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October Estimate of Production of Late-sown Crops,  
Potatoes, Roots and Fodder

Ottawa, October 14, 1948 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today its second estimate of production of late-sown crops, potatoes, roots and fodder. The yield data are based upon returns made by crop correspondents at the end of September, together with check data provided by provincial statistical offices and other cooperating agencies. The acreage base for the estimates is, with one or two exceptions, obtained from the Bureau's annual June survey.

Dry Peas, Dry Beans and Soy Beans - The acreage seeded to dry peas has declined from 1947 levels in all provinces growing this crop and, despite generally better yields, 1948 production is estimated at only 1,468,000 bushels, down considerably from the 1947 harvest of 1,788,000 bushels. The 1948 dry bean crop, now placed at 1,806,000 bushels, exceeds last year's 1,446,000 by a good margin. In this crop the effect of a decrease in acreage has been more than offset by higher yields per acre. An all-time record Canadian soy bean crop of 1,880,000 bushels is indicated for 1948. Canadian production of this crop is currently confined to Ontario. Production of soy beans in 1947 amounted to 1,110,000 bushels.

Potatoes - With both the all-Canada acreage and yield in excess of 1947 levels the 1948 outturn of potatoes is now placed at 51.4 million hundredweight, an increase of 6.3 million hundredweight over the 1947 crop. Average production for the ten-year period (1938-47) amounted to 41.9 million hundredweight. If the current estimate is realized Canada will harvest the largest potato crop since 1931, when production reached 52.3 million hundredweight.

Sugar Beets - Production of sugar beets in 1948 is currently estimated at 607,000 tons, only fractionally above the 1947 crop of 605,600 tons.

Forage Crops - The present estimate places the all-Canada production of alfalfa at 3.2 million tons as compared with a crop of 2.6 million in 1947. The 1948 fodder corn crop is placed at 4.9 million tons, well above the 1947 figure of 3.9 million.

Shelled Corn - The estimated 1948 outturn of shelled corn at 12.5 million bushels is nearly double the 1947 crop. If the present estimate is realized, the 1948 corn crop will be Canada's largest since 1942, when 14.4 million bushels were harvested. Ontario will account for the entire 1948 corn production with the exception of better than a quarter of a million bushels grown in Manitoba.

Other Crops - Acreage and yields of mixed grains are sharply above 1947 levels with the result that 1948 production is expected to reach 59.7 million bushels, far above the 1947 crop of 34.9 million. The 1948 production of field roots for live-stock feed, excluding the Prairie Provinces for which data are not currently available, is placed at 21.9 million hundredweight as against 21 million last year. The acreage seeded to buckwheat declined considerably from the 1947 level and, despite higher yields, production is estimated at only 4.1 million bushels compared with last year's 5.2 million.

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October Estimate of Production of Late-sown Crops, Potatoes, Roots and Fodder, ,  
1948 as compared with 1947

Province and Crop	Area		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>CANADA</u>						
Peas, dry	127,900	82,200	14.0	17.9	1,788,000	1,468,000
Beans, dry	96,600	92,400	15.0	19.5	1,446,000	1,806,000
Soy Beans	61,000	94,000	18.2	20.0	1,110,000	1,880,000
Buckwheat	290,400	186,300	17.9	21.8	5,187,000	4,054,000
Mixed Grains	1,150,400	1,541,500	30.4	38.7	34,929,000	59,711,000
Shelled Corn	176,200	252,300	37.9	49.5	6,682,000	12,499,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	497,400	508,200	91.0	101.0	45,114,000	51,427,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, Etc.) 1/	113,700	109,800	185.0	199.0	21,019,000	21,889,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	475,100	538,800	8.14	9.11	3,867,400	4,910,000
Alfalfa	1,135,100	1,317,300	2.26	2.45	2,560,000	3,231,000
Sugar Beets	58,500	59,600	10.35	10.18	605,600	607,000
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Buckwheat	1,200	1,000	21.0	21.0	25,000	21,000
Mixed Grains	64,700	63,100	38.0	40.0	2,459,000	2,524,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	43,500	48,200	135.0	120.0	5,873,000	5,784,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, Etc.)	12,000	13,300	275.0	300.0	3,300,000	3,990,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	900	1,200	11.60	8.50	10,000	10,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Buckwheat	1,600	1,500	17.0	25.0	27,000	38,000
Mixed Grains	4,900	6,000	28.0	33.0	137,000	198,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	21,500	21,000	85.0	130.0	1,828,000	2,730,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, Etc.)	10,000	10,200	201.0	237.0	2,010,000	2,417,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	900	1,200	8.70	8.30	8,000	10,000

1/ Excluding field roots in the Prairie Provinces.



