

Alberta Crop Report

Crop conditions as of May 6, 2025

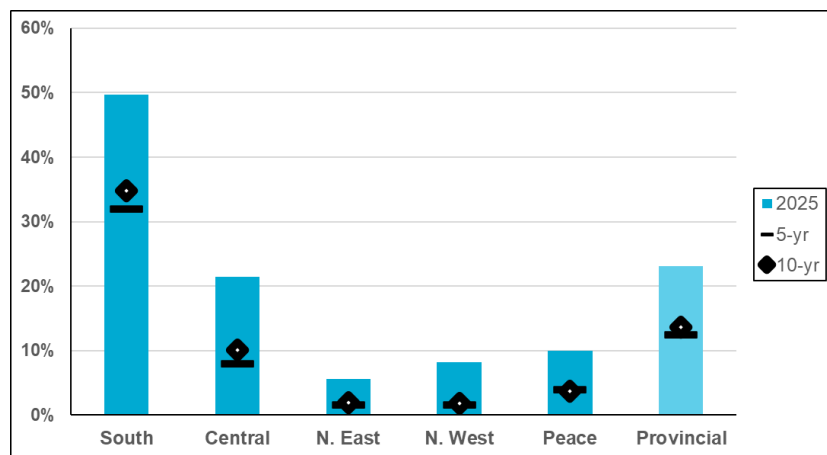
Alberta has had a favourable start to the 2025 crop season, with a smooth seasonal transition and some beneficial moisture. The good conditions have supported significant seeding progress over the past three weeks. As of the first crop report of the season, 23 per cent of all crops have been seeded, compared to the 5-year average of 12 per cent and the 10-year average of 14 per cent (see Table 1). Regionally, seeding is both ahead of the 5-year and 10-year averages in all regions. The South leads with 50 per cent of all crops seeded, followed by the Central Region at 22 per cent, the Peace Region at 10 per cent, the North West at 8 per cent, and the North East at 6 per cent. While early conditions are promising, timely rainfall in the coming weeks will be crucial to support crop emergence and establishment. Over the past 30 days, much of the Southern, Central, and North West regions received between 20 and 40 mm of precipitation. In contrast, most areas in the North East and Peace regions received near-normal amounts, ranging from 2 to 10 mm.

Table 1: Alberta Seeding Progress as of May 6, 2025

	% Seeded					
	South	Central	N East	N West	Peace	Alberta
Spring Wheat *	48.7%	41.9%	8.7%	19.5%	24.2%	29.4%
Durum	64.4%	30.8%	-	-	-	59.0%
Barley *	50.4%	9.3%	4.9%	1.3%	6.9%	21.0%
Oats *	31.6%	5.5%	2.7%	0.1%	5.4%	4.0%
Canola *	23.8%	1.8%	0.7%	1.6%	1.1%	5.0%
Dry Peas *	76.4%	46.5%	28.4%	30.4%	15.8%	49.6%
Mustard	50.7%	0.0%	-	-	-	48.4%
Flax	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	22.1%
Potatoes	88.4%	7.9%	-	0.9%	-	78.3%
Chickpeas	55.3%	12.0%	-	-	-	50.9%
Lentils	62.3%	15.1%	-	-	-	50.7%
Corn	44.2%	25.7%	-	25.0%	-	33.6%
All Crops, May 6	49.7%	21.5%	5.6%	8.2%	9.9%	23.1%
Major Crops (*), May 6	46.4%	21.5%	5.6%	8.3%	9.9%	19.9%
5-year (2020-24) Avg	31.9%	8.0%	1.6%	1.6%	4.0%	12.4%
10-year (2015-24) Avg	34.8%	10.1%	2.0%	1.8%	3.7%	13.7%

