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### INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA(1) - 1972

Canadian farmers intend to plant 21.4 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1972 according to plans as of March 15. This area is 11 per cent more than the 19.2 million acres seeded in 1971, and 71 per cent more than the 12.5 million acres seeded in 1970. It is anticipated that the acreage of oats will total 7.9 million while the area seeded to barley is expected to decrease by 11 per cent to some 13.5 million acres compared with 15.2 million in 1971. Mixed grain acreage may total 2.0 million one per cent less than the previous year and the corn for grain acreage forecast at 1.3 million acres is one per cent smaller than in 1971. The combined fall and spring rye area of 917,100 acres indicates a 16 per cent decrease from last year's all rye acreage of 1,096,000.

The area intended for rapeseed in 1972 at 3.4 million acres is 37 per cent below the 5.5 million acres seeded in 1971. Flaxseed acreage is expected to decrease by 22 per cent to 1.6 million acres compared with the 2.0 million acres sown last year. Acreage planned for soybeans at 360,000 acres is the same as 1971.

Potato acreage forecast at 297,500 acres is 5 per cent less than the 312,800 grown in 1971.

Summerfallow acreage in the Prairie Provinces is expected to increase by 8 per cent to 28.0 million acres, compared with 26.0 million in 1971.

In the Prairie Provinces information pertaining to farmers' intentions to use commercial fertilizers has been collected with the survey. The 1972 survey results indicate that farmers in these provinces intend to use an estimated 8 per cent more fertilizer than was used in 1971. The 1972 per cent change by province is as follows: Manitoba, up 10 per cent; Saskatchewan up 10 per cent and Alberta up 7 per cent.

Basic data for the estimates of intended acreages in this report were obtained from the annual acreage intentions survey based on the situation as of March 15. This is a survey of Statistics Canada's crop correspondents and is conducted in

(1) Includes acreages intended for summerfallow in 1972 in the Prairie Provinces.  
Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. It is emphasized that intended acreages in this report are merely indicative of farmers plans at March 15, and the acreages seeded may change considerably from the intention figures, depending on conditions before and during seeding. Additional factors, such as 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 1972 based on Statistics Canada's annual June survey is scheduled for release July 12 for the Prairie Provinces and July 28, for all Canada.

Wheat. — On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 15 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 21.4 million acres, an increase of 11 per cent from the 1971 area but 3.9 million acres or 16 per cent below the 1966-70 average. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 8 per cent, in Saskatchewan 9 per cent and in Alberta 23 per cent. Prospective plantings of spring wheat including durum, of 21.0 million acres are up 11 per cent from the 1971 acreage but 16 per cent below the 1966-70 average. Durum wheat acreage is expected to increase by 5 per cent and if the acreage intentions are carried out, Prairie farmers will plant 2,580,000 acres to this crop compared with 2,460,000 grown in 1971 and the 1966-70 average of 2,191,000 acres. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 18.4 million in 1972 compared with 16.4 million planted in 1971 and the 1966-70 average of 22.8 million. The 405,000 acres seeded to winter wheat in Ontario last fall was 8 per cent larger than the acres seeded in the fall of 1970. The area harvested in 1971 was estimated at 339,000 acres.

Feed grains. — The intended acreage of oats at 7.9 million acres, is 3 per cent below that of last year and 9 per cent below the 1966-70 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. Prospective barley acreage is placed at 13.5 million acres, down 11 per cent from a year earlier but 53 per cent larger than the 1966-70 average. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 2.0 million acres is one per cent below last year but 12 per cent above the 1966-70 average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario but including commercial acreages in Quebec and Manitoba, may be sown on 1,324,000 acres, one per cent below last year's 1,335,000 acres.

Rye. — The area intended for spring rye in 1972, placed at 82,600 acres, is 33 per cent below last year's level. With the acreage seeded to fall rye last autumn being 834,500 acres down 14 per cent from the previous year's harvested acreage the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 917,100 acres, 16 per cent less than last season but 14 per cent above the 1966-70 average.

