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INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA - 1963

On the basis of their intentions at March 1, Canadian farmers plan to plant 27.1 million acres to all classes of wheat. This is one per cent more than was seeded in 1962. The acreage intended for barley in 1963 at 5.9 million acres shows an 11 per cent increase over the previous year; fall rye at 0.6 million, a 6 per cent increase; flaxseed at 1.6 million, up 11 per cent; mixed grains at 1.5 million, an increase of one per cent; corn for grain at 451 thousand, up 7 per cent; and soybeans and rapeseed at 236 and 431 thousand acres respectively, both up 7 per cent from the previous year's plantings. These acreage increases are offset in part by prospective reductions in the acreage to be sown to oats which may decline 4 per cent to 11.5 million; spring rye at 87 thousand, down 10 per cent; and potatoes at 281 thousand, a reduction of 2 per cent. The area of land for summerfallow in 1963 at 27.0 million acres, may decline by one per cent.

The largest individual change in the use of Canadian crop land in 1963 is the intended increase of 579,400 acres to be sown to barley followed by all wheat, which may increase by 167,400 acres. The largest offsetting decreases are prospective reductions of 480,400 acres in oats for grain and a reduction in summerfallow of 389,000 acres.

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. An estimate of the area actually sown to field crops in 1963, based on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual June Survey is scheduled for release on August 7. A preliminary report on acreages sown in the Prairie Provinces will be issued July 17.

Wheat On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 27.1 million acres an increase of one per cent over the 1962 seedings, and 3.4 million acres or 15 per cent above the 1957-61 average. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 3 per cent while in Saskatchewan and Alberta no change from a year ago is expected.

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Prospective plantings of spring wheat of 26.6 million acres are unchanged from the 1962 acreage and 15 per cent above the 1957-61 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 that a 37 per cent decrease in acreage is planned for this spring. If the acreage intentions are carried out Prairie farmers will plant 2,012,000 acres to this crop compared with 3,199,000 grown in 1962 and the 1957-61 average of 1,444,200 acres. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 24.6 million in 1963 compared with 23.2 million planted in 1962 and the 1957-61 average of 21.6 million. The 0.5 million acres seeded to winter wheat last fall in Ontario is some 9 per cent greater than the previous year but 9 per cent below the 1957-61 average.

Rye The area intended for spring rye in 1963, placed at 87,100 acres, is 10 per cent below last year's level. With the acreage seeded to fall rye last Autumn being 603,800, up 6 per cent from the previous year, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 690,900 acres, up 4 per cent from last season and 27 per cent above the 1957-61 average.

Feed Grain The intended acreage of oats for grain at 11.5 million acres is 4 per cent below that of last year and one per cent above the 1957-61 average. It should be noted that the estimate for the Prairie Provinces includes acreage seeded and to be seeded to oats for all purposes, not just oats for grain. The acreage which will be harvested for grain in the Prairie Provinces cannot be determined at this time as it depends on such factors as growing conditions and alternate supplies of fodder and pasture. In Manitoba during the 1956-62 period the percentage of oats harvested for grain has varied between 70 per cent in 1961 to 92 per cent in 1956. In Saskatchewan, only 48 per cent of the oats was harvested as grain in the drought season of 1961, compared with a high of 83 per cent in 1962. In Alberta the range was between 67 per cent in 1957 and 80 per cent in 1962. Prospective barley acreage is placed at 5.9 million acres, up 11 per cent from a year earlier but 25 per cent smaller than the 1957-61 average. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.5 million acres are one per cent above last year and 6 per cent above the 1957-61 average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario, but including small commercial acreages in Manitoba, may be sown on 450,600 acres, an increase of 7 per cent from 1962.

Prospective flaxseed acreage at 1.6 million acres this year indicates an increase of 11 per cent from 1962 but a 38 per cent decrease from the 1957-61 average of 2.5 million acres. The bulk of the flaxseed is planted in the Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba the intended increase is 8 per cent, in Saskatchewan, 26 per cent while in Alberta no change in acreage is expected. The acreage sown to rapeseed, grown in the Prairie Provinces, will show an increase, if intentions are confirmed. Indicated plantings of 431,000 acres in 1963 is an increase of 7 per cent from 1962 but 26 per cent below the 1957-61 average of 586,100 acres.

Potatoes The potato acreage in Canada is expected to total 280,700 acres, 2 per cent below the 1962 total and 6 per cent below the 1957-61 average of 298,700 acres. By provinces the anticipated changes in acreage are as follows: Prince Edward Island - 5 per cent; Nova Scotia - 3 per cent; New Brunswick - 1 per cent; Quebec - 2 per cent; Ontario (unchanged); Manitoba - 5 per cent; Saskatchewan - 2 per cent; Alberta / 2 per cent; and British Columbia - 3 per cent.

