

Crop Report - May 12, 2026



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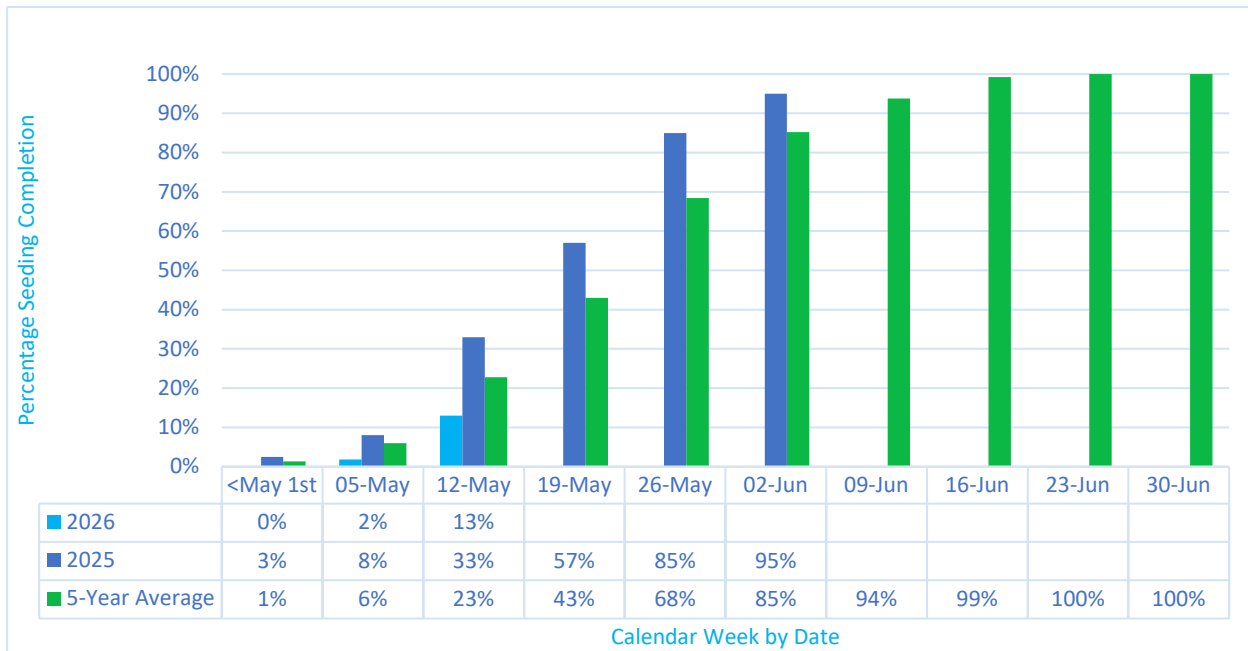
- [CropTalk Webinar](#): Wednesday, May 13 at 9 am – Is it time to start planting your soybeans? (Dennis Lange, Pulse and Soybean Specialist)
- “New Date” Weed Seedling Identification Day
Wednesday, May 27, 2026
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Ian N Morrison Research Station, Carman, MB
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Weather Report

- Little to no precipitation accumulated throughout the majority of agro-Manitoba over the past week. The Eastern region had the highest accumulations over the past seven days ranging from 0 to 3.2 mm. The highest amount of rainfall was observed at Sprague Lake at 3.2 mm.
- Total Accumulation of Growing Degree Days shows the accumulated growing degree days (GDD) for the period of May 1 – May 10, 2026. GDD accumulations ranged between 3 and 28 GDD so far this growing season. Recent cool temperatures slowed accumulations of GDD.

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

Region	Wettest location last seven days	Driest location last seven days
Central	Manitou (1.9 mm)	Several (0 mm)
Eastern	Sprague Lake (3.2 mm)	Several (0 mm)
Interlake	Gimli (1.7 mm)	Several (0 mm)
Northwest	Pipe Lake (1.3 mm)	Several (0 mm)
Southwest	Wasagaming (2.8 mm)	Several (0 mm)



Seeding Progression in 2026 Compared to Previous Years

Commodity Reports

Cereals

- Winter wheat and fall rye survival is very good, with minimal winterkill. Fertilizer applications on winter cereals are complete. Winter cereals are at the 3-leaf stage and greening up well. However, growth is slow due to cool conditions.
- Corn and spring wheat seeding continues in most regions.

Oilseeds

- Canola and sunflower planting is underway in most regions.

Pulses & Soybeans

- Field pea planting is around 40 to 50 percent complete.
- Soybean planting has started in all regions except the Northwest.

Forages & Livestock

Forages

- Limited growth on pastures due to the prolonged cooler temperatures, although warmer temperatures this week will be welcome to promote forage spring growth.
- Cattle are still being fed, and forage supplies are adequate with some producers having carryover for next year. Some producers concerned about delayed pasture growth have been purchasing hay to support spring feeding requirements.
- Fertilizer is being applied to some hayfields, and some spring manure application is happening.

- Some dairy producers have begun seeding greenfeed and corn in the eastern part of the province, while many producers across the rest of the province are preparing to start this week.
- Moisture conditions remain a concern. While there is sufficient soil moisture to support initial pasture and crop establishment, levels are not adequate for sustained growth. Timely rainfall will be important over the coming weeks.

