

The Guide Crop Report

Reports from 355 Grain Growers' Association and U.F.A. secretaries showing the condition of the crops thruout the West up to September 16

The Guide crop report this year covers the condition of crops in the three Western Canadian provinces up to and including September 16. Over 350 different points have been heard from. Summarizing conditions it is evident that this year's crop has suffered considerably from damage in various forms. Rust has been very pronounced in central and southern Manitoba and the south-eastern part of Saskatchewan. Very hot weather, too, just when the grain was filling, caused a heavy shrinkage both in yield and grade. Further west, particularly in Alberta south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway crops are very good; but complaint is being made of wet weather hindering harvest operations. North of this line a very wet season has been experienced, crops are late, hay is hard to save and now frost has been experienced before the grain is cut, making good seed grain scarce in many places. Added to these adverse conditions hail storms have been very much more frequent, severe, and scattered over a wider area this year. On the whole the crop will be light and grade low, very little wheat going over No. 3 Northern. In the localities where rust damage was serious it was noted that Marquis wheat was not so badly damaged as was Red Fife owing, it is believed to it being more nearly mature at the time of the rust infection. One rather encouraging fact is that the area of summerfallow land thruout the West has increased. Where rain has not been too frequent the hay crop is a bountiful one. There seems, too, to be good promise in the potato crop. An estimate of the total yield, based on the official acreage under crop as compiled by the provincial departments of Agriculture, and allowing for a certain decrease in this acreage owing to damage appears on this page. The detailed report, according to federal constituencies follows:

Manitoba

Provencher—Three reports received.

Yield of wheat from 12 to 14 bushels per acre of No. 4 and lower grades. Most of the crop is threshed. In some parts seed wheat will be scarce, owing to blight and rust damage lowering the grade. Oats yield 30 bushels and barley, thin, from 5 to 15 bushels per acre. Potato crop poor.

Lisgar—Seven points heard from report wheat yield about 10 bushels per acre. Two points state 20 to 25 per cent. of crop not cut owing to rust damage. Grade from No. 4 to Feed. Oats

average 5 to 7 bushels of from No. 4 to feed. At most places seed wheat will be scarce. Oats average 30 bushels and barley 20 bushels. Threshing more than half done. Hay crop is abundant and potatoes excellent crop.

Brandon—Seven reports received. Considerable of the crop from 5 to 30 per cent., has not been cut owing to damage from either rust, blight or hail. Yield of wheat average 7 bushels per acre, grading from No. 4 down. Seed wheat is scarce. Oats average 25 bush-

increase in summerfallow acreage. Hay is plentiful, altho three mention sloughs wet. Potato crop fair.

Neepawa—Eleven reports received. Rust, hot weather, and, in two cases, hail reduced the yield of wheat to an average of 12 bushels per acre. Most reports state only small percentage of crop threshed yet, but wheat expected to grade from No. 3 Nor. down. At three points seed wheat will be scarce. Oats will average 40 bushels per acre and barley 27. Hay crop is plentiful and potatoes are good.

Dauphin—One point heard from reports threshing badly delayed by wet weather. Stacks wet thru. Crops were damaged by rust and wheat yield is expected to average 16 bushels of about No. 4 grade. Oats should yield 40 bushels per acre and barley 27. Hay is plentiful and the potato crop good.

Selkirk—Five reports received. Two report over 50 per cent. threshing done and two not more than 20 per cent. Some damage to wheat by rust, heat and frost. Wheat averages 15 to 20 bushels per acre and will grade from No. 3 down. Oats yield 40 bushels per acre and barley about 20. One report says summerfallow increased 100 per cent. but others state no change. Little threshing done yet in this district. Hay is plentiful and potato crop fair.

Nelson—Two reports received mention rust and hail damage to crops. Little threshing done but grain area comparatively small. Wheat average 12 bushels of low grade stuff. Oats average 40 and barley 20 bushels per acre.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert—Six points heard from. Threshing is only just commencing but yield of wheat is expected to average 25 bushels of No. 3 Northern or lower. Rust and hail damage recorded. Oats should average 45 bushels per acre and barley 27. Weather is delaying threshing. Slight increase in acreage in summerfallow is recorded. Hay is plentiful and potato crop is good.

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ESTIMATE OF CROP YIELDS

Crop.	Estimated Acreage.	Estimated average yield per acre. Bus.	Estimated total yield. Bus.
Wheat	10,537,841	16	168,605,456
Oats	6,678,456	40.5	270,477,468
Barley	1,732,680	28	48,515,040
Flax	657,038	10	6,570,380

The estimated 1916 acreage is taken from the reports issued by the three provincial Departments of Agriculture, and the estimated average yield per acre is based upon the actual figures supplied by our crop correspondents as outlined in this week's Guide crop report.

average 25 bushels and barley 12 to 15. Both wheat and oats for seed will be required. Average amount of summerfallow done. Hay is plentiful and potato and garden crops good.

Macdonald—Four reports received. Wheat a poor sample, grading from No. 4 to Feed and yielding about 10 bushels per acre. About 75 per cent. threshed. One reported seed wheat scarce. Oat yield 30 bushels and barley 8 bushels per acre. Hay is plentiful and potato crop fair.

Souris—Twelve points heard from. Several report from 10 to 60 per cent. of the seeded area not cut owing to rust and hail damage. Majority of points record increased summerfallow this year owing to early hail storms. Wheat will

els per acre and barley 23. Several report increase in summerfallow averaging 15 per cent. Hay is plentiful and potato crop is good.

Portage la Prairie—Four points heard from. Wheat yield reduced by rust, hail and heat. Average about 11 to 15 bushels per acre of No. 4 wheat. Oats yield average of 40 bushels per acre and barley 27. About 50 per cent. of threshing is done. Hay is plentiful and potato crop good.

Marquette—Nine reports received. In five cases little threshing has been done, but estimated yield of wheat varies from 5 to 12 bushels per acre. Grade is low, about No. 5. Wheat for seed will be scarce in some localities. Oats average 45 bushels and barley 27. Four report



Federal Electoral Constituencies, used as Guide Crop Report Districts. Map also shows principal towns and railroad lines.