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Saskatchewan farmers planted more lentils and oats in 2020 and less barley, canola, mustard seeds, dry peas and soybeans.

OTTAWA - Saskatchewan farmers seeded more lentils and oats. Declines in areas for barley, canola, mustard seeds, and dry peas were reported.

The 2020 seeding areas for principal field crops were released today by Statistics Canada. The data come from a survey of 6,798 Saskatchewan farmers conducted from May 1st to June 11th.

Canola - Area seeded to canola decreased 1.8% from last year to 11.3 million acres.

Spring wheat - The area for spring wheat fell 7.5% over 2019 to 8.1 million acres.

Durum wheat - The area for durum wheat increased 13.3% to 4.6 million acres.

Lentils - The total area for lentils increased 12.4% to 3.8 million acres.

Oats - Seeded acreage for oats was up to 1.9 million acres, an increase of 3.3% compared with 2019.

Barley - The area for barley fell to 3.1 million acres, down 0.8% from last year.

Dry peas - Dry peas area fell 0.6% compared with 2019, at 2.3 million acres.

Flaxseed - Farmers planted 766,800 acres of flaxseed, up 5.4% compared with last year.

Mustard seed - Mustard seed area decreased 41.0% from 2019, to 172,200 acres in 2020

Canary seed - The acreage for canary seed was reported at 267,100 acres, a rise of 12.8% from last year.

Notes to readers:

1) Percentage changes are calculated using data prior to rounding. Consult published tables on the Statistics Canada website for more precise values.

2) Stocks of principal field crops at July 31, 2020 will be released September 4, 2020.

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