Southwest Region
Precipitation was minimal over the past week and temperatures remained cool.
The majority of winter cereal crops have been fertilized. A few fields were seeded to peas and wheat but the majority are still too wet for field operations. Warm, dry weather conditions are needed to help improve field conditions.
Pastures have started to green up which is welcomed by producers with short feed supplies.

Northwest Region
Soil moisture conditions in the region range from wet in the RM of Alonsa and areas surrounding Waterhen, Meadow Portage and Crane River to dry in regions around Roblin. Several centimeters of snow fell across the western side of the region, with Roblin receiving 15 to 18 cm.
Winter wheat and fall rye crops are in fair to poor condition as they were seeded late last fall and have had little spring growth due to the cool temperatures.
Spring field operations have started in selected areas. If warm, dry weather continues, seeding should start by the end of the week.
Livestock producers are experiencing short feed supplies in the RM of Alonsa and areas surrounding Waterhen, Meadow Portage and Crane River. Producers are having issues hauling in feed with the wet conditions of yards and roads. Hay fields and pastures in the region need warm weather for growth.

Central Region
Cool wet weather was the order for the past week. Rainfall amounts for the region on April 29 ranged from 10 to 20 mm.
Winter wheat has started to grow and producers have been fertilizing fields able to support equipment. There are a few concerns with winter wheat fields that have patchy stands and are not showing new growth. Warmer temperatures will help with further assessments of fields.
Few select fields in the MacGregor, Carberry, Treherne, Lowe Farm and Elm Creek areas were seeded to wheat and canola. Potato seeding started at Carberry and Treherne.
Producers along the Red River and other major rivers are waiting for the water to recede to evaluate their winter wheat and to determine when they will be able to seed.
Hay fields and pastures are starting to green up and will show improvement with warm weather.

Eastern Region
Soil moisture conditions are rated as full across the region with some fields still fully or partially under water.
Winter wheat and fall rye crops are in fair to good condition with winter survival assessments continuing as warmer temperatures promote further growth. A limited amount of fertilization of winter wheat and hay fields has occurred.
Majority of the fields have remained too wet for fieldwork. High crop residue levels from the 2008 harvest and low day time temperatures are delaying drying. Soil temperatures also remain low.
Hay field and pasture conditions are also in fair to good condition.

Interlake Region
Soil moisture conditions are rated as full across the region. Strong drying conditions have prevailed over the last two weeks.
Winter wheat fields are greening up and winter survival is being monitored as regrowth is variable throughout many fields. Fertilizer has been applied on some winter wheat fields and will continue as soil moisture conditions improve.
It is expected that seeding will commence by mid-May where conditions permit. Prior to seeding of some fields, producers will have to harvest remaining crop from last fall or manage harvest ruts.