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FIELD CROPS, 1939.

Ottawa, October 11, 1939, 3 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving a first estimate of the production of late crops. The estimate is based upon the returns of crop correspondents at September 30.

The 1939 potato crop in Canada is estimated at 38,875,000 cwt., representing a gain of 8 per cent over last year's small production of 35,938,000 cwt. With blight and root rot local in character this year, variations in provincial yields were due mainly to differences in weather conditions. Potato yields in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario have experienced an appreciable recovery from last year's low volume, although they remain somewhat below the long-time average yields for these provinces. Prince Edward Island's crop is of normal dimensions. As a result of midsummer drought in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, potato yields have declined from their 1938 levels, and are considerably below the long-time average yields for these provinces. British Columbia's potato crop is approximately normal and is somewhat better than in 1938.

Commercial sugar beet production in Canada is estimated at 628,000 tons, which is an increase of 19 per cent over last year's production of 527,000 tons. This year's crop establishes a new record for Canadian sugar beet production and is the result of increases in contracted acreages in both Ontario and Alberta. Yields per acre in the two provinces were somewhat lower than last year's high levels. The 1939 production of turnips and other roots in Canada is slightly reduced from that of a year ago. Fodder corn production is also slightly lower, with smaller yields obtained on an increased acreage. Husking corn, pea, bean and buckwheat yields are virtually unchanged from those of 1938. Mixed grain yields were improved across Canada and were slightly better in Ontario where the bulk of the crop is grown. An increase in alfalfa production has occurred this year as a result of the continued increase in alfalfa acreage.

For all Canada, the first estimate places the production of potatoes in 1939 at 38,875,000 cwt. from 518,100 acres, as compared with 35,938,000 cwt. from 521,900 acres in 1938, yields per acre of 75 cwt. and 69 cwt. respectively. By provinces the total production in cwt. is estimated as follows, with the 1938 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island 4,070,000 (3,842,000); Nova Scotia 1,926,000 (1,526,000); New Brunswick 4,937,000 (4,072,000); Quebec 11,559,000 (9,957,000); Ontario 8,981,000 (7,456,000); Manitoba 1,966,000 (1,914,000); Saskatchewan 2,165,000 (3,289,000); Alberta 1,295,000 (2,087,000); British Columbia 1,976,000 (1,795,000).

The production of turnips, mangolds, etc. in Canada in 1939 is estimated at 37,158,000 cwt. from 189,600 acres or 196 cwt. per acre, as compared with 38,160,000 cwt. from 189,500 acres or 201 cwt. per acre in 1938.

Fodder corn is estimated to have yielded 4,352,900 tons from 494,800 acres or 8.80 tons per acre, as compared with 4,412,800 tons from 460,200 acres or 9.59 tons per acre in 1938.

All cuttings of alfalfa amounted to 2,264,000 tons from 946,900 acres, as compared with 2,061,000 tons from 859,000 acres in 1938, yields per acre of 2.39 tons and 2.40 tons respectively.

The first production estimate for late grains in Canada in 1939 is as follows, with the 1938 figures within brackets: Bushels - Peas 1,309,000 (1,365,000); beans 1,447,000 (1,557,000); buckwheat 7,008,000 (7,079,000); mixed grains 42,609,000 (39,161,000); corn for husking 7,566,000 (7,690,000).

