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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF CROP AND SUMMERFALLOW ACREAGES, CANADA 1973

The acreage estimates for 1973 are, with some exceptions, based on returns from Statistics Canada's annual June survey of seeded acreages and have been made in consultation with the officials responsible for agricultural statistics in each of the provinces. Estimates for some crops grown in relatively small areas have been made with the assistance of provincial and trade officials. 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 1973 preliminary acreage estimates show that Canadian farmers seeded 24.7 million acres to all classes of wheat, an increase of 16 per cent from the 1972 figure of 21.3 million and 27 per cent above the 19.4 million sown in 1971 but below the ten-year (1962-71) average of 25.8 million acres. Much of the land shifted back into wheat was taken out of summerfallow as the 1973 summerfallow acreage stands at 25.5 million acres some 12 per cent below the 1972 figure. Rapeseed acreage at 3.2 million decreased by 4 per cent from the 1972 figure while flaxseed increased by 10 per cent to 1.4 million acres compared with the 1972 acreage of 1.3 million. The area planted to soybeans registered a 17 per cent increase to 475,000 acres. Plantings of sunflower seed decreased to 129,500 acres, from the 217,000 acres sown in 1972. Plantings of grain corn at 1,261,000 acres are 5 per cent below the 1,327,000 acres planted last year. Barley acreage moved down slightly to an estimated 12.3 million acres and is 2 per cent below the 1972 estimate of 12.5 million. The area seeded to oats increased by 7 per cent to 7.7 million acres. Total acreage in rye was estimated to be 633,500 acres almost the same as the 1972 acreage. The 1973 potato area at 262,800 acres showed an increase of 8 per cent from 1972 plantings. Other crops showing increases in area compared with 1972 are: tame hay at 13.2 million acres up 3 per cent; fodder corn 917,500 acres up 8 per cent; beans, dry 137,200 acres up 2 per cent; field roots 10,600 acres, up 2 per cent and peas 69,300 acres an increase of 3 per cent over last year. Reduced acreages compared with 1972 levels are reported for the following crops: Ontario winter wheat 350,000 acres down 4 per cent; mixed grains 2,001,500 acres down 3 per cent and buckwheat 90,000 acres down 12 per cent.

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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For Canada as a whole the area seeded to the seventeen spring-planted crops covered in this report is estimated at 54.4 million acres compared with 50.7 million acres in 1972. Total acreage of the seventeen spring-planted crops, together with winter wheat, fall rye, tame hay and summerfallow amounts to 94.0 million acres, compared with 93.5 million last year.

Wheat

Total wheat acreage in Canada in 1973, estimated at 24.7 million acres, is 16 per cent larger than last year's 21.3 million. In the Prairie Provinces, where most of Canada's wheat is grown, acreage is estimated at 24.2 million, an increase of 16 per cent from last year's 20.8 million. Preliminary estimates of durum wheat acreage in the Prairie Provinces at 2.6 million acres indicate a 19 per cent decrease in acreage this year compared with the 1972 acreage of 3.2 million acres. In Manitoba, total wheat acreage, including durum, increased some 19 per cent from 2.6 million acres in 1972 to 3.1 million in 1973. In Saskatchewan acreage increased 17 per cent from last year's level of 13.9 million to 16.2 million, and in Alberta a 14 per cent increase occurred, with the 1973 acreage being placed at 4.9 million compared with last year's 4.3 million. Ontario's winter wheat area remaining for harvest at 350,000 acres in 1973 decreased by 4 per cent from the 1972 level of 365,000 and is 9 per cent below the 1962-71 average of 384,300 acres.

Oats

The area seeded to oats in Canada in 1973 is estimated at 7.7 million acres, 7 per cent higher than that of 1972 and 16 per cent less than the ten-year average of 9.2 million acres. In the Prairie Provinces the oats acreage at 6.3 million acres, is 11 per cent larger than that of 1972. Acreages in 1973 for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively are 1.4, 2.4 and 2.5 million acres. British Columbia's acreage sown to oats at 70,000 is 11 per cent above that of last year. Increases in acreages sown to oats occurred in all provinces except Quebec and Ontario while Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia remained the same. Ontario's 1973 area planted to oats for grain is placed at 520 thousand acres, and Quebec's at 675 thousand down 12 and one per cent respectively from the 1972 levels. It should be noted that acreage in the Prairie Provinces includes oats seeded for all purposes. A forecast of oats harvested or to be harvested for grain will be published on September 7, in Crop report No. 17.

