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INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA (1) - 1966

Canadian farmers intend to plant 29.6 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1966 according to plans as of March 1. This area is 5 per cent more than the 28.3 million acres seeded in 1965, but slightly smaller than the record 29.7 million acres seeded in 1964. The oats acreage is expected to remain unchanged at 9.6 million acres. The area seeded to barley is expected to increase by 18 per cent and total 7.1 million compared with 6.0 million in 1965. Mixed grain acreage may total 1.6 million some 4 per cent larger than the previous year and corn for grain acreage forecast at a record 780,000 is 4 per cent larger than in 1965.

A decrease is expected in the area seeded to rapeseed as farmers intend to plant 1,368,000 acres to this crop in 1966, compared to a record 1,435,000 planted in 1965. Flaxseed acreage forecast at 2.1 million is some 5 per cent less than the previous year. Soybean acreage, forecast at a record 275,000 acres is 4 per cent larger than in the previous year and marks the fifth consecutive increase.

Reflecting two consecutive satisfactory years of potato prices, acreage intended for this crop at 317,200 is up 6 per cent from a year earlier.

The acreage intended for summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces is expected to decline by a relatively sharp 6 per cent to 25.1 million acres. This would be the smallest amount since 1957.

In the Prairie Provinces, for the past two years, questions pertaining to farmers' intentions to use commercial fertilizers have been collected with this survey. The 1966 survey results indicate that farmers intend to use 585,000 tons of commercial fertilizer or 26 per cent more than the 1965 preliminary sales of fertilizer materials of 463,864 tons. The 1966 percentage increase and intended tonnages by province, with 1965 preliminary sales of fertilizer materials in brackets, is as follows: Manitoba, up 38 per cent to 103,000 tons (74,400 tons); Saskatchewan, up 25 per cent to 172,000 tons (137,200 tons); Alberta, up 23 per cent to 310,000 tons (252,200 tons).

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

(1) Includes acreages intended for summerfallow in 1966 in the Prairie Provinces.

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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may contribute to changes in acreages currently indicated. An estimate of the area actually sown to field crops in 1966, based on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual June Survey is scheduled for release on August 5. A preliminary report on acreages sown in the Prairie Provinces will be issued July 13.

WHEAT On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 29.6 million acres, an increase of 5 per cent from the 1965 seedings and 2.8 million acres or 11 per cent above the 1960-64 average. However, at this level the acreage is slightly below the 1964 record of 29.7 million acres. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 4 per cent, in Saskatchewan 5 per cent and in Alberta 2 per cent.

Prospective plantings of spring wheat including durum of 29.2 million acres are up 5 per cent from the 1965 acreage and 11 per cent above the 1960-64 average. Durum wheat acreage is expected to increase by 10 per cent and if the acreage intentions are carried out, Prairie farmers will plant 920,000 acres to this crop compared with 840,000 grown in 1965 and the 1960-64 average of 2,055,400 acres. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 28.3 million in 1966 compared with 27.1 million planted in 1965 and the 1960-64 average of 24.2 million. The 410,000 acres seeded to winter wheat last fall is larger than the harvested area of the previous year.

RYE The area intended for spring rye in 1966, placed at 110,500 acres, is 7 per cent above last year's level. With the acreage seeded to fall rye last autumn being 568,400, down 12 per cent from the previous year, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 678,900 acres, down 9 per cent from last season but 10 per cent above the 1960-64 average.

FEED GRAINS The intended acreage of oats at 9.6 million acres is unchanged from that of last year but 13 per cent below the 1960-64 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 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 1956-65 period the percentage of oats harvested for grain has varied between 70 per cent in 1961 to 94 per cent in 1965 with an average of 87 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 72 per cent. In Alberta, the range was between 67 per cent in 1957 and 83 per cent in 1965 with an average of 75 per cent harvested for grain.

