CANADA: PULSE AND SPECIAL CROPS (P&SC) OUTLOOK

March 10, 2010

For 2010-11, total area seeded to P&SC in Canada is forecast to increase by 8% from 2009-10. The areas seeded to lentils, chickpeas, canary seed, sunflower and dry beans are expected to increase. The areas seeded to dry peas and mustard seed are expected to decline. Average yields are generally assumed to decrease to a trend level for both western and eastern Canada. Total production in Canada is forecast to decrease slightly to 5.5 million tonnes (Mt) but supply is expected to increase slightly to 6.6 Mt due to high carry-in stocks. Exports and domestic use are forecast to rise slightly due to the higher supply. Average prices are generally forecast to fall, except for chickpeas which remain unchanged. The main factors to watch are: commodity prices, input costs, the Canada-US dollar exchange rate and planting progress in major producing regions, especially the Indian subcontinent, United States, European Union, Australia and the Middle East.

DRY PEAS

For **2009-10**, exports are forecast to fall from 2008-09 due to lower demand. The average price, is forecast to fall because of the higher world supply. Carry-out stocks are expected to rise sharply to a record level.
For **2010-11**, seeded area is forecast to fall slightly from 2009-10 because of lower prices and record carry-in stocks. Production and supply are expected to decrease slightly. Canadian exports are forecast to remain at high levels because of strong demand. Carry-out stocks are forecast to fall but remain high. The average price is expected to fall from 2009-10 due to the large Canadian supply.

LENTILS

For **2009-10**, exports and carry-out are expected to increase sharply from 2008-09 due to increased supply.The average price is expected to significantly decrease from last year but remain historically high.
For **2010-11**, the area seeded is expected to rise to a record high. However, production is expected to increase only marginally due to lower yields. Supply is forecast to increase significantly due to high carry-in stocks. Exports are expected to increase slightly. However carry-out stocks are forecast to increase to near record levels. The average price is forecast to fall from 2009-10 because of the higher world and Canadian supply.

DRY BEANS

For **2009-10**, exports are forecast to decrease from 2008-09 due to lower supply. Carry-out stocks are expected to rise marginally. The average price is forecast to fall.
For **2010-11**, the area seeded is forecast to rise marginally due to low carry-in stocks. Production is expected to rise as a result of a return to average yields which will result in larger supply. Canadian exports are forecast to rise due to higher North American demand. Stocks are expected to rise marginally. The average price is forecast to decrease because of the higher US and Canadian supply.

CHICKPEAS

For **2009-10**, exports are expected to be higher than 2008-09 due to strong demand. Carry-out stocks are expected to decrease to low levels. The average price is forecast to rise.
For **2010-11,** the area seeded is forecast to increase significantly from the low level in 2009. Despite higher production, supply is expected to fall due to low carry-in stocks. Canadian exports are forecast to be lower as a result of lower supply.
Stocks are expected to increase slightly. The average price is forecast to remain unchanged as lower Canadian supply is offset by higher world supply.

MUSTARD SEED

For **2009-10**, exports are forecast to decrease from 2008-09 due to lower demand. Carry-out stocks are expected to increase sharply. The average price is also forecast to fall sharply because of the higher supply.
For **2010-11**, the area seeded is expected to decrease due to declining prices and high carry-in stocks. Production is forecast to decrease. However, supply is forecast to increase due to the high carry-in stocks. Exports are expected to rise slightly because of strong demand. Carry-out stocks are forecast to increase to burdensome levels. The average price is expected to decrease compared to 2009-10 due to the high supply.

CANARY SEED

For **2009-10**, both exports and carry-out stocks are forecast to decrease from 2008-09. The average price is forecast to fall due to the lower export demand.
For **2010-11**, the area seeded is forecast to increase from 2009-10 due to good returns relative to other crops. Production is expected to increase marginally due to lower yields. Supply is forecast to decrease marginally. Canadian exports are expected to increase and carry-out stocks are expected to fall. The average price is forecast to decline slightly from 2009-10.

