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September 2010 (preliminary)

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Farmers reported that cool and wet conditions delayed seeding in some parts of the Prairies, while wet weather in September was reported to be delaying the harvesting of crops. Since the survey was taken, widespread frost has been reported on the Prairies and the resulting effects on final yield and production will be reflected in the November survey.

Prairie total wheat production down

Farmers expect total wheat production on the Prairies to fall 18.5% from 2009 to 20.0 million metric tonnes. Reported average yield was 38.9 bushels per acre, down 3.0% from 2009.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan farmers expect their production to drop sharply by 25.8% and 28.3% respectively, while Alberta farmers foresee an increase of 2.6%, the result of a reported rise in yield.

Canola production should fall

Prairie farmers reported that canola production is expected to fall 16.3% from 2009 to 10.3 million metric tonnes, as a result of a decline in expected yield.

Decreases in production are expected in Manitoba (-32.2%) and Saskatchewan (-27.2%). In contrast, Alberta farmers expect to harvest the second largest crop in Alberta history at 4.0 million metric tonnes, mainly the result of a record harvested area of 5.4 million acres.

Note to readers

The September farm survey of 14,000 Canadian farmers is an interim survey of crop production in Canada. The survey was conducted from September 1 to September 9, 2010. Farmers were asked to report their estimated area, yield and production of grains, oilseeds and special crops.

Final production estimates for 2010 will be released on December 3 and will be subject to revision for two years.

Possible record soybean production in Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario

Farmers in Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario reported that soybean production increased to new highs, the result of record harvested areas in each province. Total production for these three provinces has risen steadily since 2007.

Soybean production in Quebec is expected to reach 750 000 metric tonnes, 25% above the previous record of 600 000 metric tonnes set in 2008. Ontario soybean production is expected to rise 8.1% from 2009 to 2.8 million metric tonnes, the highest production estimate since 2006. In Manitoba, production could rise to 400 100 metric tonnes, 24.6% above production in 2009.

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: "September Estimates of Production of Principal Field Crops,"* Vol. 89, no. 7 (22-002-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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September estimates of production of principal field crops

	2009 (final)	July 2010 ^P	September 2010 ^P	2009 to September 2010	July to September 2010
	thousand of metric tonnes			% change	
Total wheat	26 848 ^r	22 659	22 205	-17.3	-2.0
Spring wheat	18 452 ^r	16 966	16 494	-10.6	-2.8
Durum wheat	5 400	3 122	3 044	-43.6	-2.5
Winter wheat	2 996 ^r	2 571	2 667	-11.0	3.7
Grain corn	9 561	10 823	10 865	13.6	0.4
Canola	12 417 ^r	10 867	10 430	-16.0	-4.0
Barley	9 517	8 488	8 259	-13.2	-2.7
Soybeans	3 507	3 951	4 028	14.9	2.0
Dry field peas	3 379	3 100	2 778	-17.8	-10.4
Oats	2 906 ^r	2 392	2 321	-20.1	-3.0
Flaxseed	930	570	537	-42.2	-5.8
Dry beans	224 ^r	243	238	6.3	-2.2

^P preliminary

^r revised

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Asphalt roofing

August 2010

Data on asphalt roofing are now available for August. Revised data are also available for May.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0052.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2123.

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Coal and coke statistics

July 2010

Data on coal and coke are now available for July.

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

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Supply and disposition of refined petroleum products

June 2010

Data on the supply and disposition of refined petroleum products are now available for June.

Available on CANSIM: tables 134-0001 to 134-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

The June 2010 issue of *The Supply and Disposition of Refined Petroleum Products in Canada*, Vol. 65, no. 6 (45-004-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Employment Insurance Coverage Survey

2009

The product *Employment Insurance Coverage Survey: Public Use Microdata Files* is now available for 2009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4428.

To order a copy of the product *Employment Insurance Coverage Survey: Public Use Microdata File*, 2009 (89M0025X, \$1,500), for more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-461-9050; 613-951-3321; fax: 613-951-4527; ssd@statcan.gc.ca), Special Surveys Division. ■

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