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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF CROP AND SUMMERFALLOW ACREAGES, CANADA, 1961

The acreage estimates for 1961 are, with some exceptions based on returns from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual June survey of seeded acreages and have been made in consultation with the officials responsible for agricultural statistics in each of the provinces. Data on sugar beets have been obtained from the processing companies, and abandonment since seeding has been taken into account. Estimates for some crops grown in relatively small areas have been made with the assistance of provincial and trade officials. As in former years, current estimates are subject to revision in the light of further information received during the season and when marketing and other check data become available after the end of the crop year.

The preliminary estimates of 1961 crop acreages indicate that Canadian farmers seeded 23.8 million acres to all classes of wheat, an increase of 3 per cent from the 1960 level; 11.6 million acres to oats, an increase of 4 per cent, and 6.1 million acres to barley, a decrease of 17 per cent from 1960. Flax seedings decreased by 8 per cent to 2.4 million acres. Rapeseed at 744,700 acres decreased 2 per cent this year and soybeans at 272,500 acres increased 6 per cent compared with last year's plantings. Rye seedings, at 519,800 acres are down some 4 per cent from those of 1960 and mixed grains at 1.6 million acres increased 13 per cent from 1960 sowings. Other crops showing increases in area from 1960 levels are: dry peas (up 21 per cent); potatoes (up 6 per cent); tame hay (up 1 per cent); and fodder corn (up 6 per cent). The acreage seeded to dry beans was practically unchanged from that of 1960 while smaller acreages than in 1960 are reported for corn for grain (down 1 per cent); buckwheat (down 9 per cent); field roots (down 3 per cent); and sugar beets (down 1 per cent). The area in summerfallow, at 24.4 million acres is 2 per cent above that of 1960.

For Canada as a whole the area seeded to the eighteen spring-planted crops covered in this report is estimated at 47.7 million acres compared with 48.0 million acres in 1960 and the ten-year (1950-59) average of 48.7 million. Total acreage in the eighteen spring-planted crops, together with winter wheat, fall rye, tame hay and summerfallow amounted to 85.3 million acres compared with 85.0 million last year.

WHEAT Total wheat acreage in Canada in 1961, estimated at 23.8 million acres, is 3 per cent up from last year's 23.2 million, but is one per cent below the ten-year (1950-59) average of 24.1 million acres. In the Prairie Provinces where most of Canada's wheat is grown, acreage is estimated at 23.2 million, an increase of 3 per cent over last year's 22.6 million but still one per cent below the ten-year average of 23.4 million.

Preliminary estimates of <u>durum</u> wheat acreage in the Prairie Provinces at 1.8 million acres indicate a 103 per cent increase in acreage this year compared with 1960.

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

In Manitoba, total wheat acreage, including durum, increased some 4 per cent from 2.7 million acres to 2.8 million in 1961. In Saskatchewan acreage increased from 14.9 to 15.1 million, while in Alberta a 5 per cent increase occurred, with the 1961 acreage being placed at 5.3 million compared with last year's 5.1 million. Ontario's winter wheat area at 550,000 acres in 1961 increased by 5 per cent from the 1960 level of 525,000 but is still 13 per cent below the 1950-59 average of 634,500 acres.

OATS The area seeded to oats in Canada in 1961 is estimated at 11.6 million acres, some 4 per cent larger than that of 1960 and 5 per cent greater than the ten-year average area of 11.0 million acres. In the Prairie Provinces the oats acreage, at 8.3 million acres, is 5 per cent larger than that of 1960, with increases occurring in all three provinces. Acreages in 1961 for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, are 2.0, 3.4 and 2.8 million acres. British Columbia's oats acreage at 84,400 is 2 per cent above that of last year. Increases in oats acreage were also registered in each of the five eastern provinces. Ontario's 1961 acreage is placed at 1.6 million acres, with Quebec accounting for 1.3 million.

BARLEY Canadian barley acreage for 1961 at 6.1 million acres declined 17 per cent from the 1960 level of 7.4 million with decreases recorded in all provinces but the Maritimes. Barley acreage in the Prairies is placed at 5.9 million, down 18 per cent from the 1960 level. In Manitoba the seeded area decreased from 1.1 million in 1960 to 0.8 million in 1961; in Saskatchewan, acreage decreased from 2.6 to 2.0 million; and in Alberta from 3.5 to 3.1 million during the same period. In Ontario, barley acreage decreased 3 per cent establishing a new record low of 84,000 acres.

