

Canada's Grain

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Canada is among the world's largest producers of grain. The production of the six major grains (wheat, barley, oats, rye, corn, and soybeans) in 1976 was valued at 4.4 billion dollars. Canada's grain production is concentrated in the Prairie Provinces (Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba).

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There are about 26 million acres of grain land in the Prairie Provinces. In 1976, about 14 million acres were planted in grain. The total grain harvest was 1.1 million tonnes, valued at 4.4 billion dollars. Each year, before harvest, the Government announces the guaranteed initial payment for grain delivery against the price which is paid to producers at the time of sale. (See Appendix 1)

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Marketing

The Canadian Grain Board is the sole agency responsible for marketing Prairie wheat, barley and oats abroad on behalf of the producers in the Prairie Provinces. The Board is supervised directly by the Wheat Boarding Commission. The Board's mandate is to ensure that the maximum price is obtained for the grain and that the proceeds are distributed to the producers in accordance with the provisions of the Grain Marketing Act.

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