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Ottawa, August 30, 1932, 4 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the last of a series of six fortnightly telegraphic reports on crop conditions throughout Canada. This service is based on the valued co-operation of 85 correspondents composed of agriculturists of the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, as well as a number of selected private observers. Most of the provincial Departments of Agriculture send in summaries for their provinces, based on advices received from their own field men. The Meteorological Service, Toronto provides official precipitation data.

### SUMMARY

Favourable weather during the past two weeks has been experienced in the Maritime Provinces and substantial progress has been made with harvesting. Grain harvesting is practically completed in Nova Scotia and is well under way in New Brunswick. In both provinces yields are reported as satisfactory. The potato crop is reported to be only fair in Nova Scotia and blight is prevalent in New Brunswick. Apple crops are doing well in both provinces and while the total yield is likely to be less than last year, the quality is exceptionally good.

In Quebec crop conditions vary and the weather has been uncertain. In eastern areas of the province crops are good although wet weather has delayed haying. Crops are good in the Montreal area while north and west of Montreal yields were affected by early season drought. Recent weather has been favourable however and yields are fair to good.

In Ontario favourable harvesting weather has been experienced during the past two weeks. Excellent yields of grain are reported in western Ontario but elsewhere yields are lower than in 1931. Tobacco crops are being harvested and the quality is good. The apple crop is sharply lower than last year and apple scab is prevalent.

During the past week rainy weather has hindered harvesting operations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and to a lesser extent in Alberta. Unless the weather improves there is danger of sprouting in stooks and swaths. The bulk of the wheat crop in Manitoba and Saskatchewan is beyond the stage where rust or frost can do much damage. Alberta, however, needs two weeks of fine weather to mature late crops.

Wheat cutting is practically completed in British Columbia and progress has been made with coarse grains. Yields are very good. Potato and root crops are promising. Tree fruits are sizing and colouring nicely and the 1932 apple crop will be considerably larger than last year. Pastures are excellent and live stock are in good condition.

### Maritime Provinces.

During the past two weeks the weather has been favourable in the Maritime Provinces and good progress has been made by all standing crops. Cereal harvesting is practically completed in Nova Scotia and yields are reported above average. The apple crop is making good progress and while smaller than last year, the quality is reported high. The potato crop is reported as being only fair in Nova Scotia. Corn is growing rapidly.

In New Brunswick grains are being cut and some threshing has been done. Yields are reported as above average. The potato crop is suffering from blight and the yield will be lowered as a consequence. The apple crop in New Brunswick is favourably commented upon and the crop will be cleaner than usual. Good progress has been made with haying during the past two weeks but the crop shows the effect of too much weathering.



### Quebec

The present season was variable throughout Quebec. In general the eastern sections of the province have had plenty of rain while the western and northwestern areas were adversely affected by early season drought. While the weather has been favourable in recent weeks, the drought has lowered yields. Good progress has been made in harvesting cereals except in eastern Quebec where the weather has been bad. In general root crops are growing well. The apple crop is maturing but the quality has been lowered by hailstorms in some areas. Tobacco is being harvested and a smaller crop than last year is anticipated.

### Ontario

Favourable harvesting weather has prevailed during the past two weeks. Excellent yields of grain are reported in western Ontario while in other sections of the province yields are lower than in 1931. Substantial yields have been secured from second crop alfalfa. Good progress is being made in harvesting the tobacco crop and the quality is satisfactory. The Ontario apple crop is much smaller than last year and scab is prevalent. Pastures are holding up well in central and western Ontario and live stock are in good condition.

### The Prairie Provinces

Rainy weather has hindered harvesting operations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and to a lesser extent in Alberta. The bulk of the wheat crop of Manitoba and Saskatchewan is now safe from serious reduction of yield by frost or rust. Another two weeks of fine, ripening weather are needed to put Alberta's wheat fields in the same position, but each succeeding warm day lowers the possibility of frost damage.

Crop damage reported during the past week is mostly local and relatively small. The most serious concern is attached to reports of weathering and sprouting of grain in stacks and swaths; unless fair weather intervenes, further reduction of grades may occur. Considerable damp and tough wheat is being marketed. The frost level has been reached only in Manitoba where most of the wheat is cut. The possibility of rust damage to late crops is mentioned in Saskatchewan. Hail damage was confined to twenty-five claims in Alberta. Sawflies are still damaging crops in Saskatchewan. In northern districts, some lodging is reported.

The western grain shows a wide variance in time of maturity. Threshing is practically completed in some southern districts of Manitoba, while cutting is just beginning in many districts of Alberta.

