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INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA, 1958

On the basis of their intentions at March 1, Canadian farmers plan a slight decrease in wheat acreage this year. The prospective acreage to be seeded to all wheat is the smallest since 1943 when a special war-time acreage reduction program was in effect. Acreage declines are also indicated for fall rye, flaxseed, corn for grain and soybeans. These intended acreage reductions are offset by prospective increases in the acreage to be used for oats for grain, barley, mixed grains, potatoes, mustard seed, rapeseed, sunflower seed, spring rye and summerfallow. For the major grain crops and summerfallow indicated acreage changes tend to be moderate.

Basic data for the estimates of intended acreages in this report were obtained from the annual acreage intentions survey of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' 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 1958, based on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual June Survey, is scheduled for release on August 12.

The largest individual increase indicated in the use of Canadian crop land in 1958 is the increase of 429,000 acres in barley, followed by rapeseed which may be up by 201,000 acres. The largest offsetting decreases are prospective reductions of 385,000 acres for all classes of wheat combined and 298,000 acres in flaxseed. Durum wheat acreage included in the all wheat total, may decline by 797,000 acres and winter wheat by 30,000, but these decreases may be partially offset by an increase of 442,400 acres seeded to spring bread wheat varieties.

Wheat On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1, the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 20.6 million acres, a decrease of 0.4 million acres from 1957 seedings and 4.1 million acres or 16 per cent below the 1952-56 average. The major part of the 1958 anticipated decline in all wheat acreage is in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta where reductions of 2 per cent and 5 per cent respectively from 1957 seedings are indicated. In the province of Manitoba wheat acreage may increase by 8 per cent this season.

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Prospective plantings of spring wheat of 20.1 million acres are 2 per cent below the 1957 acreage and 16 per cent below the 1952-56 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 interest shown by prairie farmers in this crop intended acreage was obtained separately. The results indicate a substantial switch out of durum wheat in Alberta and Saskatchewan but in Manitoba, where new rust resistant varieties are available, farmers intend to increase the acreage seeded to this crop. Overall, a decrease in acreage of 34 per cent is anticipated. Indicated acreages with comparisons for the Prairie Provinces are shown on page 7. The 0.6 million acres seeded to winter wheat last fall in Ontario is the smallest since 1946.

Rye The area intended for spring rye in 1958 is placed at 122,500 acres, 10 per cent above last year's level. With a 13 per cent decline in the area seeded to fall rye last autumn, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 505,700 acres, down 8 per cent from last season and only about half the five-year (1952-56) average.

Feed Grains The intended acreage of oats for grain at 11.1 million acres is 1 per cent above last year and 3 per cent above the 1952-56 average. Prospective barley acreage is placed at 9.8 million acres, up 5 per cent from a year earlier and only slightly below the 1955 record of 9.9 million acres. The largest increase in oat acreage is indicated in Manitoba while Saskatchewan may register the largest gain in barley acreage. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.5 million are 3 per cent above last year but 6 per cent below the five-year average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario, but including small commercial acreages in Manitoba may be sown on 507,400 acres, a decrease of 1 per cent from 1957.

Oilseed Crops Probably reflecting poor yields last year in Manitoba and Saskatchewan flaxseed acreage may decline substantially in these two provinces, although acreage in Alberta may increase. For Canada as a whole, plantings may be down 9 per cent in 1958. The acreage sown to 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 as well as the price offered by the contracting firms, may influence actual seedings considerably. Indicated acreage at 848,400 acres is an increase of 31 per cent from 1957, the previous record year, and 636 per cent above the 1952-56 average of 115,200 acres. The area intended for mustard seed at 100,000 acres shows an increase of 9 per cent from 1957 and 34 per cent above the recent five-year average. Most of the crop is grown in southern Alberta on a contract basis and the ability of growers to obtain contracts could influence actual seedings. The acreage sown to sunflower seed, grown mainly in Manitoba, may increase 36 per cent to 47,600 acres in 1958. At this level acreage would be 203 per cent above the 1952-56 average. Soybean acreage may decline to 243,000 acres because of a prospective decrease of 5 per cent in Ontario. Seedings of this size would be 11 per cent above the recent five-year average.

