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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF CROP AND SUMMERFALLOW ACREAGES, CANADA, 1965

The acreage estimates for 1965 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 1965 crop acreages indicates that Canadian farmers seeded 28.3 million acres to all classes of wheat, a decrease of 5 per cent from the 1964 level; 9.6 million acres to oats, a decrease of one per cent, and 6.0 million acres to barley, an increase of 11 per cent from 1964. Flax seedings increased by 13 per cent to 2.2 million acres. Rapeseed at a record 1,435,000 acres increased 81 per cent this year and soybeans at a record 265,000 acres increased 15 per cent compared with last year's plantings. Rye seedings, at 745,500 acres are up 10 per cent while mixed grains at 1.5 million acres increased 5 per cent from 1964 sowings. Corn for grain acreage at 752,000 increased 14 per cent and set a new record. Other crops showing increases in area from 1964 levels are: Beans, dry (up 13 per cent); Potatoes (up 6 per cent); Tame hay (up one per cent) and Fodder corn (up 11 per cent). Smaller acreages than in 1964 are reported for Buckwheat (down 11 per cent); Peas, dry (down 22 per cent); Field roots (down 7 per cent) and Sugar beets (down 14 per cent). The area in summerfallow, at 26.6 million acres, is one per cent above that of 1964.

For Canada as a whole the area seeded to the sixteen spring-planted crops covered in this report is estimated at 51.0 million acres compared with 50.6 million acres in 1964. Total acreage in the sixteen spring-planted crops, together with winter wheat, fall rye, tame hay and summerfallow amounts to 91.2 million acres compared with 90.5 million last year.

WHEAT Total wheat acreage in Canada in 1965, estimated at 28.3 million acres, is 5 per cent smaller than last year's 29.7 million. In the Prairie Provinces, where most of Canada's wheat is grown, acreage is estimated at 27.8 million, a decrease of 4 per cent from last year's 29.1 million.

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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Preliminary estimates of durum wheat acreage in the Prairie Provinces at 0.8 million acres indicate a 56 per cent decrease in acreage this year compared with 1964.

In Manitoba, total wheat acreage, including durum, decreased some 4 per cent from 3.4 million acres to 3.2 million in 1965. In Saskatchewan acreage decreased from 19.2 to 18.5 million, while in Alberta a 7 per cent decrease occurred, with the 1965 acreage being placed at 6.0 million compared with last year's 6.5 million. Ontario's winter wheat area remaining for harvest at 362,000 acres in 1965 decreased by 20 per cent from the 1964 level of 455,000 and is 37 per cent below the 1953-62 average of 578,000 acres.

OATS The area seeded to oats in Canada in 1965 is estimated at 9.6 million acres, some one per cent smaller than that of 1964 and 14 per cent smaller than the ten-year average area of 11.2 million acres. In the Prairie Provinces the oats acreage, at 6.6 million acres, is one per cent larger than that of 1964. Acreages in 1965 for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, are 1.6, 2.3 and 2.6 million acres. British Columbia's oats acreage at 60,000 is 27 per cent below that of last year. Decreases in the acreage of oats were also registered in the Maritime Provinces except in New Brunswick where a 5 per cent increase occurred. Ontario's 1965 oat acreage is placed at 1.6 million acres, and Quebec at 1.2 million, down 5 and 2 per cent respectively from the 1964 levels. It should be noted that acreage in the Prairie Provinces includes oats seeded for all purposes. A survey to be taken in conjunction with the August 15 forecast of yields will be used to determine the area harvested or to be harvested for grain.

BARLEY Canadian barley acreage for 1965 at 6.0 million acres increased 11 per cent from the 1964 level of 5.5 million but is 24 per cent below the ten-year average of 7.9 million. Barley acreage in the Prairies is placed at 5.7 million, up 10 per cent from the 1964 level. In Manitoba the 1965 seeded area is 0.6 million compared to 0.5 million in 1964, in Saskatchewan, 1.8 compared to 1.4 million; and in Alberta, 3.4 compared to 3.3 million acres. In Ontario, barley acreage increased 24 per cent.

