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Vegetable Crop Report



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Provincial Overview

The heavy rainfall and overland flooding affecting Manitoba has impacted some vegetable producers. In areas of the province most affected by heavy rains and overland flooding, vegetable producers with fields and indoor production facilities have reported varying degrees of crop losses. Swails and low-lying portions of fields have been affected the most by water damage. The scale of reported losses varies widely from farm to farm. The extreme high temperatures, both daytime highs and nighttime lows, we are experiencing will reduce growth rates of vegetable crops and increase the crops need for water. Producers should be monitoring soil moisture closely to assess when the crop requires irrigation.

Most of the vegetable production areas of Manitoba have experienced above normal precipitation during the 2026 growing season from May 1 to July 12 (Figure 1). The exception is a portion of the Central region, where there has been below normal precipitation over this period. The percent of normal growing degree days (GDD) recorded for most of the vegetable production areas of the province is now between 105% and 110% of the normal number of GDD from May 1 to July 12 (Figure 2). For more detailed information on the weather conditions within the province, please see [crop weather conditions and reports](#)

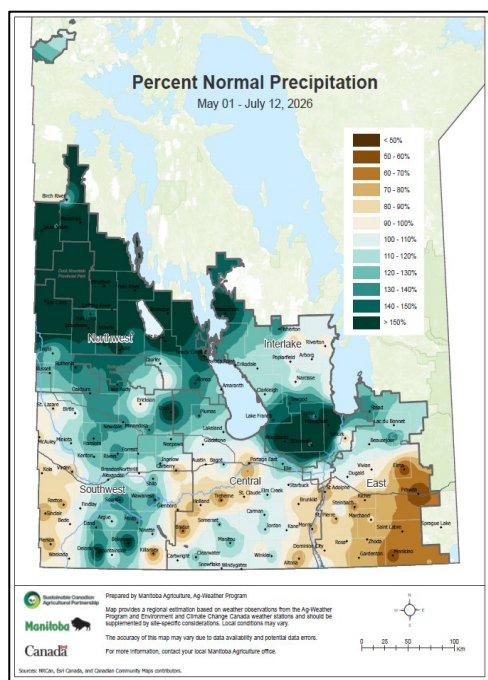


Figure 1. [Percent Normal Precipitation](#)
May 1 to July 12, 2026

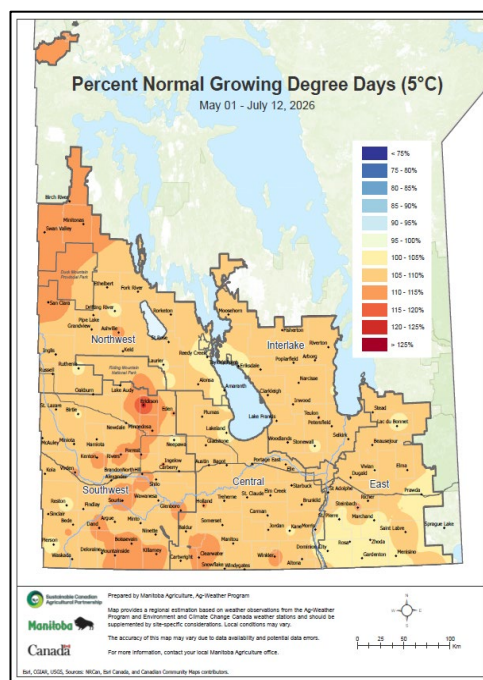


Figure 2. [Percent Normal Growing Degree Days](#)
May 1 to July 12, 2026

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Asparagus harvest is now over. As the picking season began later than normal for most Manitoba producers, total yields for the season were slightly below average while spear quality was average to slightly above average. Producers that experienced frost damage reported total yields that were below average while quality was average. One producer has reported that they began harvesting broccoli this week and plan to be tying early planted cauliflower later this week. A number of producers have reported zucchini harvesting and one has reported kohlrabi harvesting.



Figure 3. Kohlrabi Harvest (July 8, 2026)

There are some reports of pepper plantings flowering. In areas of fields unaffected by heavy rain and/or overland flooding, pepper plant vigour is mostly average to slightly above average, Plant vigour is below average in areas of fields affected by heavy rain and/or overland flooding.



Figure 4. Pepper Field (July 8, 2026)

In carrot fields, not adversely affected by heavy rainfall and/or overland flooding, producers reported average to above average plant vigour. Fields that have experienced heavy rainfall and/or overland flooding are generally below average in vigour. In fields surveyed July 10, the length of carrots sampled varied from 4' to 9" depending on planting date and crop vigour (Figure 5).



Figure 5. Carrot Field Planted May 6, 2026 (Photo from July 10, 2026)

The size of cabbage plants observed last week varied widely depending on planting date.



Figure 5. Cabbage Plants
July 8, 2026



Figure 6. Cabbage Plants
July 8, 2026

A general theme in producer reports is that weed control has been challenging, mostly due to the wet weather causing delays in properly timing cultivation and/or herbicide applications.

2026 Horticulture School - Save the Date

Horticulture School 2026 will be held Thursday, July 30, 2026 at Assiniboine College Brandon campus. Manitoba Agriculture and Assiniboine College staff will present hands-on training sessions in the field for vegetable and fruit crop production. Sessions include Insect Pests & Diseases of Apples, Apple Pruning/Production, High Tunnel Fertility and Field Scouting for Insects. To register, please email carmela.samaniego@gov.mb.ca

Vegetable Cost of Production - MASC Requests Assistance

Vegetable producers have asked MASC to update the Vegetable Acreage Loss Insurance (VALI) dollar values to better reflect current vegetable production costs. The values are currently set by applying an annual index to Cost of Production (COP) values. The COP values cannot be gathered from Statistics Canada due to the relatively small number of vegetable producers in the province, so MASC is reliant on actual COP numbers from Manitoba vegetable producers.

MASC is looking to update the COP values for all vegetable crops insurable under VALI, using numbers that reflect growers' actual costs. Only costs incurred through production are included, and any costs related to harvest (including harvest labour) and storage are excluded. A COP template can be found [here](#). Producers can submit more comprehensive COP information than the template, but the line items listed are the minimum required for MASC to update the dollar values. MASC will only use the COP information provided to assess VALI claims.

Please take the time to submit a completed COP. Providing this information to MASC will benefit your farm, and all vegetable growers in Manitoba who purchase VALI, as revised COP's, using actual costs incurred, will contribute to more accurate payments from the program. If you are growing 0.5 acres or more of vegetable crops insurable under VALI, please send the COP information to tom.gonsalves@gov.mb.ca and any references to your farm name will be removed and the anonymous COP information will be shared with MASC. **The deadline to receive completed COP's is March 31, 2027**, which will allow the information to be used to update values in the 2028 crop year.

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