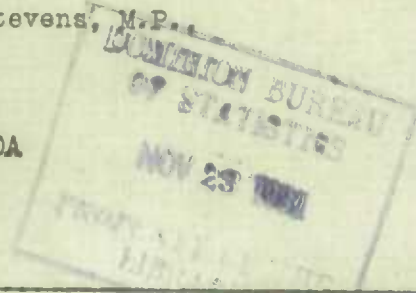


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FIELD CROPS OF CANADA, 1931.

Ottawa, November 17, 1931, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today a bulletin giving (1) the provisional estimate of the area and yield of the potato, root and fodder crops of Canada for 1931; (2) an estimate of the areas sown to fall wheat and fall rye for the season of 1932 with condition on October 31 and (3) the percentage of land intended for next year's crops that was fall ploughed by the end of October. The estimates are based upon the returns of crop correspondents on October 31.

POTATO HARVEST OF 1931.

The provisional estimate of the total yield of potatoes in Canada in 1931 is placed at 55,089,000 cwt. from 581,132 acres, as compared with the preliminary estimate of 55,535,000 cwt. from 576,200 acres and the final estimate for 1930 at 48,241,000 cwt. from 571,300 acres. For this second estimate, the acreages used are those enumerated by the decennial census taken in June of this year, the acreage figures being subject to slight final revision.

The variations between the survey and census acreages were comparatively slight, upward revisions being necessary in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia and subtractions in Nova Scotia and Quebec.

The yield per acre for Canada is placed slightly lower, counteracting to some extent the small increase in acreage.

OTHER ROOTS AND FORAGE CROPS.

A reduced acreage shown by the census for turnips, mangolds, etc. effects a lowering of that estimate from 46,883,000 cwt. to 41,292,000 cwt. as compared with 41,064,000 cwt. last year. The total hay and clover crop is estimated today for the first time this year at 14,590,000 tons compared with 16,397,000 tons a year ago.

Alfalfa, with an increased acreage and heavier yields, is estimated at 1,865,000 tons compared with 1,640,000 tons last year.

Fodder corn is shown at practically the same tonnage as a year ago.

The yield of sugar beets at 504,000 tons is considerably higher than both the preliminary estimate for this year and the final estimate for 1930.

ROOT AND FODDER CROPS.

The total yields of root and fodder crops for Canada are estimated provisionally as follows, with the figures for 1930 within brackets; Potatoes 55,089,000 cwt. (48,241,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 41,292,000 cwt. (41,064,000 cwt.); hay and clover 14,590,000 tons (16,397,000 tons); alfalfa 1,865,000 tons (1,640,000 tons); fodder corn 3,444,600 tons (3,475,700 tons); sugar beets 504,000 tons (471,000 tons). The average yields per acre are as follows, with last year's averages within brackets: Potatoes 95 cwt. (84.4 cwt.); turnips, etc. 214 cwt. (181.8 cwt.); hay and clover 1.64 tons (1.54 tons); alfalfa 2.49 tons (2.20 tons); fodder corn 8.10 tons (8.15 tons); sugar beets 9.69 tons (8.97 tons).

AREA AND CONDITION OF FALL WHEAT AND FALL RYE

The total area estimated as sown to fall wheat in Canada up to October 31, 1931, for the season of 1932 is 518,400 acres, as compared with 560,445 acres, the area sown in 1930 for 1931. This represents a decrease of 42,045 acres, or 8 p.c. By provinces, the acreages are as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: Ontario 489,000 (526,136); Alberta 19,000 (22,787); British Columbia 10,400 (11,522). The total area estimated as sown to fall rye in Canada for 1932 is 539,000 acres, as compared with 598,511 acres for 1931, a decrease of 59,511 acres or 10 p.c. By provinces the acreages are as follows, with last year's acreages within brackets: Ontario 52,000 (56,398); Manitoba 24,000 (33,799); Saskatchewan 382,000 (415,152); Alberta 81,000 (93,162). For Canada, the condition of fall wheat on October 31 was reported as 105 p.c. of the long-time average yield per acre, as against 100 p.c. on the same date in 1930, while that of fall rye was reported as 94 against 94. By provinces, the condition of these crops on October 31 was as follows, last year's condition being shown within brackets: Fall wheat--Ontario 106 (100); Alberta 94 (98); British Columbia 100 (94). Fall rye--Ontario 102 (101); Manitoba 96 (93); Saskatchewan 93 (96); Alberta 93 (99).

FALL PLOUGHING

For all Canada, the proportions of land intended for next year's crops that had been ploughed at October 31, 1931, is estimated at 46 p.c., as compared with 36 p.c. in 1930 and 46 p.c. in 1929. By provinces, the proportions in 1931 are as follows, with the corresponding figures for 1930 within brackets: Prince Edward Island 79 (60); Nova Scotia 59 (32); New Brunswick 74 (72); Quebec 89 (74); Ontario 71 (60); Manitoba 78 (60); Saskatchewan 28 (21); Alberta 12 (8); British Columbia 53 (43).

