

Issue 2 – May 6, 2025

Crop Report



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Weekly Provincial Summary

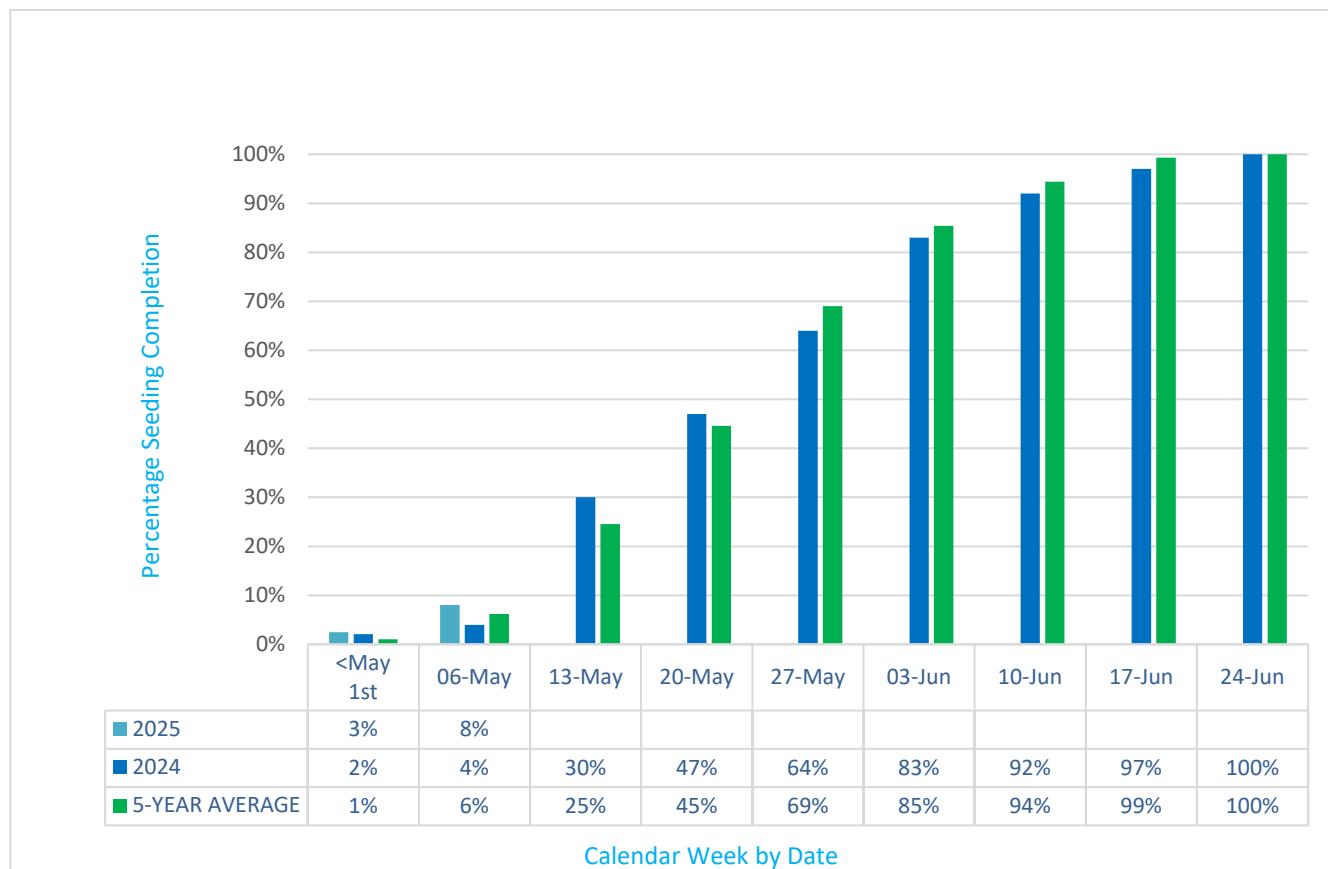
- Agro-Manitoba received variable amounts of precipitation over the past four days. Precipitation for the past week ranged week from 0 mm to 12.7 mm (Table 1) with most regions receiving less than 0.5 mm. Virden (12.7 mm) received the most precipitation.

Table 1. Range of measurements of four-day accumulated precipitation in Manitoba's Agricultural Regions.