RYE Rye acreage at 745,500 is 10 per cent above the 1964 level and 8 per cent above the 10-year (1953-62) average. Fall seedings of rye were up 11 per cent, and spring rye increased by 2 per cent. The greater part of Canada's rye is grown in the Prairie Provinces where the 1965 acreage is estimated at 691,000 acres as compared with 619,900 in 1964.

OILSEEDS The 1965 flaxseed plantings at 2.2 million acres showed an increase of 13 per cent over the 1964 level of 2.0 million acres. The 1965 acreage is 6 per cent larger than the 1953-62 average of 2.1 million. In Manitoba, where the largest area is now sown the acreage increased 13 per cent in 1965. Saskatchewan registered an increase of 17 per cent, while Alberta increased 12 per cent. Flax sowings in Ontario show an increase of 2 per cent and British Columbia an increase of 30 per cent from 1964. In Quebec a 22 per cent decrease occurred this year.

Soybeans seedings at a record 265,000 acres in 1965 increased 15 per cent from last year's level of 231,000 acres and are 12 per cent larger than the 1953-62 average. Commercial rapeseed production is carried on only in the Prairie Provinces where in 1965 an estimated 1,435,000 acres were seeded to this crop. This represents an increase of 81 per cent from last year's seedings of 791,000 acres and establishes a new record for the second year in succession. The acreage seeded to sunflowers at 72,000 acres represents a decrease of 13 per cent from the 1964 level of 82,500 acres.

POTATOES The area seeded to potatoes is estimated at 298,800 acres, up 6 per cent from last season's 281,200 acres. All provinces registered increases in acreage.

TAME HAY The area of tame hay, at a record 12.7 million acres this year, is one per cent above the 1964 figure of 12.5 million and 11 per cent larger than the ten-year average of 11.4 million acres.

OTHER CROPS The acreage of sugar beets remaining for harvest on or about the end of July, amounted to 86,959 acres, 14 per cent below last year's harvested area of 101,312 acres but one per cent above the 1953-62 average of 86,100 acres. Acreage decreases were registered in all provinces. Ontario's 1965 acreage of corn for grain placed at a record 740,000 acres, is up 14 per cent from the 1964 level and Manitoba's seedings of 12,000 acres are up 20 per cent. Other spring-planted crops showing an increase in area in 1965 with 1964 acreages in brackets, are as follows: Mixed grains, 1,505,700 (1,431,300); Beans, dry 85,800 (76,000) and Fodder corn, 470,100 (424,700). Those showing a decrease in area this year are as follows: Buckwheat, 52,900 (59,500); Peas, dry 55,400 (71,000) and Field roots, 23,200 (24,900). Summerfallow acreage in the Prairie Provinces in 1965 is estimated at 26.6 million acres, an increase of one per cent from last year's 26.4 million acres, and 3 per cent larger than the 1953-62 average of 25.8 million acres.

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Acreages of crops for which 1965 estimates are currently available (except for sunflower 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 1963 and 1964 and ten-year averages for the 1953-62 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 1965 area seeded to wheat, oats and barley and the area in summerfallow, with comparable data for 1964. 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 is on the back page of this report.

TABLE 1. Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,
Canada, 1965 with Comparisons