Prospective barley acreage is placed at 7.1 million acres, up 18 per cent from a year earlier and 22 per cent larger than the 1960-64 average. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.6 million acres are 4 per cent above last year and 7 per cent above the 1960-64 average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario but including commercial acreages in Manitoba, may be sown on 780,000 acres, some 4 per cent above last year's 752,000 acres.

Prospective flaxseed acreage at 2.1 million acres this year is 5 per cent below that of 1965 but 10 per cent larger than the 1960-64 average of 1.9 million acres. The bulk of the flaxseed is planted in the Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba the intended decrease is 9 per cent, in Saskatchewan 2 per cent while in Alberta an increase of 4 per cent is anticipated. The acreage sown to rapeseed, grown in the Prairie Provinces, will show a decrease if intentions are confirmed. Indicated planting of 1,368,000 acres in 1966 is 5 per cent below 1965 but 120 per cent higher than the 1960-64 average of 622,700 acres. Intended soybean acreage at 275,000 acres is 4 per cent above last year's level.

POTATOES The potato acreage in Canada is expected to total 317,200 acres, 6 per cent above the 1965 total and 9 per cent above the 1960-64 average of 290,400 acres. By provinces the anticipated changes are as follows: Prince Edward Island + 10 per cent; Nova Scotia + 4 per cent; New Brunswick + 8 per cent; Quebec + 2 per cent; Ontario + 7 per cent; Manitoba + 5 per cent; Saskatchewan + one per cent; Alberta + 9 per cent; and British Columbia + 5 per cent.

SUMMERFALLOW The acreage intended for summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces in 1966 is 25.1 million, 6 per cent less than the 26.6 million summerfallowed in 1965 and 8 per cent below the 1960-64 average of 27.2 million acres.

SUMMARY OF ACREAGES INTENDED FOR PRINCIPAL CROPS AND SUMMERFALLOW

The intended acreages for 1966 as reported at March 1, with 1965 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

ALL CANADA

Spring wheat, 29,206,100 (27,920,200); oats for grain, 9,597,100 (9,621,000); barley, 7,119,700 (6,037,600); spring rye (1) 110,500 (103,000); flaxseed, 2,130,300 (2,239,000); mixed grains, 1,561,700 (1,505,700); corn for grain, 780,000 (752,000); soybeans 275,000 (265,000); potatoes, 317,200 (298,800); rapeseed (1), 1,368,000 (1,435,000); summerfallow, (1) 25,100,000 (26,580,000).

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

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

All spring wheat (including durum) 29,070,000 (27,790,000); durum wheat, 920,000 (840,000); oats, 6,630,000 (6,610,000); barley, 6,800,000 (5,741,000); spring rye, 110,500 (103,000); flaxseed, 2,080,000 (2,184,000); mixed grains, 656,000 (606,000); rapeseed, 1,368,000 (1,435,000); corn for grain, (2) 10,000 (12,000); potatoes, 65,200 (61,800); summerfallow, 25,100,000 (26,580,000).

MANITOBA

All spring wheat (including durum), 3,370,000 (3,240,000); durum wheat, 45,000 (40,000); oats, 1,680,000 (1,630,000); barley, 800,000 (601,000); spring rye, 3,000 (3,000); flaxseed, 1,050,000 (1,160,000); mixed grains, 159,000 (146,000); rapeseed, 150,000 (145,000); corn for grain, 10,000 (12,000); potatoes, 27,800 (26,500); summerfallow, 2,700,000 (2,900,000).

SASKATCHEWAN

All spring wheat (including durum), 19,500,000 (18,500,000); durum wheat, 800,000 (725,000); oats, 2,200,000 (2,330,000); barley, 2,100,000 (1,750,000); spring rye, 85,000 (77,000); flaxseed, 600,000 (610,000); mixed grains, 118,000 (125,000); rapeseed, 538,000 (555,000); potatoes, 12,400 (12,300); summerfallow, 16,000,000 (16,800,000).

