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- p preliminary
- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
- E use with caution
- F too unreliable to be published

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Highlights

Estimates of production of principal field crops

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Analysis

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At the time of the September farm survey, crop maturity and the fall harvest in the West were delayed by cool conditions and excess moisture. Harvest conditions were most advanced in southern regions but they improved considerably in most areas after the survey had taken place.

Canola production up

Canola production is expected to rise to 10.9 million tonnes, 1.4 million tonnes above the previous high of 9.5 million tonnes reported in 2007. This exceeds the pre-harvest July estimate by 495,000 tonnes. Production should increase mainly as the result of an above-average yield of 30.6 bushels per acre.

In the Prairie provinces where 99% of canola is grown, farmers expect to exceed the previous record production in each province. The mid-harvest yields reported in the September survey showed an improvement over the pre-harvest yields from the July survey in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Wheat excluding durum production expected to exceed five-year average

Farmers expect to harvest 22.2 million tonnes of wheat excluding durum, an increase of 35.6% from 16.4 million tonnes in 2007 and easily exceeding the previous five-year average (2003-2007) production of 19.4 million tonnes. A 15.0% increase in harvested area and a yield of 42.8 bushels per acre account for this increase.

Production in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is expected to show an increase over 2007, exceeding their previous five-year provincial averages.

Mid-harvest yields showed improvement in all Prairie provinces compared to the pre-harvest yields reported in July.

Soybean production expected to rise in the East

Total soybean production is expected to reach 3.2 million tonnes, just short of the highest level of 3.5 million tonnes produced in 2006. Production should rise in both Quebec and Ontario, where 90% of soybeans are grown.

Production in Quebec is anticipated to increase 30.3% to 615,000 tonnes, a value exceeding the previous high of 535,000 tonnes set in 2006. The production increase is the result of a rise in harvested area of 31.6% from 2007.

Soybean production in Ontario is expected to rise to 2.3 million tonnes, up 16.3% from 2007 due to a yield increase. Farmers reported a yield of 40.8 bushels per acre, a rise of 7.8 bushels per acre over 2007.

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Statistical tables

Table 1 September estimate of the 2008 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces - Metric

	Area		Yield on	Production
	seeded	harvested	harvested area	
	thousands of	hectares	kilograms per hectare	thousands of tonnes
Canada				
Vinter wheat 1	1,054.4	1,050.3	4,500	4,698.4
Spring wheat	6,742.2	6,665.0	2,600	17,496.9
Durum wheat	2,468.6	2,407.9	2,100	5,070.2
III wheat	10,265.2	10,123.2	2,700	27,265.5
Dats	1,894.8	1,594.8	2,700	4,321.0
sarley	3,732.1	3,448.7	3,300	11,219.0
all rye 1 laxseed 2	133.6 611.1	127.5 605.1	2,400 1,300	307.4 767.9
anola	6,395.9	6,332.6	1,700	10,870.1
orn for grain	1,195.9	1,180.8	8,400	9,892.5
ry peas	1,576.0	1,547.7	2,300	3,526.6
oybeans	1,211.3	1,208.3	2,700	3,239.9
ry white beans	54.7	54.7	1,800	100.0
ry coloured beans	91.9	90.1	1,800	165.9
ummerfallow	2,422.0			
rince Edward Island				
Vinter wheat 1	2.0	2.0	3,400	6.8
pring wheat	12.1	12.1	3,400	40.8
II wheat	14.1	14.1	3,400	47.6
ats	5.7	5.3	2,600	14.0
arley	32.4	31.6	3,000	93.4
lixed grains oybeans	3.2 8.1	3.2 8.1	2,500 2,700	8.0 21.8
lova Scotia	0.1	0.1	2,700	21.0
Vinter wheat 1	1.6	1.6	3,800	6.0
	1.0	1.0	4,100	4.1
pring wheat II wheat	2.6	2.6	3,900	10.1
ats	2.4	2.4	2,300	5.6
arley	4.9	4.5	2,700	12.0
Corn for grain	4.9	4.9	7,800	38.1
lew Brunswick				
Vinter wheat 1	0.2	0.2	5,000	1.0
pring wheat	2.0	2.0	3,400	6.8
II wheat	2.2	2.2	3,500	7.8
ats	10.1	10.1	2,900	28.9
arley	11.3	10.9	3,500	38.2
Corn for grain	4.9	4.9	7,500	36.6
Quebec	4.5	4.5	2.000	40.0
/inter wheat 1	4.5	4.5	2,900	13.0
pring wheat	50.0	49.5	2,800	140.0
II wheat	54.5	54.0	2,800	153.0
ats	102.0 100.0	98.0 97.5	2,500 2,900	243.0 286.0
arley lixed grains	21.0	20.0	2,800	200.0 55.0
anola	18.0	20.0 17.5	2,800	36.0
orn for grain	395.0	388.0	8,100	3,150.0 3,150.0
oybeans	232.0	231.0	2,700	615.0
otal dry beans	5.0	4.8	2,100	10.0
odder corn	48.0	48.0	39,600	1,899.6
)ntario				
Vinter wheat 1	495.7	495.7	5,500	2,721.6
pring wheat	68.8	68.8	3,400	236.8
il wheat	564.5	564.5	5,200	2,958.4
ats	30.4	26.3	2,600	69.4
arley	62.7	60.7	3,400	206.8
all rye 1	18.2	18.2	2,500	45.7
lixed grains	46.5	42.5	3,100	133.4
anola	22.3	22.3	2,200	49.9
orn for grain	718.3	712.2	8,700	6,223.3
oybeans	849.8	847.8	2,700	2,326.9
ry white beans	32.4	32.4	2,000	65.3
ry coloured beans	22.2	21.4	2,100	44.2
odder corn	107.2	107.2	39,800	4,263.8

