

4.—Field Crops of Canada, compared as to Quantity and Value, 1923 and 1924.

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Field Crops.	Actual Value, 1924.	Value at prices of 1923.	Actual Value, 1923.	Increase(+) or decrease (-).	Due to higher (+) or lower (-) prices.	Due to larger (+) or smaller (-) quantities.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fall wheat.....	28,337	20,604	17,851	+ 10,486	+ 7,733	+ 2,753
Spring wheat.....	292,025	157,698	299,144	- 7,119	+ 34,327	- 41,446
All wheat.....	320,362	178,302	316,995	+ 3,367	+ 42,060	- 38,693
Oats.....	200,688	133,167	184,857	+ 15,831	+ 67,521	- 51,690
Barley.....	61,760	37,566	32,571	+ 29,189	+ 24,194	+ 4,995
Rye, fall.....	12,187	6,005	8,654	+ 3,533	+ 6,182	- 2,649
Rye, spring.....	1,492	698	2,686	- 1,194	+ 794	- 1,988
Peas.....	5,676	5,575	4,987	+ 689	+ 101	+ 588
Beans.....	3,307	3,179	2,773	+ 534	+ 128	+ 406
Buckwheat.....	10,149	9,594	8,192	+ 1,957	+ 555	+ 1,402
Mixed grains.....	22,626	18,988	17,655	+ 4,971	+ 3,638	+ 1,333
Flaxseed.....	18,849	17,169	12,644	+ 6,205	+ 1,680	+ 4,525
Corn for husking.....	14,227	10,990	12,466	+ 1,761	+ 3,237	- 1,476
Potatoes.....	47,956	57,567	56,398	- 8,442	- 9,611	+ 1,169
Turnips, etc.....	17,884	23,946	22,483	- 4,599	- 6,062	+ 1,463
Hay and clover.....	165,587	164,142	162,882	+ 2,705	+ 1,445	+ 1,260
Grain hay.....	46,133	17,312	15,064	+ 31,069	+ 28,821	+ 2,248
Alfalfa.....	14,705	14,557	11,914	+ 2,791	+ 148	+ 2,643
Fodder corn.....	29,380	26,547	24,605	+ 4,775	+ 2,833	+ 1,942
Sugar beets.....	2,268	2,164	1,401	+ 867	+ 104	+ 763
Total.....	995,236	727,468	899,227	+ 96,009	+267,768	- 171,759
Increase or decrease p.c.....	-	-	-	+ p.c. 10.68	+ p.c. 29.78	- p.c. 19.10

Field Crops.—In Table 5 are presented for Canada, by provinces, estimates of the area, yield, quality and value of the principal field crops for the years 1923 and 1924, with the five-year averages for the period 1919 to 1923. The estimates of 1924 are based upon statistics collected from about 117,000 farmers in June of that year under arrangements made between the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

Season of 1923-24.—For the second year in succession, the spring opened up late, and seeding in the Prairie Provinces was greatly delayed, especially in Manitoba, where, as a consequence, the area sown to wheat was less than in 1923 by more than 456,000 acres. In this province, however, the harvest returns were on the whole excellent, and were in marked contrast with those of 1923, when the crops suffered severely from rust. In Saskatchewan and Alberta the prevalence of drought reduced the yields, which were not only greatly inferior to those of 1923 but were also considerably below average. Bad weather during the threshing season had the effect of reducing the quality of the grain, which did not therefore grade so well as in 1923. On the other hand, the recovery in the prices of grain from the low levels to which they had sunk in 1923 came as a welcome offset to the lower yields.

Areas and Yields of Grain Crops.—The total yield of wheat in Canada for 1924 is now finally estimated at 262,097,000 bushels from 22,055,710 acres, as compared with 474,199,000 bushels from 21,886,146 acres in 1923, and with 326,258,640 bushels from 21,142,824 acres, the annual average for the five years 1919-23.