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INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA - 1962

On the basis of their intentions at March 1, Canadian farmers plan a 4 per cent increase in all wheat acreage this year. Acreage increases with the percentage change in brackets, are indicated for oats for grain (5); barley (1); spring rye (15); mixed grains (4); corn for grain (4); and soybeans (5). These acreage increases are offset in part by prospective decreases in the acreage to be sown to flaxseed (-20); rapeseed (-18); potatoes (-4) and a 3 per cent decline in summerfallow acreage.

The largest individual change in the use of Canadian crop land in 1962 is the intended increase of 855,700 acres in all wheat, followed by oats for grain which may increase by 581,100 acres. The largest offsetting decreases are prospective reductions of 682,000 acres for summerfallow and 481,100 in the acreage seeded to flaxseed and a reduction in rapeseed of 136,700 acres.

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 1962, based on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual June Survey is scheduled for release on August 1. A preliminary report on acreages sown in the Prairie Provinces will be issued July 4.

Wheat On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 24.6 million acres an increase of 4 per cent over the 1961 seedings, and 2.4 million acres or 11 per cent above the 1956-60 average. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 6 per cent, in Saskatchewan a 4 per cent increase is expected while in Alberta, acreage may be increased by 3 per cent.

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Prospective plantings of spring wheat of 24.2 million acres are 4 per cent above the 1961 acreage and 12 per cent above the 1956-60 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 substantial increase in acreage to be seeded to durum wheat for the second consecutive year with the prospective increase amounting to 58 per cent for the three Prairie Provinces this season. If the acreage intentions are carried out Prairie farmers will plant 2,831,000 acres to this crop this spring compared with 1,791,000 grown in 1961 and the 1956-60 average of 1,381,100 acres. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 21.3 million in 1962 compared with 21.5 million planted in 1961 and the 1956-60 average of 20.3 million. The 0.5 million acres seeded to winter wheat last fall in Ontario is down some 12 per cent from both the previous year and the 1956-60 average.

Rye The area intended for spring rye in 1962, placed at 108,100 acres, is 15 per cent above last year's level. With the acreage seeded to fall rye last Autumn being 479,100, up 13 per cent from the previous year, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 587,200 acres, up 13 per cent from last season and 10 per cent above the 1956-60 average.

Feed Grain The intended acreage of oats for grain at 12.2 million acres is 5 per cent above that of last year and 8 per cent above the 1956-60 average. Prospective barley acreage is placed at 6.1 million acres, up one per cent from a year earlier but 29 per cent smaller than the 1956-60 average. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.6 million acres are 4 per cent above last year and 11 per cent above the 1956-60 average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario but including small commercial acreages in Manitoba, may be sown on 532,000 acres, an increase of 4 per cent from 1961.

Prospective flaxseed acreage at 1.9 million acres this year indicates a decrease of 20 per cent from 1961 and 32 per cent from the 1956-60 average of 2.8 million acres. The bulk of the flaxseed is planted in the Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba the intended decrease is one per cent, in Saskatchewan, 42 per cent while in Alberta farmers intend to increase acreage by 3 per cent. The acreage sown to rapeseed, grown in the Prairie Provinces, will show a 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 farmer's plans considerably. Indicated plantings of 608,000 acres in 1962 is a decrease of 18 per cent from 1961 but 18 per cent above the 1956-60 average of 514,400 acres.

Potatoes The potato acreage in Canada is expected to total 317,000 acres, 4 per cent below the 1961 total but 3 per cent above the 1956-60 average of 308,800 acres. By provinces the anticipated changes in acreage are as follows: Prince Edward Island -15 per cent; Nova Scotia -4 per cent; New Brunswick -11 per cent; Quebec -5 per cent; Ontario +2 per cent; Manitoba +10 per cent; Saskatchewan 0 per cent; Alberta +2 per cent; and British Columbia -6 per cent.



Summary of Acreages Intended for Principal Crops and Summerfallow

The intended acreages for 1962 as reported at March 1, with 1961 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

All Canada

Spring wheat, 24,164,000 (23,242,300); oats for grain, 12,164,500 (11,583,400); barley, 6,127,300 (6,089,900); spring rye, 108,100 (94,200); flaxseed, 1,881,800 (2,362,900); mixed grains, 1,628,100 (1,562,900); corn for grain, 532,000 (509,600); soybeans, 286,000 (272,500); potatoes, 317,000 (331,700); rapeseed, 1/ 608,000 (744,700); summerfallow, 1/23,690,000 (24,372,000).

