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FIELD CROPS OF CANADA, 1935.

Ottawa, July 10, 1935, 4 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today a bulletin giving (1) the numerical condition of field crops in Canada at the end of June and (2) a preliminary estimate of the areas of late-sown crops and hay.

SUMMARY

The condition of field crops in Canada was well maintained during the month of June. Rainfall was well distributed during the month and pastures and hay crops improved. Fall wheat prospects improved during June while a slight reduction occurred in the condition of the spring wheat crops, largely due to damage sustained in parts of southern Alberta and south-western Saskatchewan. General improvement in crop prospects took place throughout all provinces in eastern Canada.

In the Maritime Provinces, rains and warmer weather during June brought general improvement to all crops, hay and clover and pastures particularly showing the effects of the more favourable weather. In some places, more especially in New Brunswick, there was an over-abundance of moisture for the lower lands and for the seeding of late crops. Outcrops are more prevalent than usual, damaging gardens and root fields. Fruit crops are generally promising.

In Quebec all crops showed a condition somewhat below normal at the end of June, but this is due rather to the lateness of the season than to any serious damage. The crops on poorly drained lands have suffered from an excess of moisture but elsewhere have a good appearance. Insects are abundant and active.

In Ontario all crops showed substantial improvement during June resulting from ample rainfall and periods of hot weather. Hay crops are normal or better.

In the Prairie Provinces, crop conditions declined slightly as a result of reduced prospects reported in Alberta. In Saskatchewan, the high condition figures reported at the end of May were maintained while a slight improvement in prospects in Manitoba took place in June. Reduced prospects were reported from southern Alberta, parts of northern Alberta and south-western and north-western Saskatchewan. In the southern districts drought has been the chief adverse factor while in northern areas continued wet weather and late crops tended to lower condition figures. Rainfall during June resulted in improved pastures, but haying has been delayed.

Rains late in June were helpful in British Columbia and the condition of pastures and hay crops improved.

The telegraphic crop report issued yesterday showed a week of substantial rains in the Prairie Provinces, but the areas affected by drought did not receive enough moisture to halt the decline in crop prospects. Further damage has occurred in southern Alberta and south-western Saskatchewan since June 30, but the general outlook for the Prairie Provinces has not changed significantly.

The acreage sown to late crops is slightly smaller than a year ago. A small increase in the acreage sown to sugar beets is reported.

Condition of Field Crops, June 30, 1935.

For all Canada, the condition of field crops on June 30, 1935, expressed numerically in percentages of the long-time average yields per acre, was reported as follows, with the figures for May 31, 1935, and June 30, 1934, within brackets in the order mentioned: Fall wheat 94 (32, 45); spring wheat 96 (97, 82); all wheat 96 (97, 82); oats 96 (94, 87); barley 98 (95, 84); fall rye 96 (99, 57); spring rye 94 (97, 80); all rye 96 (99, 63); peas 93 (90, 95); beans 97 (-, 82); buckwheat 96 (-, 94); mixed grains 101 (92, 89); flaxseed 95 (-, 78); corn for husking 95 (-, 76); potatoes 96 (-, 96); turnips, etc. 95 (-, 89); hay and clover 98 (83, 82); alfalfa 103 (38, 72); fodder corn 94 (-, 87); sugar beets 100 (-, 74); pasture 103 (85, 86).

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In the Prairie Provinces, the condition of the principal cereal crops on June 30, 1935, was reported as follows, with the figures for May 31, 1935, and June 30, 1934, within brackets: Manitoba - wheat 103 (100, 80); oats 101 (98, 83); barley 101 (97, 83); rye 100 (99, 76); flaxseed 97 (-, 83). Saskatchewan - wheat 97 (97, 77); oats 97 (95, 78); barley 98 (95, 77); rye 97 (99, 52); flaxseed 95 (-, 76). Alberta - wheat 93 (96, 92); oats 91 (94, 92); barley 92 (94, 94); rye 93 (102, 77); flaxseed 87 (-, 89).

Acreeage of Late-Sown Crops and Hay.

The preliminary estimate of the acreages of late-sown crops and hay in 1935 is as follows, with the 1934 acreages in brackets: Peas 93,290 (94,960); beans 56,110 (56,760); buckwheat 382,900 (407,200); corn for husking 157,900 (161,100); turnips, etc. 184,200 (187,400); hay and clover 8,749,800 (8,881,400); alfalfa 671,000 (678,900); fodder corn 488,730 (497,100); sugar beets 52,655 (52,100).

Chart Showing the Condition of Spring Wheat in the Prairie Provinces  
at June 30, 1935.

Accompanying this report is a chart presenting condition figures for spring wheat in the Prairie Provinces by crop districts at June 30, 1935. The patterns are identical with those used for May 31 in the report released on June 7.

