Southwest Region
Rainfall over the past week across most of the Southwest region limited harvest progress. Cereal crop harvest ranges from 30 to 60% complete with the most progress seen south of Highway #1. Wheat and barley yields are average while quality is starting to deteriorate because of wet conditions. There are reports sprouting in wheat and barley. Oats are 50% harvested; yields are average to above average with good quality.

Canola harvest ranges from 15 to 50% harvested with yields average to below average. Little to no flax harvested to date. Sunflowers continue to be affected by Sclerotinia head rot and stem rot. Producers continue to harvest hay crops with second cut having quality issues with average yields. Some producers trying to cut slough hay, however wet conditions are making it difficult.

Pasture conditions are average and producers are starting to look at weaning calves and moving grass cattle.

Northwest Region
Isolated light rain showers, cooler temperatures and some windy periods affected most areas of the region. Except for parts of Swan River and The Pas, which had higher rainfall, general harvest operations improved through the week.

Wheat is 65 to 75% combined and yields range from 15 to 50 bushels/acre. Variable yields reflect early season excess moisture conditions. Grades are below normal with quality issues including fusarium, sprouting, and weathering. An above normal number of higher moisture samples and more aeration or drying is common.

Canola is 90 to 95% swathed and 10 to 15% has been combined. The samples are of average quality and initial yield reports vary from 15 to 40 bushels/acre.

In the north and east areas of the region where wet field conditions persist, producers are dealing with challenges of rutting, field access, standing water, stuck equipment and reduced operating efficiencies. To date number of winter wheat acres is up from last year and seeding is continuing.

Pasture conditions and available forage remains good in most of the region. While overall native hay production outlook remains negatively affected by summer excess moisture, some native hay has been harvested in the Alonsa area.

Central Region
Harvest was limited due to wet conditions throughout the region, with western areas seeing the most progress. Weather conditions early in the week allowed for swathing and harvesting in some fields; heavy rains on Thursday and Friday stalled harvest again. Field conditions are wet, and in some cases, standing water is an issue.

Cereal grains harvest is reported to be 95 to 100 % complete across the region. Yields are variable, dependent on rainfall during the growing season. Quality has been generally good, although some fusarium levels are high; quality of remaining crop is declining due to the recent rains. In some cereal crops there is sprouting within the swath. Shattering and breakdown of standing crop continues to be monitored. Protein is reported as average.

Most of the canola crop is ripe and being swathed or will be as soon as field conditions allow return to the field. About 75% of the canola crop has been combined. Eastern parts of the area have made the most progress, with the escarpment area further behind. Yields vary according to excess conditions experienced earlier this summer and are reported in the 10 to 65 bushels/acre range but averaging around 35 to 45 bushels/acre. Good grades are reported. There are a few reports of sprouting and concerns of shattering in crop that has been in swath for extended periods.
The majority of the flax crop is ripe. Average yields are reported with good grades.
Warm season crops continue to mature. Dry bean cutting and harvest continues. Average yields to date. Significant colour change is being seen in soybeans as they mature. Leaf drop has begun. Some sunflowers have seen applications for drydown, especially those affected by head rot.
New potato quality and yields are good. The main dig has begun. Winter wheat acres will be lower than expected due to wet conditions.
Cultivation of harvested fields continues as field conditions allow. Some post harvest perennial weed control has been undertaken. Second cut hay is mostly complete with good yields and average to below average quality, although some is still sitting in swath and quality is deteriorating.
Pastures are highly variable in condition. Good growth, but some are being damaged due to soggy conditions.

Eastern Region
The Eastern region experienced general rainfall. Standing water is again evident in some fields and especially in northern districts, resulting in delays in harvest, haying and fall field work activities. Harvest progress in cereals continued at a steady pace until late in the week resulting in less than 5% of the spring wheat and oat crops remaining to be harvested. Quality issues and lower yields were reported primarily in northern parts of the region. Sprouted wheat kernels and low bushel weights were noted. Oat samples are showing signs of mildew and low bushel weights as well.
Canola harvest is near completion with less than 5% of acres remaining. Shattering losses caused by strong winds were reported in canola fields that have not yet been swathed or harvested.
Soybeans continue seed filling with the majority of the crop reaching the R7 yellow pod stage. Uneven crop maturity is evident in fields that experienced excess moisture during the summer. Sunflowers continue seed filling and yield potential continues to vary greatly because of excess water damage. Majority of the flax acres across the region have been harvested with yields ranging from 5 to 25 bushels/acre with average quality. Corn is starting to dent.
In southern areas, 50% of winter wheat acres have been seeded with good emergence due to ideal soil moisture conditions.
Extensive field work had occurred on many of the harvested fields in the region. Hayfield conditions remain unchanged from last week. Northern districts report poor to fair conditions while southern districts report fair conditions. Cooler weather and precipitation limited haying progress last week for all areas of the region. Pastureland conditions were rated as fair across the region.

Interlake Region
Heavy rains fell across the region late in the week. Water ponds are apparent across the Interlake and saturated soils continue to hinder field operations. Harvest progress on oilseeds and cereals was very good through the week and up to Thursday evening. Harvest ranges from 50 to 75% complete. Many fields are showing ruts from harvesting operations. Some tillage has taken place. Wet conditions continue to hamper seeding of winter wheat.
Light frost has occurred in some areas. Soybeans in general have changed to yellow and brown on early maturing varieties. Soybeans, sunflowers, hemp, and alfalfa seed remain to be harvested in the Interlake.
Haying progress for the week was very slow as wet areas and poor drying have delayed harvest. Some haylage was harvested during the week on 2nd cut fields. First cut operations are still occurring with reports of these late cuts containing surprising amounts of green material. Periods of sun and wind will be needed to provide the dry conditions needed to complete the hay harvest.
Pasture conditions are unchanged from previous weeks; however rains will have helped the higher ground where cattle have been overgrazing. Wet, muddy conditions and over mature grass in low areas cause cattle to avoid grazing these areas. The grazing season is expected to last well into October on most farms.