Southwest Region
Little to no rainfall allowed seeding to progress over the past week. Cereal seeding is 90% complete, canola is 75% complete, sunflowers are 80% complete and flax is 70% complete.

Early seeded cereal crops are in the 1 to 2 leaf stage and canola crops range from emergence to 1 leaf stage.

Producers continue burn off weed control measures on fields where crops have not emerged. Producers are also scouting early seeded fields for weed control. Scouting for flea beetles on early seeded canola fields continues.

Most producers have moved cattle to pasture. Pastures are rated as poor to average condition as the cool weather has limited growth.

Northwest Region
Dry and warm weather conditions allowed seeding to progress over the past week. Soil moisture conditions range from full in some areas to dry around Roblin and Swan Valley.

Cereal seeding is 75% complete and canola seeding ranges from just starting to nearly complete in the Roblin and Ste.Rose areas. Limited seeding has occurred in McCreary, Alsona and some areas around Dauphin.

In the Roblin and Swan River areas, 25 to 75% of the early seeded cereal crops have emerged and 15 to 50% of the canola crop has emerged.

Flea beetle activity has being reported in the Swan Valley area. Winter wheat and fall rye crops are rated in fair condition.

Growth in hay fields and pastures remain slow. Producers who have limited feed supplies are moving cattle to pasture.

Central Region
Cool, wet weather slowed seeding progress early in the week but good progress was made late in the week in all areas.

In the western part of the region, cereal seeding is 80 to 100% complete with the Gladstone, Manitou and Darlingford areas delayed due to wet soil moisture conditions. In the central areas, many producers have finished seeding. In the eastern part of the region, seeding progress ranges from 25 to 65% complete. Morris and Rosenort areas are reporting the least progress. Many locations report broadcast seeding of canola where field conditions allow for heavy harrowing or disk ing in behind the floater. Majority of corn, sunflower and potato acres are seeded. Edible bean seeding has started.

Crops are slow to germinate and emerge due to cool weather and cold, wet soil conditions. Some cereal fields are in the 1 to 2 leaf stage. Canola crops range from germinating to 1 leaf stage.

In canola, frost injury above the escarpment has been reported. Flea beetle activity has been noted, with the odd field requiring control measures. Volunteer cereals and canola are growing, as are perennial weeds including dandelions, curled dock, quackgrass and Canada thistle. Winter annual weeds are flowering. Annual weed growth has been slow.

Much of the winter wheat acres in the eastern part of the region will be re-seeded due to winterkill. Winter wheat fields that remain in production are rated in good condition.

Hay fields and pasture growth continues to be slow due to cold temperatures. Winter injury in some hay fields has been reported.

Eastern Region
While there was some intermittent rainfall last week, seeding operations continued across the region. Soil moisture conditions are rated as full.

Seeding progress is variable across the region with central areas more advanced than southern areas. Cereal seeding is 10 to 70% complete, canola is 10 to 70%
complete, soybeans are 25 to 80% complete, corn is 10 to 95% complete, sunflowers are 10 to 50% complete, field peas are 70% complete and flax is 20 to 30% complete.

Early seeded cereal crops range from emergence to 2 leaf stage and canola crops are emerging. Uneven emergence has been noted in heavily rutted fields and fields that were wet when seeded.

Herbicide applications may begin this week in early seeded cereals. Flea beetle activity has been noted on early seeded canola.

Winter wheat fields that remain in production are rated as poor to good.

Hay field and pasture conditions are rated as fair to good with growth continuing to be slow.

Interlake Region

Rainfall amounts ranged from 3 to 15 mm across the region which caused some seeding delays.

Seeding progress ranges from 0 to 95% complete. In the southern parts of the region, seeding is 60 to 100% complete. In the northern parts, seeding ranges from just starting in the Lundar, Gimli and Fisher areas to 35% complete in the Ashern and Moosehorn areas. A wide range of crops have been planted including cereals, canola, soybeans, corn, and sunflowers.

Early seeded crops are emerging. Flea beetle activity has been reported in canola crops. Forage growth remains slow. Cattle have been moved to pasture.