According to condition figures provided by our correspondents, a slight reduction in crop prospects in the Prairie Provinces occurred during the month of June. Conditions improved slightly in Manitoba as heavy rains fell in areas where reserve moisture was lacking at the end of May. Prospects were maintained in Saskatchewan while in Alberta the outlook is not as bright as on May 31.

Twelve of the fourteen crop districts in Manitoba showed a higher condition figure at the end of June than at the end of May while no change occurred in the remaining two districts. The greatest improvement took place in the southern section of the province. On June 30, the condition of the Manitoba wheat crop was 103 as compared with 100 on May 31.

In Saskatchewan three crop districts out of nine showed a shrinkage in prospects during June. These districts comprise the south-western and extreme north-western areas of the province. A slight improvement is noted in south-central, south-eastern, central and north-eastern sections of the province. The condition of the Saskatchewan wheat crop on June 30 was 97 as compared with 97 on May 31.

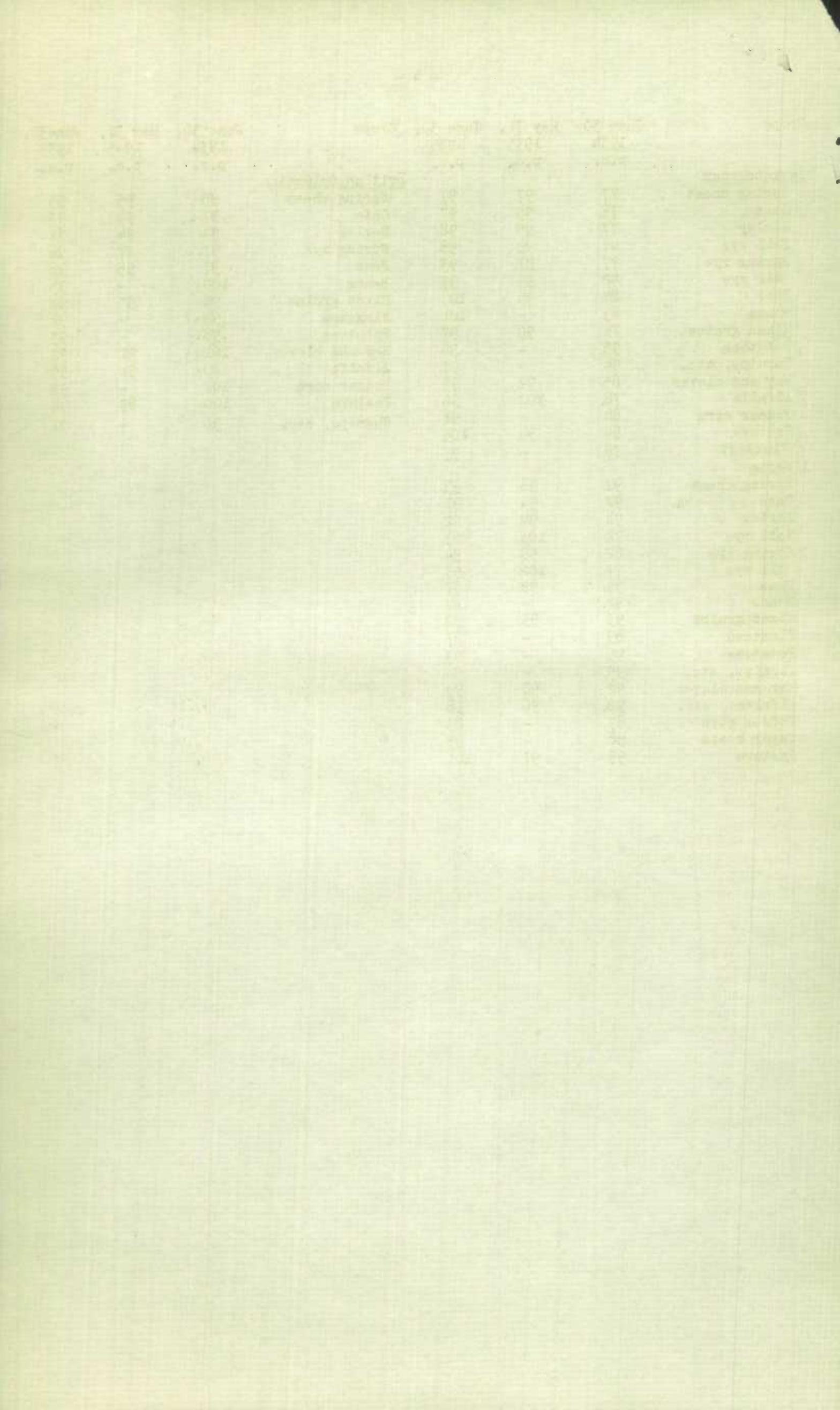
A noticeable reduction in crop prospects occurred in southern Alberta during June. Crop districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 were affected, with the lowest condition being reported in crop district 3. Crop districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 reported condition figures as high as or higher than on May 31. Crop districts 10, 11, 12 and 13 reported slightly lower condition figures than a month ago, while a slight improvement is noted in crop districts 14, 15 and 17. The condition of the Alberta wheat crop was reported at 93 as compared with 96 on May 31.







