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INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS IN CANADA(1) — 1973

Canadian farmers intend to plant 24.3 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1973 according to plans as of March 15. This area is 14 per cent more than the 21.3 million acres seeded in 1972, and 25 per cent more than the 19.4 million acres seeded in 1971. It is anticipated that the acreage of oats will total 7.7 million an 8 per cent increase over 1972, while the area seeded to barley is expected to increase by 2 per cent to some 12.7 million acres compared with 12.5 million in 1972. Mixed grain acreage may total 2.1 million one per cent more than the previous year and the corn for grain acreage forecast at 1.4 million acres is 6 per cent larger than in 1972. The combined fall and spring rye area of 595,900 acres indicates a 6 per cent decrease from last year's all rye acreage of 634,500.

The area intended for rapeseed in 1973 at 3.2 million acres is 2 per cent below the 3.3 million acres seeded in 1972. Flaxseed acreage is expected to increase by 17 per cent to 1.7 million acres compared with the 1.4 million acres sown last year. Acreage planned for soybeans at 440,000 acres is 9 per cent more than in 1972.

Potato acreage is forecast at 243,000 acres compared with 242,000 acres grown in 1972.

Summerfallow acreage in the Prairie Provinces is expected to decrease by 11 per cent to 25.7 million acres, compared with 29.0 million in 1972.

In the Prairie Provinces information pertaining to farmers' intentions to use commercial fertilizers has been collected with the survey. The 1973 survey results indicate that farmers in these provinces intend to use an estimated 25 per cent more fertilizer than was used in 1972. The 1973 per cent change by province is as follows: Manitoba, up 20 per cent; Saskatchewan up 49 per cent and Alberta up 19 per cent.

(1) Includes acreages intended for summerfallow in 1973 in the Prairie Provinces.
Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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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 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 1973 based on Statistics Canada's annual June survey is scheduled for release July 11 for the Prairie Provinces and July 27 for all Canada.

Wheat. — On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 15 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 24.3 million acres, an increase of 14 per cent from the 1972 area. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 15 per cent, in Saskatchewan 14 per cent and in Alberta 12 per cent. Prospective plantings of spring wheat including durum, of 23.9 million acres are up 14 per cent from the 1972 acreage. Durum wheat acreage is expected to decrease by 17 per cent and if the acreage intentions are carried out, Prairie farmers will plant 2,630,000 acres to this crop compared with 3,160,000 grown in 1972. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 21.3 million in 1973. The 380,000 acres seeded to winter wheat in Ontario last fall was some 25,000 acres less than the 405,000 acres sown in the fall of 1971. The area harvested in 1972 was estimated at 365,000 acres.

Feed grains. — The intended acreage of oats at 7.7 million acres, is 8 per cent above that of last year. 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 12.7 million acres, up 2 per cent from a year earlier. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 2.1 million acres is one per cent above last year. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario but including commercial acreages in Quebec and Manitoba, may be sown on 1,392,000 acres, 6 per cent above last year's 1,317,000 acres.

Rye. — The area intended for spring rye in 1973, placed at 46,500 acres, is 12 per cent above last year's level. With the acreage seeded to fall rye last autumn being 549,400 acres down 7 per cent from the previous year's harvested acreage the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 595,900 acres, 6 per cent less than last season.

Oilseeds. — Intended flaxseed acreage at 1.7 million acres this year is 17 per cent above that of 1972. The bulk of the flaxseed is planted in the Prairie Provinces. In Manitoba the intended increase is 18 per cent, in Saskatchewan 10 per cent and in Alberta 41 per cent. Present indications point to a total acreage of 3.2 million acres of rapeseed this year, 2 per cent less than in 1972. Rapeseed acreage compared with last year is unchanged in Manitoba, 3 per cent down in Saskatchewan and unchanged in Alberta. Intended soybean acreage of 440,000 acres all of which is grown in Ontario is 9 per cent greater than last year.