Province and Crop	Area		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Beans, dry	900	1,100	17.0	18.0	15,000	20,000
Buckwheat	15,400	14,800	25.0	29.0	385,000	429,000
Mixed Grains	9,500	8,600	34.0	40.0	323,000	344,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	66,600	67,900	142.0	145.0	9,457,000	9,846,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, Etc.)	11,400	10,300	169.0	158.0	1,927,000	1,627,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	1,800	1,900	9.00	8.50	16,000	16,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>QUEBEC</u>						
Peas, dry	17,600	16,200	12.0	17.0	211,000	275,000
Beans, dry	10,900	12,500	14.1	18.0	154,000	225,000
Buckwheat	96,400	75,100	15.8	22.0	1,523,000	1,652,000
Mixed Grains	275,600	299,000	20.2	30.0	5,568,000	8,970,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	148,700	155,000	71.0	90.0	10,558,000	13,950,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, Etc.)	25,000	22,400	138.0	170.0	3,453,000	3,808,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	95,500	106,600	7.47	8.80	713,000	938,000
Alfalfa	71,900	86,300	2.17	2.30	156,000	198,000
Sugar Beets	1,600	2,800	6.56	8.57	10,500	24,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>ONTARIO</u>						
Peas, dry	43,500	29,700	14.8	20.7	644,000	615,000
Beans, dry	84,100	78,300	15.0	19.8	1,262,000	1,550,000
Soy Beans	61,000	94,000	18.2	20.0	1,110,000	1,880,000
Buckwheat	173,500	91,700	18.4	20.5	3,192,000	1,880,000
Mixed Grains	751,100	1,095,900	33.7	41.7	25,312,000	45,699,000
Shelled Corn	165,700	242,400	38.8	50.4	6,430,000	12,217,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	113,700	115,300	80.0	93.0	9,100,000	10,723,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, Etc.)	53,400	51,900	186.0	187.0	9,938,000	9,705,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	348,100	401,600	8.54	9.50	2,973,000	3,815,000
Alfalfa	547,400	732,200	2.46	2.63	1,347,000	1,926,000
Sugar Beets	18,600	18,000	8.83	9.17	164,300	165,000

Province and Crop	Area		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
Peas, dry	31,200	17,000	14.0	17.0	437,000	289,000
Buckwheat	2,300	2,200	15.0	15.6	35,000	34,000
Mixed Grains	13,400	12,700	23.0	29.4	308,000	373,000
Shelled Corn	10,500	9,900	24.0	28.5	252,000	282,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	24,500	26,300	74.0	83.0	1,813,000	2,183,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	17,400	16,000	5.10	4.40	89,000	70,000
Alfalfa	79,000	75,100	2.50	2.40	198,000	180,000
Sugar Beets	9,000	9,500	7.20	8.74	64,800	83,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>						
Peas, dry	9,400	2,300	10.8	18.0	102,000	41,000
Mixed Grains	6,200	6,200	15.3	20.5	95,000	127,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	37,300	34,300	64.0	64.0	2,387,000	2,195,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	6,000	6,800	2.75	2.05	17,000	14,000
Alfalfa	125,500	124,200	1.36	1.87	171,000	232,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>ALBERTA</u>						
Peas, dry	18,500	14,500	12.0	14.3	222,000	207,000
Mixed Grains	16,300	41,600	22.0	27.0	359,000	1,123,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	24,500	22,800	80.0	80.0	1,960,000	1,824,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	900	400	4.20	3.80	4,000	2,000
Alfalfa	223,500	217,000	2.00	2.10	447,000	456,000
Sugar Beets	29,300	29,300	12.50	11.43	366,000	335,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>						
Peas, dry	7,700	2,500	22.3	16.3	172,000	41,000
Beans, dry	700	500	21.8	22.5	15,000	11,000
Mixed Grains	8,700	8,400	42.3	42.0	368,000	353,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	17,100	17,400	125.0	126.0	2,138,000	2,192,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, Etc.)	1,900	1,700	206.0	201.0	391,000	342,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	3,600	3,100	10.40	11.20	37,400	35,000
Alfalfa	87,800	82,500	2.75	2.90	241,000	239,000