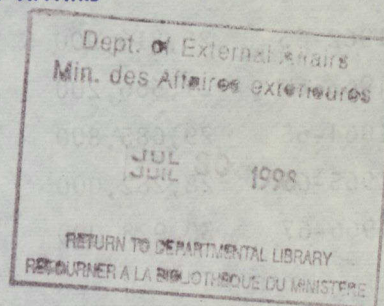


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CANADA'S WHEAT

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Canada's hard spring wheat, world-renowned for its superior baking qualities, is produced almost solely in southern Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba.

The area seeded to wheat in Canada increased from less than ten million acres in the early 1900s to more than 20 million acres by the 1920s, and exceeded 30 million acres for the first time in 1966.

Average yields have ranged from a low of only seven bushels an acre in 1937 to a high of 27.9 bushels in 1966. The average yield in the last ten years has been about 20 bushels.

The 1966 wheat crop is 844 million bushels, including about 16 million bushels of soft white winter wheat, which is grown mostly in Ontario. Canada's largest previous crop was produced in 1963, when 723 million bushels were harvested. Thus, as the following table illustrates, the 1966 crop is more than 100 million bushels larger than any other in the country's history:

All Wheat - CANADA

Crop Year	Seeded Area (acres)	Average Yield per Seeded Area (bushels)	Production ('000 bushels)
1957-58	21,560,700	18.2	392,719
1958-59	22,149,100	18.0	398,077
1959-60	24,500,200	18.2	445,077
1960-61	24,538,300	21.1	518,379
1961-62	25,316,000	11.2	283,394

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