Southwest Region
Over the past week producers were able to make some seeding progress. Conditions remain wet in most areas with producers selecting fields that are dry enough for field operations. Rainfall over the weekend will further delay seeding. Most areas reported 20 to 30 mm of precipitation.

Seeding of spring wheat is 15 to 30% complete with some areas north of Highway #1 reporting greater progress. Some canola acres have also been seeded.

Winter wheat is in the tillering stage and is being sprayed for weed control. On average the crop is rated as good.

Pasture and hay land are improving and producers are moving cattle to pasture. There remain several areas where either water levels need to recede or access needs to be restored before producers can move cattle to pasture.

Northwest Region
Cool temperatures, with some overnight light frost midweek, occurred at many locations throughout the Northwest Region. Winds and light scattered showers affected most areas. Through the Ethelbert/Dauphin area, existing wet field conditions were impacted by up to an additional 25 mm of rain.

Seeding and other field activity is advancing well in the Roblin area with 90% of the wheat acres seeded and 25% emerged and canola at 70% seeded and 5% emerged. Wheat seeding progress near Swan River is at 90% complete and 5% emerged, while 45% of canola is planted. Increased tillage, pre-seed weed control, fertilizer application and seeding was being done in all areas.

Through the south-eastern part of the region, all field operations are limited by rain delays, wet soils, potholes and standing water. Producers are altering plans and seeding what they can, in many cases leaving wet, low areas for later. Wheat and canola seeded acres combined is at around 40%, where better soil and field drainage has sufficiently dried up the soil. Some producers are using floaters to seed their canola.

All weeds are developing; some overwintered volunteer canola is blooming. Pre-seed herbicide applications are proceeding. In the wetter areas field access is difficult and rutting is evident.

Pastures and forages continue to improve slowly; some cattle are being supplemental fed on pastures. Water levels on Lakes Winnipegosis, Manitoba and Dauphin continue to rise, flooding more low lying adjacent land for pasture and forage. In particular, off Lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis, relocation of several stranded cattle herds was needed. Producers in those areas are actively searching out and making alternate summer pasture arrangements by booking cattle in community pastures, rented pastures or fencing hay lands for summer grazing.

Central Region
Rainfall over the past week varied from 4 to 12 mm across most of region with higher amounts at Elm Creek with 25 mm and Miami reported hail. Light frost was reported in the region but there was little crop damage.

Overall, 55 to 65% of the crop is seeded; however there are areas within the region where seeding progress is only 10 to 15% complete. Over the past week good seeding progress was made in the Portage area while the remaining areas of the region had limited seeding progress. Cereals are 80 to 90% seeded, canola is 55%, corn is 85% and potatoes are 70%. More canola acres were broadcast seeded last week and plans are the same for the coming week.

Crops seeded early May have even emergence; cereals are in the first to third leaf stage, canola is in the cotyledon stage and corn in the first leaf stage.

Pre-seed burn off will be needed on a number of fields because cool wet
weather have allowed weeds to become well established. Producers are changing seeding plans as the season progresses. Winter wheat is growing well on better fields while other fields with winterkill are waiting to be seeded to another crop. Alfalfa is growing well and 8 to 10 inches tall. Pastures with higher stocking rates will need warmer temperatures to keep adequate growth.

**Eastern Region**

Seeding resumed early to mid week as producers again made steady progress. Fields were generally soft which slowed the pace of seeding and resulted in more unseeded areas within fields. Soil moisture conditions are rated as full across the region. Rainfall over the weekend was variable ranging from 4 to 38 mm. In some areas producers were able to seed all weekend with only brief stoppages. Others made little progress. On Saturday, a hailstorm in the Sundown area occurred with some locations west of town experiencing 50 to 75 mm accumulations and pea sized hail. Frost occurred across the region overnight on Tuesday and Wednesday. Temperatures dipped as low as -3°C for more than two hours in some areas but did minimal crop damage mainly due to limited crop emergence. Damage was most evident on any emerged canola and soybeans. Across the majority of the region, 80 to 100% of wheat, barley and oats acres are seeded. Early seeded fields of wheat are in the 2 to 3 leaf stage. Some fields have limited growth in low lying areas and reseeding is being considered. Canola is around 80% seeded while soybean ranged from 50 to 100% complete. Early seeded canola is at the 3 leaf stage. Sunflower seeding ranged from 60 to 100% complete and corn planted varied from 75 to 100% complete. Flax seeding is about 75% complete. Switching of crop types has begun for some producers. Soybean acres are being replaced with canola. There are isolated reports of individuals who, for a variety of reasons, have not yet begun seeding. Grass seed fields continue greening up. Winter wheat crop conditions are rated as good across the region. Stand loss due to flooding has occurred in some areas. Herbicide applications continue in some cases. Hay field condition is rated as good. Pastureland condition is rated as fair to good with cows being turned out to pasture in some areas.

**Interlake Region**

Precipitation was extremely variable throughout the Interlake this past week. A storm system passed though the Warren area Saturday dropping hail and up to 110 mm or precipitation. The affected area extended north east and south west of Warren. Precipitation through the remainder of the Interlake Region ranged from 4 to 35 mm of rain over the week. Cool night temperatures prevailed in the past week with frost down to -2°C occurring in a few low lying areas for a short span of time. Leaf damage is apparent on alfalfa plants, but damage will be slight to negligible in most locations. Seeding continued to progress last week with planting into wetter than ideal soil moisture conditions. Soil moisture conditions in the western and central portion of the Interlake have been wetter which has been impeding seeding progress. In drier areas, seeding progress has improved recently. Seeding progress in the south generally ranges from 50 to 80% complete, while the north is about 40% complete. Pasture growth is average with most cattle already moved out on grass. Low lying areas are still under water and will need several seasons of rest to recover from cattle traffic over previous years of excess moisture. High lake levels are affecting Interlake pastures causing relocation of several herds across the region. Some cattle are being moved to other areas of the province while some are being moved into Saskatchewan.