

48.—Index Numbers of Producers' Prices for Agricultural Commodities, 1917-24.

Average Prices, 1909-1913=100.

Field Crops.	Annual average prices, 1909-13. ¹	Average prices, 1924. ¹	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
	\$	\$								
Wheat.....	0.69	1.22	281.2	292.8	343.5	234.7	117.4	123.2	98.6	176.8
Oats.....	0.34	0.49	202.9	229.4	235.3	155.9	100.0	111.8	97.1	144.1
Barley.....	0.47	0.70	229.8	212.8	261.7	176.6	100.0	97.9	89.4	148.9
Rye.....	0.71	0.99	228.2	209.9	197.2	187.3	101.4	81.7	69.0	139.4
Peas.....	1.00	1.75	354.0	299.0	286.0	242.0	196.0	179.0	172.0	175.0
Beans.....	1.79	2.77	416.2	302.2	250.3	216.8	162.0	159.2	148.6	154.8
Buckwheat....	0.61	0.89	239.3	259.0	245.9	209.8	145.9	137.7	137.7	145.9
Mixed grains...	0.57	0.71	203.5	200.0	238.5	157.9	108.7	105.3	103.5	124.5
Flax.....	1.12	1.94	236.6	279.5	368.8	173.2	128.5	137.7	158.0	173.2
Corn for husk- ing.....	0.63	1.19	292.1	277.8	206.3	184.1	131.7	131.7	146.0	188.9
Potatoes.....	0.46	0.51	219.6	213.1	206.5	210.8	167.3	117.4	130.4	110.9
Turnips, etc....	0.22	0.22	209.1	195.5	227.3	186.4	154.5	122.7	136.4	100.0
Hay and clover	11.65	11.07	88.7	139.5	177.9	224.0	202.2	115.5	94.2	95.0
Fodder corn....	4.95	5.12	103.8	124.2	139.8	156.6	142.4	100.4	93.3	103.4
Sugar beets....	5.84	6.79	115.6	175.5	186.0	219.1	111.3	134.9	111.0	116.3
Alfalfa.....	11.59	11.70	100.0	153.9	188.5	205.3	172.1	110.2	100.0	100.9
All Field Crops.	-	-	226.0	227.6	252.7	204.9	147.5	117.0	160.7	143.3

¹ Prices quoted are per bushel, except for the last four items, where they are per ton. Index numbers of producers' prices for agricultural commodities are given for each province on pp. 73-75 of the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for Mar., 1925.

Table 48 gives the index numbers for each of the years 1917 to 1924, while the accompanying diagram (p. 267) shows the trend by years from 1909. For the year 1924, the index numbers for Canada reflect a large increase in grain prices, as compared with 1923. Thus wheat advanced by 78.8 p.c., the index number for 1924 being 176.8 p.c. of the base-period 1909-13, i.e., 76.8 p.c. above the average for the five-year period 1909-13, whilst in 1923 the index number was only 98.6, or 1.4 p.c. below that of the base-period. For other crops the index numbers for 1924 are as follows, the index numbers for 1923 being given within parentheses:—oats 144.1 (97.1); barley 148.9 (89.4); rye 139.4 (69); peas 175 (172); beans 154.8 (148.6); buckwheat 145.9 (137.7); mixed grains 124.5 (103.5); flax 173.2 (158); corn for husking 188.9 (146); potatoes 110.9 (130.4); turnips, etc. 100 (136.4); hay and clover 95 (97.1); fodder corn 103.4 (93.3); sugar beets 116.3 (111); alfalfa 100.9 (100). For all field crops taken together and weighted according to the proportion which the respective totals bear to the total value, the index number for 1924 is 143.3, as compared with 100.7 in 1923, 117 in 1922, 147.5 in 1921, 204.9 for 1920 and 252.7 for 1919, the peak year.¹

¹ For details by provinces, see Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, June, 1921 (pp. 249-256); Mar., 1922 (pp. 91-94); Mar., 1923 (pp. 95-97); Mar., 1924 (pp. 104-106) and Mar., 1925 (pp. 73-75).