



CANADA: PULSE AND SPECIAL CROPS OUTLOOK

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For 2008, total production of pulse and special crops in Canada is estimated to rise by 17% to 5.3 million tonnes (Mt), based on Statistics Canada (STC) production estimates. Total supply is forecast to increase by 13% because the increased production is partially offset by lower carry-in stocks. The harvest is near completion except for sunflowers, which are normally harvested later than the other crops. Quality is expected to be normal, assuming normal weather conditions during the remainder of the harvest period. The risk of frost damage is generally low for unharvested fields due to the advanced stage of development.

Total exports of pulse and special crops are forecast to be similar to a year ago at 3.9 Mt. Total carry-out stocks are expected to rise by 58% to 0.8 Mt. Carry-out stocks for dry peas and lentils are expected to rise sharply but remain low for the other pulse and special crops. Average prices, over all types, grades and markets, are forecast to remain similar to or increase from 2007-08 for all pulse and special crops, with the exception of dry peas. The other main factors to watch are: the volatility of commodity markets, the impacts of the US and European credit crisis, the Canada-US dollar exchange rate and the planting progress of pulse crops on the Indian subcontinent.

DRY PEAS

For **2008**, production is expected to increase by 20% from 2007 to 3.5 Mt. Yellow pea production is forecast to increase while production of green pea and other types remain relatively unchanged. Exports are projected to rise by 7% to 2.4 Mt due to increased supply and strong demand. Carry-out stocks are expected to more than double to 0.6 Mt. World supply is forecast to rise marginally to over 10.0 Mt, mostly due to higher production in Canada, the EU and Ukraine. The average price, over all types, grades, and food and feed markets, is projected to fall compared to a year ago.

LENTILS

For **2008**, total production is forecast to rise by 33% from 2007 due to higher area and yields. Production for red and large green lentils are expected to rise while medium and small green lentil production is projected to decline. Canadian exports are expected to fall by 7% to 0.75 Mt and carry-out stocks are forecast to rise but remain historically low. World supply is forecast to fall marginally to 3.8 Mt, as lower production in Turkey, Syria, the US and India combines with lower carry-in stocks. The average price, over all types and grades, is forecast to rise from 2007-08.

DRY BEANS

Production in **2008** is forecast to fall marginally to 0.27 Mt due to lower area. Canadian exports are projected to decline by 11% due to the reduced supply. Carry-out stocks are expected to fall by 25%. US production is forecast to rise by 2% to 1.1 Mt, largely due to higher production in Michigan and Nebraska. The average price, over all types and grades, is forecast to increase from last year.

CHICKPEAS

For **2008**, production is expected to fall by about 44% due to lower area. However, Canadian exports are forecast to increase by 25% as Canada regains some of its traditional export markets. Carry-out stocks are also expected to fall by 29% to 65,000 t. The average price, over all types and grades, is forecast to rise compared to a year ago.

MUSTARD SEED

For **2008**, production is estimated to rise by 43% due to higher yields and area. Production is expected to increase for all types of mustard seed. Exports are expected to fall by 23% to 130,000 t. Carry-out stocks are forecast to fall to historic lows. The average price, over all types and grades, is expected to increase over 2007-08 price levels.

CANARY SEED

For **2008**, production is expected to rise to 0.19 Mt due to higher yields. Canadian exports are expected to fall by 12% to 180,000 t and are accompanied by a 25% fall in carry-out stocks. As a result, the average price is forecast to remain similar to or increase from 2007-08 levels.

SUNFLOWER SEED

Production in **2008** is forecast to rise marginally as higher yields are partially offset by lower area. Canadian exports are forecast to fall marginally from a year ago. Carry-out stocks are expected to fall to their lowest level since 1989-90. The average price, over both types and all grades, is forecast to increase.

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Grain and Crop Year (a)	Area Seeded thousand ha	Area Harvested thousand ha	Yield t/ha	Production	Imports (b)	Total Supply	Exports (b)	Total		Stocks-to- Use Ratio %	Average Price (e) \$/t
								Domestic Use (d)	Carry-out Stocks		
Dry Peas											
2005-2006	1,303	1,267	2.36	2,994	76	3,665	2,567	658	440	14	120
2006-2007	1,261	1,231	2.05	2,520	60	3,020	1,969	846	205	7	180
2007-2008f	1,469	1,443	2.03	2,935	37	3,177	2,201	721	255	9	305
2008-2009f	1,576	1,548	2.28	3,527	33	3,815	2,350	865	600	19	250-280
Lentils											
2005-2006	803	785	1.48	1,164	8	1,417	671	271	475	50	230
2006-2007	516	504	1.25	630	13	1,118	852	127	139	14	310
2007-2008f	540	534	1.26	674	9	822	809	-38	51	7	635
2008-2009f	631	623	1.44	897	7	955	750	125	80	9	750-780
Dry Beans											
2005-2006	192	172	1.85	318	39	362	284	48	30	9	495
2006-2007	178	176	2.12	373	41	444	349	55	40	10	520
2007-2008f	153	153	1.82	277	50	367	295	52	20	6	725
2008-2009f	147	145	1.84	266	44	330	264	51	15	5	865-895
Chickpeas											
2005-2006	79	73	1.42	104	7	158	64	81	13	9	490
2006-2007	129	128	1.27	163	5	181	115	56	10	6	550
2007-2008f	174	174	1.29	225	8	243	68	83	92	61	560
2008-2009f	83	83	1.51	125	8	225	85	75	65	41	570-600
Mustard Seed											
2005-2006	194	188	0.98	184	0	378	133	55	190	101	265
2006-2007	134	130	0.83	108	1	299	153	55	91	44	380
2007-2008f	176	176	0.65	114	1	206	168	11	27	15	695
2008-2009f	198	184	0.88	163	0	190	130	50	10	6	895-925
Canary Seed											
2005-2006	184	182	1.25	227	0	395	185	20	190	93	195
2006-2007	136	131	1.02	133	0	323	178	25	120	59	335
2007-2008f	178	174	0.93	162	0	282	204	11	67	31	560
2008-2009f	164	162	1.18	190	0	257	180	27	50	24	560-590
Sunflower Seed											
2005-2006	87	71	1.18	84	26	125	46	52	27	28	345
2006-2007	77	77	2.04	157	12	196	121	57	18	10	395
2007-2008f	81	79	1.58	125	17	160	112	36	12	8	585
2008-2009f	71	71	1.81	128	20	160	105	45	10	7	630-660
Total Pulses and Special Crops (c)											
2005-2006	2,842	2,738	1.85	5,075	156	6,500	3,950	1,185	1,365		
2006-2007	2,431	2,377	1.72	4,084	132	5,581	3,737	1,221	623		
2007-2008f	2,771	2,732	1.65	4,512	122	5,257	3,857	876	524		
2008-2009f	2,870	2,815	1.88	5,296	112	5,932	3,864	1,238	830		

(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.

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Source: Statistics Canada and industry consultations.