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FIELD CROPS OF CANADA

Ottawa, November 18, 1941, 3 p.m. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving (1) the second estimate of the production of potato, root and fodder crops in Canada for 1941, (2) an estimate of the areas sown to fall wheat and fall rye for the season of 1942, with condition on October 31 and (3) the percentage of land intended for next year's crops that was ploughed by the end of October.

POTATO, ROOT AND FODDER CROPS

The 1941 potato crop is now estimated at 39,139,000 hundredweight, a decrease of 3,161,000 hundredweight or 7 per cent from that of 1940. The second estimate represents only a minor reduction from the September estimate although some adjustments were made in the individual provincial figures. The 1941 crop in the three Maritime Provinces is down 2,957,000 cwt. from that of 1940 with the main reduction occurring in Prince Edward Island. The Quebec crop is also below that of 1940 by 2,772,000 cwt., but there was a substantial increase in the Ontario output. In Manitoba the 1941 average yield was 90 cwt. per acre compared with 52 cwt. in 1940 and the acreage was also slightly higher. There was little change in Saskatchewan but Alberta's crop was lower. Lower yields were also experienced in British Columbia.

The second estimate of Canada's crop of turnips, mangolds, etc., is placed at 33,795,000 cwt., a reduction of 13 per cent from that of 1940. The reduction occurred in all provinces except Manitoba. The hay and clover crop at 13,079,000 tons is only 93 per cent of that of 1940. The greater part of the reduction in the 1941 tonnage occurred in Quebec and Ontario. Production of alfalfa in 1941 is estimated at 2,738,000 tons, an increase of 6 per cent over 1940. Fodder corn production is also above that of 1940, being estimated at 4,642,000 tons for 1941. The 1941 sugar beet crop is now estimated at 710,000 tons, a decline of 115,100 tons from 1940. The Manitoba crop is higher than a year ago but declines occurred in Ontario and Alberta, the other producing provinces.

The production of root and fodder crops in 1941 is now estimated as follows, with the 1940 figures within brackets: Potatoes 39,139,000 cwt. (42,300,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 33,795,000 cwt. (39,016,000 cwt.); hay and clover 13,079,000 tons (14,070,000 tons); alfalfa 2,738,000 tons (2,588,000 tons); fodder corn 4,642,000 tons (4,155,000 tons); sugar beets 710,000 tons (825,100 tons). The average yields per acre are as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: Potatoes 77 cwt. (78 cwt.); turnips, etc. 188 cwt. (209 cwt.); hay and clover 1.37 tons (1.60 tons); alfalfa 2.19 tons (2.51 tons); fodder corn 8.94 tons (8.37 tons); sugar beets 10.04 tons (10.04 tons).

AREA AND CONDITION OF FALL WHEAT AND FALL RYE

The area sown to fall wheat in the autumn of 1941 is estimated at 756,000 acres, an increase of 87,000 acres or 13 per cent as compared with the area sown in 1940, viz., 669,000 acres. The condition at October 31 was reported at 103 per cent of the long-time average yield per acre as compared with 91 per cent in 1940.

Fall rye sowings in Canada in 1941 are estimated at 889,000 acres, an increase of 51,000 acres or 6 per cent as compared with 838,000 acres sown in 1940. By provinces the acreages are as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: Ontario 72,000 (74,000); Manitoba 166,000 (179,000); Saskatchewan 537,000 (471,000); Alberta 114,000 (114,000). 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 94 (93); Ontario 101 (92); Manitoba 97 (97); Saskatchewan 91 (90); Alberta 97 (99).

FALL PLOUGHING

Of the land intended for the next year's crop, 45 per cent is estimated to have been ploughed at October 31 as compared with 48 per cent at the same date last year. By provinces the percentages are as follows, with the 1940 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island 69 (59); Nova Scotia 49 (43); New Brunswick 56 (59); Quebec 70 (61); Ontario 65 (54); Manitoba 58 (85); Saskatchewan 32 (34); Alberta 33 (39); British Columbia 36 (45).

Area and Second Estimate of the Production of Root and Fodder Crops  
1941 as compared with 1940.

