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

Ottawa, October 13, 1949 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today its second estimate of late-sown crops, roots and fodder. Also included is the third estimate of the potato crop. 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 co-operating 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 in Canada has declined sharply for the second year in succession. Only in British Columbia were more peas seeded in 1949 than in 1948. With average yields per acre also below last year's in most provinces growing this crop, current production is placed at only .9 million bushels as compared with the 1948 outturn of 1.5 million. Due largely to higher yields in Ontario, the principal growing province, 1949 production of dried beans, at 1.7 million bushels, is up slightly from last year's 1.6 million. Despite a decrease in acreage from last year, the 1949 soy bean crop is estimated at the record level of 2 million bushels. Production of this crop is currently confined to Ontario which last year produced 1.8 million bushels.

Potatoes - Canada's 1949 potato crop is now placed at 49.6 million hundredweight, somewhat above the September estimate of 48.9 million. Last year's crop, produced from a slightly smaller acreage amounted to 55.3 million hundredweight. Average production for the past ten years (1939-48) was 43.8 million hundredweight.

Sugar Beets - A record Canadian production of 876,000 tons of sugar beets is forecast for 1949. A substantial rise in acreage is the principal factor in the indicated increase over last year's outturn of 629,100 tons.

Forage Crops - The all-Canada outturn of alfalfa is placed at 2.7 million tons and fodder corn at 5.2 million. Production in 1948 of these crops was 3.0 and 5.1 million tons respectively.

Shelled Corn - Canada's 1949 corn crop is now placed at 13.8 million bushels as compared with the September estimate of 14.8 million and last year's crop of 12.4 million. If the present estimate is realized the 1949 corn crop will be Canada's largest since 1942, when 14.4 million bushels were harvested. With the exception of 0.6 million bushels in Manitoba, Ontario will account for the entire 1949 shelled corn crop.

Other Crops - Both acreage and production of buckwheat are the lowest on record since 1908. This year's crop, estimated at 3.4 million bushels is being harvested from a seeded acreage of 169,700 acres. Production of mixed grains is placed at 55.3 million bushels, some 6.6 million below 1948. The 1949 production of turnips and mangels for live-stock feed, excluding the Prairie Provinces for which data are not currently available, is placed at 17.8 million hundredweight, well below last year's crop of 22.8 million.

October Estimate of Production of Late-sown Crops, Potatoes, Roots and Fodder,
1949 as compared with 1948

Province and Crop	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>CANADA</u>						
Peas, dry	82,200	57,900	18.0	15.5	1,477,000	898,000
Beans, dry	92,400	93,100	17.8	18.6	1,641,000	1,733,000
Soy Beans	94,000	87,800	19.4	23.0	1,824,000	2,019,000
Buckwheat	186,300	169,700	21.6	20.1	4,031,000	3,416,000
Mixed Grains	1,541,500	1,683,200	40.2	32.9	61,947,000	55,298,000
Shelled Corn	252,300	272,000	49.2	50.9	12,417,000	13,844,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	508,200	510,300	109.0	97.0	55,260,000	49,647,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, etc.)	109,800	105,500	208.0	169.0	22,807,000	17,841,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	538,800	567,400	9.37	9.16	5,051,000	5,197,000
Alfalfa	1,317,300	1,488,900	2.29	1.79	3,022,000	2,671,000
Sugar Beets	60,000	83,900	10.49	10.44	629,100	876,000
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Buckwheat	1,000	1,000	22.0	28.0	22,000	28,000
Mixed Grains	63,100	69,500	42.0	41.0	2,650,000	2,850,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	48,200	49,400	131.0	150.0	6,314,000	7,410,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, etc.)	13,300	13,300	289.0	285.0	3,844,000	3,791,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	1,200	1,100	10.40	10.00	12,000	11,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Buckwheat	1,500	1,100	18.0	25.0	27,000	28,000
Mixed Grains	6,000	6,300	33.0	40.0	198,000	252,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	21,000	21,200	132.0	137.0	2,772,000	2,904,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, etc.)	10,200	9,100	241.0	242.0	2,458,000	2,202,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	1,200	1,000	9.20	9.60	11,000	10,000

