

# SECTOR PROFILE AT A GLANCE

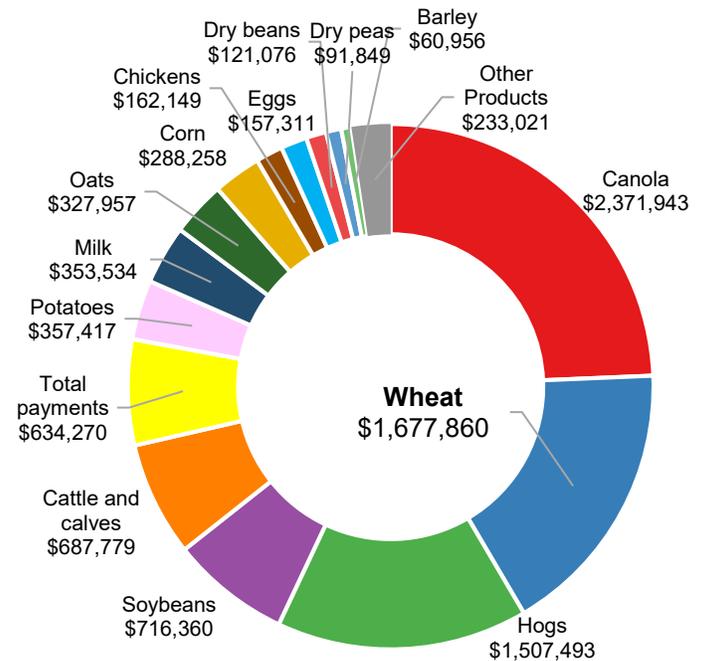
# Wheat



## Highlights

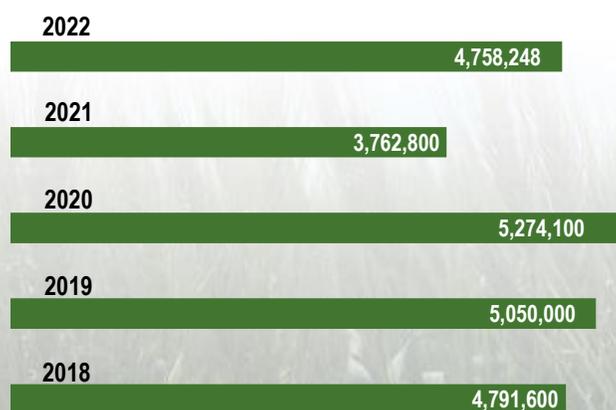
- Wheat is Manitoba's largest crop by seeded acreage and second after canola for generating farm cash receipts.
- It is one of the first crops produced in Manitoba and has proven itself many times to be a hardy, reliable crop that produces well in many challenging growing conditions.
- In 2022, wheat had a record year with receipts of \$1.68 billion, up 15 per cent from 2021.
- In 2022, Manitoba harvested 4.8 million metric tonnes of wheat, on par with the five-year average production.
- In 2022, Manitoba accounted for just over 14 per cent of Canada's total wheat production and was the third largest wheat-producing province after Saskatchewan and Alberta.

## Farm Cash Receipts (2022, '000 of dollars)



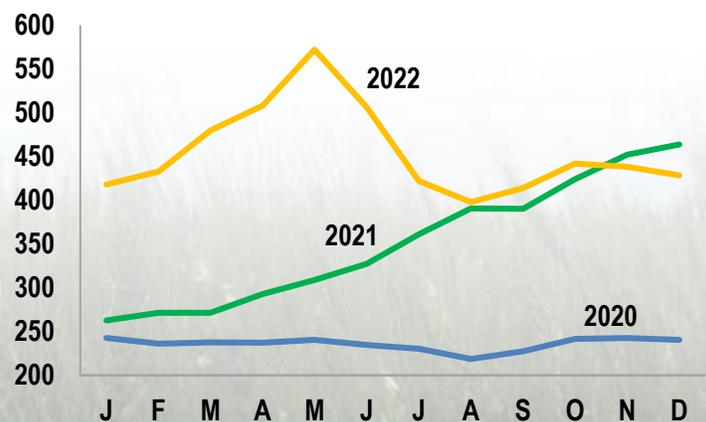
Source: Statistics Canada

## Production (metric tonnes)



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## Prices (dollars per metric tonne)



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## Processing

- Manitoba's wheat is milled into flour, which is then used to produce bread, bakery products and cereals.
- About 11 per cent of Manitoba's average wheat production is processed in the province.
- Manitoba has three commercial wheat mills: ADM Milling and Brar Natural Flour Mills located in Winnipeg, and Prairie Flour Mills in Elie.
- There are nine different classes of Western Canadian Wheat, each with specific characteristics suited to specific products. Canada Western Red Spring (CWRS) wheat is the most common class produced in Manitoba and is a high protein, premier bread wheat.
- Wheat is also valued as livestock feed with its strong protein and carbohydrate composition. It can be incorporated into the rations of all livestock species.

## Marketing and Trade

- In 2022, wheat prices in Manitoba rose sharply in the first five months of the year, but then retreated quickly and spent the last five months of the year trading in a range of about \$400 to \$440 per metric tonne, which was near where prices started the year.
- In 2022, Manitoba exported \$1.57 billion worth of wheat and flour, up 19 per cent from 2021.
- Manitoba's wheat is exported through Canada's west coast ports, eastern ports and also by rail to the U.S.
- Wheat is widely traded around the world thanks to its excellent storability and ease of transport as a dry bulk product.
- In contrast, bread and bakery products have a relatively short shelf life and so they are produced near to where they will be consumed.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- **Commercial milling of wheat flour started in Manitoba in the 1870s with the invention of the La Croix "purifier" and gradual reduction process that facilitated milling of Red Fife wheat.**
- **Globally, wheat is the second most produced crop after corn, while rice is third.**
- **One bushel of wheat contains about a million kernels, and can produce about 42 pounds of white flour, or 60 pounds of whole wheat flour.**
- **Manitoba's wheat meets or exceeds stringent quality standards, set by the Canadian Grain Commission.**
- **Western Canadian wheat is globally sought after as the highest quality wheat. Manitoba consistently produces among the highest protein in samples across western Canada.**

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