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

Prairie Provinces

All spring wheat (including durum), 24,080,000 (23,162,000); durum wheat, 2,831,000 (1,791,000); oats for grain, 8,861,000 (8,289,000); barley, 5,968,000 (5,936,000); spring rye, 108,100 (94,200); flaxseed, 1,860,000 (2,340,000); mixed grains, 648,000 (599,000); rapeseed, 608,000 (744,700); corn for grain, 2/ 12,000 (9,600); soybeans, 2/ N.A. (500); potatoes, 64,600 (62,100); summerfallow, 23,690,000 (24,372,000).

Manitoba

All spring wheat (including durum), 2,921,000 (2,765,000); durum wheat, 163,000 (100,000); oats for grain, 2,133,000 (2,013,000); barley, 788,000 (795,000); spring rye, 4,400 (4,000); flaxseed, 724,000 (728,000); mixed grains, 194,000 (181,000); rapeseed, 25,000 (30,700); corn for grain, 12,000 (9,600); soybeans, N.A. (500); potatoes, 23,300 (21,200); summerfallow, 2,573,000 (2,742,000).

Saskatchewan

All spring wheat (including durum), 15,693,000 (15,093,000); durum wheat, 2,290,000 (1,494,000); oats for grain, 3,755,000 (3,434,000); barley, 2,111,000 (2,034,000); spring rye, 77,800 (67,500); flaxseed, 672,000 (1,162,000); mixed grains, 110,000 (102,000); rapeseed, 381,000 (448,000); potatoes, 20,000 (20,000); summerfallow, 14,731,000 (15,030,000).

Alberta

All spring wheat (including durum), 5,466,000 (5,304,000); durum wheat, 378,000 (197,000); oats for grain, 2,973,000 (2,842,000); barley, 3,069,000 (3,107,000); spring rye, 25,900 (22,700); flaxseed, 464,000 (450,000); mixed grains, 344,000 (316,000); rapeseed, 202,000 (266,000); potatoes, 21,300 (20,900); summerfallow, 6,386,000 (6,600,000).

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1/ Prairie Provinces only.

2/ Manitoba only.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1962 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1959-61

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1962	
	1959 acres	1960 acres	1961 acres	Area acres	as % of 1961 per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat 2/	425,000	525,000	550,000	484,000	88
Spring wheat 3/	22,639,900	22,673,200	23,242,300	24,164,000	104
All wheat	23,064,900	23,198,200	23,792,300	24,648,000	104
Oats for grain	11,391,300	11,146,700	11,583,400	12,164,500	105
Barley	8,288,600	7,359,700	6,089,900	6,127,300	101
Fall rye 4/	405,700	442,100	425,600	479,100	113
Spring rye	110,900	101,000	94,200	108,100	115
All rye	516,600	543,100	519,800	587,200	113
Flaxseed	2,150,700	2,577,200	2,362,900	1,881,800	80
Mixed grains	1,500,500	1,380,600	1,562,900	1,628,100	104
Corn for grain 5/	488,900	514,000	509,600	532,000	104
Soybeans 6/	251,000	256,500	272,500	286,000	105
Potatoes	294,100	314,100	331,700	317,000 ✓	96
Rapeseed 7/	213,500	763,000	744,700	608,000	82
Summerfallow 7/	24,525,000	23,938,000	24,372,000	23,690,000	97
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	3,500	3,000	2,700	2,900	107
Oats for grain	100,000	105,000	108,000	109,000	101
Barley	800	700	700	800	110
Mixed grains	50,000	47,000	45,000	49,100	109
Potatoes	42,000	45,000	45,000	38,100	85
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	600	500	500	500	100
Oats for grain	39,000	36,000	38,000	39,000	103
Barley	1,300	900	1,000	1,000	100
Mixed grains	11,400	10,900	11,400	11,300	99
Potatoes	9,500	9,400	9,900	9,500	96
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	2,300	2,100	1,800	1,900	106
Oats for grain	125,000	118,000	120,000	125,000	104
Barley	3,600	2,800	2,800	3,000	107
Mixed grains	6,000	5,100	5,200	5,600	108
Potatoes	44,600	50,000	54,000	47,800	89
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	12,300	10,100	8,400	7,900	94
Oats for grain	1,303,000	1,335,000	1,344,000	1,344,000	100
Barley	20,700	18,800	14,500	14,400	99
Fall rye	7,500	9,100	10,100	9,500	94
Mixed grains	168,000	145,000	164,000	161,000	98
Potatoes	82,500	80,800	85,300	81,000 ✓	95



Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1962 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1959-61