Province and crop	Average 1953-1962	1963	1964	1965	1965 as per cent of 1964
		acres			%
CANADA(1)					
Winter wheat	578,000	442,000	455,000	362,000	80
Spring wheat(2)	23,646,400	27,124,200	29,230,800	27,920,200	96
All wheat ,.....	24,224,400	27,566,200	29,685,800	28,282,200	95
Oats for grain(3) ..	11,204,500	10,612,800	9,681,000	9,621,000	99
Barley	7,927,600	6,160,100	5,454,700	6,037,600	111
Fall rye(4)	521,700	552,800	578,900	642,500	111
Spring rye	170,600	98,800	100,900	103,000	102
All rye	692,300	651,600	679,800	745,500	110
Flaxseed	2,114,400(7)	1,682,400	1,977,500(8)	2,239,000	113
Mixed grains	1,524,000	1,411,300	1,431,300	1,505,700	105
Corn for grain	472,500	552,500	660,000	752,000	114
Buckwheat	103,000	50,500	59,500	52,900	89
Peas, dry	68,600	54,100	71,000(8)	55,400	78
Beans, dry	67,300	67,100	76,000	85,800	113
Soybeans	237,600(7)	228,000	231,000	265,000	115
Potatoes	303,700	285,400	281,200(8)	298,800	106
Rapeseed	386,100(7)	478,000	791,000	1,435,000	181
Tame hay	11,446,000	12,352,000	12,507,000	12,690,000	101
Fodder corn	366,800	395,700	424,700	470,100	111
Field roots(5)	34,700	26,100	24,900	23,200	93
Sugar beets(6)	86,100	95,223	101,312(8)	86,959	86
Summerfallow	25,754,200	27,211,000	26,375,000	26,580,000	101
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND					
Spring wheat	3,800	5,300	4,000	3,800	95
Oats for grain	94,900	86,000	92,000	89,000	97
Barley	2,200	18,000	11,000	12,000	109
Mixed grains	58,400	48,000	45,000	47,000	104
Potatoes	43,400	42,000	40,000	43,000	108
Tame hay	194,500	180,000	180,000	181,000	101
Field roots	5,400	3,000	3,000	2,600	87
NOVA SCOTIA					
Spring wheat	1,200	1,000	900	1,200	133
Oats for grain	42,600	32,000	34,000	31,000	91
Barley	1,600	1,700	1,800	2,600	144
Mixed grains	9,500	7,700	8,900	8,100	91
Potatoes	9,600	6,900	6,600	7,000	106
Tame hay	283,800	230,000	227,000	229,000	101
Field roots	3,300	2,100	2,000	1,800	90

- (1) 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 oats for grain and for hay in the Prairie Provinces.
- (4) Includes small acreages of spring rye in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.
- (5) Excludes Prairie Provinces and British Columbia for which current estimates are not available.
- (6) Harvested area except for 1965. The estimates for 1965 represent the area currently remaining for harvest.
- (7) Broken period average.
- (8) Revised.

TABLE 1. Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada, 1965 with Comparisons - Continued

Province and crop	Average 1953-1962	1963	1964	1965	1965 as per cent of 1964
acres					%
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	2,600	2,300	3,000	6,000	200
Oats for grain ..	122,600	87,000	82,000	86,000	105
Barley	5,000	3,500	3,400	3,400	100
Mixed grains	6,400	7,900	8,500	8,200	96
Buckwheat	4,900	2,900	3,300	3,300	100
Potatoes	47,800	53,000	54,000	57,000	106
Tame hay	358,200	283,000	280,000	275,000	98
Field roots	2,600	2,000	1,900	1,700	89
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
Spring wheat	13,300	8,300	10,900	12,200	112
Oats for grain ..	1,296,800	1,189,000	1,184,000	1,165,000	98
Barley	32,600	13,900	13,600	14,600	107
Fall rye	5,800	3,100	2,400	3,000	125
Flaxseed	N.A.	29,000	35,700	28,000	78
Mixed grains	162,800	89,200	91,900	92,000	100
Buckwheat	34,000	15,800	14,200	15,600	110
Peas, dry	3,000	2,200	2,400	3,200	133
Beans, dry	1,200	700	1,000	800	80
Potatoes	88,700	68,000	60,800	63,500	104
Tame hay	3,452,900	3,430,000	3,432,000	3,415,000	99
Fodder corn	64,800	52,300	54,800	60,000	109
Field roots	8,600	6,400	5,500	5,100	93
Sugar beets	6,500	10,557	10,628(8)	9,600	90
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat	578,000	442,000	455,000	362,000	80
Spring wheat	21,000	17,000	17,000	14,000	82
All wheat	599,000	459,000	472,000	376,000	80
Oats for grain ..	1,670,100	1,756,000	1,663,000	1,580,000	95
Barley	105,500	89,000	113,000	140,000	124
Fall rye	73,700	64,000	56,000	50,000	89
Flaxseed	21,400	23,000	23,500	24,000	102
Mixed grains	892,700	720,000	725,000	740,000	102
Corn for grain ..	465,400	548,000	650,000	740,000	114
Buckwheat	37,900	16,800	16,000	14,000	88
Peas, dry	6,300	2,500	2,700	2,500	93
Beans, dry	66,100	66,400	75,000	85,000	113
Soybeans	235,800	228,000	231,000	265,000	115
Potatoes	54,000	51,000	53,000	56,000	106
Tame hay	3,315,600	3,164,000	3,150,000	3,100,000	98
Fodder corn	273,700	297,000	315,000	350,000	111
Field roots	14,800	12,600	12,500	12,000	96
Sugar beets	20,700	16,811	18,742	11,079	59

(8) Revised.

