



FEB 13 2012

LIBRARY  
For Release

March 20, 1957, 3 p.m.

C.R. No. 2, 1957

Price: \$2.00 for series of 23 crop reports.

INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA, 1957

On the basis of their intentions at March 1, Canadian farmers plan major shifts in land use in 1957, continuing the pattern of the past three years. Prairie farmers especially are continuing to adjust their acreages in the light of large supplies of bread grains and consequent marketing quotas. The prospective acreage to be seeded to all wheat is the smallest since 1943-44 when a special war-time acreage reduction programme was in effect. With this exception intended acreage is the smallest since 1920, a time when settlement of the western prairie area was nearing completion. Barley acreage may be only slightly below the 1955 record level while oat plantings may be the highest since World War II. Prospective plantings indicate new records for durum wheat, flaxseed, rapeseed and mustard seed, all of which are grown mainly in the Prairie Provinces.

Basic data for the estimates of intended acreages in this report were obtained from the annual acreage intentions survey of the Bureau's crop correspondents conducted in co-operation with provincial departments. It is emphasized that the intended acreages in this report are merely indicative of farmers' plans at March 1, and the acreages actually seeded, therefore, may vary considerably from the intentions figures, depending upon conditions before and during seeding. Additional factors, such as the availability of good quality seed, contractual arrangements, the market outlook and the possible effect of this report itself on farmers' plans may contribute to changes in acreages currently indicated. Intentions estimates for buckwheat, dry peas and beans, tame hay, field roots and sugar beets are not available for this report. An estimate of the area actually sown to field crops in 1957, based on the Bureau's annual June Survey, is scheduled for release on August 9.

The largest individual shift indicated in the use of Canadian crop land in 1957 is the decrease of slightly less than 1.4 million acres of spring wheat in the Prairie Provinces, from the 1956 level of 20.6 million. The prospective decrease in bread wheat is 2.2 million acres whereas durum acreage may increase by 0.8 million. The next largest shift in cropping intentions is for barley and flaxseed in the Prairie Provinces where increases of 1.0 and 0.5 million acres respectively are planned.

Wheat If farmers' current plans are realized, all wheat acreage in Canada in 1956<sup>7</sup> will register the fifth consecutive annual decrease. On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1, the acreage seeded to all wheat will be 19.9 million acres, a decrease of 1.5 million acres from 1956 seedings and 4.7 million acres or 19 per cent below the 1951-55 average. The major part of the 1957 anticipated decline in all wheat acreage is in the Province of Saskatchewan where a reduction of 8 per cent from 1956 seedings is indicated.

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

Prepared in the Crops Section, Agriculture Division

Prospective plantings of spring wheat of 19.3 million acres are 7 per cent below the 1956 acreage and 19 per cent below the recent average. Practically all the decrease is expected in the Prairie Provinces. Durum wheat is included with the spring wheat figures, but in view of the recent interest shown by Prairie farmers in this crop intended acreage was also obtained separately. The results indicate a record of 2.5 million acres may be planted this year, an increase of 50 per cent over last year's record of 1.6 million. Indicated acreages, with comparisons for the Prairie Provinces, are shown on page 7. The 0.5 million acres seeded to winter wheat last fall in Ontario is the smallest since 1946.

Rye The area intended for spring rye in 1957 is placed at 168,800 acres, 4 per cent above last year's level. With a 4 per cent increase in the area seeded to fall rye last autumn, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 579,200 acres, up 4 per cent from last season but only about half the five-year (1951-55) average.

Feed Grains The intended acreage of oats at 12.1 million acres is the largest since 1945, and 12 per cent above the recent (1951-55) average. Prospective barley acreage is placed at 9.7 million acres, only slightly below the 1955 record of 9.9 million, but 11 per cent above last year, and 13 per cent above the recent 5-year average. The largest increase in oat acreage is indicated in Alberta while Saskatchewan may register the largest gain in barley acreage. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.7 million are only slightly up from 1956 and 5 per cent above the five-year average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario, but including small commercial acreages in Manitoba may be sown on 441,500 acres, an increase of 1 per cent over 1956 and 14 per cent over the five-year average.

