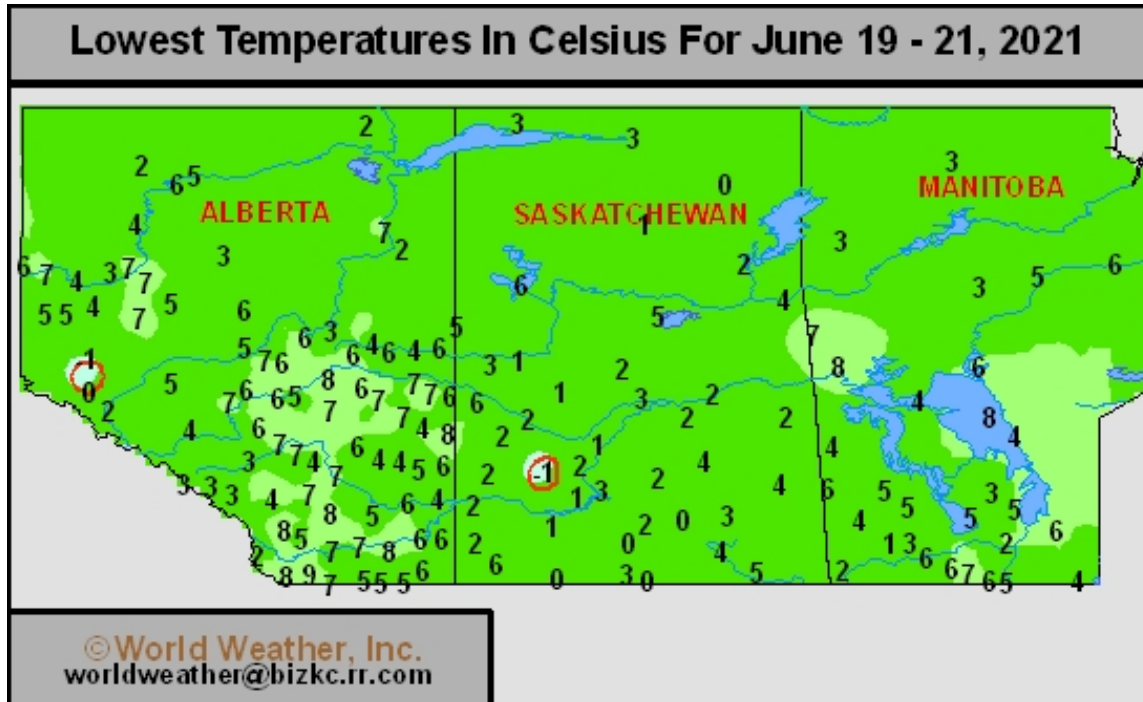


Frost in Saskatchewan, Canada This Morning

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Kansas City, June 21 (World Weather Inc.) – *Frost and a couple of light freezes occurred in Saskatchewan grain and oilseed production areas this morning. The impact was not suspected of being very great due to the short duration of the threatening cold. However, an assessment of the situation will be forthcoming over the next few days.*



Rosetown, Saskatchewan was coldest this morning with an extreme low of 30 degrees Fahrenheit (-1C). Other temperatures that reached freezing occurred at Val Marie, Regina, Assiniboia and Coronach while many other temperatures across the province and in far southwestern Manitoba dropped into the middle and upper 30s (1-3C).

World Weather, Inc. noted that most of the coldest temperatures occurred for less than an hour or two and probably did not have a huge impact on crops. However, freezes would damage canola and negatively impact some of the coarse grain and oilseed crops in the province if they occurred for a long enough period of time. *Frost of short duration that occurs at temperatures above freezing will harm some leaves on the outer canopy of crops produced in the central Prairies, but without the duration of freezes being longer the odds are very good that the impact on crops was kept low.* Temperatures within two hours of the frost event were already back high into the 40s Fahrenheit and rising rapidly.

An assessment of the damage will begin this afternoon and with warmer temperatures impacting the Prairies over the next couple of days any evidence of damage should show up quickly. *Plant death or serious sterilization of the reproductive parts of the various crops impacted is not likely minimizing the impact on production.*

A little soft frost might have also impacted a few counties or parts of counties in northeastern Montana and far northern North Dakota, but most temperatures noted in those areas were above 37 Fahrenheit (2C)

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