The recent rains have added to reserve moisture and have greatly improved the feed situation.

Although hindered by wet weather, the movement of wheat to market is gaining momentum and now exceeds the deliveries of each of the past two years. In the first three weeks of the new crop year, 6,205,440 bushels were delivered to country elevators or shipped over loading platforms as compared with 4,603,863 bushels and 3,791,192 bushels in approximately the same periods of 1931 and 1930. Considering the lower farm carryover of old wheat this year, this represents an extremely early season.

### British Columbia

Crop prospects in British Columbia continue to be favourable. Wheat cutting is about finished and good progress is being made with other grains. Threshing will be under way this week. Root crops are making good progress. Apples are sizing and colouring well and a crop considerably larger than last year is anticipated. In general pastures are excellent and live stock are in good condition.



REPORTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS

NOVA SCOTIA

Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville.

Favourable weather has resulted in grain harvesting being pretty well completed with yields slightly above normal and grain well filled. Corn has made exceptional growth. Roots are growing well. Potatoes are fair only. Apples are sizing well and export shipments of Gravensteins will start early in September.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Department of Agriculture, Fredericton.

Three-quarters of hay gathered; the crop greater than average. Cutting of grain general and some threshing done - outturn high. All roots attaining above normal size. Potatoes showing damage by late blight and total production will be lessened.

Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton.

Excellent hay but weathered and too matured when stored. Grain turning rapidly; kernels well filled; straw heavy; considerable lodging; aftermath heavy. Pastures good. Roots, potatoes, vegetables growing rapidly. Corn immature. Apples average crop; exceptionally clean. Considerable late blight on potatoes.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Fredericton.

Field crops being harvested without serious injury by insects this season.

QUEBEC

Department of Agriculture, Quebec.

Lower St. Lawrence, plenty of rain. Haying finished under very bad conditions. Cereals look very good, but few fields are mature; some damage by lodging. Potatoes look good but blight rapidly invading the fields. Pastures very good. Prairies improved. Ploughing well under way. Truck garden production excellent. Quebec, Abitibi, and Lake St. John, haying finished; bad yield; poor quality. Cereal harvest started; very good appearance; local damage by lodging. Potatoes and vegetables, good prospects. Prairies improved. Pastures improved in appearance; commercial production apples above average. Farm orchards, low yields. District of Three Rivers, seventy-five per cent of cereal crop taken in. Damage by grasshoppers. Abundant rainfall caused damage to corn crops and root crops; good prospects. Reduced dairy yields. Bois Franc and eastern townships, harvesting begun under ideal weather conditions. Oat crop excellent. Fodder corn and corn for husking good. Green feed excellent. Potatoes very good. Truck gardens generally good, but tomatoes late. Pasture sufficient. Lactation good. Total crop equivalent to normal year. Montreal southeast, cereals mature and two-thirds cut. Grain good colour and fairly heavy. Corn for husking late on account of drought. Fodder corn good, pastures burned. Vegetables good. Montreal and Ottawa Valley, threshing of grain going ahead; abundant harvest, excellent quality. Fodder corn fair; not enough heat. Pastures fair. Tomatoes and canning beans, fair yield. Canning corn late but will be good. Grain and hay prices very low.

Dominion Experimental Station, Amos.

Hay not taken in yet. Raining every day. Crop above average. Starting to cut grain. Potatoes, green feed and vegetables in very good condition. Pasturage good. Dairy production abundant. Grain lodged in some localities. Harvesting will be difficult. Soil moist.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville.

Haying completed. Harvesting is general, with the weather fair. Heavy stands of grain lodged making harvesting difficult. Corn improving. Potatoes blighting badly. Roots promise a good crop.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Hemmingford.

Harvesting almost finished; considerable threshing done; grains average crop. Corn still considerably below average. Pastures poor. Potatoes severely injured by white grubs in several sections. Apples sizing well. Colour fair. Grading poor due to hail injury. Weather very dry; pastures require rain.



Dominion Experimental Station, Farnham.

Harvesting of grain mostly finished. Silage corn improved, but still poorer than last year. Harvesting of tobacco now going on; that crop is below last year's average. Fruits and truck crops very good.

Dominion Experimental Station, Cap Rouge.

Harvesting oats began on the eighteenth; production about average. Sunflowers and roots promising. Pastures medium. Apples very good but somewhat below average. Plums medium. Potatoes promising, though some fields affected by disease. Garden crops very good. Crops injured by grasshoppers in the western part district covered by this station.

Dominion Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere.

