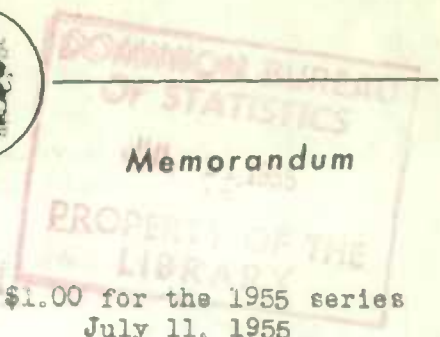


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CONTRACTED ACREAGES OF CANNING CROPS, 1955

The survey of vegetable processors to determine the acreage contracted of asparagus, beans, corn, peas and tomatoes has been completed for 1955 and the results are shown in the accompanying table. The contracted acreage reported for each of these five crops is higher this year than in 1954, increases having taken place for all crops in all provinces where they are grown except Alberta and British Columbia. In Alberta the acreage contracted for beans for 1955 was about 2 per cent less than in 1954, while in British Columbia this crop was down by 8 per cent and tomatoes by 13 per cent. The other crops were up in these provinces as well.

The increase in asparagus acreage contracted this year marks the third year during which this figure has increased. Corn acreage, up for the second successive year, is now close to that of 1952. The contracted acreage of peas at 60,960 acres is the highest on record. Tomato acreage standing at 35,590 acres is 20 per cent greater than in 1954 and the highest since 1952.

Estimates of contracted acreages are compiled from a survey made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics of all licensed canners packing these products in Canada. Questionnaires were sent out on May 9 and for the most part completed and returned during early June. Therefore these figures represent the total acreages reported contracted or to be contracted at the time of reporting. Figures for the previous years were reported at the corresponding time each season, therefore the figures are comparable. Subsequent changes in plans occasioned by variations in factors such as weather or economic conditions may result in actual plantings varying somewhat from contract indications. Such changes would of course influence any inferences which may be drawn from these figures.

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Estimated Acreages of Asparagus, Beans, Corn, Peas and Tomatoes
Contracted by Processors, 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955

Province	Kind	1952	1953	1954	1955
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Maritimes	Beans	490	460	410	570
	Peas	1,350	1,350	1,340	2,000
Quebec	Asparagus	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
	Beans	6,480	4,920	4,700	5,500
	Corn	9,800	8,500	9,890	10,870
	Peas	9,840	9,820	12,170	17,140
	Tomatoes	5,820	5,030	5,260	5,770
Ontario	Asparagus	900	880	1,390	1,430
	Beans	990	600	1,090	1,180
	Corn	22,730	13,590	17,710	21,830
	Peas	23,930	23,010	24,000	30,030
	Tomatoes	33,730	23,300	22,300	28,070
Manitoba	Beans	<u>2/</u>	330	250	300
	Corn	<u>2/</u>	1,950	1,390	1,680
	Peas	<u>2/</u>	1,440	1,230	1,720
Alberta	Beans	<u>2/</u>	540	510	500
	Corn	<u>2/</u>	2,730	2,430	3,000
	Peas	<u>2/</u>	3,150	4,620	4,880
Prairie Provinces <u>3/</u>	Beans	580	870	760	800
	Corn	5,220	4,680	3,820	4,680
	Peas	5,010	4,590	5,850	6,600
British Columbia	Asparagus	120	300	150	240
	Beans	1,210	1,280	1,200	1,110
	Corn	2,620	2,050	2,140	2,420
	Peas	4,580	4,370	3,940	5,190
	Tomatoes	3,080	2,620	2,020	1,750
Canada	Asparagus	1,020	1,180	1,540	1,670
	Beans	9,750	8,130	8,160	9,160
	Corn	40,370	28,820	33,560	39,800
	Peas	44,710	43,140	47,800	60,960
	Tomatoes	42,630	30,950	29,580	35,590

1/ Cannot be published as less than three firms reporting. Not included in total.

2/ Cannot be published separately as less than three firms reporting in Manitoba.

3/ Manitoba and Alberta.

Note: Some contracts were signed on a tonnage basis and the quantity involved was converted to an acreage basis using the following standard yields per acre: asparagus, 1 ton; beans, 2 tons; corn, 3 tons; peas, 1 ton; tomatoes, 5½ tons.