Table 1 – continued

September estimate of the 2008 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces - Metric

	Area		Yield on	Production
	seeded	harvested	harvested area	
	thousands of	hectares	kilograms per hectare	thousands of tonnes
Manitoba				
Winter wheat 1	222.6	222.6	4,400	973.0
Spring wheat	1,064.3	1,042.1	3,000	3,114.9
All wheat	1,286.9	1,264.7	3,200	4,087.9
Oats	364.2	335.9	3,100	1,058.0
Barley	311.6	295.4	3,700	1,079.9
Fall rye 1	30.4	28.3	3,100	86.4
Flaxseed ²	111.3	109.3	1,400	153.2
Canola	1,246.4	1,218.1	1,900	2,281.6
Corn for grain	72.8	70.8	6,300	444.5
Dry peas	50.5	50.5	2,400	120.5
Soybeans	121.4	121.4	2,300	276.2
Dry white beans	22.3	22.3	1.600	34.7
Dry coloured beans	46.5	46.5	1,500	72.0
Fodder corn	28.3	26.3	35,700	938.9
Sunflower seeds	70.8	70.8	1,800	127.7
Summerfallow	70.8 57.0		*	
	57.0			
Saskatchewan Winter wheat 1	222.6	218.5	2.800	617.8
Spring wheat	3,197.0	3,176.8	2,200	7,097.9
Durum wheat	2.063.9	2.011.3	2,200	3.995.2
All wheat	5,483.5	5,406.6	2,200	11,710.9
Oats	1,011.7	902.4	2,600	2,331.8
Barley	1,537.8	1,444.7	3,100	4,411.1
Fall rye 1	60.7	56.7	2,000	114.3
Flaxseed ²	477.5	473.5	1,200	579.1
Canola	2,994.7	2,982.5	1,600	4,728.7
Dry peas	1,214.0	1,193.8	2,200	2,592.3
Lentils	631.3	623.2	1,400	896.9
Mustard seed	145.7	131.6	900	113.9
Canary seed	153.8	151.8	1,200	180.1
Chick peas	72.9	72.9	1,500	110.6
Summerfallow	1,700.0			
Alberta				
Winter wheat ¹	105.2	105.2	3,400	359.2
Spring wheat	2,322.8	2,290.5	3,000	6,809.3
Durum wheat	404.7	396.6	2,700	1,075.0
All wheat	2,832.7	2,792.3	3,000	8,243.5
Oats	344.0	202.3	2,700	541.3
Barley	1,639.0	1,477.1	3,400	5,034.9
Fall rye 1	24.3	24.3	2,500	61.0
Mixed grains	36.4	12.1	2,700	32.7
Flaxseed ²	22.3	22.3	1,600	35.6
Canola	2,084.1	2,063.9	1,800	3,742.1
Dry peas	311.5	303.4	2,700	813.8
Dry coloured beans	18.2	17.4	2,300	39.7
Mustard seed	52.6	52.6	900	49.3
Fodder corn	32.4	22.3	46,000	1,025.1
Summerfallow	647.0			
British Columbia				
Spring wheat	24.2	22.2	2,100	46.3
Oats	24.3	12.1	2,400	29.0
Barley	32.4	26.3	2,200	56.7
Canola	30.4	28.3	1,100	31.8
Fodder corn	12.1	10.1	40,400	408.2
Summerfallow	18.0			
Caionanow	10.0	•••	•••	•••

Table 1 – continued September estimate of the 2008 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces - Metric

	Area		Yield on	Production
	seeded	harvested	harvested area	
	thousands of	hectares	kilograms per hectare	thousands of tonnes
Western Canada				
Winter wheat 1	550.4	546.3	3,600	1,950.0
Spring wheat	6,608.3	6,531.6	2,600	17,068.4
Durum wheat	2,468.6	2,407.9	2,100	5,070.2
All wheat	9,627.3	9,485.8	2,500	24,088.6
Oats	1,744.2	1,452.7	2,700	3,960.1
Barley	3,520.8	3,243.5	3,300	10,582.6
Fall rye 1	115.4	109.3	2,400	261.7
Flaxseed 2	611.1	605.1	1,300	767.9
Canola	6,355.6	6,292.8	1,700	10,784.2
Dry peas	1,576.0	1,547.7	2,300	3,526.6
Summerfallow	2,422.0			

^{1.} The area remaining in June after winterkill.

^{2.} Excludes solin.

Table 2
September estimate of the 2008 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Imperial