Barley

Canadian barley acreage for 1973 at 12.3 million acres decreased 2 per cent from the 1972 level of 12.5 million but is 52 per cent above the ten-year average of 8.1 million. Barley acreage in the Prairies is placed at 11.7 million, down 2 per cent from the 1972 level. In Manitoba the 1973 seeded area is 2.1 million, remaining the same as in 1972, in Saskatchewan 4.3 compared with 4.6 million; and in Alberta, 5.3 compared with 5.2 million acres. In Ontario, barley acreage decreased by 7 per cent.

Rye

Rye acreage at 633,500 is practically the same as in 1972 and 16 per cent below the ten-year 1962-71 average. Fall seedings of rye were down slightly but spring rye acreage increased by one per cent. The greater part of Canada's rye is grown in the Prairie Provinces where the 1973 acreage is estimated at 582,000 acres as compared with 581,500 in 1972.

Oilseeds

Rapeseed is grown commercially only in the Prairie Provinces where in 1973 3.2 million acres were seeded to this crop. This represents a decrease of 4 per cent from last year's seedings of 3.3 million acres. The 1973 flaxseed plantings at 1.4 million acres showed an increase of 10 per cent from the 1972 level of 1.3 million acres but is 25 per cent smaller than the 1962-71 average of 1.9 million. In Saskatchewan where the largest area was sown this year the acreage remained the same as in 1972. Manitoba registered an increase of 20 per cent, and Alberta increased 18 per cent. Soybean seedings at a record 475,000 acres in 1973 increased by 17 per cent from last year's level of 405,000 acres and are 68 per cent larger than the 1962-71 average. The acreage seeded to sunflowers at 129,500 acres represents a substantial decrease from the 1972 level of 217,000 acres.

Potatoes

The area seeded to potatoes is estimated at 262,800 acres, up 8 per cent from last season's revised 244,000 acres.

Tame Hay

The area of tame hay, at a record 13.2 million acres this year, is 3 per cent above the 1972 figure of 12.9 million and 5 per cent larger than the ten-year average of 12.6 million acres.

Other Crops

Ontario's 1973 acreage of corn for grain is placed at 1,150,000 acres down 4 per cent from the revised 1972 level of 1,200,000 acres. Manitoba's corn for grain acreage stands at 16,000 acres while Quebec's acreage is 95,000. Other spring-planted crops showing an increase in area in 1973 with 1972 acreages in brackets are as follows: Peas, dry 69,300 (67,600); fodder corn 917,500 (848,500); beans, dry 137,200 (134,200) and field roots 10,600 (10,400). Those showing decreases in area this year are as follows: mixed grains 2,001,500 (2,064,900) and buckwheat 90,000 (102,800).

Summerfallow

Summerfallow acreage in the Prairie Provinces in 1973 is estimated at 25.5 million acres, a decrease of 12 per cent from last year's 29.0 million acres and 8 per cent below the 1962-71 average of 27.8 million acres.

NOTE

Acreages of crops for which 1973 estimates are currently available (except for sunflower seed and durum wheat which are to be found in Tables 4 and 5) are shown in Table 1 for Canada as a whole and by provinces, together with the figures for 1971 and 1972 and ten-year averages for the 1962-71 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 1. Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada, 1973 with Comparisons