Source: AGI/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey

Figure 1: Provincial and Regional All Crops Seeding Progress as of May 6, 2025



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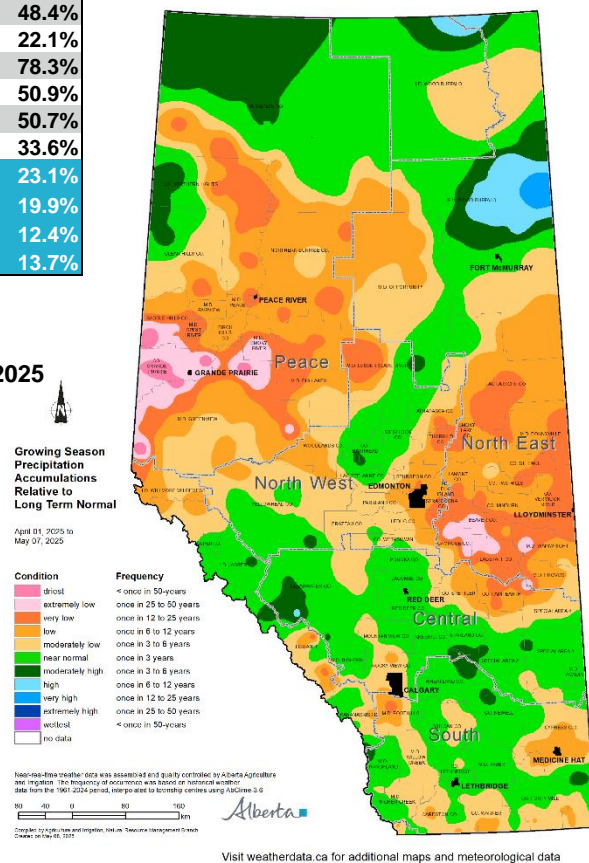
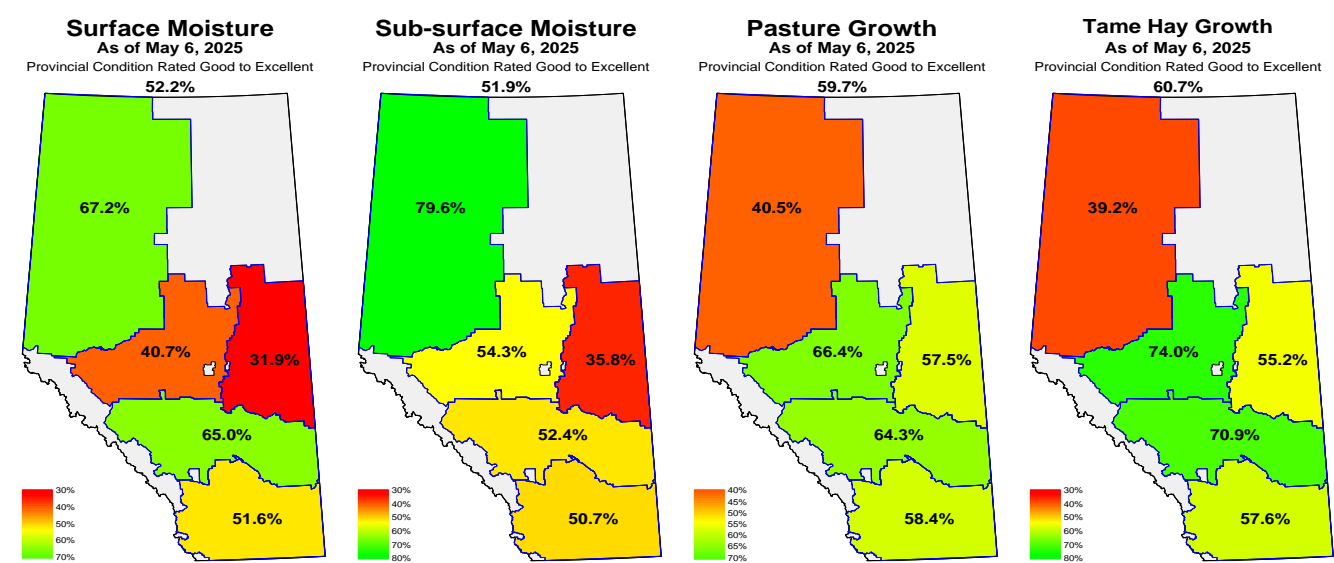


Figure 1: Surface and Sub-surface Soil Moisture Conditions, Tame Hay and Pasture Growth, May 6, 2025



Initial regional growth conditions for pasture and tame hay indicate generally favourable growth. Provincially, pasture growth is rated 60 per cent good to excellent, while tame hay is slightly ahead at 61 per cent rated good to excellent (see Table 2 and Figure 1). Fall-seeded crops are also off to a strong start, with 72 per cent rated good to excellent and 25 per cent rated fair. Feedback on forage and feed grain reserves indicates that approximately 76 per cent of producers have adequate or surplus forage, and 85 per cent report adequate or surplus feed grain supplies to carry them through until grazing begins.