RYE Rye acreage at 519,800 is 4 per cent below the 1960 level and 40 per cent below the ten-year (1950-59) average. Fall seedings of rye were down 4 per cent, while spring rye declined by 7 per cent. The greater part of Canada's rye is grown in the Prairie Provinces where the 1961 acreage is estimated at 429,400 acres as against 450,000 acres in 1960.

OILSEEDS Following last year's substantial increase in acreage, flaxseed plantings declined in 1961. This year 2.4 million acres were sown to flax in Canada, a decrease of 8 per cent from the 1960 level of 2.6 million acres. The 1961 acreage, however, is still 30 per cent greater than the 1950-59 average of 1.8 million. In Saskatchewan, where the largest area is sown, the acreage decreased 7 per cent in 1961. In Manitoba, flax acreage in 1961 registered an increase of 3 per cent, but in Alberta a sharp decline of 25 per cent is indicated. Flax sowings in Ontario and British Columbia show increases of 20 per cent and 8 per cent respectively over 1960 levels.

Soybeans seedings at a record 272,500 acres in 1961 increased by 6 per cent from last year's level of 256,500 acres and are 25 per cent above the 1950-59 average of 218,500. The province of Ontario accounts for 272,000 acres of this year's total with Manitoba, the only other commercial producer, having an estimated 500 acres in this crop. Commercial rapeseed production is carried on only in the Prairie Provinces where in 1961 an estimated 744,700 acres were seeded to this crop. An acreage of this size represents a decrease of 2 per cent from last year's record seedings of 763,000 acres. The acreage seeded to sunflowers at 25,000 acres represents a decline of 2 per cent from the 1960 level of 25,500 acres. Some 152,000 acres of mustard seed were seeded in 1961 compared with 156,050 acres in 1960. Marked increases in the acreage seeded to this crop occurred in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but sowings were down sharply in Alberta.

POTATOES The area seeded to potatoes is estimated at 331,700 acres, up 6 per cent from last season's 314,100 acres. All provinces except Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan, where no change is indicated, registered increases in acreage.

In New Brunswick, the estimated increase is 8 per cent, while in Nova Scotia the increase amounts to 5 per cent. In Quebec the increase is 6 per cent while in Ontario and British Columbia the increase is 5 per cent in both provinces. The increase in seeded acreage in 1961 over 1960 for Manitoba and Alberta, respectively, is 25 per cent and 4 per cent.

TAME HAY The area of tame hay, at a record level of 12.3 million acres this year, is about one per cent above the 1960 figure of 12.2 million. Increases in the four western provinces more than offset a net decline in the five eastern provinces.

OTHER CROPS The acreage of sugar beets remaining for harvest on or about July 15, 1961 amounted to 85,118 acres, about one per cent below last year's harvested area of 86,060 acres and 5 per cent below the 1950-59 average of 89,214 acres. Acreage increases of 38 and 15 per cent, respectively, were registered in Quebec and Ontario but these were more than offset by decreases of 16 and 3 per cent in Manitoba and Alberta. Ontario's 1961 acreage of corn for grain is placed at 500,000 acres, down one per cent from 1960, while Manitoba's seedings of 9,600 acres are down 4 per cent from the 1960 level. Other spring-planted crops showing an increase in area in 1961 with 1960 acreages in brackets, are as follows: mixed grains, 1.6 million (1.4 million); dry peas, 65,400 (54,000); and fodder corn, 391,400 (370,200). Those showing a decrease in area this year, with 1960 figures in brackets, are as follows: buckwheat, 77,500 (85,000) and field roots, 26,700 (27,400). Dry beans at 66,900 acres are little changed from last year's 67,200 acres.

Summerfallow acreage in the Prairie Provinces in 1961 is estimated at 24.4 million acres, an increase of 2 per cent from last year's 23.9 million acres and 3 per cent larger than the 1950-59 average of 23.6 million acres.

