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CONTRACTED ACREAGES OF CANNING CROPS, 1956

The survey of vegetable processors to determine the acreage contracted of asparagus, beans, corn, peas and tomatoes has been completed for 1956 and the results are shown in the accompanying tables. Contracted acreages reported for beans, corn and peas were all lower this year than last while the area of asparagus and tomatoes under contract was higher. At least some of the reductions in contracted acreages in 1956 were attributed to the late spring which prevailed throughout Eastern Canada.

The acreage of beans under contract was greater this year than last in all provinces for which statistics are collected except Quebec and Alberta. Corn acreage was down in all provinces except Alberta where there was a substantial increase and Manitoba where the acreage remained the same as in 1955. British Columbia and Alberta were the only two provinces reporting increases in the contracted acreage of peas this year. Tomatoes were up in Ontario and Quebec but down slightly in British Columbia.

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 in May and for the most part completed and returned during 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.

The relationship between acreages contracted and acreages planted under contract was studied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the years 1954 and 1955 in all provinces for which contracted acreage statistics are compiled except British Columbia. Questionnaires were sent during the summer to all firms reporting contracts for the year in question. Results indicated that in 1954 the acreage of beans planted under contract was equal to acreage contracted while in the case of corn, acreage planted stood at 113 per cent of acreage contracted, peas 99 per cent and tomatoes 97 per cent. For 1955, 98 per cent of the bean acreage under contract was planted. There was a 2 per cent increase in corn while 96 per cent of the pea acreage and 98 per cent of the tomato acreage contracted were actually planted.

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 Estimated Acreages of Asparagus, Beans, Corn, Peas and Tomatoes
 Contracted by Processors, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956

Province	Kind	1953	1954	1955	1956
- acres -					
Maritimes	Beans	460	410	570	630
	Peas	1,350	1,840	2,000	1,960
Quebec	Asparagus	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>
	Beans	4,920	4,700	5,630*	5,120
	Corn	8,500	9,890	11,190*	11,140
	Peas	9,820	12,170	18,260*	15,100
	Tomatoes	5,030	5,260	6,250*	7,420
Ontario	Asparagus	880	1,390	1,430	1,900 ^{2/}
	Beans	600	1,090	1,180	1,320
	Corn	13,590	17,710	21,830	18,300
	Peas	23,010	24,000	30,030	25,330
	Tomatoes	23,300	22,300	28,070	31,500 ^{4/}
Manitoba	Beans	330	250	300	310
	Corn	1,950	1,390	1,680	1,680
	Peas	1,440	1,230	1,720	1,530
	Tomatoes				<u>5/</u>
Alberta	Beans	540	510	500	450
	Corn	2,730	2,430	3,000	3,950
	Peas	3,150	4,620	4,880	5,630
Prairie Provinces <u>6/</u>	Beans	870	760	800	760
	Corn	4,680	3,820	4,680	5,630
	Peas	4,590	5,850	6,600	7,160
British Columbia	Asparagus	300	150	240	180
	Beans	1,280	1,200	1,110	1,150
	Corn	2,050	2,140	2,420	2,180
	Peas	4,370	3,940	5,190	6,600
	Tomatoes	2,620	2,020	1,750	1,740
Canada	Asparagus	1,180	1,540	1,670	2,080
	Beans	8,130	8,160	9,290	8,980
	Corn	28,820	33,560	40,120	37,250
	Peas	43,140	47,800	62,080	56,150
	Tomatoes	30,950	29,580	36,070	40,660

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

2/ Not published as less than three firms reporting. Included with Ontario.

3/ Includes Quebec.

4/ Includes Manitoba.

5/ One firm reporting. Included with Ontario.

6/ Manitoba and Alberta.

* Revised.

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, 5 1/2 tons.