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#### November field crops production

	1999	2000	1999 to 2000
	millions of tonnes		% change
<b>Total wheat</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>0</b>
Spring wheat	20.9	19.4	-7
Barley	13.2	13.5	2
Grain corn	9.2	6.8	-26
Canola	8.8	7.1	-19
Durum wheat	4.3	5.6	30
Oats	3.6	3.4	-6
Field peas	2.3	2.9	26
Soybeans	2.8	2.7	-4
Flaxseed	1.0	0.7	-30
Rye	0.4	0.3	-25

#### Durum wheat production second largest ever

Durum wheat production reached an estimated 5.6 million tonnes, up 1.3 million tonnes from 1999. This was the second largest crop ever. The record of 6.0 million tonnes was set in 1998. Farmers reported yields of 32.1 bushels per acre, 4.2 bushels per acre less than last year's record yield and lower than the five-year average of 32.4 bushels per acre.

The crop was harvested on 6.5 million acres, 2.1 million more than last year. The five-year average for harvested area is 5.5 million acres.

Saskatchewan produced 84% of the total durum wheat, mainly from the brown soil zone in south central regions. Production of durum wheat there increased 40% compared with last year.

Alberta was second with 13% of the total durum harvest. The two most southeastern crop districts comprise almost all Alberta's durum wheat cultivation, with yields estimated at 26.7 bushels per acre, down 15.3 bushels from last year owing to a drought this summer. Production in Alberta was down 13% from 1999.

Manitoba accounts for 3% of the harvest, almost all of which is grown in its most southwestern corner. Greater harvested area and above-average yields almost quadrupled production in Manitoba from 1999.

#### Note to readers

The November Crops Survey of 33,250 farm operators was conducted by telephone interviews from October 26 to November 17. Farmers were asked to report their seeded areas, harvested areas, and yields of major grains, specialty crops and oilseeds.

#### Record field pea production

Field pea production reached a record 2.9 million tonnes, a 26% increase from last year. The previous record was set in 1998 at just over 2.3 million tonnes. The crop was harvested on a record 3.0 million acres. Farmers estimated the yield at 34.9 bushels per acre, which is above the five-year average, but less than the record yield of 40.1 bushels per acre set in 1999.

Saskatchewan harvested 72% of the total production of field peas, Alberta 22%, and Manitoba 6%. All three provinces registered increases in production, ranging from 74% in Manitoba to 28% in Saskatchewan and 17% in Alberta. Field peas are becoming more competitive with soymeal and grain corn in rations for hogs in both domestic and export markets.

#### Barley production just below five-year average

Barley production amounted to 13.5 million tonnes, a 2% increase over last year. This was slightly below the five-year average of 13.6 million tonnes. Barley is becoming all the more valuable because of two factors. First, a countervail duty on U.S. grain corn imports into the western provinces has resulted in a steadily increasing demand for feed grain from the western Canadian hog and cattle industries. And second, export demand has increased.

Interesting events occurred on the Prairies. The drought in the southeastern crop districts of Alberta reduced total seeded acreage by an unprecedented one million acres to 4.4 million acres harvested. Yields were down to 56.3 bushels per acre compared with last year's 65.5 and the recent five-year average of 60.4 bushels per acre. These conditions left production at 5.4 million tonnes, 10% lower than in 1999.

Alberta normally produces more barley than Saskatchewan based on a higher seeded acreage and conditions that favour better yields. However, this year, Saskatchewan's production of 5.5 million tonnes not only matched its own record set in 1971, but also outstripped

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Alberta's production by 2%. This phenomenon, which was due to a 21% increase in area seeded, occurred despite a decline in yield of 4.7 bushels per acre from last year.

**Corn production cut severely by wet, cool season**

A wet, cool growing season severely reduced corn production, which amounted to 6.8 million tonnes, a 26% drop from 1999. This was the lowest production since 1993, and was 15% below the five-year average of 8.0 million tonnes. Wet weather in spring delayed planting in many areas. Continued wet, cool weather in summer reduced yields to below the five-year average of 118.0 bushels per acre.

Yields of all grain corn in Quebec dropped by 36.0 bushels per acre and in Ontario by 23.2 bushels per acre. The yield of genetically modified grain corn in Quebec was about 11.0 bushels per acre more

than the yield of non-genetically modified grain corn. In Ontario, yields of genetically modified grain corn were 4.0 bushels per acre higher.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 1025-1043, 1046-1051, 3541-3565.**

The publication *Field crop reporting series no. 8: November estimates of production of principal field crops, Canada* (22-002-XIB, \$11/\$66; 22-002-XPB, \$15/\$88) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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## OTHER RELEASES

### Department store sales and stocks

October 2000

Department store sales were \$1,566.6 million (seasonally adjusted) in October, up 4.9% from September. This rise followed two consecutive declines: -1.0% in September and -4.1% in August.

