

*Estimated Areas under Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Potatoes (Season 1935-36).*

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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, 1934-35, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN IN 1935-36.

	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
Areas, 1934-35 :—	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
For threshing .. .. .	225,389	52,516	18,441
For chaffing .. .. .	2,230	222,100	753
Total harvested .. .. .	227,619	274,616	19,194
Not harvested .. .. .	2,904	61,802	9,537
Grand totals .. .. .	230,523	336,418	28,731
Areas, 1935-36 (estimated) :—			
North Island .. .. .	6,800	26,000	4,500
South Island .. .. .	239,200	318,000	22,000
Totals .. .. .	246,000	344,000	26,500

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 .. .. .	1,633	1,112	1,136	3,881	914	93	310	7,525	8,842
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland .. .. .	3,796	1,465	670	5,931	578	474	161	8,329	9,542
Canterbury .. .. .	134,304	29,013	4,694	168,011	51,645	17,433	6,477	54,119	129,674
Otago and Southland .. .. .	13,328	8,165	1,593	23,086	62,518	6,125	5,289	6,454	80,386
Dominion totals .. .. .	153,061	39,755	8,093	200,909	115,655	24,125	12,237	76,427	228,444

Tabulation of statistics for potatoes gives the following results :—

POTATOES.—FINAL AREA, 1934-35, AND AREA ESTIMATED AS PLANTED OR TO BE PLANTED, 1935-36.

	Final Area, 1934-35.	Estimated Area, 1935-36.
	Acres.	Acres.
North Island .. .. .	6,180	6,100
South Island .. .. .	16,821	16,800
Totals for Dominion .. .. .	23,001	22,900

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