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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF CROP AND SUMMERFALLOW ACREAGES, 1948

Ottawa, July 22, 1948, 3 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a preliminary report on the acreages seeded to field crops and summerfallow in Canada in 1948. The estimates are based on returns from the annual June Survey of field crops except for crops in Ontario and late-sown crops in Manitoba which are derived from reports of crop correspondents. Acreages for 1947 are included for comparative purposes. The estimates for 1948 are preliminary only and subject to revision.

For Canada as a whole the survey indicates wheat acreage in 1948 to be 24,073,900 acres, a reduction of one per cent from the 24,260,400 acres sown last year. Oat acreage is estimated at 11,100,900 acres compared with 11,048,500 acres in 1947, increased seedings in Manitoba and Ontario more than balancing decreases in all other provinces. A marked reduction of 12 per cent in barley acreage to 6,537,900 acres this year resulted from significantly reduced seedings in all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia. Rye acreage is estimated at 2,062,200 acres, an increase of 78 per cent over the 1,156,400 acres sown in 1947. The estimate for flaxseed of 1,937,600 acres is 23 per cent above that of a year ago. Hay and clover with 10,033,500 acres is 2 per cent below that of 1947 while this year's alfalfa acreage at 1,177,800 is 4 per cent higher than a year ago. The acreage sown to potatoes in 1948 is estimated at 502,100 acres compared with 497,400 in 1947.

The acreages for all crops in each province and for Canada as a whole are presented in Table 1.

In Table 2 the acreages sown to the principal grain crops and summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces are summarized. Wheat acreage in the three Prairie Provinces in 1948 is estimated to be 23,045,000 acres compared with 23,357,000 acres in 1947. Oat acreage this year of 7,636,000 acres is 3 per cent below that of a year ago, while barley acreage is down 14 per cent to 6,082,000 acres. A considerably increased acreage is indicated for both rye and flaxseed. Summerfallow acreage in 1948 at 19,409,000 is slightly reduced from that of the previous year.

Table 1.- Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, by Provinces

Canada, 1948 <sup>1/</sup>

Province and Crop	1947 Area	Per Cent of 1947	1948 Area	Province and Crop	1947 Area	Per Cent of 1947	1948 Area
	acres	p.c.	acres		acres	p.c.	acres
<u>CANADA</u>				<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
Fall Wheat	712,300	118	844,000	Spring Wheat	1,400	112	1,600
Spring Wheat	23,548,100	99	23,229,900	Oats	70,300	97	68,100
All Wheat	24,260,400	99	24,073,900	Barley	7,600	95	7,200
Oats	11,048,500	100	11,100,900	Buckwheat	1,600	94	1,500
Barley	7,465,000	88	6,537,900	Mixed Grains	4,900	122	6,000
Fall Rye	840,800	186	1,565,000	Potatoes	21,500	98	21,000
Spring Rye	315,600	158	497,200	Field Roots	10,000	102	10,200
All Rye	1,156,400	178	2,062,200	Hay and Clover	426,000	96	407,000
Peas, dry <sup>2/</sup>	61,100	106	64,900	Fodder Corn	900	132	1,200
Beans, dry <sup>2/</sup>	95,900	102	97,600				
Buckwheat	290,400	76	222,000				
Mixed Grains	1,150,400	121	1,394,600				
Flaxseed	1,571,300	123	1,937,600				
Shelled Corn	176,200	114	200,900				
Potatoes	497,400	101	502,100				
Field Roots <sup>2/</sup>	113,700	97	109,800	<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Hay and Clover	10,201,700	98	10,033,500	Spring Wheat	2,300	127	2,900
Alfalfa	1,135,100	104	1,177,800	Oats	190,800	98	187,000
Fodder Corn	475,100	100	476,600	Barley	12,000	92	11,000
Sugar Beets	58,500	107	62,700	Beans, dry	900	121	1,100
Summerfallow	19,440,000	100	19,409,000	Buckwheat	15,400	96	14,800
				Mixed grains	9,500	91	8,600
				Potatoes	66,600	102	67,900
				Field Roots	11,400	90	10,300
				Hay and Clover	637,700	99	633,000
				Fodder Corn	1,800	107	1,900
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>							
Spring Wheat	4,400	127	5,600				
Oats	122,000	97	118,000				
Barley	10,700	85	9,100				
Buckwheat	1,200	83	1,000				
Mixed Grains	64,700	98	63,100				
Potatoes	43,500	111	48,200				
Field Roots	12,000	111	13,300				
Hay and Clover	226,000	101	228,000				
Fodder Corn	900	129	1,200				