Oilseed Crops For the second consecutive year flaxseed acreage may establish a new record. The indicated acreage at March 1 is 3.6 million acres, an increase of 16 per cent from last year and 189 per cent above the five-year (1951-55) average. Prospective changes range from a 26 per cent increase in Saskatchewan to no change in Manitoba and slight decreases in British Columbia and Ontario. Prospective plantings of rapeseed, grown mainly in the Prairie Provinces, will establish a new record if intentions are confirmed. In the past, a large proportion of this crop has been grown on a contract basis and the ability to obtain contracts may influence actual seedings considerably. Indicated acreage at 607,500 acres is an increase of 70 per cent from 1956, the previous record year, and more than thirteen times greater than the recent five-year average of 46,000 acres. The record area intended for mustard seed at 175,300 acres shows an increase of 28 per cent from 1956 and 218 per cent from the recent five-year average. Most of the crop is grown in southern Alberta on a contract basis and the ability to obtain contracts could influence actual seedings. Indicated seedings of sunflower seed, grown mainly in Manitoba, may decrease to 22,500 acres, 10 per cent below 1956 but 69 per cent above the recent five-year average. Soybean acreage may decline to 217,000 acres because of a prospective decrease of 5 per cent in Ontario. Seedings of this size would be 7 per cent above the recent 1951-55 period.

Potatoes With the exception of Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta, where slight decreases are in prospect, the same acreage or only moderate increases are planned for potato plantings in 1957. The all-Canada total, currently placed at 304,400 acres is virtually unchanged from 1956 and about 6 per cent below the 1951-55 average of 323,000 acres.

### Summary of Acreages Intended for Principal Crops and Summerfallow

The intended acreages for 1957 as reported at March 1, with 1956 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

#### All Canada

Spring wheat, 19,343,100 (20,720,400); oats for grain, 12,116,000 (11,972,500); barley, 9,716,900 (8,722,300); spring rye, 168,800 (161,900); flaxseed, 3,648,000 (3,139,000); mixed grains, 1,651,800 (1,634,700); corn for grain, 441,500 (439,000); soybeans, 217,000 (228,000); potatoes, 304,400 (303,100); mustard seed 1/, 175,300 (137,300); rapeseed 2/, 607,500 (357,000); sunflower seed 3/, 22,500 (25,000); summerfallow 2/, 23,499,000 (23,280,000).

Corresponding figures for the Prairie Provinces and including some additional special crops are as follows:

#### Prairie Provinces

All spring wheat (including durum), 19,259,000 (20,630,000); durum wheat, 2,477,500 (1,650,000); oats, 8,660,000 (8,605,000); barley, 9,460,000 (8,462,000); spring rye, 168,800 (161,900); mixed grains, 432,500 (424,600); flaxseed, 3,608,000 (3,097,000); rapeseed, 607,500 (357,000); mustard seed 1/, 175,300 (137,300); sunflower seed 3/, 22,500 (25,000); corn for grain 3/, 11,500 (9,000); potatoes, 48,000 (49,000); summerfallow, 23,499,000 (23,280,000).

#### Manitoba

All spring wheat (including durum), 2,050,000 (2,073,000); durum wheat, 37,500 (15,000); oats, 1,860,000 (1,954,000); barley, 1,760,000 (1,675,000); spring rye, 2,800 (2,900); mixed grains, 87,500 (79,600); flaxseed, 808,000 (808,000); rapeseed, 27,500 (25,000); mustard seed, 300 (300); sunflower seed, 22,500 (25,000); corn for grain; 11,500 (9,000); potatoes, 19,400 (20,700); summerfallow, 2,720,000 (2,648,000).

#### Saskatchewan

All spring wheat (including durum), 12,349,000 (13,423,000); durum wheat, 1,800,000 (1,100,000); oats, 3,750,000 (3,690,000); barley, 3,650,000 (3,138,000); spring rye, 135,000 (125,000); mixed grains, 95,000 (100,000); flaxseed, 2,200,000 (1,750,000); rapeseed, 500,000 (300,000); potatoes, 12,500 (11,900); summerfallow, 14,229,000 (13,950,000).

#### Alberta

All spring wheat (including durum), 4,860,000 (5,134,000); durum wheat, 640,000 (535,000); oats, 3,050,000 (2,961,000); barley, 4,050,000 (3,649,000); spring rye, 31,000 (34,000); mixed grains, 250,000 (245,000); flaxseed, 600,000 (539,000); rapeseed, 80,000 (32,000); mustard seed, 175,000 (137,000); potatoes, 16,100 (16,400); summerfallow, 6,550,000 (6,682,000).

