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The July farm survey, which is a preliminary survey of field crop production, was conducted from July 27 to August 4 and covered 14,600 Canadian farmers.

In the West, late germination caused by unfavourable conditions this spring has held back progress by about two weeks compared with normal. Yields will drop for all major crops compared with 2008. In the drought-stricken areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, higher than normal abandonment was also shown to be a factor in the loss of production.

In Ontario and Quebec, excessive moisture and cool growing conditions held back growing progress.

Production estimates, July 31

Crop	2008	2009	2008 to 2009
thousands of tonnes			
	actual	expected	% change
Total wheat	28,611	23,614	-17.5
Spring wheat	18,405	16,150	-12.3
Durum wheat	5,519	4,519	-18.1
Winter wheat	4,687	2,945	-37.2
Canola	12,643	9,541	-24.5
Grain corn	10,592	9,437	-10.9
Barley	11,781	8,948	-24.0
Soybeans	3,336	3,483	4.4
Dry field peas	3,571	3,113	-12.8
Oats	4,273	2,967	-30.5
Flaxseed	861	915	6.3
Dry beans	266	218	-18.3

Canola production down

Canola production on the Prairies should decline considerably, as a result of a reduction in area harvested and lower yields. Production on the Prairies is estimated at 9.4 million tonnes, down 24.7% from 2008.

Farmers reported potential declines in area harvested, yield and production for all three Prairie provinces. The largest percentage decline may occur in Alberta, where a drop of 38.8% to 2.6 million tonnes was reported.

Feed grains decline

All three Prairie provinces reported possible decreases in production of barley and oats. Early indications are that Prairie barley production will fall 26.1% to 8.3 million tonnes, and oat production will fall 34.4% to 2.6 million tonnes.

Oat production may drop 43.8% in Manitoba, followed by declines of 31.2% in Saskatchewan and 28.2% in Alberta. Harvested area and yield were down in all three provinces. Barley production should fall by similar amounts, with the largest decline of 30.6% reported in Alberta.

Soybean production expected to increase

Farmers in Quebec and Ontario predict increases in soybean production, the result of an expected record harvested area in both provinces.

Soybean production in Quebec is expected to reach a new high at 610,000 tonnes. This optimism is based on a 5.0% increase in harvested area to an estimated 594,300 acres.

Ontario farmers expect an increase in soybean production of 1.6% to 2.5 million tonnes, the result of an additional 305,000 harvested acres to 2.4 million acres.

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*, Vol. 88, no. 5 (22-002-X, free) is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports

July 2009

Aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations decreased 5.4% in July compared with July 2008. These 93 airports reported 597,360 movements in July compared with 631,467 movements at 95 airports in July 2008.

Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0007 to 401-0020.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

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Investment in new housing construction

June 2009

Data on the investment in new housing construction (including single dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row housing, apartments and condominiums) are now available for June.

These series are not offered on CANSIM.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5155.

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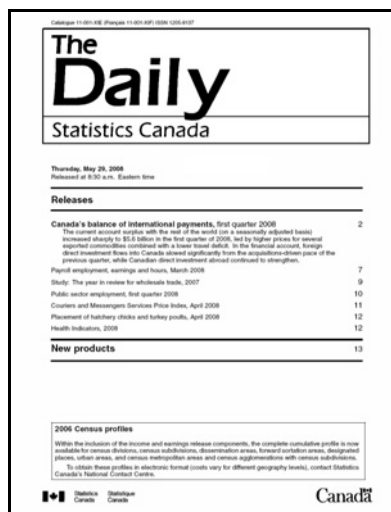
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