TABLE 1. Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,
Canada, 1965 with Comparisons - Continued

Province and crop	Average 1953-1962	1963	1964	1965	1965 as per cent of 1964
acres					%
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Spring wheat	2,481,900	3,153,000	3,385,000	3,240,000	96
Oats(9)	1,727,100	1,742,000	1,764,000	1,630,000	92
Barley	1,497,700	584,000	497,000	601,000	121
Fall rye	81,700	104,000	146,000	148,000	101
Spring rye	8,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	100
All rye	89,700	107,000	149,000	151,000	101
Flaxseed	629,600	820,000	1,025,000	1,160,000	113
Mixed grains	91,200	126,000	126,000	146,000	116
Corn for grain ..	7,100	4,500	10,000	12,000	120
Buckwheat	26,200	15,000	26,000	20,000	77
Peas, dry	44,000	37,000	52,000	36,000	69
Potatoes	17,100	21,000	24,500	26,500	108
Rapeseed	20,500	45,000	84,000	145,000	173
Tame hay	753,600	1,039,000	1,078,000	1,090,000	101
Fodder corn	23,600	40,800	49,000	53,000	108
Sugar beets	21,300	28,100	29,820(8)	27,000	91
Summerfallow	3,154,300	3,260,000	2,880,000	2,900,000	101
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Spring wheat	15,513,900	17,910,000	19,200,000	18,500,000	96
Oats(9)	3,201,800	2,619,000	2,040,000	2,330,000	114
Barley	2,840,000	1,930,000	1,400,000	1,750,000	125
Fall rye	234,700	206,000	216,000	263,000	122
Spring rye	128,400	69,400	73,000	77,000	105
All rye	363,100	275,400	289,000	340,000	118
Flaxseed	1,040,800	506,000	521,000	610,000	117
Mixed grains	72,800	100,000	94,000	125,000	133
Peas, dry	2,500	3,100	3,700	3,000	81
Potatoes	13,400	12,700	11,800	12,300	104
Rapeseed	278,700	210,000	303,000	555,000	183
Tame hay	812,600	1,061,000	1,110,000	1,112,000	100
Fodder corn	1,700	2,000	2,100	2,300	110
Summerfallow	15,363,900	16,898,000	16,815,000	16,800,000	100
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Spring wheat ...	5,539,100	5,933,000	6,495,000	6,050,000	93
Oats(9)	2,959,800	3,024,000	2,740,000	2,650,000	97
Barley	3,376,000	3,408,000	3,320,000	3,390,000	102
Fall rye	123,800	174,000	157,000	177,000(8)	113
Spring rye	34,300	26,400	24,900	23,000	92
All rye	158,100	200,400	181,900	200,000(8)	110
Flaxseed	411,300	303,000	370,000	414,000	112
Mixed grains ...	226,400	309,000	328,000	335,000	102
Peas, dry	8,000	7,700	8,200	8,000	98
Potatoes	18,800	21,500	21,100	23,000	109
Rapeseed	86,900	223,000	404,000	735,000(8)	182
Tame hay	1,919,100	2,564,000	2,628,000	2,830,000	108
Sugar beets	37,600	39,755	42,122(8)	39,300	93
Summerfallow ...	7,236,000	7,053,000	6,680,000	6,880,000	103

(9) Includes oats for grain and for hay.

