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PRODUCTION OF OIL BEARING SEEDS - 1947

Ottawa, November 19, 1947 (3 p.m.) - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today an estimate of the production of Canada's major oilseed crops for 1947. The data presented on flaxseed and soy beans are unchanged from the estimates published on November 14. The 1947 estimates for sunflower seed and rapeseed have not been published previously. All estimates are issued subject to revision. The 1947 Canadian crop of flaxseed is placed at ~~11.5~~ ^{12.2} million bushels as compared with the 1946 outturn of 6.4 million bushels. Soy bean production is estimated at 0.8 million bushels (1.1 millions in 1946); sunflower seed at 20 million pounds (13.4 millions in 1946), and rapeseed at 26.2 million pounds (13.0 millions in 1946).

Acreage, yield and production, by provinces, producing the various crops in 1947 with the comparative figures for 1946 are as follows:

FLAXSEED

	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	acres	^{x 100,000}	bushels		bushels ^{x 1,000,000}	
Ontario	18,000	56,200	9.4	12.0	169,000	674,000
Manitoba	304,000	556,000	9.8	9.4	2,979,000	5,200,000
Saskatchewan	455,000	601,000 ^x	5.7	5.8	2,594,000	3,500,000 ^x
Alberta	62,000	257,000	10.2	8.4	635,000	2,150,000
British Columbia ..	1,900	2,100	13.5	8.0	25,700	16,800
T o t a l	840,900	1,472,300	7.6	7.8	6,402,700	11,540,800
		1,571,300				12,240,800

SOY BEANS

	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	acres		bushels		bushels	
Ontario	59,200	49,100	18.1	16.4	1,072,000	806,000
T o t a l	59,200	49,100	18.1	16.4	1,072,000	806,000

SUNFLOWER SEED

	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	acres		pounds		pounds	
Manitoba	23,000	25,000	565	800	13,000,000	20,000,000
Saskatchewan	800	1/	445	1/	356,000	1/
T o t a l	23,800	25,000	561	800	13,356,000	20,000,000

1/ No estimate available, Saskatchewan apparently abandoning production of sunflowers on a commercial scale, at least for the time being.

RAPESEED

	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	acres		pounds		pounds	
Manitoba	2,500	1/	400	1/	1,000,000	1/
Saskatchewan	21,200	58,300	566	450	12,000,000	26,235,000
T o t a l	23,700	58,300	549	450	13,000,000	26,235,000

1/ No estimate available, Manitoba apparently abandoning production of rapeseed on a commercial scale, at least for the time being.

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