



CANADA: PULSE AND SPECIAL CROPS OUTLOOK

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Production of pulse and special crops for 2002-03 is forecast by AAFC to decrease by 14%, compared to 2001-02, to 3.15 million tonnes (Mt), based on Statistics Canada's (STC) July 31 production estimate for dry peas and AAFC's estimate for other pulse and special crops. The next STC production estimate will be released on October 4. Total supply is expected to decrease by 15% because of lower production and carry-in stocks. Carry-out stocks for 2001-02 increased from 2000-01 for dry peas, but decreased sharply for lentils, mustard seed, canary seed and sunflower seed, based on STC's July 31 estimates. The same report also revised upwards the 2000-01 carry-out stocks for lentils, mustard seed and sunflower seed. Total exports, domestic use and carry-out stocks for 2002-03 are forecast to decrease due to lower supply. Average prices, compared to 2001-02, are forecast to

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Grain and Crop Year (a)	Harvested Area 000 ha	Yield t/ha	Production	Imports (b)	Total Supply	Exports (b)	Total Domestic Use (d)	Carry-out Stocks	Average Price (e) \$/t
----- thousand metric tonnes -----									
Dry Peas									
1998-1999	1,078	2.17	2,337	10	2,682	1,705	602	375	135
1999-2000	835	2.70	2,252	12	2,639	1,417	822	400	135
2000-2001	1,220	2.35	2,864	12	3,276	2,196	885	195	138
2001-2002	1,290	1.57	2,023	30	2,248	1,400	573	275	190
2002-2003f	1,082	1.44	1,553	30	1,858	1,200	558	100	190-220
Lentils									
1998-1999	372	1.29	480	7	552	372	120	60	381
1999-2000	497	1.46	724	10	794	503	211	80	380
2000-2001	688	1.33	914	5	999	475	268	256	295
2001-2002	669	.85	568	6	830	500	199	131	320
2002-2003f	555	.89	495	5	631	440	171	20	355-385
Dry Beans									
1998-1999	96	1.98	189	69	273	193	55	25	655
1999-2000	154	1.91	294	41	360	260	60	40	500
2000-2001	165	1.62	268	40	348	227	71	50	465
2001-2002	164	1.70	279	40	369	280	69	20	725
2002-2003f	215	1.65	355	20	395	280	80	35	525-555
Chick Peas									
1998-1999	40	1.33	53	2	56	14	37	5	493
1999-2000	139	1.42	197	5	207	56	136	15	390
2000-2001	283	1.37	388	5	408	179	199	30	410
2001-2002	460	.97	447	12	489	190	179	120	380
2002-2003f	200	1.02	205	10	335	190	135	10	380-410
Mustard Seed									
1998-1999	279	.86	239	1	288	162	76	50	350
1999-2000	273	1.12	306	1	357	170	72	115	285
2000-2001	208	.97	202	1	318	151	62	105	280
2001-2002	156	.67	104	3	212	145	34	33	685
2002-2003f	275	.71	195	1	229	150	49	30	500-530
Canary Seed									
1998-1999	208	1.13	235	0	299	137	52	110	248
1999-2000	146	1.14	166	0	276	157	29	90	240
2000-2001	164	1.04	171	0	261	170	21	70	265
2001-2002	158	.66	105	0	175	125	20	30	660
2002-2003f	260	.69	180	0	210	150	30	30	560-590
Sunflower Seed									
1998-1999	69	1.62	112	17	132	43	85	4	388
1999-2000	79	1.54	122	19	145	49	55	41	295
2000-2001	69	1.72	119	18	178	77	55	46	320
2001-2002	67	1.55	104	30	180	90	68	22	355
2002-2003f	95	1.58	150	15	187	95	72	20	385-415
Buckwheat									
1998-1999	14	1.07	15	3	19	8	9	2	315
1999-2000	13	1.00	13	1	16	8	7	1	305
2000-2001	15	.93	14	1	16	9	7	0	305
2001-2002	13	1.15	15	1	16	8	7	1	325
2002-2003f	11	1.18	13	1	15	8	7	0	310-340
Total Pulse And Special Crops(c)									
1998-1999	2,156	1.70	3,660	109	4,301	2,634	1,036	631	
1999-2000	2,136	1.91	4,074	89	4,794	2,620	1,392	782	
2000-2001	2,812	1.76	4,940	82	5,804	3,484	1,568	752	
2001-2002	2,977	1.22	3,645	122	4,519	2,738	1,149	632	
2002-2003f	2,693	1.17	3,146	82	3,860	2,513	1,102	245	

(a) Aug-July crop year.

(b) Excludes products.

(c) Includes Pulse Crops (dry peas, lentils, dry beans, chick peas) and Special Crops (mustard seed, canary seed, sunflower seed, buckwheat)

(d) Includes food, feed, seed, waste and dockage.

(e) Producer price, FOB plant. Average over all types, grades and markets.

f: forecast, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, September 26, 2002.

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