

**37.—Index Numbers of Producers' Prices of Agricultural Commodities, for Canada, 1915-37—concluded.**

Field Crop.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936. <sup>1</sup>	1937. <sup>2</sup>
Wheat.....	100.0	91.7	73.4	96.3	44.9	34.9	32.1	44.9	56.0	56.0	86.2	91.7
Oats.....	100.0	106.3	97.9	122.9	50.0	50.0	39.6	54.2	66.7	50.0	89.6	89.6
Barley.....	100.0	126.9	107.7	113.5	38.5	50.0	44.2	57.7	90.4	55.8	132.7	98.1
Rye.....	100.0	106.5	102.6	109.1	26.0	36.4	35.1	49.3	63.6	35.1	90.9	94.8
Peas.....	100.0	100.6	105.7	117.7	84.0	48.0	48.6	57.1	60.0	62.3	92.6	96.0
Beans.....	100.0	87.9	135.2	125.0	86.0	26.1	20.8	37.5	50.4	55.3	77.3	46.6
Buckwheat.....	100.0	102.3	106.9	108.0	74.7	57.5	49.4	57.5	60.9	58.6	81.6	81.6
Mixed grains.....	100.0	109.0	107.8	115.2	63.6	56.1	50.0	60.6	62.1	54.5	84.8	77.3
Flaxseed.....	100.0	95.7	98.1	146.9	58.0	48.8	38.3	74.1	71.0	73.5	88.9	93.2
Corn for husking.....	100.0	99.0	112.0	106.0	87.0	42.0	45.0	59.0	65.0	45.0	70.0	61.0
Potatoes.....	100.0	79.6	54.4	108.2	56.5	29.2	42.9	52.4	34.0	54.4	77.6	43.5
Turnips, etc.....	100.0	76.7	78.3	88.3	73.3	46.7	45.0	56.7	51.7	53.3	58.3	55.0
Hay and clover.....	100.0	85.8	85.5	96.0	81.0	62.8	58.5	72.3	96.9	62.8	63.1	61.6
Grain hay.....	100.0	100.0	99.7	95.0	66.6	60.6	58.8	67.9	70.4	60.5	63.4	61.6
Alfalfa.....	100.0	90.5	86.5	94.1	91.1	78.0	64.5	69.5	95.3	51.8	69.1	60.5
Fodder corn.....	100.0	91.6	96.1	106.2	101.0	81.4	56.4	67.2	84.4	68.0	69.3	63.1
Sugar beets.....	100.0	120.8	112.4	119.2	106.5	94.9	96.6	93.6	87.4	84.3	80.0	92.9
<b>All Field Crops..</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>76.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Most of the figures for 1936 have been revised since the publication of the 1937 Year Book.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to revision.

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 43.1 for the 1932 crops. All the crops contributed to this sharp decline, although the grain crops dependent upon overseas markets suffered the most. The forage crops and sugar beets, which are used within the country, held up well in price, partly owing to the fact that climatic conditions did not favour high yields in these years.

During the next two years there was considerable improvement in the prices of these field crops. Fodder and hay prices rose materially because of short crops and good demand. The general index rose from 43.1 in 1932 to 67.4 in 1934. The decline to 55.9 in 1935 was mainly due to increased production and consequent lower prices of coarse grains and forage crops, while sharply increased prices, especially for the grain crops, brought the index up to 80.9 for 1936, the highest point since 1929.

#### Subsection 9.—Agricultural Statistics of the Census.

A summary of the more important agricultural statistics compiled from the Census of 1931 was published at pp. 295-301 of the 1934-35 edition of the Year Book. The review included statistics of tenure of farms; farm values; mortgage indebtedness; farm expenditures; farm population; farm workers; and cost of labour, farm machinery, and facilities. In the 1937 edition of the Year Book, further statistics were presented at pp. 270-273 which showed for the Prairie Provinces, comparative figures of population, farm holdings, areas, and values, the condition of farm land, the numbers of live stock, and the acreages of the principal crops, for each of the census years 1936, 1931, 1926, 1921, and 1911.

#### Subsection 10.—Miscellaneous Agricultural Statistics.

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