

Principal field crop areas, June 2024

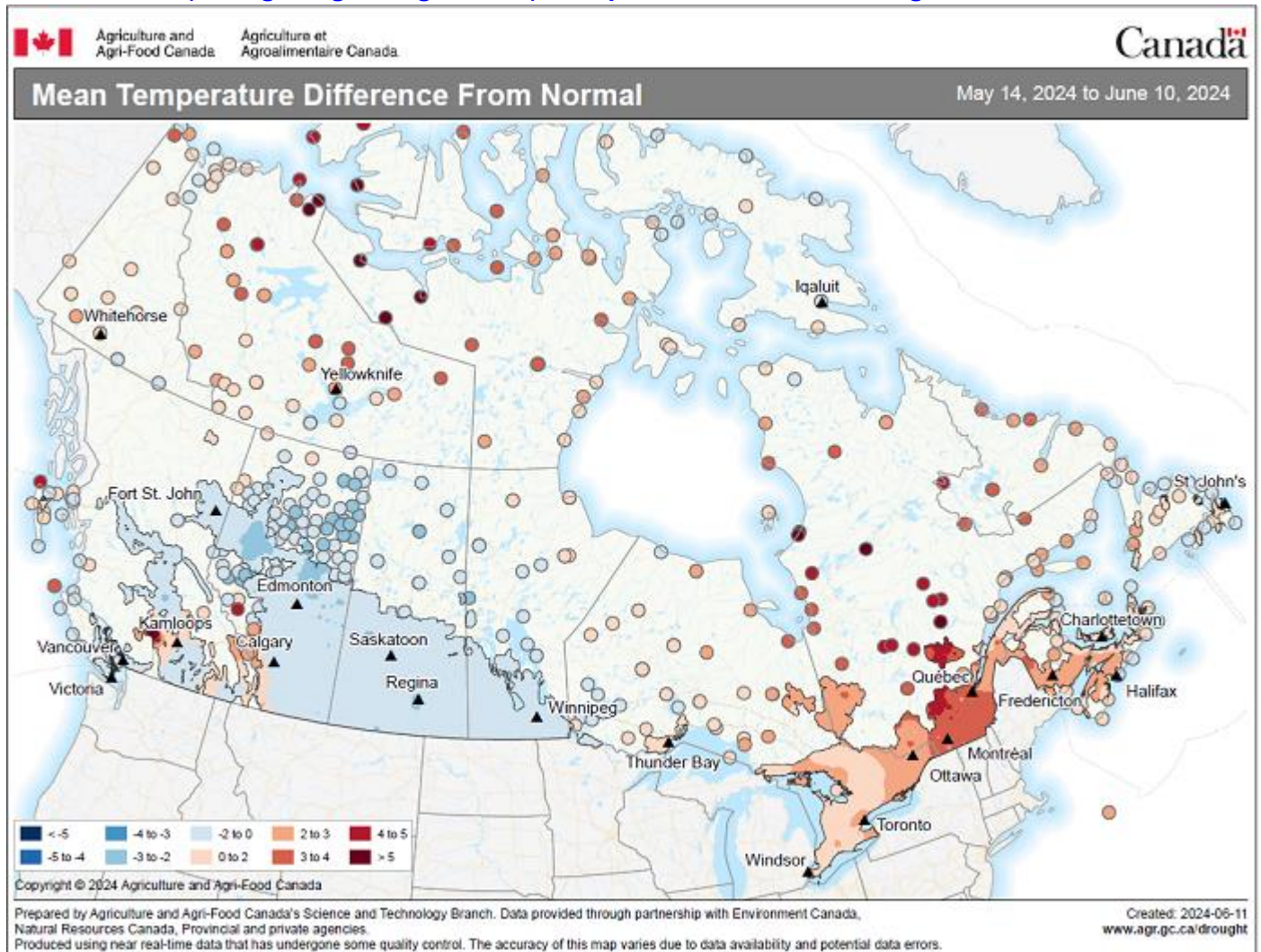
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Canadian farmers reported planting more soybeans, lentils, dry peas and oats, but fewer acres of wheat, canola, corn and barley, according to the June 2024 Field Crop Survey.

