

are also given for the five-year period, 1925-29 (1925-26 to 1929-30), and the areas and yields of 1931 (1931-32) are compared in percentages with those of the five-year period.

**Wheat.**—For 50 countries the production of wheat in 1931 was 3,652,895,000 bushels from 333,188,000 acres, as compared with 4,837,199,000 bushels from 337,072,000 acres in 1930 and 4,373,122,000 bushels from 308,242,000 acres, the five-year average, 1925-29 (1925-26 to 1929-30). Although there was only a slight decrease in wheat acreage between 1930 and 1931 the total production decreased 1,184,304,000 bushels or 24.5 p.c. As compared with the five-year average, the 1931 acreage was 8.0 p.c. greater and the production 16.5 p.c. less.

**Oats.**—The statistics of 38 countries show a total production in 1931 of 3,229,045,000 bushels from 144,542,000 acres, as compared with 3,526,756,000 bushels from 147,853,000 acres in 1930, and with 4,683,693,000 bushels from 146,394,000 acres, the five-year average. The 1931 area was 2.2 p.c. less and the production 8.4 p.c. less than in 1930. As compared with the five-year average, the 1931 area was nearly 1.3 p.c. less and the production 31.1 p.c. less.

**Barley.**—In 46 countries, the total yield in 1931 was 1,207,049,000 bushels from 73,384,000 acres, as compared with 1,446,546,000 bushels from 81,131,000 acres in 1930 and 1,603,651,000 bushels from 75,059,000 acres, the five-year average. The area in 1931 was 10.6 p.c. less and the yield 16.6 p.c. less than in 1930 and, compared with the five-year average, the acreage in 1931 was 2.2 p.c. less and the yield 24.7 p.c. less.

**Rye.**—The statistics available for 33 countries show that the production in 1931 was 815,912,000 bushels from 115,542,000 acres, as compared with 996,963,000 bushels from 121,420,000 acres in 1930, and 1,812,374,000 bushels from 112,031,000 acres, the five-year average. The area in 1931 was 4.8 p.c. less and the production 18.2 p.c. less than in 1930. Compared with the five-year average, the 1931 acreage was 3.1 p.c. more and the production 55.0 p.c. less.

**Corn.**—In 26 countries, the production in 1931 was 3,272,491,000 bushels from 168,286,000 acres, as compared with 3,152,120,000 bushels from 161,904,000 acres in 1930, and 3,846,497,000 bushels from 156,353,000 acres, the five-year average. The area for 1931 was 3.9 p.c. more and the production 3.8 p.c., more than in 1930 and, compared with the five-year average, the 1931 area was 7.6 p.c. more and the production 14.9 p.c. less.

**Potatoes.**—In 33 countries, the total yield in 1931 was 5,272,888,000 bushels from 44,460,000 acres, as compared with 5,412,042,000 bushels from 43,933,000 acres in 1930, and with 6,568,648,000 bushels from 43,025,000 acres, the five-year average. The 1931 acreage is 2.0 p.c. more and the production 2.6 p.c. less than in 1930 while, as compared with the five-year average, the 1931 acreage was 3.3 p.c. more and the production 19.7 p.c. less.