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FIELD CROPS OF CANADA, 1936.

Ottawa, November 18, 1936, 4 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving (1) the second estimate of the area and yield of the potato, root and fodder crops of Canada for 1936; (2) an estimate of the areas sown to fall wheat and fall rye for the season of 1937 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.

Acreages are from the annual June Survey, except for the Prairie Provinces, where preliminary figures from the quinquennial census of 1936 are used.

POTATO, ROOT AND FODDER CROPS

The yields of root and fodder crops are now estimated as follows, with the 1935 figures within brackets: Potatoes 39,063,000 cwt. (38,670,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 37,854,000 cwt. (35,110,000 cwt.); hay and clover 13,893,000 tons (14,060,000 tons); alfalfa 1,966,300 tons (1,958,700 tons); fodder corn 3,118,300 tons (4,078,000 tons); sugar beets 569,000 tons (465,800 tons). The average yields per acre are as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: Potatoes 79 cwt. (76 cwt.); turnips, etc. 208 cwt. (190 cwt.); hay and clover 1.58 tons (1.62 tons); alfalfa 2.30 tons (2.57 tons); fodder corn 7.63 tons (8.48 tons); sugar beets 10.14 tons (8.86 tons).

The potato production in Canada now estimated at 39,063,000 cwt. is only fractionally higher than in the previous year when the crop amounted to 38,670,000 cwt. Excellent yields in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, northern districts of the Prairie Provinces and in British Columbia more than offset the low yields which resulted from the severe summer drought in Ontario and the southern Prairie districts. Turnips, mangolds, etc., are estimated to have given a crop 2,744,000 cwt. or 8 per cent larger than in 1935. Hay and clover production at 13,893,000 tons and alfalfa at 1,966,300 tons are practically identical with the yields of 1935. Heavier hay crops in the four eastern provinces and in British Columbia were practically offset by reductions elsewhere in Canada. The yield of fodder corn is estimated at 3,118,300 tons, the large reduction of 24 per cent as compared with 1935 being due to drought in Ontario where the bulk of the crop is grown. Sugar beet production, estimated at 569,000 tons, is the highest on record.

AREA AND CONDITION OF FALL WHEAT AND FALL RYE

The area sown to fall wheat in the autumn of 1936 is estimated at 702,000 acres, an increase of 20 per cent as compared with the area sown in 1935, viz. 585,000 acres. The condition at October 31 was reported as 107 per cent of the long-time average yield per acre, as compared with 85 per cent a year ago.

Fall rye sowings in Canada in 1936 are estimated at 464,000 acres, a decrease of 4 per cent as compared with 482,900 acres sown in 1935. By provinces, the acreages are as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: Ontario 56,000 (53,000); Manitoba 79,000 (83,300); Saskatchewan 257,000 (261,800); Alberta 72,000 (84,800). The condition at October 31 in percentage of the long-time average yield per acre is reported as follows, with last year's condition at the same date within brackets: Canada 76 (76); Ontario 102 (85); Manitoba 86 (91); Saskatchewan 68 (70); Alberta 75 (72).

FALL PLOUGHING

In all Canada 46 per cent of the land intended for the 1937 crop had been ploughed at October 31, as compared with 40 per cent at the same date in 1935. By provinces the percentages are as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island 72 (85); Nova Scotia 54 (57); New Brunswick 59 (76); Quebec 53 (72); Ontario 69 (58); Manitoba 85 (63); Saskatchewan 25 (22); Alberta 39 (24); British Columbia 45 (39).

Second Estimate of the Area and Yield of Root and Fodder Crops, 1936, as compared with 1935.