Province and crop	Average 1962-1971	1971	1972	1973	1973 as per cent of 1972
		acres			%
CANADA(1)					
Winter wheat	384,300	341,000	365,000	350,000	96
Spring wheat(2)	25,463,410	19,065,700	20,984,700	24,385,700	116
All wheat	25,847,710	19,406,700	21,349,700	24,735,700	116
Oats for grain(3)	9,162,870	7,823,900	7,144,000	7,678,000	107
Barley	8,074,950	13,980,500	12,510,900	12,308,200	98
Fall rye(4)	668,120	906,300	593,000	591,500	100
Spring rye	87,760	50,700	41,500	42,000	101
All rye	755,880	957,000	634,500	633,500	100
Flaxseed	1,930,790	1,767,800	1,321,000	1,450,000	110
Mixed grains	1,706,330	2,054,800	2,064,900	2,001,500	97
Corn for grain	891,263(7)	1,410,100	1,327,000 ^r	1,261,000	95
Buckwheat	85,543(7)	122,400	102,800	90,000	88
Peas, dry	63,820	80,800	67,600	69,300	103
Beans, dry	89,480	113,200	134,200	137,200	102
Soybeans	283,300	367,000	405,000	475,000	117
Rapeseed	1,864,020	5,306,000	3,270,000	3,150,000	96
Potatoes	296,140	268,500	244,000 ^r	262,800	108
Tame hay	12,586,400	12,354,000	12,859,000	13,200,000	103
Fodder corn	587,940	771,600	848,500	917,500	108
Field roots(5)	15,790	9,600 ^r	10,400	10,600	102
Sugar beets(6)	89,600(7)	81,096	77,477 ^r	N/A	—
Summerfallow	27,806,900	26,224,000	29,000,000	25,500,000	88
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND					
Spring wheat	3,610	6,600	7,000	8,000	114
Oats for grain	77,920	50,300	49,000	49,000	100
Barley	17,870	32,100	25,000	18,000	72
Mixed grains	53,750	71,400	67,000	81,000	121
Potatoes	46,790	46,800	39,000	41,000	105
Tame hay	164,500	128,000	127,000	129,000	102
Field roots	1,920	400 ^r	800	900	112
NOVA SCOTIA					
Spring wheat	2,410	4,900	3,700	3,200	86
Oats for grain	25,750	17,800	17,000	17,000	100
Barley	5,310	8,700	7,500	7,200	96
Mixed grains	9,460	8,500	7,300	7,000	96
Potatoes	5,260	3,500	3,500	3,800	109
Tame hay	206,200	153,000	150,000	152,000	101
Field roots	1,270	400	400	600	150

(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 1973. The estimates for 1973 represent the area currently remaining for harvest is not available for Quebec. (7) Broken period average. (8) Ontario dry beans include 127,000 acres white beans plus 9,000 acres of other varieties. ^r Revised figures.

TABLE 1. Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,
Canada, 1973 with Comparisons — Continued

Province and crop	Average 1962-1971	1971	1972	1973	1973 as per cent of 1972
		acres			%
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>					
Spring wheat	3,910	6,200	5,000	3,500	70
Oats for grain	74,180	51,200	45,000	47,000	104
Barley	6,320	7,600	9,400	12,000	128
Mixed grains	8,650	8,900	7,100	6,000	85
Buckwheat	2,270	1,800	2,300	1,500	65
Potatoes	58,630	59,400	53,000 ^r	53,000	100
Tame hay	228,800	164,000	162,000	164,000	101
Field roots	1,130	300	300	600	200
<u>QUEBEC</u>					
All wheat	25,780	39,100	41,000	44,000	107
Oats for grain	975,100	695,000	680,000	675,000	99
Barley	21,810	38,100	42,000	51,000	121
Fall rye	3,450	2,000	2,000	2,000	100
Flaxseed	20,130	4,200	N/A	N/A	—
Mixed grains	104,570	123,000	126,000	120,000	95
Corn for grain	60,433(7)	138,000	114,000 ^r	95,000	83
Buckwheat	15,180	9,800	10,000	11,000	110
Peas, dry	1,260	600	500	500	100
Beans, dry	1,030	1,200	1,200	1,200	100
Potatoes	68,410	47,500	46,000	50,000	109
Tame hay	3,149,600	2,699,000	2,650,000	2,675,000	101
Fodder corn	82,540	131,000	141,000	152,000	108
Field roots	4,460	3,500	3,600	3,500	97
Sugar beets	9,600	8,175	6,000	N/A	—
<u>ONTARIO</u>					
Winter wheat	384,300	341,000	365,000	350,000	96
Spring wheat	16,320	14,900	13,000	12,000	92
All wheat	400,620	355,900	378,000	362,000	96
Oats for grain	1,172,400	612,000	590,000	520,000	88
Barley	240,150	386,000	377,000	350,000	93
Fall rye	55,100	47,900	50,000	48,000	96
Flaxseed	12,260	1,300	1,000	N/A	—
Mixed grains	824,800	928,000	890,000	875,000	98
Corn for grain	826,300	1,263,000	1,200,000 ^r	1,150,000	96
Buckwheat	14,380	9,900	10,000	9,000	90
Peas, dry	2,470	1,500	1,600	1,800	112
Beans, dry(8)	88,450	112,000	133,000	136,000	102
Soybeans	283,300	367,000	405,000	475,000	117
Potatoes	48,210	40,100	43,000	44,000	102
Tame hay	3,233,900	2,707,000	2,700,000	2,850,000	106
Fodder corn	461,500	616,000	672,000	725,000	108
Field roots	7,010	5,000	5,300	5,000	94