Potatoes. — The potato acreage in Canada is expected to total 243,000 acres compared with 242,000 acres last year. By provinces the anticipated changes are as follows: Prince Edward Island — 3 per cent; Nova Scotia + 9 per cent; New Brunswick + 2 per cent; Quebec — 6 per cent; Ontario + 5 per cent; Manitoba + 5 per cent; Saskatchewan + 17 per cent; Alberta — 4 per cent and British Columbia + 9 per cent.

Summerfallow. — The acreage intended for summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces in 1973 is 25.7 million, 11 per cent less than the 29.0 million summerfallowed in 1972.

Summary of acreages intended for principal crops and summerfallow. — The intended acreages for 1973 as reported at March 15, with 1972 acreages in brackets, are as follows:

All Canada. — Spring wheat, 24,269,700 (21,349,700); oats for grain, 7,740,000 (7,144,000); barley, 12,739,900 (12,510,900); spring rye(1), 46,500 (41,500); flaxseed, 1,660,000 (1,421,000); mixed grains, 2,077,000 (2,064,900); corn for grain, 1,392,000 (1,317,000); soybeans, 440,000 (405,000); potatoes, 243,000 (242,000); rapeseed(1), 3,220,000 (3,270,000); summerfallow(1), 25,700,000 (29,000,000).

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

Prairie Provinces. — All spring wheat (including durum), 23,700,000 (20,800,000); durum wheat, 2,630,000 (3,160,000); oats, 6,300,000 (5,700,000); barley, 12,100,000 (11,900,000); spring rye, 46,500 (41,500); flaxseed, 1,660,000 (1,420,000); mixed grains, 995,000 (960,000); rapeseed, 3,220,000 (3,270,000); corn for grain(2), 15,000 (13,000); potatoes, 48,500 (48,000); summerfallow, 25,700,000 (29,000,000).

Manitoba. — All spring wheat (including durum), 3,000,000 (2,600,000); durum wheat, 80,000 (160,000); oats, 1,400,000 (1,200,000); barley, 2,100,000 (2,100,000); spring rye, 1,500 (1,500); flaxseed, 650,000 (550,000); mixed grains, 320,000 (290,000); rapeseed, 470,000 (470,000); corn for grain, 15,000 (13,000); potatoes, 23,000 (22,000); summerfallow, 2,400,000 (2,900,000).

Saskatchewan. — All spring wheat (including durum), 15,900,000 (13,900,000); durum wheat, 2,300,000 (2,700,000); oats, 2,400,000 (2,100,000); barley, 4,500,000 (4,600,000); spring rye, 20,000 (20,000); flaxseed, 770,000 (700,000); mixed grains, 225,000 (220,000); rapeseed, 1,450,000 (1,500,000); potatoes, 3,500 (3,000); summerfallow, 16,700,000 (18,500,000).

Alberta. — All spring wheat (including durum), 4,800,000 (4,300,000); durum wheat, 250,000 (300,000); oats, 2,500,000 (2,400,000); barley, 5,500,000 (5,200,000); spring rye, 25,000 (20,000); flaxseed, 240,000 (170,000); mixed grains, 450,000 (450,000); rapeseed, 1,300,000 (1,300,000); potatoes, 22,000 (23,000); summerfallow, 6,600,000 (7,600,000).

(1) Prairie Provinces only.

(2) Manitoba only.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 15, 1973 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1970-1972 — Continued