Crops	June 30, 1934 p.c.	May 31, 1935 p.c.	June 30, 1935 p.c.	Crops	June 30, 1934 p.c.	May 31, 1935 p.c.	June 30, 1935 p.c.
<u>Saskatchewan</u>				<u>British Columbia</u>			
Spring wheat	77	97	97	Spring wheat	95	95	95
Oats	78	95	97	Oats	97	94	93
Barley	77	95	98	Barley	94	94	91
Fall rye	47	99	98	Spring rye	97	97	96
Spring rye	77	97	93	Peas	97	95	96
All rye	52	99	97	Beans	100	-	95
Peas	89	95	103	Mixed grains	98	95	92
Beans	83	-	101	Flaxseed	95	-	94
Mixed grains	71	90	97	Potatoes	98	-	93
Potatoes	95	-	96	Hay and clover	101	91	92
Turnips, etc.	94	-	97	Alfalfa	100	94	99
Hay and clover	85	92	99	Fodder corn	101	-	92
Alfalfa	78	100	96	Pasture	100	89	94
Fodder corn	84	-	91	Turnips, etc.	96	-	91
Pasture	84	94	105				
Flaxseed	76	-	95				
<u>Alberta</u>							
Spring wheat	92	96	93				
Oats	92	94	91				
Barley	94	94	92				
Fall rye	74	103	93				
Spring rye	82	98	94				
All rye	77	102	93				
Peas	99	99	97				
Beans	97	-	97				
Mixed grains	93	93	92				
Flaxseed	89	-	87				
Potatoes	95	-	93				
Turnips, etc.	95	-	96				
Hay and clover	92	98	99				
Alfalfa	92	96	98				
Fodder corn	83	-	83				
Sugar beets	98	-	95				
Pasture	95	97	101				



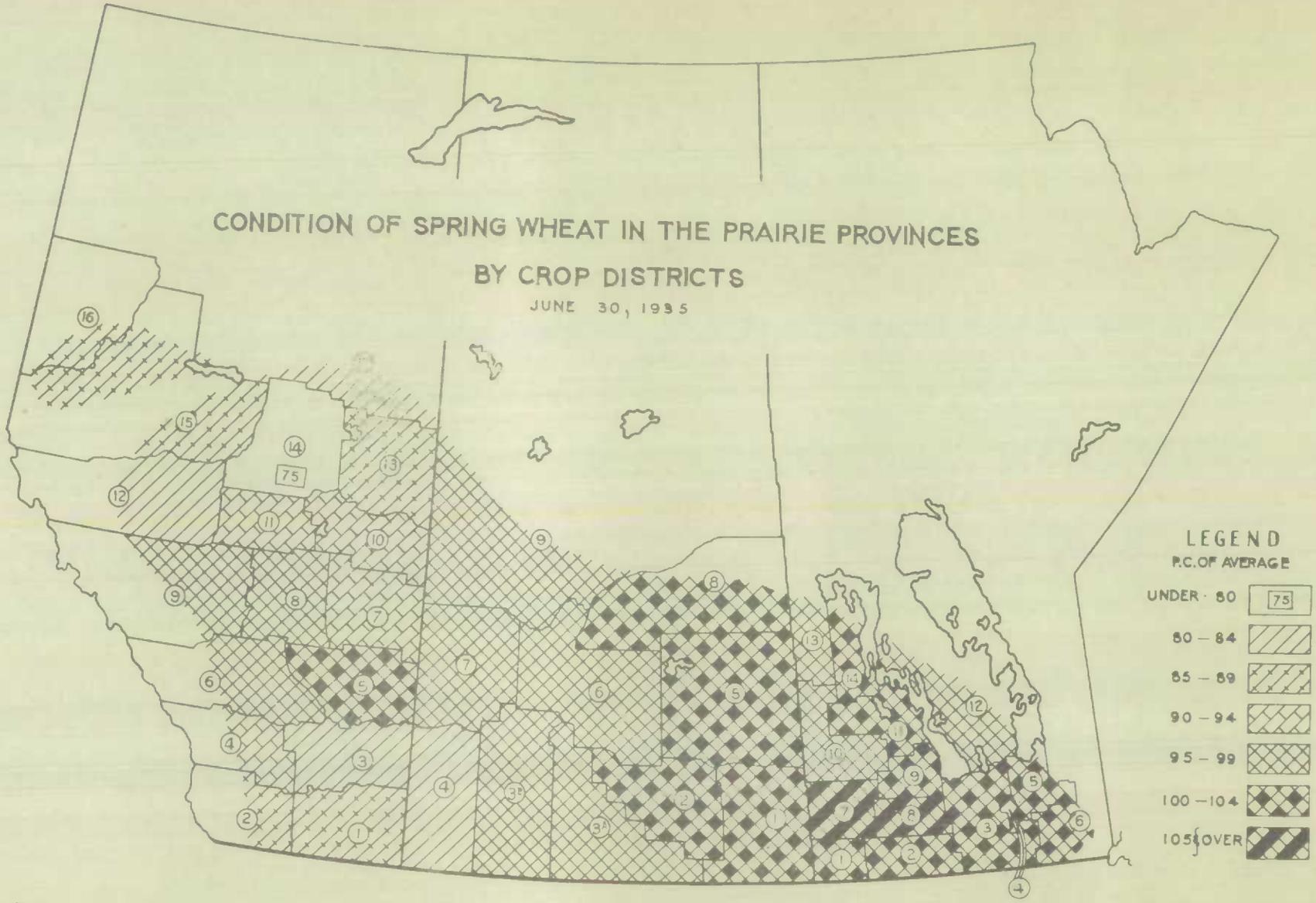
II. Areas of Late-sown Crops and Hay, 1935 as compared with 1934.