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TABLE 1. Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,
Canada, 1973 with Comparisons — Continued

Province and crop	Average 1962-1971	1971	1972	1973	1973 as per cent of 1972
		acres			%
MANITOBA					
Spring wheat	2,941,400	2,519,000	2,600,000	3,100,000	119
Oats(3)	1,677,300	1,468,000	1,200,000	1,400,000	117
Barley	1,007,800	2,052,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	100
Fall rye	123,950	127,000	80,000	80,000	100
Spring rye	2,360	1,500	1,500	2,000	133
All rye	126,310	128,500	81,500	82,000	101
Flaxseed	921,500	566,000	500,000	600,000	120
Mixed grains	178,600	284,000	290,000	295,000	102
Corn for grain	4,530	9,100	13,000	16,000	123
Buckwheat	39,870	80,000	75,000	65,000	87
Peas, dry	44,200	50,700	45,000	35,000	78
Rapeseed	188,920	581,000	470,000	400,000	85
Potatoes	25,820	32,700	22,000	30,000	136
Tame hay	1,031,600	1,084,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	100
Fodder corn	31,460	9,700	22,000	24,000	109
Sugar beets	26,900	30,876	28,152	27,600	98
Summerfallow	2,998,900	2,655,000	2,900,000	2,400,000	83
SASKATCHEWAN					
Spring wheat	16,859,600	12,923,000	13,900,000	16,200,000	117
Oats(3)	2,404,400	2,397,000	2,100,000	2,400,000	114
Barley	2,539,500	5,571,000	4,600,000	4,300,000	93
Fall rye	328,200	502,000	260,000	240,000	92
Spring rye	56,460	25,600	20,000	20,000	100
All rye	384,660	527,600	280,000	260,000	93
Flaxseed	624,000	925,000	650,000	650,000	100
Mixed grains	138,800	205,000	220,000	210,000	95
Buckwheat	12,533(7)	11,600	5,500	3,500	64
Peas, dry	2,500	8,000	5,000	6,500	130
Rapeseed	901,400	2,737,000	1,500,000	1,450,000	97
Potatoes	8,380	3,300	3,000	3,000	100
Tame hay	1,240,900	1,646,000	1,800,000	1,900,000	106
Fodder corn	4,930	1,900	N/A	N/A	—
Summerfallow	17,585,000	16,560,000	18,500,000	16,400,000	89
ALBERTA					
Spring wheat	5,497,400	3,443,000	4,300,000	4,900,000	114
Oats(3)	2,681,100	2,443,000	2,400,000	2,500,000	104
Barley	4,085,600	5,689,000	5,200,000	5,300,000	102
Fall rye	155,200	226,000	200,000	220,000	110
Spring rye	28,940	23,600	20,000	20,000	100
All rye	184,140	249,600	220,000	240,000	109
Flaxseed	351,600	271,000	170,000	200,000	118
Mixed grains	382,700	419,000	450,000	400,000	89
Buckwheat	1,310(7)	9,300	N/A	N/A	—
Peas, dry	11,130	17,600	14,000	24,000	171
Rapeseed	773,700	1,988,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	100
Potatoes	24,490	26,100	23,000	24,000	104

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TABLE 1. Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,
Canada, 1973 with Comparisons — Concluded

Province and crop	Average 1962-1971	1971	1972	1973	1973 as per cent of 1972
acres					%
<u>ALBERTA — Con.</u>					
Tame hay	2,885,500	3,260,000	3,500,000	3,550,000	101
Sugar beets	38,900	42,045	43,325 ^r	38,500	89
Summerfallow	7,223,000	7,009,000	7,600,000	6,700,000	88
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>					
Spring wheat	112,980	109,000	115,000	115,000	100
Oats for grain	74,720	89,600	63,000	70,000	111
Barley	150,590	196,000	150,000	170,000	113
Fall rye	2,220	1,400	1,000	1,500	150
Flaxseed	1,300	300	N/A	N/A	—
Mixed grains	5,000	7,000	7,500	7,500	100
Peas, dry	2,260	2,400	1,500	1,500	100
Potatoes	10,150	9,100	11,500	14,000	122
Tame hay	445,400	513,000	570,000	580,000	102
Fodder corn	7,510	13,000	13,500	16,500	122

