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This optimism comes despite weather-related challenges earlier in the growing season such as excess rainfall in many areas of the country and hail in parts of the Prairies. Actual production will depend to a large extent on the weather during the remainder of the 2008 growing season.

Production estimates, July 31

Crop	2007	2008	2007 to 2008
	actual	expected	
	thousands of tonnes		% change
Total wheat	20.054	25.426	26.8
Spring wheat	13.873	16.325	17.7
Durum wheat	3.681	4.910	33.4
Winter wheat	2.499	4.191	67.7
Barley	10.984	10.876	-1.0
Canola	9,529 ^r	10.375	8.9
Grain corn	11.649	9.892	-15.1
Oats	4.696	4.061	-13.5
Dry field peas	2.935	3.272	11.5
Soybeans	2.696	3.167	17.5
Flaxseed	634	765	20.8
Dry beans	277	281	1.5

^r revised

Canola production up

Canola production is poised to rise above the previous high reported in 2007. Canola production could increase by 847,000 tonnes over 2007, the result of both an anticipated above average yield of 29.3 bushels per acre and an expected strong harvest area of 15.6 million acres. Market demand for biodiesel and increasing crushing capacity, coupled with the high prices at the time of planting, may have motivated farmers to plant more canola.

Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba account for about 98% of canola production in Canada and two out of these three provinces may reach previously unattained levels of canola production. Manitoba production could grow to 2.1 million tonnes, comparable to the previous high of 2.0 million tonnes in 2007.

Note to readers

The annual July farm survey is a preliminary survey of Canadian field crop production conducted from July 25 to August 4.

Alberta farmers also reported an expected production increase for canola to 3.8 million tonnes. The former high of 3.7 million tonnes was reported in 2005.

Soybean production expected to rise

Total soybean production is expected to reach a new high at 3.2 million tonnes. Approximately 90% of total soybean production originates from Quebec and Ontario.

In Quebec, soybean production is forecast to increase 33.5% to 630,000 tonnes, a level not reached since the previous high of 535,000 tonnes set in 2006. This is the result of a similar percentage increase in harvested area to a never before attained area of 573,300 acres. In spite of better prices for both commodities, producers appeared to favour the lower cost of production for soybeans over corn in their choice of grains to grow in 2008.

Ontario farmers expected an increase in soybean production of 12.5% to 2.3 million tonnes, a level equivalent to the previous five-year average between 2003 and 2007. In spite of a drop of over 100,000 harvested acres, the yield is expected to increase by 6.5 bushels per acre to 39.5 bushels per acre.

Farmers in line to produce less grain corn

Production of grain corn is expected to decrease by 15.1% to 9.9 million tonnes. Ontario and Quebec again account for 95% of total production.

Farmers in Ontario expected to produce less corn for grain, mainly due to declines in expected harvested area. Due to favourable weather conditions in the fall of 2007, winter wheat was rotated into much of the land used to grow corn and soybeans, resulting in a production decrease of 12.6% to 6.1 million tonnes.

Quebec corn production should fall 20.1% to 3.3 million tonnes, due to expected declines in harvested area and yield. Over 100,000 acres of land was rotated out of corn into soybeans.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0004, 001-0010, 001-0017 to 001-0020 and 001-0040 to 001-0043.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3401.

The publication *Field Crop Reporting Series: July 31 Estimate of Production of Principal Field Crops, Canada*, 2008, Vol. 87, no. 5 (22-002-XWE, free) is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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Supply and disposition of refined petroleum products

May 2008

Data on the supply, disposition and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for May.

Available on CANSIM: tables 134-0001 to 134-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

The May 2008 issue of *The Supply and Disposition of Refined Petroleum Products in Canada*, Vol. 63, no. 5 (45-004-XWE, free) is now available from the Publications module of our website.

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Shipments of solid fuel burning heating products

Second quarter 2008

Data on shipments of solid fuel burning heating products are now available for the second quarter of 2008.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0063.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2189.

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27	International travel account	Second quarter 2008
27	Characteristics of international travellers	First quarter 2008
27	Payroll employment, earnings and hours	June 2008
28	Balance of international payments	Second quarter 2008
29	National economic and financial accounts	Second quarter 2008
29	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	July 2008
29	Gross domestic product by industry	June 2008
