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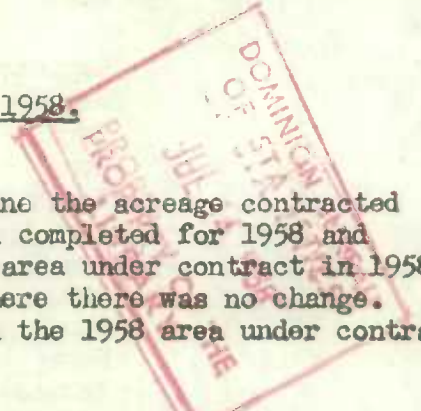
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CONTRACTED ACREAGES OF CANNING CROPS, 1958.



The survey of vegetable processors to determine the acreage contracted of asparagus, beans, corn, peas and tomatoes has been completed for 1958 and the results are shown in the accompanying table. The area under contract in 1958 was below that of 1957 for each crop except beans, where there was no change. Peas showed the greatest proportional reduction, with the 1958 area under contract being 29 per cent below that of the previous year.

In the Maritime Provinces, the acreage of beans contracted was greater this year than last but peas were down. Cannery in Quebec contracted for smaller acreages of peas and tomatoes this year but increased areas of beans and corn. In Ontario and British Columbia the acreages contracted were reduced this year for all crops. In the Prairie Provinces larger areas of beans and peas were under contract this year than last, but corn was down.

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 has been studied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the years 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957, in all provinces, except British Columbia, for which contracted acreages statistics are compiled. Questionnaires were sent during the summer to all firms reporting contracts for the year in question. Results indicated that in 1957, the acreage of beans planted under contract stood at 98.5 per cent of the contracted area, corn at 97.8 per cent, peas at 96.0 per cent and tomatoes at 97.1 per cent.

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Estimated Acreages of Asparagus, Beans, Corn, Peas and Tomatoes
Contracted by Processors 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958.

Province	Crop	1955	1956	1957	1958
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Maritimes	Beans	570	610	570	620
	Peas	2,000	1,960	2,790	2,410
Quebec	Asparagus	2/	3/	3/	3/
	Beans	5,630	5,140	6,690 ^{1/}	7,450
	Corn	11,190	11,120	11,600 ^{1/}	11,860
	Peas	18,260	15,100	16,290 ^{1/}	11,890
	Tomatoes	6,250	7,420	7,160 ^{1/}	6,120
Ontario	Asparagus	1,430	1,900 ^{4/}	1,950 ^{4/}	1,670 ^{4/}
	Beans	1,180	1,320	1,890	1,090
	Corn	21,830	18,300	23,880	20,640
	Peas	30,030	25,330	25,700	14,900
	Tomatoes	28,070	31,500 ^{5/}	35,240 ^{5/}	32,800 ^{5/}
Manitoba	Beans	300	310	6/	6/
	Corn	1,680	1,680	6/	6/
	Peas	1,720	1,530	6/	6/
	Tomatoes		7/	7/	7/
Alberta	Beans	500	450	8/	8/
	Corn	3,000	3,950	8/	8/
	Peas	4,880	5,630	8/	8/
Prairie Provinces ^{9/}	Beans	800	760	650	880
	Corn	4,680	5,630	5,100	4,420
	Peas	6,600	7,160	6,140	6,670
British Columbia	Asparagus	240	180	390	250
	Beans	1,110	1,150	1,380	1,140
	Corn	2,420	2,180	2,500	1,180
	Peas	5,190	6,600	5,930	4,300
	Tomatoes	1,750	1,740	1,780	990
Canada	Asparagus	1,670	2,080	2,340	1,920
	Beans	9,290	8,980	11,180 ^{1/}	11,180
	Corn	40,120	37,230	43,080 ^{1/}	38,100
	Peas	62,080	56,150	56,850 ^{1/}	40,170
	Tomatoes	36,070	40,660	44,180 ^{1/}	39,910

1/ Revised. 2/ Not published as less than three firms reporting. Not included in total. 3/ Not published as less than three firms reporting. Included with Ontario. 4/ Includes Quebec. 5/ Includes Manitoba. 6/ Not published as less than three firms reporting. Included with Prairie Provinces. 7/ One firm reporting. Included with Ontario. 8/ Not published as less than three firms reporting in Manitoba. Included with Prairie Provinces. 9/ 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.