



CANADA: GRAINS AND OILSEEDS (G&O) OUTLOOK 2011-12

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Total production of G&O in Canada is estimated by Statistics Canada at 63 million tonnes (Mt), similar to last year, as higher area seeded is offset by lower average yields. Although the area in summerfallow increased slightly from last year, area seeded to G&O increased because of the significant decrease in the area seeded to pulse crops. The supply of G&O is forecast to decrease by almost 4% because of low carry-in stocks. The outlook assumes near-normal crop quality. Total exports are forecast to decrease slightly as lower exports of coarse grain and oilseeds more than offset higher exports of wheat. Total carry-out stocks are expected to decrease significantly to a near-record low, almost 25% below the 5 year average. In general, prices for G&O are expected to remain historically high, similar to 2010-11. The main factors to watch are harvesting conditions, temperatures and precipitation, exchange rates and the condition of the world crops.

DURUM

For **2011-12**, production is estimated at 3.94 Mt, up 30% from 2010-11 because of a 27% higher seeded area and higher yields. The average quality of the durum crop is much better than for 2010-11 and better than normal. The lower carry-in stocks will result in a 4% decrease in supply. Exports are forecast to increase by 6% from 2010-11 to 3.5 Mt due mostly to stronger demand from the US and EU where the supply fell. Carry-out stocks are forecast to decrease by 31% to a low level of 1.1 Mt. The CWB PRO is 36% higher than for 2010-11 because of the lower world, Canadian and US supply and carry-out stocks.

World durum production is expected to rise by 0.7 Mt to 35.5 Mt. Supply is expected to fall by 0.9 Mt to 44.1 Mt, as lower carry-in stocks more than offset the rise in production. Carry-out stocks are forecast to fall by 1.1 Mt to a low level of 7.5 Mt.

WHEAT (ex durum)

For **2011-12**, production is estimated at 20.2 Mt, slightly higher than for 2010-11, as a slightly lower seeded area is more than offset by higher yields. The average quality of the wheat crop is much better than for 2010-11 and better than normal. Supply rose by only 2%. Exports are expected to increase by 5% to 13.5 Mt because of the higher quality of the 2011-12 crop and strong demand for hard wheat. Domestic use is forecast to increase by 8% because of stronger

demand in all markets. Carry-out stocks are expected to decrease by 11% to 5 Mt. The CWB PRO is 4% lower than for 2010-11 because of the higher world supply.

The world production of wheat (including durum) is expected to rise by 33 Mt from 2010-11 to 681 Mt, due mainly to a recovery in production in Russia and Kazakhstan. United States production decreased by 5.4 Mt to 54.7 Mt, the lowest level since 2006-07. World supply is expected to rise by 28 Mt to 877 Mt as lower carry-in stocks partly offset the increase in production. Use is forecast to rise, with increases in the food, feed and industrial markets. Carry-out stocks are forecast to increase by 7 Mt to 202 Mt.

BARLEY

For **2011-12**, production is estimated to increase by 4% due to higher harvested area and near record barley yields. But this is the third smallest Canadian barley crop in the past 30 years. Total supply is forecast to decrease by 8% due to lower carry-in stocks. Domestic feed use is forecast to decrease slightly due to tight supply and higher domestic prices. Total barley exports are forecast to decrease by 11% while carry-out stocks fall by 38% to 0.9 Mt. The non-board price of feed barley is forecast to increase from 2010-11 to an average of \$205/t. The forecasted CWB malt barley PROs are about 36% higher than 2010-11. USDA reported that for 2011-12 US barley had

the lowest planted area on record, the second lowest harvested area and the lowest production since 1936. Total world barley production is forecast to increase by 7% from 2010-11 due to a recovery in production in the CIS countries, mainly Russia, but carry-out stocks are forecast to decrease by 20%. World barley prices have softened somewhat in the last month due to the downturn in US corn prices but remain near historical highs. Prices are high especially for malt barley as supplies continue to be tight; world barley trade is forecast to increase by 4% in 2011-12.

