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INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA (1) - 1965

Canadian farmers intend to plant 28.3 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1965 according to plans as of March 1. This area is 5 per cent less than the record 29.7 million seeded in 1964 and reverses a seven-year upward trend in wheat acreage. In contrast, oats acreage, which declined for the past two years, is expected to increase by 5 per cent and total 10.1 million acres compared with 9.7 million in 1964. The area seeded to barley is expected to increase by 12 per cent and may total 6.1 million compared with 5.5 million in 1964. Mixed grain acreage may total 1.5 million, some 7 per cent larger than the previous year and corn for grain acreage forecast at a record 684,600 is 4 per cent larger than in 1964.

A further very large increase is expected in the area seeded to rapeseed as farmers intend to plant a record 1,385,000 acres to this crop in 1965, nearly double the 699,800 planted in 1964 and about four times as much as was seeded in 1962. Flaxseed acreage may reach 2.2 million, some 14 per cent more than the previous year and is the third consecutive yearly increase. Soybean acreage, forecast at 238,000 acres, is three per cent larger than in the previous year and marks the fourth consecutive increase.

Despite the good prices received for the 1964 potato crop, farmers intend to increase plantings by a moderate 3 per cent.

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 intention figures, depending upon conditions before and during seeding. Additional factors, such as the availability of good quality seed, 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 1965, based on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual June Survey is scheduled for release on August 6. A preliminary report on acreages sown in the Prairie Provinces will be issued July 14.

WHEAT On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 28.3 million acres, a decrease of 5 per cent from the 1964 seedings but 2.6 million acres or 10 per cent above the 1959-63 average. In Manitoba the decrease in acreage may be 7 per cent, in Saskatchewan 4 per cent and

(1) Includes acreages intended for summerfallow in 1965 in the Prairie Provinces.

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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in Alberta 5 per cent.

Prospective plantings of spring wheat including durum of 27.9 million acres are down 5 per cent from the 1964 acreage but 10 per cent above the 1959-63 average. Durum wheat acreage is expected to decline sharply as farmers intend to decrease acreage by 49 per cent. If the acreage intentions are carried out, Prairie farmers will plant 953,600 acres to this crop compared with 1,888,000 grown in 1964 and the 1959-63 average of 1,879,400 acres. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 26.9 million in 1965 compared with 27.3 million planted in 1964 and the 1959-63 average of 23.4 million. The 456,000 acres seeded to winter wheat last fall in Ontario is slightly larger than the previous year but 5 per cent below the 1959-63 average.

RYE The area intended for spring rye in 1965, placed at 108,400 acres, is 7 per cent above last year's level. With the acreage seeded to fall rye last Autumn being 575,700, down one per cent from the previous year, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 684,100 acres, up one per cent from last season and 17 per cent above the 1959-63 average.

FEED GRAIN The intended acreage of oats at 10.1 million acres is 5 per cent above that of last year but still 11 per cent below the 1959-63 average. It should be noted that the estimates for the Prairie Provinces includes acreage to be seeded to oats for all purposes, not just oats for grain. The acreage which will be harvested for grains 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 1956-64 period the percentage of oats harvested for grain has varied between 70 per cent in 1961 to 93 per cent in 1964 with an average of 86 per cent. In Saskatchewan only 48 per cent of the oats was harvested as grain in the drought season of 1961, compared with a high of 85 per cent in 1963 and an average of 71 per cent. In Alberta, the range was between 67 per cent in 1957 and 80 per cent in 1963 with an average of 74 per cent harvested for grain.

Prospective barley acreage is placed at 6.1 million acres, up 12 per cent from a year earlier but 4 per cent smaller than the 1959-63 average. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.5 million acres are 7 per cent above last year and 4 per cent above the 1959-63 average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario, but including commercial acreages in Manitoba, may be sown on a record 684,600 acres, an increase of 4 per cent from 1964.