Note

Acreages of those crops for which 1961 estimates are currently available (except for mustard seed, sunflower seed, canary grass seed and durum wheat which are to be found in Table 2) are shown in Table 1 for Canada as a whole and by provinces, together with the figures for 1959 and 1960 and ten-year averages for the 1950-59 period. It should also be noted that, as a result of rounding, the sum of the provincial ten-year averages does not exactly equal the ten-year Canada average for some crops.

Table 3 sets out, by crop districts for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, estimates of the 1961 area seeded to wheat, oats and barley and the area in summerfallow, with comparable data for 1960. Table 4 summarizes acreages in the major field crops and summerfallow for the Prairie Provinces as a whole. An outline map showing the boundaries of the crop districts in the Prairie Provinces will be found on the back page of this report.

Table 1: Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada 1961 with Comparisons

Province and Crop	Average 1950-1959	1959	1960	1961	1961 as Per Cent of 1960
		- ac	res -		%
CANADA 1/				*** ***	305
Winter wheat	634,500	425,000	525,000	550,000	105
Spring wheat 2/	23,482,900	22,639,900	22,673,200	23,242,300	103
All wheat	24,117,400	23,064,900	23,198,200	23,792,300	103
Oats for grain	11,017,600	11,391,300	11,146,700	11,583,400	104
Barley	8,509,400	8,288,600	7,359,700	6,089,900	96
Fall rye 3/	601,000	405,700	442,100	425,600	93
Spring rye	266,400	110,900	101,000	94,200	96
All rye	867,400	516,600	543,100	519,800	92
Flaxseed	1,812,200	2,150,700	2,577,200	2,362,900	
Mixed grains	1,537,400	1,500,500	1,380,600	1,562,900	113 99
Corn for grain	443,100	488,900	514,000	509,600	91
Buckwheat	124,200	83,300	85,000	77,500	121
Peas, dry	63,000	63,900	54,000	65,400	100
Beans, dry	66,100	68,000	67,200	66,900	106
Soybeans	218,500	251,000	256,500	272,500	106
Potatoes	312,100	294,100	314,100	331,700	98
Rapeseed	204,000 7/	213,500	763,000	744,700 <u>8</u> / 12,316,000	101
Tame hay	10,916,800	11,779,000	12,176,000	391,400	106
Fodder corn	380,900	369,000	27,400	26,700	97
Field roots 4/	41,200	29,900	86,060	85,118	99
Sugar beets 5/ Summerfallow 6/	89,214 23,640,000	90,453	23,938,000	24,372,000 8/	102
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PRINCE EDWARD I	SLAND				
Spring wheat	3,500	3,500	3,000	2,700	90
Oats for grain	97,100	100,000	105,000	108,000	103
Barley	2,600	800	700	700	100
Mixed grains	62,200	50,000	47,000	45,000	96
Potatoes	40,900	42,000	45,000	45,000	100
Tame hay	205,600	206,000	204,000	203,000	100
Field roots	6,700	5,300	4,500	4,000	89
NOVA SCOTIA					
Spring wheat	900	600	500	500	110
Oats for grain	49,300	39,000	36,000	38,000	106
Barley	2,600	1,300	900	1,000	110
Mixed grains	10,000	11,400	10,900	11,400	105
Potatoes	11,200	9,500	9,400	9,900	105
Tame hay	325,000	308,000	305,000	297,000	97
Field roots	3,900	2,700	2,500	2,300	93

In some provinces the area seeded to certain crops is too small to permit reliable annual estimates. Acreages in such crops have not been included in the totals for Canada.

^{2/} Includes relatively small acreages of winter wheat in all provinces other than Ontario.

^{3/} Includes small acreages of spring rye in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

^{4/} Excludes Prairie Provinces and British Columbia for which current estimates are not available.

^{5/} Harvested area except for 1961. The estimates for 1961 represent the area currently remaining for harvest.

^{6/} Prairie Provinces only. 7/ Broken period average. 8/ Revised.

