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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF CROP AND SUMMERFALLOW ACREAGES, 1949

Ottawa, July 21, 1949, 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 1949. The estimates are based on returns from the annual June survey of field crops except for Quebec*, and some late sown crops in other provinces which are derived from reports of crop correspondents. Acreages for 1948 are included for comparative purposes. The estimates are preliminary only and subject to revision in the light of marketing and other check data which will become available after the close of the crop year.

For Canada as a whole the survey indicates wheat acreage in 1949 to be 27.5 million acres, an increase of 14 per cent from the 24.1 million acres sown last year. Oat acreage is estimated at 11.3 million acres compared with 11.2 million in 1948, increases having occurred in all provinces but Saskatchewan, Alberta and Prince Edward Island. Over-all barley acreage was reduced by 7 per cent to a level of 6.0 million acres for all Canada. While increases in barley acreage occurred in all provinces from Manitoba eastward, substantial decreases in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia more than offset the gains in acreage in the eastern part of the country. Rye acreage at 1.2 million is down 44 per cent from last year's near-record level while flax seedings dropped 83 per cent from almost 2 million acres in 1948 to an estimated 334,800 acres this year. The potato acreage is placed at just under half a million acres, down 2 per cent from a year ago. 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 principal grain crops and summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces are summarized. Wheat acreage in the three
Prairie Provinces in 1949 is estimated to be 26.5 million acres compared with
23.0 million in 1948. Oat acreage this year at 7.3 million acres is 3 per cent
below that of a year ago, while barley acreage is down 8 per cent to 5.6 million
acres. Flax seedings have dropped sharply from last year's acreage of 1.9
million to 0.3 million for the current season while rye acreage at 1.1 million
is just over half of last year's level of nearly two million acres. Summerfallow
acreage in 1949 at 21 million is up a million acres from that of the previous year.

Table 3 sets out the 1949 seeded acreage of principal grain crops and summerfallow, by crop districts in the Prairie Provinces.

^{*} Compilation of June survey not yet complete due to large quantity of late returns. Estimates for Quebec will be revised basis June survey for the August 16 estimate of production.

Table 1.- Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada, 1949 1/

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Table 1.- Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada, 1949

Province and Crop	and the second second second	er Cent f 1948	1949 Area	Province and Crop		Cent 1949 1948 Area
	acres	p.c.	acres	77659	acres p	.c. acres
MANITOBA				ALBERTA		
Spring Wheat	2,397,000	132	3,167,000	Spring Wheat	6,259,000	7,586,000
Oats	1,491,000	114	1,703,000	Oats	2,392,000	94 2,255,000
Barley	1,540,000	110	1,699,000	Barley	2,226,000	95 2,118,000
Fall Rye	94,000	43	40,000	Fall Rye	400,000	42 170,000
Spring Rye	21,000	29	6,100	Spring Rye	212,000	73 155,000
All Rye	115,000	40	46,100	All Rye	612,000	53 325,000
Peas, Dry	17,000	- 88	15,000	Peas, Dry	14,500	85 12,30
Buckwheat	2,200	94	2,100	Mixed Grains		105 43,700
Mixed Grains	12,700	131	16,600	Flaxseed	250,0002/	15 37,500
Flaxseed	1,062,000	14	146,000	Potatoes		111 25,40
Shelled Corn	9,900	202	20,000	Hay and Clover		100 665,000
Potatoes	26,300	99	26,000	Alfalfa		112 243,000
Hay and Clover	237,000	96	227,000	Fodder Corn		175 700
Alfalfa	75,100	125	94,000	Sugar Beets		111 32,40
Fodder Corn	16,000	125	20,000	Summerfallow	6,199,000	99 6,116,00
Sugar Beets	9,500	165	15.700		,,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Summerfallow	2,056,000	105	2,156,000			

