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ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION OF OILSEED CROPS

Ottawa, November 21, 1950, 3 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today an estimate of Canada's oilseed crops for 1950. Data on flaxseed and soybeans are unchanged from those released by the Bureau on November 16, whereas estimates of the 1950 production of sunflower seed and rapeseed have not been published previously. All estimates have been made in cooperation with the agricultural statisticians of the provinces concerned.

The 1950 crops of flaxseed and soybeans are both above 1949 levels. Production of flaxseed at 4.5 million bushels is nearly double last year's 2.3 million but is well below the 1940-49 average of 9.8 million. For the fifth consecutive harvest the Canadian soybean crop has established a new record with production reaching the 3 million bushel mark for the first time. Production of sunflower seed in 1950 at 10.4 million pounds is the lowest since 1945. The late, wet spring in Manitoba reduced seedings of this crop and unseasonable fall weather adversely affected yields. With no profitable market available for rapeseed, farmers in Saskatchewan have almost ceased growing this crop. The outturn this year is estimated at only 420,000 pounds, the smallest crop on record.

Acreage, Yield and Production of Oilseed Crops, by Provinces, Canada, 1949 and 1950

Crop and Province	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
	acres		bushels		bushels	
Flaxseed						
Ontario	16,500	19,800	11.9	11.4	196,000	226,000
Manitoba	134,000	300,000	8.2	9.7	1,100,000	2,900,000
Saskatchewan	132,000	177,000	4.9	5.6	650,000	1,000,000
Alberta	37,500	48,300	8.0	8.3	300,000	400,000
British Columbia.	2,500	1,900	15.0	7.6	38,000	14,000
Totals	322,500	547,000	7.1	8.3	2,284,000	4,540,000
Soybeans						
Ontario	103,800	142,000	25.1	21.4	2,605,000	3,039,000
Sunflower Seed			pounds		pounds	
Manitoba	60,000	26,000	425	400	25,500,000	10,400,000
Rapeseed						
Saskatchewan	20,000	1,400	850	300	17,000,000	420,000

NOTE: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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