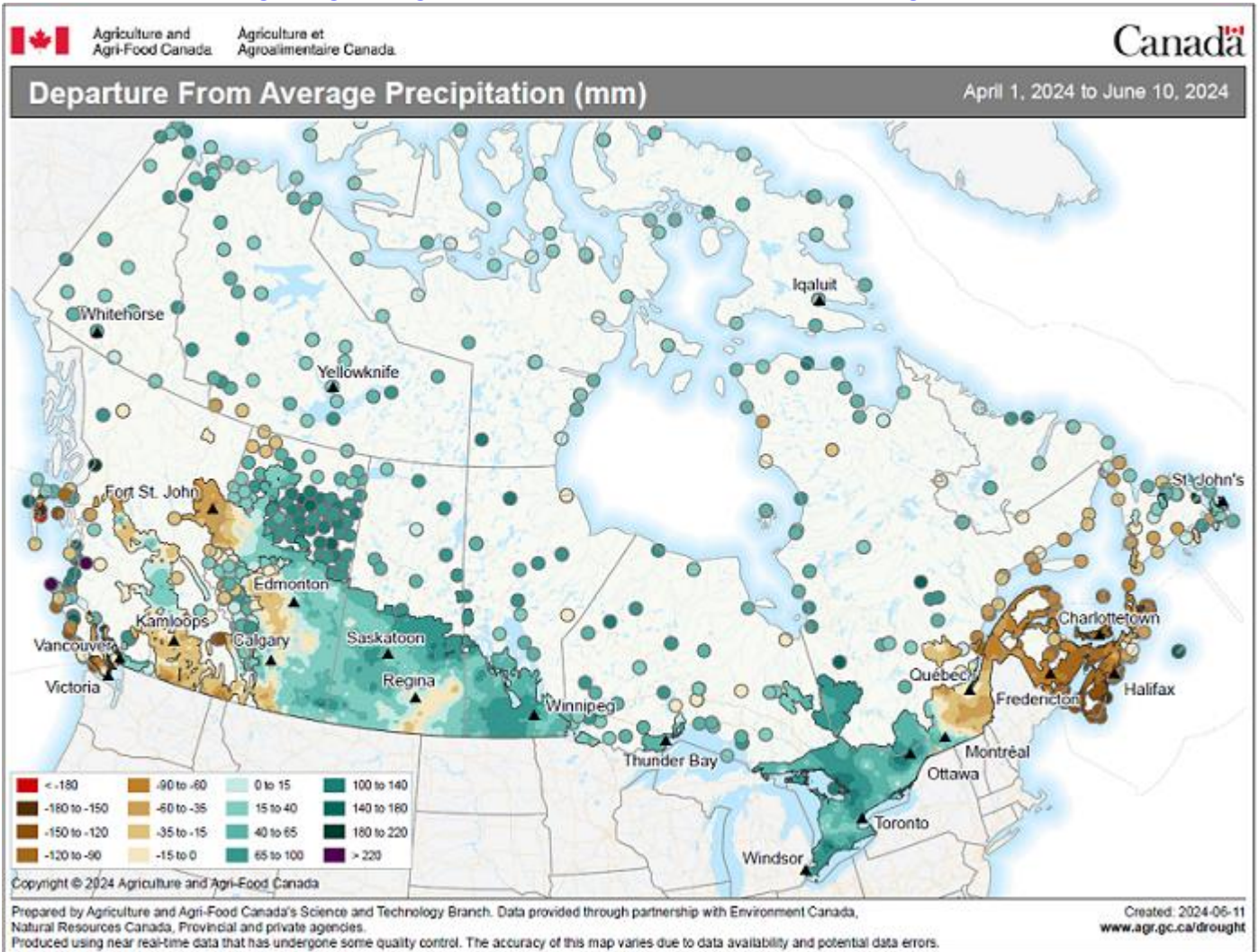
Conditions in Western Canada were drier than average over the winter, resulting in concerns about soil moisture leading into the 2024 growing season. However, beginning in April, most of the Prairies began receiving much needed precipitation. Widespread rainfall resulted in some seeding delays; however, precipitation has helped improve soil moisture conditions. Provincial reports indicated slower seeding progress compared with the five-year average, but most areas had been planted by the first week of June. In general, average temperatures across the Prairies were mixed, with some cooler areas receiving snowfall and near-freezing conditions during planting.

In Eastern Canada, temperatures were at or above normal early in the 2024 growing season. Despite warm conditions, above-normal precipitation in Ontario resulted in some seeding delays, while most of Quebec and Atlantic Canada were drier than normal.

Map 1 – Mean temperature difference from normal (in degrees Celsius) from May 14 to June 10, 2024 (during the growing season), compared with annual average



Map 2 – Departure from average precipitation (in millimetres) from April 1 to June 10, 2024 (during the growing season), compared with annual average



Wheat

At the national level, farmers reported seeding fewer acres of wheat in 2024, down 1.1% to 26.6 million acres. Although this is down compared with the previous year, wheat area remained well above the five-year average of 25.0 million acres, possibly because of favourable pricing. Lower total wheat area was driven by spring wheat (-2.8% to 18.9 million acres) and winter wheat (-5.8% to 1.3 million acres), offsetting higher durum wheat area (+5.5% to 6.4 million acres).

Producers in Saskatchewan reported planting 14.2 million acres of wheat in 2024, unchanged from the previous year. Spring wheat area fell 2.1% to 9.0 million acres but was offset by durum wheat, which rose 2.9% to 5.1 million acres.

In Alberta, wheat area was down 1.6% to 7.8 million acres in 2024. The decrease was driven by spring wheat area, which decreased 4.9% to 6.5 million acres, while durum wheat area rose 19.4% to 1.2 million acres.