Potatoes With the exception of Nova Scotia and Ontario, where slight decreases are in prospect, it is expected that acreages will remain the same or slightly exceed those of 1957. In the Prairie Provinces, where prices have been strong, somewhat larger increases are planned than for the other provinces. The all Canada total, currently placed at 313,900 acres is 1 per cent above 1957 and about 2 per cent above the 1952-56 average of 308,100 acres.

Summary of Acreages Intended for Principal Crops and Summerfallow

The intended acreages for 1958 as reported at March 1, with 1957 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

All Canada

Spring wheat, 20,086,200 (20,440,800); Oats for grain, 11,127,000 (11,017,000); barley, 9,832,100 (9,403,200); spring rye, 122,500 (111,100); flaxseed, 3,187,900 (3,485,600); mixed grains, 1,494,700 (1,452,200); corn for grain, 507,400 (514,500); soybeans, 243,000 (256,000); potatoes, 313,900 (311,000); mustard seed 1/, 100,000 (92,150); rapeseed 2/, 848,400 (647,500); sunflower seed 3/, 47,600 (35,000); summerfallow 2/, 24,865,000 (24,723,000).

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

Prairie Provinces

All spring wheat (including durum), 20,006,000 (20,360,000); durum wheat, 1,577,000 (2,374,000); oats, 7,887,000 (7,805,000); barley, 9,638,000 (9,209,000); spring rye, 122,500 (111,100); mixed grains, 386,300 (350,000); flaxseed, 3,167,000 (3,462,000); rapeseed, 848,400 (647,500); mustard seed 1/, 100,000 (92,150); sunflower seed 3/, 47,600 (35,000); corn for grain 3/, 14,400 (11,500); potatoes, 48,900 (46,400); summerfallow, 24,865,000 (24,723,000).

Manitoba

All spring wheat (including durum), 2,283,000 (2,114,000); durum wheat, 130,000 (89,000); oats, 1,854,000 (1,800,000); barley, 1,568,000 (1,704,000); spring rye, 6,900 (7,200); mixed grains, 79,500 (72,300); flaxseed, 744,000 (865,000); rapeseed, 35,800 (27,500); mustard seed, N.A. (150); sunflower seed, 47,600 (35,000); corn for grain, 14,400 (11,500); potatoes, 15,900 (15,300); summerfallow, 2,934,000 (2,934,000).

Saskatchewan

All spring wheat (including durum), 13,098,000 (13,365,000); durum wheat, 1,201,000 (1,793,000); oats, 3,214,000 (3,214,000); barley, 4,170,000 (3,791,000); spring rye, 101,000 (84,400); mixed grains, 65,800 (62,700); flaxseed, 1,822,000 (2,025,000); rapeseed, 754,000 (535,000); potatoes, 15,100 (14,500); summerfallow, 14,696,000 (14,696,000).

Alberta

All spring wheat (including durum), 4,625,000 (4,881,000); durum wheat, 246,000 (492,000); oats, 2,819,000 (2,791,000); barley, 3,900,000 (3,714,000); spring rye, 14,600 (19,500); mixed grains, 241,000 (215,000); flaxseed, 601,000 (572,000); rapeseed, 58,600 (85,000); mustard seed, 100,000 (92,000); potatoes, 17,900 (16,600); summerfallow, 7,235,000 (7,093,000).

1/ Alberta only.

2/ Prairie Provinces only.

3/ Manitoba only.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1958 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1955-57

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1958	
	1955 acres	1956 acres	1957 acres	Area acres	as % of 1957 per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat 2/	582,000	625,000	590,000	560,000	95
Spring wheat 3/	22,078,000	22,156,100	20,440,800	20,086,200	98
All wheat	22,660,000	22,781,100	21,030,800	20,646,200	98
Oats for grain	11,178,000	11,706,800	11,017,000	11,127,000	101
Barley	9,932,500	8,390,400	9,403,200	9,832,100	105
Fall rye 4/	568,900	368,400	439,500	383,200	87
Spring rye	211,300	178,900	111,100	122,500	110
All rye	780,200	547,300	550,600	505,700	92
Flaxseed	1,838,400	3,040,800	3,485,600	3,187,900	91
Mixed grains	1,705,200	1,560,500	1,452,200	1,494,700	103
Corn for grain 5/	507,000	509,100	514,500	507,400	99
Soybeans 5/	214,000	243,200	256,000	243,000	95
Potatoes	308,300	312,500	311,000	313,900	101
Mustard seed 6/	78,500	137,600	92,150	100,000	109
Rapeseed 7/	136,200	351,900	647,500	848,400	131
Sunflower seed 8/	18,000	33,000	35,000	47,600	136
Summerfallow 7/	23,965,000	24,113,000	24,723,000	24,865,000	101
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	3,800	3,100	2,900	3,000	103
Oats for grain	95,000	98,000	93,000	93,500	101
Barley	2,900	900	1,000	1,000	100
Mixed grains	79,000	57,400	52,000	51,500	99
Potatoes	43,000	42,500	45,500	46,000	101
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	1,000	800	600	600	100
Oats for grain	51,000	43,300	40,300	40,500	100
Barley	2,300	1,500	1,300	1,200	92
Mixed grains	9,800	9,700	9,900	10,000	101
Potatoes	12,300	10,200	10,200	10,000	98
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	2,200	2,100	2,500	2,600	104
Oats for grain	137,000	130,000	121,000	122,000	101
Barley	6,700	4,000	4,100	4,000	98
Mixed grains	7,400	5,400	6,300	6,500	103
Potatoes	47,000	46,200	46,000	46,000	100
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	14,000	15,100	15,100	14,000	93
Oats for grain	1,316,000	1,258,000	1,258,000	1,271,000	101
Barley	61,600	31,600	25,300	25,300	100
Fall rye	5,000	8,200	8,300	8,400	101
Mixed grains	199,000	194,000	190,000	196,000	103
Potatoes	92,100	99,300	97,900	98,900	101

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1958 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1955-57

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1958	
	1955 acres	1956 acres	1957 acres	Area acres	as % of 1957 %
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat	582,000	625,000	590,000	560,000	95
Spring wheat	27,000	17,100	15,000	14,400	96
All wheat	609,000	642,100	605,000	574,400	95
Oats for grain	1,708,000	1,427,000	1,610,000	1,626,000	101
Barley	144,000	105,000	97,000	95,100	98
Fall rye	65,000	85,600	85,000	79,900	94
Flaxseed	16,400	17,200	12,000	11,000	92
Mixed grains	1,120,000	984,000	840,000	840,000	100
Corn for grain	500,000	502,000	503,000	493,000	98
Soybeans	214,000	240,000	252,000	239,000	95
Potatoes	58,000	53,700	55,000	53,900	98
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	2,075,000	2,199,000	2,114,000	2,283,000	108
Oats for grain	1,485,000	2,053,000	1,800,000	1,854,000	103
Barley	2,090,000	1,548,000	1,704,000	1,568,000	92
Fall rye	78,700	61,400	65,700	65,700	100
Spring rye	4,300	7,000	7,200	6,900	96
All rye	83,000	68,400	72,900	72,600	100
Flaxseed	531,000	789,000	865,000	744,000	86
Mixed grains	51,000	66,900	72,300	79,500	110
Corn for grain	7,000	7,100	11,500	14,400	125
Soybeans	-	3,200	4,000	4,000 2/	100
Potatoes	19,000	16,500	15,300	15,900	104
Mustard seed	300	600	150	N.A.	-
Rapeseed	5,200	29,100	27,500	35,800	130
Sunflower seed	18,000	33,000	35,000	47,600	136
Summerfallow	3,140,000	2,828,000	2,934,000	2,934,000	100
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	14,100,000	14,569,000	13,365,000	13,098,000	98
Oats for grain	3,654,000	3,670,000	3,214,000	3,214,000	100
Barley	3,846,000	3,027,000	3,791,000	4,170,000	110
Fall rye	284,000	157,000	184,000	144,000	78
Spring rye	166,000	143,000	84,400	101,000	120
All rye	450,000	300,000	268,400	245,000	91
Flaxseed	1,030,000	1,710,000	2,025,000	1,822,000	90
Mixed grains	59,800	49,400	62,700	65,800	105
Potatoes	11,600	14,600	14,500	15,100	104
Rapeseed	123,000	297,000	535,000	754,000	141
Summerfallow	14,284,000	14,194,000	14,696,000	14,696,000	100
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Spring wheat	5,789,000	5,296,000	4,881,000	4,625,000	95
Oats for grain	2,649,000	2,935,000	2,791,000	2,819,000	101
Barley	3,702,000	3,606,000	3,714,000	3,900,000	105

