

this quantity, has to be added 953,344 bushels imported for home consumption, making a total of 31,825,000 bushels. Of this quantity 940,219 bushels were exported, and if 5,106,346 bushels are deducted for seed, the quantity available for home consumption is found to have been 25,778,435 bushels, being at the rate of 4.97 per head of population, without reference to hoarding.

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364. Ontario and Manitoba are at present the only Provinces that collect statistics of the actual yield of crops, and as the Dominion Government does not collect any, it is impossible to give really complete figures for the total yield of wheat in the country. The following table, however, which has been carefully prepared from the best available data, gives, it is believed, a very fairly accurate idea of the total crop of wheat in the years named, and of the amount annually retained for consumption. The figures of imports and exports, and of the quantity used for seed, are for the years following the year of estimated crop. Two bushels to the acre is the amount allowed for seed, and this is supposed to include any that may be used for feed and other purposes.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF WHEAT IN
CANADA IN THE YEARS 1881 TO 1889, INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Estimate 1 Crop.	Imports of Wheat and Flour for Home Consumption.	Exports of Wheat and Flour, Produce of Canada.	Estimated Amount retained for Seed.	Estimated Consumption.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1881	38,000,000	1,208,494	6,193,730	4,572,552	28,442,212
1882	47,831,706	1,368,877	8,312,688	4,598,596	36,289,299
1883	30,920,762	2,954,600	1,732,471	4,513,214	27,629,677
1884	45,443,417	3,073,641	2,959,841	4,914,232	40,642,985
1885	42,816,327	1,072,719	5,349,663	4,548,818	33,990,565
1886	38,304,503	870,685	8,232,791	4,519,918	26,422,479
1887	39,034,233	324,452	3,914,329	4,359,296	31,085,060
1888	33,044,851	1,179,825	1,081,219	4,638,462	28,504,995
1889	30,871,656	953,344	940,219	5,106,346	25,778,435