

Index Numbers of Agricultural Prices.—Records of the average prices received by farmers for agricultural produce have been collected annually since 1909 through the crop correspondents of the Census and Statistics Office and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. From these records, annual index numbers have been calculated for each crop and for the field crops as a whole. In calculating the index numbers in the present instance, the base period used is 1926. Index numbers have been calculated of the yields of the various crops from year to year. From these data index numbers of the value of all field crops, weighted according to the quantity produced in each case, have been obtained. These calculations have been made, with prices for the year 1926 as a base, in Table 44.

44.—Index Numbers of Producers' Prices of Agricultural Commodities, 1913-31.

NOTE.—Average Prices, 1926 = 100.

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

Field Crop.	Average Prices 1926.1	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
	\$									
Canada—										
Wheat.....	1.09	61.5	111.9	83.5	120.2	178.0	185.3	217.4	148.6	74.3
Oats.....	0.48	66.7	100.0	75.0	106.3	143.8	162.5	166.7	110.4	70.8
Barley.....	0.52	80.8	115.3	100.0	158.8	207.7	192.3	236.5	159.6	90.4
Rye.....	0.77	85.7	107.8	100.0	142.9	210.4	193.5	181.1	172.7	93.5
Peas.....	1.75	63.4	83.4	94.3	126.9	202.3	170.9	163.4	138.3	112.0
Beans.....	2.64	71.2	87.5	115.5	204.5	282.2	204.9	169.7	147.0	109.8
Buckwheat.....	0.87	73.6	82.8	86.2	123.0	167.8	181.6	172.4	147.1	102.3
Mixed grains.....	0.66	83.3	100.0	86.4	133.3	175.8	172.7	206.1	136.4	93.8
Flaxseed.....	1.62	59.9	63.6	93.2	125.9	163.6	193.2	254.9	119.8	85.9
Corn for husking.....	1.00	64.0	71.0	71.0	107.0	184.0	175.0	134.0	116.0	83.0
Potatoes.....	1.47	55.8	55.8	68.0	91.8	115.0	110.9	107.5	110.2	87.1
Turnips, etc.....	0.60	93.3	90.0	80.0	130.0	153.3	141.7	163.3	138.3	111.7
Hay and clover.....	12.13	94.6	117.3	118.4	95.6	85.2	134.0	170.8	215.2	194.2
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	150.0
Fodder corn.....	4.88	98.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	105.3	126.0	141.8	153.8	144.5
Sugar beets.....	6.45	94.9	92.9	85.3	96.1	104.7	158.9	168.4	198.4	100.8
All Field Crops.....	-	69.6	98.3	83.7	106.7	138.7	158.5	178.7	149.3	101.1
Field Crop.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Canada—										
Wheat.....	78.0	61.5	111.9	112.8	100.0	91.7	73.4	96.3	44.9	34.9
Oats.....	79.2	63.8	102.1	87.5	100.0	106.3	97.9	122.9	50.0	50.0
Barley.....	88.5	80.8	134.6	101.9	100.0	128.9	107.7	113.5	35.5	50.0
Rye.....	75.3	63.6	128.6	100.0	100.0	106.5	102.6	109.1	26.0	36.4
Peas.....	105.1	98.3	100.0	94.3	100.0	100.6	105.7	117.7	84.0	48.0
Beans.....	108.0	100.8	104.9	97.7	100.0	87.9	135.2	125.0	86.0	26.1
Buckwheat.....	96.6	96.6	102.3	97.7	100.0	102.3	106.9	108.0	74.7	57.5
Mixed grains.....	90.9	89.4	107.6	98.5	100.0	109.0	107.8	115.2	63.6	56.1
Flaxseed.....	106.2	109.3	119.8	114.2	100.0	95.7	98.1	146.9	58.6	48.8
Corn for husking.....	83.0	92.0	119.0	94.0	100.0	99.0	112.0	106.0	87.0	42.0
Potatoes.....	61.2	69.4	57.8	140.1	100.0	79.6	54.4	108.2	56.5	28.9
Turnips, etc.....	90.0	98.3	73.3	93.3	100.0	78.7	78.3	89.3	73.3	46.7
Hay and clover.....	111.0	90.4	91.3	85.3	100.0	85.8	85.5	96.0	81.0	62.8
Grain hay.....	127.3	34.3	91.5	91.5	100.0	100.0	99.7	95.0	66.6	60.7
Alfalfa.....	96.0	87.1	88.0	95.6	100.0	90.5	86.5	94.1	91.1	78.0
Fodder corn.....	101.8	94.7	104.9	82.6	100.0	91.6	96.1	106.2	101.0	80.1
Sugar beets.....	122.2	100.5	105.3	94.3	100.0	120.8	112.4	119.2	106.5	94.9
All Field Crops.....	86.6	72.4	102.3	102.1	100.0	96.6	84.6	104.9	56.3	46.9

¹Prices 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, 1932, pp. 14-21.