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1962	
	1959 acres	1960 acres	1961 acres	Area acres	as % of 1961 per cent
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat	425,000	525,000	550,000	484,000	88
Spring wheat	17,300	17,000	14,000	13,700	98
All wheat	442,300	542,000	564,000	497,700	88
Oats for grain	1,853,000	1,557,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	100
Barley	100,000	87,000	84,000	83,200	99
Fall rye	73,000	83,000	79,000	72,700	92
Flaxseed	9,000	9,200	11,000	11,000	100
Mixed grains	767,000	670,000	735,000	750,000	102
Corn for grain	480,000	504,000	500,000	520,000	104
Soybeans	248,000	256,000	272,000	286,000	105
Potatoes	53,000	61,000	64,000	65,300 ✓	102
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	2,594,000	2,659,000	2,765,000	2,921,000	106
Oats for grain	1,729,000	1,831,000	2,013,000	2,133,000	106
Barley	1,349,000	1,071,000	795,000	788,000	99
Fall rye	75,600	79,000	75,900	91,800	121
Spring rye	7,400	6,000	4,000	4,400	111
All rye	83,000	85,000	79,900	96,200	120
Flaxseed	575,000	707,000	728,000	724,000	99
Mixed grains	143,000	145,000	181,000	194,000	107
Corn for grain	8,900	10,000	9,600	12,000	125
Soybeans	3,000	500	500	N.A.	N.A.
Potatoes	15,500	17,000	21,200	23,300 ✓	110
Rapeseed	12,000	33,000	30,700	25,000	81
Summerfallow	2,971,000	2,886,000	2,742,000	2,573,000	94
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	14,803,000	14,871,000	15,093,000	15,693,000	104
Oats for grain	3,303,000	3,352,000	3,434,000	3,755,000	109
Barley	3,148,000	2,635,000	2,034,000	2,111,000	104
Fall rye	175,000	190,000	167,000	199,000	119
Spring rye	78,600	75,000	67,500	77,800	115
All rye	253,600	265,000	234,500	276,800	118
Flaxseed	975,000	1,250,000	1,162,000	672,000	58
Mixed grains	80,000	80,000	102,000	110,000	108
Potatoes	17,400	20,000	20,000	20,000 ✓	100
Rapeseed	165,000	550,000	448,000	381,000	85
Summerfallow	14,816,000	14,452,000	15,030,000	14,731,000	98

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 1, 1962 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1959-61

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1962	
	1959 acres	1960 acres	1961 acres	Area acres	as % of 1961 per cent
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Spring wheat	5,160,000	5,060,000	5,304,000	5,466,000	103
Oats for grain	2,850,000	2,730,000	2,842,000	2,973,000	105
Barley	3,610,000	3,490,000	3,107,000	3,069,000	99
Fall rye	73,400	80,000	92,300	105,000	114
Spring rye	24,900	20,000	22,700	25,900	114
All rye	98,300	100,000	115,000	130,900	114
Flaxseed	580,000	600,000	450,000	464,000	103
Mixed grains	272,000	275,000	316,000	344,000	109
Potatoes	18,800	20,000	20,900	21,300 ✓	102
Rapeseed	36,500	180,000	266,000	202,000	76
Summerfallow	6,738,000	6,600,000	6,600,000	6,386,000	97
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>					
Spring wheat	46,900	50,500	52,900	57,100	108
Oats for grain	89,300	82,700	84,400	86,500	102
Barley	55,200	53,500	50,900	56,900	112
Fall rye	1,200	1,000	1,300	1,100	86
Flaxseed	11,700	11,000	11,900	10,800	91
Mixed grains	3,100	2,600	3,300	3,100	93
Potatoes	10,800	10,900	11,400	10,700 ✓	94

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; including 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, 1962  
Compared with Estimated Acreage, 1959-61

Province	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1962	
	1959 acres	1960 acres	1961 acres	Area acres	as % of 1961 per cent
Manitoba	78,400	55,000	100,000	163,000	163
Saskatchewan	901,000	775,000	1,494,000	2,290,000	153
Alberta	39,000	53,000	197,000	378,000	192
Total	1,018,400	883,000	1,791,000	2,831,000	158

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1961 in the Prairie Provinces

Crop	Manitoba acres	Saskatchewan acres	Alberta acres	Prairie Provinces acres
All wheat	+ 156,000	+ 600,000	+ 162,000	+ 918,000
Durum wheat	+ 63,000	+ 796,000	+ 181,000	+ 1,040,000
Oats for grain	+ 120,000	+ 321,000	+ 131,000	+ 572,000
Barley	- 7,000	+ 77,000	- 38,000	+ 32,000
All rye	+ 16,300	+ 42,300	+ 15,900	+ 74,500
Flaxseed	- 4,000	- 490,000	+ 14,000	- 480,000
Mixed grains	+ 13,000	+ 8,000	+ 28,000	+ 49,000
Corn for grain	+ 2,400	no estimate	no estimate	+ 2,400
Potatoes	+ 2,100	unchanged	+ 400	+ 2,500
Rapeseed	- 5,700	- 67,000	- 64,000	- 136,700
Summerfallow	- 169,000	- 299,000	- 214,000	- 682,000

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