

# Issue 1 – April 29, 2025

## Crop Report



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### Weekly Provincial Summary

- Precipitation accumulations were variable across agro-Manitoba over the past seven days. Isolated rain and snow resulted in accumulations varying from 0 mm to 43.9 mm. Reston received the most precipitation with 43.9 mm (Table 1).

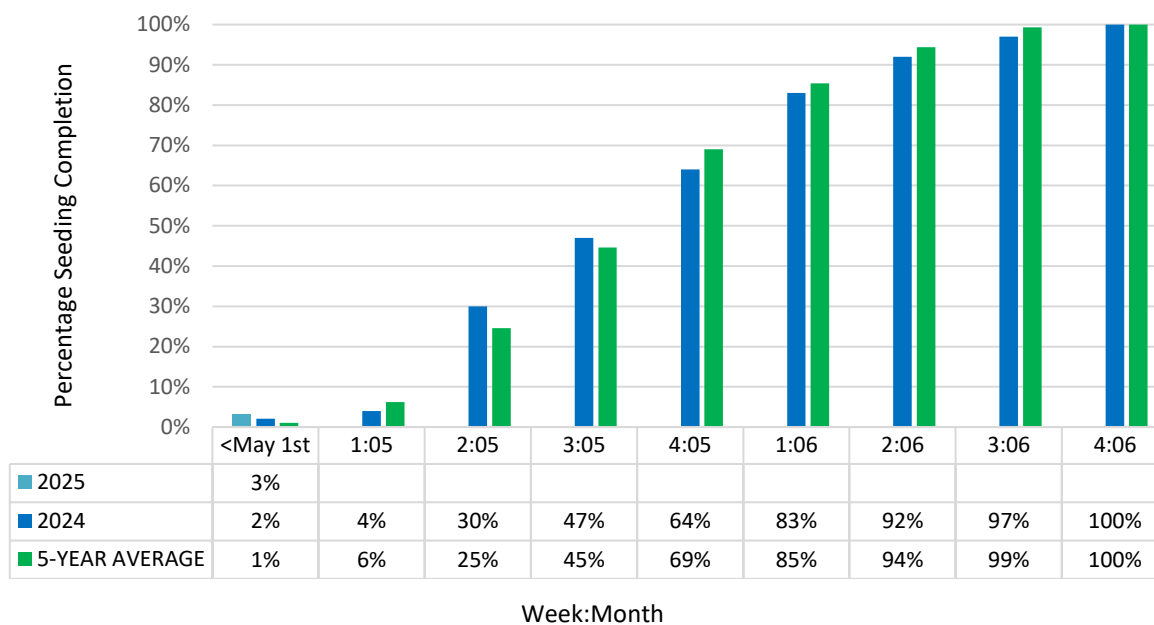
**Table 1.** Range of measurements of seven-day accumulated precipitation in Manitoba's Agricultural Regions.

Region	Wettest Location last Week	Driest Location last Week
Central	Kane (20.5 mm)	Cypress River (2.9 mm)
Eastern	Sprague Lake (15.6 mm)	Steinbach (2.2 mm)
Interlake	Gimli (4.7 mm)	Moosehorn (0.4 mm)
Northwest	Laurier (8.6 mm)	Several (0 mm)
Southwest	Findlay (43.9 mm)	Neepawa (1.2 mm)

- Normal (based on the 30-year historical average) precipitation since Nov. 1 ranged from 43 mm to 128 mm across agro-Manitoba. Percent of normal precipitation varied across the province with areas receiving as low as 36% (Minnedosa) compared to the 30-year average, while others were 114% of normal (Petersfield).
- To find interactive soil temperature/moisture and air temperature information see Agri-Maps Current Weather [viewer](#).
- Provincial seeding progress is about 3% complete which is slightly ahead of the 5-Year average of 1% for Week 17 (Figure 1).
- Statistics Canada<sup>1</sup> spring seeded report for Manitoba has forecasted:
  - Spring wheat projected to be at 3.22 million acres (2024: 3.18 million acres seeded).
  - Canola projected at 3.12 million acres (2024: 3.34 million acres seeded).
  - Soybeans projected at 1.63 million acres (2024: 1.43 million acres seeded).

