

48.—Index Numbers of Producers' Prices of Agricultural Commodities, 1913-1929.

NOTE.—Average Prices, 1926 = 100.

For the formulæ used in the calculation see Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, March, 1928, p. 94.

Field Crops.	Average prices 1926. ¹	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
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Canada—									
Wheat.....	1 09	61.5	111.9	83.5	120.2	178.0	185.3	217.4	148.6
Oats.....	0 48	66.7	100.0	75.0	106.3	143.8	162.5	166.7	110.4
Barley.....	0 52	80.8	115.3	100.0	158.8	207.7	192.3	236.5	159.6
Rye.....	0 77	85.7	107.8	100.0	142.9	210.4	193.5	181.1	172.7
Peas.....	1 75	63.4	83.4	94.3	126.9	202.3	170.9	163.4	138.3
Beans.....	2 64	71.2	87.5	115.5	204.5	282.2	204.9	169.7	147.0
Buckwheat.....	0 87	73.6	82.8	86.2	123.0	167.8	181.6	172.4	147.1
Mixed grains.....	0 66	83.3	100.0	86.4	133.3	175.8	172.7	206.1	136.4
Flaxseed.....	1 62	59.9	63.6	93.2	125.9	163.6	193.2	254.9	119.8
Corn for husking.....	1 00	64.0	71.0	71.0	107.0	184.0	175.0	134.0	116.0
Potatoes.....	1 47	55.8	55.8	68.0	91.8	115.0	110.9	107.5	110.2
Turnips, etc.....	0 60	93.3	90.0	80.0	130.0	153.3	141.7	163.3	138.3
Hay and clover.....	12 13	94.6	117.3	118.4	95.6	85.2	134.0	170.8	215.2
Grain hay.....	10 11	—	—	—	—	—	—	286.8	327.6
Alfalfa.....	13 30	89.1	106.5	95.3	80.4	87.1	134.1	164.3	178.8
Fodder corn.....	4 88	98.0	100.6	100.6	100.8	105.3	126.0	141.8	158.8
Sugar beets.....	6 45	94.9	92.9	85.3	96.1	104.7	158.9	168.4	198.4
All Field Crops.....	—	69.6	98.3	83.7	106.7	138.7	158.5	178.7	149.3

Field Crops.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Canada—									
Wheat.....	74.3	78.0	61.5	111.9	112.8	100.0	91.7	73.4	106.4
Oats.....	70.8	79.2	68.8	102.1	87.5	100.0	106.3	97.9	125.0
Barley.....	90.4	88.5	80.8	134.6	101.9	100.0	126.9	107.7	119.2
Rye.....	93.5	75.3	63.6	128.6	100.0	100.0	106.5	102.6	109.1
Peas.....	112.0	105.1	98.3	100.0	94.3	100.0	100.6	105.7	117.7
Beans.....	109.8	108.0	100.8	104.9	97.7	100.0	87.9	135.2	125.0
Buckwheat.....	102.3	96.6	96.6	102.3	97.7	100.0	102.3	106.9	108.0
Mixed grains.....	93.8	90.9	89.4	107.6	98.5	100.0	109.0	107.8	115.2
Flaxseed.....	88.9	106.2	109.3	119.8	114.2	100.0	95.7	98.1	146.9
Corn for husking.....	83.0	83.0	92.0	119.0	94.0	100.0	99.0	112.0	106.0
Potatoes.....	87.1	61.2	69.4	57.8	140.1	100.0	79.6	54.4	108.2
Turnips, etc.....	111.7	90.0	98.3	73.3	93.3	100.0	76.7	78.3	88.3
Hay and clover.....	194.2	111.0	90.4	91.3	85.3	100.0	85.8	85.5	96.0
Grain hay.....	—	127.3	34.3	91.5	91.5	100.0	100.0	99.7	95.0
Alfalfa.....	150.0	96.0	87.1	88.0	95.6	100.0	90.5	86.5	94.1
Fodder corn.....	144.5	101.8	94.7	104.9	82.6	100.0	91.6	96.1	106.2
Sugar beets.....	100.8	122.2	100.5	105.3	94.3	100.0	120.8	112.4	119.2
All Field Crops.....	101.1	86.6	72.4	102.3	102.1	100.0	96.5	84.6	109.6

¹ Prices quoted are per bushel, except for potatoes and turnips, etc., which are per cwt., and the last five items, which are per ton. For details of index numbers by provinces, see Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, January, 1930, pp. 26-32.

Table 48 gives the index numbers for each of the years 1913 to 1929, while the accompanying diagram on the 1913 base (page 248) shows the trend for 1913 to 1929.

The index numbers fell generally from 1924 to 1928, especially from 1926 to 1928, and recovered strongly in 1929. The commodities responsible for the decline from 1927 to 1928 were the cereals and potatoes. The root and forage crops held fairly steady and there were increases in peas and beans. Wheat, which has the greatest weight in the index, was mainly responsible for the decline of 16.7 points in the general index from 1924 to 1928 and for the marked recovery in 1929.