




## MFGA Green Gold Report – June 1, 2022 – CENTRAL

Reports for Optimum Alfalfa Harvest Date cover Manitoba’s Central, Western, Eastern and Interlake areas.

SITE	RFV NIR	RFV PEAQ	Height	CP
Bagot	206	237	16	34
Bruxelles	-	-	-	-
Glenella	-	-	-	-
Horndean	210	244	15	24
MacGregor	201	252	14	33
Manitou	254	252	14	33
Treherne	-	-	-	-
St. Claude	230	230	17	37
<b>CENTRAL AVERAGE</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>

The current conditions are wet across the central sections, with the height of the alfalfa still in the early vegetative state.

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## **What I am seeing**

The alfalfa stage is in the early vegetative state due to the high amount of rain that central Manitoba has received. There has not been any frost or insect damage shown on the plants.

## **Optimizing Your First Cutting of Alfalfa**

Being aggressive on the first cutting is critical if high forage quality is needed. Alfalfa's forage quality changes faster during the first spring growth than at any other time of the year. Plants are maturing and temperatures are increasing, both of which cause quality to decline. If high quality hay is your goal, don't delay harvest.

However, if you're raising hay to feed to beef cows, it may be a little different story, especially if you need to rebuild hay supplies. Normally we get our highest total yield by waiting until alfalfa is near full bloom. Not only is yield highest at the point, but it also allows the alfalfa to use available soil moisture most efficiently for growth. Some dryland fields may need quite a bit more rain for good summer and fall harvests since many deep subsoils remain dry, but with a good first cut you at least will have some hay of good enough quality to feed your beef cows next winter.

Timing of hay harvest is important whether your needs are for high quality or for high yield. With alfalfa predicted to be cut soon, don't miss your best time.

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