ALBERTA

All spring wheat (including durum) 6,200,000 (6,050,000); durum wheat, 75,000 (75,000); oats, 2,750,000 (2,650,000); barley, 3,900,000 (3,390,000); spring rye, 22,500 (23,000); flaxseed, 430,000 (414,000); mixed grains, 379,000 (335,000); rapeseed, 680,000 (735,000); potatoes, 25,000 (23,000); summerfallow, 6,400,000 (6,880,000).

(1) Prairie Provinces only.

(2) Manitoba only.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1966 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1963-65

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1966	
	1963	1964	1965	Area	as % of 1965
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat(2)	442,000	455,000	362,000	410,000	113
Spring wheat(3)	27,124,200	29,230,800	27,920,200	29,206,100	105
All wheat	27,566,200	29,685,800	28,282,200	29,616,100	105
Oats for grain(4)	10,612,800	9,681,000	9,621,000	9,597,100	100
Barley	6,160,100	5,454,700	6,037,600	7,119,700	118
Fall rye(5)	552,800	578,900	642,500	568,400	88
Spring rye	98,800	100,900	103,000	110,500	107
All rye	651,600	679,800	745,500	678,900	91
Flaxseed	1,682,400	1,977,500	2,239,000	2,130,300	95
Mixed grains	1,411,300	1,431,300	1,505,700	1,561,700	104
Corn for grain(6)	552,500	660,000	752,000	780,000	104
Soybeans(7)	228,000	231,000	265,000	275,000	104
Potatoes	285,400	281,200	298,800	317,200	106
Rapeseed(8)	478,000	791,000	1,435,000	1,368,000	95
Summerfallow(8)	27,211,000	26,375,000	26,580,000	25,100,000	94
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	5,300	4,000	3,800	3,800	100
Oats for grain	86,000	92,000	89,000	90,800	102
Barley	18,000	11,000	12,000	13,800	115
Mixed grains	48,000	45,000	47,000	47,900	102
Potatoes	42,000	40,000	43,000	47,300	110
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	1,000	900	1,200	1,200	100
Oats for grain	32,000	34,000	31,000	30,500	98
Barley	1,700	1,800	2,600	2,900	110
Mixed grains	7,700	8,900	8,100	8,300	102
Potatoes	6,900	6,600	7,000	7,300	104
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	2,300	3,000	6,000	6,300	105
Oats for grain	87,000	82,000	86,000	86,000	100
Barley	3,500	3,400	3,400	3,700	110
Mixed grains	7,900	8,500	8,200	8,000	98
Potatoes	53,000	54,000	57,000	61,600	108
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	8,300	10,900	12,200	12,200	100
Oats for grain	1,189,000	1,184,000	1,165,000	1,165,000	100
Barley	13,900	13,600	14,600	14,300	98
Fall rye	3,100	2,400	3,000	2,800	95
Flaxseed	29,000	35,700	28,000	26,300	94
Mixed grains	89,200	91,900	92,000	92,000	100
Potatoes	68,000	60,800	63,500	64,800	102

For footnotes see page 6.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1966 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1963-65