FIRST ESTIMATE OF THE PRODUCTION OF LATE CROPS,

1939 AS COMPARED WITH 1938.

	Area		Yield per acre		Production	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	acres	acres	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>CANADA -</u>						
Peas	80,200	76,000	17.0	17.2	1,365,000	1,309,000
Beans	70,600	73,200	22.1	19.8	1,557,000	1,447,000
Buckwheat	375,600	335,200	18.8	20.9	7,079,000	7,008,000
Mixed grains	1,159,500	1,218,100	35.8	35.0	39,161,000	42,609,000
Corn, husking	180,100	183,200	42.7	41.3	7,690,000	7,566,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	521,900	518,100	69.0	75.0	35,938,000	38,875,000
Turnips, etc.	189,500	189,600	201.0	196.0	38,160,000	37,158,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	460,200	494,800	9.59	8.80	4,412,800	4,352,900
Alfalfa	859,000	946,900	2.40	2.39	2,061,000	2,264,000
Sugar beets	47,900	62,400	11.00	10.06	527,000	628,000
			bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -</u>						
Buckwheat	3,300	3,900	20.0	24.0	66,000	94,000
Mixed grains	32,700	36,800	33.0	35.0	1,079,000	1,288,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	34,300	37,000	112.0	110.0	3,842,000	4,070,000
Turnips, etc.	11,400	10,800	250.0	183.0	2,850,000	1,976,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	400	400	9.44	6.50	3,800	2,600
			bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>NOVA SCOTIA -</u>						
Buckwheat	4,300	4,000	20.0	20.4	86,000	82,000
Mixed grains	6,300	6,200	30.0	37.0	189,000	229,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	21,200	21,400	72.0	90.0	1,526,000	1,926,000
Turnips, etc.	11,900	12,000	272.0	231.0	3,237,000	2,772,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	700	600	8.00	9.83	5,600	5,900
			bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK -</u>						
Beans	1,100	1,200	18.0	18.0	20,000	22,000
Buckwheat	31,300	29,600	19.0	23.0	595,000	681,000
Mixed grains	3,700	3,800	28.0	29.5	104,000	112,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	50,900	50,900	80.0	97.0	4,072,000	4,937,000
Turnips, etc.	12,200	12,600	210.0	212.0	2,562,000	2,671,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	900	900	9.34	9.30	8,400	8,400
			bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>QUEBEC -</u>						
Peas	20,100	18,500	14.7	16.2	296,000	300,000
Beans	7,900	7,700	17.0	16.6	134,000	128,000
Buckwheat	145,400	122,100	18.6	21.0	2,710,000	2,564,000
Mixed grains	142,700	168,400	24.3	26.2	3,472,000	4,412,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	139,900	138,100	71.2	83.7	9,957,000	11,559,000
Turnips, etc.	37,600	38,200	175.0	167.0	6,582,000	6,379,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	53,800	56,400	9.78	10.20	526,000	575,000
Alfalfa	16,400	17,800	2.62	2.70	43,000	48,000
			bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>ONTARIO -</u>						
Peas	52,400	51,900	17.3	16.8	907,000	872,000
Beans	59,700	62,500	22.9	20.1	1,367,000	1,256,000
Buckwheat	183,200	168,400	19.1	20.6	3,499,000	3,469,000
Mixed grains	888,300	914,400	36.7	37.8	32,601,000	34,564,000
Corn, husking	180,100	183,200	42.7	41.3	7,690,000	7,566,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	146,200	142,100	51.0	63.2	7,456,000	8,981,000
Turnips, etc.	99,000	98,300	210.0	215.0	20,790,000	21,135,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	321,800	336,000	10.79	9.94	3,472,000	3,340,000
Alfalfa	633,000	673,000	2.41	2.43	1,526,000	1,635,000
Sugar beets	28,200	39,900	9.80	9.10	276,000	363,000

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	Area		Yield per acre		Production	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	acres	acres	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>MANITOBA -</u>						
Peas	3,000	1,600	16.6	24.6	50,000	39,000
Buckwheat	8,100	7,200	15.2	16.4	123,000	118,000
Mixed grains	29,700	26,900	21.0	24.0	625,000	646,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	31,900	36,400	60.0	54.0	1,914,000	1,966,000
Turnips, etc.	6,200	6,500	76.0	94.0	471,000	611,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	59,900	72,400	4.67	3.95	280,000	286,000
Alfalfa	45,000	71,600	2.24	2.04	101,000	146,000
			bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>SASKATCHEWAN -</u>						
Peas	500	-	7.5	-	4,000	-
Beans	300	-	8.6	-	3,000	-
Mixed grains	32,200	33,900	13.8	18.0	444,000	610,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	50,600	47,800	65.0	45.3	3,289,000	2,165,000
Turnips, etc.	2,500	2,900	81.0	66.8	203,000	194,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	13,400	18,200	2.69	2.61	36,000	48,000
Alfalfa	28,300	28,900	1.48	2.29	42,000	66,000
			bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>ALBERTA -</u>						
Peas	800	900	27.5	18.5	22,000	17,000
Beans	700	800	16.7	14.8	12,000	12,000
Mixed grains	19,100	23,200	25.1	25.4	480,000	589,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	28,200	25,400	74.0	51.0	2,087,000	1,295,000
Turnips, etc.	2,700	2,700	107.0	115.0	289,000	311,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	3,100	3,400	5.00	4.50	16,000	15,000
Alfalfa	85,600	103,300	2.30	2.00	197,000	207,000
Sugar beets	19,700	22,500	12.74	11.78	251,000	265,000
			bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA -</u>						
Peas	3,400	3,100	25.4	26.2	86,000	81,000
Beans	900	1,000	23.7	28.5	21,000	29,000
Mixed grains	4,800	4,500	34.7	35.3	167,000	159,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	18,700	19,000	96.0	104.0	1,795,000	1,976,000
Turnips, etc.	6,000	5,600	196.0	198.0	1,176,000	1,109,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	6,200	6,500	10.50	11.00	65,000	72,000
Alfalfa	50,700	52,300	3.00	3.10	152,000	162,000



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