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Canadian fats and oils report

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The Canadian oilseed crop for 1979 was 5,342,300 tons, 16% above the 1978 level, because of expanded production of sunflower, rapeseed, flaxseed and soybean. Production of deodorized oils increased 13% as a result of expanding markets and strong prices. Imports decreased for the third consecutive year.

Rapeseed processing shows a marked increase of 23% over the previous year, with a 27% increase in oil production. Rapeseed exports increased 32%. Approximately 85% of the 1979 rapeseed production was of the

low-erucic, low-glucosinolate varieties now registered as canola.

Soybean processing was up 26%, as soybean oil exports rose from 1,800 tons in 1978/79 to 9,039 tons in 1979/80. Sunflower production increased 80%.

Although flaxseed processing figures have not been published, production was up 42%.

Unfavorable growing conditions during 1980 are expected to result in a 32% decrease in rapeseed (canola) production and a 41% decrease in flaxseed production. Rapeseed production is estimated at 2.3 million metric tons; flaxseed is estimated at 502,947 metric tons. Soybean production is estimated at 650,000 to 675,000 tons. □

Canada—fats and oils statistics

	Area harvested (1,000 ha)	Estimated production (1,000 MT)	Oil equivalent (1,000 MT)	Deodorized oil production (1,000 MT)	Oil imports (1,000 MT)	Oil exports (1,000 MT)
Flaxseed	931	815	296			
Rapeseed	3,406	3,411	1,492	169		119
Mustard seed	62	53				
Soybean	283	671	121	122	22	10
Sunflower	164	221	88	13	+	
Corn				25	17	
Other				51 ^a	67 ^b	

^aIncludes coconut, cottonseed, palm, palm kernel and peanut.

^bIncludes coconut, 26 MT; palm, 18 MT; palm kernel, 9 MT; peanut oil, 6 MT; cocoa butter, 3 MT; and olive oil, 3 MT.

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