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Province and Crop	1947 Area	Per Cent of 1947	1948 Area	Province and Crop	1947 Area	Per Cent of 1947	1948 Area
	acres	p.c.	acres		acres	p.c.	acres
<u>QUEBEC</u>				<u>MANITOBA</u>			
Spring Wheat	21,800	110	24,000	Spring Wheat	2,497,000	96	2,397,000
Oats	1,394,700	97	1,354,000	Oats	1,381,000	108	1,491,000
Barley	156,800	72	112,000	Barley	1,901,000	81	1,540,000
Spring rye	8,600	154	13,200	Fall rye	32,000	293	94,000
Peas, dry	17,600	92	16,200	Spring rye	8,000	267	21,000
Beans, dry	10,900	121	13,200	All rye	40,000	288	115,000
Buckwheat	96,400	75	72,500	Buckwheat	2,300	95	2,200
Mixed Grains	275,600	110	302,000	Mixed Grains	13,400	95	12,700
Potatoes	148,700	102	151,000	Flaxseed	556,000	191	1,062,000
Field Roots	25,000	94	23,600	Shelled Corn	10,500	94	9,900
Hay and Clover	4,065,000	98	3,981,000	Potatoes	24,500	96	23,500
Alfalfa	71,900	184	132,000	Hay and clover	244,600	97	237,000
Fodder Corn	95,500	113	108,000	Alfalfa	79,000	95	75,100
Sugar Beets	1,600	225	3,600	Fodder Corn	17,400	92	16,000
				Sugar Beets	9,000	136	12,200
				Summerfallow	2,187,000	94	2,056,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>							
Fall Wheat	712,300	118	844,000				
Spring Wheat	31,100	112	34,800				
All Wheat	743,400	118	878,800				
Oats	1,288,500	129	1,662,000				
Barley	228,000	132	301,000				
Fall Rye	74,800	111	83,000				
Peas, dry	43,500	112	48,700				
Beans, dry	84,100	99	83,300				
Buckwheat	173,500	75	130,000				
Mixed grains	751,100	126	946,000				
Flaxseed	56,200	120	67,400				
Shelled Corn	165,700	115	191,000				
Potatoes	113,700	102	116,000				
Field Roots	53,400	95	50,700				
Hay and Clover	3,362,800	100	3,363,000				
Alfalfa	547,400	100	547,000				
Fodder Corn	348,100	97	338,000				
Sugar Beets	18,600	91	17,000				

Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, by Provinces, Canada 1948

Province and Crop	1947 acres	Per Cent of 1947 p.c.	1948 acres	Province and Crop	1947 acres	Per Cent of 1947 p.c.	1948 acres
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>				<u>ALBERTA (cont'd)</u>			
Spring wheat	14,226,000	101	14,389,000	Flaxseed	257,000	85	218,000
Oats	3,983,000	95	3,772,000	Potatoes	24,500	93	22,800
Barley	2,780,000	83	2,316,000	Hay and clover	696,500	95	665,000
Fall rye	537,000	184	988,000	Alfalfa	223,500	97	217,000
Spring rye	167,000	150	250,000	Fodder corn	900	48	400
All rye	704,000	176	1,238,000	Sugar beets	29,300	102	29,900
Mixed grains	6,200	100	6,200	Summerfallow	5,773,000	107	6,199,000
Flaxseed	700,000	84	588,000	<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Potatoes	37,300	92	34,300	Spring wheat	130,100	89	116,000
Hay and clover	314,100	96	301,500	Oats	84,200	90	75,800
Alfalfa	125,500	99	124,200	Barley	14,900	105	15,600
Fodder corn	6,000	114	6,800	Spring rye	1,000	100	1,000
Summerfallow	11,480,000	97	11,154,000	Mixed grains	8,700	97	8,400
<u>ALBERTA</u>				Flaxseed	2,100	103	2,200
Spring wheat	6,634,000	94	6,259,000	Potatoes	17,100	102	17,400
Oats	2,534,000	94	2,373,000	Field roots	1,900	90	1,700
Barley	2,354,000	95	2,226,000	Hay and clover	229,000	95	218,000
Fall rye	197,000	203	400,000	Alfalfa	87,800	94	82,500
Spring rye	131,000	162	212,000	Fodder corn	3,600	85	3,100
All rye	328,000	187	612,000				
Mixed grains	16,300	255	41,600				

1/ Based on the June Survey of crop acreages except for crops in Ontario and late-sown crops in Manitoba which are derived from crop correspondents' reports.

2/ Excluding the Prairie Provinces.

Table 2.- Preliminary Estimates of Acreages in Principal Crops and Summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces, 1948

Crop	1947 acres	Per Cent of 1947 p.c.	1948 acres
Wheat .....	23,357,000	99	23,045,000
Oats .....	7,898,000	97	7,636,000
Barley .....	7,035,000	86	6,082,000
Rye .....	1,072,000	183	1,965,000
Flaxseed .....	1,513,000	123	1,868,000
Summerfallow .....	19,440,000	100	19,409,000