Summary of Acreages Intended for Principal Crops and Summerfallow

The intended acreages for 1963 as reported at March 1, with 1962 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

All Canada

Spring wheat, 26,570,300 (26,442,900); oats for grain, 11,517,700 (11,998,100); barley, 5,866,500 (5,287,100); spring rye, 1/ 87,100 (97,300); flaxseed, 1,570,100 (1,414,600); mixed grains, 1,538,000 (1,521,600); corn for grain, 450,600 (421,300); soybeans, 236,000 (221,000); potatoes, 280,700 (286,100); rapeseed, 1/ 431,000 (404,500); summerfallow, 1/ 27,009,000 (27,398,000).

Corresponding figures for those crops produced in the Prairie Provinces are as follows:

Prairie Provinces

All spring wheat (including durum) 26,443,000 (26,313,000); durum wheat, 2,012,000 (3,199,000); oats, 8,153,000 (8,559,000); barley, 5,678,000 (5,097,000); spring rye, 87,100 (97,300); flaxseed, 1,547,000 (1,391,000); mixed grains, 633,000 (616,000); rapeseed, 431,000 (404,500); corn for grain, 2/ 3,600 (3,300); potatoes, 56,900 (58,000); summerfallow, 27,009,000 (27,398,000).

Manitoba

All spring wheat (including durum), 3,220,000 (3,118,000); durum wheat, 143,000 (161,000); oats, 1,913,000 (1,974,000); barley, 693,000 (629,000); spring rye, 2,700 (3,000); flaxseed, 757,000 (703,000); mixed grains, 122,000 (124,000); rapeseed, 27,000 (25,500); corn for grain, 3,600 (3,300); potatoes, 21,800 (23,000); summerfallow, 2,945,000 (3,068,000).

Saskatchewan

All spring wheat (including durum), 17,439,000 (17,388,000); durum wheat, 1,679,000 (2,613,000); oats, 3,048,000 (3,277,000); barley, 1,850,000 (1,629,000); spring rye, 59,000 (64,100); flaxseed, 490,000 (389,000); mixed grains, 129,000 (125,000); rapeseed, 220,000 (167,000); potatoes, 12,700 (13,000); summerfallow, 16,960,000 (17,081,000).

Alberta

All spring wheat (including durum), 5,784,000 (5,807,000); durum wheat, 190,000 (425,000); oats, 3,192,000 (3,308,000); barley, 3,135,000 (2,839,000); spring rye, 25,400 (30,200); flaxseed, 300,000 (299,000); mixed grains, 382,000 (367,000); rapeseed, 184,000 (212,000); potatoes, 22,400 (22,000); summerfallow, 7,104,000 (7,249,000).

1/ Prairie Provinces only.

2/ Manitoba only.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1963 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1960-62

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1963	
	1960 acres	1961 acres	1962 acres	Area acres	as % of 1962 per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat 2/	525,000	561,000	450,000	490,000	109
Spring wheat 3/	24,013,300	24,755,000	26,442,900	26,570,300	100
All wheat	24,538,300	25,316,000	26,892,900	27,060,300	101
Oats for grain 4/	11,183,700	11,529,700	11,998,100	11,517,700	96
Barley	6,856,900	5,529,000	5,287,100	5,866,500	111
Fall rye 5/	459,300	471,600	570,200	603,800	106
Spring rye	101,500	89,200	97,300	87,100	90
All rye	560,800	560,800	667,500	690,900	104
Flaxseed	2,507,500	2,075,400	1,414,600	1,570,100	111
Mixed grains	1,366,400	1,565,700	1,521,600	1,538,000	101
Corn for grain 6/	455,500	400,100	421,300	450,600	107
Soybeans 7/	226,500	212,000	221,000	236,000	107
Potatoes	291,600	303,700	286,100	280,700	98
Rapeseed 8/	763,000	710,300	404,500	431,000	107
Summerfallow 8/	26,893,000	27,860,000	27,398,000	27,009,000	99
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	4,300	4,100	4,600	4,600	100
Oats for grain	96,000	97,700	97,000	95,600	99
Barley	1,200	1,200	6,000	6,000	100
Mixed grains	53,000	52,100	51,000	53,700	105
Potatoes	45,000	46,200	39,000	36,900	95
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	1,300	1,400	1,200	1,200	100
Oats for grain	36,000	37,500	37,000	37,800	102
Barley	1,000	1,100	1,400	1,300	95
Mixed grains	8,300	8,500	8,000	7,800	98
Potatoes	8,000	8,100	6,800	6,600	97
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	100
Oats for grain	108,000	104,000	102,000	105,000	103
Barley	3,200	3,200	3,300	3,200	97
Mixed grains	6,600	6,600	6,700	6,600	98
Potatoes	50,000	54,200	50,000	49,700	99
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	12,200	10,600	10,000	9,300	93
Oats for grain	1,299,000	1,299,000	1,267,000	1,229,000	97
Barley	25,500	21,200	19,000	17,700	93
Fall rye	4,300	4,000	3,600	3,300	93
Mixed grains	105,000	109,000	96,000	93,100	97
Potatoes	77,000	80,300	71,600	70,200	98

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1963 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1960-62

