

## MFGA Hay Relief Report: Hay Situation & Update #2

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*The MFGA Hay Relief report is a service for producers provided by MFGA to help producers keep tabs on the situation caused by dry times across the province. The bulk of the content in this report was compiled by John McGregor, MFGA's extension support with special thanks to Pam Iwanchysko, Mb Ag and to MFGA's Darren Chapman, KAP's Jill Verwey, Robert Leslie, George Manchalanko, and Adrian Siemens for their assistance in collecting and compiling this information.*

### Precipitation and Rainfall

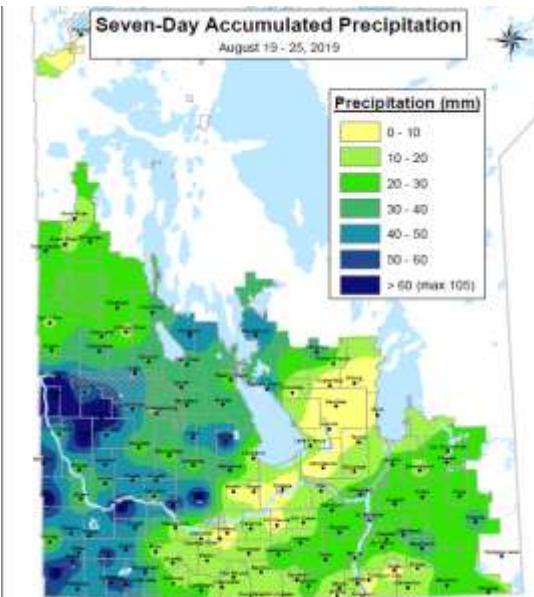
From August 13-27, 2019, according to Manitoba Agriculture, Manitoba received variable amounts of rain. These amounts ranged from a minimal trace to 0.5 inch from Aug 13 to 19 and more from the next week where .5 to 1.5+ inches fell during the Aug 20-27 period. These rains may help some pastures to green up and should help hay and alfalfa fields see needed growth to replenish root reserves going into the winter. In some areas there may still be the opportunity to take a final cut after the critical harvest period and/or provide grazing opportunities where the crop is too short to cut.

The most recent [crop report](#) from Mb Ag provides a very good overview of the hay and pasture situation for the various regions of the province.

### By region:

**Southwest** reports that haying is complete with the crop being 50% of normal. Greenfeed yields are average and a shortage of feed is still an issue. Straw is being baled but it is not very long.

**Northwest** reports that most of the area has experienced low yields and forage supplies are very tight. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> cut in some areas but yields were poor. With the rains there is the possibility of more hay after the Critical Harvest period. Some areas (Roblin and Swan River) still have 1<sup>st</sup> cut alfalfa standing. Greenfeed yields are normal.



**Central** reports yields are below average with the southern areas faring slightly better. Some cereal fields are being taken for Greenfeed.

**Eastern** reports that haying is complete. Yields are 50-60% of normal and lots of straw is being baled. Third cut of alfalfa is in question due to slow growth and moisture concerns.

**Interlake** reports haying, for the most part is complete and regrowth was too short to harvest. Yields vary throughout the area from 20 to 60 per cent normal. Recent rains may extend grazing but some areas have started to feed.

### **Hay Prices**

The prices listed below reflect information from producers that have hay and straw for sale and have shared these prices with MFGA as well as prices posted on [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) and [Kijiji Manitoba](#).

Overall, there haven't been a lot of changes in prices since the last report. Dairy quality alfalfa seems to have narrowed its range and the low end of the Beef Quality prices has risen. .

Alfalfa:	10-12 cents/lb Dairy Quality 14-17 cents/lb
Alfalfa/grass:	good quality 8-12 cents/lb Beef quality 8-10 cents/lb
Beef hay (grass):	3-7 cents/lb
Horse hay:	10-15 cents/lb (bale size affects price)
Greenfeed:	8-9 cents/lb (oats)
Straw:	3-5 cents/lb or in swath 2.5 cents/lb

[Kijiji Manitoba](#) has more listings for hay for sale this month as does the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) site and the [Wisconsin Hay Report](#)

Producers wanting to make use of the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) service should call Manitoba Agriculture toll-free at 1-84-GROW-MB-AG (1-844-769-6224) and the department will call them back within 30 minutes to capture information.

**For more information on Hay Listing Services and Related Information visit the MFGA [Hay Relief](#) website.**

If you are interested in assisting the Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association in providing information for our Hay Situation and Price Update, please contact John McGregor at [john@mfga.net](mailto:john@mfga.net).