

Issue 5 – October 8, 2025

Vegetable Crop Report



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Provincial Overview

Vegetable harvest continues. Prior to the frost event on October 7, fewer than 50% of producers had completed their harvest, with mostly root crops and cabbage left. The percentage of acres harvested varies by region and crop type. To date, approximately 95% of vegetable acres have been harvested, with producers reporting average to above-average yields and quality.

Although the heavy rainfall event in late August negatively impacted some farms, overall conditions have been favorable for vegetable production. Most growing areas have received normal to below-normal precipitation (Figure 1) and experienced normal to above-normal accumulation of growing degree days (Figure 2) between May 1 and October 5, 2025.

For more detailed information on the weather conditions within the province, please go to [crop weather conditions and reports](#)

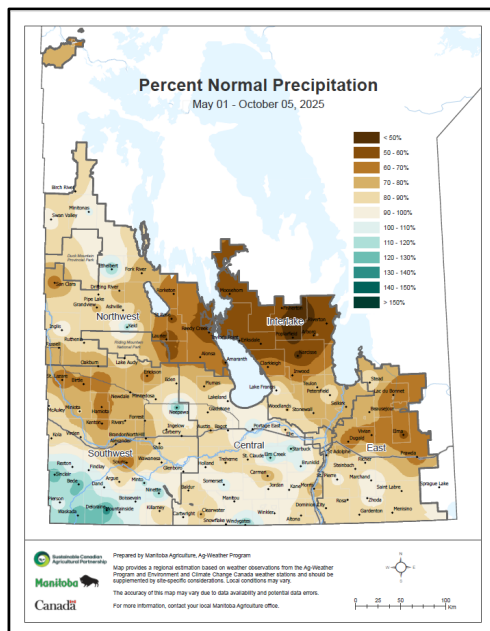


Figure 1. Percent Normal Precipitation
May 1 to October 5, 2025

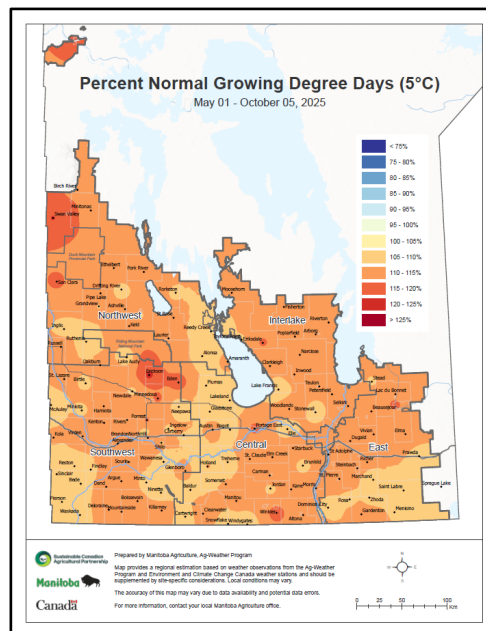


Figure 2. Percent Normal Growing Degree Days
May 1 to October 5, 2025

The first widespread frost this fall, occurred the morning of October 7th. Initial data shows the lowest temperature recorded in most vegetable production areas ranged from -0.5°C to -2°C. Individual vegetable producers reported temperatures as low as -3°C. The severity of damage to vegetables will take a few days to accurately assess.

Earlier than expected frosts occurred in early September in some areas of the province. Although a widespread frost was reported September 7th in the Interlake, major vegetable production areas of Manitoba escaped significant frost damage (Figure 3).

Pumpkin producers in the Interlake reported killing frosts as early as September 5, 2025 (Figure 4). At least two pumpkin producers harvested their marketable pumpkins prior to the frost, with marketable yields lower than projected. The first frost of the year in the Interlake normally occurs between September 23rd and 29th.

For first frost information see <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/weather/images/first-frost-avg-2023.jpg>

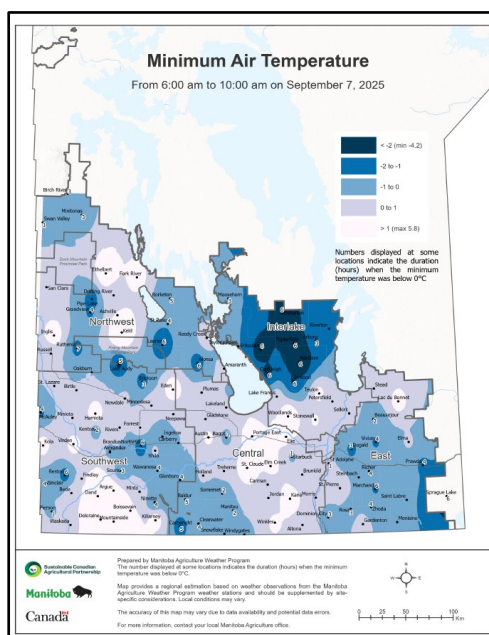


Figure 3. Minimum Air Temperature from 6:00am to 10:00am on September 7, 2025



Figure 4: Frost Damaged Pumpkin Plants September 5, 2025

Cabbage

Cabbage harvest continues with producers reporting they will complete harvest in 7 to 14 days. A portion of the crop will be graded and sold, with the remainder put in storage to be graded and sold at a later date during late fall and winter.

Carrots and Parsnips

Commercial carrot and parsnip growers are putting both these crops in storage (Figures 5 & 6). The volumes of carrots and/or parsnips harvested daily, destined for storage, were lower than normally expected due to the warmer than normal daytime and overnight temperatures from mid September through early October. Producers are only harvesting early in the day, or overnight, and not harvesting wet areas/low spots within fields to minimize potential disease issues in storage. The cooler daytime and overnight temperatures, beginning October 4, 2025, resulted in an increase in the daily harvest volume destined for storage. To date, total carrot harvest is 50% plus complete.



Figure 5. Unloading Parsnips into Storage
October 2, 2025



Figure 6. Piling Parsnips in Storage
October 2, 2025

Late Blight

To date, no late blight disease has been found in Manitoba, but vegetable crop producers, of susceptible crops (potatoes and tomatoes), are encouraged to remain vigilant for the disease. If any suspicious lesions on susceptible foliage, tubers and/or fruit are found, please submit to the Crop Diagnostic Lab (545 University Crescent, Winnipeg, MB) along with this form: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/crop-diagnostic-services/pubs/cds-disease-general-diagnostic-form.pdf>

MASC Deadlines

March 31, 2026 is the deadline to apply for the following MASC vegetable insurance products:

- Vegetable Acreage Loss (VAL) Insurance
- Small Farm Acreage Loss Insurance Pilot Program
- AgriInsurance contracts

Seeding/transplanting deadlines, for insurable vegetable crops, vary by crop and will be posted [here](#), prior to next season.

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This is the final issue of the 2025 Vegetable Crop Report. Your feedback is important, please send any of your comments and/or suggestions regarding on the Vegetable Crop Report to crops@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you