Livestock

- Water sources are fully replenished and currently in good condition.
- Cattle remain on feeding grounds, stockpiled pastures and sacrifice pastures with supplemental feeding are continuing.

Regional Comments

Southwest

Producers have been busy harrowing low spots to help dry them out. Soil moisture levels remain somewhat high but are quickly declining due to the lack of rain and persistent high winds. Cool temperatures over the past week have begun to return to near-normal levels.

Most spring fertilizing is complete on fall seeded crops. Winter wheat and fall rye fields are greening up, but growth remains slow due to the cool conditions.

Cereal crop seeding is approximately 10 to 15 percent complete, with wheat accounting for most acres planted so far. Regions south of Highway 1 have the highest percentage completed.

Pea seeding is around 40 to 50 percent complete, with early-seeded fields beginning to sprout. Corn planting is about 10 percent complete. There have been a few reports of soybeans being planted. Canola is expected to start this week.

Northwest

The week started cool with temperatures warming slowly over the weekend. Overnight temperatures were below zero for most of the week. Snow persists in fields in The Pas and some field edges/shelterbelts in the Swan Valley. Fields in the rest of the region are mostly saturated with some standing water in low spots.

Warm, dry conditions are needed across the region. Limited seeding has started in the Ste. Rose/Dauphin area with select fields. Average soil temperature at most stations in the region remain cool in the single digits. Weed growth has started but has been slow with cool temperatures.

Central

Temperatures remain relatively cool across the Central Region; however dry and windy conditions over the past week have allowed for significant progress in field operations. Many producers are hoping for warmer temperatures and precipitation in the coming week to support optimum germination and early-season crop growth.

Winter wheat and fall rye survival is very good, with minimal winterkill. Fertilizer applications on winter cereals are complete. Winter cereals are at the 3-leaf stage and greening up well. However, growth is slow due to cool conditions.

Seeding of spring cereals, corn, sunflowers, and canola is well underway, while pea seeding is nearly complete. The earliest seeded pea fields are now beginning to emerge. Just over half of the spring wheat crop is seeded, and approximately 25% of the corn.

Canola sits around 7% and sunflowers, around 15% complete. Many producers are waiting to finish corn or spring cereals before starting canola.

The first soybean fields were seeded last week, although most producers are waiting for warmer soil temperatures before beginning soybean seeding in earnest, as soil remains relatively cool.

Producers continue to weigh the benefits of planting early into existing soil moisture, against delaying seeding until soils warm, potentially at the expense of available moisture.

Eastern

Rainfall accumulation across the region last week, ranged from 0 to 2.8 mm with the average at 0.7 mm. Daytime temperatures early last week were cooler, with some warmer days later in the week. The current forecast for this week is for warmer temperatures as the week progresses with some rain possible earlier in the week.

Most areas in the region are now seeding. Manure applications are wrapping up this week. Field drains and lower areas of some fields, as well as bush-lines, continue to be too wet for equipment to pass. Producers are hopeful that the weather will warm up and that wetter fields will dry up so field operations can occur. Liquid fertilizer applications are ongoing and will continue this week.

Winter cereals are looking very good with very little winter kill reported. Winter cereal fertilizer applications have wrapped up. Winter cereals are at the 3-leaf stage and are actively growing.

Field pea planting is underway, although there are limited acres in the region, and estimated at 75% complete.

Spring wheat seeding has been the focus this past week with a lot of acres completed. Total spring wheat acres seeded is estimated at 45%. Corn planting continues in the region with approximately 20% of the acres planted.

Canola seeding is just starting with total acres estimated at 5% complete across the region. Producers are focusing on other crop types before canola is seeded.

Soybean planting is just underway in the region, with seeded acres estimated at 3%. Producers will move into planting soybeans as cereal and corn acres are finished up.

Interlake

This past week overnight temperatures dipped below freezing, while daytime highs ranged from 13.1°C to 14.2°C. Rainfall varied between 0 and 1.7 mm, with average soil temperatures at seeding depth at 3.1°C. Soil moisture levels on cropland are adequate, and a small amount of snow remains visible behind the tree line in the South.

Field activity in the Interlake is steadily increasing, with fertilizer applications already in progress and some acres seeded. Soil sampling is ongoing, but cooler temperatures and wet conditions are delaying seeding for many. Operations will speed up as the weather improves.

Seeding has started, and progress is expected to increase as fields get drier. As of today, spring cereals are around 10% complete in the Rockwood area, with other regions reporting corn at 5%, canola at 5%, sunflowers at 2%, and soybeans at 2%. Progress is more advanced in the South than in the North Interlake.

Current Crop Topics: Crop Growth Stages

Accurate crop staging is an important skill. Crop staging becomes very important when considering herbicide and fungicide applications, plant growth regulators, applying fertilizer in-crop, and when evaluating crop damage from hail or frost. Links to various crop staging guides are found below:

Pulse & Soybeans

[Soybean](#)

[Field peas](#)

[Fababean](#)

Oilseeds

[Canola](#)

[Sunflower](#)

[Flax](#)

Cereals

[Cereal staging guide](#)

[Corn – Vegetative growth stages](#)

[Corn – Reproductive growth stages](#)