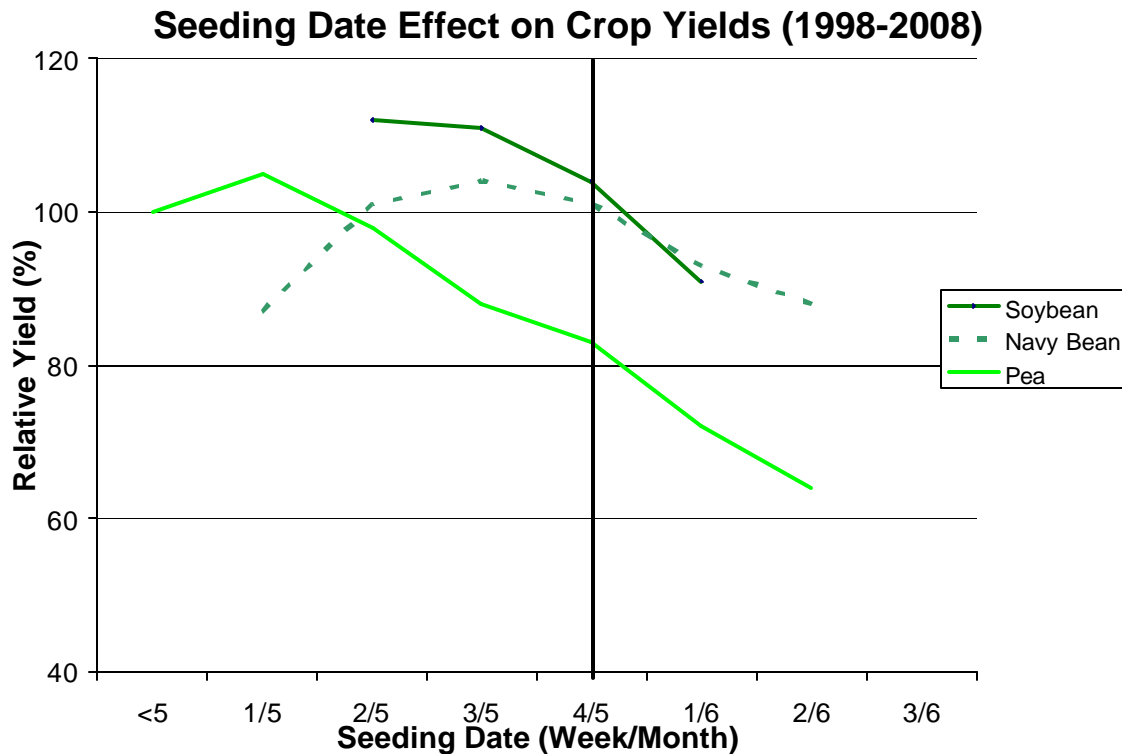


Late Seeding of Peas

Peas are normally one of the first crops seeded in the spring. In normal years, seeding after the 1st week of May rarely happens. Peas seeded after mid May will mature and could be considered a low input, late season alternative.



What is the Yield Potential of Late Peas?

Highest yield potential is gotten with early seeding (Table 1). Pea yields start to decline if seeding after early May. Seeding into the end of May/early June results in reduced pea yields of 15 to 30%. There is limited yield data available for seeding peas up to the MASC Seeding Deadline as farmers rarely seed peas this late.

Table 1: Relative yield (expressed as a %) of pea by seeding date and region.

Seeding Date (week / month)	South Central (RA 5,10,11)	RR Valley (RA 12, 32)	West Central (RA 4,6)	Eastern (RA 14)	Northwest (RA 7,8,9)	Interlake (RA 15)	Southwest (RA 1,2,3)
<05	107	107	106				107
01/05	104	97	105			108	102
02/05	99	89	99	95	97	118	94
03/05	86	91	90	82	92	85	87
04/05	79	80	86	87	85	83	80
01/06	70				75		87
02/06							
03/06							

Source: Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation Seeded Acreage Report Records
 Data represents reported seeding date and crop yields of fields >200 acres (1989 to 2008).

For a map illustrating MASC Risk Areas:

http://www.mmpp.com/mmpp.nsf/ym_2009_09_risk_areas.pdf

MASC (Crop Insurance) Seeding Deadlines

Peas	Full Coverage	Extended Coverage
Field Peas	June 15th	June 16th - June 20th

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