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INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA(1) - 1967

Canadian farmers intend to plant 31.1 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1967 according to plans as of March 1. This area is 3 per cent more than the 30.3 million acres seeded in 1966, and 10 per cent greater than the 28.3 million acres seeded in 1965. The oats acreage is expected to remain unchanged at 9.1 million acres. The area seeded to barley is expected to increase by 6 per cent and total 7.6 million acres compared with 7.2 million in 1966. Mixed grain acreage may total 1.6 million slightly less than the previous year and the corn for grain acreage forecast at 818,500 is 6 per cent larger than in 1966.

The acreage intended for rapeseed in 1967 at 1,424,000 is some 3 per cent above the 1,388,000 acres planted in 1966. A decrease of 28 per cent is expected in the area seeded to flaxseed as farmers intend to plant 1.5 million acres to this crop in 1967 compared with 2.1 million acres in 1966. Soybean acreage forecast at 265,000 acres is one per cent smaller than the previous year and marks the first down turn in acreage planted to this crop in six years.

After several successive years of increasing potato acreage, the area intended for this crop at 317,800 acres is down 3 per cent from a year earlier.

The acreage intended for summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces is expected to increase by one per cent to 25.0 million acres, compared with 24.8 million in 1966.

In the Prairie Provinces questions pertaining to farmers' intentions to use commercial fertilizers have been collected with this survey. The 1967 survey results indicate that farmers in the three Prairie Provinces intend to use an estimated 25 per cent more fertilizer than was used in 1966. The 1967 percentage increase by province is as follows: Manitoba, up 22 per cent; Saskatchewan up 30 per cent and Alberta up 22 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

(1) Includes acreages intended for summerfallow in 1967 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 1967, based on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual June Survey is scheduled for release on August 4. A preliminary report on acreages sown in the Prairie Provinces will be issued July 12.

WHEAT On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 31.1 million acres, an increase of 3 per cent from the 1966 seedings and 3.5 million acres or 13 per cent above the 1961-65 average. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 9 per cent, in Saskatchewan one per cent and in Alberta 3 per cent.

Prospective plantings of spring wheat including durum of 30.6 million acres are up 2 per cent from the 1966 acreage and 13 per cent above the 1961-65 average. Durum wheat acreage is expected to increase by 25 per cent and if the acreage intentions are carried out, Prairie farmers will plant 1,420,000 acres to this crop compared with 1,135,000 grown in 1966 and the 1961-65 average of 2,035,800 acres. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 29.2 million in 1967 compared with 28.8 million planted in 1966 and the 1961-65 average of 25.0 million. The 455,000 acres seeded to winter wheat last fall is 13 per cent greater than the 403,000 acres seeded in the fall of the previous year. The area harvested in 1966 was estimated at 370,000 acres.

RYE The area intended for spring rye in 1967, placed at 103,900 acres, is 4 per cent above last year's level. With the acreage seeded to fall rye last autumn being 519,300 down 3 per cent from the previous year, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 623,200 acres, down 2 per cent from last season and 4 per cent below the 1961-65 average.

FEED GRAINS The intended acreage of oats at 9.1 million acres, is fractionally above that of last year but 15 per cent below the 1961-65 average. It should be noted that the estimates for the Prairie Provinces include 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 1957-66 period the percentage of oats harvested for grain has varied from 70 per cent in 1961 to 94 per cent in 1966 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 76 per cent harvested for grain.

Prospective barley acreage is placed at 7.6 million acres, up 6 per cent from a year earlier and 34 per cent larger than the 1961-65 average. This year's expected barley acreage represents the third consecutive increase. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.6 million acres remains unchanged from last year but is 6 per cent above the 1961-65 average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario but including commercial acreages in Manitoba, may be sown on 818,500 acres, some 6 per cent above last year's 771,000 acres.

