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Fruit Crop Report



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Weekly Provincial Overview

Bulk of strawberry harvesting continues. Many farms started picking last weekend of June. Saskatoon harvesting started first week of July and is continuing this week. Harvesting of dwarf sour cherries starting in some orchards this week while harvesting of late season Haskap berries nearing completion. Expecting harvest of raspberries mid-July.

Commercial Fruit Crops - Timely Topics

Save the Date: Horticulture School July 31, 2025

Assiniboine College, North Hill Campus, 9:30am-3pm

We hope to see you at the 2025 Horticulture School. More details at: [Province of Manitoba | agriculture - Horticulture School](#)

Sessions at the 2025 Horticulture School include:

- High Tunnel Design/Operation
- Iron Chlorosis in Strawberries
- Vegetable Production on Raised Beds with Mulch
- Monitoring for Invasive Insects
- Horticulture Pathology

Pre-registration is required. You can register via email at sukhjinder.dandiwal@gov.mb.ca. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch and refreshments. Registration can be paid by cash at the event or by cheque (payable to PFGA).

Directions to the location for the 2025 Horticulture School can be found on Google Maps at the following link: https://goo.gl/maps/tjmsKSVkFGLUAtcR9?q_st=am

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Tom.Gonsalves@gov.mb.ca

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Spotted Wing Drosophila

Expecting spotted wing drosophila (SWD) population to increase throughout July. Upcoming raspberry and sour cherry harvests will require control of SWD once berries start to colour up. Last picking of strawberries may require control as well, depending on harvest time.

Consider a SWD control application using products with pre-harvest intervals (PHI) of 1-2 days. Spraying at dawn or dusk will be the most effective time to control SWD. Weekly application of approved insecticides are quite effective at controlling SWD and protecting the berry harvest from damage.

Refer to [Province of Manitoba | agriculture - Spotted Winged Drosophila \(gov.mb.ca\)](http://gov.mb.ca/agriculture/spotted-winged-drosophila/) for control options in saskatoons, strawberries and raspberries. Use apple cider vinegar traps as an indicator of when SWD are present and the crushed berry salt test to determine population levels.

Harvest ripe berries frequently and cool berries quickly after harvest. SWD stop growing in the berry and eventually die at cool refrigerator temperatures. Remove unmarketable fruit and crush in alleyways. Consider harvesting dwarf sour cherries 7-8 days before fully ripe to maintain marketable quality fruit. For example, harvesting when cherries are bright red but not a black cherry colour. Sugars levels will not be at their maximum, but these are tart cherries and that tartness is expected from the consumer.