Oilseeds. — Intended flaxseed acreage at 1.6 million acres this year is 22 per cent below that of 1971 and 23 per cent smaller than the 1966-70 average of 2.0 million acres. The bulk of the flaxseed is planted in the Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba the intended decrease is 11 per cent, in Saskatchewan 20 per cent and in Alberta 42 per cent. The acreage sown to rapeseed, grown in the Prairie Provinces, will show a substantial decrease if intentions are confirmed. Present indications point to a total acreage of 3.4 million this year, 37 per cent below 1971, but 67 per cent higher than the 1966-70 average of 2.1 million acres. Decreases in rapeseed acreage compared with last year of 23, 40 and 38 per cent are indicated for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta respectively. Intended soybean acreage of 360,000 acres all

of which is grown in Ontario is unchanged from last year.

Potatoes. — The potato acreage in Canada is expected to total 297,500 acres 5 per cent below the 1971 total and 4 per cent below the 1966-70 average of 310,400 acres. By provinces the anticipated changes are as follows: Prince Edward Island — 4 per cent; Nova Scotia + 5 per cent; New Brunswick — 7 per cent; Quebec — 8 per cent; Ontario — 4 per cent; Manitoba — 6 per cent; Saskatchewan 0 per cent; Alberta 0 per cent and British Columbia — 2 per cent.

Summerfallow. — The acreage intended for summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces in 1972 is 28.0 million, 8 per cent more than the 26.0 million summerfallowed in 1971 but 2 per cent below the 1966-70 average of 28.7 million acres.



Summary of acreages intended for principal crops and summerfallow. - The intended acreages for 1972 as reported at March 15, with 1971 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

All Canada. - Spring wheat, 20,989,800 (18,889,000); oats for grain, 7,860,500 (8,078,000); barley, 13,503,000 (15,206,500); spring rye(1), 82,600 (124,000); flaxseed, 1,569,900 (2,010,500); mixed grains, 1,969,600 (1,988,600); corn for grain, 1,324,000 (1,335,000); soybeans, 360,000 (360,000); potatoes, 297,500 ((312,800); rapeseed(1), 3,430,000 (5,475,000); summerfallow(1), 28,000,000 (26,000,000).

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

Prairie Provinces. - All spring wheat (including durum), 20,800,000 (18,700,000); durum wheat, 2,580,000 (2,460,000); oats, 6,100,000 (6,250,000); barley, 12,900,000 (14,600,000); spring rye, 82,600 (124,000); flaxseed, 1,560,000 (2,000,000); mixed grains, 943,000 (950,000); rapeseed, 3,430,000 (5,475,000); corn for grain(2), 11,000 (10,000); potatoes, 67,500 (69,500); summerfallow, 28,000,000 (26,000,000).

Manitoba. - All spring wheat (including durum), 2,600,000 (2,400,000); durum wheat, 160,000 (150,000); oats, 1,500,000 (1,550,000); barley, 2,100,000 (2,200,000); spring rye, 1,200 (4,000); flaxseed, 510,000 (570,000); mixed grains, 300,000 (290,000); rapeseed, 480,000 (625,000); corn for grain, 11,000 (10,000); potatoes, 30,000 (32,000); summerfallow, 2,700,000 (2,700,000).

Saskatchewan. - All spring wheat (including durum), 13,900,000 (12,800,000); durum wheat, 2,100,000 (2,000,000); oats, 2,300,000 (2,400,000); barley, 5,200,000 (6,300,000); spring rye, 43,400 (70,000); flaxseed, 820,000 (1,030,000); mixed grains, 215,000 (210,000); rapeseed, 1,650,000 (2,750,000); potatoes, 7,500 (7,500); summerfallow, 18,400,000 (16,600,000).

Alberta. - All spring wheat (including durum), 4,300,000 (3,500,000); durum wheat, 320,000 (310,000); oats, 2,300,000 (2,300,000); barley, 5,600,000 (6,100,000); spring rye, 38,000 (50,000); flaxseed, 230,000 (400,000); mixed grains, 428,000 (450,000); rapeseed, 1,300,000 (2,100,000); potatoes, 30,000 (30,000); summerfallow, 6,900,000 (6,700,000).

(1) Prairie Provinces only.