111. Provisional Estimate of the Area and Yield of Root and Fodder Crops, 1931, as compared with 1930.

	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931
	acres	acres	per acre cwt.	per acre cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
CANADA--						
Potatoes	571,300	521,132	84.4	95.0	48,241,000	55,089,000
Turnips, etc.	225,930	193,213	181.8	214.0	41,064,000	41,292,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	10,618,200	8,901,785	1.54	1.64	16,397,000	14,590,000
Alfalfa	744,000	748,100	2.20	2.49	1,640,000	1,865,000
Fodder corn	426,400	425,200	8.15	8.10	3,475,700	3,444,600
Sugar beets	52,500	52,000	8.97	9.69	471,000	504,000
P. E. ISLAND -			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	45,700	54,272	105.0	90.0	4,799,000	4,884,000
Turnips, etc.	13,500	8,512	300.0	211.0	4,050,000	1,796,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	267,000	234,762	1.32	1.55	353,000	364,000
Fodder corn	800	800	10.00	7.00	8,000	5,600
NOVA SCOTIA -			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	31,200	21,390	107.0	91.0	3,338,000	1,946,000
Turnips, etc.	15,300	8,793	178.0	255.0	2,812,000	2,242,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	540,000	376,455	1.59	1.77	859,000	666,000
Fodder corn	1,200	1,200	11.00	9.70	13,000	12,000
NEW BRUNSWICK -			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	48,000	59,263	121.9	107.0	5,853,000	6,341,000
Turnips, etc.	13,600	8,889	220.0	247.0	2,992,000	2,196,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	549,200	458,835	1.49	1.66	818,000	762,000
Fodder corn	3,700	3,700	11.00	6.75	40,700	25,000
QUEBEC -			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	165,800	141,610	81.4	119.0	13,491,000	16,852,000
Turnips, etc.	59,300	23,641	182.8	238.0	10,840,000	5,627,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	4,500,000	3,298,726	1.50	1.65	6,771,000	5,443,000
Alfalfa	14,200	14,000	2.18	3.00	31,000	42,000
Fodder corn	70,800	71,000	8.47	9.90	600,000	703,000

	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931
	acres	acres	per acre cwt.	per acre cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
<u>ONTARIO -</u>						
Potatoes	159,000	169,604	69.0	89.0	10,965,000	15,095,000
Turnips, etc.	105,000	125,478	172.6	213.0	18,125,000	26,727,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	3,329,000	3,593,991	1.58	1.68	5,263,000	6,038,000
Alfalfa	642,000	648,000	2.20	2.50	1,410,000	1,620,000
Fodder corn	312,000	315,000	8.39	8.12	2,619,000	2,558,000
Sugar beets	38,000	36,000	8.90	10.00	340,000	360,000
<u>MANITOBA -</u>						
Potatoes	31,700	37,300	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Turnips, etc.	4,800	4,500	83.8	69.0	2,657,000	2,574,000
			97.9	122.0	466,000	549,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	437,300	294,888	1.80	1.15	787,000	339,000
Alfalfa	12,200	11,500	2.07	1.71	25,000	20,000
Fodder corn	14,000	12,000	5.40	3.40	75,000	41,000
<u>SASKATCHEWAN -</u>						
Potatoes	41,800	41,732	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Turnips, etc.	3,830	3,100	68.7	59.0	2,872,000	2,462,000
			60.7	43.0	232,000	133,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	460,900	171,538	1.51	1.17	696,000	201,000
Alfalfa	11,400	9,800	1.94	1.32	22,000	13,000
Fodder corn	10,700	8,600	2.71	1.56	29,000	13,000
<u>ALBERTA -</u>						
Potatoes	30,100	35,596	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Turnips, etc.	3,100	3,200	84.0	78.0	2,536,000	2,776,000
			101.2	126.0	314,000	403,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	351,800	287,721	1.47	1.37	517,000	394,000
Alfalfa	33,200	33,200	2.10	2.19	70,000	73,000
Fodder corn	7,200	7,000	3.75	3.55	27,000	25,000
Sugar beets	14,500	16,000	9.00	9.00	131,000	144,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA -</u>						
Potatoes	18,000	20,365	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Turnips, etc.	7,000	7,200	96.1	106.0	1,730,000	2,159,000
			176.0	228.0	1,233,000	1,619,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	183,000	184,869	1.82	2.07	333,000	383,000
Alfalfa	31,000	31,600	2.64	3.08	82,000	97,000
Fodder corn	6,000	5,900	10.71	10.55	64,000	62,000

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