Southwest Region

Most areas across the Southwest Region received rainfall during the week with amounts varying from 10 to 20 mm. Additional rainfall was received last night and early Monday morning with reported amounts before 10:00 am ranging from 30 to 40 mm.

As a result of the precipitation, in areas south of Highway #1 seeding progress remains at 25 to 30% complete. In areas north of Highway #1, seeding progressed fairly well over the past week with reports of 50 to 70% complete. Seeding progress in the Melita and Deloraine area is approximately 10 to 15% complete, Killarney and Boissevain at 20 to 25%, north of Souris at 5%, Virden and Reston areas at 20 to 35%, Brandon to Rivers at 40 to 60%, Hamiota at 50%, Shoal Lake area at 50 to 60% complete and the Russell area at 80% complete.

Producers south of Highway #1 are attempting to broadcast seed by air. In areas near Shoal Lake and Hamiota aerial broadcast seeding was also taking place.

Crops planted to date include wheat and canola with canola making up the majority of acres. Majority of those canola acres have been seeded by broadcast seeding methods where good stand establishment will depend on the ability to harrow fields after seeding and the amount of rainfall that occurs over the next week.

Crops that were seeded earlier are emerging with cereals at the 2 to 3 leaf stage. However, many stands are being impacted by the excess moisture. It is estimated that some producer have lost 5 to 10% of seeded acres due to rainfall after seeding. Weed control will start this week as weather conditions allow.

Winter wheat and fall rye look good and is the flag leaf stage. Pasture land has improved with the warmer weather; however, forecast for more rain will reduce acres available for grazing. Many producers are expressing concern about feed and straw supplies due to impact of excess moisture on hay land and reducing seeded acres.

Northwest Region

Seasonal temperatures and drying conditions were general across the Northwest Region.

Seeding is nearing completion in the Swan River and Roblin areas. Staging of wheat is up to 65% tillering and 10% pre-emergent while canola is up to 50% emerged around Swan River. Crop staging in the Roblin area is even more advanced. Germination has been very even and some in-crop spraying is underway.

In the Eastern areas of the region from Grandview to Laurier/McCreary soil conditions improved. Wherever possible, field operations did resume early into the week. This area has varying acres of wet soils and potholes. Fertilizer, pre-seed herbicide applications, tillage and seeding operations rapidly increased through to Sunday night. Overall seeding is over 50% complete with canola making up more than 65% of the acres. Some canola has been broadcast seeded and harrowed in. Seeded estimates range from lows of 35% to 50% around Ethelbert, Fork River, Gilbert Plains, Ste Rose and Dauphin.

Conditions are better through Grandview with up to 75% complete. About 25% of the acres are at various stages of emergence. Some uneven germination and soil crusting is of concern. Little flea beetle activity and low Diamondback moths trap counts have been reported in all areas. Winter wheat has been fertilized, with fungicide and weed control under way.

Hay and pasture fields have benefited from more heat and are in good condition. In the eastern areas of the region, while slowly improving, much of the forage and pasture land remains wet with extensive ponding. Water levels on Lakes Winnipegosis, Manitoba and Dauphin continue to cause flooding concern for native pasture and forage. Some acres of annual crop...
land also remain impacted by overland lake and river flooding.

Central Region
Rain showers fell over most of region at the start of week limiting field activity until later in week. Seeding has progressed well with canola being broadcast seeded and harrowed. Cereals, soybeans and edible beans were planted last week; acres of soybeans and edible bean will be lower than initially intended.

Seeding progress in the Starbuck- Carman area is approximately 75 to 80% complete, Morden-Morris- Altona areas at 95%, Somerset- Treherne at 75%, Carberry at 100%, Gladstone at 25% and Portage 60% complete.

Corn is emerging well and is at the 2-leaf stage, canola is at the 3 to 4 leaf stage, and cereals are starting to tiller. Soybeans have emerged and are at the unifoliate stage, while sunflowers and potatoes are emerging.

