Southwest Region
Precipitation was minimal over the past week and temperatures remained cool.
Seeding continued throughout the region as field conditions improved.
Seeding of wheat is 20% complete.
Sixty-five percent of the peas are seeded south of Highway #1 and 45% are seeded north of Highway #1.
Winter cereal crops have started to green up and most producers have completed fertilizing.
Weed control of winter annuals has started.
Pastures have started to grow but the cool weather has been a factor.
In some areas of the region producers have put cattle out to pasture and are supplemental feeding.

Northwest Region
Weather over the past week consisted of traces of snow and cool temperatures. Soil moisture conditions remain high in the Dauphin and Ste. Rose areas.
Fertilizer applications are in progress with seeding just getting underway across the region.
Seeding of wheat varies from 5% complete around the Dauphin area to 10% complete in the Roblin area.
Warm dry weather is needed to further advance spring field operations.
Hay fields and pastures remain in poor condition because of cold temperatures and excessive moisture last fall.

Central Region
The past week saw cool temperatures and trace amounts of snow.
Progress of cereal seeding varies across the region with 25% complete at Treherne, 20% complete at Portage la Prairie, 10% complete at Morden, 5 to 10% complete at Somerset/Pilot Mound and 1% complete at Altona/Morris.
In the majority of the region seeding of canola is approximately 1% complete. Near Portage la Prairie canola seeding is 10% complete. A few fields have been planted to corn.
Potato seeding is 40% complete at Treherne and 20% complete at Portage la Prairie/Carberry.
Producers are trying to speed up field drying by harrowing fields prior to seeding. Field work was not completed on a number of fields last fall so producers are trying to work these fields prior to starting seeding operations.
Water levels are dropping on fields along the main rivers. Fields where water has receded remain too wet for field operations.
Winter wheat stands remain a concern for producers due to poor growth. Some producers are waiting to fertilize until the stands can be assessed.
Winter annual weeds are doing well in the cool weather. Volunteer canola and volunteer wheat have emerged.
Hay and pasture fields are starting to show more growth. Fertilizer is being applied to hay fields and pasture. Some producers have put cattle out to pasture.

Eastern Region
Seeding operations have started with wheat, canola, corn, oats and barley being planted. In the St.Pierre, Steinbach and La Broquerie areas, 10% of the crop area has been seeded.
Fertilization of winter wheat and hay fields continued. Winter wheat stands are rated as poor to fair across the region. Stand loss is mainly due to winterkill and flooding.
Hay fields and pasture conditions are rated as fair to good with little evidence of significant growth thus far.
Interlake Region

Limited precipitation and cooler daytime temperatures prevailed for most of the week.

Seeding operations have started with canola and wheat being seeded in the Teulon area. However, the majority of fields remain too wet for seeding operations.

Fertilizer applications continue on winter wheat fields and forage crops. Many winter wheat fields have patchy stands with areas of winterkill.