

33.—Estimated Commercial Acreage of Vegetables by Province 1954-56

Province	1954	1955	1956
	acres	acres	acres
Nova Scotia ¹	3,780	4,230	3,720
New Brunswick ¹	830	890	950
Quebec.....	46,050	53,870	52,440
Ontario.....	94,850	110,760	106,160
Manitoba.....	5,240	5,640	5,620
Alberta.....	8,800	8,710	10,890
British Columbia.....	14,910	14,380	17,860
Totals.....	174,460	198,480	197,640

¹ Acreages of peas in New Brunswick are included in Nova Scotia figure, which also includes Prince Edward Island acreages for 1955 and 1956.

34.—Estimated Commercial Acreage and Production of Vegetables 1954-56 with Average for 1949-53

Vegetable	Av. 1949-53		1954		1955		1956	
	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
	acres	'000 lb.	acres	'000 lb.	acres	'000 lb.	acres	'000 lb.
Asparagus.....	2,600	5,788	3,530	6,206	3,680	7,228	3,770	7,187
Beans ²	8,100	38,789	8,920	39,413	9,580	34,810	9,180	38,485
Beets.....	3,010	49,707	3,400	49,966	3,570	48,442	3,770	54,282
Cabbage.....	6,740	116,871	6,200	107,512	6,570	97,757	6,930	123,707
Carrots.....	7,810	142,105	8,000	136,747	8,560	152,578	8,720	166,116
Cauliflower.....	2,560	28,737	2,440	25,498	2,420	24,157	2,590	24,311
Celery.....	2,250	54,569	2,600	55,141	2,450	55,785	2,430	45,036
Corn ²	50,830	239,884	39,380	211,608	44,620	252,820	44,390	216,074
Lettuce.....	4,640	61,185	5,750	76,844	5,010	54,535	4,840	48,565
Onions.....	6,950	129,678	6,210	110,305	6,040	117,904	5,870	99,701
Peas ²	39,320	83,749	47,590	87,990	59,160	116,985	54,280	101,945
Spinach.....	1,430	13,611	1,430	12,895	1,230	13,347	1,130	13,056
Tomatoes.....	48,390	642,049	39,010	569,728	45,590	698,385	49,740	594,629

¹ Estimates apply only to that portion of the crop grown for processing in Manitoba in 1953; Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta in 1954; Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta in 1955 and 1956. ² Estimates apply only to that portion of the crop grown for processing in Manitoba in 1953; Ontario and Manitoba in 1954; Quebec and Manitoba in 1955 and 1956. ³ Estimates apply only to that portion of the crop grown for processing in Ontario and Manitoba in 1953; Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta in 1954; and all provinces except British Columbia in 1955 and 1956.

Subsection 8.—Special Crops

Tobacco.—The chief tobacco growing area of Canada is located in southern Ontario in the counties adjacent to Lake Erie. Most of the cigarette tobacco comes from this district. In Ontario in 1956, 111,400 acres of flue-cured or Bright Virginia type tobacco and 4,496 acres of Burley tobacco were harvested. These are the most important types grown in Canada though dark air-cured and fire-cured tobacco as well as cigar tobacco are grown on a limited scale. The only other important production comes from Quebec. In 1956, 6,139 acres of flue-cured tobacco, 3,235 acres of cigar tobacco and 1,917 acres of pipe tobacco were harvested in that Province.

A study of Department of National Revenue reports on tax-paid withdrawals of tobacco products reveals changes in the smoking habits of Canadians during the past three decades. In 1922, the first year for which comparable figures are available, Canadian per capita consumption of cigarettes was 229, cigars 20, cut tobacco 1.3 lb., plug tobacco 1.1 lb. and snuff about 1.3 oz. By 1956 the annual per capita consumption of cigarettes had increased to 1,678, cigars had dropped to 15.9, cut tobacco went up to 1.6 lb. in 1954 but declined to 1.3 lb. in 1956 and plug tobacco declined considerably in 1956.