<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0359-01 Estimated areas, yield, production, average farm price and total farm value of principal field crops, in metric and imperial units. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25318/3210035901-eng>

**Figure 1: Seeding Progression in 2025 Compared to Previous Years**



## Cereals

- Winter wheat and fall rye survival looks good at this point, but winterkill assessments will need to be conducted after a longer period of warm conditions.
- A small number of spring wheat acres have been seeded in all the regions. Oats have also started to be seeded in the Interlake region.

## Oilseeds

- No oilseed crops planted to date.

## Pulses and Soybeans

- Peas have been seeded minimally in the Central, Eastern, and Interlake regions.

## Forages & Livestock

### Forages

- Limited forage growth on pastures and hayfields due to cold soil temperatures.
- Freezing nighttime temperatures will likely further delay forage growth.

- Soil moisture conditions are good in the Northwest and Interlake areas where snow was more plentiful this winter. Soil moisture levels are a concern in Eastern and Southern regions of the province where modest snow cover over the winter months contributed to lower spring run-off levels. Accordingly, dugouts may not be fully re-charged in these areas.

## **Livestock**

- Producers have begun checking and fixing fences on their pastures and monitoring water levels on dugouts prior to cattle turnout which won't be until later in May.
- Most cattle remain in their winter-feeding areas. Some operations have moved livestock to smaller paddocks adjacent to corrals to allow animals access to drier and cleaner areas with more space. Majority of operations are calving (with some wrapping up and others just beginning).
- 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. Several operations are supplementing cattle with grain or other higher energy feed to boost energy levels in the ration during lactation.
- Fall rye and winter wheat fields survived the winter in good condition. However, their growth is slow due to cooler temperatures.
- Fertilization of hay fields via manure application and commercial fertilizer has begun.
- A handful of dairy operations have begun seeding forages in the eastern part of the province over the weekend. However, rainy weather conditions have stalled any further field work.

## **Regional Comments**

### **Southwest**

Moisture received in the past seven days was quickly absorbed into the soil without significant run-off. Modest flows were observed in the Pipestone Creek, and the Souris River is experiencing average flows.

Seeding has started west of Brandon and near Rapid City, however low-lying areas are still quite wet. Some pre-banding may take place this week, and sprayers are being prepped for burn-off application.

Winter cereal survival may be spotty, as there are only a few fields in the area. Topdressing is likely to occur anytime now through the end of next month for winter cereals.

### **Northwest**

Field conditions remain saturated in the Roblin and Dauphin area as they received precipitation mid-week. Conditions have improved in the Swan Valley region. Field prep operations have begun, and there has been a small amount of spring wheat seeding in the Swan Valley area. Drier conditions are needed this week for other areas to begin seeding.

Fall rye and winter cereals are in good condition.

### **Central**

Rainfall this week halted most seeding and field operations across the province. The rains largely infiltrated the soil with minimal runoff providing necessary moisture for cash crop establishment and pasture growth.

Limited seeding has occurred, with a small number of spring wheat and pea acres being seeded, particularly in lighter soil regions. Some liquid fertilizer and manure applications have also taken place.

Producers are actively preparing seeding and other field equipment to move quickly once conditions improve. Weed emergence has begun, including volunteer canola and flixweed.

### **Eastern**

Limited seeding has occurred in the region. A few fields of wheat and some pea acres are in the ground. Limited manure applications have begun on drier fields. Producers have been busy getting their seeding equipment ready so they can plant as soon as conditions allow. Reports of some early liquid fertilizer (28-0-0) applications have also been received.

Winter cereal fertilizer applications are nearing completion in the region. Cropping plans are being shifted slightly this year as a function of profitability. Canola acres are projected to be down while corn and wheat acres will increase. For some farms this year sunflowers will make a return to the rotation.

### **Interlake**

A small amount of seeding has begun in the Interlake due to moist soil conditions and intermittent rainfall over the past week. The crops that are being seeded include spring wheat, oats, and some peas.

Fall rye and winter wheat are in good condition with no concerns to report. Fall rye has started to green up with no visible winterkill so far.

Very limited field operations, including fertilization and tillage, are ongoing in the Interlake region. Grass seed is being broadcast in certain areas. Fall rye urea fertilizer will begin in the coming days. Fertilization is underway in Timothy established seed fields in some parts of the region.