CORN

For **2011-12**, production is estimated to decrease by 14% due to below trend yields in Eastern Canada; the overall yield is estimated to be 13% lower than the record yields of 2010-11. Total supply is forecast to decrease by 9% due to lower production and carry-in stocks. Imports are forecast to increase to more historical levels due to the lower domestic supply. Total domestic use is forecast to increase marginally from 2010-11 as feed use is generally flat but with slightly higher industrial use due to ethanol production. Carry-out stocks are forecast to decrease by 22% due to the lower total supply. The average Chatham elevator price is forecast to increase due to higher US corn prices and the slight increase in domestic demand.

US corn prices fell significantly during September due to the turmoil in the world monetary and financial markets, general economic slowdown and higher than expected US corn stocks. Although world corn production is forecast to increase by 4% for 2011-12, US production is expected to be unchanged from 2010-11 contributing to tight carry-out stocks.

OATS

For **2011-12**, production is estimated to increase by 16% from 2010-11 as the affect of poor weather at the start of the crop year was more than offset by excellent weather during the fall. Total supply is forecast to remain unchanged as higher production is offset by lower carry-in stocks. Total exports are forecast to increase marginally due to lower production in the US. Carry-out stocks are forecast to fall slightly. Prices are forecast to increase from 2010-11 due to higher US corn prices.

USDA reported that for 2011-12 US oats set record lows for planted and harvested area and for production due to wet conditions in the northern plains and drought in southern plains. Like barley, oats is being displaced by corn in all US livestock rations, even horse rations. The average on-farm price of oats in the US is forecast by the USDA to increase to US\$3.70 from US\$2.52/bu for 2010-11. World oat production is forecast to be 15% higher than 2010-11 largely due to larger crops in Canada, the EU and Russia. World oat trade is forecast to rise by 5% due to higher total supply.

RYE

For **2011-12**, production is estimated to decrease by 13% from 2010-11 due to lower area and yields. Total supply is forecast to decrease by 34% and human and industrial use remains unchanged. Total domestic use is forecast to decrease by 36% due to the low total supply. Carry-out stocks are forecast to decrease by 27% due to the low supply. Seeding conditions this fall were more advantageous for the planting of fall rye,

which along with a strong price forecast, should result in the 2012-13 seeded area being higher than experienced in the past two crop years. Prices are forecast to increase from 2010-11 due to the very tight domestic supplies, strong corn prices and low world supply of high-quality rye.

World production of rye is forecast to increase by 13% due mainly to the recovery of production in Russia.

World rye consumption is projected to increase by 8% but world rye trade is forecast to fall 20% due to the tight carry-in stocks.

CANOLA

For **2011-12**, production is estimated at a record 12.9 Mt, up marginally from last year. Yields are estimated at 1.78 t/ha, down from last year, due to the hot and dry weather in August which hurt late seeded fields. Provincial production was 6.3 Mt for Saskatchewan, 4.8 Mt for Alberta and 1.7 Mt for Manitoba.

The oil content of canola is a record 45.1% based on preliminary results from the Canadian Grain Commission. Total supply of canola is forecast to decline slightly, to 14.9 Mt due to lower carry in stocks and imports, but will be adequate to meet demand. Total domestic use and exports are forecast to remain strong due to world demand. Carry-out stocks are forecast to fall significantly. Canola prices are forecast to average of \$570/t vs. \$567/t for 2010-11.

FLAXSEED (excluding solin)

For **2011-12**, production is estimated at a 19 year low of 0.38 Mt, down from last year and significantly below the 5 year average of 0.77 Mt. The decline in output was largely due to a 25% drop in area seeded to 0.28 mln ha. About 80% of the production is in Saskatchewan. Supply is forecast to fall by 20% due to lower production and lower carry-in stocks. Exports are forecast to fall to a lower level than last year due to increase competition from Kazakhstan. Domestic use is forecast to fall slightly and remain below the 10 year average. Carry-out

stocks are forecast to decrease to below the 5 year average. Prices are forecast to decline slightly but are expected to be supported by high world oilseed and vegetable oil prices.