Manitoba producers reported that total wheat seeded area decreased 1.4% to 3.2 million acres in 2024.

Canola

Farmers reported planting 22.0 million acres of canola in 2024, down 0.3% from the previous year.

In Saskatchewan, where more than half of Canada's canola is grown, farmers reported planting 12.1 million acres of canola in 2024, down 2.5% from 2023.

In Alberta, farmers reported planting 6.4 million acres of canola in 2024, up 0.4% from the previous year, while in Manitoba, farmers reported seeding 3.3 million acres, up 6.6% from 2023.

Soybeans

Nationally, soybean area rose 2.0% to 5.7 million acres in 2024. This is above the five-year average and the highest area since 2018. Producers in larger soybean-growing provinces may have opted to seed soybeans based on good prices relative to other crops, such as corn.

In Ontario, where the majority of the country's soybeans are grown, farmers reported planting 3.1 million acres of soybeans in 2024, up 7.1% from one year earlier.

For the second consecutive year, farmers in Quebec reported seeding a record soybean area. Soybean area rose to 1.1 million acres in 2024, up 6.8% from 2023.

Manitoba farmers reported planting less soybean area compared with the previous year, decreasing 10.6% to 1.4 million acres in 2024.

Barley and oats

Farmers reported planting 6.4 million acres of barley in 2024, down 12.8% from one year earlier. Lower barley area was led by Saskatchewan, where producers reported seeding 2.3 million acres, down 17.5% from the previous year. Barley area also decreased in Alberta, declining 8.6% to 3.5 million acres, while the area decreased 24.9% to 311,200 acres in Manitoba.

Farmers reported planting 14.9% more oat area in 2024, rising to 2.9 million acres. Producers likely opted to seed more oats because of low stocks, as a result of low production in 2023, and good returns relative to other field crops.

In Saskatchewan, the largest oat-producing province, planting rose 22.3% to 1.3 million acres in 2024. Producers also reported higher areas in Alberta (+13.0%) and Manitoba (+11.3%).

Corn for grain

At the national level, farmers reported seeding less corn for grain in 2024, falling 4.8% from the previous year to 3.6 million acres.

In Ontario, where roughly 60% of all corn for grain is grown, farmers reported a 4.6% decrease in seeded area to 2.2 million acres in 2024. Similarly, corn for grain area in Quebec dropped 2.1% to 879,000 acres compared with 2023, while the area in Manitoba decreased 10.7% to 494,600 acres.

Lentil and dry peas

In 2024, Canadian farmers reported planting 4.2 million acres of lentils, up 14.8% from one year earlier and above the five-year average area. Producers may have opted to plant more lentils because of higher returns relative to other crops. Both major lentil-producing provinces reported higher seeded area, with that in Saskatchewan increasing 14.0% to 3.6 million acres, while that in Alberta rose 19.6% to 559,700 acres.

Nationally, farmers reported seeding 5.4% more area with dry peas compared with 2023, rising to 3.2 million acres in 2024. Dry pea area in Saskatchewan increased 8.7% to 1.7 million acres, while Alberta's area fell 1.4% to 1.2 million acres.

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Note to readers

The June 2024 Field Crop Survey, which collects information on field crop seeded areas in Canada, was conducted from May 15 to June 12, 2024, and included approximately 25,000 farms. Respondents 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 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 in 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 2% to 4% of national totals. Therefore, Canadian totals for spring seeding intentions 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.

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.

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

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An easy-to-print chart, [Crop Report Survey at a Glance](#), which provides an overview of Statistics Canada's 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 remaining)²	25,220	26,932	26,641	6.8	-1.1
Durum wheat	6,006	6,034	6,364	0.5	5.5
Spring wheat	18,036	19,475	18,936	8.0	-2.8
Winter wheat ³	1,177	1,424	1,341	20.9	-5.8
Barley	7,045	7,321	6,386	3.9	-12.8
Canary seed	291	256	291	-12.0	13.5
Canola	21,396	22,082	22,007	3.2	-0.3
Chick peas	234	316	454	34.9	43.7
Corn for grain	3,624	3,825	3,641	5.5	-4.8
Dry beans	298	318	371	7.0	16.7
Dry field peas	3,368	3,048	3,212	-9.5	5.4
Fall Rye	394	324	309	-17.6	-4.7
Flaxseed	779	609	518	-21.8	-14.9
Lentils	4,321	3,669	4,210	-15.1	14.8
Mustard seed	555	637	606	14.9	-4.9
Oats	3,937	2,527	2,903	-35.8	14.9

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	2022	2023	2024 ^{1P}	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Soybeans	5,274	5,631	5,743	6.8	2.0
Summerfallow	1,990	1,219	1,273	-38.8	4.5
Sunflower seed	94	99	58	5.4	-41.5

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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 remaining after winterkill.

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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Available tables: [32-10-0042-01](#) and [32-10-0359-01](#).

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

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