

## **Crop Progress Report – May 7/10**

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### **Planting Progress**

Planting is over 95% complete in west – central Ontario. Excellent planting progress has been made during the past week in northern areas as of May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Field and Emergence Observations**

Canola planted week of April 19<sup>th</sup> is now emerging (10 – 14 days). Early planted fields are in 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> leaf stage with good emergence. Timely rainfall received in most areas will help even emergence of later planted stands, especially those planted into dry soil. Packing operations have closely followed tillage or planting in these areas. Cool, windy conditions have kept flea beetle populations in check so far.

### **Weed Control Needed**

Early planted canola stands are in need of weed control as a flush of annual weeds have emerged following recent rainfall.

Critical weed period (period of greatest yield loss) to control weeds is up to 4 leaf stage.

Canola is slow to develop during this stage and weeds which emerge with the crop are the most competitive.

Delaying weed control to 5 leaf stage can result in 10% yield loss.