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Alberta's wheat and oat industries

Alberta wheat industry

- Wheat is the largest crop grown in Alberta, with an average of 6.6 million acres seeded annually over the past five years.
- In 2011, total wheat production in Alberta was 8.9 million tonnes, representing 35 per cent of the Canadian total.
- Currently, there are approximately 11,127 farms producing wheat in Alberta (2011 Census of Agriculture).
- Wheat was Alberta's top agri-food export (by value) in 2011, valued at \$1.9 billion.
- The Alberta Wheat Commission will have 11 producer-elected directors.

Alberta's oat industry

- Oats are the fifth-largest crop grown in Alberta, with an average of nearly one million (897,000) acres seeded annually over the past five years.
- In 2011, total oat production in Alberta was 663,200 tonnes, representing 22.1 per cent of the Canadian total.
- Currently, there are approximately 1,500 oat producers in Alberta.
- Over the past five years, an average of 136,966 tonnes was exported per year, mostly to the United States.
- Alberta oat production supports two oat mills in the province that process between 175,000 to 200,000 metric tonnes of oats, as well as five cleaning and processing facilities supplying food and feed markets in Canada, the United States and Japan.
- In the past decade, Alberta has produced 19 per cent of the nation's oats.
- The Alberta Oat Growers Commission will have six producer-elected directors.