	seeded	harvested	harvested area	
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
Canada				
Winter wheat 1	2,605.7	2,595.7	66.5	172,634
Spring wheat	16,661.1	16,469.8	39.0	642,899
Durum wheat	6,100.0	5,950.0	31.3	186,300
All wheat	25,366.8	25,015.5	40.0	1,001,833
Oats	4,682.0	3,941.2	71.1	280,182
Barley	9,222.1	8,521.9	60.5	515,286
Fall rye 1	330.0	315.0	38.4	12,100
Flaxseed 2	1,510.0	1,495.0	20.2	30,230
Canola	15,804.5	15,648.2	30.6	479,287
Corn for grain	2,955.1	2,917.8	133.5	389,450
Dry peas	3,895.0	3,825.0	33.9	129,575
Soybeans	2,993.3	2,985.8	39.9	119,047
•	thousands	of acres	hundred weight per acre	thousands of hundred weight
Dry white beans	135.0	135.0	16.3	2,205
Dry coloured beans	227.4	222.9	16.4	3.662
Summerfallow	5,985.0		•••	
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
Prince Edward Island			•	
Winter wheat 1	5.0	5.0	50.0	250
Spring wheat	30.0	30.0	50.0	1,500
All wheat	35.0	35.0	50.0	1,750
Oats	14.0	13.0	70.0	910
Barley	80.0	78.0	55.0	4,290
Mixed grains	8.0	8.0	55.0	440
Soybeans	20.0	20.0	40.0	800
Nova Scotia				
Winter wheat 1	4.0	4.0	55.0	220
Spring wheat	2.5	2.5	60.0	150
All wheat	6.5	6.5	56.9	370
Oats	6.0	6.0	60.0	360
Barley	12.0	11.0	50.0	550
Corn for grain	12.0	12.0	125.0	1,500
New Brunswick				
Winter wheat 1	0.6	0.6	60.0	36
Spring wheat	5.0	5.0	50.0	250
All wheat	5.6	5.6	51.1	286
Oats	25.0	25.0	75.0	1,875
Barley	28.0	27.0	65.0	1,755
Corn for grain	12.0	12.0	120.0	1,440
Quebec	44.4	44.4	12.0	470
Winter wheat	11.1	11.1	43.0	478
Spring wheat	123.6	122.3	42.1	5,144
All wheat	134.7	133.4	42.1	5,622
Oats	252.0	242.2	65.1	15,757
Barley	247.1	240.9	54.5	13,136
Mixed grains Canola	51.9 44.5	49.4 43.2	54.5 36.7	2,695
				1,587
Corn for grain Soybeans	976.1 573.3	958.8 570.8	129.3 39.6	124,010 22,597
y	thousands		hundred weight per acre	thousands of hundred weight
Total dry beans	12.4	11.9	18.6	220
	thousands		tons per acre	thousands of tons
Fodder corn	118.6	118.6	17.7	2,094

Table 2 – continued September estimate of the 2008 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Imperial

	Area		Yield on	Production	
	seeded	harvested	harvested area		
	thousands of	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels	
tario			_		
nter wheat 1	1,225.0	1,225.0	81.6	100,000	
ing wheat	170.0	170.0	51.2	8,700	
wheat	1,395.0	1,395.0	77.9	108,700	
ts	75.0	65.0	69.2	4,500	
fley I rye 1	155.0 45.0	150.0 45.0	63.3 40.0	9,500 1,800	
ted grains	115.0	105.0	70.0	7,350	
nola	55.0	55.0	40.0	2,200	
rn for grain	1,775.0	1,760.0	139.2	245,000	
ybeans	2,100.0	2,095.0	40.8	85,500	
	thousands of	of acres	hundred weight per acre	thousands of hundred weight	
white beans	80.0	80.0	18.0	1,440	
coloured beans	55.0	53.0	18.4	977	
	thousands o		tons per acre	thousands of tons	
dder corn	265.0	265.0	17.7	4,700	
	thousands of	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels	
nitoba		550.0	27.2	<u></u>	
nter wheat 1	550.0	550.0	65.0	35,750	
ing wheat	2,630.0	2,575.0	44.4	114,455	
wheat ts	3,180.0 900.0	3,125.0 830.0	48.1 82.7	150,205 68,600	
is Tey	770.0	730.0	67.9	49,600	
lrye 1	75.0	70.0	48.6	3,400	
xseed ²	275.0	270.0	22.3	6,030	
nola	3,080.0	3,010.0	33.4	100,600	
rn for grain	180.0	175.0	100.0	17,500	
peas	125.0	125.0	35.4	4,425	
ybeans	300.0	300.0	33.8	10,150	
	thousands	of acres	hundred weight per acre	thousands of hundred weight	
white beans	55.0	55.0	13.9	765	
coloured beans	115.0	115.0	13.8	1,590	
	thousands of	of acres	tons per acre	thousands of tons	
dder corn	70.0	65.0	15.9	1,035	
	thousands of	of acres	pounds per acre	thousands of pounds	
nflower seeds	175.0	175.0	1609	281,500	
mmerfallow	140.0	•••			
	thousands o	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels	
skatchewan	<i>EEO</i> 0	E40.0	40.0	00.700	
nter wheat 1	550.0 7,900.0	540.0 7,850.0	42.0 33.2	22,700 260,800	
ring wheat rum wheat	7,900.0 5,100.0	7,850.0 4,970.0	33.2 29.5	260,800 146,800	
wheat	13,550.0	13,360.0	32.2	430,300	
ts	2,500.0	2,230.0	67.8	151,200	
ley	3,800.0	3,570.0	56.8	202,600	
l rye 1	150.0	140.0	32.1	4,500	
xseed ²	1,180.0	1,170.0	19.5	22,800	
nola	7,400.0	7,370.0	28.3	208,500	
peas	3,000.0	2,950.0	32.3	95,250	
	thousands		pounds per acre	thousands of pounds	
ntils	1,560.0 360.0	1,540.0 325.0	1284 772	1,977,100	
stard seed		325.0 375.0	772 1059	251,000 397,000	
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nary seed ick peas	380.0 180.0	180.0	1354	243,800	

Table 2 – continued

September estimate of the 2008 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Imperial

