

Bean Growing in Nova Scotia.

Beans are grown in this Province both for green string beans and for dry shell beans. For the first purpose the green and wax podded varieties of dwarf or bush beans are used and also the pole beans. For ripened dry beans various kinds of field and garden dwarf beans are used.

The following article deals with the growing of dwarf beans for the ripened dry seed. The object is to call attention to the desirability of increasing the area in beans in Nova Scotia next year as a special war-time measure and to make a few suggestions as to varieties, source of seed supply and general culture of the crop.

As a field crop in Nova Scotia beans are grown most extensively in the counties of Annapolis, Kings, Hants and Lunenburg. It is probable that in these counties the soil and climate are better adapted to bean culture than in other parts of the Province, although North Queens, parts of Colchester, Cumberland, Pictou and Antigonish seem well adapted to this crop. The following table taken from the Census of 1910 shows the acreage and the yields of beans in the different counties of the Province:—

Counties.	Acres.	Bushels.
Annapolis	267	4088
Kings	220	3197
Hants	75	1279
Lunenburg	70	1220
Queens	23	403
Halifax	13	339
Antigonish	19	301
Digby	8	221
Pictou	8	204
Guysboro	12	192
Yarmouth	7	104
Colchester	4	71
Cumberland	4	64
Shelburne	2	23
Cape Breton & N. Victoria	1	28
Cape Breton South	1	20
Inverness	1	12
Richmond	0	0
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