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1973	
	1970	1971	1972	Area as % of 1972	
		acres		acres	per cent
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring and winter wheat	29,300	39,100	41,000	41,000	100
Oats for grain	925,000	695,000	680,000	639,000	94
Barley	24,500	38,100	42,000	39,900	95
Fall rye	4,200	2,000	2,000	1,400	70
Flaxseed	16,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mixed grains	95,000	123,000	126,000	120,000	95
Corn for grain	93,400	138,000	140,000	137,000	98
Potatoes(8)	67,000	47,500	46,000	43,200	94
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat(2)	355,000	341,000	365,000	380,000 ^r	104
Spring wheat	9,000	14,900	13,000	13,000	100
All wheat	364,000	355,900	378,000	393,000	104
Oats for grain	750,000	612,000	590,000	620,000	105
Barley	335,000	386,000	377,000	395,000	105
Fall rye	62,000	47,900	50,000	58,000	116
Flaxseed	2,000	1,300	1,000	N/A	N/A
Mixed grains	880,000	928,000	890,000	870,000	98
Corn for grain	1,100,000	1,263,000	1,164,000	1,240,000	107
Soybeans	335,000	367,000	405,000	440,000	109
Potatoes(8)	47,500	40,100	43,000	45,000	105
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	1,400,000	2,519,000	2,600,000	3,000,000	115
Oats(4)	1,350,000	1,468,000	1,200,000	1,400,000	117
Barley	1,500,000	2,052,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	100
Fall rye	190,000	127,000	80,000	75,000	94
Spring rye	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	100
All rye	194,000	128,500	81,500	76,500	94
Flaxseed	1,150,000	566,000	550,000	650,000	118
Mixed grains	250,000	284,000	290,000	320,000	110
Corn for grain	3,500	9,100	13,000	15,000	115
Potatoes(8)	33,000	32,700	22,000	23,000	105
Rapeseed	400,000	581,000	470,000	470,000	100
Summerfallow	4,000,000	2,655,000	2,900,000	2,400,000	83

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Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 15, 1973 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1970-1972

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1973	
	1970	1971	1972	Area as % of 1972	
		acres		acres	per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat(2)	355,000	341,000	365,000	380,000 ^r	104 <i>hwa</i>
Spring wheat(3)	12,129,000	19,065,700	20,984,700	23,889,700	114 <i>out</i>
All wheat	12,484,000	19,406,700	21,349,700	24,269,700	114 <i>ble</i>
Oats for grain(4)	8,389,000	7,823,900	7,144,000	7,740,000	108 <i>anna</i>
Barley	10,042,900	13,980,500	12,510,900	12,739,900	102 <i>ase</i>
Fall rye(5)	875,700	906,300	593,000	549,400	93
Spring rye	139,000	50,700	41,500	46,500	112
All rye	1,014,700	957,000	634,500	595,900	94
Flaxseed	3,368,300	1,763,300	1,421,000	1,660,000	117
Mixed grains	1,939,800	2,054,800	2,064,900	2,077,000	101 <i>grain relay</i>
Corn for grain(6)	1,196,900	1,410,100	1,317,000	1,392,000	106 <i>mai</i>
Soybeans(7)	335,000	367,000	405,000	440,000	109
Potatoes(8)	319,900	268,500	242,000	243,000	100
Rapeseed(9)	4,050,000	5,306,000	3,270,000	3,220,000	98
Summerfallow(9)	36,900,000	26,224,000	29,000,000	25,700,000	89
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>					
Spring wheat	3,600	6,600	7,000	7,000	100
Oats for grain	65,000	50,300	49,000	47,000	96
Barley	20,000	32,100	25,000	27,000	108
Mixed grains	64,000	71,400	67,000	70,000	104
Potatoes(8)	55,000	46,800	39,000	38,000	97
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>					
Spring wheat	4,000	4,900	3,700	3,500	95
Oats for grain	24,000	17,800	17,000	19,000	112
Barley	6,500	8,700	7,500	9,000	120
Mixed grains	10,700	8,500	7,300	7,500	103
Potatoes(8)	4,600	3,500	3,500	3,800	109
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	3,100	6,200	5,000	5,200	104
Oats for grain	65,000	51,200	45,000	45,000	100
Barley	6,900	7,600	9,400	9,000	96
Mixed grains	9,500	8,900	7,100	7,500	106
Potatoes(8)	61,000	59,400	51,000	52,000	102

For footnotes see page 7.

