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FIELD CROPS OF CANADA, 1935.

Ottawa, October 10, 1935, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today a bulletin giving a first estimate of the area and yield of the potato, root and fodder crops of Canada for 1935. The estimate is based upon the returns of crop correspondents on September 30.

POTATO HARVEST OF 1935.

The first estimate shows the production of potatoes to be 38,345,000 cwt. from 507,900 acres or 75 cwt. per acre, as compared with 48,095,000 cwt. from 569,200 acres or 84 cwt. per acre in 1934 and with 44,527,400 cwt. from 551,206 acres or 81 cwt. per acre, the average of the five years 1929-33. By provinces the yields in cwt. per acre are, in order, as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: British Columbia 102 (116); Nova Scotia 96 (112); Prince Edward Island 92 (120); New Brunswick 90 (128); Quebec 89 (99); Manitoba 83 (55); Saskatchewan 70 (28); Alberta 68 (56); Ontario 51 (72).

As compared with 1934, the potato acreage was reduced by 10.8 per cent, while the yield per acre was 10.7 per cent lower, resulting in a decrease of 20.3 per cent in the total production.

Resulting from a combination of reduced acreage and summer drought, the 1935 production of potatoes in Canada is sharply below that of 1934. Lower acreages were planted to potatoes in each of the nine provinces, but the reductions in production were confined to the Maritime and Eastern Provinces and British Columbia. The crop in the principal surplus region, the Maritime Provinces, is placed at 9,010,000 cwt. - a reduction of 5,205,000 cwt. or 37 per cent. The Quebec production is lowered by 2,808,000 cwt. or 20 per cent, while the Ontario production is down 4,221,000 cwt. or 36 per cent. British Columbia also has a lower production - 1,928,000 cwt. compared with 2,250,000 cwt. in 1934. Each of the Prairie Provinces shows an increased yield over the extremely poor harvest of 1934, the total increase for the three amounting to 2,806,000 cwt. or 50 per cent.

OTHER ROOT AND FODDER CROPS

The total yield of turnips, mangolds, etc. in Canada in 1935 is estimated at 34,700,000 cwt. from 184,900 acres or 188 cwt. per acre, as compared with 40,538,000 cwt. from 187,400 acres or 216 cwt. per acre in 1934 and with 35,813,600 cwt. from 186,640 acres or 192 cwt. per acre, the five-year average 1929-33. The total yield of all cuttings of alfalfa is now estimated at 2,151,000 tons from 763,900 acres or 2.82 tons per acre, as compared with 1,328,100 tons from 678,900 acres or 1.96 tons per acre in 1934 and with 1,655,760 tons from 699,657 acres or 2.37 tons per acre, the five-year average 1929-33. The yield of fodder corn is placed at 4,351,000 tons from 480,050 acres or 9.06 tons per acre, as compared with 3,815,000 tons from 497,100 acres or 7.67 tons per acre in 1934 and 3,132,400 tons from 385,778 acres or 8.12 tons per acre, the five-year average. Sugar beets are estimated to have yielded 506,000 tons from 52,600 acres or 9.62 tons per acre, as compared with 430,700 tons from 52,000 acres or 8.28 tons per acre, the revised estimate for 1934 and with 450,800 tons from 47,772 acres or 9.44 tons per acre, the five-year average.

I. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF THE YIELD OF ROOT AND FODDER CROPS,
SEPTEMBER 30, 1935 AS COMPARED WITH 1934.

Field Crops	1934	1935	1934	1935	1934	1935
	acres	acres	per acre	per acre	cwt.	cwt.
<u>CANADA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.		
Potatoes	559,200	507,900	84.0	75.0	48,095,000	38,345,000
Turnips, etc.	187,400	184,900	216.0	188.0	40,538,000	34,700,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Sugar beets	52,000	52,600	8.28	9.62	430,700	506,000
Fodder corn	497,100	480,050	7.67	9.06	3,815,000	4,351,000
Alfalfa	678,900	763,900	1.96	2.82	1,328,100	2,151,000
<u>P.E. ISLAND -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	40,200	33,100	120.0	92.0	4,824,000	3,045,000
Turnips, etc.	10,700	10,100	300.0	240.0	3,210,000	2,424,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	300	400	8.80	7.00	2,600	3,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	21,900	20,600	112.0	96.0	2,453,000	1,978,000
Turnips, etc.	11,200	11,800	254.0	246.0	2,845,000	2,903,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	600	700	9.00	8.42	5,400	6,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	54,200	44,300	128.0	90.0	6,938,000	3,987,000
Turnips, etc.	11,600	11,700	225.0	153.0	2,610,000	1,790,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	500	600	8.78	6.39	4,000	4,000
<u>QUEBEC -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	143,400	127,900	99.3	89.0	14,244,000	11,436,000
Turnips, etc.	38,800	37,800	263.0	184.0	10,204,000	6,954,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	52,400	50,800	8.91	11.87	467,000	603,000
Alfalfa	7,600	11,100	2.38	2.61	18,000	29,000
<u>ONTARIO -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	164,300	149,200	72.0	51.0	11,830,000	7,609,000
Turnips, etc.	100,200	98,100	197.0	187.0	19,739,000	18,345,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Sugar beets	37,600	38,500	6.80	9.50	255,700	366,000
Fodder corn	323,200	324,800	9.25	9.77	2,990,000	3,173,000
Alfalfa	510,300	588,900	1.83	2.84	934,000	1,672,000
<u>MANITOBA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	41,700	34,500	55.0	83.0	2,288,000	2,864,000
Turnips, etc.	5,800	6,400	98.0	146.0	569,000	934,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	76,400	73,700	2.96	5.56	226,000	410,000
Alfalfa	29,100	30,600	1.62	2.89	47,100	88,000
<u>SASKATCHEWAN -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	51,300	49,500	27.9	70.0	1,431,000	3,465,000
Turnips, etc.	2,300	2,200	31.7	71.0	73,000	156,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	30,400	17,500	0.71	3.99	22,000	70,000
Alfalfa	11,600	12,800	1.12	2.11	13,000	27,000
<u>ALBERTA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	32,800	29,900	56.0	68.0	1,837,000	2,033,000
Turnips, etc.	1,700	1,800	92.0	105.0	156,000	189,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Sugar beets	14,400	14,100	12.15	9.93	175,000	140,000
Fodder corn	8,000	6,200	4.00	3.70	32,000	23,000
Alfalfa	74,600	73,400	2.31	2.45	172,000	180,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA -</u>			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	19,400	18,900	116.0	102.0	2,250,000	1,928,000
Turnips, etc.	5,100	5,000	222.0	201.0	1,132,000	1,005,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	5,300	5,350	12.44	11.00	66,000	59,000
Alfalfa	45,700	47,100	3.15	3.30	144,000	155,000

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