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1966	
	1963	1964	1965	Area as %	of 1965
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	per cent
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat (2)	442,000	455,000	362,000	410,000	113
Spring wheat	17,000	17,000	14,000	12,600	90
All wheat	459,000	472,000	376,000	422,600	112
Oats for grain	1,756,000	1,663,000	1,580,000	1,530,000	97
Barley	89,000	113,000	140,000	161,000	115
Fall rye	64,000	56,000	50,000	48,000	96
Flaxseed	23,000	23,500	24,000	21,000	88
Mixed grains	720,000	725,000	740,000	745,000	101
Corn for grain	548,000	650,000	740,000	770,000	104
Soybeans	228,000	231,000	265,000	275,000	104
Potatoes	51,000	53,000	56,000	60,000	107
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	3,153,000	3,385,000	3,240,000	3,370,000	104
Oats(4)	1,742,000	1,764,000	1,630,000	1,680,000	103
Barley	584,000	497,000	601,000	800,000	133
Fall rye	104,000	146,000	148,000	133,000	90
Spring rye	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	100
All rye	107,000	149,000	151,000	136,000	90
Flaxseed	820,000	1,025,000	1,160,000	1,050,000	91
Mixed grains	126,000	126,000	146,000	159,000	109
Corn for grain	4,500	10,000	12,000	10,000	83
Potatoes	21,000	24,500	26,500	27,800	105
Rapeseed	45,000	84,000	145,000	150,000	103
Summerfallow	3,260,000	2,880,000	2,900,000	2,700,000	93
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	17,910,000	19,200,000	18,500,000	19,500,000	105
Oats(4)	2,619,000	2,040,000	2,330,000	2,200,000	94
Barley	1,930,000	1,400,000	1,750,000	2,100,000	120
Fall rye	206,000	216,000	263,000	224,000	85
Spring rye	69,400	73,000	77,000	85,000	110
All rye	275,400	289,000	340,000	309,000	91
Flaxseed	506,000	521,000	610,000	600,000	98
Mixed grains	100,000	94,000	125,000	118,000	94
Potatoes	12,700	11,800	12,300	12,400	101
Rapeseed	210,000	303,000	555,000	538,000	97
Summerfallow	16,898,000	16,815,000	16,800,000	16,000,000	95

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Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1966 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1963-65

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1966	
	1963	1964	1965	Area as %	of 1965
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	per cent

ALBERTA

Spring wheat	5,933,000	6,495,000	6,050,000	6,200,000	102
Oats(4)	3,024,000	2,740,000	2,650,000	2,750,000	104
Barley	3,408,000	3,320,000	3,390,000	3,900,000	115
Fall rye	174,000	157,000	177,000	159,000	90
Spring rye	26,400	24,900	23,000	22,500	98
All rye	200,400	181,900	200,000	181,500	91
Flaxseed	303,000	370,000	414,000	430,000	104
Mixed grains	309,000	328,000	335,000	379,000	113
Potatoes	21,500	21,100	23,000	25,000	109
Rapeseed	223,000	404,000	735,000	680,000	93
Summerfallow	7,053,000	6,680,000	6,880,000	6,400,000	93

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Spring wheat	94,300	115,000	93,000	100,000	108
Oats for grain	77,800	82,000	60,000	64,800	108
Barley	112,000	94,900	124,000	124,000	100
Fall rye	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,600	105
Flaxseed	1,400	2,300	3,000	3,000	100
Mixed grains	3,500	4,000	4,400	4,500	102
Potatoes	9,300	9,400	10,500	11,000	105

(1) Except for summerfallow.

(2) Area seeded in the fall of 1965 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, 1966
Compared with Estimated Acreage, 1963-65

Province	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1966	
	1963	1964	1965	Area as % of 1965	
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	per cent
Manitoba	140,000	120,000	40,000	45,000	112
Saskatchewan	1,796,000	1,541,000	725,000	800,000	110
Alberta	234,000	227,000	75,000	75,000	100
Total	2,170,000	1,888,000	840,000	920,000	110

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1965 in the Prairie Provinces

Crop	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Prairie Provinces
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -
All wheat	+ 130,000	+ 1,000,000	+ 150,000	+ 1,280,000
Durum wheat	+ 5,000	+ 75,000	Unchanged	+ 80,000
Oats(1)	+ 50,000	- 130,000	+ 100,000	+ 20,000
Barley	+ 199,000	+ 350,000	+ 510,000	+ 1,059,000
All rye	- 15,000	- 31,000	- 18,500	- 64,500
Flaxseed	- 110,000	- 10,000	+ 16,000	- 104,000
Mixed grains	+ 13,000	- 7,000	+ 44,000	+ 50,000
Potatoes	+ 1,300	+ 100	+ 2,000	+ 3,400
Rapeseed	+ 5,000	- 17,000	- 55,000	- 67,000
Summerfallow	- 200,000	- 800,000	- 480,000	- 1,480,000

(1) Includes oats for grain and for hay.

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