

*Estimated Areas under Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Potatoes (Season 1937-38).*

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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, 1936-37, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN IN 1937-38.

						Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
						Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Areas, 1936-37 :—						221,790	74,772	20,544
For threshing	..	..	..	..	..	1,400	187,694	694
For chaffing	..	..	..	..	..			
Total harvested	..	..	..	..	..	223,190	262,466	21,238
Not harvested (fed off, &c.)	..	..	..	..	..	1,447	53,238	4,274
Grand totals	..	..	..	..	..	224,637	315,704	25,512
Areas, 1937-38 (estimated) :—						3,300	16,500	3,200
North Island	..	..	..	..	..	184,700	269,100	27,300
South Island	..	..	..	..	..			
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	188,000	285,600	30,500

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 ..	930	599	528	2,057	902	62	86	5,476	6,526
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland ..	2,469	1,371	437	4,277	294	273	123	6,939	7,629
Canterbury ..	102,566	23,978	3,366	129,910	50,185	12,277	4,801	44,420	111,683
Otago and Southland ..	9,633	5,429	653	15,715	52,664	3,166	2,838	5,322	63,990
Dominion totals	115,598	31,377	4,984	151,959	104,045	15,778	7,848	62,157	189,828

Tabulation of statistics for potatoes gives the following results :—

POTATOES.—FINAL AREA, 1936-37, AND AREA ESTIMATED AS PLANTED OR TO BE PLANTED, 1937-38.

	Final Area, 1936-37.	Estimated Area, 1937-38.
	Acres.	Acres.
North Island ..	5,812	4,900
South Island ..	16,650	16,800
Totals for Dominion	22,462	21,700

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