

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. The results of these calculations are presented in Table 43.

43.—Index Numbers of Producers' Prices of Agricultural Commodities, 1913-32.

Note.—Average Prices, 1926 = 100.

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

Field Crop.	Average Price 1926. ¹	Index Numbers									
		1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Canada—	\$										
Wheat.....	1.09	61.5	111.9	83.5	120.2	178.0	185.3	217.4	148.6	74.3	78.0
Oats.....	0.48	66.7	100.0	75.0	106.3	143.8	162.5	166.7	110.4	70.8	79.2
Barley.....	0.52	80.8	115.3	100.0	158.8	207.7	192.3	236.5	159.6	90.4	88.5
Rye.....	0.77	85.7	107.8	100.0	142.9	210.4	193.5	181.1	172.7	93.5	75.3
Peas.....	1.75	63.4	83.4	94.3	126.9	202.3	170.9	163.4	138.3	112.0	105.1
Beans.....	2.64	71.2	87.5	115.5	204.5	282.2	204.9	169.7	147.0	109.8	108.0
Buckwheat.....	0.87	73.6	82.8	86.2	123.0	167.8	181.6	172.4	147.1	102.3	96.6
Mixed grains.....	0.66	83.3	100.0	86.4	133.3	175.8	172.7	206.1	136.4	93.8	90.9
Flaxseed.....	1.62	59.9	63.6	93.2	125.9	163.6	193.2	254.9	119.8	88.9	106.2
Corn for husking.....	1.00	64.0	71.0	71.0	107.0	184.0	175.0	134.0	116.0	83.0	83.0
Potatoes.....	1.47	55.8	55.8	68.0	91.8	115.0	110.9	107.5	110.2	87.1	61.2
Turnips, etc.....	0.60	93.3	90.0	80.0	130.0	153.3	141.7	163.3	138.3	111.7	90.0
Hay and clover.....	12.13	94.0	117.3	118.4	95.6	85.2	134.0	170.8	215.2	194.2	111.0
Grain hay.....	10.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	286.8	327.6	—	127.3
Alfalfa.....	13.30	89.1	106.5	95.3	80.4	87.1	134.1	164.3	178.8	150.0	96.0
Fodder corn.....	4.88	98.0	100.6	100.6	100.8	105.3	126.0	141.8	158.8	144.5	101.8
Sugar beets.....	6.45	94.9	92.9	85.3	96.1	104.7	158.9	168.4	198.4	100.8	122.2
All Field Crops.....	—	69.6	98.3	83.7	106.7	138.7	158.5	178.7	149.3	101.1	86.6

Field Crop.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Canada—										
Wheat.....	61.5	111.9	112.8	100.0	91.7	73.4	96.3	44.9	34.9	27.5
Oats.....	68.8	102.1	87.5	100.0	106.3	97.9	122.9	50.0	50.0	37.5
Barley.....	80.8	134.6	101.9	100.0	128.9	107.7	113.5	35.5	50.0	38.5
Rye.....	63.6	128.6	100.0	100.0	108.5	102.6	109.1	26.0	36.4	22.1
Peas.....	98.3	100.0	94.3	100.0	100.6	105.7	117.7	84.0	48.0	48.6
Beans.....	100.8	104.9	87.7	100.0	87.9	135.2	125.0	86.0	28.1	20.8
Buckwheat.....	96.6	102.3	97.7	100.0	102.3	106.9	108.0	74.7	57.5	48.3
Mixed grains.....	89.4	107.6	98.5	100.0	109.0	107.8	115.2	63.6	56.1	50.0
Flaxseed.....	108.3	119.8	114.2	100.0	95.7	98.1	146.9	58.6	48.8	32.0
Corn for husking.....	92.0	119.0	94.0	100.0	99.0	112.0	106.0	87.0	42.0	45.0
Potatoes.....	69.4	57.8	140.1	100.0	79.6	54.4	108.2	56.5	29.2	42.0
Turnips, etc.....	98.3	73.3	93.3	100.0	76.7	78.3	88.3	73.3	46.7	45.0
Hay and clover.....	90.4	91.3	85.3	100.0	85.8	85.5	96.0	81.0	62.8	58.5
Grain hay.....	34.3	91.5	91.5	100.0	100.0	99.7	95.0	66.6	60.6	60.1
Alfalfa.....	87.1	88.0	95.6	100.0	90.5	86.5	94.1	91.1	78.0	64.3
Fodder corn.....	94.7	104.9	82.6	100.0	91.6	96.1	106.2	101.0	81.4	56.4
Sugar beets.....	100.5	105.3	94.3	100.0	120.8	112.4	119.2	106.5	94.9	82.5
All Field Crops.....	72.4	102.3	102.1	100.0	96.5	84.6	104.9	56.3	46.9	40.4

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, 1933, pp. 13-20.

The general index number fell from 1924 to 1928, especially from 1926 to 1928, recovered strongly in 1929 but declined rapidly to reach the record low of 40.4 for