Crops	1934	Per cent of 1934	1935	Crops	1934	Per cent of 1934	1935
	acres	p.c.			acres	acres	
<u>Canada -</u>				<u>Manitoba -</u>			
Peas	94,960	98	93,290	Peas	2,000	101	2,000
Beans	56,760	99	56,110	Buckwheat	7,900	90	7,100
Buckwheat	407,200	94	382,900	Turnips, etc.	5,800	100	5,800
Corn, husking	161,100	98	157,900	Hay and clover+	585,200	100	585,200
Turnips, etc.	187,400	98	184,200	Alfalfa	29,100	99	28,800
Hay and clover+	8,881,400	99	8,749,800	Fodder corn	76,400	106	81,000
Alfalfa	678,900	99	671,000	<u>Saskatchewan -</u>			
Fodder corn	497,100	98	488,730	Peas	660	100	660
Sugar beets	52,100	101	52,655	Beans	260	99	260
<u>Prince Edward Island -</u>				Turnips, etc.	2,300	100	2,300
Buckwheat	2,000	101	2,000	Hay and clover+	158,300	100	158,300
Turnips, etc.	10,700	97	10,400	Alfalfa	11,600	97	11,300
Hay and clover+	221,400	100	221,400	Fodder corn	30,400	82	24,900
Fodder corn	300	101	300	<u>Alberta -</u>			
<u>Nova Scotia -</u>				Peas	800	104	830
Buckwheat	4,200	98	4,100	Beans	900	99	890
Turnips, etc.	11,200	100	11,200	Turnips, etc.	1,700	96	1,600
Hay and clover+	411,000	96	395,000	Hay and clover+	282,000	99	279,000
Fodder corn	600	103	620	Alfalfa	74,600	95	70,900
<u>New Brunswick -</u>				Fodder corn	8,000	94	7,500
Beans	900	96	860	Sugar beets	14,500	98	14,155
Buckwheat	33,000	92	30,400	<u>British Columbia -</u>			
Turnips, etc.	11,600	97	11,300	Peas	3,600	97	3,500
Hay and clover+	567,200	96	544,500	Beans	900	100	900
Fodder corn	500	92	460	Turnips, etc.	5,100	99	5,000
<u>Quebec -</u>				Hay and clover+	150,100	100	150,100
Peas	19,100	99	18,900	Alfalfa	45,700	103	47,100
Beans	4,400	98	4,300	Fodder corn	5,300	101	5,350
Buckwheat	146,200	99	144,700				
Turnips, etc.	38,800	99	38,400				
Hay and clover+	3,535,800	99	3,505,300				
Alfalfa	7,600	102	7,700				
Fodder corn	52,400	99	51,900				
<u>Ontario -</u>							
Peas	68,800	98	67,400				
Beans	49,400	99	48,900				
Buckwheat	213,900	91	194,600				
Corn, husking	161,100	98	157,900				
Turnips, etc.	100,200	98	98,200				
Hay and clover+	2,970,400	98	2,911,000				
Alfalfa	510,300	99	505,200				
Fodder corn	323,200	98	316,700				
Sugar beets	37,600	102	38,500				

+ Seeded hay and clover only.



CONDITION OF SPRING WHEAT IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES  
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