Prospective flaxseed acreage at 2.2 million acres this year indicates an increase of 14 per cent from 1964 and a 12 per cent increase from the 1959-63 average of 2.0 million acres. The bulk of the flaxseed is planted in the Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba the intended increase is 16 per cent, in Saskatchewan 15 per cent and in Alberta an increase of 10 per cent is anticipated. The acreage sown to rapeseed, grown in the Prairie Provinces, will show a sharp increase if intentions are confirmed. Indicated planting of a record 1,385,000 acres in 1965 is 98 per cent above 1964 and 173 per cent higher than the 1959-63 average of 507,200 acres. Intended soybean acreage at 238,000 acres is 3 per cent above last year's level.

POTATOES The potato acreage in Canada is expected to total 289,500 acres, 3 per cent above the 1964 total but one per cent below the 1959-63 average of 291,000 acres. By provinces the anticipated changes are as follows: Prince Edward Island +2 per cent; Nova Scotia +2 per cent; New Brunswick +2 per cent; Quebec, unchanged; Ontario +6 per cent; Manitoba +6 per cent; Saskatchewan +4 per cent; Alberta +6 per cent; and British Columbia +6 per cent.

SUMMERFALLOW The acreage intended for summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces in 1965 is 26.1 million, one per cent less than the 26.4 million summerfallowed in 1964 and 4 per cent below the 1959-63 average of 27.2 million acres.

SUMMARY OF ACREAGES INTENDED FOR PRINCIPAL CROPS AND SUMMERFALLOW

The intended acreages for 1965 as reported at March 1, with 1964 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

ALL CANADA

Spring wheat, 27,861,900 (29,230,800); oats for grain, 10,147,800 (9,681,000); barley, 6,118,100 (5,454,700); spring rye, (1) 108,400 (100,900); flaxseed, 2,187,300 (1,916,500); mixed grains, 1,529,700 (1,431,300); corn for grain, 684,600 (660,000); soybeans, 238,000 (231,000); potatoes, 289,500 (280,700); rapeseed (1), 1,385,000 (699,800); summerfallow, (1) 26,130,000 (26,375,000).

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

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

All spring wheat (including durum) 27,714,000 (29,080,000); durum wheat, 953,600 (1,888,000); oats, 7,047,000 (6,544,000); barley, 5,860,000 (5,217,000); spring rye, 108,400 (100,900); flaxseed, 2,126,000 (1,855,000); mixed grains, 642,000 (548,000); rapeseed, 1,385,000 (699,800); corn for grain, (2) 10,600 (10,000); potatoes, 60,700 (57,400); summerfallow, 26,130,000 (26,375,000).

MANITOBA

All spring wheat (including durum), 3,164,000 (3,385,000); durum wheat, 33,600 (120,000); oats, 1,817,000 (1,764,000); barley, 575,000 (497,000); spring rye, 3,300 (3,000); flaxseed, 1,141,000 (984,000); mixed grains, 141,000 (126,000); rapeseed, 123,000 (69,800); corn for grain, 10,600 (10,000); potatoes, 26,000 (24,500); summerfallow, 2,800,000 (2,880,000).

SASKATCHEWAN

All spring wheat (including durum), 18,400,000 (19,200,000); durum wheat, 830,000 (1,541,000); oats, 2,400,000 (2,040,000); barley, 1,900,000 (1,400,000); spring rye, 78,100 (73,000); flaxseed, 599,000 (521,000); mixed grains, 130,000 (94,000); rapeseed, 511,000 (262,000); potatoes, 12,300 (11,800); summerfallow, 16,800,000 (16,815,000).

ALBERTA

All spring wheat (including durum), 6,150,000 (6,495,000); durum wheat, 90,000 (227,000); oats, 2,830,000 (2,740,000); barley, 3,385,000 (3,320,000); spring rye, 27,000 (24,900); flaxseed, 386,000 (350,000); mixed grains, 371,000 (328,000); rapeseed, 751,000 (368,000); potatoes, 22,400 (21,100); summerfallow, 6,530,000 (6,680,000).