Table 1: Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada, 1961 with Comparisons (continued)

Province and Crop	Average 1950-1959	1959	1960	1961	1961 as Per Cent of 1960
NEW BRUNSWICK		- a	cres -		%
Spring wheat Oats for grain Barley Mixed grains Buckwheat Potatoes Tame hay Field roots	2,600 143,100 7,700 6,100 12,000 45,800 413,600 3,400	2,300 125,000 3,600 6,000 4,500 44,600 374,000 2,300	2,100 118,000 2,800 5,100 4,400 50,000 365,000 2,200	1,800 120,000 2,800 5,200 3,000 54,000 360,000 2,000	86 102 100 102 68 108 99
Spring wheat Oats for grain Barley Fall rye Mixed grains Buckwheat Peas, dry Beans, dry Potatoes Tame hay Fodder corn Field roots Sugar beets	13,400 1,334,200 43,800 6,900 204,000 42,700 3,600 1,300 96,000 3,553,800 73,800 10,100 7,104	12,300 1,303,000 20,700 7,500 168,000 28,800 3,600 1,300 82,500 3,508,000 55,200 6,900 4,503	10,100 1,335,000 18,800 9,100 145,000 25,600 2,900 1,200 80,800 3,547,000 55,200 5,400 5,423	8,400 1,344,000 14,500 10,100 164,000 21,500 2,600 900 85,300 3,458,000 57,900 6,400 7,500	83 101 77 111 113 84 91 75 106 97 105 119 138
ONTARIO Winter wheat Spring wheat All wheat Oats for grain Barley Fall rye Flaxseed Mixed grains Corn for grain Buckwheat Peas, dry Beans, dry Soybeans Potatoes Tame hay Fodder corn Field roots Sugar beets	634,500 28,800 663,300 1,669,400 141,300 80,800 30,600 1,002,600 428,600 48,600 9,600 64,800 216,800 58,300 3,323,300 282,000 17,000 26,015	425,000 17,300 442,300 1,853,000 100,000 73,000 9,000 767,000 480,000 25,000 7,000 66,700 248,000 53,000 3,300,000 280,000 12,700 33,306	525,000 17,000 542,000 1,557,000 87,000 83,000 9,200 670 000 504,000 30,000 6,500 66,000 256,000 61,000 3,400,000 282,000 12,800 14,258	550,000 14,000 564,000 1,600,000 84,000 79,000 11,000 735,000 500,000 23,000 5,700 66,000 272,000 64,000 3,400,000 287,000 12,000 16,374	105 82 104 103 97 95 120 110 99 77 88 100 106 105 100 102 94

Table 1: Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada, 1961 with Comparisons (continued)

Province and Crop	Average 1950-1959	1959	1960	1961	1961 as Per Cent of 1960
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MANITOBA Spring wheat Oats for grain Barley Fall rye Spring rye All rye Flaxseed Mixed grains Corn for grain	2,294,000 1,648,000 1,876,000 71,500 10,800 82,300 565,200 61,400 14,500	2,594,000 1,729,000 1,349,000 75,600 7,400 83,000 575,000 143,000 8,900	2,659,000 1,831,000 1,071,000 79,000 6,000 85,000 707,000 145,000 10,000	2,765,000 2,013,000 795,000 75,900 4,000 79,900 728,000 <u>8</u> / 181,000 9,600	104 110 74 96 67 94 103 125 96
Buckwheat Peas, dry Soybeans Potatoes Rapeseed Tame hay Fodder corn Sugar beets	26,600 35,300 4,300 16,200 14,600 7/ 571,300 19,300 20,111	25,000 40,000 3,000 15,500 12,000 797,000 28,000 17,500	25,000 30,000 500 17,000 33,000 870,000 26,900 25,000	30,000 38,000 500 21,200 30,700 <u>8</u> / 922,000 40,000 21,000	120 127 100 125 93 106 149
Summerfallow	2,944,000	2,971,000	2,886,000	2,742,000	95
SASKATCHEWAN Spring wheat Oats for grain Barley Fall rye Spring rye All rye Flaxseed Mixed grains Peas, dry Potatoes Rapeseed Tame hay Fodder corn Summerfallow ALBERTA	15,215,000 3,304,000 2,986,000 303,800 194,700 498,500 887,500 43,900 2,000 15,000 171,500 642,800 2,000 13,952,000	14,803,000 3,303,000 3,148,000 175,000 78,600 253,600 975,000 80,000 3,000 17,400 165,000 837,000 2,700 14,816,000	14,871,000 3,352,000 2,635,000 190,000 75,000 265,000 1,250,000 80,000 20,000 550,000 895,000 3,000 14,452,000	15,093,000 3,434,000 2,034,000 167,000 67,500 234,500 1,162,000 102,000 3,200 20,000 448,000 934,000 3,300 15,030,000 8/	101 102 77 88 90 88 93 128 106 100 81 104 111 104
Spring wheat Oats for grain Barley Fall rye Spring rye All rye Flaxseed Mixed grains Peas, dry Potatoes Rapeseed Tame hay Sugar beets Summerfallow	5,854,000 2,680,000 3,393,000 135,900 61,000 196,900 319,600 144,000 8,100 18,100 42,100 II 1,551,200 35,984 6,744,000	5,160,000 2,850,000 3,610,000 73,400 24,900 98,300 580,000 272,000 4,700 18,800 36,500 2,075,000 35,144 6,738,000	5,060,000 2,730,000 3,490,000 80,000 20,000 100,000 600,000 275,000 6,200 20,000 180,000 2,200,000 41,379 6,600,000	5,304,000 2,842,000 3,107,000 92,300 22,700 115,000 450,000 316,000 11,700 20,900 266,000 2,340,000 40,244 6,600,000	105 104 89 115 114 115 75 115 189 104 148 106

