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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION OF OILSEED CROPS

Ottawa, November 22, 1949, 3 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today an estimate of Canada's major oilseed crops for 1949. Data on flaxseed and soybeans are unchanged from those released by the Bureau on November 17, whereas estimates of the 1949 production of sunflower seed and rapeseed have not been published previously. All estimates have been made in co-operation with the agricultural statisticians of the various provinces and are issued subject to revision.

The 1949 crops of flaxseed and rapeseed declined sharply from the high production levels of 1948 with flaxseed at 2.3 million bushels showing the lowest outturn since 1939. The rapeseed crop of 17 million pounds was far below the 1948 production which was placed at nearly 86 million pounds. On the other hand Canadian producers of soybeans and sunflower seed increased their 1949 plantings, and production of both these crops at 2.6 million bushels and 27 million pounds, respectively, reached the highest level recorded to date.

Acreage, Yield and Production of Oilseed Crops, 1948 and 1949,  
by Provinces

	Acreage		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
	acres		bushels		bushels	
Flaxseed:						
Ontario .....	64,300	16,500	12.9	11.9	829,000	196,000
Manitoba .....	960,000	134,000	9.4	8.2	9,040,000	1,100,000
Saskatchewan ...	600,000	132,000	7.9	4.9	4,740,000	650,000
Alberta .....	250,000	37,500	12.2	8.0	3,050,000	300,000
British Columbia	2,200	1,100	11.0	15.0	24,000	16,000
Total .....	1,876,500	321,100	9.4	7.0	17,683,000	2,262,000
Soybeans:						
Ontario .....	94,000	103,800	19.4	25.1	1,824,000	2,605,000
			pounds		pounds	
Sunflower Seed:						
Manitoba .....	28,000	60,000	800	450	22,400,000	27,000,000
Rapeseed:						
Saskatchewan ...	80,000	20,000	1,070	850	85,600,000	17,000,000

NOTE: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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