

# Principal field crop areas, June 2014

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As of June 10, farmers had either planted, or intended to plant, fewer acres of wheat compared with 2013, but larger areas of canola, soybeans and dry field peas. Based on the reports of farmers, soybean area in 2014 could reach a record high for the sixth consecutive year.

Seeding is progressing well across Canada, but some farmers have reported that wet conditions have delayed or may stop seeding in some areas.

## Wheat

At the national level, total wheat area (including winter wheat remaining) decreased 7.4% to 24.1 million acres in 2014. Both spring wheat (-7.4%) and durum wheat (-3.3%) planted area declined compared with 2013.

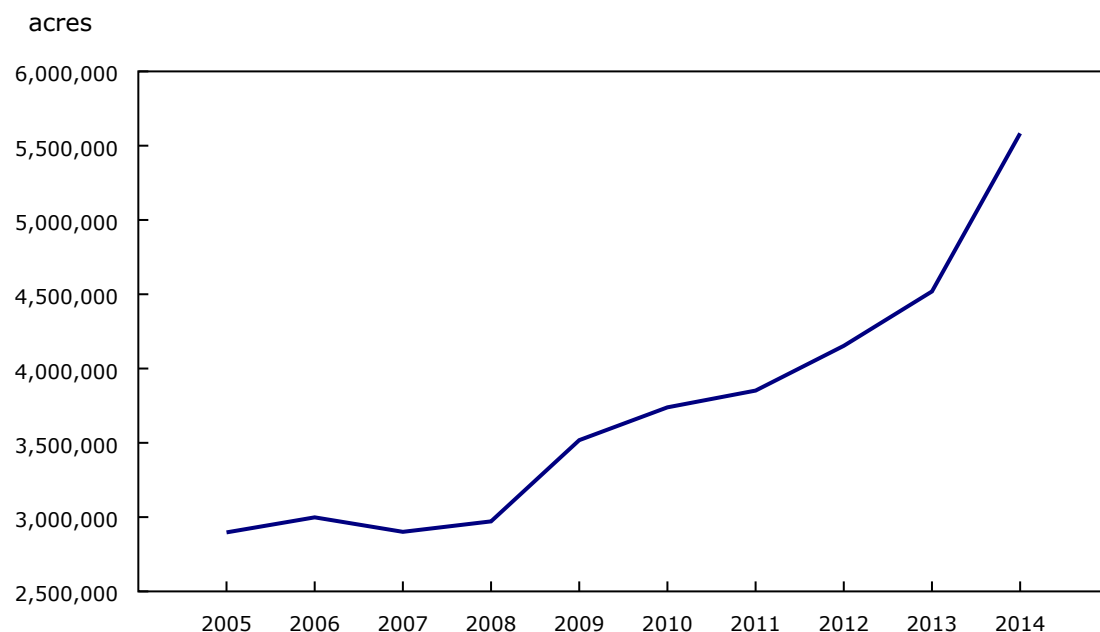
In Saskatchewan, spring wheat area fell 7.7% to 8.7 million acres. Hard red spring wheat (-3.9%) accounted for most of this decrease, with 310,000 fewer seeded acres. Durum wheat fell 3.8% to 4.2 million acres in 2014.

Alberta farmers reported a 7.8% decrease in area seeded to spring wheat, while durum wheat area was unchanged from 2013. Manitoba farmers reported 2.7 million acres of spring wheat, down 7.5% from 2013.

## Soybeans

Nationally, soybean area could reach a record high for the sixth consecutive year, rising 23.5% from 2013 to 5.6 million acres. Farmers reported record levels in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Maritimes.

**Chart 1**  
National soybean acreage, 2005 to 2014



**Note(s):** Data for 2005 to 2013 are from the final November Farm survey. Data for 2014 are from the June Farm survey.



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The area planted to soybeans in Quebec was reported at 852,500 acres, up 19.6% from 2013. In Ontario, soybean area rose 21.6% to 3.0 million acres in 2014.

Manitoba farmers reported a 23.8% increase to 1.3 million soybean acres, while Saskatchewan reported 300,000 acres, up from 170,000 acres in 2013.

## Canola

Canadian farmers reported seeding 20.2 million acres of canola, up 1.5% from 2013.

In Saskatchewan, canola acreage rose 1.9% to 10.7 million acres. Alberta farmers planted 6.3 million acres of canola, up 2.8% from 2013. Manitoba, in turn, is reporting a 1.7% decrease in canola seeded area to 3.1 million acres.

## Barley and oats

At the national level, barley seeded area declined 14.0% from 2013 to 6.1 million acres.

Meanwhile, oats area decreased 3.8% from 2013 to 3.0 million acres.

## Corn for grain

Canadian farmers reported 3.1 million acres planted to corn for grain in 2014, down 15.5% from 2013.

In Quebec, the area seeded to corn for grain decreased 13.9% to 877,200 acres. Ontario farmers reported a similar decrease, down 15.3% from 2013 to 1.9 million acres.

## Dry field peas

Nationally, the area planted to dry field peas rose 21.0% from 2013 to 4.0 million acres. This gain was due to a 16.9% increase in Saskatchewan to 2.6 million acres, as well as a 30.0% increase in Alberta to 1.3 million acres.

### **Note to readers**

*The June Farm Survey, which collects information on crop seeded areas in Canada, was conducted between May 28 and June 10, with approximately 24,800 farms. Farmers were asked to report their seeded areas of grain, oilseeds and special crops.*

*June seeded acres are subject to updates from subsequent surveys during the current crop year. Data on final acreages for 2014 will be released on December 4 and may be subject to revision for two years.*

*Farm surveys collect data from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta during all survey cycles. However, they only collect data twice a year (in the June Farm survey on seeded areas and in the November Farm survey on final crop production) for Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, which represent between 2% and 4% of national totals.*

**Release calendar:** *The [dates](#) for upcoming releases of stocks, areas and productions of principal field crops are available online.*

*Percentage changes are calculated using unrounded data.*

**Table 1**  
**Preliminary estimates of principal field crop areas**

	2012 (final)	2013 (final)	June 2014 <sup>1</sup> (preliminary)	2012 to 2013	2013 to June 2014
	thousands of acres			% change	
Total wheat (including winter wheat remaining) <sup>2</sup>	23,706	26,015	24,087	9.7	-7.4
Spring wheat	16,939	19,043	17,636	12.4	-7.4
Durum wheat	4,680	4,965	4,800	6.1	-3.3
Winter wheat <sup>3</sup>	2,088	2,008	1,650	-3.8	-17.8
Canola	22,021	19,936	20,228	-9.5	1.5
Barley	7,405	7,083	6,089	-4.4	-14.0
Soybeans	4,153	4,519	5,583	8.8	23.5
Dry field peas	3,730	3,285	3,975	-11.9	21.0
Summerfallow	4,335	3,875	3,450	-10.6	-11.0
Corn for grain	3,544	3,689	3,119	4.1	-15.5
Oats	2,879	3,168	3,046	10.0	-3.8
Lentils	2,515	2,393	3,240	-4.9	35.4
Flaxseed	980	1,035	1,570	5.6	51.7
Mustard seed	335	365	465	9.0	27.4
Total dry beans	305	210	347	-31.1	65.2

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2. Represents the sum of winter wheat, spring wheat and durum wheat.

3. The area remaining after winterkill.

**Note(s):** Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

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