SUNFLOWER SEED

For **2009-10,** exports are expected to decrease from 2008-09 due to lower demand. Carry-out stocks are forecast to rise marginally. The average price, over both types and all grades, is forecast to decrease from 2008-09 due to lower demand.
For **2010-11**, the area seeded is expected to rise from 2009-10. Production and supply are forecast to rise marginally. Exports are forecast to increase due to strong demand. Carry-out stocks are also expected to rise. The average price is forecast to decrease from 2009-10 because of larger US and Canadian supplies.

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CANADA: PULSES AND SPECIAL CROPS SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION

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Grain and Crop Year (a)	Area Seeded	Area Harvested	Yield	Production	Imports (b)	Total Supply	Exports (b)	Total Domestic Use (d)	Carry-out Stocks	Stocks-to-Use Ratio	Average Price (e)
	thousand		t/ha	--------------						%	$/t
Dry Peas											
2007-2008	1,469	1,443	2.03	2,935	38	3,139	2,202	683	255	9	305
2008-2009	1,617	1,582	2.26	3,571	15	3,841	2,826	571	445	13	250
2009-2010f	1,522	1,487	2.27	3,379	32	3,856	2,700	631	525	16	185-215
2010-2011f	1,500	1,429	2.23	3,182	15	3,722	2,700	622	400	12	170-200
Lentils											
2007-2008	540	534	1.37	734	9	942	811	80	51	6	635
2008-2009	706	700	1.49	1,043	7	1,102	972	98	32	3	750
2009-2010f	971	963	1.57	1,510	6	1,548	1,119	129	300	24	620-640
2010-2011f	1,184	1,127	1.34	1,514	7	1,821	1,179	177	465	34	510-550
Dry Beans											
2007-2008	153	153	1.82	277	50	367	300	47	20	6	725
2008-2009	128	125	2.12	266	54	340	280	50	10	3	815
2009-2010f	119	113	1.88	212	50	272	200	47	25	10	720-760
2010-2011f	121	116	2.04	237	45	307	231	46	30	11	700-740
Chickpeas											
2007-2008	174	174	1.29	225	8	243	69	83	92	61	560
2008-2009	53	51	1.30	67	4	163	53	48	62	61	560
2009-2010f	42	40	1.87	76	5	143	60	68	15	12	560-600
2010-2011f	72	67	1.40	94	7	116	53	38	25	28	560-600
Mustard Seed											
2007-2008	176	176	0.70	123	0	215	168	20	27	14	695
2008-2009	194	186	0.87	161	1	189	131	14	44	30	845
2009-2010f	212	208	1.00	208	0	252	115	22	115	84	510-550
2010-2011f	200	193	0.86	166	0	281	125	21	135	92	470-510
Canary Seed											
2007-2008	178	174	0.93	162	0	282	204	13	65	30	560
2008-2009	168	164	1.19	196	0	261	153	25	83	47	480
2009-2010f	128	128	1.11	142	0	225	130	20	75	50	390-430
2010-2011f	148	141	1.05	148	0	223	142	21	60	37	380-420
Sunflower Seed											
2007-2008	81	79	1.58	125	18	160	112	37	12	8	585
2008-2009	69	69	1.63	112	20	144	88	34	22	18	630
2009-2010f	65	65	1.57	102	20	144	76	43	25	21	530-570
2010-2011f	75	68	1.57	108	15	148	85	33	30	26	510-550
Total Pulses and Special Crops (c)											
2007-2008	2,771	2,732	1.68	4,581	123	5,348	3,865	962	522		
2008-2009	2,935	2,878	1.88	5,416	101	6,040	4,502	840	698		
2009-2010f	3,059	3,004	1.87	5,629	113	6,440	4,400	960	1,080		
2010-2011f	3,300	3,142	1.73	5,450	89	6,620	4,515	958	1,146		

(a) August-July crop year.
(b) Excludes products.
(c) Includes Pulses (dry peas, lentils, dry beans, chick peas) and Special Crops (mustard seed, canary seed, sunflower seed)
(d) Includes food, feed, seed, waste and dockage. Total domestic use is calculated residually.
(e) Producer price, FOB plant. Average over all types, grades and markets.
f: forecast, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada March 10, 2010
Source: Statistics Canada and industry consultations.