Hay crop completed; yield slightly below last year. Grain crop harvesting under way; weather poor; yield very good. Vegetables, fruits, roots and corn are doing well, but potatoes very severely affected by blight due to weather prevailing.

ONTARIO

Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Splendid harvesting weather has prevailed during the past two weeks. Excellent yields of grain are being reported in certain parts of western Ontario while in other sections yields are considerably lower than in 1931. Substantial yields have been secured from second crop alfalfa. Some fall wheat has been seeded for the 1933 crop. Many creameries report a fifteen per cent to twenty-five per cent decrease in comparison with 1931. Pastures are holding up well in central and western Ontario and live stock are in good condition.

Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow.

Extreme southwestern Ontario very dry at present. Over one-third of flue cured tobacco in district harvested; quality very good on curings to date. Burley tobacco crop greatly improved; number of early fields harvested exceptionally early. Corn crop much improved also but corn borer infestation quite heavy and patchy.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Strathroy.

Harvesting completed. Threshing general; yields of wheat very satisfactory. All crops making good growth. Owing to frequent rains, pastures are in excellent shape. Root crops very promising. Insect injury light, except in isolated fields. Apple scab very abundant.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Chatham.

All crops progressing favourably. Burley tobacco harvest under way. Sugar beets will benefit by recent rain.

MANITOBA

Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg.

Few fields late crop still to cut. Break in weather with considerable rain during past three days. Threshing practically finished in very earliest parts, but just nicely going in later districts. Wheat turning out pretty well on the average, but with some light and some heavy yields. Oats and barley less satisfactory. More rain needed for pastures, for wells, and for ploughing, which has started. Crickets very thick in some districts and some grasshoppers yet active. Work well advanced.

Dominion Experimental Station, Morden.

Weather continues dry and warm, 0.33 inches rain during week. Threshing practically completed; yield low. Pasture poor. Shortage of feed for present needs. Grasshoppers appear to be leaving district due to shortage of green feed and moisture. Ground extremely hard for ploughing.



Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon.

Rains have stopped threshing over wide area. Reports indicate coarse grains generally to be disappointing in southern part of territory. Many oat fields are badly rusted. In north, oats give promise of good yield. Corn much improved.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Minnedosa.

Cutting is about completed. Heavy rains Tuesday and Wednesday have delayed threshing operations; not sufficient threshed to state much about yields, but seems to be yielding well. Before rains, wheat graded one northern. Ground was very dry till recent rains and is drizzling again this afternoon.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Dauphin.

Broken weather has held up threshing over entire district; crops not suffering in stock yet but favourable weather needed to dry out the grain. Nothing further re yields to report. Pastures picking up.

SASKATCHEWAN

Department of Agriculture, Regina.

About seventy-five to eighty per cent of the wheat is cut and about half of the coarse grains. Practically all the wheat cutting in the eastern and southeastern districts is completed. In these districts, cutting of coarse grains is also well advanced. The weather has been changeable during the past two weeks, being warm and dry up until about August 20, when showers or heavy rains fell and the weather remained unsettled and more rains came early last week after which it cleared in most districts and was quite warm toward the end of the week. Threshing and combining in many parts of the province were held up by the rains in the early part of the week, but it is expected, with favourable weather, both operations will become fairly general this week. While only a small amount of threshing has been done, the yields so far appear to be about as expected. Scattered hail storms have caused damage in some localities and the damp weather has been favourable for development of rust which, in some sections, may affect late grain. Sawfly is doing considerable damage in several districts. Potatoes are on the whole a better crop than last year. Recent rains have greatly improved pastures in most districts and live stock are generally in good condition.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head.

0.78 inches rain held up harvest and threshing past week. Wheat cutting almost complete, except crop left for combine threshing. Rain improved late crop and pastures.

Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current.

Harvesting, delayed a week by rain, resumed Friday. Sprouting and bleaching have damaged stocked and swathed wheat. Much of standing wheat now fit for straight combining, if weather dry, but harvesting by this method hindered and yield reduced by green weeds and sawfly damage. Binder cutting seventy per cent done. Little threshing done.

Dominion Experimental Station, Rosthern.

Seventy-five per cent wheat cut. Fifty per cent oats and barley in stock. Rains during week caused weathering and slight sprouting to grain in stock. Wheat expected to yield about twenty bushels, oats thirty, barley twenty-five. Threshing likely to commence about September fifth.

Dominion Experimental Station, Scott.

Cutting is nearing completion and threshing will proceed this week, but is temporarily held up by cool, misty weather. Impossible to indicate at this date how yields will be, but it is evident they will be below average for this area. Pastures show little green growth.



