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Southwest Region
Seeding is 95% complete in the region with only some green feed crops to be sown. Several fields of canola have been reseeded due to frost and flea beetle pressure.
Cereal crops are in the 4 leaf to tillering stage. Canola is in the 2 to 3 leaf stage with slow growth being reported. Flax is 7.5 cm tall and sunflowers and corn are emerging. Fall rye is heading with fewer tillers being reported.
With several days of good weather over the past week spraying is 40% complete. Flea beetles still remain a concern in canola because of weak plants from the frost and slow growth.
First cut of hay is rated as poor. Many fields are only 15 to 25 cm tall and heading.
Pastures remain in poor to fair condition due to slow grass growth and early grazing pressure.

Northwest Region
Seeding is nearly complete in the region with the exception of McCreary, Alonsa, Sifton, Keld and Ethelbert areas. Wet or poorly drained soil conditions in localized areas may result in some unseeded acres in the region.
Cereal crops range from pre-emergent to 5 leaf stage. Canola crops range from pre-emergent to 3 leaf stage.
Frost was reported in The Pas Friday night but minimal damage is being reported.
Some fields have been sprayed for flea beetles in the Roblin and Swan River areas.
Herbicide applications are well under way. There are challenges in late seeded fields with weed and crop staging.
Although pasture and hay field conditions have improved with the recent warmer weather, grasses are shorter and close to heading out indicating lower potential yields.

Central Region
Majority of seeding is now complete after rainfall in many parts of the region slowed seeding progress until mid-week. In areas suffering from wet conditions it is estimated one to two percent of acres in the east may go unseeded.
Warmer temperatures later in the week encouraged rapid plant growth. Cereals are emerging to tillering stage. Canola is germinating to 2 leaf stage. Sunflowers are germinating to 4 leaf stage. Soybeans, edible beans and potatoes are emerging. Winter wheat is elongating.
Impact of last weekend’s frost continues to be assessed. The cooler wet weather early in the week slowed re-seeding evaluation. Although some injury to sunflowers, soybeans, edible beans, cereals and corn has been reported, the most significant damage has been to canola acres. Canola in the 2 to 3 leaf stage appears to have suffered the greatest damage. It is estimated reseeding of frost damaged canola in the eastern part of the region ranges from 3 to 4% in areas near Rosenort where many acres had yet to emerge to 15% in the Starbuck area. Reports from the Somerset/Pilot Mound areas indicate approximately 10% of the canola acres being reseeded. In the Oakville area, several thousand acres are to be reseeded. In some cases, frost injury to canola is less than expected. Assessments for frost injury are still ongoing and some reseeding may still occur.
Herbicide spraying continues in early seeded cereal with delays occurring due to cool, wet conditions. Weed growth is advancing, and in some cases, outpacing crop growth.
Conditions have encouraged growth of perennial weeds. Dandelions are prevalent in hay and pasture fields, and are a concern in annual crops as well.
Cutworms continue to be a concern on sunflowers and canola, and some acres have been reseeded. Flea beetle feeding continues, particularly in fields stressed by frost injury or where the crop was seeded into cool soils 3 to 4 weeks ago. Insecticide is being applied for control.
Alfalfa is starting to bud; forage grasses are starting to head. Haying is just starting, after delayed growth due to cool wet conditions. Pasture growth continues to be slow.

Eastern Region
There was significant seeding progress made in the southern districts of the region last week. Seeding progress was more limited in northern districts where rainfall occurred. However, warm sunny conditions over the weekend allowed for significant drying.

Cereal seeding is 90 to 100% complete and canola is 90 to 100% complete. Soybean seeding is complete. Except for acres intended for silage, corn planting is complete. Seeding of sunflowers and flax are almost complete. Wet conditions in localized areas may result in approximately 10% of the acres in the region going unseeded.

Herbicides are being applied to the early seeded crops. Spraying for flea beetles occurred in some early seeded fields but rapid crop growth over the weekend started to alleviate concerns.

Winter wheat condition for the fields that remain in production is rated as fair to good. Many fields are requiring both grassy and broadleaf weed control.

Hay field conditions are rated as fair to good. Although conditions have improved with the recent warm weather, the cool wet conditions early in the season may result in lower yield potential. Pasture conditions are rated as fair to good.

Interlake Region
Rainfall early in the week halted seeding operations but some field operations resumed late in the weekend.

In the southern parts of the region, most producers have finished seeding. In the northern areas of the region, seeding progress varies from 70% complete in the Ashern area to 35% complete in the Lundar area. Fisher Branch and Arborg areas are 25 to 30% complete. The Gimli area is 25% complete. In areas with wet soil conditions, it is expected there will be acres that go unseeded.

Cereal crops range from the 2 to 5 leaf stage. Canola crops range from the 2 to 3 leaf stage.

Frost damage has caused some reseeding to occur in the south Interlake.

Herbicide applications for weed control in spring seeded cereal crops have started.

Flea beetle activity is still being reported.

Hay and pasture growth has improved with the warmer weather. Harvest of high quality hay is behind schedule as hay growth has been slow. There has been winterkill reported on some alfalfa fields in the south Interlake.