Crops	Area		Yield per acre		Production	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	acres	acres	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
<u>CANADA</u>						
Potatoes	545,000	508,100	78.0	77.0	42,300,000	39,139,000
Turnips, etc.	186,400	179,700	209.0	188.0	39,016,000	33,795,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	8,811,200	9,578,000	1.60	1.37	14,070,000	13,079,000
Alfalfa	1,031,700	1,251,100	2.51	2.19	2,588,000	2,738,000
Fodder corn	496,200	519,300	8.37	8.94	4,155,000	4,642,000
Sugar beets	82,200	70,700	10.04	10.04	825,100	710,000
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Potatoes	42,400	35,500	108.0	80.0	4,579,000	2,840,000
Turnips, etc.	10,800	10,400	236.0	175.0	2,549,000	1,820,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	236,900	230,000	1.45	1.60	344,000	368,000
Fodder corn	400	400	7.50	3.00	3,000	1,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Potatoes	22,900	20,500	101.0	110.0	2,313,000	2,255,000
Turnips, etc.	11,900	11,000	295.0	271.0	3,511,000	2,981,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	405,600	404,000	1.60	1.65	649,000	667,000
Fodder corn	800	800	7.85	7.20	6,000	6,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Potatoes	54,300	47,800	127.0	120.0	6,896,000	5,736,000
Turnips, etc.	12,700	12,700	263.0	230.0	3,340,000	2,921,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	572,400	560,000	1.63	1.60	944,000	896,000
Fodder corn	800	1,100	6.00	7.50	5,000	8,000
<u>QUEBEC</u>						
Potatoes	149,800	139,900	87.6	74.0	13,125,000	10,353,000
Turnips, etc.	36,600	37,200	163.0	153.0	5,975,000	5,692,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	3,661,300	3,555,000	1.43	1.00	5,223,000	3,555,000
Alfalfa	22,400	35,000	2.55	2.20	57,000	77,000
Fodder corn	61,300	62,700	9.00	9.00	552,000	564,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>						
Potatoes	146,800	138,000	46.0	63.0	6,753,000	8,694,000
Turnips, etc.	98,300	92,000	219.0	197.0	21,528,000	18,124,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	2,699,400	2,737,000	1.86	1.37	5,021,000	3,760,000
Alfalfa	715,000	751,000	2.65	2.10	1,895,000	1,577,000
Fodder corn	339,000	354,000	9.18	10.00	3,112,000	3,540,000
Sugar beets	40,100	30,100	9.83	9.97	394,000	300,000
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
Potatoes	34,300	36,400	52.0	90.0	1,784,000	3,276,000
Turnips, etc.	5,600	7,000	78.0	125.0	437,000	875,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	420,900	1,070,000	1.38	2.20	581,000	2,354,000
Alfalfa	104,600	227,000	1.63	2.50	170,000	568,000
Fodder corn	74,200	79,400	4.82	5.00	358,000	397,000
Sugar beets	18,100	16,800	5.25	6.73	95,100	113,000



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1941 as compared with 1940 (concluded)

Crops	Area		Yield per acre		Production	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	acres	acres	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>						
Potatoes	49,000	47,000	52.0	55.0	2,548,000	2,585,000
Turnips, etc.	2,200	1,700	81.0	49.0	178,000	83,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	257,300	413,000	1.31	1.37	337,000	566,000
Alfalfa	30,000	49,100	1.61	1.71	48,000	84,000
Fodder corn	11,200	10,900	3.26	3.86	37,000	42,000
<u>ALBERTA</u>						
Potatoes	25,500	23,500	73.0	65.0	1,862,000	1,528,000
Turnips, etc.	2,800	2,300	95.0	100.0	266,000	230,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	398,700	452,000	1.60	1.30	638,000	588,000
Alfalfa	108,700	138,000	2.40	2.00	261,000	276,000
Fodder corn	2,400	3,900	4.60	3.50	11,000	14,000
Sugar beets	24,000	23,800	14.00	12.48	336,000	297,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>						
Potatoes	20,000	19,500	122.0	96.0	2,440,000	1,872,000
Turnips, etc.	5,500	5,400	224.0	198.0	1,232,000	1,069,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	158,700	157,000	2.10	2.07	333,000	325,000
Alfalfa	51,000	51,000	3.07	3.05	157,000	156,000
Fodder corn	6,100	6,100	11.66	11.53	71,000	70,000

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