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PRODUCTION OF OIL-BEARING SEEDS 1944

Ottawa, November 27, 1944 - A preliminary estimate of the production of oil-bearing seed crops in Canada in 1944 is contained in a supplementary crop report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The crops covered in the report are soybeans, sunflower seed and rapeseed, the second estimate of flaxseed production having been made on November 14.

The estimated production of the principal oil-bearing seed crops in Canada for 1944 with comparative estimates for 1943 are as follows:

		1943	1944
Flaxseed	bu.	17,911,000	9,668,000
Soybeans for beans	bu.	569,100	681,820
Sunflower seed	lb.	5,302,500	8,500,000
Rapeseed	lb.	2,822,900	6,600,000

Soybeans

The estimated acreage and production of soybeans for beans in Canada in 1944 as compared with 1943 are as follows:

	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
	acres		bushels		bushels	
Ontario	32,150	35,800	16.9	18.9	544,600	676,620
Manitoba	2,500	400	8.0	13.0	20,000	5,200
British Columbia ..	900	-	5.0	-	4,500	-
T o t a l	35,550	36,200	16.0	18.8	569,100	681,820

The total acreage seeded to soybeans in Ontario this year is estimated at 44,700 acres, but of this total some 8,900 acres were seeded for hay. Production of soybeans in British Columbia for commercial purposes has disappeared in 1944.

Sunflower Seed

Commercial production of sunflower seed in 1944 was confined to the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Their acreage and production, with comparative data for 1943, are as follows:

	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
	acres		pounds		pounds	
Manitoba	4,270	11,300	650	500	2,775,500	5,650,000
Saskatchewan	7,600	6,000	320	475	2,432,000	2,850,000
Alberta	500	-	190	-	95,000	-
T o t a l	12,370	17,300	429	491	5,302,500	8,500,000

During the period August 1 to November 16 receipts of sunflower seed at Western Elevators have exceeded 4,275,000 pounds.

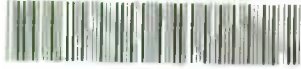
Rapeseed

Commercial production of rapeseed in Canada this year is estimated at 6,600,000 pounds. The provincial distribution of this crop for the last two years is as follows:

	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
	acres		pounds		pounds	
Quebec	8	-	600	-	4,800	-
Ontario	821	600	700	650	574,700	390,000
Manitoba	1,500	6,000	800	700	1,200,000	4,200,000
Saskatchewan	1,700	4,800	605	400	1,028,000	1,920,000
Alberta	22	630	700	143	15,400	90,000
T o t a l	4,051	12,030	697	549	2,822,900	6,600,000

Owing to dry weather the yield in southern Alberta was very disappointing, with a substantial proportion of the seeded acreage being abandoned. Over 2 million pounds of rapeseed have already been delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board.

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