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The 2009 harvest is well under way with mainly dry and mild weather conditions across the country. Less than desirable summer growing conditions have held back crop advancement and more time is needed to bring in the crop. However, reported yields for most crops were higher than those reported in the preliminary production survey taken at the end of July.

Corn and soybean crops in Ontario and Quebec are maturing late this year and require warm and dry weather until October.

Canola production should fall

Prairie farmers reported that canola production is expected to fall 18.9% from 2008 to 10.2 million metric tonnes, the result of lower harvested area and yield.

Decreases were reported in all three Prairie provinces, with the largest volume and percentage decline found in Alberta, where farmers expect to harvest 35.8% less canola this year. The estimated production of 2.8 million tonnes would be the lowest production amount for Alberta since 2003.

Feed grain production should fall

Production of barley, oats and dry field peas are expected to be down in all Prairie provinces, the result of declines in yield and harvested area.

Prairie production of barley should fall 23.8% to 8.5 million tonnes, while oat production could

Note to readers

The annual September Farm Survey of 14,000 Canadian farmers was conducted from September 1 to September 9, 2009.

drop 36.4% to 2.5 million tonnes. Field pea production (-11.5%) should also decline to 3.2 million tonnes.

More soybeans in Quebec and Ontario

Farmers in Quebec and Ontario reported increases in soybean production, the result of record harvested areas in both provinces.

Soybean production in Quebec could reach a new high of 610 000 tonnes, eclipsing the previous high set in 2008 at 600 000 tonnes. Ontario soybean production should rise by 6.0% to 2.6 million tonnes, the highest production estimate since 2006.

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September production estimates

Crop	2008	July 2009	September 2009	2008 to September 2009
	Actual	Expected		
		thousands of metric tonnes		% change
Total wheat	28 611	23 614	24 581	-14.1
Spring wheat	18 405	16 150	16 561	-10.0
Durum wheat	5 519	4 519	5 066	-8.2
Winter wheat	4 687	2 945	2 953	-37.0
Canola	12 643	9 541	10 270	-18.8
Grain corn	10 592	9 437	9 739	-8.1
Barley	11 781	8 948	9 165	-22.2
Soybeans	3 336	3 483	3 597	7.8
Dry field peas	3 571	3 113	3 161	-11.5
Oats	4 273	2 967	2 900	-32.1
Flaxseed	861	915	965	12.0
Dry beans	266	218	212	-20.2



Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

August 2009 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products in August totalled 8 404.2 thousand cubic metres, down 401.1 thousand cubic metres (-4.6%) from August 2008. (One cubic metre equals a thousand litres.)

In August, six of the seven major petroleum product groups posted declines from the same month the previous year. The decrease in total product sales was led by diesel fuel oil, down 225.1 thousand cubic metres (-9.2%), and heavy fuel oil, down 222.7 thousand cubic metres (-44.6%).

Motor gasoline sales were up 229.0 thousand cubic metres (+6.3%) from August 2008. This increase represented the sixth consecutive month-over-month increase in sales of motor gasoline.

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Sales of refined petroleum products

	August 2008 ^r	August 2009 ^p	August 2008 to August 2009
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	8 805.3	8 404.2	-4.6
Motor gasoline	3 647.5	3 876.5	6.3
Diesel fuel oil	2 433.7	2 208.6	-9.2
Light fuel oil	142.1	120.7	-15.1
Heavy fuel oil	499.3	276.6	-44.6
Aviation turbo fuels	652.9	636.8	-2.5
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	351.2	276.2	-21.3
All other refined products	1 078.6	1 008.9	-6.5

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

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