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1957 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1954-56

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1957	
	1954	1955	1956	Area	as % of 1956
	acres	acres	acres	acres	per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat 2/	710,000	582,000	620,000	533,000	86
Spring wheat 3/	23,556,800	20,923,800	20,720,400	19,343,100	93
All wheat	24,266,800	21,505,800	21,340,400	19,876,100	93
Oats for grain	10,160,600	11,178,000	11,972,500	12,116,000	101
Barley	7,855,900	9,932,500	8,722,300	9,716,900	111
Fall rye 4/	672,500	568,900	395,100	410,400	104
Spring rye	178,000	211,300	161,900	168,800	104
All rye	850,500	780,200	557,000	579,200	104
Flaxseed	1,206,000	1,838,400	3,139,000	3,648,000	116
Mixed grains	1,632,600	1,705,200	1,634,700	1,651,800	101
Corn for grain 5/	418,000	507,000	439,000	441,500	101
Soybeans 5/	254,000	214,000	228,000	217,000	95
Potatoes	299,700	308,300	303,100	304,400	100
Mustard seed 6/	69,000	78,500	137,300	175,300	128
Rapeseed 7/	40,000	136,200	357,000	607,500	170
Sunflower seed 8/	20,000	18,000	25,000	22,500	90
Summerfallow 7/	25,253,000	23,965,000	23,280,000	23,499,000	101
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	3,300	3,400	2,800	2,900	104
Oats for grain	97,600	95,000	103,000	103,000	100
Barley	3,800	2,900	1,400	1,300	93
Mixed grains	78,700	79,000	69,000	69,000	100
Potatoes	40,500	43,000	42,500	43,000	101
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	1,000	1,000	800	800	100
Oats for grain	54,600	51,000	48,500	46,000	95
Barley	2,500	2,300	1,700	1,600	94
Mixed grains	10,100	9,800	7,400	7,500	101
Potatoes	11,300	12,300	10,900	10,900	100
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	3,200	2,200	1,800	2,000	111
Oats for grain	153,000	137,000	139,000	139,000	100
Barley	9,100	6,700	3,800	4,000	105
Mixed grains	8,000	7,400	6,200	6,100	98
Potatoes	45,600	47,000	45,500	46,500	102
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	11,300	12,200	12,300	14,100	115
Oats for grain	1,371,000	1,316,000	1,356,000	1,397,000	103
Barley	53,100	61,600	52,400	55,000	105
Fall rye	2,800	5,000	4,400	4,400	100
Mixed grains	209,000	199,000	173,000	182,000	105
Potatoes	92,000	92,100	90,300	93,000	103

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1957 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1954-56

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1957	
	1954	1955	1956	Area	as % of 1956
	acres	acres	acres	acres	per cent
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat	710,000	582,000	620,000	533,000	86
Spring wheat	31,000	27,000	17,700	17,300	98
All wheat	741,000	609,000	637,700	550,300	86
Oats for grain	1,685,000	1,708,000	1,630,000	1,679,000	103
Barley	144,000	144,000	132,000	125,000	95
Fall rye	90,000	65,000	72,000	61,900	86
Flaxseed	19,000	16,400	15,000	13,800	92
Mixed grains	1,130,000	1,120,000	950,000	950,000	100
Corn for grain	400,000	500,000	430,000	430,000	100
Soybeans	254,000	214,000	225,000	214,000	95
Potatoes	56,500	58,000	56,000	54,000	97
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	2,035,000	1,950,000	2,073,000	2,050,000	99
Oats for grain	1,510,000	1,485,000	1,954,000	1,860,000	95
Barley	2,202,000	2,090,000	1,675,000	1,760,000	105
Fall rye	78,700	78,700	59,400	60,000	101
Spring rye	5,700	4,300	2,900	2,800	97
All rye	84,400	83,000	62,300	62,800	101
Flaxseed	444,000	531,000	808,000	808,000	100
Mixed grains	38,300	51,000	79,600	87,500	110
Corn for grain	18,000	7,000	9,000	11,500	128
Soybeans	-	-	3,000	3,000	2/ 100
Potatoes	17,100	19,000	20,700	19,400	94
Mustard seed	-	300	300	300	100
Rapeseed	9,000	5,200	25,000	27,500	110
Sunflower seed	20,000	18,000	25,000	22,500	90
Summerfallow	3,100,000	3,140,000	2,648,000	2,720,000	103
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	15,540,000	13,148,000	13,423,000	12,349,000	92
Oats for grain	2,851,000	3,654,000	3,690,000	3,750,000	102
Barley	2,313,000	3,846,000	3,138,000	3,650,000	116
Fall rye	315,000	284,000	170,000	178,000	105
Spring rye	138,000	166,000	125,000	135,000	108
All rye	453,000	450,000	295,000	313,000	106
Flaxseed	518,000	1,030,000	1,750,000	2,200,000	126
Mixed grains	35,600	59,800	100,000	95,000	95
Potatoes	11,100	11,600	11,900	12,500	105
Rapeseed	31,000	123,000	300,000	500,000	167
Summerfallow	14,679,000	14,284,000	13,950,000	14,229,000	102
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Spring wheat	5,862,000	5,714,000	5,134,000	4,860,000	95
Oats for grain	2,354,000	2,649,000	2,961,000	3,050,000	103
Barley	3,053,000	3,702,000	3,649,000	4,050,000	111

