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## **Autumn precipitation much above normal in central plains, much below normal in north and mountains**

Fall precipitation totals (September through October 2006) were generally much above normal to above normal in the central plains and much below to below normal in the northern one-third of the province. Much below to below normal precipitation was also recorded in most mountain and foothill areas south of Jasper, Drumheller and the Medicine Hat-Lethbridge area.

Precipitation during the month of October was much below to below normal in most of northern Alberta, the Oyen-Medicine Hat area and most mountain and foothills south of Jasper. The remainder of the province recorded generally much above to above normal precipitation.

### **Other Highlights (As of November 1)**

- Water storage in the major irrigation and hydroelectric reservoirs of southern and central Alberta is generally normal, with the exceptions of the Oldman Reservoir, Lake Abraham and Keho Lake, which are above normal and Spray Lake, Barrier and Travers reservoirs, which are below normal.
- Water storage volumes in major reservoirs in the Athabasca River basin are below normal.

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