Prospective flaxseed acreage at 1.5 million acres this year is 28 per cent below that of 1966 and 22 per cent smaller than the 1961-65 average of 1.9 million acres. The bulk of the flaxseed is planted in the Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba the intended decrease is 26 per cent, in Saskatchewan 40 per cent while in Alberta a decrease of 20 per cent is anticipated. The acreage sown to rapeseed, grown in the Prairie Provinces, will show an increase if intentions are confirmed. Indicated planting of 1,424,000 acres in 1967 is 3 per cent above 1966 and 88 per

cent higher than the 1961-65 average of 757,100 acres. Intended soybean acreage at 265,000 acres all of which is grown in Ontario is one per cent below last year's level.

POTATOES The potato acreage in Canada is expected to total 317,800 acres 3 per cent below the 1966 total but 9 per cent above the 1961-65 average of 291,800 acres. By provinces the anticipated changes are as follows: Prince Edward Island - 6 per cent; Nova Scotia - 12 per cent; New Brunswick - 8 per cent; Quebec - 4 per cent; Ontario +2 per cent; Manitoba unchanged; Saskatchewan + one per cent; Alberta unchanged and British Columbia - 2 per cent.

SUMMERFALLOW The acreage intended for summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces in 1967 is 25.0 million, one per cent more than the 24.8 million summer-fallowed in 1966 but 8 per cent below the 1961-65 average of 27.1 million acres.

SUMMARY OF ACREAGES INTENDED FOR PRINCIPAL CROPS AND SUMMERFALLOW

The intended acreages for 1967 as reported at March 1, with 1966 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

ALL CANADA

Spring wheat, 30,622,500 (29,928,100); oats for grain, 9,112,500 (9,076,000); barley, 7,611,100 (7,212,900); spring rye(1) 103,900 (100,000); flaxseed, 1,493,200 (2,070,400); mixed grains, 1,580,700 (1,583,200); corn for grain, 818,500 (771,000); soybeans, 265,000 (268,000); potatoes, 317,800 (328,100); rapeseed(1), 1,424,000 (1,388,000); summerfallow, (1) 25,000,000 (24,800,000).

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

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

All spring wheat (including durum) 30,480,000 (29,780,000); durum wheat, 1,420,000 (1,135,000); oats, 6,290,000 (6,200,000); barley, 7,230,000 (6,870,000); spring rye, 103,900 (100,000); flaxseed, 1,457,000 (2,029,000); mixed grains, 657,000 (670,000); rapeseed, 1,424,000 (1,388,000); corn for grain(2) 21,500 (19,000); potatoes, 66,800 (66,700); summerfallow, 25,000,000 (24,800,000).

MANITOBA

All spring wheat (including durum) 3,800,000 (3,480,000); durum wheat, 60,000 (60,000); oats, 1,760,000 (1,620,000); barley, 930,000 (830,000); spring rye, 2,900 (3,000); flaxseed, 905,000 (1,220,000); mixed grains, 194,000 (180,000); rapeseed, 145,000 (158,000); corn for grain, 21,500 (19,000); potatoes, 28,000 (28,000); summerfallow, 2,500,000 (2,600,000).

SASKATCHEWAN

All spring wheat (including durum), 19,900,000 (19,700,000); durum wheat, 1,200,000 (975,000); oats, 2,130,000 (2,130,000); barley, 2,200,000 (2,200,000); spring rye, 84,000 (73,000); flaxseed, 285,000 (475,000); mixed grains, 106,000 (140,000); rapeseed, 589,000 (620,000); potatoes, 12,800 (12,700); summerfallow, 16,200,000 (15,700,000).

ALBERTA

All spring wheat (including durum) 6,780,000 (6,600,000); durum wheat, 160,000 (100,000); oats, 2,400,000 (2,450,000); barley, 4,100,000 (3,840,000); spring rye, 17,000 (24,000); flaxseed, 267,000 (334,000); mixed grains, 357,000 (350,000); rapeseed, 690,000 (610,000); potatoes, 26,000 (26,000); summerfallow, 6,300,000 (6,500,000).

