

# Crop Report – August 11, 2026



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## Upcoming Events

- [CropTalk Webinar](#): 9:00 a.m., August 12, 2026
  - Anne Kirk, Cereal Crop Specialist – Desiccating Cereal Crops
- **Canola Disease Identification Workshops**: Aug. 18 (Portage), Aug. 19 (Hamiota), Aug. 25 (Roblin). See [agenda for details](#) and field locations.

## Weather Report

- Scattered rain events brought rain throughout the province. The Southwest, Northwest, Central and the Interlake regions received less than 10 mm of precipitation with many areas receiving less than 5 mm. The largest accumulations occurred in the East region with Prawda having the highest accumulation at 38.3 mm.
- Climate normals for total accumulated precipitation from May 1 to August 9 range from 191 mm to 289 mm and are based on 30-year historical data. Since May 1, areas of the Northwest and Interlake regions have accumulated 300 mm of precipitation. Seasonal accumulations are above normal for the entire Northwest and large areas of the Southwest and Interlake. Areas of the Central and Southwest region have near-normal accumulation. A few localized areas of the Southwest, Central, and Eastern regions have seen accumulations below 80% of the 30-year average.
- Total Accumulation of Growing Degree Days shows the accumulated growing degree days (GDD) for the period of May 1 – August 9, 2026. GDD accumulations ranged between 968 and 1339 GDD so far this growing season. Most of southern Manitoba has accumulated more than 1500 GDD.

To find interactive soil temperature/moisture and air temperature information see Agri-Maps Current Weather [viewer](#)

## Range of measurements of seven-day accumulated precipitation in Manitoba's Agricultural Regions (August 3 – 9, 2026)

| Region    | Wettest location last seven days | Driest location last seven days |
|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Central   | Winkler (9.1 mm)                 | Several (0 mm)                  |
| Eastern   | Prawda (38.3 mm)                 | Winnipeg (1.3 mm)               |
| Interlake | Inwood (6.1 mm)                  | Fisher Branch (0 mm)            |
| Northwest | The Pas (11.5 mm)                | Several (0 mm)                  |
| Southwest | Kola (6.2 mm)                    | Several (0 mm)                  |

## Commodity Reports

### Cereals

- Harvest has started in winter cereal crops, no yield reports at this time.
- The majority of spring cereals are in the soft to hard dough stage. Desiccation has started in spring cereals, swathing of oats will likely start this week. Harvest has started in the earliest barley fields.
- Corn developed rapidly over the past week. The majority of fields are in the R2 to R3 stage, late fields are in the silking stage.

### Oilseeds

- Canola development has continued rapidly and is generally in the podding stage to starting seed colour change. Swathing has started in the Central region.
- The majority of sunflowers are in the R5 stage, with the earliest fields at R6.
- Flax is showing boll colour change, late plantings are in the green boll stage.

### Pulses & Soybeans

- The majority of soybeans are in the R4 to R5 stage.
- Peas range from the R5 and R6 stage to full maturity. Desiccation has started and harvest has started in the earliest pea fields.

## Forages & Livestock

### Forages

- Forage harvest continues across the region, with producers at varying stages of first and second-cut harvest. Hay quality is generally good, with average to above-average yields reported.
- Dairy producers in Eastern and Central Manitoba have completed second cut, with central Manitoba producers beginning third cut.
- Limited recent rainfall is causing forage regrowth to be slow in some areas. Forage growth has stalled in some areas that previously had standing water and are now drying down.
- Annual forage oats are performing exceptionally well and are at the mid-milk stage. Barely is also performing well, with large seed heads.
- Cereal silage harvest is well underway, with yields expected to be above average in several areas.
- Silage corn is progressing well and is in good condition.

- Grass seed harvest is largely complete, with perennial ryegrass seed currently being harvested in some regions.
- Sunny weather has helped producers get dry hay put up, but additional rainfall is needed to support regrowth and pasture conditions.
- Northern and Western parts of Manitoba will enter the critical fall harvest period for alfalfa later this week. Harvesting during this period and before a killing frost can increase the risk of winterkill. [Province of Manitoba | agriculture - Critical Fall Harvest Period for Alfalfa](#)

### Livestock

- Cattle remain in generally good condition on pasture, with decent to ample forage supplies reported across much of the region. However, pasture forage supplies are diminishing and drying up in some areas. Additional rainfall would improve pasture conditions and support regrowth.
- Dugout water levels are generally still sufficient but are declining in some areas; levels are approximately 70% in areas where reported.
- The break in the heat wave has provided welcome relief for cattle, allowing them to spend more time grazing during the day.
- Foot rot continues to be a concern on pastures along with other livestock health concerns including pneumonia, pink eye, and ringworm.
- Fly pressure remains high, while mosquito pressure has decreased with increased dragonfly activity.
- Producers are preparing for manure application and cleaning out winter corrals and feeding areas ahead of cattle returning from pasture.