SASMATCHEMAN				BRITISH COLUMBIA			
Spring Theat	14,389,000	109	15,737,000	Spring Wheat	116,000	128	149,000
Oats	3,652,000	93		Oats	75,800	110	83,400
Barley	2,316,000	78	1,800,000	Barley	15,600	88	13,700
Fall Rye	988,000	56	557,000	Spring Rye	1,000	68	700
Spring Rye	250,000	53	133,000	Peas, Dry	2,500	140	3,500
· All Rye	1,238,000	56	690,000	Beans, Dry	500	81	400
Peas, Dry	2,300	87	2,000	Mixed Grains	8,400	95	8,000
Mixed Grains	6,200	96	6,000	Flaxseed	2,200	49	1,100
Flaxseed	588,000	22	129,000	Potatoes	17,400	98	17,000
Potatoes	34,300	96	32,900	Field Roots	1,700	100	1,700
Hay and Clover	301,500	94	283,000	Hay and Clover	218,000	97	211,000
Alfalfa	124,200	120	149,000	Alfalfa	82,500	115	94,900
Fodder Corn	6,800	61	4,100	Fodder Corn	3,100	131	4,100
Summerfallow	11,736,000	108	12,686,000				

Based on the June Survey of crop acreages except for crops in Quebec and some late-sown crops in other provinces where data have been obtained from reports of Crop Correspondents.

^{2/} Revised.

Table 2.- Preliminary Estimates of Acreages in Principal Crops and Summerfallow in the Prairie Provinces, 1949

	1948	Per Cent of 1948	1949
	acres	p.c.	acres
Meat	23,045,000	115	26,490,000
Oats	7,535,000	97	7,339,000
Barley	6,082,000	92	5,617,000
Rye	1,965,000	54	1,061,100
Flaxseed 1	1,900,000	16	312,500
Summerfallow	19,991,000	105	20,958,000

^{1/} Revised.

Table III - Seeded Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow, by Crop Districts, Prairie Provinces, 1949 1/

Province		Crop Distric	t	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Summer fallow
Tintana a	95.2	002	W CIK	- 6	000 acres -	Louisine Company	wild in
MANITOBA		1		275	101	38	155
		2		440	173	195	310
		3		843	450	502	419
		4		40	23	26	21
		5		146	90	112	69
		6		47	41	21	20
		7		375	190	150	325
		8		245	140	119	200
		9		180	117	110	130
		10		240	151	180	227
		11		150	100	95	130
		12		51	42	50	33
		13		90	45	75	67
		14		45	40	26	50
Provincial Tot	al			3,167	1,703	1,699	2,156
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SASKATCHEWAN		lA		588	200	75	483
		18		356	240	74	339
		24		582	126	70	523
		2B		1,269	120	38	782
		3AS		1,036	116	97	793
		3AN		564	75	127	490
		3BS		693	57	86	762
		3BN		1,035	66	83	931
		4A		362	28	45	402
	204	4B		722	10	19	424
		5A		860	288	136	752
		5B		774	345	224	833
		6A		1,311	248	94	1,070
		6B		1,124	208	74	821
		7A		1,371	76	39	689
		7B		659	323	47	578
		8A		452	168	174	44]
		8B		677	196	114	603
		9A		739	283	123	638
				563	208	61	334
		9B		200			

^{1/} Based on the June Survey of crops.

Table III - Seeded Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow by Crop Districts, Prairie Provinces, 1949 $\frac{1}{2}$ (concluded)

Province	Crop District	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Summer
10110		0.00 (000 acres -		
ALBERTA	1	841	23	53	765
	2	552	45	52	425
	3A	150	3	3	132
	3B	197	25	20	60
	4	794	75	65	667
	5	617	89	30	457
	6	941	186	225	907
- Contract Contract	7	738	221	76	545
	8	656	309	338	625
	9	113	66	196	163
	10	716	376	239	508
	11	192	231	289	274
	12	27	32	23	40
	13	153	89	102	106
	14	291	159	293	171
	15	106	82	38	39
	16	468	235	74	213
	17	34	9	2	19
Provincial To	tal	7,586	2,255	2,118	6,116

^{1/} Based on the June Survey of Crops.