Weekly Provincial Summary

- Harvest of spring cereal crops and canola is essentially complete across Manitoba.
- Harvest continues for flax, edible beans, soybeans, soybeans, grain corn and industrial hemp. Sunflower harvest is expected to start shortly.
- The earliest seeded winter wheat has emerged but precipitation would help with germination and stand establishment.
- Precipitation would also be welcomed to aid in fall field work and replenishing soil moisture reserves and dugouts.

Southwest Region

Another week of little to no rainfall through the entire Southwest Region helped producers make good harvest progress. There were several evenings of below zero temperatures throughout the region. Flax harvest is 60% complete and yields vary. Some areas are reporting 30 bu/acre and several other areas are reporting 15 to 20 bu/acre. Producers started to harvest soybeans and preliminary yields are 30 bu/acre. Corn silage harvest continues throughout the region and yields are between 10 and 15 tonnes/acre.

Frosts over the weekend helped to dry the sunflower and corn crops; harvesting of these crops may start toward the end of the week or beginning of next week.

Pastures are essentially done for the season and several producers started to feed on pasture.

Dugout levels dropped and many producers are exploring pumping water to winter feeding areas.

Northwest Region

Seasonal daytime temperatures and dry conditions allowed for completion of harvest of many of the shorter season annual crops throughout the Northwest Region. The exception is some remaining canola in The Pas area. The first general frost of -4 to -5°C affected all areas over the weekend.

Silage corn harvest continues with average to above yield and quality. The hemp seed harvest just started with only a couple of fields combined. In the Dauphin and Fork River areas, soybeans are advancing through R8 stages. Some earlier light frosts impacted some later seeded soybeans around the Grandview area. Soybean harvest is general in the more advanced Ste. Rose area with above average yields reported in the 45 bu/acre range. Some red clover and flax is being combined; grain corn harvest has not yet started.

Winter wheat and fall rye planting was completed into dry soils. Fall tillage operations continue.

Native hay baling continues under dry conditions with average to below average yields. Post-frost tame forages are also being harvested. Dugout water supplies are still adequate, however, are declining under continuing dry fall conditions.

Central Region

Dry conditions continue with little to no precipitation in the Central Region. Overnight temperatures fell to -6 and -7°C on the weekend, aiding in drydown of late season crops.

Harvest of spring cereals and canola is complete in all parts of the region. Flax harvest continues, with yields in the 10 to 25 bu/acre range.

Edible bean harvest should be complete this week. Yields are average to good, dependent on
rainfall. Quality is generally good, except for some reports of cracked seed coats or green seed. High winds again moved edible bean swaths, resulting in losses.

Soybean harvest is progressing well and is close to complete in southern and eastern parts of the region; most acres will be harvested in the next ten days. Yields should average in the low to mid 30 bu/acre range, although areas that received timely rains are seeing yields into the 40 to 50 bu/acre range.

Corn harvest continues. Early yield reports range from 70 to 120 bu/acre, with moisture ranging from 19 to 23%. Silage corn is being harvested and corn stover is being baled.

Sunflower harvest may start this week on acres that were desiccated; frosts will help for drydown of remaining acres.

Harvest for potatoes going into storage is in full swing with yields in the 300+ cwt range. Harvest at Treherne is 50% complete. There are some quality concerns noted.

Winter wheat seeding is complete with some fall rye still going in. Some earlier seeded crop has emerged but rain is needed to allow for even stands or germination.

Field work is progressing slowly. In some cases rain is needed before any additional work can be done. Drainage work with scrapers is ongoing.

Livestock producers are struggling with pasture and water supplies. Dugouts are very low or dry and supplemental feeding is occurring in the driest areas. Pasture growth is slow. Producers are concerned about winter water supplies. Bale grazing is likely to be a challenge if conditions remain dry. Hay supplies are tight in some areas.

**Eastern Region**

Most districts of the Eastern Region experienced a killing frost early Sunday morning with temperatures as low as -8°C. Intermittent drizzle and rainfall amounting to 5 mm or less was noted across the region.

About 65% of soybean acres are harvested across the region. Progress was most rapid in some central and southern districts where 75% or more of acres are harvested and least advanced in northern districts where about 25% of acres are harvested. The average of reported yields appears to be around 35 bu/acre with yields ranging from 25 to over 45 bu/acre. Rapid progress is expected this week if the weather allows.

Corn harvest is proceeding in some southern districts with up to 50% of acres harvested. Some harvest activity is noted in central districts while the crop continues to dry down in northern districts. Sunflower dry down is progressing rapidly and early harvests are expected.

The condition of the majority of pasturelands in the Eastern Region is rated as poor to very poor with the condition of most of the pasturelands in southern districts rated as very poor. Availability of livestock water is rated as 25 to 40% inadequate across the Eastern Region.

In regards to winter feed supply level, hay is rated as 25 to 65% adequate, straw is 80 to 90% adequate, greenfeed is about 70% adequate and feed grains range from 25 to 80% adequate. The lowest feed supply level ratings are from southern districts.

**Interlake Region**

The week started off with strong winds on Monday followed by many days with light scattered showers and gusty winds. Rainfall amounts ranged from 2 to 8 mm for the week. Heavy frost on Sunday morning saw temperatures drop to -6°C across the region with Eriksdale dropping down to -9°C.

Harvest continues with most annual crops complete, although there is still canola to be harvested in the Fisher Branch area. Harvest of soybeans in the Teulon and Petersfield areas are about 50% complete and just getting underway in the North Interlake. Grain corn harvest started in the Stonewall and Warren areas. Alfalfa seed harvest is well underway with above average yields being reported.

Winter wheat emergence is patchy across the region due to dry conditions.

Fall tillage is general and progressing well, although most fields are quite dry and difficult to till.

Native hay harvest continues as dry conditions are allowing access to areas which are usually inaccessible. Tame hay harvest nears completion as most crops do not have enough moisture for regrowth.

Pasture conditions are deteriorating and most producers are either feeding on pasture, moving cattle to stockpiled paddocks or grazing hay land regrowth. Alternative water supplies are being employed on many pastures across the region. Pumping water to dugouts from wells or other sources is common and some producers have installed pasture pipelines.