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At the time of the September Farm Survey, crop maturity and the fall harvest in the West were delayed by cool conditions and excess moisture. Harvest conditions were most advanced in southern regions but they improved considerably in most areas after the survey had taken place.

#### Canola production up

Canola production is expected to rise to 10.9 million tonnes, 1.4 million tonnes above the previous high of 9.5 million tonnes reported in 2007. This exceeds the pre-harvest July estimate by 495 000 tonnes. Production should increase mainly as a result of an above-average yield of 30.6 bushels per acre.

On the Prairies, where 99% of canola is grown, farmers expect to exceed the previous record production in each province. The mid-harvest yields reported in the September survey showed an improvement over the pre-harvest yields from the July survey in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

#### Wheat excluding durum production expected to exceed five-year average

Farmers expect to harvest 22.2 million tonnes of wheat excluding durum, up 35.6% from 16.4 million tonnes in 2007 and easily exceeding the previous five-year average (2003 to 2007) production of 19.4 million tonnes. A 15.0% increase in harvested area and a yield of 42.8 bushels per acre account for this increase.

#### **Note to readers**

*The September Farm Survey was conducted from September 2 to September 9, 2008.*

Production in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is expected to increase over 2007, exceeding their previous five-year provincial averages.

Mid-harvest yields showed improvement in all Prairie provinces compared with the pre-harvest yields reported in July.

#### Soybean production expected to rise in the East

Total soybean production is expected to reach 3.2 million tonnes, just short of the highest level of 3.5 million tonnes produced in 2006. Production should rise in both Quebec and Ontario, where 90% of soybeans are grown.

Production in Quebec is anticipated to increase 30.3% to 615 000 tonnes, a value exceeding the previous high of 535 000 tonnes set in 2006. The production increase is the result of a 31.6% rise in harvested area from 2007.

Soybean production in Ontario is expected to rise to 2.3 million tonnes, up 16.3% from 2007, due to a yield increase. Farmers reported a yield of 40.8 bushels per acre, up 7.8 bushels per acre over 2007.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0004, 001-0010 and 001-0017 to 001-0020.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3401.**

The publication *Field Crop Reporting Series: "September estimate of production of principal field crops, Canada,"* 2008, Vol. 87, no. 7 (22-002-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publication* module of our website.

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### September production estimates

Crop	2007	July 2008	September 2008	2007 to September 2008
	Actual	Expected		
	thousands of metric tonnes			% change
Total wheat	20 054	25 426	27 266	36.0
Wheat excluding durum	16 373	20 516	22 195	35.6
Durum wheat	3 681	4 910	5 070	37.7
Barley	10 984	10 876	11 219	2.1
Canola	9 529	10 375	10 870	14.1
Grain corn	11 649	9 892	9 893	-15.1
Oats	4 696	4 061	4 321	-8.0
Dry field peas	2 935	3 272	3 527	20.2
Soybeans	2 696	3 167	3 240	20.2
Flaxseed	634	765	768	21.2
Total dry beans	277	281	266	-3.8



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## **Supply and disposition of grains in Canada**

2004/2005 to 2007/2008

The supply and disposition of grains in Canada for the crop years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008 is now available.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0040 to 001-0043.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404, 3464 and 3476.**

The product *Supply and Disposition of Grains in Canada* (22F0002XFB, \$200) is now available. See *How to order products*. The data are also contained in the August 2008 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-XIB, free), which will also soon be available.

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