

Estimated Areas under Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Potatoes (Season 1934-35).

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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, 1933-34, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS
SOWN OR TO BE SOWN IN 1934-35.

						Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
Areas, 1933-34 :—						Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
For threshing	..	..	..	..	..	286,271	78,343	21,024
For chaffing	..	..	..	..	..	2,264	218,155	777
Total harvested						288,535	296,498	21,801
Not harvested						6,457	68,231	7,806
Grand totals						294,992	364,729	29,607
Areas, 1934-35 (estimated) :—								
North Island						7,000	23,900	2,800
South Island						221,600	288,900	19,800
Totals						228,600	312,800	22,600

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 (Varie- ties).	Velvet or Pearl.	Total Specified Varie- ties.	White.	Dun.	Black.	Algerian.	Total Specified Varie- ties.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
North Island	2,430	1,697	990	5,117	938	155	103	8,580	9,776
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland	2,931	1,307	463	4,701	535	590	503	9,658	11,286
Canterbury	127,395	24,720	4,803	156,918	55,674	13,117	6,811	43,115	118,717
Otago and Southland ..	12,884	8,680	1,457	23,021	59,451	4,681	5,311	4,419	73,862
Dominion totals	145,640	36,404	7,713	189,757	116,598	18,543	12,728	65,772	213,641

Tabulation of statistics for potatoes gives the following results :—

POTATOES.—FINAL AREA, 1933-34, AND AREA ESTIMATED AS PLANTED OR TO BE
PLANTED, 1934-35.

		Final Area, 1933-34.	Estimated Area, 1934-35.
		Acres.	Acres.
North Island	6,450	5,100
South Island	18,578	15,200
Totals for Dominion		25,028	20,300

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