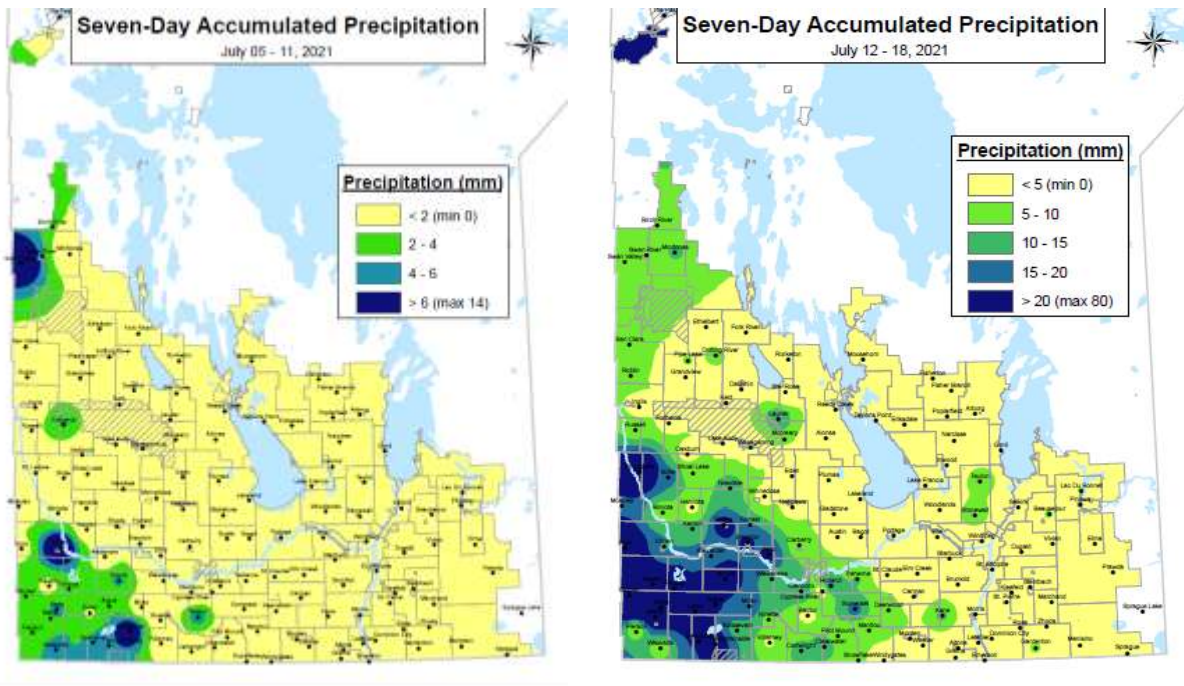


July Hay Situation and Price Update

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Dry conditions continued to dominate the forecast across most of Manitoba during the first two weeks of July. The first week (July 5-11) saw small amounts of rainfall in the SW and NW corners of the province. During the second week (July 12-18) areas receiving rainfall expanded to include some of the Central area. This week (July 20-21) we have seen thundershowers roll thru Manitoba and some areas have again received varying amounts of rain.



Most areas are reporting completion of first cut with yields ranging from just below normal to as low as 10 percent of normal. Where moisture conditions are located, some second cut alfalfa is being taken off but generally unless more rain is received thru August, prospects for a second cut are extremely low. Greenfeed is being cut but there are reports that the heat may have caused heat blast in oats leaving the plant with empty heads.

All areas are reporting poor pasture conditions.

Hay Prices

As we move into July producers are looking to secure feed supplies for the fall and winter feeding period. With yields below average there presently is a limited amount of hay available and the outlook for additional amounts from a second cut is questionable. Looking at the three sources listed in this article I have found limited numbers of sources of hay available. This and the uncertainty of how much forage will be available by end of haying season makes determining prices with any certainty difficult.

[Kijiji Manitoba](#) and the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) have a few new listings this month. The Face book group **Manitoba Hay and Feed For Buy/sell** is another site that has a number of new listings for July but there seems to be more people asking for hay rather than selling. With the anticipated shortage there is a definite increase in all categories where prices were available. Prices gathered for July are listed below in **green**, prices in black are from the February Hay Price report.

Alfalfa:	5-7.5 cents/lb
	Dairy Quality 12-16 cents/lb 8-12 cents/lb
Alfalfa/grass:	good quality 8-12 cents/lb 5-8 cents/lb
	Beef quality 6-10 cents/lb 4-6 cents/lb
Beef hay (grass):	8-11.5 cents/lb 5-7 cents/lb
Greenfeed:	12.5 cents/lb 5.5-6 cents/lb
Horse hay:	5-9 cents/lb
Native Hay:	4.5 cents/lb
Straw:	1-2 cents/lb
Grass straw	1-3 cents/lb
Corn Stover	2.5 cents/lb

Producers wanting to make use of the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) service should call Manitoba Agriculture Resource Development 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.

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