

AGRICULTURE statistics

CROP SEEDING INTENTIONS

- After being hit hard in 2011, producers in Manitoba are looking to maximize planting area and return to pre-flood levels.
- As the first crop year without the Canadian Wheat Board as the sole marketing agency, farmers are expected to grow more wheat. Compared with 2011, early intentions for planting in 2012 show increases in wheat and barley along with a likely record acreage of canola.
- If soybean projections for Manitoba are realized combined with an intended decline in Quebec soybean area, Manitoba would have the second-largest soybean area after Ontario.
- Farmers indicated that they were still undecided about their final crop seeding plans as economic and environmental conditions can change at any time.

Seeding Intentions:

- This year, Manitoba farmers reported intentions to seed 3.3 million acres in canola, a 19.3% increase from 2.7 million acres seeded in 2011. Canola acreage in Western Canada may rise for the sixth consecutive year. Early indications are that farmers may plant a record 20.4 million acres of canola in 2012, up 8.0% or 1.5 million acres from the previous record of 18.9 million acres set in 2011. The majority of this increase is driven by Saskatchewan, where farmers anticipate increasing their canola area 9.9% to a record high of 10.8 million acres.
- In 2012, spring wheat plantings in Manitoba are projected to increase by 24.9% to 2.5 million acres. In Saskatchewan, intentions show spring wheat acreage rising 14.7% to 8.6 million acres and durum wheat acreage rising 28.1% to 4.5 million acres. Alberta's early projections show 5.9 million acres of spring wheat, down 2.3% from the area seeded in 2011. At the national level in 2012, spring wheat area could rise by 9.0% to 17.2 million acres and durum wheat acreage is expected to increase for a second consecutive year, to 5.1 million acres in 2012 from 4.0 million acres one year ago.
- Plantings of oats in Manitoba are estimated at 645,000 acres in 2012, an increase 29.0% from one year earlier. The area in Manitoba intended to be seeded to barley in 2012 is projected to double from the previous year and reach 690,000 acres.
- Farmers in Manitoba anticipate seeding 800,000 acres to soybeans in 2012, which would represent a fourth consecutive annual record high. Nationally, farmers are expecting to seed a record high soybean area of nearly 4.0 million acres in 2012, up from 3.8 million acres the previous year. Although this year Ontario anticipates seeding a record area of 2.5 million acres of soybeans, Quebec is projecting a 16.0% decline in soybean plantings to 622,700 acres, their first decline in acres seeded to soybeans since 2007.

Manitoba	Seeded acres in 2011	Intended acres in 2012	Area as % of 2011
	000 acres	000 acres	Percent
Winter wheat	185	540	191.9
Spring wheat	1,982	2,475	24.9
All wheat	2,167	3,015	39.1
Oats	500	645	29.0
Barley	340	690	102.9
Fall rye	45	95	111.1
Flaxseed	95	165	73.7
Canola	2,725	3,250	19.3
Corn for grain	180	265	47.2
Soybeans	575	800	39.1
Dry beans	60	145	141.7
Dry peas	28	70	150.0
Sunflower seeds	35	60	71.4
Fodder corn	45	65	44.4
Summerfallow	2,700	200	-92.6