	Area		Yield on	Production
	seeded	harvested	harvested area	
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
Alberta				
Winter wheat 1	260.0	260.0	50.8	13,200
Spring wheat	5,740.0	5,660.0	44.2	250,200
Durum wheat	1,000.0	980.0	40.3	39,500
All wheat	7,000.0	6,900.0	43.9	302,900
Oats	850.0	500.0	70.2	35,100
Barley	4,050.0	3,650.0	63.4	231,250
Fall rye ¹	60.0	60.0	40.0	2,400
Mixed grains	90.0	30.0	53.3	1,600
Flaxseed ²	55.0	55.0	25.5	1,400
Canola	5,150.0	5,100.0	32.4	165,000
Dry peas	770.0 thousands	750.0	39.9 hundred weight per acre	29,900 thousands of hundred weight
				thousands of hundred weight
Dry coloured beans	45.0	43.0	20.3	875
	thousands	of acres	pounds per acre	thousands of pounds
Mustard seed	130.0	130.0	836	108,650
	thousands	of acres	tons per acre	thousands of tons
Fodder corn	80.0	55.0	20.5	1,130
Summerfallow	1,600.0			
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
British Columbia				
0			20.0	
Spring wheat	60.0	55.0	30.9	1,700
Spring wheat Oats	60.0 60.0	55.0 30.0	30.9 62.7	1,700 1,880
			62.7 40.1	
Oats	60.0	30.0	62.7	1,880
Oats Barley	60.0 80.0	30.0 65.0 70.0	62.7 40.1	1,880 2,605
Oats Barley	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands	30.0 65.0 70.0	62.7 40.1 20.0	1,880 2,605 1,400
Oats Barley Canola	60.0 80.0 75.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels 71,650 627,155
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat Durum wheat	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands 1,360.0 16,330.0 6,100.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre 53.1 38.9 31.3	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels 71,650 627,155 186,300
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat Durum wheat All wheat	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands 1,360.0 16,330.0 6,100.0 23,790.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres 1,350.0 16,140.0 5,950.0 23,440.0	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre 53.1 38.9 31.3 37.8	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels 71,650 627,155 186,300 885,105
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat Durum wheat All wheat Oats	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands 1,360.0 16,330.0 6,100.0 23,790.0 4,310.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres 1,350.0 16,140.0 5,950.0 23,440.0 3,590.0 8,015.0 270.0	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre 53.1 38.9 31.3 37.8 71.5	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels 71,650 627,155 186,300 885,105 256,780
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat Durum wheat All wheat Oats Barley	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands 1,360.0 16,330.0 6,100.0 23,790.0 4,310.0 8,700.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres 1,350.0 16,140.0 5,950.0 23,440.0 3,590.0 8,015.0	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre 53.1 38.9 31.3 37.8 71.5 60.6	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels 71,650 627,155 186,300 885,105 256,780 486,055
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat Durum wheat All wheat Oats Barley Fall rye 1	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands 1,360.0 16,330.0 6,100.0 23,790.0 4,310.0 8,700.0 285.0 1,510.0 15,705.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres 1,350.0 16,140.0 5,950.0 23,440.0 3,590.0 8,015.0 270.0	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre 53.1 38.9 31.3 37.8 71.5 60.6 38.1	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels 71,650 627,155 186,300 885,105 256,780 486,055 10,300
Oats Barley Canola Fodder corn Summerfallow Western Canada Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat Durum wheat All wheat Oats Barley Fall rye 1 Flaxseed 2	60.0 80.0 75.0 thousands 30.0 45.0 thousands 1,360.0 16,330.0 6,100.0 23,790.0 4,310.0 8,700.0 285.0 1,510.0	30.0 65.0 70.0 of acres 25.0 of acres 1,350.0 16,140.0 5,950.0 23,440.0 3,590.0 8,015.0 270.0 1,495.0	62.7 40.1 20.0 tons per acre 18.0 bushels per acre 53.1 38.9 31.3 37.8 71.5 60.6 38.1 20.2	1,880 2,605 1,400 thousands of tons 450 thousands of bushels 71,650 627,155 186,300 885,105 256,780 486,055 10,300 30,230

^{1.} The area remaining in June after winterkill.

^{2.} Excludes solin.

Table 3 Estimate of the 2007 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Metric

