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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.

Note:- Data for Newfoundland not yet available.

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

Province and Crop	1948 Area	Per Cent of 1948	1949 Area	Province and Crop	1948 Area	Per Cent of 1948	1949 Area
	acres	p.c.	acres		acres	p.c.	acres
<u>CANADA</u>				<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Fall Wheat	858,500	93	798,000	Spring Wheat	2,900	124	3,600
Spring Wheat	23,247,400	115	26,731,100	Oats	187,000	101	189,000
All Wheat	24,105,900	114	27,529,100	Barley	11,000	136	15,000
Oats	11,200,500	101	11,327,900	Beans, Dry	1,100	127	1,400
Barley	6,495,300	93	6,049,300	Buckwheat	14,800	99	14,700
Fall Rye	1,605,900	54	866,700	Mixed Grains	8,600	117	10,100
Spring Rye	497,200	62	308,000	Potatoes	67,900	90	61,400
All Rye	2,103,100	56	1,174,700	Field Roots	10,300	86	8,900
Peas, Dry	82,200	90	74,100	Hay and Clover	633,000	99	628,000
Beans, Dry	92,400	96	88,800	Fodder Corn	1,900	74	1,400
Buckwheat	186,300	92	171,500				
Mixed Grains	1,541,500	110	1,689,200	<u>QUEBEC</u>			
Flaxseed	1,966,500 ^{2/}	17	334,800	Spring Wheat	24,000	98	23,500
Shelled Corn	252,300	105	265,000	Oats	1,381,000	102	1,409,000
Potatoes	508,200	98	499,300	Barley	144,300	103	148,600
Field Roots	109,800	100	110,100	Spring Rye	13,200	100	13,200
Hay and Clover	9,748,000	99	9,624,200	Peas, Dry	16,200	88	14,300
Alfalfa	1,317,300	113	1,486,600	Beans, Dry	12,500	88	11,000
Fodder Corn	538,800	99	536,100	Buckwheat	75,100	95	71,300
Sugar Beets	60,000	142	85,250	Mixed Grains	299,000	99	296,000
Summerfallow	19,991,000	105	20,958,000	Potatoes	155,000	94	146,000
				Field Roots	22,400	94	21,100
				Hay and Clover	4,032,000	99	3,992,000
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>				Alfalfa	86,300	97	83,700
Spring Wheat	5,600	116	6,500	Fodder Corn	106,600	101	107,700
Oats	118,000	96	113,000	Sugar Beets	2,900	224	6,500
Barley	9,100	112	10,200				
Buckwheat	1,000	100	1,000	<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Mixed Grains	63,100	110	69,500	Fall Wheat	858,500	93	798,000
Potatoes	48,200	102	49,400	Spring Wheat	52,300	108	56,500
Field Roots	13,300	100	13,300	All Wheat	910,800	94	854,500
Hay and Clover	228,000	99	225,000	Oats	1,835,600	116	2,125,000
Fodder Corn	1,200	95	1,100	Barley	226,100	105	237,000
				Fall Rye	123,900	80	99,700
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>				Peas, Dry	29,700	91	27,000
Spring Wheat	1,600	125	2,000	Beans, Dry	78,300	97	76,000
Oats	68,100	102	69,500	Buckwheat	91,700	89	81,300
Barley	7,200	108	7,800	Mixed Grains	1,095,900	113	1,233,000
Buckwheat	1,500	73	1,100	Flaxseed	64,300	33	21,200
Mixed Grains	6,000	105	6,300	Shelled Corn	242,400	101	245,000
Potatoes	21,000	101	21,200	Potatoes	115,300	104	120,000
Field Roots	10,200	89	9,100	Field Roots	51,900	108	56,000
Hay and Clover	407,000	96	391,200	Hay and Clover	3,026,500	99	3,002,000
Fodder Corn	1,200	83	1,000	Alfalfa	732,200	112	822,000
				Fodder Corn	401,600	99	396,000
				Sugar Beets	18,400	167	30,650

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

Province and Crop	1948 Area	Per Cent of 1948	1949 Area	Province and Crop	1948 Area	Per Cent of 1948	1949 Area
	acres	p.c.	acres		acres	p.c.	acres
<u>MANITOBA</u>				<u>ALBERTA</u>			
Spring Wheat	2,397,000	132	3,167,000	Spring Wheat	6,259,000	121	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	12,300
Buckwheat	2,200	94	2,100	Mixed Grains	41,600	105	43,700
Mixed Grains	12,700	131	16,600	Flaxseed	250,000 ^{2/}	15	37,500
Flaxseed	1,062,000	14	146,000	Potatoes	22,800	111	25,400
Shelled Corn	9,900	202	20,000	Hay and Clover	665,000	100	665,000
Potatoes	26,300	99	26,000	Alfalfa	217,000	112	243,000
Hay and Clover	237,000	96	227,000	Fodder Corn	400	175	700
Alfalfa	75,100	125	94,000	Sugar Beets	29,200	111	32,400
Fodder Corn	16,000	125	20,000	Summerfallow	6,199,000	99	6,116,000
Sugar Beets	9,500	165	15,700				
Summerfallow	2,056,000	105	2,156,000				
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>				<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Spring Wheat	14,389,000	109	15,737,000	Spring Wheat	116,000	128	149,000
Oats	3,652,000	93	3,381,000	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				

^{1/} 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.

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

	1 9 4 8	Per Cent of 1948	1 9 4 9
	acres	p.c.	acres
Wheat	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 District	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Summer-fallow
- 000 acres -					
<u>MANITOBA</u>	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 Total		3,167	1,703	1,699	2,156
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>	1A	588	200	75	483
	1B	356	240	74	339
	2A	582	126	70	523
	2B	1,269	120	38	782
	3AS	1,036	116	97	791
	3AN	564	75	127	490
	3BS	693	57	86	762
	3BN	1,035	66	83	931
	4A	362	28	45	402
	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	441
	8B	677	196	114	603
	9A	739	283	123	638
	9B	563	208	61	334
Provincial Total		15,737	3,381	1,800	12,686

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

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

Province	Crop District	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Summer-fallow
- 000 acres -					
<u>ALBERTA</u>	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
	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 Total		7,586	2,255	2,118	6,116

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