TABLE 1. Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,
Canada, 1965 with Comparisons - Concluded

Province and crop	Average 1953-1962	1963	1964	1965	1965 as per cent of 1964
		acres			%
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>					
Spring wheat	69,700	94,300	115,000	93,000	81
Oats for grain	88,800	77,800	82,000	60,000	73
Barley	66,900	112,000	94,900	124,000	131
Fall rye	2,000	1,700	1,500	1,500	100
Flaxseed	7,100	1,400	2,300	3,000	130
Mixed grains	3,800	3,500	4,000	4,400	109
Peas, dry	4,800	1,600	2,000(8)	2,700	135
Potatoes	10,900	9,300	9,400(8)	10,500	112
Tame hay	355,700	401,000	422,000	458,000	109
Fodder corn	3,100	3,600	3,800	4,800	125

TABLE 2. Preliminary Estimates of Specified Crop Acreages
1965 Compared with 1964

Crop	1964 area	Per cent of 1964	1965 area
	acres	%	acres
<u>SUNFLOWER SEED</u>			
Manitoba	48,000	100	48,000
Saskatchewan	27,000	81	22,000
Alberta	7,500	27	2,000
Totals	82,500	87	72,000
<u>DURUM WHEAT</u>			
Manitoba	120,000	33	40,000
Saskatchewan	1,541,000	47	725,000
Alberta	227,000	33	75,000
Totals	1,888,000	44	840,000

TABLE 3. Estimated Seeded Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow, Prairie Provinces, by Crop Districts, 1964 and 1965

Crop district	Wheat		Oats		Barley		Summerfallow	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
- thousand acres -								
MANITOBA								
1	338	322	98	95	34	33	313	305
2	386	390	152	142	24	30	280	281
3	594	550	291	265	59	81	270	285
4	89	77	81	75	25	34	74	92
5	306	258	281	253	55	80	166	191
6	35	28	34	36	2	3	23	25
7	260	263	113	119	26	34	276	257
8	244	245	144	135	19	26	216	197
9	222	223	146	117	23	32	217	217
10	394	388	99	97	111	118	443	446
11	273	280	126	130	43	47	269	247
12	60	50	75	63	21	22	103	129
13	96	81	47	37	47	50	126	131
14	88	85	77	66	8	11	104	97
Totals	3,385	3,240	1,764	1,630	497	601	2,880	2,900
SASKATCHEWAN								
1A	846	824	110	128	29	32	729	758
1B	631	610	137	158	15	23	578	570
2A	794	761	66	80	18	25	687	707
2B	1,212	1,155	76	93	26	44	998	1,010
3AS	1,176	1,136	78	94	26	46	1,001	1,034
3AN	661	640	48	56	21	33	636	646
3BS	851	841	34	40	49	58	804	802
3BN	1,179	1,186	67	78	43	62	1,113	1,087
4A	400	385	72	64	62	74	409	413
4B	694	656	21	24	15	23	624	625
5A	1,139	1,126	183	198	66	90	1,018	1,018
5B	1,231	1,146	168	182	218	244	992	1,026
6A	1,727	1,657	99	126	52	75	1,450	1,452
6B	1,348	1,322	141	171	55	66	1,084	1,077
7A	1,234	1,217	29	30	55	89	1,123	1,124
7B	930	912	114	133	57	75	816	796
8A	644	547	78	79	120	152	576	589
8B	894	859	103	112	128	137	694	678
9A	1,028	963	236	282	219	259	876	800
9B	581	557	180	202	126	143	607	588
Totals	19,200	18,500	2,040	2,330	1,400	1,750	16,815	16,800
ALBERTA								
1	1,069	1,042	151	157	89	92	1,082	1,085
2	1,840	1,816	208	198	367	416	1,876	1,914
3	653	607	330	357	498	544	798	790
4A	819	805	279	340	141	163	731	714
4B	961	890	553	582	299	314	854	873
5	261	219	556	511	940	921	449	474
6	432	363	411	348	431	419	447	538
7	460	308	252	157	555	521	443	492
Totals	6,495	6,050	2,740	2,650	3,320	3,390	6,680	6,880

TABLE 4. Preliminary Estimates of Acreages in Principal Crops and Summerfallow
Prairie Provinces, 1965 with Comparisons

Crops	Average 1953-62	1963	1964	1965	1965 as per cent of 1964
		acres			%
Wheat	23,534,900	26,996,000	29,080,000	27,790,000	96
All Oats	7,888,700	7,385,000	6,544,000	6,610,000	101
Barley	7,713,700	5,922,000	5,217,000	5,741,000	110
Rye	610,800	582,800	619,900	691,000(8)	111
Flaxseed	2,081,700	1,629,000	1,916,000	2,184,000	114
Rapeseed	386,100	478,000	791,000	1,435,000(8)	181
Tame hay	3,485,300	4,664,000	4,816,000	5,032,000	104
Summerfallow	25,754,200	27,211,000	26,375,000	26,580,000	101