	Area		Yield on	Production
	seeded	harvested	harvested area	
	thousands of	hectares	kilograms per hectare	thousands of tonnes
Canada Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat Durum wheat All wheat Oats Barley Fall rye 1 Flaxseed 2	642.1	623.9	4,000	2,499.2
	6,157.2	6,086.1	2,300	13,873.4
	1,948.6	1,926.3	1,900	3,681.4
	8,747.9	8,636.3	2,300	20,054.0
	2,188.4	1,815.7	2,600	4,696.3
	4,396.8	3,997.7	2,700	10,983.9
	123.4	109.3	2,100	233.0
	528.0	524.0	1,200	633.5
Canola Corn for grain Dry peas Soybeans Dry white beans Dry coloured beans Summerfallow	6,321.6 1,391.5 1,469.0 1,180.1 60.7 92.5 2,977.0	6,277.0 1,368.7 1,442.7 1,171.5 60.7 91.8	1,500 8,500 2,000 2,300 1,700 1,900	9,528.5 11,648.7 2,934.8 2,695.7 105.2 171.6
Prince Edward Island Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat All wheat Oats Barley Mixed grains Soybeans	3.0	3.0	3,300	9.8
	7.7	7.5	3,100	23.2
	10.7	10.5	3,100	33.0
	4.9	4.7	2,600	12.1
	34.4	32.8	2,900	93.5
	4.0	3.8	2,300	8.8
	4.5	4.5	2,500	11.1
Nova Scotia Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat All wheat Oats Barley Corn for grain	0.8	0.8	4,300	3.4
	0.8	0.7	2,300	1.6
	1.6	1.5	3,300	5.0
	2.2	2.0	2,300	4.5
	2.8	2.6	2,700	6.9
	4.0	3.8	7,300	27.8
New Brunswick Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat All wheat Oats Barley Corn for grain	0.2	0.2	4,000	0.8
	1.6	1.6	2,900	4.6
	1.8	1.8	3,000	5.4
	8.5	8.5	2,800	24.0
	13.4	13.2	3,400	45.3
	2.8	2.6	7,400	19.2
Quebec Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat All wheat Oats Barley Mixed grains Canola Corn for grain Soybeans Total dry beans Fodder corn	2.7	2.7	3,200	8.7
	53.8	53.5	3,100	165.0
	56.5	56.2	3,100	173.7
	115.0	109.0	2,600	280.0
	95.0	94.5	3,300	308.0
	25.0	23.5	3,000	70.0
	8.5	8.5	2,200	18.5
	450.0	449.0	9,100	4,100.0
	176.0	175.5	2,700	472.0
	6.5	6.2	2,000	12.5
	47.0	46.5	40,400	1,879.7
Ontario Winter wheat 1 Spring wheat All wheat Oats Barley Fall rye 1 Mixed grains Canola Corn for grain Soybeans Dry white beans Dry coloured beans Fodder corn	240.8	240.8	5,000	1,192.0
	72.8	72.8	3,400	250.4
	313.6	313.6	4,600	1,442.4
	40.5	36.4	2,400	87.9
	68.8	66.8	3,300	217.7
	20.2	20.2	2,100	43.2
	56.7	50.6	2,900	147.0
	14.2	14.2	2,000	27.8
	849.8	831.6	8,400	6,985.3
	906.5	900.4	2,200	2,000.3
	34.4	34.4	1,800	62.1
	30.3	29.9	1,500	45.5
	121.4	121.4	32,900	3,991.6

Table 3 – continued

Estimate of the 2007 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Metric

	Area		Yield on	Production
1	seeded	harvested	harvested area	
	thousands of	hectares	kilograms per hectare	thousands of tonnes
Manitoba				
Winter wheat 1	178.1	178.1	4,200	741.6
Spring wheat	1,005.6	995.4	2,500	2,469.8
All wheat	1,183.7	1,173.5	2,700	3,211.4
Oats	424.9	398.6	3,000	1,204.5
Barley	412.8	380.4	3,100	1,195.3
Fall rye 1	22.3	22.3	2,400	53.9
Flaxseed ²	80.9	78.9	1,300	105.4
Canola	1.238.3	1,228.2	1,600	1,950.4
Corn for grain	80.9	78.9	6,300	493.5
Dry peas	38.5	38.5	2,500	97.7
Soybeans	93.1	91.1	2,300	212.3
Dry white beans	26.3	26.3	1,600	43.1
Dry coloured beans	34.3	34.3	1,700	59.0
Fodder corn	30.4	24.3	33.600	816.5
Sunflower seeds	76.9	74.9	1,600	119.8
Summerfallow	71.0		•••	•••
Saskatchewan	151.8	141.6	2.600	367.4
Winter wheat 1				
Spring wheat	3,029.1	3,002.0	1,900	5,679.6
Durum wheat	1,639.0	1,618.7	1,900	3,011.4
All wheat	4,819.9	4,762.3	1,900	9,058.4
Oats	1,133.1	985.4	2,400	2,401.2
Barley	1,780.6	1,659.2	2,400	3,945.2
Fall rye 1	52.6	50.6	2,000	99.1
Flaxseed ²	435.0	433.0	1,200	511.8
Canola	2,994.7	2,974.4	1,400	4,082.3
Dry peas	1,183.7	1,163.5	2,000	2,309.6
Lentils	540.2	534.2	1,300	673.9
Mustard seed	141.6	141.6	600	87.3
Canary seed	172.0	167.9	900	155.7
Chick peas	153.8	153.8	1,300	198.1
Summerfallow	2,064.0		•	
Alberta				
Winter wheat 1	64.7	56.7	3,100	175.5
Spring wheat	1,969.6	1,936.4	2,700	5,230.6
Durum wheat	309.6	307.6	2,200	670.0
All wheat	2,343.9	2,300.7	2,600	6,076.1
Oats	424.9	250.9	2,500	627.4
Barley	1,962.7	1,728.0	3,000	5,114.3
Fall rye 1	28.3	16.2	2,300	36.8
Mixed grains	56.7	8.1	3,000	24.1
Flaxseed ²	12.1	12.1	1,300	16.3
Canola	2,037.6	2,023.4	1,700	3,401.9
Dry peas	246.8	240.7	2,200	527.5
Dry coloured beans	21.4	21.4	2,500	54.5
Mustard seed	34.4	34.4	800	27.0
Fodder corn	28.3	20.2	41,500	839.1
Summerfallow	824.0			
British Columbia				
Spring wheat	16.2	16.2	3,000	48.6
Oats	34.4	20.2	2,700	54.7
Barley	26.3	20.2	2,900	57.7
Canola	28.3	28.3	1,700	47.6
Fodder corn	10.1	8.1	50,400	408.2
Summerfallow	18.0		•	
Gummerianow	10.0	•••	•••	

Table 3 – continued Estimate of the 2007 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Metric

	Area		Yield on	Production
	seeded	harvested	harvested area	
	thousands of	hectares	kilograms per hectare	thousands of tonnes
Western Canada				
Winter wheat 1	394.6	376.4	3,400	1,284.5
Spring wheat	6,020.5	5,950.0	2,300	13,428.6
Durum wheat	1,948.6	1,926.3	1,900	3,681.4
All wheat	8,363.7	8,252.7	2,200	18,394.5
Oats	2,017.3	1,655.1	2,600	4,287.8
Barley	4,182.4	3,787.8	2,700	10,312.5
Fall rye 1	103.2	89.1	2,100	189.8
Flaxseed ²	528.0	524.0	1,200	633.5
Canola	6,298.9	6,254.3	1,500	9,482.2
Dry peas	1,469.0	1,442.7	2,000	2,934.8
Summerfallow	2,977.0	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	·	·

^{1.} The area remaining in June after winterkill.

