Weekly Provincial Summary

- Variable precipitation over the past week slowed seeding progress in some areas.
- Seeding is 20 to 25% complete in the Southwest Region, 55% complete in the Northwest Region, 60 to 75% complete in the Central Region and 75% complete in both the Eastern and Interlake Regions.
- Many producers are done seeding their cereal acres and continue to make good seeding progress on other crop types. Some producers are waiting for temperatures to warm up prior to seeding soybeans and sunflowers.
- Overall, adequate soil moisture levels for germination and stand establishment exist. However, there is variability across Manitoba. In the Southwest Region some areas are reporting wet field conditions while some areas in the Central and Eastern Regions would welcome precipitation.
- Early seeded cereal and canola acres continue to emerge.

Southwest Region

In the Southwest Region, rainfall over the past week which continued into the weekend slowed seeding progress in most areas. Isolated storms resulted in rainfall amounts ranging from 10 to 40 mm. On Wednesday evening a thunderstorm went through the Hartney, Elgin, and Carroll areas bringing large hail; no reports of crop damage.

Seeding progress varies widely across the Southwest Region with overall seeding progress estimated at 20 to 25% complete. The Killarney area is reporting 80% of the cereal crops seeded while seeding of oilseed crops is just starting. The Melita area is 10% complete with several producers reporting wet field conditions. The area south of Souris is 50% complete with the majority of the crop seeded being cereals. North of Souris to Highway #1 is 20% complete with several producers waiting for dry conditions to start. The Shoal Lake and Hamiota areas are reporting 40 to 50% complete with the majority of the crop seeded being cereals and peas. The recent precipitation will likely keep producers out of the fields for a couple of days. Some of the early seeded cereals are emerging.

Winter wheat and fall rye crops continue to do well. Several producers have sprayed for weed control.

Rainfall has benefited growth in pasture and hay lands. While most producers will be waiting for a couple more weeks, some cattle have been moved out to pasture.

Northwest Region

The Northwest Region saw variable amounts of precipitation over the past week with accumulation ranging from 15 to 50 mm. Soil moisture is mostly adequate; however, some localized field conditions are now wet through the Fork River, Dauphin and Ste. Rose areas.

Seeding operations progressed well prior to the rainfall with approximately 55% of total acres seeded in the region. No seeding has been done at The Pas due to wet soils. Approximately 60% of planned wheat areas have been seeded and some earlier seeded acres are now emerging. Canola seeding is 20% complete with most producers waiting for warmer soil conditions.
Winter wheat is developing slowly with the cooler temperatures; fertilizer applications are complete. Wild oats, volunteer canola and cereals, dandelions and other broadleaf weeds are developing. Very little pre-seed herbicide control had been done prior to the rainfall.

The cooler temperatures have delayed development of forages and pastures across the Northwest Region.

**Central Region**

In the Central Region, scattered rainfall events over the past week resulted in variable accumulation. Many areas reported 10 to 15 mm of rainfall while some areas saw accumulations upwards of 50 mm. Some hail did occur, but no reports of crop damage. Most areas report adequate to excellent soil moisture conditions. However, there still remain areas with drier soil conditions.

Precipitation did impact seeding operations for some producers and there were seeding delays in areas of heaviest rainfall. However, field conditions remain good in many areas and several producers are reporting being able to seed corner to corner.

An estimated 60 to 75% of acres in the Central Region are seeded; the southern and eastern areas are the most advanced. Cereal seeding is 90% complete; many producers report all their cereals acres are seeded. Canola seeding continues, with a wide range of 25 to 95% of acres complete. Majority of canola acres should be seeded this week going into next week, weather permitting. Seeding of field peas is 70 to 80% complete, corn planting ranges from 10 to 90% complete, sunflowers 50% and potatoes 70 to 80% complete. Producers have seeded some soybean acres. However, some producers continue to wait for warmer soil temperatures prior to seeding soybeans and sunflowers.

Early seeded cereals and canola are emerging. Up to 35% of cereal fields have started to emerge; majority of those acres would be in the one leaf stage. There are some reports of seed sitting in dry soil. Also, in the areas of heaviest rainfall, some soil crusting has occurred. In both instances, precipitation would be welcome. Other field operations such as pre-emergent weed control and field preparation continue. Grassy and broadleaf weeds continue to grow and more pre-seed burndown will occur.

Winter wheat and fall rye crops look excellent as rapid growth continues for majority of fields. Herbicide application for broadleaf weeds and isolated patches of wild oats continues and should be complete this week.

Forage stands are improving and winter survival has been excellent for majority of fields. Both hay and pasture lands are noticeably greener.

Dugouts are full or close to full in much of the region and are rated as fair to adequate in Portage, Gladstone, Treherne, Carman, Miami, Morden and Winkler areas.

**Eastern Region**

During the past week, the Eastern Region received variable amounts of precipitation. In the southern area accumulation ranged from 2 to 25 mm while areas in the north received only a few millimetres. Topsoil moisture conditions for the majority of annual cropland in the Eastern Region remain adequate, although there are significant differences between areas. In the drier areas of the region, adjustments of seeding depth for some crop types are occurring.

Seeding continued across the region last week and progress is estimated at 75% complete. Cereal seeding is 95% complete and emergence of seeded acres varies from 10 to 60% based on area in the region. Approximately 70% of the canola acres have been seeded. Majority of the flax and sunflower acres are seeded. Soybean seeding is 15% complete and grain corn is 50% complete.

Fall seeded cereal stands continue to be in good condition with substantial tillering and growth. Final fertilizer applications are complete; weed control applications continue. Hayland and pasture conditions range from fair to poor. Topsoil moisture conditions on the majority of hay and pasture lands remains drier when compared to cropland.

**Interlake Region**

Scattered showers fell across the Interlake Region with rainfall amounts ranging from 9 mm in the southern areas to 25 mm in the northern areas. The precipitation was welcome as surface soil moisture conditions were dry in some areas.

Seeding of cereal crops is almost complete across the region. Canola seeding is estimated at 60% complete in southern areas of the region, while areas in the north
Interlake has only just started. Planting of soybean and corn will begin in the coming days, weather permitting. Fertilizer applications on winter wheat and hayland continue. Hayland and pasture growth has improved with the recent rain. Cattle grazing has started on some farms.