

CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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Canola

Crop stages ranges from 40% seed colour change to combined. On average 70% of the canola crop in Manitoba is combined with yields ranging from 30 to 70 bu/acre. In the 2013 season, the main disease concerns have been blackleg and sclerotinia, with aster yellows at low levels; two fields were found with clubroot symptoms. Localized issues of Bertha armyworm and flea beetles were at economic levels and controlled.

Edible Beans

Yields on edible beans remain quite good with yield reported to be in the 2000 lb/acre range. Generally the edible bean quality is quite good with moisture levels on navy beans being in the 16% moisture range which is ideal for harvest and allows producers to keep the cracked seed coats at a very low level. No disease or insect damage to report on this year's crop. Harvest will need a couple of weeks to finish up with

the Portage La Prairie area just getting started on the major classes of bean such as Navy, black and pinto beans.

Flax

Crop staging ranges from early ripening stages to combined. On average 20% of the crop is combined, with yields ranging from 25 to 45 bu/acre. Staging for swathing or desiccation is bolls are 75% brown to completely brown and seeds rattle in the boll. Production concerns in flax for 2013 were field specific issues with fusarium wilt, pasmo and areas reporting late grasshoppers feeding issues on edges.

Fruit Crops

Late season apple harvest wrapping up in southern Manitoba. Day-neutral harvesting continues in fields not subjected to a frost the past 2 weeks.

Soybeans

Soybean harvest continues in the Red River Valley. Early yield reports have soybeans ranging from 30 to 55 bu/acre. Harvest came to a standstill on Saturday with the 25 mm of rainfall that fell throughout southern Manitoba. Harvest should start up early this week. Areas in western MB still need a couple of weeks before harvest begins. Generally soybean quality is good with no green seed issues so far.

Sunflowers

Crop staging at R8 to R9. Insect concerns for 2013 have been lygus and banded sunflower moth larvae, with control needed in localized areas. Disease concerns have been localized issues with some downy mildew, basal/mid-stalk sclerotinia, vericillium and rust. Early signs of head rot are and bird feeding are now being seen.