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In the West, farmers reported that weather conditions during harvest, such as hail, had an adverse affect on canola yields. In the East, favorable conditions during harvest contributed to higher yields in corn and soybean crops.

Canola

At the national level, canola production amounted to 13.3 million tonnes, down 8.9% from 14.6 million tonnes in 2011. This was the result of a 19.2% decrease in yield to 27.7 bushels per acre. However, farmers reported a record harvested area of 21.2 million acres, up 13.1% from 2011.

In both Saskatchewan and Alberta, canola production fell, driven by lower yields compared with 2011.

In Saskatchewan, the average canola yield was 24.6 bushels per acre, down 25.2% from 2011. This resulted in a 16.5% decrease in production to 6.1 million tonnes. In Alberta, production fell 8.4% to 4.9 million tonnes, the result of a 14.9% decline in yield.

In Manitoba, however, canola production increased 20.3% to 2.1 million tonnes. This followed a 21.2% decline in 2011 when farmers were unable to recover from early season flooding. The increase in 2012 was the result of a 30.5% gain in harvested area to 3.6 million acres, which surpassed the previous record of 3.2 million acres set in 2009. However, yield decreased 7.8% to 26.1 bushels per acre.

Wheat

Nationally, total wheat production rose by 1.9 million tonnes (+7.6%) from 2011 to 27.2 million tonnes. Reported yield was 42.6 bushels per acre, down 3.2% from 2011.

Farmers reported increases in wheat production in both Manitoba (+76.0%) and Saskatchewan (+10.4%). In Manitoba, the gain was the result of a 27.0% increase in yield and a 38.8% increase in harvested area. In Saskatchewan, the increase was solely the result of an 18.0% larger harvested area of 12.9 million acres, as average yield was down 6.5% from 2011. In Alberta, farmers reported a 5.3% decline, the result of a combined 2.9% drop in yield and a 2.6% decline in harvested area.

Barley and oats

Farmers reported barley production of 8.0 million tonnes, a 1.5% increase from 2011. While harvested area increased 14.5%, average yield declined 11.5% to 54.1 bushels per acre. Manitoba farmers reported barley production more than doubled (+136.6%) from 261 300 tonnes in 2011 to 618 300 tonnes in 2012.

Oat production at the national level fell 15.0% from 2011 to 2.7 million tonnes. This decline was driven by decreases in harvested area, from 2.7 million acres in 2011 to 2.4 million acres, and in yield, from 76.5 to 73.6 bushels per acre. Oat production fell in every Prairie province except Manitoba, where production increased 31.8% to 569 100 tonnes.

Soybeans

Nationally, total soybean production in 2012 increased 14.7% to a record 4.9 million tonnes. This was the result of combined increases in harvested area (+8.2%) and average yield (+6.1%).

Ontario soybean production reached a record 3.3 million tonnes, up 8.4% from 2011. This increase was the result of a 2.9% rise in yield as well as a record harvested area of 2.6 million acres, up 5.3% from 2011.

In Quebec, soybean production increased 3.1% to 825 000 tonnes, despite a decrease in harvested area of 6.5% to 690,700 acres. The increase in production was the result of a 10.3% rise in average yield to 43.9 bushels per acre.

Manitoba farmers reported record soybean production of 759 300 tonnes. Harvested area was reported at 800,000 acres, up 40.4% from 2011. Yield also increased, from 26.7 bushels per acre in 2011 to 34.9 in 2012.

Corn for grain

Nationally, production of corn for grain reached a record high of 13.1 million tonnes, up 15.0% from 2011.

In Ontario, corn for grain production was up 11.3% from 2011 to a record 8.6 million tonnes. The production increase in 2012 was driven mainly by a 10.5% increase in harvested area to a record 2.2 million acres.

Quebec farmers reported corn production increased 12.2% to 3.5 million tonnes in 2012. This was the result of a 9.5% increase in yield to 145.0 bushels per acre, combined with a 2.4% increase in harvested area.

Note to readers

The November Farm Survey of field crop production contacted approximately 29,300 Canadian farmers, from October 26 to November 14, 2012. Farmers were asked to report their estimated area, yield and production of grains, oilseeds and special crops.

Auxiliary data source: *As an additional tool to assess growing conditions of field crops during the crop year, readers are invited to visit the [Crop Condition Assessment Program](#) web application, using remote sensing technology (satellite images). Readers can monitor a vegetation index of crop land on a weekly basis.*

Table 1
November estimates of production of principal field crops

	2010 (final)	2011 (final)	November 2012 (final)	2010 to 2011	2011 to November 2012
	thousands of tonnes			% change	
Total wheat	23 300 ^f	25 288 ^f	27 205	8.5	7.6
Spring wheat	17 529 ^f	18 019 ^f	18 845	2.8	4.6
Durum wheat	3 025	4 172	4 627	37.9	10.9
Winter wheat	2 746 ^f	3 097 ^f	3 733	12.8	20.5
Canola	12 789 ^f	14 608 ^f	13 310	14.2	-8.9
Corn for grain	12 043 ^f	11 359 ^f	13 060	-5.7	15.0
Barley	7 627 ^f	7 892 ^f	8 012	3.5	1.5
Soybeans	4 445 ^f	4 298 ^f	4 930	-3.3	14.7
Dry field peas	3 018	2 502 ^f	2 830	-17.1	13.1
Oats	2 451 ^f	3 158 ^f	2 684	28.8	-15.0
Lentils	1 920 ^f	1 523 ^f	1 473	-20.6	-3.3
Flaxseed	419 ^f	399 ^f	489	-4.7	22.6
Fall rye	237 ^f	241 ^f	337	1.7	39.4
Total dry beans	254 ^f	163 ^f	274	-35.9	68.9

^f revised

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Farm product prices, October 2012

Prices received by farmers in October for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, potatoes, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The October Alberta feeder steers price was \$127.05 per hundredweight, down 3.1% from September and down 1.3% from October 2011 when the price was \$128.67.

The Quebec grain corn in October was \$265.00 per tonne, down 11.7% from September but up 10.4% from October 2011 when the price was \$240.00.

Note to readers

Farm commodity prices are now available free of charge on CANSIM. Prices for over 35 commodities are available by province, some series going back 30 years.

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Canadian Foreign Post Indexes, December 2012

Data on Canadian Foreign Post Indexes are now available for December.

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The December 2012 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* (62-013-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Supply and disposition of grains in Canada, August 2007 to July 2013

Revised data on the supply and disposition of grains in Canada for the crop years 2007/2008 to 2012/2013 are now available.

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