

*Estimated Areas under Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Potatoes (Season 1931-32).*

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AS in previous years, cards were sent out by post to grain-growers and to potato-growers throughout the Dominion asking them to state what areas they had sown or planted, or intended to sow or plant, in wheat, oats, barley, and potatoes this season. It may be well to note that only holdings of 1 acre and over outside borough boundaries are covered by the figures appearing below. In the case of potatoes a fair amount is undoubtedly grown on the smaller holdings and on holdings situated within boroughs.

WHEAT, OATS, AND BARLEY.—INTERIM AREAS, 1930-31, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN IN 1931-32.

	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
Areas, 1930-31 (interim figures):—	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
For threshing .. .. .	249,335	87,478	23,894
For chaffing .. .. .	3,212	223,127	966
Total harvested .. .. .	252,547	310,605	24,860
Not harvested .. .. .	..	56,474	5,837
Grand totals .. .. .	252,547	367,079	30,697
Areas, 1931-32 (estimated):—			
North Island .. .. .	6,000	22,000	3,000
South Island .. .. .	270,000	307,000	21,000
Totals .. .. .	276,000	329,000	24,000

Particulars as to varieties of wheat and of oats sown or intended to be sown were asked for. The following table gives a summary of results in cases where varieties were specified:—

	Wheat.				Oats.				
	Tuscan or Long-berry.	Hunter's (Varieties).	Velvet or Pearl.	Total Specified Varieties.	White.	Dun.	Black.	Algerian.	Total Specified Varieties.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
North Island .. .. .	2,487	1,141	135	3,763	971	208	73	9,213	10,465
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland .. .. .	3,819	1,160	419	5,398	814	498	291	8,505	10,108
Canterbury .. .. .	150,464	27,018	5,342	182,824	67,787	16,392	3,577	44,218	131,974
Otago and Southland .. .. .	15,915	13,195	2,712	31,822	66,219	7,159	6,227	4,869	84,474
Dominion totals .. .. .	172,685	42,514	8,608	223,807	135,791	24,257	10,168	66,805	237,021

Tabulation of statistics for potatoes gives the following results:—

POTATOES.—INTERIM AREA, 1930-31, AND AREA ESTIMATED AS PLANTED OR TO BE PLANTED, 1931-32.

	Interim Area, 1930-31.	Estimated Area, 1931-32.
	Acres.	Acres.
North Island .. .. .	7,127	5,500
South Island .. .. .	21,357	17,000
Totals for Dominion .. .. .	28,484	22,500

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