

Question

Which barn was considered the largest barn in North America at the time it was built?

- a) Smith Barn near Leader
- b) Bell Barn near Indian Head
- c) Robertson Barn at Zealandia
- d) Motherwell Homestead barn near Abernethy
- e) Main Barn at the University of Saskatchewan

Answer

a) Smith Barn. William T. "Horseshoe" Smith, originally from Kentucky, farmed on a grand scale in the Leader district. He pastured large numbers of livestock, with 2,000 horses, 2,000 hogs, 10,000 sheep, and 1,600 mules.

In 1914, Smith began building an enormous barn that measured 122 metres (400 feet) long, 39 metres (128 feet) wide, and 18 metres (60 feet) high. A crew of 100 men worked for five months on the project. On the night of its grand opening, two bands were hired – one to play at each end!

Just four years after it was completed, Smith died. A few years later, this monument to excess was torn down, and 875,000 board feet of fir lumber were salvaged.

Today only the foundation remains and a scale model that gives an idea of the incredible size of the barn. To visit the barn site, head west of Leader on grid road #741 and follow the signs.



Model of the Smith Barn.

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Question

How many dozen eggs does Saskatchewan produce each year?

- a) 500,000 dozen
- b) 2,000,000 dozen
- c) 8,000,000 dozen
- d) 12,000,000 dozen
- e) 22,000,000 dozen

Answer

e) According to Statistics Canada figures, Saskatchewan egg production in recent years has been around 22,000,000 dozen or 264,000,000 eggs. The 1 million hens laying those eggs were sure kept busy, averaging about 264 eggs per hen per year!

Question

Name Saskatchewan's highest waterfall (in a single drop).

- a) Nistowiak Falls
- b) Hunt Falls
- c) Smoothrock Falls
- d) MacFarlane River Falls
- e) Elizabeth Falls

Answer

b) Hunt Falls (also known as Lefty's Falls) on the Grease River north of Lake Athabasca has the largest single drop – approximately 15 metres (almost 50 feet). The falls are also 60 metres (197 feet) wide. Along a three-kilometre stretch, which includes Hunt Falls, the Grease River drops 35 metres (115 feet). The falls are set in spectacular Precambrian Shield wilderness, surrounded by high cliffs and forested hills, and were named after W.E.D. Hunt, a Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Stoker First Class, who died in World War II.

All of the above choices are impressive Saskatchewan waterfalls, however none has as high a single drop as Hunt Falls.



Hunt Falls.

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Question

Why is a community in northeast Saskatchewan called Southend?

- a) It's at the southern end of the Athabasca basin where the rivers flow north.
- b) It's at the southern end of Reindeer Lake.
- c) It was the southernmost Hudson's Bay Company trading post during the fur trade.
- d) It was named by Sir John Franklin for the southernmost point on his expedition to find the Northwest Passage.
- e) It's at the southern end of Wollaston Lake.

Answer

- b) It's at the southern end of Reindeer Lake.

Question

Why is a town in southwest Saskatchewan called Eastend?

- a) It's at the east end of the Cypress Hills.
- b) It was the traditional eastern boundary of the Blackfoot Confederacy.
- c) It was at the eastern end of the District of Assiniboia.
- d) It was at the eastern end of the District of Alberta.
- e) It was the eastern terminus of the CPR's western Canada division.

Answer

- a) It's at the east end of the Cypress Hills.

Question

Which community calls itself the "Blizzard Capital of Saskatchewan"?

- a) Kennedy
- b) Kinistino
- c) Kyle
- d) Kelvington
- e) Kenaston

Answer

e) The village of Kenaston on Hwy. #11 calls itself the Blizzard Capital of Saskatchewan. The Chamber of Commerce came up with the name following a particularly bad blizzard in 1978. More than 100 people ended up storm-stayed in the village, and spent the night in the local Catholic church or billeted with families. The snowfall was so heavy that visitors had to be shuttled around on snowmobiles. The rink roof collapsed under the weight of the snow.



In recognition of Kenaston's title, a 5.5-metre (18-foot) fiberglass snowman was built in a park on the west end of the village near the railway tracks.

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Question

Which Saskatchewan community is considered the sunniest place in Canada?

- a) Eastend
- b) Estevan
- c) Saskatoon
- d) Swift Current
- e) Regina

Answer

b) Estevan bills itself as the "Sunshine Capital of Canada" for good reason. According to Environment Canada, Estevan has the greatest average annual number of sunny hours – 2,537.

Question

Which community holds the record for the highest precipitation in one year?

- a) Kamsack
- b) Hudson Bay
- c) Lloydminster
- d) Cree Lake
- e) La Loche

Answer

a) In 1921, Kamsack received 916 mm (36.6 inches) of precipitation. This part of eastern Saskatchewan normally gets less than half that amount of precipitation in a year.