(1) Prairie Provinces only. (2) Manitoba only.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1967 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1964-66

Province and crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1967	
	1964	1965	1966	Area as % of 1966	
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat(2)	455,000	362,000	370,000	455,000	(2)
Spring wheat(3)	29,230,800	27,920,200	29,928,100	30,622,500	102
All wheat	29,685,800	28,282,200	30,298,100	31,077,500	103
Oats for grain(4)	9,681,000	9,621,000	9,076,000	9,112,500	100
Barley	5,454,700	6,037,600	7,212,900	7,611,100	106
Fall rye(5)	578,900	642,500	535,300	519,300	97
Spring rye	100,900	103,000	100,000	103,900	104
All rye	679,800	745,500	635,300	623,200	98
Flaxseed	1,977,500	2,320,000	2,070,400	1,493,200	72
Mixed grains	1,431,300	1,505,700	1,583,200	1,580,700	100
Corn for grain(6)	660,000	752,000	771,000	818,500	106
Soybeans(7)	231,000	265,000	268,000	265,000	99
Potatoes	281,200	298,800	328,100	317,800	97
Rapeseed(8)	791,000	1,435,000	1,388,000	1,424,000	103
Summerfallow(8)	26,375,000	26,580,000	24,800,000	25,000,000	101
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	4,000	3,800	3,600	3,600	100
Oats for grain	92,000	89,000	83,000	81,000	98
Barley	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,500	112
Mixed grains	45,000	47,000	48,000	50,000	104
Potatoes	40,000	43,000	50,000	47,000	94
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	900	1,200	2,000	2,000	100
Oats for grain	34,000	31,000	28,000	27,500	98
Barley	1,800	2,600	3,900	4,500	115
Mixed grains	8,900	8,100	9,300	9,800	105
Potatoes	6,600	7,000	8,000	7,000	88
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	3,000	6,000	7,500	7,300	97
Oats for grain	82,000	86,000	74,000	75,000	101
Barley	3,400	3,400	4,900	5,500	112
Mixed grains	8,500	8,200	8,100	8,500	105
Potatoes	54,000	57,000	65,000	60,000	92
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	10,900	12,200	11,000	10,600	96
Oats for grain	1,184,000	1,165,000	1,098,000	1,087,000	99
Barley	13,600	14,600	13,100	12,600	96
Fall rye	2,400	3,000	3,300	3,200	96
Flaxseed	35,700	28,000	19,400	16,300	84
Mixed grains	91,900	92,000	92,300	91,400	99
Potatoes	60,800	63,500	63,500	61,000	96

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Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 1, 1967 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1964-66

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1967	
	1964	1965	1966	Area as % of 1966	
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	per cent
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat(2)	455,000	362,000	370,000	455,000	(2)
Spring wheat	17,000	14,000	11,000	11,000	100
All wheat	472,000	376,000	381,000	466,000	(2)
Oats for grain	1,663,000	1,580,000	1,525,000	1,479,000	97
Barley	113,000	140,000	195,000	214,000	110
Fall rye	56,000	50,000	47,000	48,900	104
Flaxseed	23,500	24,000	19,000	17,100	90
Mixed grains	725,000	740,000	750,000	758,000	101
Corn for grain	650,000	740,000	752,000	797,000	106
Soybeans	231,000	265,000	268,000	265,000	99
Potatoes	53,000	56,000	64,000	65,300	✓ 102
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	3,385,000	3,240,000	3,480,000	3,800,000	109
Oats(4)	1,764,000	1,630,000	1,620,000	1,760,000	109
Barley	497,000	601,000	830,000	930,000	112
Fall rye	146,000	148,000	133,000	146,000	110
Spring rye	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	96
All rye	149,000	151,000	136,000	148,900	109
Flaxseed	1,025,000	1,350,000	1,220,000	905,000	74
Mixed grains	126,000	146,000	180,000	194,000	108
Corn for grain	10,000	12,000	19,000	21,500	113
Potatoes	24,500	26,500	28,000	28,000	✓ 100
Rapeseed	84,000	145,000	158,000	145,000	92
Summerfallow	2,880,000	2,900,000	2,600,000	2,500,000	96
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	19,200,000	18,500,000	19,700,000	19,900,000	101
Oats(4)	2,040,000	2,330,000	2,130,000	2,130,000	100
Barley	1,400,000	1,750,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	100
Fall rye	216,000	263,000	215,000	204,000	95
Spring rye	73,000	77,000	73,000	84,000	115
All rye	289,000	340,000	288,000	288,000	100
Flaxseed	521,000	560,000	475,000	285,000	60
Mixed grains	94,000	125,000	140,000	106,000	76
Potatoes	11,800	12,300	12,700	12,800	✓ 101
Rapeseed	303,000	555,000	620,000	589,000	95
Summerfallow	16,815,000	16,800,000	15,700,000	16,200,000	103

