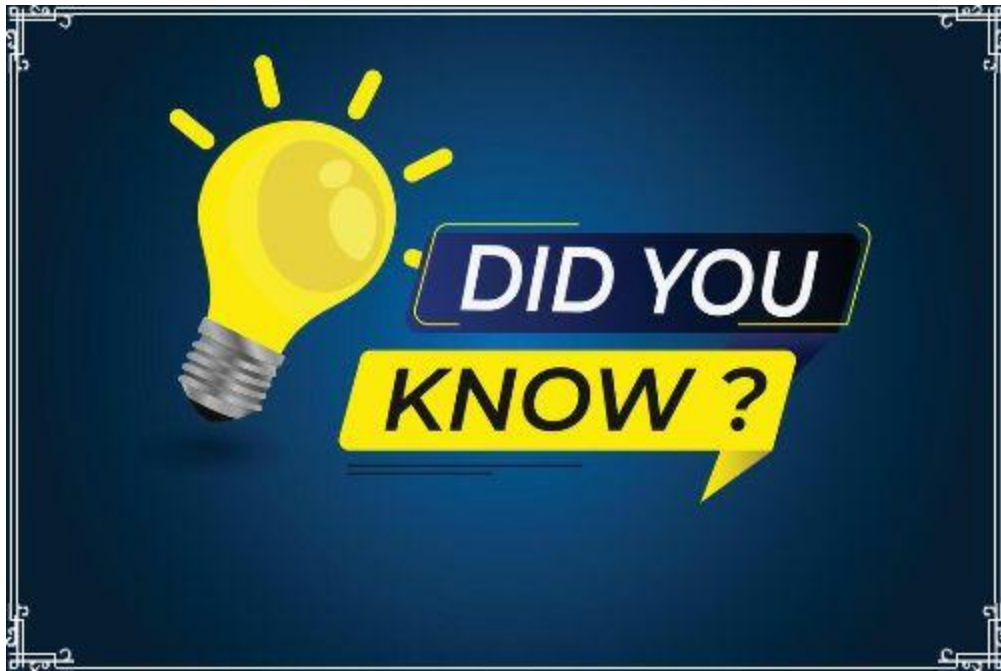
May 26 to June 1, 2026



**Seeding progress continued to advance this week with some regions nearing completion. Seeding is 93 per cent complete, which is up from 80 per cent last week but still trailing behind the five- and ten-year average of 97 per cent.**

**The west-central region is 98 per cent complete followed closely by the southwest region at 97 per cent. The southeast region is 96 per cent complete, the northwest 95 per cent and northeast 92 per cent. The east-central region made progress this week but is still behind the other regions at 84 per cent complete.**

[Crop Report for The Period June 2 to 8, 2026 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



**Best-before dates and expiration dates are NOT the same.**

**↓ Best Before Date (BB) is about food quality. Food can be eaten after that date, but it might not be at its best.**



➔ **Expiration Date (Exp)** is about food safety. It's the **LAST** day you can safely eat it. After that, throw out.

**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**



**FAMILY FUN SASKATOON THIS WEEKEND**



WEEKEND GUIDE | What are your plans for the weekend?

Here are four ideas for you, and if you're looking for more find the whole guide on our website.

🦖 Check out Jurassic Quest | June 12 – 14, 2026 | Prairieland Park | Find a LEGO®-themed play area, crafts, inflatables, and a Glow Zone.

🎵 Spring Fling on Broadway Avenue | June 13, 2026 | 📺 At this family-friendly event you will find sales, music and dancing, performers, food and art and more.

👤 Admission By Donation at Wanuskewin | June 13-14, 2026 | 📺 Admission by donation days are back at Wanuskewin, thanks to Innovation Federal Credit Union.

🎨 Art in the Park Summer Festivals | June 14, 2026 | Buena Vista Park, Saskatoon | 📺 There will be a lot of local vendors and artists, fun for the kids, and more!

Find the guide here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

## ANNUAL CIVIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The City will soon be celebrating five decades of flipping pancakes, building community spirit and supporting our local charity partner, United Way Saskatoon & Area. We are thrilled to announce that the City of Saskatoon's 50th Anniversary Civic Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will return this summer!

## BRIGHTON EVENTS



🎵 **June 18-19: Jazz Fest Pop-Up Series 5 pm**



🧘 **June – August: Weekly Fitness Series (Barre, Yoga, Pilates & Cycle) Times and dates vary**

🎬 **Aug 14: Movie & Science in the Park 6:30 pm**

**Head to the link in our bio to see the full schedule, location details, and fitness signup info!**

[Facebook](#)

**EACCA FUNDRAISER - JUNE 20TH**



**Save the date!**

**CHECK OUT THIS UPCOMING FAMILY DAY AT SAVE ON FOODS IN BRIGHTON**



**June 20th!**

**OUTSKIRTS MUSIC FESTIVAL**



**Set on the edge of Saskatoon, Outskirts Music Festival blends wide-open skies with boundary-pushing sound. This genre-defying live experience brings together some of the biggest artists in the world and local talent in an asphalt-to-anthem setting...loud and legendary! <https://outskirtsmusicfest.ca/>**

### **CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS**



**Plan to attend!**

**Details:** [Canada Day Saskatoon 2026](#)

**SASK JAZZ FEST**



**Save the date for the 39th Annual Festival: July 5-11, 2026.**

### **SASKATOON FOLKFEST**



Mark your calendars for Folkfest 2025!

Priarieland Park - August 15 & 16 (3pm to midnight)

**ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES**



[Saskatchewan Expands Export Markets Across European Union | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[WSA to Significantly Increase Flows from Gardiner Dam - Caution Urged on South Sask River | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Addiction Treatment Spaces Increase in Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[June Oil and Gas Public Offering Raises Nearly \\$18 Million in Revenue | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Second Stage Housing Officially Opens in Meadow Lake | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY IN MEMORY OF IRENE DUBE**



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and brightens the  
day for both those  
who receive and  
those who give.

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