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SECOND ESTIMATE OF LATE-SOWN CROPS, ROOTS AND POTATOES

Ottawa, October 10, 1947 (3 p.m.) - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today its second estimate of production of late-sown crops, roots and potatoes. The production data are based upon returns made by crop correspondents at the end of September, while acreages are as determined from the June Survey.

Canada's 1947 potato crop, now estimated at 43.5 million hundredweight is down just under ten per cent from last year's revised estimate of approximately 48 million hundredweight. Both acreage and yield per acre have declined somewhat from last year thus accounting for the drop in production. However, the 1947 crop is still the fourth largest since 1934 with this year's average yield running three hundredweight per acre higher than the long-time average. Lower yields in the Maritimes this year are partially compensated for by increased production in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Production in Ontario and Quebec has declined almost a million hundredweight in each province, while the outturn in British Columbia is down rather less than a quarter of a million hundredweight.

Sugar beet production this year is estimated at 627,000 tons, with acreage and anticipated production down in all producing provinces compared with last year's results. Production in 1946 was placed at 733,500 tons. Unfavourable seeding conditions, particularly in Ontario, contributed largely to the reduction in acreage. Weather conditions were not of the best for beet development during the growing season and as a result anticipated yields per acre are lower than last year in three out of the four producing provinces. Manitoba alone is expected to exceed last year's yield per acre of sugar beets.

Production of shelled corn in 1947 has suffered a sharp decline with an outturn of only 6.7 million bushels in prospect as against last year's outturn of 10.7 million bushels. Unseasonable weather and moisture conditions in Ontario during the normal seeding period caused a drastic reduction in the 1947 acreage devoted to corn for shelling in that province. The Ontario crop is unusually late but despite this, anticipated yields per acre are only 10 per cent below last year. Manitoba's crop of shelled corn, at 263,000 bushels, is only slightly below that of a year ago.

Lower yields per acre more than offset a slight increase in Canada's dry pea acreage and production is expected to reach only 1.8 million bushels compared with the 1946 crop of 2.2 million bushels. With yields per acre down only fractionally from last year, the 1947 Canadian dry bean crop at 1.6 million bushels exceeds the 1946 crop by a small margin. The increased outturn is due chiefly to a higher seeded acreage in Ontario.

While fodder corn acreage is up slightly from last year, anticipated production at 3.7 million tons is below the 1946 estimate of just under 4 million tons. The decline is largely attributable to unfavourable growing weather in the central provinces. Alfalfa production in 1947 is placed at 2.6 million tons, about 0.1 million tons below last year's outturn. A substantial decline in Ontario's crop of alfalfa is partially offset by gains in most of the other provinces.

As a result of lower acreages and yields the 1947 harvest of mixed grains has declined sharply from 53.0 million bushels last year to only 35.6 million bushels this year. Most of the reduction occurred in Ontario. With buckwheat acreage up substantially from 1946 levels the estimated production for 1947 stands at 5.8 million bushels as against last year's crop of 4.9 millions.

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Second Estimate of the Production of Late-Sown Crops, Roots and Potatoes,
1947 as compared with 1946

Province and Crop	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>CANADA</u>						
Peas, dry	126,600	127,900	17.6	14.2	2,233,000	1,819,000
Beans, dry	91,900	96,700	17.1	16.7	1,573,000	1,611,600
Buckwheat	217,500	290,400	22.4	20.0	4,881,000	5,797,000
Mixed grains	1,317,900	1,150,400	40.2	30.9	53,031,000	35,588,000
Shelled corn	251,700	176,200	42.4	38.1	10,661,000	6,709,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	520,500	497,400	92.0	88.0	47,963,000	43,523,000
Turnips, etc. ^{1/}	123,000	113,700	219.0	178.0	26,997,000	20,244,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	460,800	475,100	8.62	7.78	3,970,000	3,697,000
Alfalfa	1,263,300	1,135,100	2.16	2.31	2,732,000	2,622,000
Sugar beets	66,800	58,500	10.98	10.72	733,500	627,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Buckwheat	1,200	1,200	20.0	22.0	24,000	26,000
Mixed grains	51,400	64,700	37.0	38.5	1,902,000	2,491,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	48,500	43,500	118.0	115.0	5,723,000	5,003,000
Turnips, etc.	11,700	12,000	315.0	223.0	3,686,000	2,676,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	800	900	11.00	11.60	9,000	10,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Buckwheat	1,800	1,600	24.0	22.0	43,000	35,000
Mixed grains	4,100	4,900	35.0	33.0	144,000	162,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	24,000	21,500	118.0	100.0	2,832,000	2,150,000
Turnips, etc.	11,100	10,000	294.0	212.0	3,263,000	2,120,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	900	900	10.00	11.9	9,000	11,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Beans, dry	1,400	900	14.0	17.0	20,000	15,000
Buckwheat	14,700	15,400	28.0	28.0	412,000	431,000
Mixed grains	9,900	9,500	36.0	34.0	356,000	323,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	68,700	66,600	140.0	124.0	9,618,000	8,258,000
Turnips, etc.	12,700	11,400	231.0	171.0	2,934,000	1,949,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	2,200	1,800	12.00	7.6	26,000	14,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>QUEBEC</u>						
Peas, dry	22,800	17,600	13.3	13.1	303,000	231,000
Beans, dry	12,400	10,900	16.0	13.8	198,000	150,000
Buckwheat	78,200	96,400	20.8	18.2	1,627,000	1,754,000
Mixed grains	251,400	275,600	26.6	23.0	6,687,000	6,339,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	152,000	148,700	75.0	70.0	11,400,000	10,409,000
Turnips, etc.	24,100	25,000	173.0	138.0	4,169,000	3,450,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	89,700	95,500	8.59	6.70	771,000	640,000
Alfalfa	68,900	71,900	2.10	2.55	145,000	183,000
Sugar beets	2,100	2,000	8.67	8.50	18,200	17,000