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1957 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1954-56

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1957	
	1954	1955	1956	Area	as % of 1956
	acres	acres	acres	acres	per cent
<u>ALBERTA (concluded)</u>					
Fall rye	181,000	133,000	86,000	103,000	120
Spring rye	34,300	41,000	34,000	31,000	91
All rye	215,300	174,000	120,000	134,000	112
Flaxseed	215,000	248,000	539,000	600,000	111
Mixed grains	120,000	176,000	245,000	250,000	102
Potatoes	15,400	15,900	16,400	16,100	98
Mustard seed	69,000	78,200	137,000	175,000	128
Rapeseed	-	8,000	32,000	80,000	250
Summerfallow	7,474,000	6,541,000	6,682,000	6,550,000	98
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>					
Spring wheat	70,000	66,000	55,000	47,000	85
Oats for grain	84,400	83,000	91,000	92,000	101
Barley	75,400	77,000	69,000	70,000	101
Fall rye	5,000	3,200	3,300	3,100	95
Flaxseed	10,000	13,000	27,000	26,200	97
Mixed grains	2,900	3,200	4,500	4,700	104
Potatoes	10,200	9,400	8,900	9,000	101

1/ Except for summerfallow.

2/ Seeded in the fall of the preceding year; Ontario only.

3/ All spring wheat including durum, as well as relatively small acreages of winter wheat in all provinces other than Ontario. Durum wheat for the Prairie Provinces is shown separately on the next page.

4/ Seeded in the fall of the preceding year; includes small acreages of spring rye in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

5/ Ontario and Manitoba only; small acreages are grown in other provinces.

6/ Alberta and Manitoba only; small acreages are grown in other provinces.

7/ Prairie Provinces only.

8/ Manitoba only; small acreages seeded in other provinces.

9/ Assumed to be the same as 1956 on the basis of available information.

Intended Acreage of Durum Wheat <sup>1/</sup> in the Prairie Provinces,  
as at March 1, 1957

Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1954-56

Province	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1957	
	1954	1955	1956	Area	as % of 1956
	acres	acres	acres	acres	per cent
Manitoba	65,000	13,000	15,000	37,500	250
Saskatchewan	600,000	475,000	1,100,000	1,800,000	164
Alberta	80,000	206,000	535,000	640,000	120
Total	745,000	694,000	1,650,000	2,477,500	150

<sup>1/</sup> Included with spring wheat in the Canada and Provincial totals.

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1956 in the Prairie Provinces

Crop	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Prairie Provinces
	acres	acres	acres	acres
All wheat	- 23,000	- 1,074,000	- 274,000	- 1,371,000
Durum wheat	+ 22,500	+ 700,000	+ 105,000	+ 827,500
Oats for grain	- 94,000	+ 60,000	+ 89,000	+ 55,000
Barley	+ 85,000	+ 512,000	+ 401,000	+ 998,000
All rye	+ 500	+ 18,000	+ 14,000	+ 32,500
Flaxseed	unchanged	+ 450,000	+ 61,000	+ 511,000
Mixed grains	+ 7,900	- 5,000	+ 5,000	+ 7,900
Corn for grain	+ 2,500	no estimate	no estimate	+ 2,500
Potatoes	- 1,300	+ 600	- 300	- 1,000
Mustard seed	unchanged	no estimate	+ 38,000	+ 38,000
Rapeseed	+ 2,500	+ 200,000	+ 48,000	+ 250,500
Sunflower seed	- 2,500	no estimate	no estimate	- 2,500
Summerfallow	+ 72,000	+ 279,000	- 132,000	+ 219,000

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY  
BIBLIOTHEQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010503101