



## WHEAT

Wheat (both spring and winter) is the largest cereal crop grown in Canada, with 26.3 million acres harvested in 2023, producing 31.9 million tonnes.<sup>1</sup> In Atlantic Canada, 44,600 acres of harvested wheat produced 74,176 tonnes in 2023. Prince Edward Island produces 74% of the wheat in Atlantic Canada.

In 2023 Canadian wheat has an estimated value of approximately \$13.3 billion. In Atlantic Canada, the crop has an estimated 2023 value of approximately \$25.9 million.

In 2023 wheat comprised 28% of total area seeded to oilseeds and cereals in Canada. For the Atlantic region wheat represents 20% of the area devoted to cereals and oilseeds.

In 2023 Atlantic Canada winter and spring wheat each comprised about 50% of the area planted. However, Nova Scotia is almost entirely winter wheat while New Brunswick almost all spring wheat.

The Atlantic Grains Council is conducting on-farm experiments evaluating: the effect of fungicides on wheat, winter wheat planting dates, nitrogen application timing as well as, N-fertilizer source and quantity. The results of these experiments are on the AGC website. In addition, through the Yield Enhancement Network the Council is accumulating a significant data base on what the top wheat producers in the region are doing to achieve top yields. Winter wheat must be seeded to establish between 1.5 and 1.8 million plants per acre, while spring wheat needs to be planted to establish between 2.0 and 2.5 million plants per acre.

### CANADA 2023

- 31,954,115 MT
- \$13,321,440,250
- 26,396,500 acres

### ATLANTIC CANADA 2023

- 74,176 MT
  - 8,704 MT (NB)
  - 10,602 MT (NS)
  - 54,870 MT (PE)
- \$25,961,600
  - \$3,046,400 (NB)
  - \$3,710,700 (NS)
  - \$19,204,500 (PE)
- 44,600 acres
  - 7,600 (NB)
  - 5,500 (NS)
  - 31,500 (PE)

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<sup>1</sup>Data derived from Statistics Canada Table 32-10-0359-01, released December 4, 2023, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's *Canada: Outlook for Principal Field Crops* released December 15, 2023.