

Principal field crop areas, 2024

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Canadian farmers expect to plant more wheat, corn for grain, oats, lentils and dry peas in 2024, while area seeded to canola, soybeans and barley is anticipated to decrease compared with 2023.

Wheat

At the national level, farmers anticipate planting 27.0 million acres of wheat in 2024, edging up 0.1% from 2023. Spring wheat area is expected to decrease 1.2% to 19.2 million acres, while area seeded to winter wheat is expected to decline 3.6% to 1.5 million acres. Conversely, durum wheat area is anticipated to rise 5.1% to 6.3 million acres.

Farmers in Saskatchewan anticipate planting 0.1% more wheat, totalling 14.2 million acres. Spring wheat area is expected to fall 3.1% to 8.9 million acres, while durum wheat area is anticipated to increase 5.3% to 5.2 million acres.

In Alberta, farmers expect total wheat area to grow 2.2% to 8.1 million acres because of greater spring wheat area (+1.4% to 6.9 million acres), while durum wheat area is expected to increase 4.3% to 1.0 million acres.

Manitoba farmers anticipate planting 3.3 million acres of wheat, down 0.6%.

Canola

Canola area is expected to decrease 3.1% from 2023 to 21.4 million acres in 2024, roughly in line with the five-year average. The decline in expected seeded area may have been driven by lower prices for canola, in addition to other concerns including soil moisture in Western Canada.

In Saskatchewan, the province that produces the most canola, producers anticipate seeding fewer acres to canola, decreasing 4.9% to 11.8 million acres.

Farmers in Alberta anticipate seeding 6.2 million acres of canola, down 2.4%.

In Manitoba, farmers expect seeded area of canola to rise 2.4% to 3.2 million acres.

Soybeans

Nationally, farmers anticipate planting 5.6 million acres of soybeans in 2024, down 0.9% from 2023.

Farmers in Ontario, the province that produces the most soybeans, expect to plant 3.0 million acres of soybeans, up 4.3%.

Manitoba producers expect to plant fewer acres of soybeans, falling 7.2% to 1.5 million acres.

In Quebec, soybean seeded area is expected to decrease 3.9% to 962,400 acres.

Barley and oats

Nationwide, barley acreage is expected to fall 2.5% to 7.1 million acres in 2024, possibly because of lower exports and strong competition from other crops.

Barley area is expected to decrease in Saskatchewan (-0.7% to 2.8 million acres), Alberta (-3.7% to 3.7 million acres) and Manitoba (-4.5% to 395,900 acres).

Oat area is expected to rise 21.6% to 3.1 million acres, possibly because of low oat stocks resulting from low production in 2023.



Corn for grain

At the national level, farmers expect to plant 3.9 million acres of corn for grain in 2024, up 1.6% from 2023.

In Ontario, where roughly 60% of all corn for grain in Canada is grown, farmers anticipate planting 2.3 million acres, up 0.2%.

Quebec farmers expect to plant more corn for grain, rising 5.4% to 946,500 acres.

For the second year in a row, producers in Manitoba reported an increase in expected area of corn for grain, rising 5.8% in 2024 to 585,800 acres.

Lentil and dry pea

Area seeded to lentils is expected to increase compared with 2023, rising 4.4% to 3.8 million acres in 2024. Farmers in Saskatchewan, where almost 90% of Canada's lentils are grown, expect seeded area to rise 5.5% to 3.4 million acres, while lentil area in Alberta is expected to decrease 3.7% to 451,000 acres.

Farmers across Canada expect to plant more acres of dry peas in 2024, with area anticipated to rise 2.4% to 3.1 million acres compared with 2023.

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Note to readers

The 2023 Field Crop Survey – December, which collects information on stocks of principal field crops and seeding intentions, was conducted from December 14, 2023, to January 22, 2024, and included about 9,600 farmers. Respondents were asked to report their planting intentions for grains, oilseeds and special crops.

Subsequent surveys during the year will provide estimates of actual seeded acreages. Data on final acreages for 2024 will be released on December 5, 2024, and will be subject to revision for two years.

Field crop surveys collect data from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta at all survey cycles. However, they collect data twice a year (in the June iteration of the Field Crop Survey on seeded areas and in the November iteration of the Field Crop Survey on final production) from Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and British Columbia, which represent from 2% to 4% of national totals. Therefore, Canadian totals for March include carry-over data for these provinces from their preceding November survey. Canadian totals for July include carry-over data for seeded area for all provinces from their preceding June survey.

Data on anticipated seeded areas may differ from data on actual seeded area to be released in June.

Release calendar: *The dates for upcoming releases of stocks, areas and production of principal field crops are available online.*

In this release, percentage changes are calculated using unrounded data.

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Data for 2024 seeding intentions are compared with final 2023 data.

An easy-to-print chart, [Crop Reporting Survey at a Glance](#), which provides an overview of our survey cycle, is now available.

Table 1
Estimates of principal field crop areas

	2022	2023	2024 ^{1P}	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
	thousands of acres			% change	
Total wheat (including winter wheat seeded in the fall) ²	25,388	27,028	27,045	6.5	0.1
Durum wheat	6,006	6,034	6,344	0.5	5.1
Spring wheat	18,036	19,475	19,235	8.0	-1.2
Winter wheat ³	1,346	1,520	1,465	12.9	-3.6
Barley	7,045	7,321	7,134	3.9	-2.5
Canary seed	291	256	291	-12.0	13.4
Canola	21,396	22,082	21,394	3.2	-3.1
Chick peas	234	316	400	34.9	26.8
Corn for grain	3,624	3,825	3,885	5.5	1.6
Dry beans	298	318	359	7.0	12.8
Dry field peas	3,368	3,048	3,122	-9.5	2.4
Fall Rye	577	432	421	-25.1	-2.4
Flaxseed	779	609	510	-21.8	-16.2
Lentils	4,321	3,669	3,829	-15.1	4.4
Mustard seed	555	637	592	14.9	-7.1
Oats	3,937	2,527	3,072	-35.8	21.6
Soybeans	5,274	5,631	5,582	6.8	-0.9
Summerfallow	1,990	1,219	1,209	-38.8	-0.8
Sunflower seed	94	99	84	5.4	-15.8

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1. The methodology used for area estimates for the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia was modified in 2014. For more information, see note to readers.

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

3. The area seeded in the fall.

Note(s):

The estimates in this table have been rounded to the nearest thousand. The percentage changes reflect the unrounded estimates.

Wheat types may not add up to total wheat as a result of rounding.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3401](#).

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