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Vegetable Crop Report



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Provincial Overview

In most vegetable production areas of the province during the past few weeks there has been lower amounts of rainfall and more seasonal temperatures than were experienced from mid/late June through to mid/late July. In the 2026 growing season, from May 1 to August 24, most vegetable production areas of Manitoba experienced below average precipitation (Figure 1). The exceptions are some of the vegetable production areas east of Portage la Prairie and in the South Interlake, where there has been above normal precipitation this season. The percent of normal growing degree days (GDD) recorded for most of the vegetable production areas of the province is now between 105% and 110% of the normal number of GDD from May 1 to August 24 (Figure 2). For more detailed information on the weather conditions within the province, please see [crop weather conditions and reports](#)

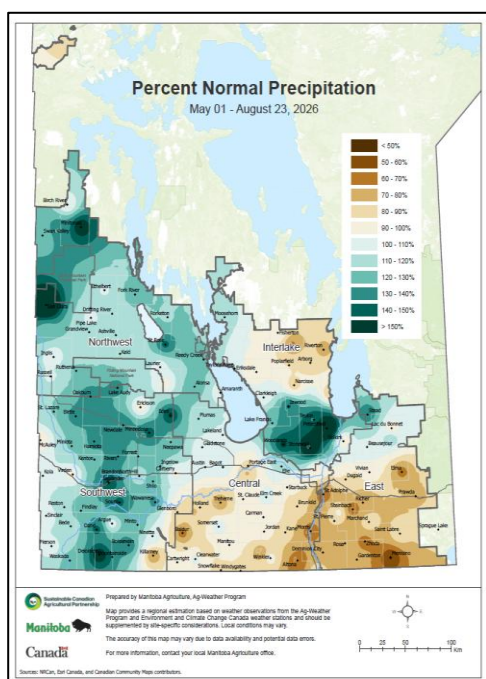


Figure 1. [Percent Normal Precipitation](#)

May 1 to August 24, 2026

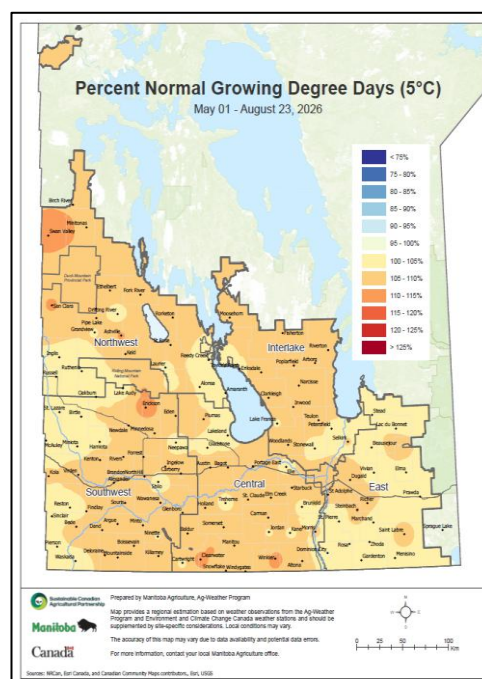


Figure 2. [Percent Normal Growing Degree Days](#)

May 1 to August 24, 2026

The cool spring combined with excessive heat and rainfall during the growing season have combined to lower several producer's marketable yield expectations for some of their vegetable crops. However, numerous producers have reported average to above average yields in most fields that were not affected earlier this season by excess rainfall and/or overland flooding. Producers have reported that harvest of most vegetable crops is ongoing.

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Carrots

Harvesting of non-storage carrots, for delivery directly to market, began in early August. Initial reports are that harvested carrots were slightly on the small side when harvest began, however the size has been improving through August and has now been reported as average. In a carrot field planted May 6, 2026, sampling on August 12, 2026, showed carrot length ranged from 5½" to 10½" and plant vigour was average to slightly above average (Figure 3 and 4).



Figure 3: Carrot Field – August 12, 2026



Figure 4: Carrots – August 12, 2026

Sweet Corn

Sweet corn harvest began in early August, with some producers reporting below-average to average cob size. On the other hand, cob size reported from more recent harvests has been average to slightly above average. Figures 5 and 6 show the synergistic sweet corn variety Primus and were taken on August 21, 2026. The field was seeded between May 10 and 12, 2026 making the corn plants and cobs in the picture between 101 and 103 days from planting. Synergistic sweet corn varieties (designated as either sy or syn), tend to germinate and emerge better in cooler spring soils than other types of sweet corn. Synergistic varieties combine the genetic traits from supersweet (sh2), sugary enhanced (se) and sometimes also standard sugary (su) into the same plant. The exact genetic makeup of synergistic corn cobs varies by the individual variety but is commonly made up of approximately 75% se kernels and 25% sh2 kernels.



Figure 5. Sweet Corn (variety Primus)
August 21, 2026



Figure 6. Sweet Corn (variety Primus)
August 21, 2026

Asparagus

With Asparagus harvest over, asparagus ferns are now being allowed to grow (Figure 7 and 8). This growth allows asparagus crowns to replenish carbohydrates through photosynthesis to support increased yield and improved quality of spears next season. During this fern stage, adequate fertilization of the crop, irrigation as required and pest control if needed, will all contribute to increased yields and better spear quality next season.



Figure 7. Asparagus Ferns
August 12, 2026



Figure 8. Asparagus Field
August 12, 2026

Peppers

Manitoba vegetable producers have reported that pepper yields and vigour of pepper plants is mostly average to above average in fields and areas of fields unaffected by heavy rain and/or overland flooding (Figure 9). Yield and plant vigour has been reported to be below average in fields and areas of fields affected by heavy rain and/or overland flooding.



Figure 9. Pepper Plant (August 18, 2026)

Cabbage

Numerous producers reported that cabbage harvest is continuing and that yields and quality of harvested cabbages are average to above average from fields and/or areas of fields not affected by heavy rainfall and/or overland flooding.



Figure 10. Cabbage Field (August 18, 2026)

Late Blight

No late blight spores were detected in any of the thirteen trap sites in the province during the week of August 17th to 21st and no late blight disease has been confirmed in Manitoba. The US-23 strain of late blight was reported on August 12th in a potato field in Michigan.

Tomato and potato producers should continue applying fungicides, on schedule, to reduce the risk of late blight development. When possible, producers should rotate the chemistries of protectant fungicides, and not simply rotate between different products with the same active ingredients.

Additional information on late blight can be found at the following links:

[Province of Manitoba | agriculture - Late Blight in Tomatoes](#)

[Province of Manitoba | agriculture - Late Blight in Potatoes](#)

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<https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/seasonal-reports/potato-report.html>

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