Province and Crop	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Beans, dry	1,100	1,400	17.0	16.0	19,000	22,000
Buckwheat	14,800	14,700	25.0	31.0	370,000	456,000
Mixed Grains	8,600	10,100	37.0	39.0	318,000	394,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	67,900	61,400	153.0	152.0	10,389,000	9,333,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, etc.)	10,300	8,900	216.0	180.0	2,225,000	1,602,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	1,900	1,400	8.70	7.40	17,000	10,000
<u>QUEBEC</u>						
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Peas, dry	16,200	15,500	16.8	15.0	272,000	233,000
Beans, dry	12,500	10,400	16.7	16.0	209,000	166,000
Buckwheat	75,100	78,600	23.1	20.0	1,735,000	1,572,000
Mixed Grains	299,000	312,000	30.8	25.0	9,209,000	7,800,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	155,000	160,000	96.7	75.0	14,989,000	12,000,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, etc.)	22,400	23,700	186.0	151.0	4,166,000	3,579,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	106,600	117,000	8.40	9.40	895,000	1,100,000
Alfalfa	86,300	106,000	1.91	2.00	165,000	212,000
Sugar Beets	2,900	6,000	9.52	9.67	27,600	58,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>						
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Peas, dry	29,700	25,400	21.9	14.0	650,000	356,000
Beans, dry	78,300	80,900	17.9	19.0	1,402,000	1,537,000
Soy Beans	94,000	87,800	19.4	23.0	1,824,000	2,019,000
Buckwheat	91,700	72,200	20.1	18.0	1,843,000	1,300,000
Mixed Grains	1,095,900	1,211,000	43.5	35.0	47,672,000	42,385,000
Shelled Corn	242,400	250,000	50.0	53.0	12,120,000	13,250,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	115,300	117,000	106.0	91.0	12,222,000	10,647,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, etc.)	51,900	48,800	188.0	130.0	9,757,000	6,344,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder Corn	401,600	418,000	9.95	9.40	3,996,000	3,929,000
Alfalfa	732,200	802,000	2.49	1.80	1,823,000	1,444,000
Sugar Beets	18,400	30,100	10.71	11.00	197,000	330,000

Province and Crop	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
Peas, dry	17,000	6,000	16.0	19.0	272,000	114,000
Buckwheat	2,200	2,100	15.5	15.0	34,000	32,000
Mixed Grains	12,700	16,600	29.4	28.0	373,000	465,000
Shelled Corn	9,900	22,000	30.0	27.0	297,000	594,000
Potatoes	26,300	26,000	cwt. 82.0 tons	cwt. 75.0 tons	cwt. 2,157,000 tons	cwt. 1,950,000 tons
Fodder Corn	16,000	20,000	4.40	4.20	70,000	84,000
Alfalfa	75,100	94,000	2.40	2.00	180,000	188,000
Sugar Beets	9,500	15,500	8.47	8.26	80,500	128,000
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>						
Peas, dry	2,300	2,000	15.0	22.0	35,000	44,000
Mixed Grains	6,200	6,000	20.5	20.8	127,000	125,000
Potatoes	34,300	32,900	cwt. 63.0 tons	cwt. 52.0 tons	cwt. 2,161,000 tons	cwt. 1,711,000 tons
Fodder Corn	6,800	4,100	2.22	1.66	15,000	7,000
Alfalfa	124,200	149,000	1.87	1.68	232,000	250,000
<u>ALBERTA</u>						
Peas, dry	14,500	5,500	14.3	12.5	207,000	69,000
Mixed Grains	41,600	43,700	25.5	16.0	1,061,000	699,000
Potatoes	22,800	25,400	cwt. 89.0 tons	cwt. 55.0 tons	cwt. 2,029,000 tons	cwt. 1,397,000 tons
Fodder Corn	400	700	4.50	4.50	2,000	3,000
Alfalfa	217,000	243,000	1.80	1.30	391,000	316,000
Sugar Beets	29,200	32,300	11.10	11.15	324,000	360,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>						
Peas, dry	2,500	3,500	16.5	23.5	41,000	82,000
Beans, dry	500	400	21.6	21.0	11,000	8,000
Mixed Grains	8,400	8,000	40.4	41.0	339,000	328,000
Potatoes	17,400	17,000	cwt. 128.0	cwt. 135.0	cwt. 2,227,000	cwt. 2,295,000
Field Roots (Turnips, Mangels, etc.)	1,700	1,700	210.0 tons	190.0 tons	357,000 tons	323,000 tons
Fodder Corn	3,100	4,100	10.50	10.50	33,000	43,000
Alfalfa	82,500	94,900	2.80	2.75	231,000	261,000

Note: Data for Newfoundland not yet available.