SOYBEANS

For **2011-12**, production is estimated at 3.9 Mt, 10% lower than last year as lower yields more than offset higher area. About 68% of Canada's soybeans are produced in Ontario, 21% in Quebec and 9% in Manitoba. Supply is forecast to fall by 10%, due to lower carry-in stocks and production. Exports are forecast to decrease by 11% due to tight supplies, although world demand remains strong. Domestic use is forecast to decrease slightly from 2010-11 due to lower domestic crush and lower feed, waste and dockage. Carry-out stocks are forecast to fall to about 0.25Mt due to tight supplies. Prices are forecast to rise slightly on support from higher US soybean prices.

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Grain and Crop Year (a)	Area		Yield t/ha	Production	Imports (b)	Total Supply	Exports (c)	Food & Industrial Use (e)	Feed, Waste & Dockage	Total Domestic Use (d)	Carry-out Stocks	Average Price (g) \$/t
	Seeded thousand ha	Harvested thousand ha										
Durum												
2009-2010	2,291	2,230	2.42	5,400	2	7,305	3,820	261	392	778	2,708	203
2010-2011	1,275	1,244	2.43	3,025	37	5,769	3,304	254	471	882	1,583	296
2011-2012f	1,619	1,586	2.48	3,940	10	5,532	3,500	260	488	932	1,100	403
Wheat Except Durum												
2009-2010	7,775	7,408	2.90	21,448	115	26,207	14,662	3,299	2,376	6,424	5,121	218
2010-2011	7,274	7,024	2.87	20,142	32	25,295	12,888	3,285	2,778	6,801	5,606	314
2011-2012f	7,198	6,992	2.89	20,221	20	25,847	13,500	3,460	3,087	7,347	5,000	303
All Wheat												
2009-2010	10,065	9,638	2.79	26,848	117	33,512	18,481	3,560	2,768	7,202	7,829	
2010-2011	8,549	8,269	2.80	23,167	68	31,064	16,192	3,539	3,248	7,683	7,189	
2011-2012f	8,817	8,578	2.82	24,160	30	31,379	17,000	3,720	3,575	8,279	6,100	
Barley												
2009-2010	3,506	2,918	3.26	9,517	42	12,402	2,149	141	7,283	7,670	2,583	153
2010-2011	2,797	2,387	3.19	7,605	42	10,230	2,014	136	6,406	6,775	1,441	188
2011-2012f	2,709	2,431	3.25	7,898	42	9,381	1,800	137	6,299	6,681	900	190-220
Corn												
2009-2010	1,204	1,142	8.37	9,561	2,125	13,520	120	4,595	7,033	11,641	1,758	144
2010-2011	1,214	1,203	9.74	11,715	940	14,412	1,675	4,750	6,697	11,459	1,278	236
2011-2012f	1,209	1,192	8.45	10,067	1,700	13,045	500	4,900	6,631	11,545	1,000	235-265
Oats												
2009-2010	1,510	980	2.97	2,906	17	4,450	2,075	60	1,041	1,205	1,170	167
2010-2011	1,179	906	2.74	2,480	25	3,674	1,935	45	821	970	769	244
2011-2012f	1,228	993	2.91	2,886	20	3,676	1,950	55	815	976	750	235-265
Rye***												
2009-2010	168	115	2.43	281	1	404	128	40	86	137	139	137
2010-2011	130	95	2.45	232	0	372	193	42	87	138	41	147
2011-2012f	122	84	2.40	202	1	244	103	40	61	111	30	145-175
Mixed Grains												
2009-2010	189	78	2.75	213	0	213	0	0	213	213	0	
2010-2011	172	80	2.92	233	0	233	0	0	233	233	0	
2011-2012f	170	80	2.94	235	0	235	0	0	235	235	0	
Total Coarse Grains												
2009-2010	6,577	5,233	4.30	22,478	2,185	30,989	4,473	4,835	15,657	20,867	5,650	
2010-2011f	5,492	4,671	4.77	22,264	1,007	28,920	5,816	4,973	14,244	19,575	3,529	
2011-2012f	5,437	4,780	4.45	21,288	1,763	26,580	4,353	5,132	14,040	19,547	2,680	
Canola												
2009-2010	6,556	6,105	2.11	12,889	128	14,676	7,163	4,788	410	5,250	2,263	426
2010-2011	6,806	6,514	1.96	12,773	223	15,260	7,020	6,310	46	6,412	1,828	568
2011-2012f	7,547	7,278	1.78	12,928	125	14,882	7,000	6,500	176	6,732	1,150	550-590
Flaxseed												
2009-2010	692	623	1.49	930	6	1,165	772	n/a	n/a	104	289	424
2010-2011	374	353	1.20	423	8	720	404	n/a	n/a	123	194	530.46**
2011-2012f	281	271	1.40	379	5	577	350	n/a	n/a	117	110	500-540
Soybeans												
2009-2010	1,394	1,382	2.54	3,507	371	4,098	2,111	1,293	240	1,687	300	359
2010-2011	1,483	1,477	2.94	4,345	255	4,900	2,711	1,448	281	1,887	301	447
2011-2012f	1,518	1,514	2.59	3,921	200	4,422	2,400	1,400	227	1,772	250	440-480
Total Oilseeds												
2009-2010	8,642	8,110	2.14	17,326	505	19,938	10,046	6,081	651	7,041	2,852	
2010-2011f	8,663	8,345	2.10	17,542	487	20,880	10,135	7,759	327	8,422	2,324	
2011-2012f	9,346	9,063	1.90	17,227	330	19,881	9,750	7,900	403	8,621	1,510	
Total Grains and Oilseeds												
2009-2010	25,284	22,981	2.90	66,652	2,808	84,440	33,000	14,476	19,076	35,110	16,331	
2010-2011	22,704	21,284	2.96	62,973	1,561	80,864	32,143	16,271	17,819	35,680	13,041	
2011-2012f	23,601	22,421	2.80	62,676	2,123	77,840	31,103	16,752	18,018	36,447	10,290	

