Southwest Region
Precipitation in the form of rain and snow halted seeding operations early in the week. Rainfall amounts ranged from 18 mm up to 100 mm and areas north of Highway #16 received 8 to 10 cm of snow. However, by the weekend seeding operations were underway. Overall moisture condition is rated as good to wet.

Progress of seeding operations varied across the region with cereals 50 to 65% completed, canola 10 to 25% completed, peas 100% completed, sunflowers 30% completed and flax 5 to 10% completed. Crop emergence is slow due to the cool wet conditions.

Central Region
Warm weather early in the week turned to below average temperatures. Rainfall amounts ranged from 25 mm up to 70 mm and trace amounts of snow fell in much of the region, halting seeding operations.

Seeding of cereal crops varied across the region with 2% completed in the Altona and Morris areas, 5 to 20% completed in the Somerset, Pilot Mound, Starbuck and Carman areas, 30 to 35% completed in the Morden and Portage la Prairie areas, and 65% completed in the Treherne area. Canola seeding varied with 2% completed in the Altona and Morris areas and 20 to 25% completed in the Morden, Portage la Prairie and Carman areas. Seeding of peas are 20% completed. Ten percent of the corn is planted near Carman and Portage la Prairie. Seeding of edible beans has started. Forty percent of the potatoes are planted in the Portage la Prairie area. In other areas of the region, field operations have been limited due to wet conditions. Crop emergence is slow due to cool conditions.

Water levels continue to drop in flooded areas. Producers are trying to open field drains and culverts plugged by flood debris, silt and straw, along with clean up of larger debris left by receding floodwaters. Land remains too wet for field operations.

Winter wheat stands are rated in poor to fair condition as new growth is limited. Fertilizer is being applied where field conditions allow. Some fields are being sprayed with glyphosate in anticipation of re-seeding. Fall rye stands are rated in good condition.

Volunteer cereals and canola are growing, as are perennial weeds such as dandelions, curled dock and quackgrass. Winter annuals are flowering.

Hay fields and pasture are slow to green up. Cows continue to go out to pasture with hay being supplemented.

Eastern Region
Seeding operations that were starting to become general at the start of last week were halted by the precipitation. Rainfall amounts ranged from 37 to 50 mm. Soil moisture conditions are rated as full across the region.

Progress of seeding varied across the region with wheat, barley and oats 10 to 15% completed. Canola seeding varied with 5 to 15% completed while soybean and
sunflower seeding had just begun in most areas to a maximum of 5% completed. Approximately 5 to 25% of the corn is planted depending on the area. No emergence has been noted although there is evidence of germination.

Winter wheat stands are rated as fair to poor. Stand loss due to winterkill and flooding has been widespread. Fertilization of winter wheat fields that remain in production is almost complete.

Grass seed fields are greening up. Hay fields and pasture conditions are rated as fair to good with growth now evident but delayed.

**Interlake Region**

Precipitation started on Wednesday morning with accumulations up to 75 mm. Snowfall amounts in Gimli to the northern areas of the region ranged from 10 to 30 cm. Soil moisture conditions are rated as full across the region.

In the southern areas of the region, 25 to 40% of the acres were seeded to wheat, oats and canola. In the northern areas of the region, some field work occurred early in the week and seeding on a small number of fields to wheat took place. However, majority of the fields remain too wet for seeding operations. Winter wheat stands are rated as poor resulting in assessments by Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation.