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INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA - 1961

On the basis of their intentions at March 1, Canadian farmers plan a one per cent increase in all wheat acreage this year. Acreage increases, with the percentage change in brackets, are indicated for oats for grain (7); spring rye (4); flaxseed (7); mixed grains (10); corn for grain (1); soybeans (1); potatoes (3); and summerfallow (1). These acreage increases are offset in part by prospective decreases in the acreage to be sown to barley (down 9 per cent) and a 2 per cent decrease in rapeseed acreage.

Basic data for the estimates of intended acreages in this report was 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. An estimate of the area actually sown to field crops in 1961, based on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual June Survey is scheduled for release on August 2. A preliminary report on acreages sown in the Prairie Provinces will be issued July 5.

The largest individual change in the use of Canadian crop land in 1961 is the intended increase of 784,200 acres in oats for grain, followed by flaxseed which may increase by 184,300 acres and all wheat with an increase of 168,800 acres. The largest offsetting decreases are prospective reductions of 637,300 acres for barley and 11,400 in the acreage seeded to rapeseed.

Wheat On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 23.4 million acres an increase of one per cent over the 1960 seedings, and 1.3 million acres or 6 per cent above the 1955-59 average. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be one per cent, in Saskatchewan a one per cent decrease is expected while in Alberta, acreage may be increased by 5 per cent.

*Includes acreage intended for summerfallow in 1961 in the Prairie Provinces*  
 Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

Prospective plantings of spring wheat of 22.8 million acres are one per cent above the 1960 acreage and 6 per cent above the 1955-59 average. 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 switch into durum wheat with the prospective increase amounting to 70 per cent for the three Prairie Provinces this season. 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 up some 7 per cent from the previous year but the same as the 1955-59 average.

Rye The area intended for spring rye in 1961, placed at 104,700 acres, is 4 per cent above last year's level. With the acreage seeded to fall rye last Autumn being 444,800, up one per cent from the previous year, the combined acreage, fall and spring rye, is placed at 549,500 acres, up one per cent from last season but 5 per cent below the 1955-59 average.

Feed Grain The intended acreage of oats for grain at 11.9 million acres is 7 per cent above that of last year and 6 per cent above the 1955-59 average. Prospective barley acreage is placed at 6.7 million acres, down 9 per cent from a year earlier and 26 per cent smaller than the 1955-59 average. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.5 million acres are 10 per cent above last year but the same as the 1955-59 average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario, including small commercial acreages in Manitoba, may be sown on 520,500 acres, an increase of one per cent from 1960.

Prospective flaxseed acreage at 3.0 million acres this year indicates an increase of 7 per cent from 1960 and 14 per cent from the 1955-59 average of 2.6 million acres. The bulk of the flaxseed is planted in the Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba the intended increase is 20 per cent, in Saskatchewan, 8 per cent while in Alberta farmers intend to decrease acreage by 10 per cent. In Alberta the large flax growing areas are in the southern part of the province and it is here that the intended decrease was registered. This was not offset by expected increases in the northern areas. The acreage sown to rapeseed, grown in the Prairie Provinces, will show a small decrease 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 contracting firms, may influence farmers' plans considerably. Indicated acreage at 744,600 acres in 1961 is a decrease of 2 per cent from 1960 but 91 per cent above the 1955-59 average of 389,020 acres.

Potatoes The potato acreage in Canada is expected to total 324,500 acres, 3 per cent above the 1960 total and 5 per cent above the 1955-59 average of 308,600 acres. By provinces the anticipated changes in acreage are as follows: Prince Edward Island +3 per cent; Nova Scotia +1 per cent; New Brunswick +4 per cent; Quebec +3 per cent; Ontario +2 per cent; Manitoba +6 per cent; Saskatchewan +7 per cent; Alberta +2 per cent; and British Columbia +6 per cent.



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Summary of Acreages Intended for Principal Crops and Summerfallow

The intended acreages for 1961 as reported at March 1, with 1960 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

All Canada

Spring wheat, 22,307,000 (22,673,200); oats for grain, 11,930,900 (11,146,700); barley, 6,722,400 (7,359,700); spring rye, 104,700 (101,000); flaxseed, 3,001,500 (2,817,200); mixed grains, 1,522,800 (1,380,600); corn for grain, 520,500 (514,000); soybeans, 259,000 (256,500); potatoes, 324,500 (314,100); rapeseed, 1/ 744,600 (756,000); summerfallow, 1/ 24,075,000 (23,938,000).

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

Prairie Provinces

All spring wheat (including durum), 22,721,000 (22,590,000); durum wheat, 1,501,000 (883,000); oats, 8,431,000 (7,913,000); barley, 6,547,000 (7,196,000); spring rye, 104,700 (101,000); flaxseed, 2,981,000 (2,797,000); mixed grains, 548,000 (500,000); rapeseed, 744,600 (756,000); corn for grain, 2/11,500 (10,000); soybeans, 2/ N.A. (500); potatoes, 59,800 (57,000); summerfallow, 24,075,000 (23,938,000).

Manitoba

All spring wheat (including durum), 2,686,000 (2,659,000); durum wheat, 102,000 (55,000); oats, 2,106,000 (1,831,000); barley, 964,000 (1,071,000); spring rye, 5,700 (6,000); flaxseed, 848,000 (707,000); mixed grains, 158,000 (145,000); rapeseed, 35,600 (36,000); corn for grain, 11,500 (10,000); soybeans, N.A. (500); potatoes, 13,000 (17,000); summerfallow, 2,655,000 (2,336,000).

Saskatchewan

All spring wheat (including durum), 14,722,000 (14,871,000); durum wheat, 1,240,000 (775,000); oats, 3,486,000 (3,352,000); barley, 2,372,000 (2,635,000); spring rye, 75,000 (75,000); flaxseed, 1,512,000 (1,400,000); mixed grains, 88,000 (80,000); rapeseed, 495,000 (550,000); potatoes, 21,400 (20,000); summerfallow, 14,886,000 (14,452,000).

Alberta

All spring wheat (including durum), 5,313,000 (5,060,000); durum wheat, 159,000 (53,000); oats, 2,839,000 (2,730,000); barley, 3,211,000 (3,490,000); spring rye, 24,000 (20,000); flaxseed, 621,000 (690,000); mixed grains, 302,000 (275,000); rapeseed, 214,000 (170,000); potatoes, 20,400 (20,000); summerfallow, 6,534,000 (6,600,000).

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1961 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1958-60

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1961	
	1958 acres	1959 acres	1960 acres	Area acres	as % of 1960 per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat 2/	580,000	425,000	525,000	560,000	107
Spring wheat 3/	20,319,100	22,639,900	22,673,200	22,807,000	101
All wheat	20,899,100	23,064,900	23,198,200	23,367,000	101
Oats for grain	11,039,200	11,391,300	11,146,700	11,930,900	107
Barley	9,548,000	8,288,600	7,359,700	6,722,400	91
Fall rye 4/	409,900	405,700	442,100	444,800	101
Spring rye	111,500	110,900	101,000	104,700	104
All rye	521,400	516,600	543,100	549,500	101
Flaxseed	2,622,700	2,150,700	2,817,200	3,001,500	107
Mixed grains	1,421,800	1,500,500	1,380,600	1,522,800	110
Corn for grain 5/	498,500	488,900	514,000	520,500	101
Soybeans 6/	263,000	251,000	256,500	259,000	101
Potatoes	311,000	294,100	314,100	324,500	103
Rapeseed 7/	626,000	213,500	756,000	744,600	98
Summerfallow 1/	25,304,000	24,525,000	23,938,000	24,075,000	101
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	3,300	3,500	3,000	2,800	95
Oats for grain	97,000	100,000	105,000	107,000	102
Barley	800	800	700	800	110
Mixed grains	50,000	50,000	47,000	47,900	102
Potatoes	46,400	42,000	45,000	46,400	103
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	700	600	500	500	100
Oats for grain	42,000	39,000	36,000	39,600	110
Barley	1,500	1,300	900	900	100
Mixed grains	10,400	11,400	10,900	11,400	105
Potatoes	10,300	9,500	9,400	9,500	101
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	2,400	2,300	2,100	2,100	100
Oats for grain	122,000	125,000	118,000	120,000	102
Barley	4,300	3,600	2,800	3,000	107
Mixed grains	5,200	6,000	5,100	5,200	102
Potatoes	46,000	44,600	50,000	52,000	104
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	12,700	12,300	10,100	9,600	95
Oats for grain	1,307,000	1,303,000	1,335,000	1,322,000	99
Barley	23,000	20,700	18,800	17,900	95
Fall rye	9,500	7,500	9,100	9,500	104
Mixed grains	181,000	168,000	145,000	148,000	102
Potatoes	90,600	82,500	80,800	83,200	103
<i>Flaxseed</i>	—	—	5,900	6,700	114



Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1961 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1958-60

