

Estimated Areas under Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Potatoes (Season 1933-34).

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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, 1932-33, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN IN 1933-34.

						Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
						Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Areas, 1932-33 :—								
For threshing	..	..	..	..	..	302,531	116,206	16,336
For chaffing	..	..	..	..	..	2,180	259,294	860
Total harvested						304,711	375,500	17,196
Not harvested						1,213	49,087	6,280
Grand totals						305,924	424,587	23,476
Areas, 1933-34 (estimated) :—								
North Island						11,400	24,100	3,300
South Island						283,100	312,400	24,200
Totals						294,500	336,500	27,500

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	2,319	3,435	1,564	7,318	801	114	58	4,489	5,462
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland	4,408	1,862	524	6,794	798	814	458	8,345	10,415
Canterbury	162,285	30,628	5,069	197,982	60,465	17,865	6,445	49,668	134,443
Otago and Southland ..	18,098	14,353	2,708	35,159	68,015	6,115	4,907	5,682	84,719
Dominion totals	187,110	50,278	9,865	247,253	130,079	24,908	11,868	68,184	235,039

Tabulation of statistics for potatoes gives the following results :—

POTATOES.—FINAL AREA, 1932-33, AND AREA ESTIMATED AS PLANTED OR TO BE PLANTED, 1933-34.

	Final Area, 1932-33.	Estimated Area, 1933-34.
	Acres.	Acres.
North Island	7,351	5,500
South Island	17,254	16,850
Totals for Dominion	24,605	22,350

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