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Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada
as at March 1, 1967 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1964-66

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1967	
	1964 - acres -	1965 - acres -	1966 - acres -	Area as - acres -	% of 1966 per cent
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Spring wheat	6,495,000	6,050,000	6,600,000	6,780,000	103
Oats(4)	2,740,000	2,650,000	2,450,000	2,400,000	98
Barley	3,320,000	3,390,000	3,840,000	4,100,000	107
Fall rye	157,000	177,000	135,000	115,000	85
Spring rye	24,900	23,000	24,000	17,000	71
All rye	181,900	200,000	159,000	132,000	83
Flaxseed	370,000	355,000	334,000	267,000	80
Mixed grains	328,000	335,000	350,000	357,000	102
Potatoes	21,100	23,000	26,000	26,000 ✓	100
Rapeseed	404,000	735,000	610,000	690,000	113
Summerfallow	6,680,000	6,880,000	6,500,000	6,300,000	97
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>					
Spring wheat	115,000	93,000	113,000	108,000	96
Oats for grain	82,000	60,000	68,000	73,000	107
Barley	94,900	124,000	113,000	130,000	115
Fall rye	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,200	110
Flaxseed	2,300	3,000	3,000	2,800	95
Mixed grains	4,000	4,400	5,500	6,000	109
Potatoes	9,400	10,500	10,900	10,700 ✓	98

(1) Except for summerfallow.

(2) Area seeded in the fall of 1966 and harvested area in prior years in Ontario only. Area seeded in 1965 was 403,000 acres.

(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, 1967
Compared with Estimated Acreage, 1964-66

Province	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1967	
	1964	1965	1966	Area as	% of 1966
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	per cent
Manitoba	120,000	40,000	60,000	60,000	100
Saskatchewan	1,541,000	725,000	975,000	1,200,000	123
Alberta	227,000	75,000	100,000	160,000	160
Total	1,888,000	840,000	1,135,000	1,420,000	125

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1966 in the Prairie Provinces

Crop	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Prairie Provinces
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -
All wheat	+ 320,000	+ 200,000	+ 180,000	+ 700,000
Durum wheat	unchanged	+ 225,000	+ 60,000	+ 285,000
Oats(1)	+ 140,000	unchanged	- 50,000	+ 90,000
Barley	+ 100,000	unchanged	+ 260,000	+ 360,000
All rye	+ 12,900	unchanged	- 27,000	- 14,100
Flaxseed	- 315,000	- 190,000	- 67,000	- 572,000
Mixed grains	+ 14,000	- 34,000	+ 7,000	- 13,000
Potatoes	unchanged	+ 100	unchanged	+ 100
Rapeseed	- 13,000	- 31,000	+ 80,000	+ 36,000
Summerfallow	- 100,000	+ 500,000	- 200,000	+ 200,000

(1) Includes oats for grain and for hay.

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