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Principal field crops

March 2010 (intentions)

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Canola acreage may climb to record levels

Early indications are that Prairie farmers may plant a record area of 16.8 million acres of canola, up 4.7% (+760,000 acres) over 2009. This would be the fourth consecutive annual increase in canola area on the Prairies.

Most of the increase is expected in Saskatchewan, where farmers reported a new high of 8.6 million acres, up 700,000 acres over the 2009 seeded area. Farmers in Alberta reported that they may plant 5.1 million acres, an additional 100,000 acres from 2009. Manitoba farmers may reduce seeded area by 40,000 acres from 2009 to 3.2 million acres.

Area for durum wheat should fall

In contrast to canola, Prairie farmers anticipate seeding less durum wheat, a possible decline of 2.0 million acres or 34.9% to 3.7 million acres. This decline in seeded area appears to be primarily a reaction by farmers to unattractive prices, as a result of large world carry-in stocks from 2009.

In Saskatchewan, where the majority of Canadian durum is grown, farmers may seed 3.2 million acres, down 32.3%, and Alberta farmers could plant 485,000 acres, 47.8% less compared with 2009.

More soybean area possible

Total soybean seeded area could rise 2.5% from 2009 to 3.5 million acres.

Ontario soybean seeded area should rise by 50,000 acres to 2.5 million acres, while in Quebec,

Note to readers

The March intentions survey of 13,800 Canadian farmers is a survey of planting intentions in Canada conducted from March 24 to March 31, 2010. Farmers were asked to report their intended plantings of grain, oilseeds and special crops. Farmers may modify their plans prior to planting time as a result of economic and environmental conditions. Some farmers indicated they were still undecided about their final strategies for 2010.

March intentions acreages will be replaced by estimated actual seeded acreages from subsequent surveys during the year. Final acreage numbers for 2010 will be released on December 3 and are subject to revision for two years.

the area seeded to soybeans is reported to remain at the 2009 area of 598,000 acres.

Soybean area in Manitoba is expected to rise 8.4% to a new high of 450,000 acres. By contrast, only 50,000 acres of soybeans was seeded in Manitoba in 2001, when Statistics Canada first began recording this crop. Acreage has been increasing in that province since that time.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3401.

The publication *Field Crop Reporting Series: "March Intentions of Principal Field Crop Areas,"* Vol. 89, no. 2 (22-002-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* of our website under *Publications*.

The stocks of principal field crops at March 31 will be released on May 10.

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March intentions of principal field crops areas

Crop	2008 (final)	2009 (final)	2010 (intentions)	2008 to 2010	2009 to 2010
	thousands of acres			% change	
Total wheat	25,010	24,457	23,221	-7.2	-5.1
Spring wheat	16,363	16,930	18,130	10.8	7.1
Durum wheat	6,030	5,660	3,685	-38.9	-34.9
Winter wheat ¹	2,617	1,867	1,407	-46.2	-24.7
Canola	16,160	16,200	16,907	4.6	4.4
Barley	9,357	8,663	8,344	-10.8	-3.7
Summerfallow	6,070	6,230	6,550	7.9	5.1
Oats	4,345	3,732	3,992	-8.1	7.0
Dry field peas	3,995	3,760	3,620	-9.4	-3.7
Soybeans	2,971	3,445	3,532	18.9	2.5
Corn for grain	2,975	2,974	3,016	1.4	1.4
Flaxseed	1,560	1,710	1,435	-8.0	-16.1

1. The seeded area remaining in March after winterkill.



Crushing statistics

March 2010

Oilseed processors crushed 470 110 metric tonnes of canola in March. Oil production totalled 208 994 metric tonnes in March while meal production amounted to 262 045 tonnes.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.

The March 2010 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-X, free) will be available in May.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; agriculture@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Deliveries of major grains

March 2010

Data on major grain deliveries are now available for March.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404, 3443 and 5046.

The March 2010 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-X, free) will be available in May.

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Cereals and oilseeds review

February 2010

Data from the February issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* are now available. February's issue contains an overview of market conditions in March.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3401, 3403, 3404, 3443, 3464, 3476 and 5046.

The February 2010 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review*, Vol. 33, no. 2 (22-007-X, free), is now available.

From the *Key resource* module of our website, choose *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; agriculture@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Canadian Community Health Survey: Rapid response on infertility

2009

Data on infertility collected as a rapid response in the Canadian Community Health Survey September/December 2009 collection period are now available. More data will be collected in the Canadian Community Health Survey July/August 2010 collection period.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3226.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (613-951-1746; hd-ds@statcan.gc.ca), Health Statistics Division. ■

Local government finance: Assets and liabilities

December 31, 2007

Data for local government financial assets and liabilities, on a Financial Management System basis, are now available for 2007.

Available on CANSIM: table 385-0014.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1709.

Data tables on local government financial assets and liabilities are also available online from the *National economic accounts* module of our website.

Data are available through custom tabulation. For more information, or general enquiries on the products or services of the Public Sector Statistics Division, contact Client Services (613-951-0767; PSSD-Info-DSSP@statcan.gc.ca).

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Field Crop Reporting Series, March Intentions of Principal Field Crops Areas, Vol. 89, no. 2
Catalogue number 22-002-X (PDF, free; HTML, free)

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