(1) Prairie Provinces only.

(2) Manitoba only.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1965 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1962-64

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1965	
	1962	1963	1964	Area	as % of 1964
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat(2)	450,000	442,000	455,000	456,000	100
Spring wheat(3)	26,366,900	27,124,200	29,230,800	27,861,900	95
All wheat	26,816,900	27,566,200	29,685,800	28,317,900	95
Oats for grain(4)	11,998,100	10,612,800	9,681,000	10,147,800	105
Barley	5,287,100	6,160,100	5,454,700	6,118,100	112
Fall rye(5)	527,200	552,800	578,900	575,700	99
Spring rye	97,300	98,800	100,900	108,400	107
All rye	624,500	651,600	679,800	684,100	101
Flaxseed	1,445,000	1,682,400	1,916,500	2,187,300	114
Mixed grains	1,521,600	1,411,300	1,431,300	1,529,700	107
Corn for grain(6)	439,300	552,500	660,000	684,600	104
Soybeans (7)	221,000	228,000	231,000	238,000	103
Potatoes	288,100	285,400	280,700	289,500	103
Rapeseed (8)	371,200	478,000	699,800	1,385,000	198
Summerfallow (8)	27,495,000	27,211,000	26,375,000	26,130,000	99
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	4,600	5,300	4,000	4,000	100
Oats for grain	97,000	86,000	92,000	92,000	100
Barley	6,000	18,000	11,000	10,900	99
Mixed grains	51,000	48,000	45,000	45,000	100
Potatoes	41,000	42,000	40,000	41,000	102
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	1,200	1,000	900	900	100
Oats for grain	37,000	32,000	34,000	33,800	99
Barley	1,400	1,700	1,800	1,900	106
Mixed grains	8,000	7,700	8,900	9,000	101
Potatoes	6,800	6,900	6,600	6,700	102
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	2,600	2,300	3,000	3,100	103
Oats for grain	102,000	87,000	82,000	81,000	99
Barley	3,300	3,500	3,400	3,200	94
Mixed grains	6,700	7,900	8,500	8,400	99
Potatoes	50,000	53,000	54,000	54,900	102
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	10,000	8,300	10,900	10,900	100
Oats for grain	1,267,000	1,189,000	1,184,000	1,184,000	100
Barley	19,000	13,900	13,600	13,100	96
Fall rye	3,600	3,100	2,400	2,300	94
Flaxseed	25,400	29,000	35,700	36,800	103
Mixed grains	96,000	89,200	91,900	91,000	99
Potatoes	71,600	68,000	60,800	60,800	100

For footnotes see page 6.

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as at March 1, 1965 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1962-64

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1965	
	1962	1963	1964	Area as % of 1964	per cent
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat	450,000	442,000	455,000	456,000	100
Spring wheat	18,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	100
All wheat	468,000	459,000	472,000	473,000	100
Oats for grain	1,848,000	1,756,000	1,663,000	1,630,000	98
Barley	80,500	89,000	113,000	117,000	104
Fall rye	63,000	64,000	56,000	52,100	93
Flaxseed	21,400	23,000	23,500	22,000	94
Mixed grains	740,000	720,000	725,000	730,000	101
Corn for grain	436,000	548,000	650,000	674,000	104
Soybeans	221,000	228,000	231,000	238,000	103
Potatoes	49,900	51,000	53,000	56,000	106
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	3,042,000	3,153,000	3,385,000	3,164,000	93
Oats(4)	1,974,000	1,742,000	1,764,000	1,817,000	103
Barley	629,000	584,000	497,000	575,000	116
Fall rye	116,000	104,000	146,000	147,000	101
Spring rye	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,300	110
All rye	119,000	107,000	149,000	150,300	101
Flaxseed	667,000	820,000	984,000	1,141,000	116
Mixed grains	124,000	126,000	126,000	141,000	112
Corn for grain	3,300	4,500	10,000	10,600	106
Potatoes	23,000	21,000	24,500	26,000	106
Rapeseed	32,200	45,000	69,800	123,000	176
Summerfallow	3,165,000	3,260,000	2,880,000	2,800,000	97
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	17,388,000	17,910,000	19,200,000	18,400,000	96
Oats(4)	3,277,000	2,619,000	2,040,000	2,400,000	118
Barley	1,629,000	1,930,000	1,400,000	1,900,000	136
Fall rye	215,000	206,000	216,000	222,000	103
Spring rye	64,100	69,400	73,000	78,100	107
All rye	279,100	275,400	289,000	300,100	104
Flaxseed	389,000	506,000	521,000	599,000	115
Mixed grains	125,000	100,000	94,000	130,000	138
Potatoes	13,000	12,700	11,800	12,300	104
Rapeseed	167,000	210,000	262,000	511,000	195
Summerfallow	17,081,000	16,898,000	16,815,000	16,800,000	100