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TABLE 2. Preliminary Estimates of Acreages in Principal Crops and Summerfallow
Prairie Provinces, 1973 with Comparisons

Crops	Average 1962-1971	1971	1972	1973	1973 as per cent of 1972
acres					%
Wheat	25,298,400	18,885,000	20,800,000	24,200,000	116
All oats	6,762,800	6,308,000	5,700,000	6,300,000	111
Barley	7,632,900	13,312,000	11,900,000	11,700,000	98
Rye	695,110	905,700	581,500	582,000	100
Flaxseed	1,897,100	1,762,000	1,320,000	1,450,000	110
Rapeseed	1,864,020	5,306,000	3,270,000	3,150,000	96
Tame hay	5,158,000	5,990,000	6,500,000	6,650,000	102
Summerfallow	27,806,900	26,224,000	29,000,000	25,500,000	88

TABLE 3. Estimated Seeded Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow, Prairie Provinces, by Crop Districts 1972 and 1973

Crop district	Wheat		Oats		Barley		Summerfallow	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
thousand acres								
<u>MANITOBA</u>								
1	266	294	85	90	144	139	262	224
2	261	306	107	116	226	222	242	198
3	496	590	167	212	384	397	294	195
4	57	60	49	53	89	82	87	60
5	290	313	150	164	199	192	183	142
6	28	29	17	18	19	20	31	32
7	205	246	99	106	128	132	279	252
8	175	207	98	106	160	169	170	130
9	149	183	98	122	104	112	230	170
10	251	328	86	113	256	237	493	438
11	205	260	102	122	147	149	264	229
12	56	75	54	60	85	75	90	80
13	85	111	30	40	100	116	161	145
14	76	98	58	78	59	58	114	105
Totals	2,600	3,100	1,200	1,400	2,100	2,100	2,900	2,400
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>								
1A	612	769	113	140	218	189	821	685
1B	439	519	156	197	188	136	659	579
2A	653	755	60	63	131	96	732	658
2B	906	1,071	67	81	235	193	1,020	907
3AS	990	1,158	111	96	124	98	1,083	993
3AN	520	606	46	51	80	72	686	580
3BS	730	824	48	43	76	58	790	738
3BN	973	1,131	75	70	162	122	1,154	1,062
4A	370	395	40	46	59	43	407	378
4B	562	637	39	42	68	46	681	611
5A	882	1,071	183	224	326	299	1,220	1,061
5B	762	910	169	229	514	539	1,270	1,089
6A	1,149	1,330	100	124	361	334	1,514	1,348
6B	855	1,003	149	164	225	191	1,131	1,002
7A	872	1,025	46	48	243	223	1,162	1,030
7B	650	788	129	140	204	185	897	818
8A	381	468	74	86	336	356	696	622
8B	553	626	75	84	339	359	821	708
9A	623	668	203	226	454	472	1,028	905
9B	418	446	217	246	257	289	728	626
Totals	13,900	16,200	2,100	2,400	4,600	4,300	18,500	16,400
<u>ALBERTA</u>								
1	918	1,046	188	184	139	130	1,219	1,122
2	1,246	1,485	219	230	795	758	2,040	1,819
3	313	356	338	330	792	839	621	529
4A	553	651	322	357	322	327	904	787
4B	578	638	454	495	665	711	887	735
5	140	155	412	424	1,189	1,180	501	406
6	172	210	322	336	596	613	608	504
7	380	359	145	144	702	742	820	798
Totals	4,300	4,900	2,400	2,500	5,200	5,300	7,600	6,700

TABLE 4. Preliminary Estimates of Durum Wheat Acreages
1973 Compared with 1972

Province	1972	1973	Per cent of 1972
	acres		%
Manitoba	160,000	100,000	62
Saskatchewan	2,700,000	2,200,000	81
Alberta	300,000	250,000	83
Totals	3,160,000	2,550,000	81

TABLE 5. Preliminary Estimates of Sunflower Seed Acreages
1973 Compared with 1972

Province	1972	1973
	acres	
Manitoba	190,000	125,000
Saskatchewan	23,000	2,500
Alberta	4,000	2,000
Totals	217,000	129,500

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OUTLINE MAP OF THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES SHOWING CROP DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