Field Crops	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936
	acres	acres	per acre cwt.	per acre cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
<u>CANADA</u>						
Potatoes	506,800	496,400	76.0	79.0	38,670,000	39,063,000
Turnips, etc.	185,200	181,800	190.0	208.0	35,110,000	37,854,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	8,697,600	8,786,800	1.62	1.58	14,060,000	13,893,000
Alfalfa	762,300	853,600	2.57	2.30	1,958,700	1,966,300
Fodder corn	480,700	408,500	8.48	7.63	4,078,000	3,118,300
Sugar beets	52,600	56,100	8.86	10.14	465,800	569,000
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	33,100	33,400	92.0	118.0	3,045,000	3,941,000
Turnips, etc.	10,100	12,000	240.0	307.0	2,424,000	3,684,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	218,900	223,800	1.20	1.59	263,000	356,000
Fodder corn	400	500	7.50	5.00	3,000	2,500
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	20,600	20,600	101.0	95.0	2,086,000	1,957,000
Turnips, etc.	11,800	11,700	283.0	325.0	3,337,000	3,803,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	408,200	396,700	1.41	1.85	574,000	734,000
Fodder corn	700	800	9.28	8.95	6,500	7,200
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	44,300	45,100	99.0	126.0	4,383,000	5,683,000
Turnips, etc.	11,700	11,800	193.0	238.0	2,256,000	2,808,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	572,900	574,700	1.13	1.55	649,000	891,000
Fodder corn	600	800	8.28	7.13	5,000	5,700
<u>QUEBEC</u>						
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	127,900	131,200	88.6	94.0	11,338,000	12,320,000
Turnips, etc.	37,800	37,200	193.0	202.0	7,308,000	7,514,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	3,506,200	3,575,800	1.45	1.60	5,087,000	5,666,000
Alfalfa	11,100	13,000	2.32	2.80	25,700	36,300
Fodder corn	50,800	48,300	8.76	8.60	515,500	416,900
<u>ONTARIO</u>						
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	149,200	145,000	52.8	60.0	7,878,000	8,700,000
Turnips, etc.	98,100	96,200	178.0	190.0	17,462,000	18,241,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	2,878,600	2,898,300	1.87	1.60	5,383,000	4,637,000
Alfalfa	588,900	666,400	2.58	2.28	1,519,000	1,519,000
Fodder corn	324,800	306,900	9.34	8.05	3,034,000	2,471,000
Sugar beets	38,500	37,600	8.50	9.72	327,000	365,000
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	34,500	31,600	75.4	33.0	2,600,000	1,051,000
Turnips, etc.	6,400	3,400	117.0	61.0	750,000	207,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	521,000	365,000	2.07	1.54	1,080,000	561,000
Alfalfa	30,600	29,000	2.29	1.93	70,000	56,000
Fodder corn	73,700	35,800	4.75	3.38	350,000	121,000

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Field Crops	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936
	acres	acres	per acre cwt.	per acre cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>						
Potatoes	49,500	44,200	71.3	37.0	3,529,000	1,635,000
Turnips, etc.	2,200	1,800	76.1	40.0	167,000	72,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	144,500	230,000	1.76	1.29	254,000	297,000
Alfalfa	10,200	19,600	2.07	1.31	21,000	26,000
Fodder corn	17,500	6,200	3.67	1.13	64,000	7,000
<u>ALBERTA</u>						
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	29,900	27,800	64.0	65.0	1,906,000	1,816,000
Turnips, etc.	1,800	1,800	104.0	74.0	187,000	133,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	295,000	367,000	1.58	1.16	465,000	424,000
Alfalfa	73,400	75,400	2.30	2.20	169,000	166,000
Fodder corn	6,200	3,000	4.50	3.35	28,000	10,000
Sugar beets	14,100	18,500	9.84	11.03	138,800	204,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>						
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	17,800	17,500	107.0	112.0	1,905,000	1,960,000
Turnips, etc.	5,300	5,900	230.0	236.0	1,219,000	1,392,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	152,300	155,500	2.00	2.10	305,000	327,000
Alfalfa	48,100	50,200	3.20	3.25	154,000	163,000
Fodder corn	6,000	6,200	12.05	12.47	72,000	77,000



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