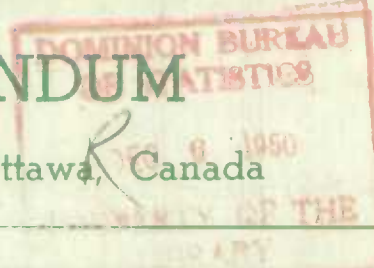


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FORAGE AND VEGETABLE SEEDS - 1950

The preliminary estimates of the hay and pasture seed crops indicate that better than average crops of alfalfa, sweet clover, timothy, brome grass, creeping red fescue and Kentucky blue grass seed were harvested this season. With the exception of creeping red fescue, production of these types this year was also greater than in 1949. On the other hand, production of alsike clover, red clover, western rye grass and Canadian blue grass seed remains at a comparatively low level. Production of hay and pasture seed, by types, with comparable data for 1949 in brackets is as follows:

alfalfa, 10,631,000 lb. (8,845,000 lb.); alsike clover, 1,702,000 lb. (3,183,000 lb.); red clover, 3,096,000 lb. (4,542,000 lb.); sweet clover, 22,823,000 lb. (22,297,000 lb.); timothy, 14,249,000 lb. (7,406,000 lb.); brome grass, 13,932,000 lb. (6,350,000 lb.); crested wheat grass, 1,229,000 lb. (394,000 lb.); western rye grass, 45,000 lb. (33,000 lb.); Kentucky blue grass, 1,600,000 lb. (110,000 lb.); Canadian blue grass, 115,000 lb. (253,000 lb.); creeping red fescue, 559,000 lb. (1,046,000 lb.).

Among the vegetable seed crops 12 of the 22 major kinds show increases in production this season. From a volume standpoint, peas is the most important item and this crop is 42 percent larger than that of last year.

Table 1. - Preliminary Estimates of Production of Hay and Pasture Seed Crops in Canada, by Provinces, in 1950 with Final Estimates for 1948 and 1949

Province and Crop	Production		
	1948	1949	1950
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Canada-			
Alfalfa	21,385	8,845	10,631
Alsike clover	9,400	3,183	1,702
Red clover	16,086	4,542	3,096
Sweet clover	28,840	22,297	22,823
Timothy	5,634	7,406	14,249
Brome grass	7,944	6,350	13,932
Crested wheat grass	676	394	1,229
Western rye grass	115	33	45
Kentucky blue grass	580	110	1,600
Canadian blue grass	250	253	115
Creeping red fescue	1,558	1,046	559
Bent grasses	4	1	-
Maritime Provinces-			
Red clover	150	20	10
Timothy	40	800	330
Bent grasses	4	1	-
Quebec-			
Red clover	800	200	20
Timothy	900	1,750 <u>1/</u>	4,300 <u>1/</u>
Ontario-			
Alfalfa	610	1,875	905
Alsike	2,515	280	74
Red clover	8,300	2,196	1,613
Sweet clover	840	1,545	1,942
Timothy	4,062	4,240 <u>2/</u>	8,828 <u>2/</u>
Canadian blue grass	250	253	115
Manitoba-			
Alfalfa	3,200	1,600	363
Alsike clover	175	150	180
Red clover	100	80	90
Sweet clover	10,000	8,000	4,800
Timothy	300	300	450
Brome grass	1,800	1,000	2,250
Crested wheat grass	120	200	425
Western rye grass	30	23	45
Kentucky blue grass	580	110	1,600
Creeping red fescue	6	-	-

Table 1. - Preliminary Estimates of Production of Hay and Pasture Seed Crops in Canada, by Provinces, in 1950 with Final Estimates for 1948 and 1949 - concluded

Province and Crop	Production		
	1948	1949	1950
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Saskatchewan-			
Alfalfa	7,275	2,150	2,000
Alsike clover	60	-	-
Red clover	500	200	150
Sweet clover	4,900	4,250	4,000
Brome grass	2,000	3,000	5,600
Crested wheat grass	500	100	600
Western rye grass	85	10	-
Creeping red fescue	10	-	-
Alberta-			
Alfalfa	9,600	3,000	7,000
Alsike clover	6,500	2,607	1,200
Red clover	6,000	1,183	800
Sweet clover	12,960	8,193	12,000
Timothy	-	66	-
Brome grass	4,000	2,200	6,000
Crested wheat grass	40	94	200
Creeping red fescue	1,400	846	400
British Columbia-			
Alfalfa	700	220	363
Alsike clover	150	146	248
Red clover	236	663	413
Sweet clover	140	309	81
Timothy	332	250	341
Brome grass	144	150	82
Crested wheat grass	16	-	4
Creeping red fescue	142	200	159

- 1/ Revised to include quantities grown in north-western Quebec but formerly reported in Ontario.
- 2/ Revised to exclude quantities grown in north-western Quebec but formerly reported in Ontario.

Table 2. - Preliminary Estimates of Production of Vegetable and Field Root Seeds in Canada, 1950, with Final Estimates for 1948 and 1949

Seed Crop	Production		
	1948	1949	1950
	lb.	lb.	lb.
Vegetable -			
Asparagus	4,120	20,060	20,200
Bean	2,366,194	1,646,150	1,348,000
Beet	18,554	17,205	32,000
Cabbage	1,318	2,099	1,800
Carrot	54,609	49,163	47,600
Cauliflower	435	666	200
Corn	236,500	275,234	303,700
Cucumber	18,327	16,605	1,700
Leek	800	660	500
Lettuce	14,739	22,850	27,000
Muskmelon	1,580	875	3,000
Onion	39,713	66,424	112,125
Parsnip	3,230	3,400	8,800
Pea	14,153,860	4,876,535	6,941,600
Pepper	190	186	400
Pumpkin	3,300	2,175	1,000
Radish	13,567	19,550	21,200
Spinach	11,800	8,288	7,000
Squash ^{1/}	6,520	4,198	900
Swiss chard	500	-	500
Tomato	2,523	3,554	2,200
Watermelon	250	-	500
Field-root-			
Mangel	133,913	72,200	33,650
Sugar beet	296,346	402,759	650,000
Swede	23,909	55,047	70,104

^{1/} Includes marrow.

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