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1961	
	1958 acres	1959 acres	1960 acres	Area acres	as % of 1960 per cent
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat	580,000	425,000	525,000	560,000	107
Spring wheat	15,000	17,300	17,000	17,500	103
All wheat	595,000	442,300	542,000	577,500	107
Oats for grain	1,799,000	1,853,000	1,557,000	1,822,000	117
Barley	91,000	100,000	87,000	94,000	108
Fall rye	92,000	73,000	83,000	79,700	96
Flaxseed	11,000	9,000	9,200	9,500	103
Mixed grains	760,000	767,000	670,000	760,000	113
Corn for grain	487,000	480,000	504,000	509,000	101
Soybeans	256,000	248,000	256,000	259,000	101
Potatoes	56,500	53,000	61,000	62,000	102
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	2,358,000	2,594,000	2,659,000	2,686,000	101
Oats for grain	1,711,000	1,729,000	1,831,000	2,106,000	115
Barley	1,584,000	1,349,000	1,071,000	964,000	90
Fall rye	65,100	75,600	79,000	83,700	106
Spring rye	6,400	7,400	6,000	5,700	95
All rye	71,500	83,000	85,000	89,400	105
Flaxseed	550,000	575,000	707,000	848,000	120
Mixed grains	111,000	143,000	145,000	158,000	109
Corn for grain	11,500	8,900	10,000	11,500	115
Soybeans	7,000	3,000	500	N.A.	N.A.
Potatoes	15,600	15,500	17,000	18,000	106
Rapeseed	21,000	12,000	36,000	35,600	99
Summerfallow	3,032,000	2,971,000	2,886,000	2,655,000	92
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	13,182,000	14,803,000	14,871,000	14,722,000	99
Oats for grain	3,064,000	3,303,000	3,352,000	3,486,000	104
Barley	3,939,000	3,148,000	2,635,000	2,372,000	90
Fall rye	161,000	175,000	190,000	186,000	98
Spring rye	86,600	78,600	75,000	75,000	100
All rye	247,600	253,600	265,000	261,000	98
Flaxseed	1,496,000	975,000	1,400,000/250	1,512,000	108-121
Mixed grains	75,000	80,000	80,000	88,000	110
Potatoes	15,400	17,400	20,000	21,400	107
Rapeseed	535,000	165,000	550,000	495,000	90
Summerfallow	15,255,000	14,816,000	14,452,000	14,886,000	103

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1961 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1958-60

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1961	
	1958	1959	1960	Area	as % of 1960
	acres	acres	acres	acres	per cent

ALBERTA

Spring wheat	4,704,000	5,160,000	5,060,000	5,313,000	105
Oats for grain	2,809,000	2,850,000	2,730,000	2,839,000	104
Barley	3,846,000	3,610,000	3,490,000	3,211,000	92
Fall rye	81,200	73,400	80,000	84,800	106
Spring rye	18,500	24,900	20,000	24,000	120
All rye	99,700	98,300	100,000	108,800	109
Flaxseed	556,000	580,000	690,000	621,000	90
Mixed grains	225,000	272,000	275,000	302,000	110
Potatoes	18,700	18,800	20,000	20,400	102
Rapeseed	70,000	36,500	170,000	214,000	126
Summerfallow	7,017,000	6,738,000	6,600,000	6,534,000	99

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Spring wheat	41,000	46,900	50,500	53,500	106
Oats for grain	88,200	89,300	82,700	89,300	108
Barley	58,400	55,200	53,500	58,800	110
Fall rye	1,100	1,200	1,000	1,100	106
Flaxseed	9,700	11,700	11,000	11,000	100
Mixed grains	4,200	3,100	2,600	2,300	90
Potatoes	11,500	10,800	10,900	11,600	106

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/ Ontario only; estimate for Manitoba not available.

7/ Prairie Provinces only.

Intended Acreage of Durum Wheat <sup>1/</sup> in the Prairie Provinces,  
as at March 1, 1961  
Compared with Estimated Acreage, 1958-60

Province	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1961	
	1958 acres	1959 acres	1960 acres	Area acres	as % of 1960 per cent
Manitoba	94,000	78,400	55,000	102,000	185
Saskatchewan	959,000	901,000	775,000	1,240,000	160
Alberta	72,000	39,000	53,000	159,000	300
Total	1,125,000	1,018,400	883,000	1,501,000	170

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1960 in the Prairie Provinces

	Manitoba acres	Saskatchewan acres	Alberta acres	Prairie Provinces acres
All wheat	+ 27,000	- 149,000	+ 253,000	+ 131,000
Durum wheat	+ 47,000	+ 465,000	+ 106,000	+ 618,000
Oats for grain	+ 275,000	+ 134,000	+ 109,000	+ 518,000
Barley	- 107,000	- 263,000	- 279,000	- 649,000
All rye	+ 4,400	- 4,000	+ 8,800	+ 9,200
Flaxseed	+ 141,000	+ 112,000	- 69,000	+ 184,000
Mixed grains	+ 13,000	+ 8,000	+ 27,000	+ 48,000
Corn for grain	+ 1,500	no estimate	no estimate	+ 1,500
Potatoes	+ 1,000	+ 1,400	+ 400	+ 2,800
Rapeseed	- 400	- 55,000	+ 44,000	- 11,400
Summerfallow	- 231,000	+ 434,000	- 66,000	+ 137,000



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