Southwest Region
Rainfall over the past week resulted in 10 to 20 mm, with the majority received on September 21. Several days of frost has occurred over the past two weeks. Overall it was a good week for harvesting and several producers are close to finishing.
Spring wheat harvest is 75% complete with the southern part of the region more advanced. Yields are average to below average with average quality. Late seeded barley and oats are being cut with most of those acres affected by frost.
Canola harvest is 60% complete with average yields and below average quality. Late seeded crops have been affected by frost.
Several producers were making silage over the past week; towards the end of the week corn silage began.
Pastures are drying up and some producers have started to supplemental feed.

Northwest Region
Early in the week the Northwest Region had cool seasonal temperatures with occasional light, scattered rain showers. Most areas also recorded localized light frost on Wednesday morning. Through the remainder of the week, above normal temperatures and excellent conditions allowed harvest to proceed rapidly.
Only a few fields of spring wheat remain to be harvested and 10 to 20% of barley and oat acres are left to combine. Canola harvest is 80 to 95% complete. Through most of the region, the remaining canola crop has been swathed. The exception is the area east of the Escarpment where later seeding took place. This area is also reporting some damage on late seeded canola from the recent frost. Harvest is more advanced and better regional yields and quality continue to be reported for all crops through the Roblin to Swan River areas.
Buckwheat yields are in the 20 to 25 bushels per acre range. Hemp harvest is beginning with average yields and good quality. No reports of any flax and soybeans harvested to date.
Some late seeded greenfeed is recovering in areas that received lighter frost. A few greenfeed fields have matured and been taken as grain. Silage corn is drying down and the more immature fields appear not to have had significant damage from the recent frost. Silaging of cereals is continuing.
Post-harvest field work continues as time and available fields allow. Soil moisture conditions are rated as dry to good. Straw is being baled and removed. Some limited haying is being completed.
Pasture conditions are fair and growth is minimal. Where lake levels have dropped and winds have been favourable, associated flooded lands are drying.

Central Region
Rain fell over much of the Central Region last Tuesday. Areas adjacent to the international border saw amounts up to 90 mm; many areas received 35 to 70 mm, with areas including Portage/Treherne/Gladstone seeing accumulations less than 10 mm. Many producers were back in the fields as early as Thursday and Friday.
Cereal harvest is close to complete with only a few late seeded fields remaining. Some oats and barley planted for greenfeed have ripened; the grain will be harvested.
Canola harvest is 85 to 95% complete. Late canola has some green seed and shrivelling issues due to frost.
The corn and sunflower crops are drying down. Soybean harvest continues; yields range from 15 to 45 bushels per acre and seed size is smaller due to this year’s dry conditions. Rain has slowed harvest with crop taking longer to dry down. Harvest issues due to green stems and pods have been reported.
Potatoes are being harvested and put into storage. Harvest is 50 to 60% complete with average yields in early planted fields; later planted
fields are yielding much less with smaller sized potatoes.

Early seeded winter wheat fields are emerging. Spotty germination in fields has evened out with the recent rains.

Growth has slowed on pastures, although rain has allowed improvement in some areas. Supplemental feeding continues on pastures that are in poor shape. Gladstone area reports there will be 25% more supplemental feeding occurring this year, due to an earlier start compared to last year and dry conditions this summer resulting in poor productivity. Calves are starting to come off pasture and are being sold. Most yearlings on pasture have been sold.

Some producers are grazing their second cut of hay and where available are putting cattle onto grain stubble to allow more time before starting supplemental feeding. Otherwise, late second cut is finished with near normal yields and has been put up in good condition. Most producers that were flooded out in spring have secured hay and greenfeed supplies. There is generally a good supply of winter feed. Straw has been in short supply.

Conditions for fall field work and fertilizer are improved in areas receiving adequate rainfall. Post-harvest weed control is ongoing as conditions remain favourable.

**Eastern Region**

Rainfall occurred in the Eastern Region at the start last week. Amounts generally varied along a north-south axis with reports of 7 to 25 mm in northern districts and 12 to 75 mm in southern districts. In some northern districts light to moderate frosts was noted midweek. Combines started to return to fields on Thursday and Friday with harvesting and tillage operations becoming more general over the weekend.

Canola harvest is 95 to 100% complete. Yields range from 15 to 35 bushels per acre. Overall quality is rated as average. Soybean harvest ranges from 50 to 75% complete. Yields range from 15 to 40 bushels per acre. Quality is noted as average. Some producers are finding high levels of green seeds in their samples although the crop was testing dry. Previous frosts appear to have causes green pods to brown off quickly while seed colour change lagged behind. For the most part, sunflowers are at the R9 growth stage. Past frost events are making decisions around chemical desiccation difficult. Producers and industry are scouting fields carefully to determine if chemical desiccation would provide the expected benefits. Corn growth stage ranges from mid to late R5 to early R6 and dry down continues. Below average grain corn yields are expected and harvest should start shortly if the current weather conditions continue.

Earliest seeded winter wheat fields are in the 2 to 3 leaf stage. There are some reports of seeding still occurring last week.

Hay field conditions range from poor to good while pasture land conditions range from poor to fair. Both hay lands and pastures are still noted as being very dry. Second cut is still winding down. Corn silage harvest continues. More producers are starting to feed cattle on pasture.

**Interlake Region**

Precipitation was received last week in the southern portion of the South Interlake. Precipitation ranged from 6 to 11 mm and tapered off to no rain in a line running east and west of Balmoral and Warren. Last Thursday morning temperatures ranging from -2 to -5° C were reported.

The majority of cereals and canola fields have been harvested. Harvesting of soybeans has begun with variable yields ranging from 15 to 35 bushels per acre. Soybean green seed count ranges from 0 to 5%. Earlier seeded winter wheat fields have been doing well with some plant stands now at the fourth leaf stage. Corn and sunflowers harvest has not started yet as dry down continues. Alfalfa seed yields have been above average this year. Tillage in most areas has started but precipitation would greatly improve conditions.

Many greenfeed samples are being tested for nitrates. Greenfeed yields are lower than expected. Harvesting of corn silage has started in the Arborg/Teulon area.