

*Estimated Areas under Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Potatoes (Season 1932-33).*

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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.—FINAL AREAS, 1931-32, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN IN 1932-33.

					Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
					Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Areas, 1931-32 :—					268,756	68,690	18,245
For threshing	..	..	..	..	3,183	228,492	886
For chaffing	..	..	..	..			
Total harvested	..	..	..	..	271,939	297,182	19,131
Not harvested	..	..	..	..	8,663	67,163	7,909
Grand totals	..	..	..	..	280,602	364,345	27,040
Areas, 1932-33 (estimated) :—					8,000	26,500	2,500
North Island	..	..	..	..	286,000	380,500	16,500
South Island	..	..	..	..			
Totals	..	..	..	..	294,000	407,000	19,000

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 .. .. .	4,233	1,465	350	6,048	1,171	193	152	9,558	11,074
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland	4,821	1,791	226	6,838	765	528	608	9,816	11,717
Canterbury .. .. .	153,013	34,689	4,828	192,530	76,501	20,382	5,771	56,702	159,356
Otago and Southland ..	18,805	17,204	3,541	39,550	78,978	7,839	6,359	4,834	98,010
Dominion totals .. ..	180,872	55,149	8,945	244,966	157,415	28,942	12,890	80,910	280,157

Tabulation of statistics for potatoes gives the following results :—

POTATOES.—FINAL AREA, 1931-32, AND AREA ESTIMATED AS PLANTED OR TO BE PLANTED, 1932-33.

	Final Area, 1931-32. Acres.	Estimated Area, 1932-33. Acres.
North Island .. .. .	6,100	5,500
South Island .. .. .	17,686	15,800
Totals for Dominion .. ..	23,786	21,300

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