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Despite late seeding this spring, weather conditions that prevailed up to the end of summer have led to higher than normal yields. However, sporadic frost or disease may have affected certain crop yields.

Canola

Despite a lower harvested area compared with 2012, Canadian farmers anticipate a 15.9% increase in canola production to 16.0 million tonnes. This would be a result of a 31.3% rise in yield to 36.9 bushels per acre.

In Saskatchewan, canola production is expected to increase 24.2% to a record high 8.1 million tonnes. Average yield is forecast to rise from 25.1 bushels per acre in 2012 to 35.2 bushels this year. This higher yield offsets a lower harvested area of 10.1 million acres, down 11.4%.

Manitoba farmers expect a 24.5% production increase to 2.6 million tonnes, the result of a 44.8% gain in average yield.

Alberta canola production is anticipated to increase 2.3% to 5.2 million tonnes.

Wheat

Nationally, total wheat production is expected to rise 22.0% from 2012 to a record high 33.0 million tonnes. This increase would largely stem from an expected record average yield of 48.0 bushels per acre, up from 42.6 bushels per acre in 2012. The harvested area is expected to rise 8.1% to 25.3 million acres.

All surveyed provinces (except Quebec) reported an increase in average yield for their wheat acres. As a result, production gains are expected to range from 15.5% in Manitoba to 26.4% in Ontario. In Quebec, the 17.2% production increase was a result of a larger harvested area.

Barley and oats

Canadian farmers are expecting barley production to increase 18.1% from 2012 to 9.2 million tonnes. This is the result of an anticipated record yield of 68.2 bushels per acre, compared with 54.1 bushels per acre in 2012. Production should rise in Alberta (+9.3% to 4.9 million tonnes), Saskatchewan (+41.7% to 3.3 million tonnes) and Manitoba (+10.9% to 685 800 tonnes).

Oat production is expected to rise 16.0% at the national level to 3.2 million tonnes. Most of this increase is the result of an expected record high average yield of 82.6 bushels per acre. Harvested acres, in turn, should rise 2.0% to 2.5 million acres.

Soybeans

In Ontario, soybean production is set to decrease 13.2% to 3.0 million tonnes. This is mainly the result of a 10.4% decline in yield to 43.3 bushels per acre. Meanwhile, Quebec farmers expect production to decrease by 1.2% to 833 000 tonnes, driven by a 4.0% decline in yield to 43.0 bushels per acre.

Manitoba is again expecting record high production, up 18.0% from 2012 to 909 000 tonnes.

Overall, national soybean production is still expected to decline 3.9% from a year earlier to 4.8 million tonnes.

Corn for grain

At the national level, the production of corn for grain is anticipated to edge down 0.1% from 2012 to 12.9 million tonnes.

In Ontario, corn for grain production is anticipated to decrease 1.6% to 8.6 million tonnes, the result of a decline in harvested area to 2.2 million acres. In Quebec, farmers expect production to increase 2.7% to 3.6 million tonnes, mainly because of a 6.2% gain in harvested area to 1.0 million acres.

Note to readers

Effective July 2013, the Canadian totals for the July, September and March Farm surveys on crops will not include data for the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia. Crop production in these provinces account for 2% to 4% of the national total and is excluded. The data for these provinces will be available twice a year in the June Farm survey on seeded area estimates and in the November Farm survey on final crop production estimates.

The September Farm Survey on field crop production covering about 10,500 Canadian farmers was conducted from September 3 to 10, 2013. Farmers were asked to report their estimated area, yield and production of grains, oilseeds and special crops.

Final production estimates for 2013 will be released on December 4 and are subject to revision for two years.

Auxiliary data source: As an additional tool to assess growing conditions of field crops during the crop year, readers are invited to visit the [Crop Condition Assessment Program](#) web application, using remote sensing technology (satellite images). Readers can monitor a vegetation index of crop land on a weekly basis.

Table 1
September estimates of production of principal field crops¹

	2011	2012	September 2013 ^P	2011 to 2012	2012 to September 2013
	thousands of tonnes			% change	
Total wheat ²	25 118	27 063	33 026	7.7	22.0
Spring wheat	17 866	18 720	23 825	4.8	27.3
Durum wheat	4 172	4 627	5 579	10.9	20.6
Winter wheat	3 080	3 716	3 622	20.7	-2.5
Canola	14 552	13 778 ^r	15 963	-5.3	15.9
Corn for grain	11 297	12 954	12 943	14.7	-0.1
Barley	7 725	7 833	9 247	1.4	18.1
Soybeans	4 235	5 015 ^r	4 817	18.4	-3.9
Dry field peas	2 502	3 341 ^r	3 781	33.5	13.2
Oats	3 040	2 727 ^r	3 163	-10.3	16.0
Lentils	1 574 ^r	1 538 ^r	1 709	-2.3	11.1
Flaxseed	399	489	664	22.6	35.9

^P preliminary

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2. Total wheat is the sum of winter wheat, spring wheat and durum wheat.

Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

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Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports, June 2013

The number of take-offs and landings for 130 airports without air traffic control towers reached 64,448 movements in June. Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (3,320 movements) and Peterborough, Ontario (2,485 movements) were the most active sites.

Available in CANSIM: tables 401-0021 and 401-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

The June 2013 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports without Air Traffic Control Towers (TP 141)* (51-008-X) is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. This report, which presents monthly statistics for Canadian airports without NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and/or flight service stations, is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

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Crude oil and natural gas production, July 2013

Provincial crude oil and marketable natural gas production data are now available for July.

Note to readers

These data are subject to revision.

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Travel Survey of Residents of Canada, fourth quarter 2012

Data on domestic travel from the Travel Survey of Residents of Canada are now available for the fourth quarter of 2012.

Note to readers

The Travel Survey of Residents of Canada underwent a redesign in 2011. The survey scope is more inclusive and allows more trips to be collected. Moreover, its new design makes it easier to report trips. These changes are increasing the survey estimates from previous years. This creates a break in the domestic tourism series.

A more exhaustive document explaining the [differences between the redesigned 2011 Travel Survey of Residents of Canada and the 2010 survey](#) is available on our website.

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New products and studies

New products

Sawmills, July 2013, Vol. 67, no. 7
Catalogue number 35-003-X (HTML | PDF)

Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports Without Air Traffic Control Towers (TP 141), June 2013
Catalogue number 51-008-X (HTML | PDF)

Industry Price Indexes, August 2013, Vol. 39, no. 8
Catalogue number 62-011-X (HTML | PDF)

New studies

Economic Insights: "Productivity Growth and Capacity Utilization in Canadian Business Industries", No. 31
Catalogue number 11-626-X2013031 (HTML | PDF)

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Release date	Title	Reference period
7	Building permits	August 2013
8	Canadian international merchandise trade	August 2013
10	New Housing Price Index	August 2013
11	Labour Force Survey	September 2013

See also the release dates for major economic indicators for the rest of the year.



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