

Issue 4 – August 27, 2025

Vegetable Crop Report



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Provincial Vegetable Crop Overview

Overnight on Wednesday August 20th and through the morning of Thursday August 21st, there was significant rainfall in vegetable production areas, in and to the southeast of Portage la Prairie. Vegetable producers reported between 3 and 5 inches of rain, with a number saying that much of the rain fell within a one to two hour window. Damage to vegetable crops was reported, however it will take time to quantify.

Producers surveyed this past week reported average to above average yields and quality for this time of the season from their vegetable crops.

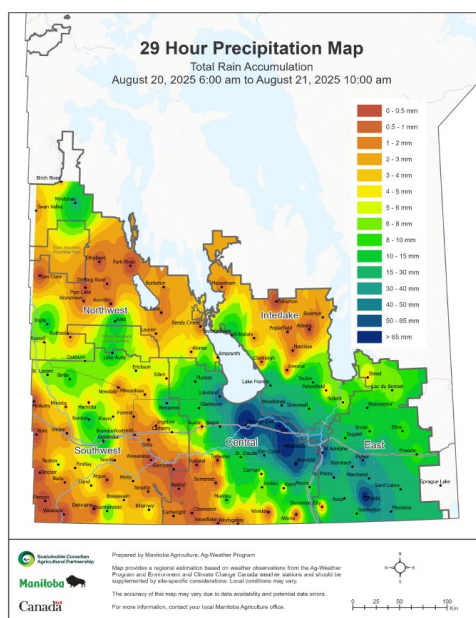


Figure 1. 29 Hour Precipitation Map August 20 to 21, 2025

Despite the heavy rainfall in the Portage la Prairie area last week, so far overall this season most vegetable production areas have experienced below normal percent precipitation (Figure 2) and a normal to above normal percent accumulation of growing degree days (Figure 3) from May 1 to August 24.

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

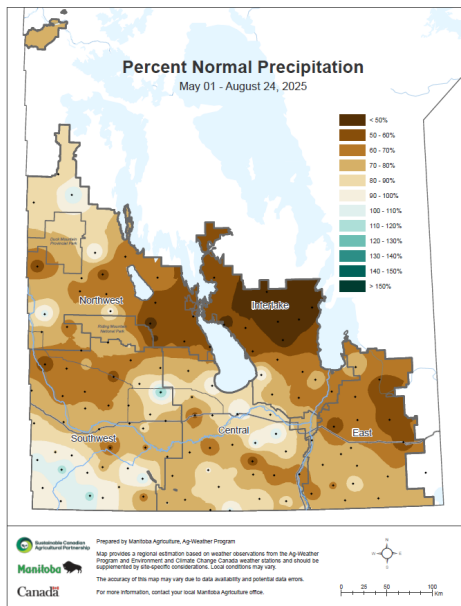


Figure 2. Percent Normal Precipitation
May 1 to August 24, 2025

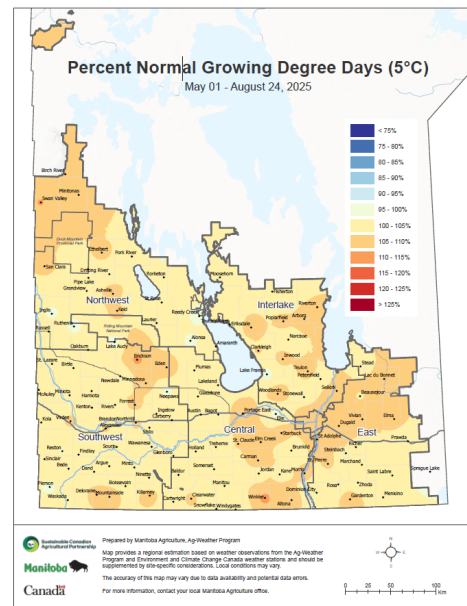


Figure 3. Percent Normal Growing Degree Days
May 1 to August 24, 2025

Sweet Corn

Sweet corn harvesting has begun with most producers reporting average cob size and yields. There were reports from sweet corn growers that corn planted at staggered seeding dates are maturing closer together than planned, likely due to the above average heat accumulation during the growing season.

Cabbage

Cabbage harvest is underway and producers report yields to be average to above average so far this season. Heads of cabbage observed on August 25, averaged over 8" in diameter, an expected size from plants transplanted on May 29th (Figures 4 & 5).



Figure 4. Cabbage Field on August 25, 2025
(Transplant Date May 29, 2025)



Figure 5. Head of Cabbage on August 25, 2025
(Transplant Date May 29, 2025)

Carrots

Commercial harvesting of carrots is underway (Figures 6 & 7). These carrots will be graded, packaged and then marketed, as they are not destined to be stored long term prior to sale. The main harvest of storage carrots will begin later in the season with the timing based on crop maturity and when the ambient temperatures are cool enough to not adversely affect crop quality once in storage.



Figure 6. Commercial Carrot Harvest
August 20, 2025



Figure 7. Commercial Carrot Harvest
August 20, 2025

Parnips

A parsnip field sampled on August 19, 2025, had plants averaging approximately twenty-four inches in length and roots averaging approximately twelve inches long (Figures 8 & 9). This sized parsnip root is average to above average for a field planted on May 29.



Figure 8. Parsnip Field
August 19, 2025



Figure 9. Parsnip Stems & Roots
August 19, 2025

Peppers

Pepper harvest is continuing. A pepper field scouted on August 25, 2025, showed peppers of marketable size and ready for harvest. A small percentage of peppers in this field had damage consistent with sunscald. Sunscald occurs when there is excessive sun light on the peppers and temperatures are high. Most control measures to reduce the amount of sunscald are not practical in large commercial fields. However, planting varieties that have large leaves and a thick canopy will help with reducing both the incidence and severity of sunscald.



Photo: Manitoba Agriculture

Figure 10. Pepper Plant on August 25, 2025

Late Blight

For the past three weeks, late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) spores have not been found in the Manitoba Late Blight Spore Monitoring Network. To date, no late blight disease has been found in Manitoba this summer, but vegetable crop producers of susceptible crops (potatoes and tomatoes) are encouraged to remain vigilant for the disease. If any suspicious lesions on susceptible plants are found, please submit them 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>

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