

Principal field crop areas, 2026

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Canadian farmers expect to plant more canola, barley, soybeans and corn for grain in 2026, while they anticipate area seeded to wheat, oats, lentils and dry peas to decrease compared with the previous year.

Wheat

At the national level, farmers anticipate planting 26.7 million acres of wheat in 2026, down 1.1% from the previous year. If this anticipation is realized, national wheat area would remain well above the five-year average, despite a decrease from 2025, which would likely be attributable to continued strong global demand.

Producers expect spring wheat area to edge down 0.1% to 18.8 million acres in 2026. They anticipate durum wheat area to decrease 2.4% to 6.4 million acres, while they expect winter wheat area to fall 6.7% to 1.6 million acres.

Farmers in Saskatchewan anticipate planting 13.9 million acres of wheat in 2026, down 1.0% from the previous year. Producers expect spring wheat area to fall 0.6% to 8.7 million acres, while they anticipate durum wheat area to remain at 5.1 million acres.

In Alberta, farmers expect total wheat area to edge up 0.3% to 8.1 million acres because of higher spring wheat area (+3.6% to 6.8 million acres). Meanwhile, they expect durum wheat area (-11.8% to 1.2 million acres) to decrease.

Manitoba farmers anticipate planting 3.1 million acres of wheat in 2026, down 5.1% from one year earlier.

Canola

Farmers expect canola area to increase 1.0% to 21.8 million acres in 2026, roughly in line with the five-year average. Higher anticipated seeded area may be led by strong domestic demand as processing capacity continues to expand.

In Saskatchewan, where most of the country's canola is grown, producers anticipate seeded area of canola to rise 0.5% to 12.2 million acres.

In Alberta, farmers expect seeded area of canola to increase 0.7% to 6.3 million acres.

Farmers in Manitoba anticipate seeding 3.2 million acres of canola in 2026, up 4.7% from the previous year.

Soybeans

Nationally, farmers anticipate planting 5.9 million acres of soybeans in 2026, up 1.9% from 2025.

In Ontario, the province that produces the most soybeans, farmers expect to plant more acres of soybeans in 2026, rising 0.2% to 2.9 million acres.

Manitoba is expected to lead the national increase in soybean acreage, rising 12.9% to 1.9 million acres. If this expectation is realized, this would be the highest soybean area in the province since 2018, possibly because of low input costs relative to other crops.

In Quebec, producers expect soybean seeded area to decrease 5.0% to 1.0 million acres in 2026.

Barley and oats

Nationwide, farmers expect barley acreage to rise 5.0% to 6.4 million acres in 2026.



Farmers expect barley area to increase in both Saskatchewan (+7.9% to 2.4 million acres) and Alberta (+5.2% to 3.5 million acres), while they expect it to decline in Manitoba (-1.6% to 304,400 acres).

Producers expect oat area to fall 3.1% compared with one year earlier to 2.9 million acres in 2026, possibly because of high oat stocks resulting from high production in 2025.

Corn for grain

At the national level, farmers expect to plant 3.8 million acres of corn for grain in 2026, up 1.7% from one year earlier.

The increase in corn for grain area is led by Ontario, where more than 60% of all corn for grain in Canada is grown. Farmers anticipate planting 2.3 million acres of corn for grain in 2026, up 5.4% from 2025. If this occurs, it would be a record area for the province, surpassing the previous record set in 2022.

Quebec farmers expect to plant less corn for grain in 2026, falling 1.5% to 841,500 acres. Manitoba producers also reported anticipating lower area, falling 5.3% to 586,800 acres, a level still above the five-year average for the province.

Lentils and dry peas

Producers expect area seeded to lentils to decrease 5.5% compared with one year earlier to 4.1 million acres in 2026, possibly because of high stocks resulting from a large crop production in 2025. In Saskatchewan, where almost 90% of Canada's lentils are grown, farmers expect seeded area to fall 4.3% to 3.6 million acres in 2026. Meanwhile, farmers in Alberta expect lentil area to decrease 13.4% to 489,500 acres.

Farmers across Canada expect to plant fewer acres of dry peas in 2026; they anticipate area for dry peas to fall 12.3% from 2025 to 3.1 million acres. In 2026, farmers expect seeded area to fall 16.6% to 1.5 million acres in Saskatchewan, and they anticipate it falling 3.9% to 1.4 million acres in Alberta. The national decrease is likely the result of lower returns relative to other crops because of tariffs in place from importing countries.

Note to readers

The 2026 Field Crop Survey for December, which collects information on stocks of principal field crops and seeding intentions, was conducted from December 12, 2025, to January 16, 2026, and included about 8,200 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 2026 will be released on December 4, 2026, and will be subject to revision for two years.

The field crop surveys collect data from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for 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 spring seeding intentions include carry-over data for these provinces from their preceding November survey, and Canadian totals for July include carry-over data for these same 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.

Data for 2026 are compared with final 2025 data.

For more information on agriculture and food, visit the [Agriculture and food statistics portal](#).

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

	2024	2025	2026 ^{1P}	2024 to 2025	2025 to 2026
	thousands of acres			% change	
Total wheat (including winter wheat seeded in the fall)²	26,774	27,032	26,738	1.0	-1.1
Durum wheat	6,364	6,532	6,378	2.6	-2.4
Spring wheat	18,943	18,809	18,781	-0.7	-0.1
Winter wheat ³	1,466	1,692	1,579	15.4	-6.7
Barley	6,405	6,136	6,441	-4.2	5.0
Canary seed	291	319	301	9.8	-5.8
Canola	22,011	21,623	21,839	-1.8	1.0
Chick peas	481	541	575	12.6	6.3
Corn for grain	3,651	3,782	3,846	3.6	1.7
Dry beans	402	426	295	5.9	-30.7
Dry field peas	3,213	3,510	3,078	9.2	-12.3
Fall Rye	444	672	566	51.3	-15.8
Flaxseed	504	620	753	23.2	21.4
Lentils	4,210	4,380	4,138	4.0	-5.5
Mustard seed	606	361	488	-40.4	35.1
Oats	2,900	2,996	2,903	3.3	-3.1
Soybeans	5,710	5,782	5,890	1.3	1.9
Summerfallow	1,234	1,079	1,197	-12.6	11.0
Sunflower seed	60	76	66	26.0	-12.6

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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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