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Ottawa, July 23, 1943, 3 p.m.- A reduction of almost 4,000,000 acres in the area seeded to wheat in the three Prairie Provinces in 1943 is shown in a report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The figures are based on returns from the annual June Survey and show that the wheat area this year in western Canada is 16,729,000 acres compared with 20,653,000 acres in 1942, a decrease of 19 per cent. All of the acreage taken out of wheat is covered by increases in acreage seeded to cats, barley and flaxseed.

The 1943 wheat acreage constitutes the smallest wheat area planted in the Prairie Provinces since 1918, the closing year of the first Great War. It is also closely in line with the original objectives suggested to western farmers at the Dominion-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa last December, and differs very little from the 16.3 million acres indicated in the "intentions" report issued by the Bureau on May 10 based on farmers' intentions at the end of April.

It will be noted from the table which follows that while the reduction in wheat acreage this year amounts to 3,924,000 acres, the combined increase in acreage seeded to oats, barley and flaxseed is 4,907,900 acres over the 1942 level for these crops. Oats acreage is up 2.1 million acres, barley acreage has increased about 1.5 million acres, and flaxseed 1.3 million acres. Rye acreage has been reduced sharply.

Table I -- Areas Sown to Principal Grain Crops in the Prairie Provinces
in 1943 with Comparisons for 1942

Province	Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Fall Rye	Spring Rye	Flaxseed
		acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Manitoba	1943 1942	1,640,000	1,631,500	2,341,000 2,021,000	45,000 145,000	11,000	284,000 227,000
1943 in %	1942	85.0	110.2	115.8	31.0	28.2	125.1
Saskatchewan	19 <b>4</b> 3 19 <b>4</b> 2	10,260,000	6,482,000 4,902,000	3,316,000 2,468,000	187,500 650,000	152,400	2,084,400
1943 in %	1942	83.1	132.2	134.4	28.8	77.4	197.4
Alberta	1943 1942	4,829,000 6,370,000	3,676,000 3,284,000	2,239,000 1,925,000	54,800 140,000	47,400 75,000	400,000
1943 in %	1942	75.8	111.9	116.3	39.1	63.2	218.6
Preirie Provinces .	19 <b>43</b> 19 <b>42</b>	16,729,000 20,653,000	11,789,500	7,896,000 6,414,000	287,300 935,000	210,800 311,000	2,768,400
1943'in %	1942	81.0	122.0	123.1	30.7	67.8	188.8



Table II -- Areas Sown to Wheat, Oats and Barley by Crop Districts in the Prairie Provinces, 1943

Province	Crop Districts	Wheat	Oats	Barley
		acres	acres	acres
20. 11.2.	1	177,100	103,900	115,200
Manitoba	1	295,900	190,000	369,500
	2	399,700	340,000	702,1.00
	3	16,000	15,000	54,300
		60,000	98,600	124,400
	5	11,000	38,000	35,800
	6		220,000	244,300
	7	198,600	128,000	217,900
	8	141,700	93,000	122,400
	9	73,200	185,000	149,400
	10	127,100		73,700
	11	73,900	95,000	51,200
	12	23,000	47,000	56,200
	13	19,400	35,000 43,000	24,600
	14	23,400		
	Province	1,640,000	1,631,500	2,341,000
Saskatchewan	1A	398,000	233,500	230,000
	1B	265,300	252,400	155,600
	2A	411,300	236,800	173,800
	2B	836,200	321,200	195,600
	3AS	768,100	247,100	200,900
	3AN	392,500	162,600	92,700
	3BS	615,300	184,600	56,800
	3BN	746,100	287,600	94,200
	4A	263,400	147,100	43,500
	4B	658,600	88,000	48,700
	5A	475,400	507,600	212,300
	5B	396,300	602,100	292,800
	6A	809,100	602,200	234,500
	6B	769,600	416,900	182,600
	7A	516,700	196,600	121,800
	7B	508,600	533,000	119,200
	8A	209,600	244,500	311,500
		392,200	319,700	271,800
	8B	467,200	476,100	206,300
	9A		422,400	71,400
	9B	360,500		
	Province	10,260,000	6,482,000-	3,316,000
Alberta	1	582,200	96,400	65,400
	2	322,400	108,300	78,600
	3	265,500	70,000	62,900
	4	593,600	154,000	87,000
	5	406,200	158,000	48,200
	6	683,400	399,200	249,600
	7	426,800	392,200	141,600
		307,600	480,600	367,800
	8	48,700	142,000	168,900
	9		526,100	248,000
	10	431,700	322,400	253,200
	11	131,100	47,900	31,600
	12	22,800		98,900
	13	104,000	129,800	228,900
	14	269,800	256,500	31,200
	15	44,500	70,700	
	16	172,800	307,900	<b>73</b> ,900
	17	15,900	14,000	<b>3</b> ,300
	Province	4,829,000	3,676,000	2,239,000