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Canadian Pulses and Legumes Market Update – July 2026

The Canadian pulses market is entering the new crop season with a mixed but interesting outlook. After an exceptionally strong 2025 harvest, Canada is still carrying large stocks of pulses and legumes. Export demand remains healthy, but the large available supply has kept pressure on prices across several products.

For the 2026-27 crop year, the overall seeded area for pulses and special crops is expected to be lower than last year. This is mainly linked to weaker returns in the previous season. At the same time, current crop conditions and weather during the rest of the summer will remain important factors for final production. While production is expected to move closer to normal levels, Canadian supply will remain relatively comfortable because of high carry-in stocks.

Canadian Lentils Market

Lentils remain one of the most important products in Canada's pulse export sector. During the 2025-26 crop year, Canadian lentil exports are expected to reach a very strong level, with red lentils representing the larger share and green lentils making up the rest. India, the UAE, and Turkey continue to be key international destinations.

The main story for the Canadian lentils market is the combination of strong exports and high available stocks. Large supplies, especially for large green lentils and red lentils, have kept the lentil price under pressure during the current crop year.

Looking ahead to 2026-27, Canadian farmers have reduced lentil acreage compared with last season. Saskatchewan remains by far the largest production area, followed by Alberta and Manitoba. Production is expected to decline from the exceptional level of the previous crop, but high carry-in stocks will continue to support overall Canadian supply.

From a market perspective, this could create a more balanced situation as the season progresses. Prices for both large green lentils and red lentils are expected to improve compared with the previous crop year, particularly if international demand remains strong. Import demand from the Indian subcontinent will be an important factor to watch.

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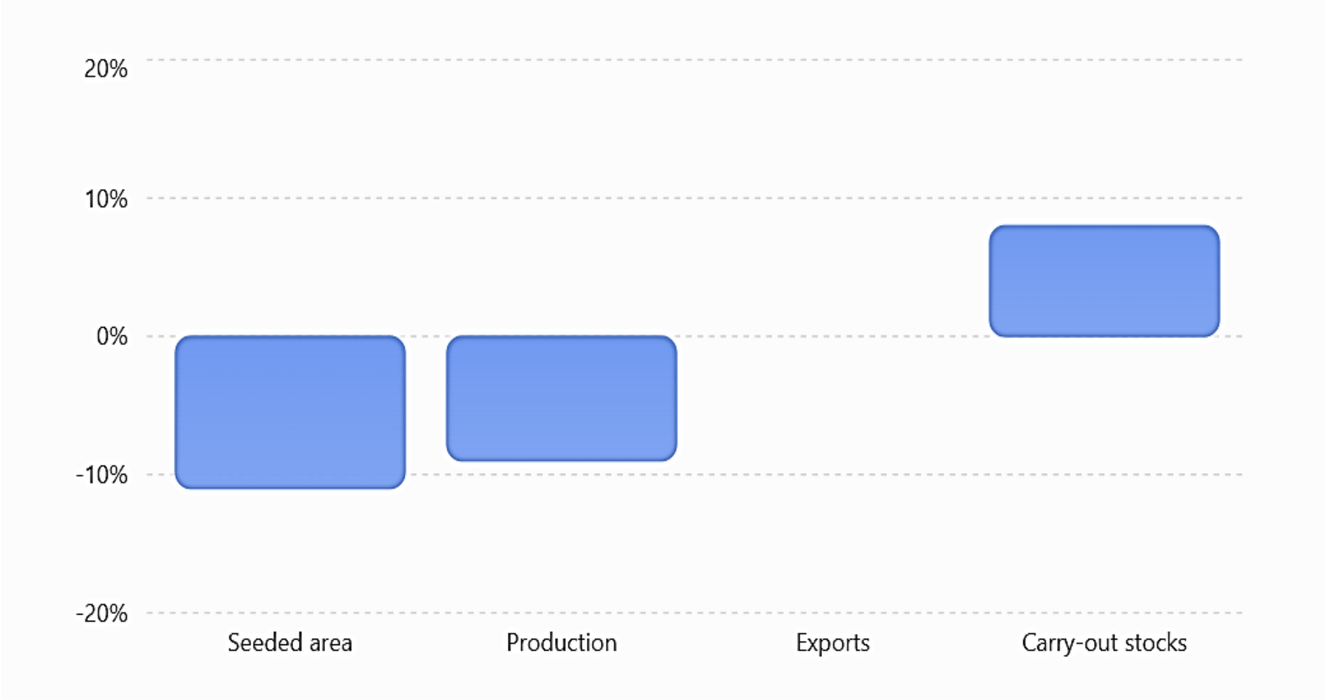
International Market View

From a global market perspective, the pulse sector is currently in a transition period. Buyers are balancing comfortable Canadian supply against uncertainty around the new crop and changing demand in major importing countries.

India remains particularly important for Canadian lentils and green lentils. Slow progress and uncertainty around the country's kharif pulse crops have increased market attention toward alternative origins, including Canada. This could provide additional opportunities for Canadian suppliers if India's import demand remains strong.

At the same time, crop conditions in Western Canada need to be monitored closely. Although a large part of the pulse crop is currently reported to be in good condition, moisture-related issues and weaker field conditions have been reported in some areas, especially in lentils. Final yields and quality will become clearer as the growing season progresses.

Canadian Lentils: Lower New-Crop Area and Production, but Strong Export Demand Keeps the Market Supported



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