

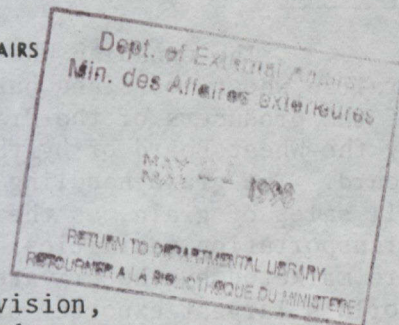
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## CANADA'S GRAIN

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Canada's Prairie Provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta) are ideally suited to the efficient production of bread grains, feed grains and oilseeds. The six major grains produced are wheat, barley, rapeseed, oats, flaxseed and rye. In 1972, total production was 1,442 million bushels, making Canada one of the largest producers of bread and feed grains in the world. Record exports of 825,000,000 bushels of grain in 1971/72 made Canada the world's second-largest grain exporter.

There are about 85,000,000 acres of cultivated land in the Prairie Provinces. In most years, between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 acres are in summer fallow and over 10,000,000 in tame hay and pasture. Each year, before seeding, the Federal Government announces the guaranteed initial payments for wheat, oats and barley and minimum delivery quotas for all grains for the coming crop year in order to provide producers with the best available marketing information on which to plan their seeding for the season.

### Acreage of Principal Grains in the Prairie Provinces<sup>(1)</sup>

<u>Harvest Year</u>	<u>Wheat</u>	<u>Barley</u>	<u>Oats</u>	<u>Rapeseed</u>	<u>Flaxseed</u>	<u>Rye</u>	<u>Total</u>
(Thousands of Acres)							
1963	26,996	5,922	6,260	478	1,629	632	41,917
1964	29,080	5,217	5,054	791	1,916	635	42,693
1965	27,790	5,741	5,645	1,435	2,265	743	43,619
1966	29,166	7,010	5,450	1,525	1,883	671	45,705
1967	29,570	7,600	5,090	1,620	998	628	45,506
1968	28,860	8,330	5,340	1,052	1,502	619	45,703
1969	24,400	9,000	5,630	2,012	2,320	859	44,221
1970	12,000	9,500	5,260	4,050	3,350	944	35,104
1971	18,885	13,312	5,315	5,306	1,762	906	45,486
1972	20,800	11,900	4,660	3,270	1,420	581	42,631

(1) Statistics Canada

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