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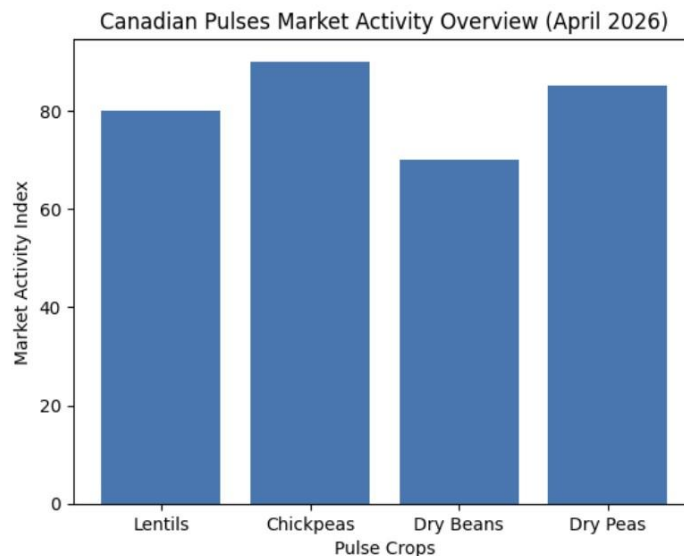
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## Canadian Pulses Market Report – April 2026

Over the past few months, the Canadian pulses market has been shaped by one key factor: **strong production meeting uncertain global demand**. The 2025–26 crop year delivered a record harvest across major field crops, including pulses. This large supply has supported export activity, but at the same time, it has created pressure on the market balance.

Even though exports remain active and above the five-year average, they have not been strong enough to fully absorb the increase in supply. As a result, **carry-out stocks have grown significantly**, setting the tone for most pulse categories this year.

At the same time, global developments—from trade policy changes to geopolitical tensions—are starting to play a bigger role in shaping expectations for the next season.



### Lentils

The lentil market continues to feel the weight of **high global supply**. Canadian exports have remained stable, with key demand coming from India, Turkey, and the UAE. However, the large available supply has pushed stocks higher than usual.

From a market behavior perspective, green lentils have been under more pressure compared to red lentils, mainly due to weaker demand relative to available supply. At the same time, global competition—especially from Australia—has added another layer of pressure.

Weekly market activity confirms this trend. Export movement from Canada showed only modest growth, while global markets remained mostly steady with limited trading activity.

However, there are early signals that could support the market ahead. Weather risks, including a possible El Niño pattern and weaker monsoon expectations in India, may impact future supply. In addition, reduced planting intentions in the US could also tighten supply going forward.

For the next crop year, lower seeded area in Canada is expected to reduce production. This could help stabilize the market and bring some balance back between supply and demand.

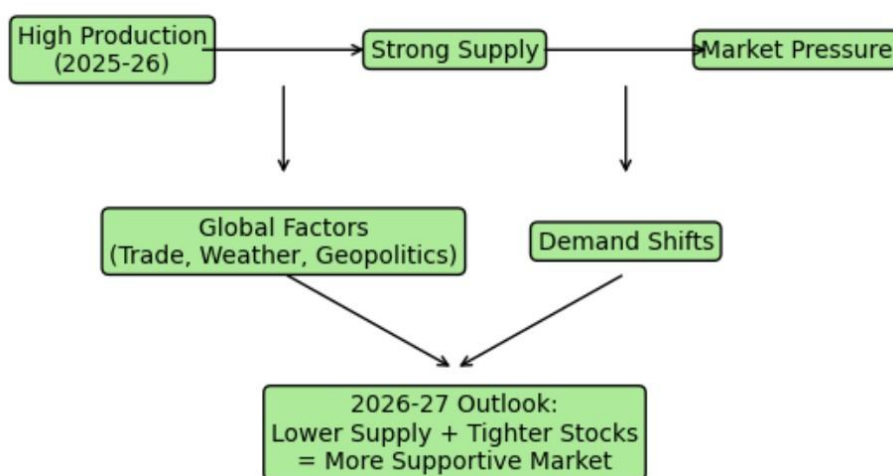
## Chickpeas

Chickpeas have been one of the more **demand-driven markets** this year. Strong interest from the US, Turkey, and Pakistan has supported export activity and pushed volumes to record levels.

Despite this strong demand, the market still faces pressure from large carry-in stocks. This has limited the overall upside in the short term.

Looking ahead, farmers are expected to slightly increase chickpea acreage, responding to the strong demand signals. However, production may still decline due to a return to normal yields.

Globally, a reduction in US planting area could tighten supply, which may support the market in the coming season.



## Weekly Market Insights

Recent weekly developments highlight how sensitive the pulse market is to both supply conditions and global events.

- Global lentil markets have remained mostly stable, but **oversupply continues to limit upward movement**, especially for green lentils.
- Trade flow disruptions linked to the **Iran conflict and the Strait of Hormuz** are increasing shipping costs and creating logistical challenges.
- Despite these disruptions, trade is continuing, often shifting to alternative routes, which may reshape trade patterns in the medium term.
- Demand from the Indian subcontinent remains a key support factor, especially for red lentils.
- Weather risks, including potential El Niño conditions, are becoming an important variable for future supply expectations.

Overall, the market is currently in a **wait-and-see phase**, with limited trading activity but growing attention to upcoming risks.

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