For footnotes see page 6.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1965 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1962-64

Province and crop	Seeded Area (1)			Intended Area, 1965	
	1962	1963	1964	Area as % of 1964	per cent
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Spring wheat	5,807,000	5,933,000	6,495,000	6,150,000	95
Oats (4)	3,308,000	3,024,000	2,740,000	2,830,000	103
Barley	2,839,000	3,408,000	3,320,000	3,385,000	102
Fall rye	128,000	174,000	157,000	151,000	96
Spring rye	30,200	26,400	24,900	27,000	108
All rye	158,200	200,400	181,900	178,000	98
Flaxseed	340,000	303,000	350,000	386,000	110
Mixed grains	367,000	309,000	328,000	371,000	113
Potatoes	22,000	21,500	21,100	22,400	106
Rapeseed	172,000	223,000	368,000	751,000	204
Summerfallow	7,249,000	7,053,000	6,680,000	6,530,000	98
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>					
Spring wheat	93,500	94,300	115,000	112,000	97
Oats for grain	88,100	77,800	82,000	80,000	98
Barley	79,900	112,000	94,900	112,000	118
Fall rye	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,300	88
Flaxseed	2,200	1,400	2,300	2,500	110
Mixed grains	3,900	3,500	4,000	4,300	108
Potatoes	10,800	9,300	8,900	9,400	106

(1) Except for summerfallow.

(2) Area seeded in the fall of 1964 and harvested area in prior years in 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, 1965
Compared with Estimated Acreage, 1962-64

Province	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1965	
	1962	1963	1964	Area as % of 1964	per cent
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	
Manitoba	161,000	140,000	120,000	33,600	28
Saskatchewan	2,897,000	1,796,000	1,541,000	830,000	54
Alberta	371,000	234,000	227,000	90,000	40
Total	3,429,000	2,170,000	1,888,000	953,600	51

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1964 in the Prairie Provinces

Crop	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Prairie Provinces
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -
All wheat	- 221,000	- 800,000	- 345,000	- 1,366,000
Durum wheat	- 86,400	- 711,000	- 137,000	- 934,400
Oats(1)	+ 53,000	+ 360,000	+ 90,000	+ 503,000
Barley	+ 78,000	+ 500,000	+ 65,000	+ 643,000
All rye	+ 1,300	+ 11,100	- 3,900	+ 8,500
Flaxseed	+ 157,000	+ 78,000	+ 36,000	+ 271,000
Mixed grains	+ 15,000	+ 36,000	+ 43,000	+ 94,000
Potatoes	+ 1,500	+ 500	+ 1,300	+ 3,300
Rapeseed	+ 53,200	+ 249,000	+ 383,000	+ 685,200
Summerfallow	- 80,000	- 15,000	- 150,000	- 245,000

(1) Includes oats for grain and for hay.

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