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1963	
	1960 acres	1961 acres	1962 acres	Area acres	as % of 1962 per cent
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat	525,000	561,000	450,000	490,000	109
Spring wheat	17,000	20,100	18,000	17,600	98
All wheat	542,000	581,100	468,000	507,600	108
Oats for grain	1,650,000	1,794,000	1,848,000	1,811,000	98
Barley	83,000	77,900	80,500	78,100	97
Fall rye	65,000	62,100	63,000	75,000	119
Flaxseed	20,000	21,300	21,400	21,000	98
Mixed grains	670,000	718,000	740,000	740,000	100
Corn for grain	450,000	396,000	418,000	447,000	107
Soybeans	226,000	212,000	221,000	236,000	107
Potatoes	51,000	51,500	49,900	49,900	100
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	2,800,000	2,914,000	3,118,000	3,220,000	103
Oats 4/	1,770,000	1,850,000	1,974,000	1,913,000	97
Barley	930,000	655,000	629,000	693,000	110
Fall rye	78,500	77,500	108,000	107,000	99
Spring rye	4,500	2,000	3,000	2,700	90
All rye	83,000	79,500	111,000	109,700	99
Flaxseed	707,000	748,000	703,000	757,000	108
Mixed grains	126,000	157,000	124,000	122,000	98
Corn for grain	5,500	4,100	3,300	3,600	110
Soybeans	500	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Potatoes	17,000	18,300	23,000	21,800	95
Rapeseed	33,000	29,300	25,500	27,000	106
Summerfallow	3,393,000	3,230,000	3,068,000	2,945,000	96
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	15,800,000	16,082,000	17,388,000	17,439,000	100
Oats 4/	3,078,000	3,109,000	3,277,000	3,048,000	93
Barley	2,450,000	1,839,000	1,629,000	1,850,000	114
Fall rye	190,000	177,000	215,000	234,000	109
Spring rye	75,000	61,900	64,100	59,000	92
All rye	265,000	238,900	279,100	293,000	105
Flaxseed	1,209,000	941,000	389,000	490,000	126
Mixed grains	100,000	136,000	125,000	129,000	103
Potatoes	12,000	11,900	13,000	12,700	98
Rapeseed	550,000	374,000	167,000	220,000	132
Summerfallow	16,100,000	17,180,000	17,081,000	16,960,000	99

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1963 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1960-62

Province and Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1963	
	1960 acres	1961 acres	1962 acres	Area acres	as % of 1962 per cent

ALBERTA

Spring wheat	5,300,000	5,633,000	5,807,000	5,784,000	100
Oats 4/	3,060,000	3,150,000	3,308,000	3,192,000	96
Barley	3,300,000	2,867,000	2,839,000	3,135,000	110
Fall rye	120,000	149,000	179,000	183,000	102
Spring rye	22,000	25,300	30,200	25,400	84
All rye	142,000	174,300	209,200	208,400	100
Flaxseed	565,000	362,000	299,000	300,000	100
Mixed grains	294,000	374,000	367,000	382,000	104
Potatoes	20,000	20,900	22,000	22,400	102
Rapeseed	180,000	307,000	212,000	184,000	87
Summerfallow	7,400,000	7,450,000	7,249,000	7,104,000	98

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Spring wheat	76,000	87,300	93,500	92,000	98
Oats for grain	86,700	88,500	88,100	86,300	98
Barley	63,000	63,400	79,900	82,200	103
Fall rye	1,500	2,000	1,600	1,500	91
Flaxseed	6,500	3,100	2,200	2,100	95
Mixed grains	3,500	4,500	3,900	3,800	98
Potatoes	11,600	12,300	10,800	10,500	97

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/ Includes oats for grain and for hay in the Prairie Provinces.

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

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

7/ Ontario only; estimate for Manitoba not available.

8/ Prairie Provinces only.

Intended Acreage of Durum Wheat ^{1/} in the Prairie Provinces
as at March 1, 1963
Compared with Estimated Acreage, 1960-62

Province	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1963	
	1960 acres	1961 acres	1962 acres	Area acres	as % of 1962 per cent
Manitoba	50,000	85,000	161,000	143,000	89
Saskatchewan	775,000	1,578,000	2,613,000	1,679,000	64
Alberta	53,000	189,000	425,000	190,000	45
Total	878,000	1,852,000	3,199,000	2,012,000	63

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1962
in the Prairie Provinces

Crop	Manitoba acres	Saskatchewan acres	Alberta acres	Prairie Provinces acres
All wheat	+ 102,000	+ 51,000	- 23,000	+ 130,000
Durum wheat	- 18,000	- 934,000	- 235,000	-1,187,000
Oats ^{1/}	- 61,000	- 229,000	- 116,000	- 406,000
Barley	+ 64,000	+ 221,000	+ 296,000	+ 581,000
All rye	- 1,300	+ 13,900	- 800	+ 11,800
Flaxseed	+ 54,000	+ 101,000	+ 1,000	+ 156,000
Mixed grains	- 2,000	+ 4,000	+ 15,000	+ 17,000
Potatoes	- 1,200	- 300	+ 400	- 1,100
Rapeseed	+ 1,500	+ 53,000	- 28,000	+ 26,500
Summerfallow	- 123,000	- 121,000	- 145,000	- 389,000

^{1/} Includes oats for grain and for hay.

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