Herbicide is being applied to early seeded crops. Weed issues are of concern because of the wet weather. Dandelion is prevalent in hay fields and noticeable in cropping fields. Weed issues will continue during the year as crop emergence is not uniform making timing for herbicides more difficult.

Reseeding is occurring for a number of different crops; some fields have been reseeded to the same crop while majority of others have changed to canola.

Flea beetles are chewing on canola and maybe more evident with spotty emergence and slow growth. Diamondback moth counts are very low and Bertha moth traps were placed in fields last week. Tan spot is being reported in wheat fields. Dairy quality alfalfa has started to be cut and forecast rainfall may impact quality. Pastures are maintaining growth with rain and warmer temperatures.

Eastern Region
Reported rainfall accumulations for the week ranged from 5 to 17 mm with some producers reporting amounts in excess of 25 mm in various other areas of the region. Hail mixed with some heavy rain was also reported causing limited damage to the field crops on account of the majority of the crops not yet emerged.

Seeding progress was general throughout the week in all regions as reports of corn, peas, flax, soybeans and barley seeding now 100% complete. Canola, oats and wheat were nearing completion. Further seeding progress is being hampered in areas southwest and north of Beausejour. Other fields across the region have issues with excess moisture and low lying areas have been completely saturated with water for extended periods of time.

Across the majority of the region, 90 to 100% of wheat is seeded with up to 30 to 60% emerged where significant earlier seeding occurred. Barley is 100% seeded with 40 to 80% emerged while oats is also 100% seeded with 10% to 60% emerged. Canola and flax are both approaching 100% seeded with as much as 80% of the canola emerged and approaching 4-leaf stage while flax emergence varies from 20 to 80% throughout the region. Soybean and corn planting is complete with up to 40 to 100% of soybeans emerged and emergence of corn ranging from 50 to 100%. Sunflower planting remains unchanged at 75 to 80% complete. Land rolling of soybeans and herbicide applications continued until the weekend in some areas.

Winter wheat crop conditions are rated as good across the region. Stands are at the flag leaf stage and approaching early boot stage. Winter wheat crops in general have a very good yield potential with a small percentage suffering from excess moisture and low population. Field scouting has not generated any evidence of leaf diseases impacting these crops to date. Application of some preventative foliar fungicide has occurred in areas.

Hay field condition continues to be rated as good across the region with a third of the alfalfa crop already harvested. Alfalfa silage is yielding 3T/ac (wet) while timothy fields are starting to head out. Pastureland condition is rated as fair to good with many cows now turned out to pasture. However, some producers have delayed in the hopes of increased forage growth.

Interlake Region
Precipitation for the week ranged from 0 to 20 mm across the region. Sunny days towards the end of the week allowed field operations to resume.

Seeding progress was made over the weekend up until early Monday morning when showers began. Harrowing to accelerate drying was widely used across the region. Broadcast seeding with ground and
aerial equipment was general in the Arborg, Riverton, Fisher Branch areas and parts of the South Interlake. In these areas, compaction by air drills is significant due to very moist soil conditions. Seeding progress in the Teulon/Stonewall areas is at 80 to 90% complete. In the Selkirk/Warren areas progress is at 50 to 60% complete, with some producers not yet able to seed. The Arborg, Riverton, Fisher Branch areas have made some progress approaching 40% completion. The Ashern area has seeding progress varying from 0 to 75%.
Some reseeding claims have been made due to seed rot and crusting in cold wet soils.
Some first cut haying has started on localized fields. Yields are below average. Hay and pasture growth is poor on older stands, while newer stands are showing good growth. There are few newer forage stands as conditions in previous years have made establishment of new stands difficult. Pasture production will suffer again as excess moisture will leave lowlands ungrazed and high ground over grazed. Cattle movement on pastures is difficult as low areas are too soft to cross, especially for small calves.