

The area for 1927 is practically identical with that of 1926, while the production is 6.3 p.c. more. As compared with the average the area is 0.8 p.c. less and the yield 3.7 p.c. more.

Corn.—In 23 countries the production in 1927 is 3,866,376,000 bushels from 157,502,000 acres, as compared with 3,970,422,000 bushels from 157,097,000 acres in 1926 and with 3,902,097,000 bushels from 156,816,000 acres, the five-year average. The area for 1927 is 0.3 p.c. more and the yield 2.6 p.c. less than in 1926. As compared with the average the area is 0.4 p.c. more and the yield 0.9 p.c. less.

Potatoes.—In 38 countries the total yield in 1927 is shown to be 4,375,544,000 cwt. from 44,169,000 acres, as compared with 3,681,879,000 cwt. from 42,482,000 acres in 1926 and with 3,702,407,000 cwt. from 41,857,000 acres, the five-year average. The acreage is 4.0 p.c. and the yield 18.8 p.c. more than in 1926. As compared with the average, the acreage is 5.5 p.c. and the yield 18.2 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 1927, as compared with the average for the five years 1921-25 (1921-22 to 1925-26). For wheat (50 countries) the yield per acre is 13.8 bushels as against 14.2 bushels, the five-year average; oats (41 countries) 28.3 bushels as against 29.5 bushels; barley (48 countries) 20.6 bushels and 20.8 bushels; rye (30 countries) 15.8 bushels and 15.1 bushels; corn, 24.6 bushels and 24.5 bushels; potatoes, 99.1 cwt. and 88.5 cwt. The highest average yields in bushels per acre in 1927 are:—wheat, Irish Free State 41.8; oats, Irish Free State 68.2; barley, Belgium 52.8; rye, Belgium 38.1; corn, Switzerland 51.3; potatoes, Belgium 175.4 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 are larger in consequence.

54.—Acreage and Production of Cereals and Potatoes in Countries of the World, 1926 and 1927, with five-year average for 1921-25.

Countries.	1926.	1927.	Average	1927	1926.	1927.	Average	1927
	000 acres.	000 acres.	000 1921-25.	as p.c. of average.	000 bush.	000 bush.	000 1921-25.	as p.c. of average.
Wheat—								
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.								
EUROPE.								
Austria.....	500	505	475	106.3	9,438	11,960	8,868	134.9
Belgium.....	354	391	359	115.4	12,801	16,276	13,193	123.4
Bulgaria.....	2,617	2,658	2,391	111.2	36,544	47,346	31,399	150.8
Czechoslovakia.....	1,541	1,586	1,522	104.2	34,130	40,334	36,016	112.1
Denmark.....	252	252	202	124.7	8,767	9,553	8,973	104.6
England and Wales.....	1,592	1,636	1,745	93.7	48,682	53,125	58,149	91.4
Estonia.....	59	67	47	141.2	873	1,079	967	161.8
Finland.....	39	44	36	122.2	924	1,064	739	144.0
France.....	12,972	13,065	13,508	96.7	231,766	276,126	290,772	95.0
Germany.....	3,957	4,320	3,614	119.5	95,429	120,521	98,718	122.1
Greece.....	1,153	1,140	1,056	108.0	11,171	12,970	9,411	137.8
Hungary.....	3,706	4,049	3,345	121.0	74,903	76,933	59,678	128.9
Irish Free State.....	29	34	33	105.9	1,155	1,421	1,086	130.8
Italy.....	12,146	12,296	11,556	106.4	220,642	195,808	198,060	98.9
Latvia.....	122	145	89	162.1	1,860	2,636	1,426	184.9
Lithuania.....	303	297	222	133.4	4,180	5,273	3,744	140.8
Luxemburg.....	32	36	23	152.4	622	701	392	178.8
Malta.....	9	9	10	98.1	210	294	271	108.6
Netherlands.....	132	153	148	103.4	5,487	6,156	6,195	82.3
Northern Ireland.....	6	6	6	105.3	226	212	186	114.2
Norway.....	22	25	27	91.9	586	605	637	95.0
Poland.....	2,719	2,814	2,511	112.1	47,080	54,230	44,060	123.1
Portugal.....	1,063	1,082	1,064	101.7	8,560	11,447	11,203	103.1
Rumania.....	8,223	7,663	7,068	108.4	110,882	96,734	89,570	108.0
Russia (Soviet Union).....	70,873	75,941	59,770	127.1	819,565	745,885	729,886	102.2
Scotland.....	44	67	57	115.9	2,091	2,440	2,264	107.7
Serb-Croat-Slovene State.....	4,178	4,630	3,953	117.1	71,427	56,568	58,753	96.3
Spain.....	10,776	10,826	10,457	103.5	146,599	144,824	142,419	101.7
Sweden.....	381	404	352	114.9	12,363	11,298	10,602	106.8
Switzerland.....	174	174	161	108.3	5,622	5,696	4,871	116.9