Table 1: Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada, 1961 with Comparisons (continued)

Province and Crop	Average 1950-1959	1959	1960	1961	1961 as Per Cent of 1960
BRITISH COLUMBIA		-	acres -		
Spring wheat Oats for grain Barley Fall rye Flaxseed Mixed grains Peas, dry Potatoes Tame hay Fodder corn	69,800 93,100 56,500 2,100 9,300 3,200 4,400 10,600 330,200 3,100	46,900 89,300 55,200 1,200 11,700 3,100 5,600 10,800 374,000 3,100	50,500 82,700 53,500 1,000 11,000 2,600 5,400 10,900 390,000 3,100	52,900 84,400 50,900 1,300 11,900 3,300 4,200 11,400 402,000 3,200	105 102 95 130 108 128 78 105 103 102

Table 2: Preliminary Estimates of Specified Crop Acreages
1961 Compared with 1960

Grop	1960 Area	Per Cent of 1960	1961 Area
	- acres -	%	- acres -
MUSTARD SEED			
Manitoba	450	2,667	12,000
Saskatchewan Alberta	15,600 140,000 //5, ~~~	417-353	55 65 ,000 75,000
Total	131,650 156,050	97. 108	152,000
SUNFLOWER SEED			
Manitoba Alberta	19,000 6,500	111 62	21,000 4,000
Total	25,500	98	25,000
CANARY CRASS SEED	No	No	
Manitoba	Estimate	Estimate	7,000
DURUM WHEAT			
Manitoba	55,000	182	100,000
Saskatchewan Alberta	775,000	193 372	1,494,000
Total	883,000	203	1,791,000

Table 3: Estimated Seeded Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow,
Prairie Provinces, by Crop Districts, 1960 and 1961

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Table 4: Preliminary Estimates of Acreages in Principal Crops and Summerfallow, Prairie Provinces, 1961 with Comparisons

Crops	Average 1950-1959	1959	1960	1961	1961 as Per Cent
			- acres -		Z
Wheat	23,364,000	22.557.000	22,590,000	23,162,000	103
Oats	7,631,000	7,882,000	7,913,000	8,289,000	105
Barley	8,255,000	8,107,000	7,196,000	5,936,000	82
Rye	777,600	434,900	450,000	429,400	95
Flaxseed	1,772,300	2,130,000	2,557,000	2,340,000	92
Tame hay	2,765,300	3,709,000	3,965,000	4,196,000	106
Summerfallow	23,640,000	24,525,000	23,938,000	24,372,000	102

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No.	Title	Price
	Periodicals	
22-001	Coarse Grains Quarterly per year	\$2.00
22-002	Field Crop Reports (seasonal) per year	\$4.00
22-003	Fruit and Vegetable Crop	
	Reports (seasonal) per year	\$1.00
22-004	Grain Statistics Weekly per year	\$3.00
22-005	Wheat Review (monthly) per year	\$3.00
-	Annuals	
22-201	Grain Trade of Canada	\$1.50
22-202	Greenhouse Industry	.50
22-203	Shipments of Fruit and Ornamental	
100	Nursery Stock	•50
22-204	Production and Value of Maple Products	.25

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