

GRAIN CROPS ACREAGE. The returns received by the Department of Agriculture from the various crop correspondents throughout the province show a marked increase in the acreage under crop this year. It is estimated that approximately 1,900,000 acres are under crop, made up below, and for the sake of comparison the acres harvested last year are also given.

	1911	1910
Winter Wheat.....	183,444	142,467
Spring Wheat.....	672,754	450,493
Oats.....	705,345	492,589
Barley.....	123,247	90,901
Flax.....	40,343	15,271
Other Grains.....	174,857	1,600
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This shows an increase of over sixty per cent. over the area harvested last year.

HORSES. Alberta horses are noted for endurance, lung power and freedom of action. This is due to high altitude, dry atmosphere, short winters, nutritious grasses and plentiful supply of clear cold water. Breeders are introducing pure-bred sires. Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires, Suffolks, Thoroughbreds, Hackneys and Standard breeds. An excellent spring horse show is held at Calgary. Alberta won prize for Champlon Hackney at the Pan American Exhibition and at the New York Show the same year and prize for Champlon Hackney Stallion and Hackney Mare at the World's Fair, St. Louis, 1904. Horses can be wintered at a nominal cost. The supply of draught horses is below the demand. Teams weighing 3,200 lbs. up fetch \$400 up; between 2,800 and 3,200 lbs., \$350; between 2,400 and 2,800 lbs., \$300 up. In 1910 there were 254,197 horses in the province.

OATS. The central portion of the province is renowned for its superior quality of oats. In the Edmonton district, 50 to 60 bushels to the acre is ordinary, and 125 bushels not uncommon. There is a large market in British Columbia and the Yukon. Shipments have been made to Oriental Countries and Great Britain. There are two large oatmeal mills in the province. For four years the first prize grain at the Provincial Seed Fair has weighed not less than 48 lbs. to the bushel. The first prize oats grown in 1909 weighed 50 lbs. to the bushel. The average yield per acre is 36.42 hy measure, by weight over 45 bushels.