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Drought in many western areas during the germination period and excess moisture in eastern regions held back crop development. Throughout the summer, cool conditions held back crop growth, leading to harvest delays in many areas. However, late-season sunny and dry weather allowed most crops to reach maturity, with a substantial improvement in yield for most major grains compared with the mid-harvest survey results reported in September 2009.

Canola production down

On the Prairies, canola production fell 6.5% to 11.7 million tonnes in 2009, the result of a decline in harvested area. Provincially, Alberta farmers reported a strong decline with production down 26.9% to 3.2 million tonnes, due to reduced yield and harvest area. Production gains were reported in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, mostly the result of new highs for yield. Manitoba farmers harvested a record 2.8 million tonnes of canola, up 9.8% from the previous high set in 2008. Saskatchewan producers reported harvesting 5.7 million tonnes, an increase of 1.7% from 2008.

Note to readers

The annual November Farm Survey of 27,900 farmers was conducted from October 23 to November 16, 2009.

National supply-disposition tables for the major grains and special crops are included in this report and will be included in future production and stock reports. Methodology details are published annually in the October issue of Cereals and Oilseeds Review (22-007-X, free).

Prairie feed grain production declines

Production of barley, oats and dry field peas was down across the Prairies, mostly the result of declines in harvested area.

Prairie production of barley fell 20.5% to 8.9 million tonnes, while oat production dropped 37.9% to 2.4 million tonnes. Field pea production declined 5.4% to 3.4 million tonnes.

More soybeans in Ontario

Soybean production in Ontario rose by 142 900 tonnes to 2.6 million tonnes, up 5.8% from 2008, the result of an increase in harvested area to 2.4 million acres.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0004, 001-0010, 001-0017 to 001-0020 and 001-0040 to 001-0043.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3401.

The publication *Field Crop Reporting Series: "November Estimate of Production of Principal Field Crops"*, Vol. 88, no. 8 (22-002-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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September and November production estimates

| | 2008 | September 2009 | November 2009 | 2008 to November 2009 |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | actual | expected | | |
| | thousands of metric tonnes | | | % change |
| Total wheat | 28 611 | 24 581 | 26 515 | -7.3 |
| Spring wheat | 18 405 | 16 561 | 18 120 | -1.5 |
| Durum wheat | 5 519 | 5 066 | 5 400 | -2.2 |
| Winter wheat | 4 687 | 2 953 | 2 995 | -36.1 |
| Canola | 12 643 | 10 270 | 11 825 | -6.5 |
| Grain corn | 10 592 | 9 739 | 9 561 | -9.7 |
| Barley | 11 781 | 9 165 | 9 517 | -19.2 |
| Soybeans | 3 336 | 3 597 | 3 504 | 5.0 |
| Dry field peas | 3 571 | 3 161 | 3 379 | -5.4 |
| Oats | 4 273 | 2 900 | 2 798 | -34.5 |
| Flaxseed | 861 | 965 | 930 | 8.0 |
| Fall rye | 316 | 299 | 281 | -11.3 |
| Total dry beans | 266 | 212 | 220 | -17.3 |



Farm Product Price Index

September 2009

Prices farmers received for their commodities fell 15.7% in September from the same month a year earlier, as both the crops index and the livestock and animal products index declined.

The prices producers received for crops in September were 17.2% lower compared with September 2008. The decline in the crops index was due to decreases recorded by all commodities except fruit and potatoes. This marks the 10th year-over-year decrease for the crops index. Before the slide, crop prices had recorded year-over-year increases from September 2006 until October 2008, when world grain and oilseed supplies were replenished by record harvests.

Potato prices in September were 4.5% above those of September 2008. North American potato production this fall was 2.4% above last year, however, this crop was the third smallest since 2001.

The prices producers received for livestock and animal products in September were down 10.0% compared with September 2008. Decreases were recorded for all commodities. The hog and cattle prices have been affected by the US Country of Origin Labeling legislation, concerns about the H1N1 flu virus and lower demand driven by the economic situation.

On a month-to-month basis, the total index (1997=100) decreased from 110.8 in August to 104.0 in September.

The total crops index was down 8.8% in September compared with the August index, as prices for all commodities except fruit and vegetables were lower. The potato index (-17.1%) and the grains index (-14.3%) recorded the largest drops.

After the challenging 2009 summer growing season, the much needed dry and mild weather in September boosted crop development and helped the harvest progress. At the beginning of September, Canadian producers reported higher yields for most crops than those reported in the preliminary production survey taken at the end of July. Canadian and international production reports continue to increase expected production and subsequent supply of grains and oilseeds for this new crop year.

The overall livestock and animal products index remained unchanged from August at 99.4.

Note: The growth rate of the total Farm Product Price Index (FPPI) is not a weighted average of the growth rates of its crop and livestock components. The growth rate of the total FPPI is derived from a weighted average of the component indices using a different set of weights in consecutive months. Given this, the growth rate of the composite FPPI can lie outside the growth rate of the components.

Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0021 and 002-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5040.

The September 2009 issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 9, no. 9 (21-007-X, free), is now available. From the *Key resource* module of our website, under *Publications* choose *All subjects*, then *Agriculture*.

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Farm Product Price Index

| | September 2008 ^r | August 2009 ^r | September 2009 ^p | September 2008 to September 2009 | August to September 2009 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | (1997=100) | | | % change | |
| Farm Product Price Index | 123.4 | 110.8 | 104.0 | -15.7 | -6.1 |
| Crops | 137.8 | 125.1 | 114.1 | -17.2 | -8.8 |
| Grains | 138.7 | 103.5 | 88.7 | -36.0 | -14.3 |
| Oilseeds | 128.6 | 124.3 | 112.2 | -12.8 | -9.7 |
| Specialty crops | 179.2 | 153.8 | 146.1 | -18.5 | -5.0 |
| Fruit | 116.6 | 133.5 | 136.9 | 17.4 | 2.5 |
| Vegetables | 121.4 | 114.8 | 117.9 | -2.9 | 2.7 |
| Potatoes | 184.3 | 232.3 | 192.6 | 4.5 | -17.1 |
| Livestock and animal products | 110.5 | 99.4 | 99.4 | -10.0 | 0.0 |
| Cattle and calves | 105.4 | 95.0 | 95.1 | -9.8 | 0.1 |
| Hogs | 77.8 | 55.7 | 56.3 | -27.6 | 1.1 |
| Poultry | 121.2 | 119.0 | 120.0 | -1.0 | 0.8 |
| Eggs | 111.5 | 103.4 | 103.5 | -7.2 | 0.1 |
| Dairy | 144.4 | 140.1 | 141.0 | -2.4 | 0.6 |

^r revised

^p preliminary

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Canadian Foreign Post Indexes

December 2009

Data for December on Canadian foreign post indexes are now available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2322.

The December 2009 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* (62-013-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Coal and coke statistics

September 2009

Data on coal and coke are now available for September.

Available on CANSIM: tables 135-0001 and 135-0002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2003 and 2147.

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Proceedings of the 24th International Symposium on Methodological Issues 2008

Proceedings of Statistics Canada's 24th International Symposium on Methodological Issues, held from October 28 to 31, 2008, are now available.

The symposium's theme was "Data collection: Challenges, achievements and new directions". Authors from 13 countries presented 72 papers.

The publication *Statistics Canada International Symposium Series: Proceedings: "Data Collection: Challenges, Achievements and New Directions"*, 2008 (11-522-X, free), are available through the *Workshops and conferences* module of our website. The proceedings are also available on CD-ROM (\$32). See *How to order products*.

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