ALBERTA

Dominion Experimental Substation, Beaverlodge.

During a week of warm, calm weather with little or no rain until Saturday evening, cutting has gotten rapidly under way, except in the northwest portion where it should be general this coming week. Several points report the grain well filled and sample good while two of the best anticipate twenty bushel averages for wheat. Late rains totalling 0.17 at Beaverlodge interrupt harvest.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe.

Dry warm days with cool nights during week were very favourable for both filling and ripening of all cereals. Cutting was general during week but barely one-quarter of crop is cut though much more is now ripe. Very heavy hay crop has been harvested, but pastures are now quite short.

Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries.

Harvesting slightly delayed by storms. Grain mostly in stock. Combining well under way. Later maturing crops improved considerably. Haying mostly completed with good supply for winter pasture and range conditions very good.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge.

Account wet weather, little progress has been made with the harvest during past week. What little wheat that was combined during past few days has graded tough. Half wheat harvest has been completed but bleaching has reduced quality by at least one grade and some sprouting is reported.

Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Lethbridge.

Grasshoppers worst in area bounded by Magrath, Warner, Taber, Arrowwood and Granum and in Taber to Whitla districts. Rather bad in Foremost and Hanna-Excel districts. Oviposition not very widespread to date; may cause reduction of number eggs laid. Beet webworm not giving trouble.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Cardston.

Weather mostly favourable for harvesting since last report. No frost damage. Wheat cutting ninety per cent completed. Coarse grains eighty per cent. Actual yield on one field combined spring wheat sixteen bushels of good grade. Threshing will commence last part of week.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Calgary.

Rains during the past week have held up harvest operations. Today showery. Practically all farmers have commenced cutting; very little advancement since our report of August twenty-second on account of rain. There has been no damage from any cause. Temperature has been running from about seventy-six to eighty-five; nights cool, but no frost as yet.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Olds.

Twenty-five per cent wheat cut and another fifty per cent ready for binder. Remainder takes another ten days before it is ripe. Oats and barley are late; possibly ten days of good warm weather is needed.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Stettler.

Past week dry; good harvest weather. Wheat ninety per cent cut; oats forty per cent. No threshing yet but will be general next week. Wheat yield will be fifteen to twenty-five bushels, oats thirty, barley twenty-five. Need moisture for pasturage.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton.

Good harvest week since last report; dry and warm; quite cool and cloudy yesterday and today. Wheat cutting well advanced. No change in general conditions. Odd load of new wheat threshed, but will not be general for two weeks or more depending on weather conditions.



Telegraphic Correspondent, Vermilion.

Eighty per cent grain cut. Threshing will be general by end of week unless we get rain, which is threatening. Everything is very dry and some wheat threshed is in splendid condition.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Athabasca.

Hot weather during past week maturing crops rapidly. Good progress made in wheat cutting; indications of earlier harvest with continued good weather. Threshing may start end of this week.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

Wheat cutting about completed. Cutting oats is general, with ideal weather prevailing. Threshing will be under way by end of month. Potatoes and roots very promising. All tree fruits sizing splendidly. Colour is uniform and above average for this period of year. Apple crop will be approximately twenty-three per cent greater than last year. Cantaloupes moving in quantity and quality has never been better. Some prunes now moving.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lake Windermere.

Crop conditions average. Grain crops largely cut. Oats averaging fifty bushels, wheat twenty-five. Rains have delayed harvest to some extent. Pastures improving. Roots, potatoes and silage crops promise well. Live stock in good condition.

Dominion Experimental Station, Summerland.

Clear warm days, cool nights. Early peaches and pears moving in quantity. Shipment bulk apples has begun. Cantaloupes being shipped by carloads from Oliver. Third crop alfalfa harvested. Soil moisture conditions good. Apples sizing well and promise record yield.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Agassiz.

Damp, cool, cloudy weather continues. Harvesting almost completed; threshing just started; yields light due to rust on late oats. Bright, dry weather needed. Root crops and pastures good. Labour plentiful. Eggs strengthening.

Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Agassiz (reporting from Prince George).

July rains throughout central British Columbia broke the early season drought. Coarse grains prolonged in growth but, with favourable weather, majority will ripen. Few fields of wheat beginning to turn. Pastures are excellent. Cariboo ranges vastly improved. Stock in good condition.

LATE WIRE

Telegraphic Correspondent, Teulon, Manitoba.

Heavy rains during the past week have delayed threshing and clouds are threatening again. The weather has been warm too with some sprouting in the stocks. Some fall plowing has been done and more work put on the summerfallow. Pastures greatly revived.



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