(2) Manitoba only.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 15, 1972 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1969-1971

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1972	
	1969	1970	1971	Area as % of 1971	
	acres			acres	per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat(2) .....	360,000	355,000	339,000	405,000	119
Spring wheat(3) .....	24,607,700	12,129,000	18,889,000	20,989,800	111
All wheat .....	24,967,700	12,484,000	19,228,000	21,394,800	111
Oats for grain(4) .....	8,825,000	8,389,000	8,078,000	7,860,500	97
Barley .....	9,535,100	10,042,900	15,206,500	13,503,000	89
Fall rye(5) .....	821,300	875,700	972,000	834,500	86
Spring rye .....	106,000	139,000	124,000	82,600	67
All rye .....	927,300	1,014,700	1,096,000	917,100	84
Flaxseed .....	2,340,700	3,368,300	2,010,500	1,569,900	78
Mixed grains .....	1,740,300	1,939,800	1,988,600	1,969,600	99
Corn for grain(6) .....	978,000	1,196,900	1,335,000	1,324,000	99
Soybeans(7) .....	322,000	335,000	360,000	360,000	100
Potatoes .....	306,300	319,900	312,800	297,500	95
Rapeseed(8) .....	2,012,000	4,050,000	5,475,000	3,430,000	63
Summerfallow(8) .....	28,800,000	36,900,000	26,000,000	28,000,000	108
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat .....	2,500	3,600	4,500	5,000	111
Oats for grain .....	71,000	65,000	70,000	68,000	97
Barley .....	20,000	20,000	18,000	16,000	89
Mixed grains .....	60,000	64,000	69,000	69,000	100
Potatoes .....	53,000	55,000	53,000	51,000	96
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat .....	3,200	4,000	3,700	4,000	108
Oats for grain .....	24,000	24,000	22,000	24,000	109
Barley .....	6,500	6,500	5,700	5,000	88
Mixed grains .....	12,500	10,700	9,900	10,000	101
Potatoes .....	4,400	4,600	4,000	4,200	105
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat .....	3,700	3,100	4,000	3,700	92
Oats for grain .....	69,000	65,000	61,000	58,500	96
Barley .....	10,000	6,900	5,800	5,600	97
Mixed grains .....	8,500	9,500	7,700	7,500	97
Potatoes .....	62,000	61,000	60,000	56,000	93

For footnotes see page 7.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 15, 1972 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1969-1971 - Continued

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1972	
	1969	1970	1971	Area as	% of 1971
		acres		acres	per cent
QUEBEC					
Spring wheat .....	29,000	29,300	37,800	38,900	103
Oats for grain .....	975,000	925,000	890,000	863,000	97
Barley .....	23,600	24,500	28,000	29,400	105
Fall rye .....	4,500	4,200	3,800	3,100	82
Flaxseed .....	16,800	16,000	8,300	7,400	89
Mixed grains .....	93,800	95,000	98,000	94,100	96
Corn for grain .....	45,000	93,400	125,000	125,000	100
Potatoes .....	68,000	67,000	66,000	60,700	92
ONTARIO					
Winter wheat(2) .....	360,000	355,000	339,000	405,000	119
Spring wheat .....	9,300	9,000	14,000	13,200	94
All wheat .....	369,300	364,000	353,000	418,200	118
Oats for grain .....	810,000	750,000	695,000	667,000	96
Barley .....	315,000	335,000	390,000	402,000	103
Fall rye .....	60,000	62,000	60,000	58,000	97
Flaxseed .....	3,000	2,000	1,800	2,100	119
Mixed grains .....	855,000	880,000	850,000	842,000	99
Corn for grain .....	930,000	1,100,000	1,200,000	1,188,000	99
Soybeans .....	322,000	335,000	360,000	360,000	100
Potatoes .....	45,500	47,500	47,500	45,600	96
MANITOBA					
Spring wheat .....	2,500,000	1,400,000	2,400,000	2,600,000	108
Oats(4) .....	1,700,000	1,350,000	1,550,000	1,500,000	97
Barley .....	1,200,000	1,500,000	2,200,000	2,100,000	95
Fall rye .....	180,000	190,000	180,000	144,000	80
Spring rye .....	3,000	4,000	4,000	1,200	29
All rye .....	183,000	194,000	184,000	145,200	79
Flaxseed .....	1,100,000	1,150,000	570,000	510,000	89
Mixed grains .....	190,000	250,000	290,000	300,000	103
Corn for grain .....	3,000	3,500	10,000	11,000	110
Potatoes .....	29,000	33,000	32,000	30,000	94
Rapeseed .....	196,000	400,000	625,000	480,000	77
Summerfallow .....	3,200,000	4,000,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	100

For footnotes see page 7.



Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,  
as at March 15, 1972 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1969-1971 — Concluded

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1972	
	1969	1970	1971	Area as % of 1971	
		acres		acres	per cent
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat .....	16,600,000	8,000,000	12,800,000	13,900,000	109
Oats(4) .....	2,500,000	2,550,000	2,400,000	2,300,000	96
Barley .....	2,700,000	3,300,000	6,300,000	5,200,000	83
Fall rye .....	440,000	460,000	550,000	467,500	85
Spring rye .....	56,000	75,000	70,000	43,400	62
All rye .....	496,000	535,000	620,000	510,900	82
Flaxseed .....	770,000	1,500,000	1,030,000	820,000	80
Mixed grains .....	135,000	175,000	210,000	215,000	102
Potatoes .....	7,200	8,800	7,500	7,500	100
Rapeseed .....	1,000,000	2,200,000	2,750,000	1,650,000	60
Summerfallow .....	18,200,000	24,000,000	16,600,000	18,400,000	111
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Spring wheat .....	5,300,000	2,600,000	3,500,000	4,300,000	123
Oats(4) .....	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,300,000	2,300,000	100
Barley .....	5,100,000	4,700,000	6,100,000	5,600,000	92
Fall rye .....	133,000	155,000	175,000	159,200	91
Spring rye .....	47,000	60,000	50,000	38,000	76
All rye .....	180,000	215,000	225,000	197,200	88
Flaxseed .....	450,000	700,000	400,000	230,000	58
Mixed grains .....	380,000	450,000	450,000	428,000	95
Potatoes .....	27,000	32,000	30,000	30,000	100
Rapeseed .....	816,000	1,450,000	2,100,000	1,300,000	62
Summerfallow .....	7,400,000	8,900,000	6,700,000	6,900,000	103
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>					
Spring wheat .....	160,000	80,000	125,000	125,000	100
Oats for grain .....	76,000	60,000	90,000	80,000	89
Barley .....	160,000	150,000	159,000	145,000	91
Fall rye .....	3,800	4,500	3,200	2,700	83
Flaxseed .....	900	300	400	400	100
Mixed grains .....	5,500	5,600	4,000	4,000	100
Potatoes .....	10,200	11,000	12,800	12,500	98

(1) Except for summerfallow. (2) Area seeded in the fall of 1971 and harvested area in prior years in Ontario only. Area seeded in 1970 was 376,000 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) Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba only; small acreages are grown in other provinces. (7) Ontario only; estimate for Manitoba not available. (8) Prairie Provinces only.



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Intended Acreage of Durum Wheat(1) in the Prairie Provinces, as at March 15, 1972  
Compared with Estimated Acreage, 1969-1971

Province and Crop	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1972	
	1969	1970	1971	Area as	% of 1971
		acres		acres	per cent
Manitoba .....	170,000	115,000	150,000	160,000	107
Saskatchewan .....	2,600,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,100,000	105
Alberta .....	384,000	450,000	310,000	320,000	103
Total .....	3,154,000	3,065,000	2,460,000	2,580,000	105

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1971 in the Prairie Provinces

Crop	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Prairie Provinces
				acres
All wheat .....	+ 200,000	+ 1,100,000	+ 800,000	+ 2,100,000
Durum wheat .....	+ 10,000	+ 100,000	+ 10,000	+ 120,000
Oats(1) .....	- 50,000	- 100,000	unchanged	- 150,000
Barley .....	- 100,000	- 1,100,000	- 500,000	- 1,700,000
All rye .....	- 38,800	- 109,100	- 27,800	- 175,700
Flaxseed .....	- 60,000	- 210,000	- 170,000	- 440,000
Mixed grains .....	+ 10,000	+ 5,000	- 22,000	- 7,000
Potatoes .....	- 2,000	unchanged	unchanged	- 2,000
Rapeseed .....	- 145,000	- 1,100,000	- 800,000	- 2,045,000
Summerfallow .....	unchanged	+ 1,800,000	+ 200,000	+ 2,000,000

(1) Includes oats for grain and for hay.