October's increase brought department store sales to a level only 0.4% below the recent peak of \$1,572.8 million reached in July, when there were only 717 locations compared with 725 in October.

The upward movement observed in department store sales since early in the spring is continuing, although it was tempered by the decreases in September and August. Previously, department store sales had been declining since September 1999, following a period of rising sales that lasted more than a year.

Department store sales (not seasonally adjusted) were 2.7% lower than in October 1999 but varied from one province to another. The group formed by Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island registered the strongest year-over-year advance (+4.0%). Also posting increases were New Brunswick (+1.9%) and Alberta (+1.0%). The group consisting of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island also stands out with a year-to-date increase (+9.4%) in sales compared with the same period in 1999, followed by Saskatchewan (+6.1%), New-Brunswick (+6.0%) and Alberta (+2.3%).

Year-over-year department store sales declined at least 4.5% in the region formed by British Columbia, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (-7.7%), Nova-Scotia (-6.5%) and both Quebec and Manitoba (-4.5%). Over the same one year period, Ontario (-1.9%) and Saskatchewan (-0.9%) also posted decreases in sales.

### Department store sales including concessions

	Oct. 1999	Oct. 2000	Oct. 1999 to Oct. 2000	Jan. to Oct. 2000	Jan.- Oct. 1999 to Jan.- Oct. 2000
<b>not seasonally adjusted</b>					
	\$ millions		% change	\$ millions	% change
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1,625.4</b>	<b>1,580.9</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>13,517.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island <sup>1</sup>	33.7	35.2	4.0	278.5	9.4
Nova Scotia	51.3	47.9	-6.5	402.5	-1.2
New Brunswick	39.3	40.1	1.9	316.9	6.0
Quebec	302.0	288.4	-4.5	2,506.5	0.7
Ontario	694.4	681.4	-1.9	5,793.9	0.8
Manitoba	67.1	64.1	-4.5	553.3	-0.6
Saskatchewan	54.4	53.9	-0.9	474.5	6.1
Alberta	186.0	187.8	1.0	1,604.4	2.3
British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut <sup>1</sup>	197.2	182.1	-7.7	1,586.9	-4.8

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of confidentiality, data for Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island are combined as are data for British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 111, 112 (series 1) and 113 (series 3).**

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### Annual Survey of Manufactures 1998

The Annual Survey of Manufactures has adopted the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) for its 1998 reference year. Previous years' data have been re-aggregated to the new classification system back to 1990. Information on over 250 different industries will be provided. Principal statistics for each industry are released on CANSIM as they become available. Data for the industries listed in the following table are now available for Canada. Data for 20 industries have now been released.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 11931, 11934, 11936, 11937, 11940, 11941, 11944, 11946, 11948, 11951, 11952, 11954, 11955, 11699, 11702, 11704, 11706, 11708, 11711, 11713.

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## Value of shipments

	NAICS	1997	1998	1997 to 1998
		\$ millions		% change
Iron and steel mills and ferro-alloy manufacturing	331110	10,337.5	10,567.4	2.2
Iron and steel pipes and tubes manufactured from purchased steel	331210	2,678.5	2,746.0	2.5
Cold-rolled steel shape manufacturing	331221	419.5	423.0	0.8
Steel wire drawing	331222	736.6	705.5	-4.2
Primary production of alumina and aluminum	331313	4,986.2	4,872.4	-2.3
Aluminum rolling, drawing, extruding and alloying	331317	2,528.9	2,956.4	16.9
Non-ferrous metal (except aluminum) smelting and refining	331410	3,235.5	3,352.7	3.6
Copper rolling, drawing, extruding and alloying	331420	737.4	753.6	2.2
Non-ferrous metal (except copper and aluminum) rolling, drawing, extruding and alloying	331490	425.9	344.8	-19.0
Iron foundries	331511	994.6	1,074.6	8.0
Steel foundries	331514	409.2	392.7	-4.0
Non-ferrous die-casting foundries	331523	765.2	823.7	7.6
Non-ferrous foundries (except die-casting)	331529	489.7	584.0	19.2
Fibre, yarn and thread mills	313110	663.8	676.8	1.9
Broad-woven fabric mills	313210	1,451.4	1,567.0	8.0
Narrow fabric mills and Schiffli machine embroidery	313220	157.6	185.0	17.4
Non-woven fabric mills	313230	305.3	305.3	0.0
Knit fabric mills	313240	637.7	649.2	1.8
Textile and fabric finishing	313310	349.2	435.7	24.8
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
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