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Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1958 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1955-57

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1958	
	1955 acres	1956 acres	1957 acres	Area acres	as % of 1957 %

ALBERTA (concluded)

Fall rye	133,000	54,700	94,500	83,200	88
Spring rye	41,000	28,900	19,500	14,600	75
All rye	174,000	83,600	114,000	97,800	86
Flaxseed	248,000	511,000	572,000	601,000	105
Mixed grains	176,000	189,000	215,000	241,000	105
Potatoes	15,900	19,500	16,600	17,900	108
Mustard seed	78,200	137,000	92,000	100,000	109
Rapeseed	8,000	25,800	85,000	58,600	69
Summerfallow	6,541,000	7,091,000	7,093,000	7,235,000	102

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Spring wheat	66,000	53,900	44,700	45,600	102
Oats for grain	83,000	92,500	89,700	87,000	97
Barley	77,000	66,400	65,500	67,500	103
Fall rye	3,200	1,500	2,000	2,000	100
Flaxseed	13,000	13,600	11,600	9,900	85
Mixed grains	3,200	4,700	4,000	4,400	110
Potatoes	9,400	10,000	10,000	10,200	102

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 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 1957 on the basis of available information.

Intended Acreage of Durum Wheat 1/ in the Prairie Provinces,
as at March 1, 1958
Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1955-57

Province	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1958	
	1955	1956	1957	Area	as % of 1957
	acres	acres	acres	acres	per cent
Manitoba	13,000	31,000	89,000	130,000	146
Saskatchewan	475,000	1,043,000	1,793,000	1,201,000	67
Alberta	206,000	447,000	492,000	246,000	50
Total	694,000	1,521,000	2,374,000	1,577,000	66

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1957 in the Prairie Provinces

Crop		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		Prairie Provinces
		acres		acres		acres		acres
All wheat	+	169,000	-	267,000	-	256,000	-	354,000
Durum wheat	+	41,000	-	592,000	-	246,000	-	797,000
Oats for grain	+	54,000		unchanged	+	28,000	+	82,000
Barley	-	136,000	+	379,000	+	186,000	+	429,000
All rye	-	300	-	23,400	-	16,200	-	39,900
Flaxseed	-	121,000	-	203,000	+	29,000	-	295,000
Mixed grains	+	7,200	+	3,100	+	26,000	+	36,300
Corn for grain	+	2,900		no estimate		no estimate	+	2,900
Potatoes	+	600	+	600	+	1,300	+	2,500
Mustard seed		no estimate		no estimate	+	8,000	+	8,000
Rapeseed	+	8,300	+	219,000	-	26,400	+	200,900
Sunflower seed	+	12,600		no estimate		no estimate	+	12,600
Summerfallow		unchanged		unchanged	+	142,000	+	142,000

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