^{2.} Excludes solin.

Table 4 Estimate of the 2007 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Imperial

	anadad			Production
	seeded	harvested	on harvested area	
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
Canada		- '-		
Winter wheat 1	1,586.7	1,541.7	59.6	91,832
Spring wheat	15,214.9	15,039.5	33.9	509,755
Durum wheat All wheat	4,815.0 21.616.6	4,760.0 21,341.2	28.4 34.5	135,270 736,856
Oats	5,407.7	4,486.8	67.9	304,512
Barley	10,864.8	9,878.5	51.1	504,488
Fall rye 1	305.0	270.0	34.0	9,170
Flaxseed ²	1,305.0	1,295.0	19.3	24,940
Canola	15,621.0 3,439.0	15,511.0	27.1 125.6	420,141
Corn for grain Dry peas	3,439.0 3.630.0	3,382.5 3,565.0	135.6 30.2	458,587 107,830
Soybeans	2,915.9	2,894.7	34.2	99,050
	thousands	,	hundred weight per acre	thousands of hundred weight
Dry white beans	150.0	150.0	15.5	2,320
Dry coloured beans Summerfallow	229.1 7,355.0	227.3	16.6	3,781
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
Prince Edward Island				
Winter wheat ¹	7.5	7.5	48.0	360
Spring wheat	19.0	18.5	46.0	851
All wheat Oats	26.5 12.0	26.0 11.5	46.6 68.0	1,211
Barley	85.0	81.0	53.0	782 4,293
Mixed grains	10.0	9.5	51.0	485
Soybeans	11.0	11.0	37.0	407
Nova Scotia Winter wheat 1	2.0	2.0	62.0	124
Spring wheat	2.0	1.8	32.0	58
All wheat	4.0	3.8	47.8	182
Oats	5.5	5.0	58.0	290
Barley	7.0	6.5	49.0	319
Corn for grain	10.0	9.5	115.0	1,093
New Brunswick Winter wheat 1	0.5	0.5	56.0	28
Spring wheat	4.0	4.0	42.0	168
All wheat	4.5	4.5	43.6	196
Oats Barley	21.0 33.0	21.0 32.5	74.0 64.0	1,554 2,080
Corn for grain	7.0	6.5	116.0	754
Quebec			1 = 0	200
Winter wheat ¹ Spring wheat	6.7 132.9	6.7 132.2	47.9 45.9	320 6.063
All wheat	132.9	138.9	45.9 46.0	6,003 6.382
Oats	284.2	269.3	67.4	18,156
Barley	234.8	233.5	60.6	14,146
Mixed grains	61.8	58.1	59.1	3,429
Canola Corn for grain	21.0 1,112.0	21.0 1,109.5	38.8 145.5	816 161.410
Soybeans	434.9	433.7	40.0	17,343
	thousands	of acres	hundred weight per acre	thousands of hundred weight
Total dry beans	16.1	15.3	18.0	276
	thousands		tons per acre	thousands of tons
Fodder corn	116.1	114.9	18.0	2,072

Table 4 – continued Estimate of the 2007 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Imperial

Area	1	Yield	Production
seeded	harvested	on harvested area	
thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
595.0	595.0	73.6	43,800
180.0	180.0	51.1	9,200
			53,000
			5,700
			10,000 1,700
			8,100
			1,225
2,100.0	2,055.0	133.8	275,000
2,240.0	2,225.0	33.0	73,500
thousands	of acres	hundred weight per acre	thousands of hundred weight
85.0 75.0	85.0 74.0	16.1 13.6	1,370 1,005
		tons per acre	thousands of tons
300.0	300.0	14.7	4,400
thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
		<u> </u>	
440.0	440.0	61.9	27,250
2,485.0	2,460.0	36.9	90,750
			118,000
			78,100
			54,900 2,120
			4,150
			86,000
200.0	195.0	99.6	19,430
95.0	95.0	37.8	3,590
			7,800 thousands of hundred weight
			950
			1,300
		tons per acre	thousands of tons
75.0	60.0	15.0	900
thousands	of acres	pounds per acre	thousands of pounds
190.0	185.0	1428	264,100
175.0	•••		
thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
275.0	250.0	20.6	40.500
			13,500 208,690
			110,650
11,910.0		28.3	332,840
2,800.0	2,435.0	63.9	155,700
4,400.0	4,100.0	44.2	181,200
			3,900
			20,150 180,000
2,925.0	2,875.0	29.5	84,860
thousands	of acres	pounds per acre	thousands of pounds
1,335.0	1,320.0	1126	1,485,650
	350.0	550	192,500
350.0			
425.0 380.0	415.0 380.0	827 1149	343,200 436,650
	## seeded ## see	thousands of acres	seeded harvested area thousands of acres bushels per acre 595.0 595.0 73.6 180.0 180.0 51.1 775.0 775.0 68.4 100.0 90.0 63.3 170.0 165.0 60.6 50.0 50.0 34.0 140.0 125.0 34.0 35.0 35.0 35.0 2,100.0 2,055.0 133.8 2,240.0 2,225.0 33.0 thousands of acres hundred weight per acre 85.0 75.0 74.0 15.0 75.0 74.0 thousands of acres tons per acre 300.0 300.0 14.7 thousands of acres bushels per acre 440.0 440.0 36.9 2,485.0 2,460.0 36.9 2,485.0 2,940.0 36.9 1,050.0 985.0 79.3 1,050.0 985.0 38.5 200.0