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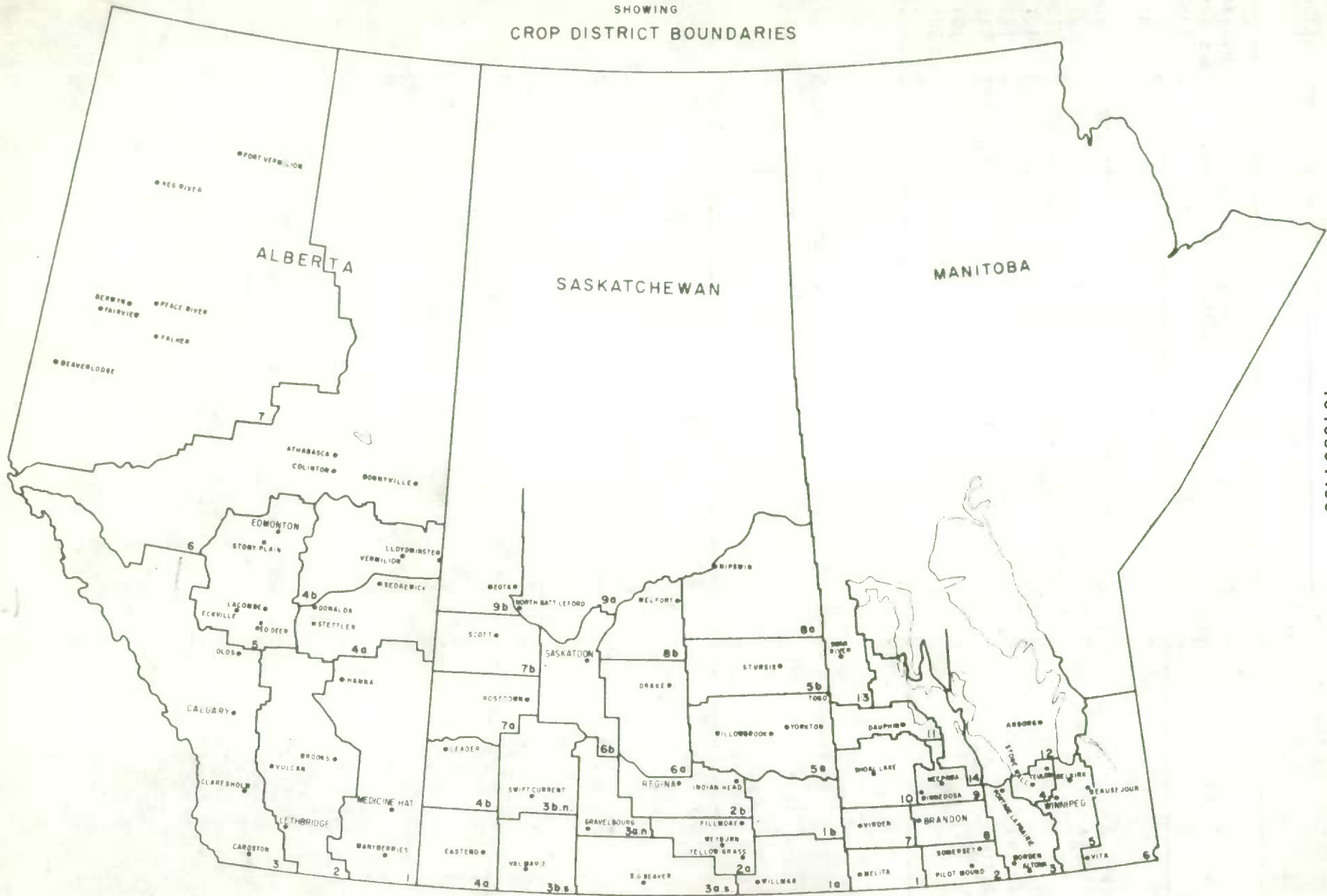
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