## Regional Comments

### Southwest

Cooler temperatures this week, with daytime temperatures in the mid 20's and nighttime temperatures in the single digits. Flood-affected areas are beginning recovery efforts, and producers are preparing land for the coming year. A week of good weather helped crops ripen and brought harvest closer. Most crops are turning faster than expected.

Harvest has started in fall rye. Desiccation of winter wheat has started, and harvest will begin soon in some areas. Spring cereals are ripening quickly under dry, warm conditions and some desiccation may begin by the end of the week. Barley is ripening, and some producers may start swathings soon.

Soybeans are in the R5 to early R6 stages. The crop looks promising, and additional moisture will help achieve full yield potential. Desiccation has started in pea fields, and harvest will likely begin this week.

Most canola is in the pod-filling stage, and some early crops are showing slight colour change. Late-seeded fields are also moving out of flowering.

Corn is in the blister stage (R2). Sunflowers are at approximately R5.9 to R6 stage. Early seeded flax is showing late boll colour change, while late plantings are in the green boll stage.

## Northwest

Milder temperatures this week along with windy conditions in the Northwest region. Soil crusting continues as soils continue to dry. Field repair and infrastructure repair continue in the region. Field access remains a challenge in some areas where washouts occurred, however many roads are becoming passable again.

Fall rye and winter wheat are mostly mature and harvest has started in parts of the region. Pre-harvest applications have started in winter cereals.

Spring cereals range from milk to soft dough stage. There are some later seeded fields that continue to catch up.

Field peas range from the R5 to R6 stage and are moving towards maturity.

Canola fields continue to range in stages, with most crops in the podding stage. A few later seeded fields and fields under excess moisture continue to catch up. Fields that experienced excess moisture have patches of delayed growth.

The most advanced soybean crops have moved into R4 stage, with the remainder of the crop following behind.

## Central

Winter wheat and fall rye fields have reached maturity and harvest has started throughout the region. No yield estimates to date. Desiccation has started on spring cereals and harvest has started on the earliest barley fields. Barley yields are reported to be very good.

Soybeans are mostly in the R5 stage (beginning seed). Harvest has started in the earliest pea fields, with more acres expected to start within the next few days.

The majority of corn is in the blister (R2) to early milk stage (R3).

Easily seeded canola fields are starting to change colour, later seeded fields are in the podding stage. Swathing has started in the earliest canola fields.

The majority of sunflowers are in full bloom, with the earliest fields at the R6 stage.

## Eastern

Parts of the Eastern region received rainfall this week, with most locations receiving between 3 and 12 mm. Producers are thankful for the rain and are looking for more to help the longer season crops (corn and soybean) continue to develop and mature.

Winter wheat and fall rye are in the hard dough stage. Producers have desiccated fields, and harvest has started in some areas. No early yield reports have been received.

The majority of spring wheat fields are in the hard dough stage. Spring wheat desiccation will begin early this week. Some barley fields have been desiccated, swathing of oats is planned for late this week. Overall, cereal crops continue to look very good.

Most corn finished the silking stage, and is now in the blister/early milk stage. The crop is continuing to grow well with all the warm temperatures and moisture we have received. Producers are hopeful that more rain will fall as kernel development is a time when high moisture is needed.

Early planted canola is beginning to change colour, with some seed colour change being noted in some fields. Later seeded or re-seeded fields have finished up flowering and are in the pod development stage. Lack of pod set during the intense heat during flowering continues to be a yield concern.

Soybeans are at the R5 (seeds are 1/8" long at one of the top 4 nodes) stage. Overall, fields are looking good. Producers are looking for more rainfall in August to help with the pod filling stage and increase yields. Some moisture stress fields and fields planted on 30" rows are experiencing more weed pressure due to the slow closing of the canopy.

Sunflowers are in full bloom and looking good. The limited flax acres in the region have finished flowering and are turning colour.

## Interlake

Crops are maturing rapidly across the region. Field conditions have significantly improved in the southwest part of the region.

Winter wheat and fall rye have reached maturity. The majority of spring cereals are in the hard dough stage. Desiccation will start in the earliest spring wheat fields this coming week.

Grain corn has had excellent growth, although some fields show variations in their development. The majority of grain corn ranges from silking to early milk stage.

Most pea crops are in the R5 to R6 stage. Peas are in excellent condition, with well-filled pods. Peas have been desiccated in parts of the south Interlake. Soybeans are looking very good, with the most advanced fields in the R3 to R4 stages, and some progressing into R5.

Canola looks excellent with strong stands and very good pod development. The earliest seeded canola fields are transitioning from full pod development to early ripening. Later seeded fields are still in the flowering stage. Sunflowers are in the R4 to R5 stage, with the earliest seeded fields approaching R5.5.