

average. The area in 1925 is 0.2 p.c. and the yield 20.7 p.c. more than in 1924, whilst as compared with the average the area is 8.4 p.c. and the yield 19.9 p.c. more.

Oats.—In 37 countries the total production in 1925 was 4,303,316,000 bushels from 137,847,000 acres, as compared with 4,024,831,000 bushels from 135,119,000 acres in 1924, and with 3,737,592,000 bushels from 127,728,000 acres, the five-year average. The area is 2 p.c. and the yield 6.9 p.c. more than in 1924. As compared with the five-year average, the area is 7.9 p.c. and the yield 15.1 p.c. more.

Corn.—In 26 countries the production in 1925 was 4,010,756,000 bushels from 152,253,000 acres, as compared with 3,359,990,000 bushels from 154,198,000 acres in 1924, and with 3,735,970,000 bushels from 145,743,000 acres, the five-year average. The area for 1925 is 1.3 p.c. less and the yield 19.4 p.c. more than in 1924. As compared with the average the area is 4.5 p.c. and the yield 7.4 p.c. more.

Potatoes.—In 33 countries the total yield was 2,983,657,000 cwt. from 27,826,000 acres, as compared with 2,760,073,000 cwt. from 28,104,000 acres in 1924, and with 2,489,023,000 cwt. from 27,508,000 acres, the five-year average. The acreage was 1 p.c. less and the yield 8.1 p.c. more than in 1924. As compared with the average the acreage was 1.2 p.c. and the yield 19.9 p.c. more.

Average Yields per Acre.—Table 55 shows for the same countries as Table 54 the average yields per acre of cereals and of potatoes for the year 1925, as compared with the average for the five years 1919-23 (1919-20 to 1923-24). For wheat (48 countries) the yield per acre is 14.6 bushels as against 13.9 bushels, the five-year average; for rye (28 countries) the yield is 15.8 bushels, as against 15.1 bushels, the five-year average; for barley (41 countries) 22.3 and 20.2 bushels; for oats (37 countries) 31.2 bushels as against 29.2 bushels; for corn (26 countries) 26.3 bushels and 25.6 bushels and for potatoes (33 countries) 107.2 cwt. and 90.5 cwt. The highest average yields in bushels per acre in 1925 are:—for wheat Denmark 49.3; for rye the Netherlands 39.6; for barley Belgium 52.8; for oats Belgium 61.2; for corn Switzerland 49; and for potatoes Norway 177.5 cwt. In these comparisons the size of the country should be considered, as the smaller European countries are more intensively cultivated and the average yields per acre larger in consequence.

54.—Acreage and Production of Cereals and Potatoes in Countries of the World, 1924 and 1925.

NOTE.—The figures here given are based on the bulletins published by the International Institute of Agriculture up to July, 1926.

| Countries. | 1924. | 1925. | Average 1919-23. | 1925 in p.c. of average. | 1924. | 1925. | Average 1919-23. | 1925 in p.c. of average. |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 000 acres. | 000 acres. | 000 acres. | p.c. | 000 bush. | 000 bush. | 000 bush. | p.c. |
| Wheat— | | | | | | | | |
| Germany..... | 3,623 | 3,835 | 3,438 | 111.8 | 89,200 | 118,212 | 89,555 | 132.0 |
| Austria..... | 482 | 487 | 467 | 104.3 | 8,490 | 11,986 | 8,155 | 147.0 |
| Belgium..... | 340 | 365 | 328 | 111.0 | 13,004 | 14,477 | 11,865 | 122.0 |
| Bulgaria..... | 2,462 | 2,537 | 2,211 | 114.8 | 23,318 | 49,648 | 31,514 | 157.5 |
| Denmark..... | 149 | 198 | 194 | 101.9 | 5,866 | 9,748 | 8,513 | 114.5 |
| Spain..... | 10,379 | 10,723 | 10,363 | 103.5 | 121,780 | 162,591 | 139,119 | 116.9 |
| Estonia..... | 44 | 51 | 42 | 122.2 | 543 | 791 | 570 | 138.8 |
| Serb-Croat-Slovene State.. | 4,244 | 4,382 | 3,694 | 118.6 | 57,770 | 78,046 | 50,091 | 157.0 |
| Finland..... | 37 | 38 | 29 | 127.7 | 790 | 927 | 525 | 178.0 |
| France..... | 13,620 | 13,872 | 12,853 | 107.9 | 281,183 | 330,842 | 253,278 | 130.6 |
| England and Wales..... | 1,545 | 1,500 | 1,956 | 76.6 | 50,885 | 50,778 | 61,281 | 82.9 |
| Scotland..... | 49 | 49 | 65 | 75.9 | 1,098 | 2,016 | 1,515 | 133.1 |