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FIELD CROPS OF CANADA, 1934.

Ottawa, October 11, 1934, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today a bulletin giving a preliminary estimate of the area and yield of the potato, root and fodder crops of Canada for 1934. The estimate is based upon the returns of crop correspondents on September 30.

POTATO HARVEST OF 1934.

According to the preliminary estimate, the total production of potatoes in Canada in 1934 will be 47,241,000 cwt. from 568,800 acres, or 83 cwt. per acre, as compared with a revised estimate of 42,745,000 cwt. from 527,700 acres, or 81 cwt. per acre in 1933 and 46,017,000 cwt. from 564,000 acres or 82 cwt per acre, the average for the five years, 1928-1932. By provinces, the yields in cwt. per acre are, in order, as follows with last year's figures within brackets: New Brunswick 128 (115); Prince Edward Island 120 (100); British Columbia 113 (96); Nova Scotia 112 (91); Quebec 97.7 (101.0); Ontario 69.6 (64.2); Manitoba 50 (63); Alberta 53 (58); Saskatchewan 31.4 (50.0). It will be noted that the Ontario yield per acre and production for 1933 have been revised upward, which makes revision of the Canadian totals necessary.

There was an increase of 7.8 per cent in the 1934 potato acreage over that of 1933. In addition, the yield per acre in Canada was 2.5 per cent higher in 1934 than in 1933 so that the total production is placed 10.5 per cent above the 1933 level.

The seasons 1932, 1933 and 1934 have been marked by reduced acreages and low yields compared with previous years, but there has been a gradual return to near-average levels. In the Maritime Provinces, particularly good potato harvests are reported in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, although the late crops are lighter than those dug earlier. Summer drought affected the yield in Nova Scotia but not to the extent commonly expected. Quebec had another good potato harvest, only slightly below that of 1933. Drought was the principal factor reducing the Ontario crop, but the estimated production is higher than in 1933. In each of the Prairie Provinces, the dry summer weather has adversely affected yields and the early winter resulted in further loss in some important potato districts. The production in British Columbia returned to average after a considerable drop last year.

OTHER ROOT AND FODDER CROPS

The total yield of turnips, mangolds, etc. in Canada in 1934 is estimated at 37,757,000 cwt. from 187,150 acres, or 202 cwt. per acre, as compared with 34,618,000 cwt. from 183,900 acres, or 188 cwt. per acre in 1933, and with 37,615,000 cwt. from 192,000 acres, or 196 cwt. per acre, the average of the five years 1928-32. The total yield of all cuttings of alfalfa is now estimated at 1,336,000 tons from 678,200 acres, or 1.97 tons per acre, as compared with 1,652,300 tons from 721,600 acres, or 2.29 tons per acre, in 1933, and with 1,727,000 tons from 724,000 acres, or 2.39 tons per acre, the five-year average. The yield of fodder corn is placed at 3,769,000 tons from 496,600 acres, or 7.59 tons per acre, as compared with 3,122,800 tons from 378,750 acres, or 8.25 tons per acre, in 1933, and with 3,241,000 tons from 398,000 acres, or 8.14 tons per acre, the five-year average. Sugar beets are estimated to have yielded 476,000 tons from 52,100 acres, or 9.14 tons per acre, as compared with 457,000 tons from 46,000 acres, or 9.93 tons per acre, in 1933, and with 446,000 tons from 48,800 acres, or 9.13 tons per acre, the five-year average.

I. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF THE YIELD OF ROOT AND FODDER CROPS,
SEPTEMBER 30, 1934, AS COMPARED WITH 1933.

Field Crops	1933	1934	1933	1934	1933	1934
	acres	acres	per acre	per acre	cwt.	cwt.
<u>CANADA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.		
Potatoes	527,700	568,800	81.0	83.0	42,745,000	47,241,000
Turnips, etc.	183,900	187,150	188.0	202.0	34,618,000	37,757,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Sugar beets	46,000	52,100	9.93	9.14	457,000	476,000
Fodder corn	378,750	496,600	8.25	7.59	3,122,800	3,769,000
Alfalfa	721,600	678,200	2.29	1.97	1,652,300	1,336,000
<u>P.E. ISLAND -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	37,600	40,200	100.0	120.0	3,760,000	4,824,000
Turnips, etc.	9,700	10,700	375.0	286.0	3,638,000	3,060,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	250	300	7.33	10.50	1,800	3,200
<u>NOVA SCOTIA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	20,500	21,900	91.0	112.0	1,866,000	2,453,000
Turnips, etc.	10,700	11,150	277.0	223.0	2,964,000	2,486,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	500	600	8.00	8.47	4,000	5,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	46,900	54,200	115.0	128.0	5,394,000	6,938,000
Turnips, etc.	11,100	11,600	227.0	233.8	2,520,000	2,712,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	500	500	6.80	7.63	3,400	3,800
<u>QUEBEC -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	133,100	143,400	101.0	97.7	13,444,000	14,010,000
Turnips, etc.	36,400	38,800	216.0	216.0	7,847,000	8,381,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	44,200	52,400	10.62	8.60	470,000	449,000
Alfalfa	5,700	7,600	2.68	2.37	15,300	18,000
<u>ONTARIO -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	157,500	164,300	64.2	69.6	10,112,000	11,435,000
Turnips, etc.	100,300	100,200	156.0	193.2	15,647,000	19,359,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Sugar beets	31,900	37,600	10.00	8.49	319,000	319,000
Fodder corn	286,000	323,200	8.53	9.09	2,440,000	2,938,000
Alfalfa	560,500	510,300	2.32	1.85	1,300,000	944,000
<u>MANITOBA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	36,400	41,700	63.0	50.0	2,300,000	2,085,000
Turnips, etc.	6,100	5,800	101.0	82.0	616,000	476,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	30,200	76,400	3.90	3.44	118,000	263,000
Alfalfa	26,300	29,100	1.60	1.92	42,000	56,000
<u>SASKATCHEWAN -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	45,700	51,300	50.0	31.4	2,285,000	1,611,000
Turnips, etc.	2,800	2,300	55.0	25.0	154,000	58,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	7,200	30,400	2.44	0.72	17,600	22,000
Alfalfa	11,900	11,600	1.71	0.92	20,000	11,000
<u>ALBERTA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	32,000	32,800	58.0	53.0	1,853,000	1,738,000
Turnips, etc.	1,900	1,700	81.0	363.	154,000	147,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Sugar beets	14,100	14,500	9.79	10.80	138,000	157,000
Fodder corn	5,000	8,000	2.52	3.80	13,000	30,000
Alfalfa	73,100	74,600	1.94	2.09	142,000	156,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	18,000	19,000	96.0	113.0	1,728,000	2,147,000
Turnips, etc.	4,900	4,900	220.0	220.0	1,078,000	1,078,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	4,900	4,800	11.23	11.48	55,000	55,000
Alfalfa	44,100	45,000	3.02	3.35	133,000	151,000

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