Southwest Region
Rainfall over the past week kept producers out of the field till later in the week; rainfall amounts varied throughout the region. Cool temperatures over the weekend brought frost to most areas, but no frost damage was reported. The overall moisture situation is rated as good.
The amount of crop seeded varies throughout the region. Progress of cereal seeding ranges from 30 to 70% complete. Early seeded cereal crop development ranges from emergence to the one to two leaf stage. Seeding progress of oilseed crops ranges from 10 to 15% complete. The majority of the pulse crops have been planted, with the exception of soybeans.
Winter wheat and fall rye are progressing well and many producers will be spraying for weed control in the upcoming days.
There are a large number of weeds growing in the fields and producers may have to be prepared for burnoff applications for weed control.
Some producers started moving cattle to pasture over the weekend. Pastures are starting to green up but would benefit from warmer temperatures.

Northwest Region
Intermittent rain fell throughout the week. Cool temperatures are drying fields slowly and spring operations have generally not resumed, except in the Swan River area. Overnight temperatures were near or below freezing throughout the week.
Some producers report completion of seeding of planned wheat acres. Regional cereal seeding progress is variable, ranging from less than 5% complete at the Pas, 30% complete around Swan River, to approximately 70% complete in the rest of the region. Very little canola has been planted to date. Favorable weather is needed to allow seeding to resume in all areas.
With the recent rains, hay and pasture conditions have continued to improve. Seeded crops and annual weed germination, and the development of forages and winter annual weeds, continues to advance slowly.

Central Region
Little to no seeding progress was made this past week due to rainy weather. Below normal temperatures has slowed crop emergence. Overnight lows of -3 to -4°C are causing concern for emerged crops. Reports of crop injury are minimal to date; some field assessments are being hampered due to wet conditions restricting field access. Some water is sitting in low lying areas.
Seeding of cereal crops is nearing completion; crop development ranges from germination to two leaf stage. Oilseed seeding range from 10 to 20% complete in western areas of the region, to as much as 70 to 80% complete in eastern areas. Canola development ranges from emergence to one leaf stage. Soybeans are up to 40% seeded, although some areas haven't started. A wide range of seeding progress is seen for other crops: sunflowers 10 to 50% complete; potatoes 20 to 70% complete; and corn up to 60% complete. Seeding will continue as field conditions allow. A few days of good drying conditions would allow some producers to start seeding again; other areas may need up to a week of warm temperatures and wind before seeding operations can continue.
Winter wheat is doing very well. Herbicide applications will be made as soon as conditions allow.
Dugouts are full. Pastures, hay and alfalfa fields are greening up well with the recent rains. Some herds have been moved on to summer pasture.
Weed growth is much more evident. Pre-seed burnoff applications will be made prior to much of the remaining crop going in. Post-seed applications have been limited by wet conditions; in-crop herbicide applications will need to be timely for good weed control.
Eastern Region

No seeding progress was made in the region due to rain early last week. Overnight frosts were reported throughout the week with lows hovering around -2 degrees Celsius. No frost damage has been reported with producers continuing to assess their fields. Flea beetle monitoring started this week with low levels being reported to date. Weed populations are higher following last week’s rain and the window of application for producers to spray a burn-off prior to crop emergence is closing.

Interlake Region

Cool day time temperatures prevailed throughout the Interlake region for the past week with frost occurring on several mornings. No reports to date of frost damage on emerged canola in the south Interlake.

Seeding operations throughout the Interlake region were curtailed this past week due to the wet soil conditions. Some seeding resumed this past Saturday and Sunday in areas with coarser textured and drier soils. Seeding operations were restricted on the wetter clay soils for the past week.

Seeding progress ranges from zero to 75% complete. Several producers in the south Interlake have completed planting their 2010 crop. Early seeded cereal crops have emerged and are in the one leaf stage. Wild oats have emerged; pre-seed herbicide applications are being planned on unseeded fields. Winter wheat fields continue to develop quite well.

Alfalfa and forage crops have grown little in the past the week due to the cool weather. Cattle have not been released to pasture yet.