

Prairie Grain Belt Seeding Slightly Ahead Of Schedule

OTTAWA (CP) — Planting of the spring crop in the Prairie grain belt was a shade ahead of schedule May 31 and sharply ahead of last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has reported.

An annual survey by the federal agency showed that 90 per cent of the wheat, oats, barley, flax and mixed grain were in the ground by May 31.

This compares with the 1960-64 average of 89 per cent. Last year at this time only 80 per cent of the grain crops were seeded.

Prairie seeding operations made a late comeback after de-lays caused by an early spring snowfall and wet, cold weather.

For Canada as a whole, seeding of spring-sown grains was also 90 per cent complete at the end of May, ahead of the national average figure of 88 per cent for the 1960-64 period. Only 81 per cent was in the ground at that time last year.

On the Prairies, wheat set the pace with 96 per cent seeded by May 31, far better than last year's 90 per cent. The five-year average is 96.

May 31 seeding percentages for the Prairies, with last year's figures in brackets:

Manitoba — Spring wheat 92 (74); oats 83 (56); barley 66 (52); flaxseed 44 (41); mixed grain 52 (54).

Saskatchewan — Spring wheat 98 (92); oats 86 (72); barley 87 (71); flaxseed 80 (59); mixed grain 61 (56).

Alberta — Spring wheat 98 (96); oats 88 (68); barley 79 (60); flaxseed 88 (82); mixed grain 81 (61).

Maritimes Better

In the Maritimes, normally later than the rest of Canada, seeding was 80 per cent complete as of May 31, compared with 75 last year and 81 in the five-year average.

Some four per cent of fall-sown rye in Canada was winter-killed compared with nine per cent of last year's crop of 81 and the average of 91.

The amount of fall-sown rye winter-killed, with 1965 totals bracketed: Quebec 3 per cent (10), Ontario 4 per cent (6), Manitoba 4 per cent (8), Saskatchewan 5 per cent (8), Alberta 4 per cent (13), British Columbia 2 per cent (5).

Jailed For Bribery

NEW YORK (AP) — New York State's former Republican chair-

man, L. Judson Morhouse, received Wednesday a two-to-three-year prison term for his role in the Playboy Club liquor licence bribery case. Morhouse, who was credited with putting Nelson A. Rockefeller into the governor's chair, was convicted May 20 by a state Supreme Court jury. The prosecution said the money went to Martin C. Epstein, former chairman of the

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