Table 4 – continued

Estimate of the 2007 production of principal field crops, Canada and provinces — Imperial

	Area		Yield	Production
	seeded	harvested	on harvested	
			area	
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
Alberta				
Winter wheat 1	160.0	140.0	46.1	6,450
Spring wheat Durum wheat	4,867.0 765.0	4,785.0 760.0	40.2 32.4	192,190 24,620
All wheat	5.792.0	5.685.0	32.4 39.3	24,020
Oats	1,050.0	620.0	65.6	40,680
Barley	4,850.0	4,270.0	55.0	234,900
Fall rye 1	70.0	40.0	36.3	1,450
Mixed grains	140.0	20.0	59.0	1,180
Flaxseed ²	30.0	30.0	21.3	640
Canola	5,035.0	5,000.0	30.0	150,000
Dry peas	610.0	595.0	32.6	19,380
	thousands	of acres	hundred weight per acre	thousands of hundred weight
Dry coloured beans	53.0	53.0	22.6	1,200
	thousands	of acres	pounds per acre	thousands of pounds
Mustard seed	85.0	85.0	702	59,650
	thousands	of acres	tons per acre	thousands of tons
Fodder corn	70.0	50.0	18.5	925
Summerfallow	2,035.0		•••	
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
British Columbia				
Spring wheat	40.0	40.0	44.6	1,785
Oats	85.0	50.0	71.0	3,550
Barley Canola	65.0 70.0	50.0 70.0	53.0 30.0	2,650 2,100
Cariola	thousands		tons per acre	thousands of tons
Fodder corn	25.0	20.0	22.5	
Summerfallow	45.0 45.0	20.0	22.5	450
	thousands	of acres	bushels per acre	thousands of bushels
Western Canada			-	
Winter wheat 1	975.0	930.0	50.8	47.200
Spring wheat	14,877.0	14,703.0	33.6	493,415
Durum wheat	4,815.0	4,760.0		135,270
				675,885
				278,030
				473,650 7,470
				7,470 24,940
				418,100
Dry peas	3,630.0	3,565.0	30.2	107,830
Summerfallow	7,355.0			
Spring wheat Durum wheat All wheat Oats Barley Fall rye 1 Flaxseed 2 Canola Dry peas	14,877.0 4,815.0 20,667.0 4,985.0 10,335.0 255.0 1,305.0 15,565.0 3,630.0	14,703.0 4,760.0 20,393.0 4,090.0 9,360.0 220.0 1,295.0 15,455.0 3,565.0	33.6 28.4 33.1 68.0 50.6 34.0 19.3 27.1 30.2	4 1 6 2 4

^{1.} The area remaining in June after winterkill.

^{2.} Excludes solin.

Table 5 Stocks of Canadian corn for grain and soybeans

	Crop years				
	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008		
	thousa	ands of metric tonnes			
Corn for grain					
December 31 Stocks on farms Commercial stocks Total stocks	6,555 1,908 8,463	6,237 2,128 8,365	7,675 1,871 9,546		
March 31 Stocks on farms Commercial stocks Total stocks	4,470 1,304 5,774	3,874 1,577 5,451	4,780 1,218 5,998		
uly 31 Stocks on farms Commercial stocks Total stocks	2,220 	1,850 	1,535 		
August 31 Stocks on farms Commercial stocks Total stocks	1,580 421 2,001	850 493 1,343	1,100 345 1,445		
Soybeans					
December 31 Stocks on farms Commercial stocks Total stocks	1,378 915 2,293	1,554 1,103 2,657	949 810 1,759		
larch 31 Stocks on farms Commercial stocks Total stocks	1,021 650 1,671	1,016 870 1,886	450 550 1,000		
uly 31 Stocks on farms Commercial stocks Total stocks	300 	275 	75 		
ugust 31 Stocks on farms Commercial stocks Total stocks	200 295 495	130 340 470	30 92 122		

