

Wealth.—Table 2 shows approximately, by provinces, the gross agricultural wealth of the Dominion in 1927, with totals for 1923-26.

2.—Estimated Gross Agricultural Wealth of Canada, by Provinces, 1927, with Totals for 1923-1926. ("000" omitted)

Provinces.	Lands.	Buildings.	Implements and machinery.	Live stock.	Poultry.	Animals on farms.	Agricultural production.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
P.E. Island.....	28,476	17,289	6,870	9,445	950	3,305	22,012	88,347
Nova Scotia.....	49,155	51,173	10,146	19,630	879	663	39,233	170,879
New Brunswick....	61,112	45,158	13,545	16,592	1,103	987	33,892	172,359
Quebec.....	546,666	285,530	111,940	142,871	8,724	1,569	296,430	1,383,730
Ontario.....	808,124	491,330	189,954	261,673	22,005	1,988	506,804	2,261,678
Manitoba.....	315,245	113,005	67,848	65,107	4,187	669	116,651	682,793
Saskatchewan.....	877,042	216,398	176,676	140,925	6,245	373	403,915	1,821,574
Alberta.....	523,221	121,765	98,814	118,917	5,483	782	326,257	1,195,239
British Columbia...	107,020	41,036	9,379	23,979	3,382	710	48,166	233,672
Total, 1927 ...	3,316,061	1,382,684	665,172	799,139	52,958	11,007	1,783,160	8,010,181
Total, 1926 ...	3,316,061	1,382,684	665,172	696,472	51,037	11,068	1,683,526	7,806,020
Total, 1925 ...	3,316,061	1,382,684	665,172	704,287	47,171	9,898	1,666,100	7,791,373
Total, 1924 ...	3,316,061	1,382,684	665,172	641,144	42,434	8,388	1,494,771	7,550,655
Total, 1923 ...	3,316,061	1,382,684	665,172	613,260	39,840	6,308	1,397,085	7,420,410

¹ Subject to revision.

The values of buildings, lands, implements and machinery for the census year 1921 were considerably more than the values previously used in these calculations, which were based upon the census of 1911. The increase for the three items during the decade amounted to \$1,115,986,000. There has, however, undoubtedly been a fall in the value of land during the last six years, consequent upon the fall in the prices of agricultural products and live stock, and there may also have been some change in the values of buildings, machinery and implements, but to what extent it is impossible to state. The estimates collected from crop correspondents of the value per acre of land, including buildings, show a drop in the value of land per acre from \$40 in 1921 to \$38 in 1927, resulting from decreases in most of the provinces. The rates of change thus shown have been applied to the census data, with the result that the census figure of \$3,702,370,000, the value of land in 1921, becomes \$3,316,061,000 as the estimated value in 1923 to 1927.

Altogether, the gross agricultural wealth of Canada for 1927 may be estimated at \$8,010,181,000, as compared with \$7,806,020,000 in 1926. The increase of \$204,161,000 or 2.62 p.c. is chiefly due to increased values of live stock and agricultural production.

Subsection 2.—Acreage, Yield, Quality and Value of Field Crops.

The Chief Field Crops of the Last Twenty Years.—In Table 3 will be found a summary statement of the acreage, yield and value of the field crops of wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed, potatoes, hay and clover and alfalfa for the last 20 years. From this summary table may be seen in perspective the recent growth of Canadian agriculture. In particular may be noted the quadrupling of the wheat crop, the almost doubling of the oat crop, the tripling of the barley crop, the nine-fold increase in the rye crop, the doubling of the flaxseed crop, the 50 p.c. addition to the hay and clover crop and the nine-fold increase in the alfalfa crop, within the past 20 years. On the other hand, the acreage and yield of the potato crop has remained about the same throughout the period, presumably