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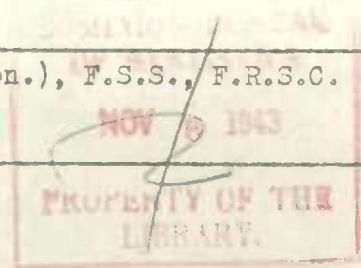
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PRODUCTION OF OIL-BEARING SEEDS 1943

Ottawa, November 5, (4 p.m.) - A preliminary estimate of the production of oil-bearing seed crops in Canada in 1943 is contained in a supplementary crop report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The crops covered in the report are sunflower seed, rape seed and soybean, the first estimate of flaxseed production having been made on September 10.

In the following table the first estimate of 1943 production of the four oil-bearing seed crops is summarized. Except for flaxseed, comparable data by provinces are not available for 1942.

Flaxseed .....	17,689,000 bushels
Soybean .....	909,750 "
Sunflower seed ....	18,600,000 pounds
Rape seed .....	3,423,000 "

Sunflower Seed

The production of commercial crops of sunflower seed was confined to the three Prairie Provinces and concentrated in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. A crop of almost 19,000,000 pounds of seed was produced on 29,000 acres. The provincial production is shown below.

	Acreage acres	Yield lbs.	Production lbs.
Manitoba .....	14,000	700	9,800,000
Saskatchewan .....	14,500	600	8,700,000
Alberta .....	500	200	100,000
T o t a l .....	29,000	641	18,600,000

Rape Seed

Commercial production of Argentine rape seed in Canada this year was a new venture. Seed was distributed in five provinces, chiefly in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and a crop of 3,423,400 pounds is estimated on 4,051 acres. Yields per acre were very high in Manitoba, but only slightly above average in the other provinces. The provincial distribution of the crop was as follows:

	Acreage acres	Yield lbs.	Production lbs.
Manitoba .....	1,500	1,200	1,800,000
Saskatchewan .....	1,700	605	1,028,500
Alberta .....	22	700	15,400
Ontario .....	821	700	574,700
Quebec .....	8	600	4,800
T o t a l .....	4,051	845	3,423,400

Soybean

Soybean production is not new in Canada, but heavy expansion in acreage was sought in 1943. Weather conditions interfered with planting operations, especially in Ontario where the bulk of the crop is produced, and while some increase in the seeded area took place the plantings fell far short of the objective of 90,000 acres. The preliminary estimate of the total production is placed at 909,750 bushels from 50,400 acres distributed by provinces as follows:

	Acreage acres	Yield lbs.	Production lbs.
Ontario .....	47,000	18.6	874,200
Manitoba .....	2,500	9.0	22,500
British Columbia .....	900	14.5	13,050
T o t a l .....	50,400	18.1	909,750

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