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CONTRACTED ACREAGES OF CANNING CROPS, 1964

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The survey of vegetable processors to determine the contracted acreages of beans, corn, peas and tomatoes, and the tonnage of asparagus has been completed for 1964 and the results are shown in the accompanying tables. For 1963 the acreages contracted are also shown as are those subsequently reported actually planted under contract. Acreages of beans and peas under contract for 1964 at 24,410 and 58,930 acres respectively were higher than both the areas contracted and planted under contract last year while corn acreage under contract this year was only slightly above that of 1963. Cannery reported 21,890 acres of tomatoes under contract in 1964; close to last year's planted area but below acreage contracted in 1963. The estimated tonnage of asparagus contracted by processors as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, stood at 1,910 tons this year, down from the 2,200 tons of the previous season.

In the Maritime Provinces there were increases in the area of both beans and peas under contract for 1964 over those of 1963. Quebec processors reported larger contracted areas of beans, corn and peas this year. In Ontario, also, the acreage under contract was higher in 1964 for all four crops. Prairie cannery report the same acreage under contract of beans in 1964 as in 1963, but smaller areas of corn and peas, while in British Columbia contracted acreages for corn and peas are somewhat lower in 1964 than in 1963 but the area of beans is very close to the 1963 figure.

For the first time this year processors were asked to report the acreage of beans, corn and peas for canning and for freezing separately. The results of this enquiry are shown in Table 2.

Estimates of contracted acreages were compiled from a survey made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics of all licensed cannery packing these products in all provinces except Quebec where the Quebec Bureau of Statistics carried out a similar survey of cannery. Processors were asked to include areas of canning crops grown on land owned or rented. Questionnaires were sent out in May and completed and returned during June. Therefore, these figures represent the total acreages contracted or to be contracted at the corresponding time each season. Subsequent changes occasioned by factors such as weather or economic conditions, may result in actual plantings varying somewhat from contract indications.

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TABLE 1. Estimated Acreages of Beans, Corn, Peas and Tomatoes Contracted by Processors 1963 and 1964 and Acreages Planted Under Contract in 1963

Province	Crop	1963		1964
		Contracted	Planted under contract acres	Contracted
Maritimes	Beans	2,430	2,460	2,600
	Peas	7,650	6,490	8,250
Quebec	Beans	13,040	13,370	14,790
	Corn	9,310	8,860	9,530
	Peas	16,110	16,570	18,940
	Tomatoes	2,720	1,610	1,460
Ontario	Beans	2,620	3,070	4,860
	Corn	18,930	18,770	20,070
	Peas	18,190	16,540	19,760
	Tomatoes	20,030(1)	20,290(1)	20,430(1)
Prairie Provinces	Beans	1,110	780	1,110
	Corn	5,170	5,250	4,900
	Peas	7,930	7,210	7,750
British Columbia	Beans	1,040	1,000	1,050
	Corn	1,610	1,620	1,310
	Peas	4,960	4,970	4,230
	Tomatoes	(2)	(2)	(2)
Canada	Beans	20,240	20,680	24,410
	Corn	35,020	34,500	35,810
	Peas	54,840	51,780	58,930
	Tomatoes	22,750	21,900	21,890

(1) Includes acreages in British Columbia.

(2) Confidential, only a limited number of firms reported this crop.

TABLE 2. Acreages of Beans, Corn and Peas Under Contract for Canning for Freezing Purposes - 1964

	Beans		Corn		Peas	
	Canning	Freezing	Canning	Freezing	Canning	Freezing
	acres					
Canada, 1964	19,340	5,070	30,240	5,570	37,840	21,090

TABLE 3. Estimated Tonnages of Asparagus Contracted by Processors 1963 and 1964

Province	1963	1964
	tons	
Ontario	1,830	1,630
British Columbia	370	280
Canada	2,200	1,910