^{1/} Excluding turnips in the Prairie Provinces.

Province and Crop	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
ONTARIO						
Peas, dry	34,300	43,500	21.0	14.7	720,000	639,000
Beans, dry	76,800	84,100	17.3	17.0	1,328,000	1,430,000
Buckwheat	116,000	173,500	23.2	20.3	2,691,000	3,522,000
Mixed grains	946,000	751,100	44.7	33.5	42,286,000	25,162,000
Shelled corn	240,000	165,700	43.3	38.9	10,392,000	6,446,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	120,000	113,700	90.0	80.0	10,800,000	9,096,000
Turnips, etc.	61,500	53,400	204.0	181.0	12,546,000	9,665,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	340,000	348,100	8.97	8.30	3,050,000	2,889,000
Alfalfa	707,500	547,400	2.26	2.45	1,599,000	1,341,000
Sugar beets	23,300	18,000	9.97	8.89	232,400	160,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
MANITOBA						
Peas, dry	30,600	31,200	20.0	14.5	612,000	452,000
Buckwheat	5,600	2,300	15.0	12.8	84,000	29,000
Mixed grains	14,000	13,400	30.0	22.0	420,000	295,000
Shelled corn	11,700	10,500	23.0	25.0	269,000	263,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	25,000	24,500	54.0	78.0	1,350,000	1,911,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	16,600	17,400	2.50	4.60	42,000	80,000
Alfalfa	63,300	79,000	1.60	2.50	101,000	198,000
Sugar beets	11,600	9,300	8.44	9.14	97,900	85,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
SASKATCHEWAN						
Peas, dry	11,700	9,400	15.0	10.2	176,000	96,000
Mixed grains	8,100	6,200	19.7	13.1	160,000	81,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	37,000 ^{1/}	37,300	48.0	72.0	1,776,000	2,686,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	5,500	6,000	2.70	2.30	15,000	14,000
Alfalfa	124,800	125,500	1.55	1.40	193,000	176,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
ALBERTA						
Peas, dry	19,000	18,500	16.5	12.3	314,000	228,000
Beans, dry	400	100	15.0	16.0	6,000	1,600
Mixed grains	25,100	16,300	29.0	22.0	728,000	359,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	26,300	24,500	78.0	75.0	2,051,000	1,838,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	700	900	4.00	3.50	3,000	3,000
Alfalfa	219,700	223,500	2.10	2.10	461,000	469,000
Sugar beets	29,800	29,200	12.92	12.50	385,000	365,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
BRITISH COLUMBIA						
Peas, dry	8,200	7,700	25.4	22.5	208,000	173,000
Beans, dry	900	700	23.3	21.6	21,000	15,000
Mixed grains	7,900	8,700	44.1	43.2	348,000	376,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Potatoes	19,000	17,100	127.0	127.0	2,413,000	2,172,000
Turnips, etc.	1,900	1,900	210.0	202.0	399,000	384,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Fodder corn	4,400	3,600	10.15	9.90	45,000	36,000
Alfalfa	79,100	87,800	2.95	2.90	233,000	255,000

^{1/} From June Survey.

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