Table 6
Farm stocks of corn for grain and soybeans, Canada and provinces

			Crops y	/ears		
	2005-2	2006	2006-2	2007	2007-2	2008
	Corn for grain	Soybeans	Corn for grain	Soybeans	Corn for grain	Soybeans
			thousands of m	netric tonnes		
Canada December 31 March 31 July 31 August 31	6,555 4,470 2,220 1,580	1,378 1,021 300 200	6,237 3,874 1,850 850	1,554 1,016 275 130	7,675 4,780 1,535 1,100	949 450 75 30
Maritimes December 31 March 31 July 31 August 31	8 4 0 0	3 1 0 0	10 4 0 0	4 1 0 0	23 7 2 0	4 1 0 0
Quebec December 31 March 31 July 31 August 31	2,725 1,875 900 630	260 210 60 50	2,200 1,350 600 300	295 200 70 45	3,075 1,900 650 460	170 90 20 10
Ontario December 31 March 31 July 31 August 31	3,650 2,450 1,200 950	1,075 780 225 150	3,700 2,250 1,050 550	1,075 700 170 85	4,200 2,660 800 600	675 305 35 20
Eastern Canada December 31 March 31 July 31 August 31	6,383 4,329 2,100 1,580	1,338 991 285 200	5,910 3,604 1,650 850	1,374 901 240 130	7,298 4,567 1,452 1,060	849 396 55 30
Manitoba December 31 March 31 July 31 August 31	170 140 120 0	40 30 15 0	325 270 200 0	180 115 35 0	360 200 75 40	100 54 20 0
Alberta December 31 March 31 July 31 August 31	2 1 0 0	 	2 0 0 0	 	17 13 8 0	
Western Canada December 31 March 31 July 31 August 31	172 141 120 0	40 30 15 0	327 270 200 0	180 115 35 0	377 213 83 40	100 54 20 0

Crop categories

Definitions of the crop categories referenced in Report No. 7, Field Crop Reporting Series are listed below.

Major grains: wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, canola, corn for grain and soybeans.

Coarse grains: oats, barley, rye, corn for grain and mixed grains.

Oilseeds: canola, flaxseed and soybeans.

Major special crops: lentils, dry field peas, mustard seed, canary seed, sunflower seed and chick peas.

Methodology and data quality

Survey frame and sample selection

Every five years, the Census of Agriculture collects information on agricultural operations across Canada, including institutional farms, community pastures, Indian reserves, etc. The Census of Agriculture provides a list of farms and their crop areas from which a probability sample for the September crop production estimates is selected.

The target population for the September crop production estimates includes all farms in Canada enumerated in the Census of Agriculture except those on Indian reserves and farms from the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Atlantic region. Institutional farms are also excluded from the target population.

Probability surveys can use two types of sampling frames; list and area. In the September Crop Production Survey, only the list frame is used in sample selection. This list frame is stratified into homogenous groups on the basis of Census characteristics (such as farm size and crop area) and sub-provincial geographic boundaries. A sample of approximately 15,000 farms is drawn from the list frame for the September Crop Production Survey.

Data collection

Data collection for the September Crop Production Survey was carried out from September 2 to September 9, 2008.

Data collection for field crop surveys is undertaken using the Computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) system.

Edit and imputation

With the introduction of the CATI system, it is now possible to implement edit procedures at the time of the interview. Computer programmed edit checks in the CATI system inform interviewers during the interview of possible data errors, which can then be corrected immediately by the interviewer and respondent. CATI significantly reduces the need for subsequent telephone follow-up, thereby reducing respondent burden and survey processing time.

Response rate

Usually by the end of the collection period, 80% of the questionnaires have been fully completed. The refusal rate to the survey is approximately 2 to 3%. The remainder of the sample unaccounted for, can be explained by non-contact. Initial sample weights are adjusted (a process called raising factor adjustment) in cases of total and partial non-response.

Sampling and non-sampling errors

The statistics contained in this publication are based on a random sample of agricultural operations and, as such, are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. The overall quality of the estimates depends on the combined effect of these two types of errors.

Sampling errors arise because estimates are derived from sample data and not the entire population. These errors depend on factors such as sample size, sampling design and the method of estimation. An important feature of probability sampling is that sampling errors can be measured from the sample itself.

Non-sampling errors are errors which are not related to sampling and may occur throughout the survey operation for many reasons. For example, non-response is an important source of non-sampling error. Coverage, differences in

the interpretation of questions, incorrect information from respondents, mistakes in recording, coding and processing of data are other examples of non-sampling errors.

Estimation

The survey data collected are weighted in order to produce unbiased level indicators which are representative of the population. These level indicators then undergo a validation process, based on subject matter analysis and consultation with provincial statisticians, before a final estimate is published.

Revised production estimate

The September crop production estimates contained in this publication are preliminary and as such are subject to revisions once final data are received in the November survey.

The following table contains some statistics which indicate the magnitude and direction of the updates between the September Production Survey and final production estimates. The magnitude is measured by the average percent change between the preliminary and final estimates. The direction of the update is indicated by counting the number of years that the preliminary estimate is above or below the final published estimate.

The data indicate, for example, that the preliminary estimates of the September production for wheat are changed by a magnitude of, on average, 2.6% and usually in an upwards direction.

Text table 1
Magnitude and direction of changes between September and final production estimates, Canada 1997 to 2007

Crop	Number of years preliminary farms stocks data are revised:				
	Average change	Upwards	Downwards		
	percent	number			
Wheat Oats Barley Flaxseed Canola Corn for grain Soybeans	2.6 2.7 2.1 5.5 7.6 9.6 5.6	7 4 3 3 11 10 7	4 7 8 8 0 1 1 4		

Data quality

The September crop production estimates are based on level indicators obtained from a probability survey of farming operations. The potential error introduced by sampling can be estimated from the sample itself by using a statistical measure called the coefficient of variation (c.v.). Over repeated surveys, 95 times out of 100, the relative difference between a sample estimate and what should have been obtained from an enumeration of all farming operations would be less than twice the coefficient of variation. This range of values is referred to as the confidence interval. While published estimates may not exactly equal the level indicators (due to the validation and consultation process), these estimates do remain within the confidence interval of the survey level indicators. For the September Crop Production Survey, c.v.'s at the Canada level range from 1% to 5% for the major crops.

Data confidentiality

Data confidentiality is ensured under the *Statistics Act*, which prohibits the divulging of individual or aggregated data where individuals or businesses might be identified.