

Explained in Brief

Crops

State of the Industry 2020

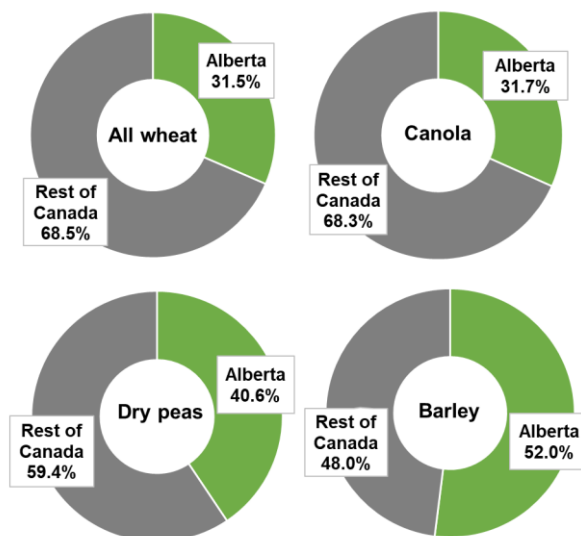
Crop industry: background

- Crop industry in Alberta in 2019:
 - contributed **\$5.1 billion** to Alberta's GDP¹;
 - generated **\$6.9 billion** in Farm Cash Receipts (FCR), **46 per cent** of Alberta's total²;
 - employed **20,800** Albertans or **0.9 per cent** of all employed Albertans³.

Crop production

- The pie charts show Alberta's average production share of the Canadian total crop production in 2011-2020.
- For Alberta's two most important crops - wheat and canola, Alberta's average production share is approximately one third of total Canadian production.
- Several other crops with lower production levels still have a considerable production share. For example, Alberta produces **41 per cent** of Canadian dry peas and **52 per cent** of Canadian barley.

In the past decade, average production was...



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0359-01 Estimated areas, yield, production, average farm price and total farm value of principal field crops, in metric and imperial units

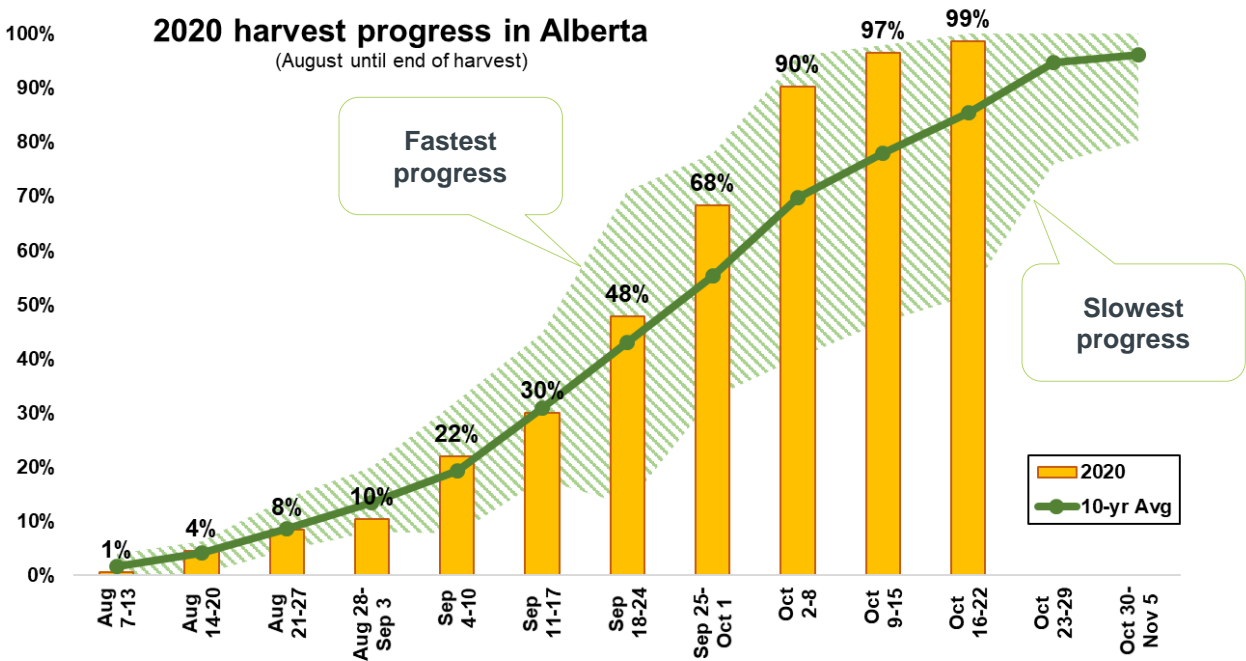
¹ Source: Statistics Canada. Table 36-10-0402-01 Gross domestic product (GDP) at basic prices, by industry, provinces and territories

² Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0045-01 Farm cash receipts, annual (x 1,000)

³ Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0023-01 Labour force characteristics by industry, annual (x 1,000); and Labour Statistics Division

Harvest progress

- The chart below shows Alberta's harvest progress for all crops this year (orange bars) as compared to the 10-year average progress (green line). The green shaded area shows the difference between the fastest and slowest harvest progress historically.
- After a few wet and smoky summers, crop producers had a nice harvest season this year. Harvest progressed **two to three weeks** faster compared to the 10-year average, crop yields were **seven per cent** above the 10-year average, and the crop quality is high.
- Overall, crop prices remain strong and there are plenty of rail cars available to deliver to ports at competitive freight rates, compared to Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Exports are also expected to remain strong.



Source: Statistics and Data Development Section, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry



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