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Ottawa, July 26, 1940, 3 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving the estimates of acreages sown to the five principal grain crops in the Prairie Provinces based upon the returns from the annual June survey.

Increases in the acreages of wheat, barley and flaxseed in the Prairie Provinces are shown by the returns from the annual June survey of crop acreages, while the acreages of oats and rye show reductions from the previous year. The 1940 area sown to wheat is estimated at 27,750,000 acres, which is 1,937,000 acres greater than the area sown in 1939. Increases occurred in all three provinces, the greatest being recorded in Saskatchewan where the gain amounted to 1,338,000 acres. Reductions in the acreage sown to oats occurred in each of the provinces, with the greatest decrease in Saskatchewan. The total area sown to oats for 1940 is 7,818,000 acres, a reduction of 409,000 acres from the 1939 sowings. The area in barley is increased by 15,000 acres with the 1940 sowings in Alberta and Saskatchewan higher, while Manitoba sowings declined by 88,000 acres. Rye sowings were smaller in each province and the total acreage declined from 1,014,100 to 943,000 for 1940. Flaxseed acreage has increased in each province, the total for the Prairie Provinces in 1940 being placed at 372,700 acres as compared with 297,500 acres last year.

Table I. - Areas Sown to Principal Grain Crops in the Prairie Provinces in 1940
with Comparisons for 1939

Province	Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
		acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Manitoba	1940	3,512,000	1,293,000	1,256,000	159,300	89,500
	1939	3,201,000	1,377,000	1,344,000	178,200	70,300
Saskatchewan	1940	15,571,000	3,880,000	1,251,000	606,700	232,200
	1939	14,233,000	4,144,000	1,149,000	647,000	187,200
Alberta	1940	8,667,000	2,645,000	1,115,000	177,000	51,000
	1939	8,379,000	2,706,000	1,114,000	188,900	40,000
TOTALS -						
Prairie Provinces.	1940	27,750,000	7,818,000	3,622,000	943,000	372,700
	1939	25,813,000	8,227,000	3,607,000	1,014,100	297,500



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Table II. - Areas Sown to Wheat, Oats and Barley by Crop Districts in the
Prairie Provinces, 1940

Province	Crop Districts	Wheat	Oats	Barley
		acres	acres	acres
<u>Manitoba</u>	1	327,200	78,900	51,300
	2	555,500	140,800	183,700
	3	878,400	261,200	389,600
	4	75,700	20,600	28,500
	5	138,200	65,400	73,800
	6	33,200	38,400	18,900
	7	453,500	173,600	108,800
	8	313,900	123,900	100,600
	9	186,700	90,900	87,700
	10	267,500	130,000	76,600
	11	134,200	71,300	44,600
	12	48,100	36,000	24,900
	13	61,700	33,900	54,400
	14	38,200	28,100	12,600
	Totals	3,512,000	1,293,000	1,256,000
<u>Saskatchewan</u>	1A	469,100	152,200	66,800
	1B	367,000	207,100	64,700
	2A	400,500	82,700	21,700
	2B	1,315,600	179,600	92,600
	3A.S.	866,700	146,100	35,900
	3A.N.	671,900	100,700	45,900
	3B.S.	798,700	93,000	18,400
	3B.N.	1,135,700	146,300	40,200
	4A	207,900	21,700	1,200
	4B	1,150,700	66,500	30,700
	5A.	819,300	348,000	98,500
	5B	607,200	325,500	153,400
	6A	1,138,000	277,600	70,800
	6B.	1,405,800	345,600	71,300
	7A	933,600	85,800	5,700
	7B	1,032,000	320,300	36,200
	8A.	241,000	128,200	113,000
	8B	681,600	247,400	168,300
	9A	1,066,200	438,800	89,600
	9B	262,500	166,900	26,100
	Totals	15,571,000	3,880,000	1,251,000
<u>Alberta</u>	1	873,700	26,800	15,700
	2	631,000	85,900	26,200
	3	331,500	33,900	14,000
	4	980,400	83,600	26,300
	5	687,000	100,800	8,800
	6	1,245,100	293,600	116,100
	7	922,900	255,600	28,800
	8	720,100	397,000	219,600
	9	175,100	103,000	112,500
	10	883,300	394,800	120,800
	11	270,000	298,200	204,400
	12	34,100	30,800	10,800
	13	187,000	101,500	49,300
	14	280,200	189,000	136,700
	15	77,700	53,000	10,600
	16	347,100	184,800	13,600
	17	20,800	12,700	800
	Totals	8,667,000	2,645,000	1,115,000

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