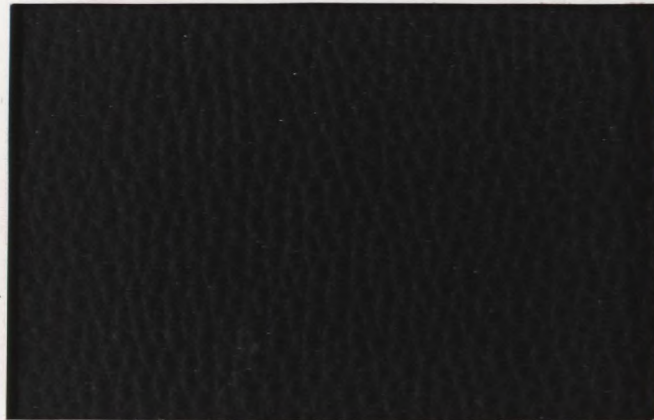


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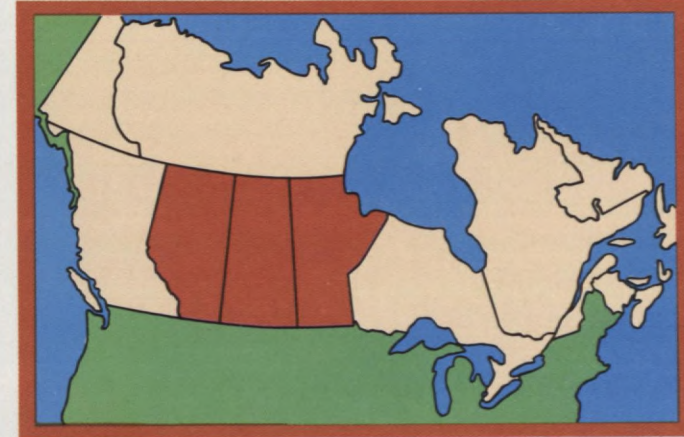
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While Western Canada is known internationally for grain production, it is now also being recognized as an important source of high quality pulse crops. From 33,600 hectares in 1970, production of field peas, lentils, fababeans and dry beans soared to present levels in excess of 250,000 hectares.

Aside from increasing world demand, much of this growth can be attributed to the Western Canadian researchers, growers, processors, exporters and many others who work together to maintain strict pulse production and processing standards. It was this team effort that led to the formation of the Western Canada Pulse Growers' Association in 1983. Today, the Association helps represent the ongoing needs and concerns of western pulse crop producers.



Offering the highest quality standards, the Western Canadian pulse industry has also become a major international supplier. Most of the peas, beans and lentils produced in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are sold for export.



Favourable soils and climate allow the three prairie provinces to grow and process a wide range of pulses under strict quality standards. The private grain trade has been largely instrumental in the growth of the pulse industry, through contract production and aggressive international marketing.