Intended Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow, Canada,
as at March 15, 1973 Compared with Estimated Acreages, 1970-1972 - Concluded

Province and Crop	Seeded Area(1)			Intended Area, 1973	
	1970	1971	1972	Area as % of 1972	
		acres		acres	per cent
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	8,000,000	12,923,000	13,900,000	15,900,000	114
Oats (4)	2,550,000	2,397,000	2,100,000	2,400,000	114
Barley	3,300,000	5,571,000	4,600,000	4,500,000	98
Fall rye	460,000	502,000	260,000	234,000	90
Spring rye	75,000	25,600	20,000	20,000	100
All rye	535,000	527,600	280,000	254,000	91
Flaxseed	1,500,000	925,000	700,000	770,000	110
Mixed grains	175,000	205,000	220,000	225,000	102
Potatoes (8)	8,800	3,300	3,000	3,500	117
Rapeseed	2,200,000	2,737,000	1,500,000	1,450,000	97
Summerfallow	24,000,000	16,560,000	18,500,000	16,700,000	90
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Spring wheat	2,600,000	3,443,000	4,300,000	4,800,000	112
Oats (4)	2,600,000	2,443,000	2,400,000	2,500,000	104
Barley	4,700,000	5,689,000	5,200,000	5,500,000	106
Fall rye	155,000	226,000	200,000	180,000	90
Spring rye	60,000	23,600	20,000	25,000	125
All rye	215,000	249,600	220,000	205,000	93
Flaxseed	700,000	271,000	170,000	240,000	141
Mixed grains	450,000	419,000	450,000	450,000	100
Potatoes (8)	32,000	26,100	23,000	22,000	96
Rapeseed	1,450,000	1,988,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	100
Summerfallow	8,900,000	7,009,000	7,600,000	6,600,000	87
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>					
Spring wheat	80,000	109,000	115,000	120,000	104
Oats for grain	60,000	89,600	63,000	70,000	111
Barley	150,000	196,000	150,000	160,000	107
Fall rye	4,500	1,400	1,000	1,000	100
Flaxseed	300	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mixed grains	5,600	7,000	7,500	7,000	93
Potatoes (8)	11,000	9,100	11,500	12,500	109

(1) Except for summerfallow. (2) Area seeded in the fall of 1972 and harvested area in prior years in Ontario only. Area seeded in 1971 was 405,000 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) The 1971, 1972 and 1973 acreage figures refer only to potatoes grown mainly for sale. (9) Prairie Provinces only.

^r Revised figures.



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Intended Acreage of Durum Wheat(1) in the Prairie Provinces, as at March 15, 1973
Compared with Estimated Acreage, 1970-1972

Province and Crop	Seeded Area			Intended Area, 1973	
	1970	1971	1972	Area as acres	% of 1972 per cent
Manitoba	115,000	141,000	160,000	80,000	50
Saskatchewan	2,500,000	1,889,000	2,700,000	2,300,000	85
Alberta	450,000	242,000	300,000	250,000	83
Totals	3,065,000	2,272,000	3,160,000	2,630,000	83

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

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1972 in the Prairie Provinces

Crop	Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta Prairie Provinces			
	acres			
All wheat	+ 400,000	+ 2,000,000	+ 500,000	+ 2,900,000
Durum wheat	- 80,000	- 400,000	- 50,000	- 530,000
Oats(1)	+ 200,000	+ 300,000	+ 100,000	+ 600,000
Barley	unchanged	- 100,000	+ 300,000	+ 200,000
All rye	- 5,000	- 26,000	- 15,000	- 46,000
Flaxseed	+ 100,000	+ 70,000	+ 70,000	+ 240,000
Mixed grains	+ 30,000	+ 5,000	unchanged	+ 35,000
Potatoes	+ 1,000	+ 500	- 1,000	+ 500
Rapeseed	unchanged	- 50,000	unchanged	- 50,000
Summerfallow	- 500,000	- 1,800,000	- 1,000,000	- 3,300,000

(1) Includes oats for grain and for hay.