Region	Wettest Location last Week	Driest Location last Week
Central	Carman (0.6 mm)	Several (0 mm)
Eastern	Gardenton (5 mm)	Several (0.6 mm)
Interlake	-----	Several (0 mm)
Northwest	Keld (3.2 mm)	Several (0 mm)
Southwest	Virden (12.7 mm)	Several (0 mm)

- Climate normals for total accumulated precipitation from May 1 to May 4 range from 0 mm to 12.7 mm (Table 1) and are based on 30-year historical data. Precipitation accumulation in most areas is far below normal precipitation since May 1. Parts of the southeast regions have accumulated more than 100% compared to the 30-year average.
- To find interactive soil temperature/moisture and air temperature information see Agri-Maps Current Weather [viewer](#).
- Provincial seeding progress is 8% complete, sitting ahead of the 5-year average of 6% (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Seeding Progression in 2025 Compared to Previous Years



Cereals

- Winter wheat and fall rye survival looks good to date, with most fertilizer applications being completed.
- Almost half the spring wheat acres in the Central and Interlake regions have been seeded, with other regions progressing quickly. Seeding of oats and barley has begun in the Southwest, Central, Eastern, and Interlake regions.

Oilseeds

- Canola planting has started in the Central region. Sunflowers have also started to be seeded in the Central and Interlake regions.

Pulses and Soybeans

- Field peas are being seeded in all regions. Soybean crops being planted in the Central, Eastern, and Interlake regions. Other pulses have not been started to date.

Forages & Livestock

Forages

- Some operations have begun seeding perennial forages as well as corn.
- Fertilization of hay fields is ongoing. Rolling of hayfields for molehills is occurring.

Livestock

- Hay supplies are generally adequate with some producers expecting carry-over. Hay is still available for sale for producers who may need to top up their feed supplies.
- Cattle remain in their winter-feeding areas. Some operations have opened smaller paddocks adjacent to corrals; allowing animals more space. Corrals are dry and animals are comfortable. This is fortunate as grass on pasture could use more time to green-up and for growth.
- Producers are checking fence-lines and prepping for the eventual move of cattle to pasture.
- Some herds are being turned out to stockpiled grass, with most sites still requiring supplementation. Turning animals out too early could decrease pasture growth over the season, especially with current drier conditions.
- Recent winds and heat have reduced the amount of standing water, however most dugouts are full, and some creeks are still running. Most water sources for livestock are adequate, however lower than normal levels are being reported for the Pas and Swan River.
- Pasture and hay fields are slowly greening up and showing minimal growth with previously overgrazed pastures further behind. Some producers are starting to talk about the possibility of dry conditions. Warm weather and some spotty showers last week brought on good growth in pastures and hay land in southern Manitoba.

Regional Comments

Southwest

Good weather over the past week has given producers an opportunity to accelerate their seeding operations. Most of the seeding activity has occurred in the southern parts of the region, although there has been some in northern areas including Rivers, Oak River, and Rapid City. Overall, seedbed conditions are good, and soil moisture is at an optimal level across most of the region.

Producers are also applying fertilizers and pre-seed burn-off herbicides, although windy conditions are hindering progress in some areas. Weeds are beginning to emerge as temperatures continue to rise. Winter wheat and fall rye are coming out of dormancy and are looking healthy.

Northwest

Spring operations are underway, with seeding having a good start in most areas of the Northwest region. Spring wheat seeding has begun across most of the region, apart from The Pas, which is anticipated to begin this week. Fertilizer application and harrowing are also ongoing.

Wildfires in The Pas are a concern. Many other locations across the region are high risk and have a burn ban in place.

Fall rye and winter wheat continue to look good.

Central

Favourable weather over the past week has allowed significant progress in field operations across the Central Region. These conditions, especially the high winds over the weekend, have helped many fields dry sufficiently to support machinery and early-season activities.

Most producers have begun some form of field operations, while a small number are still completing final equipment checks, calibration, and maintenance. Substantial progress has been made in the seeding of cereals and peas, with the earliest established pea and cereal crops emerging. A few producers have also started seeding canola, sunflowers, soybean and corn, encouraged by warm soil temperatures and a favourable forecast. Potato planting is underway.

Winter wheat and fall rye are growing rapidly, and most producers have completed fertilizer applications on these winter cereals. Winter cereal survival is generally good, with most producers reporting 80 to 90 percent survival.

Eastern

Fields were dry enough for general manure/fertilizer applications and seeding this past week. Spring wheat seeding has moved forward quickly, with other crops including oats, barley, and corn also being planted. Canola and sunflower acres will be next, with producers factoring in warm soil temperatures in the top inch and flea beetle control efficacy.

A few soybean acres have been planted but it is expected that planting will become more general this week as growers finish up their cereal crops. The field pea acres are close to being completed, with the earliest planted fields beginning to emerge.

Interlake

Seeding across the Interlake region is well underway particularly in the South with the recent weather conditions. The North Interlake region has just begun seeding spring cereals. Overall, seeding of spring cereals is the most advanced across the region, with soybeans, peas, canola, and silage corn to be seeded next. The soil temperature at 2" depth was over 7 degrees with good soil moisture, so seeding will most likely advance quickly.

Winter cereal fertilizer applications are close to being done except for a few wet fields. Winter cereal and fall rye survival looks very promising with field conditions ranging from fair to good. Volunteer canola has started to emerge.