



**Forecasting and Flood Response Coordination
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Flood Report for Manitoba

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- Levels of the Red River decline 0.62 feet at Emerson and about 0.9 feet from Ste. Agathe to the Floodway Inlet during the 24 hour period ending this morning. Levels declined about 0.7 feet from Lockport to Breezy Point.
- The river level in downtown Winnipeg declined slightly to 16.74 feet. The level will remain between 16.5 and 17.0 feet for the next 3-4 days as the floodway gates at St. Norbert continue to be lowered. The water level upstream of the Floodway Inlet was 757.66 feet and the flow in the Red River Floodway was 13,650 cfs at 9 a.m. this morning.
- The water level of Shellmouth Reservoir declined slightly due to a change in wind direction since yesterday and was just above 1404 feet this morning. A minor rise is expected following melt of new snow in the watershed upstream of the reservoir.
- The Portage Diversion continues to be used to prevent excessive levels in the City of Winnipeg. The Diversion flow this morning was 6185 cfs while the river flow at Southport was 1500 cfs. Flows down the Assiniboine River toward Winnipeg will be gradually increased once levels at James Avenue in Winnipeg can be maintained at 16.5 feet or lower. This should occur just after this long weekend.
- Lake Levels as of this morning in feet asl:
 - Lake Winnipeg.....715.03
 - Lake Manitoba.....812.66
 - Lake of the Woods...1060.30
 - Dauphin Lake.....856.45
 - Lake St. Martin.....801.15
 - Rock Lake.....1334.94
- A few showers are expected in the Interlake overnight to Monday morning accompanied by a cold front. Rain is likely in southern Manitoba on Wednesday but amounts are still unknown.

The Floodsheets may be viewed at the link:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/floodinfo/floodsheet.html>

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