Table 2: Pasture Growth Conditions as of May 6, 2025

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
South	5.6%	36.0%	56.8%	1.6%
Central	7.7%	28.0%	61.7%	2.6%
North East	5.6%	37.0%	52.9%	4.5%
North West	3.3%	30.3%	64.2%	2.2%
Peace	20.0%	39.5%	37.5%	3.0%
Alberta	7.1%	33.2%	57.2%	2.6%
5-year (2020-24) Avg	23.2%	36.8%	37.3%	2.7%
10-year (2015-24) Avg	21.7%	31.9%	42.3%	4.1%

Source: AGI/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey

Spring precipitation has contributed to generally supportive soil moisture conditions across the province (see Table 3). Provincially, surface soil moisture (sub-surface soil moisture) is rated at 52 (52) per cent good to excellent. Regionally, surface soil moisture conditions rated as good to excellent are reported at 52 (51) per cent in the South, 65 (52) per cent in the Central, 32 (36) per cent in the North East, 41 (54) per cent in the North West, and 67 (80) per cent in the Peace.

Table 3: Alberta Surface Soil Moisture Ratings as of May 6, 2025

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Excessive
South	4.2%	44.1%	46.9%	4.7%	0.0%
Central	6.2%	28.8%	61.5%	3.4%	0.0%
North East	11.3%	56.9%	30.0%	1.9%	0.0%
North West	3.7%	55.6%	38.4%	2.3%	0.0%
Peace	7.9%	23.3%	51.6%	15.5%	1.7%
Alberta	6.4%	41.2%	47.5%	4.7%	0.2%
5-year (2020-24) Avg	11.7%	28.9%	44.2%	13.9%	1.4%
10-year (2015-24) Avg	8.8%	24.7%	43.4%	18.5%	4.5%

Source: AGI/AFSC Crop Reporting Survey

Regional Assessments:

Region One: South (Strathmore, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Foremost)

- Seeding progress for all crops (major crops) is 50 (46) per cent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 32 (29) per cent.
- Reported sub-surface moisture is 5 per cent poor, 44 per cent fair, 47 per cent good, 4 per cent excellent, and 0 per cent excessive.
- Reported conditions of fall-seeded crop are 5 per cent poor, 20 per cent fair, 63 per cent good, and 12 per cent excellent.
- Conditions of tame hay are reported as 4 per cent poor, 39 per cent fair, 56 per cent good, and 2 per cent excellent.

Region Two: Central (Rimbey, Airdrie, Coronation, Oyen)

- Seeding progress for all crops (major crops) is 22 (22) per cent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 8 (8) per cent.
- Reported sub-surface moisture is 13 per cent poor, 35 per cent fair, 50 per cent good, 2 per cent excellent, and 0 per cent excessive.
- Reported conditions of fall-seeded crop are 3 per cent poor, 8 per cent fair, 87 per cent good, and 2 per cent excellent.
- Conditions of tame hay are reported as 8 per cent poor, 21 per cent fair, 67 per cent good, and 4 per cent excellent.

Region Three: North East (Smoky Lake, Vermilion, Camrose, Provost)

- Seeding progress for all crops (major crops) is 6 (6) per cent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 2 (2) per cent.
- Reported sub-surface moisture is 15 per cent poor, 50 per cent fair, 36 per cent good, 0 per cent excellent, and 0 per cent excessive.
- Reported conditions of fall-seeded crop are 2 per cent poor, 48 per cent fair, 50 per cent good, and 0 per cent excellent.
- Conditions of tame hay are reported as 4 per cent poor, 41 per cent fair, 53 per cent good, and 2 per cent excellent.

Region Four: North West (Barrhead, Edmonton, Leduc, Drayton Valley, Athabasca)

- Seeding progress for all crops (major crops) is 8 (8) per cent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 2 (2) per cent.
- Reported sub-surface moisture is 6 per cent poor, 40 per cent fair, 45 per cent good, 9 per cent excellent, and 0 per cent excessive.
- Reported conditions of fall-seeded crop are 0 per cent poor, 40 per cent fair, 58 per cent good, and 2 per cent excellent.
- Conditions of tame hay are reported as 2 per cent poor, 24 per cent fair, 72 per cent good, and 2 per cent excellent.

Region Five: Peace (Fairview, Falher, Grande Prairie, Valleyview)

- Seeding progress for all crops (major crops) is 10 (10) per cent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 4 (4) per cent.
- Reported sub-surface moisture is 3 per cent poor, 17 per cent fair, 57 per cent good, 23 per cent excellent, and 1 per cent excessive.
- Conditions of tame hay are reported as 22 per cent poor, 39 per cent fair, 36 per cent good, and 3 per cent excellent.

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