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Canada Field Crop Production Forecasts

Statistics Canada has released its latest forecast for seeded area and production of principal field crops in the country during the 2024/25 season.

Canada field crop production forecasts 2024/25

Column header	Area seeded (million hectares)			Production (million tonnes)		
	2024/25F	2023/24F	Change (%)	2024/25F	2023/24F	Change (%)
Total wheat	10.725	10.938	-1.9	33.296	31.954	+4.2
Canola	8.800	8.936	-1.5	18.365	18.328	+0.2
Corn for grain	1.502	1.548	-3.0	14.310	15.076	-5.1
Barley	2.820	2.963	-4.8	9.280	8.896	+4.3
Soybeans	2.280	2.279	+0.0	6.950	6.981	-0.4
Oats	1.300	1.023	+27.1	3.705	2.636	+40.6
Dry peas	1.300	1.233	+5.4	3.100	2.609	+18.8
Lentils	1.600	1.485	7.7	2.200	1.671	+31.7
Others	1.179	1.226	-3.8	1.693	1.640	+3.2
Total field crop	31.506	31.631	-0.4	92.899	89.791	+3.5

As of Jan. 22. 2024

Source: Statistics Canada (STC) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)

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Total area seeded of principal field crops in 2024/25 is forecast to be approximately 31.5 million hectares, a marginal decrease of 0.4% from the 2023/24 season. Total area seeded to wheat is expected to fall by 1.9% on account of "lower prices and relatively ample global supplies". Canola area is also looking down during the year as a result of "declining prices, steady input costs, low late-fall soil moisture, and an expected slight strengthening of wheat prices".

Boosted by favourable yield prospects, total production is projected to rise by 3.5% to approximately 92.9 million tonnes. The report states that "average yield and production for most crops is forecast to increase year-over-year based on a return to trend yields, assuming normal weather conditions. As a result, total field crop production and supply are expected to rebound to more normal levels. The projected increase in supply allows for exports to bounce back to average levels, while also contributing to an increase in carry-out stocks".

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