(a) Crop year is August-July except corn and soybeans which are September-August.

(b) Excludes imports of products. (c) Includes exports of products for wheat, durum, oats, barley, and rye. Excludes exports of oilseed products.

(d) Total Domestic Use = Food and Industrial Use + Feed Waste & Dockage + Seed Use

(e) Soybean food and industrial use is based on data from the Canadian Oilseed Processors Association. Total excludes flaxseed due to data confidentiality.

(g) Crop year average prices: No.1 CWRS 12.5% protein and No.1 CWAD 12.5% (CWB final price I/S St. Lawrence/Vancouver), Barley (No. 1 feed, ICE Futures Canada, cash, I/S Lethbridge), Corn (No.2 CE, cash, I/S Chatham), Oats (US No. 2 Heavy, CBOT nearby futures); Rye (No. 1 CW I/S Saskatoon); Canola (No. 1 Canada, ICE Futures Canada, cash, I/S Vancouver); Flaxseed (No. 1 CW, ICE Futures Canada, cash, I/S Saskatoon); Soybeans (No. 2 cash, I/S Chatham).

* Canadian Wheat Board - September 2011 Pool Return Outlook (PRO)

**Flaxseed price location changed to I/S Saskatoon from I/S Thunder Bay

***Rye Area Seeded is an estimate from the previous fall and is before winterkill or abandonment due to poor stands.

f: forecast; Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

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Source: Statistics Canada