

The preliminary estimate of the current value of farm capital in Canada for 1937 is \$4,722,583,000 as compared with the revised estimates of \$4,626,161,000 for 1936; \$4,712,391,000 for 1935; \$4,464,147,000 for 1934; \$4,443,159,000 for 1933; and \$4,515,944,000 for 1932.

Subsection 2.—Acreages, Yields, and Values of Field Crops.

The Chief Field Crops of the Latest Ten Years.—In Table 3 will be found a summary statement of the acreages, yields, and values of wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed, potatoes, hay and clover, and alfalfa for the latest ten years.

A rapid increase in the acreage of field crops was a characteristic of the pre-war and the war periods, when settlement of the western plains occurred. During the latest ten years acreages have been relatively stable for wheat and oats. Fluctuations in the areas devoted to barley, rye, and flax have been quite marked as changes in the prices of these crops encouraged or discouraged production. Hay and clover acreage has shown a tendency to decline, but an upward trend in alfalfa acreage has occurred, due to the development of seed-producing areas in Western Canada. Successive droughts in the West have considerably reduced production of the principal grain crops from 1933 to 1937, and thus the data given in the table do not reflect the average productive capacity of the areas sown to each crop.

3.—Acreages, Yields, and Values of Principal Crops Grown in Canada, 1929-38.

NOTE.—Comparative figures for the years 1908-28 are given in the Canada Year Book, 1929, pp. 230-232. The total value for wheat for 1912 should be \$139,090,000 instead of \$19,090,000. For certain figures for earlier years on acreage, yield, and value see Statistical Summary of the Progress of Canada at the beginning of this volume.

Crop and Year.	Area.	Yield per Acre.	Total Yield.	Average Price.	Total Value.	Crop and Year.	Area.	Yield per Acre.	Total Yield.	Average Price.	Total Value.
	'000 acres.	bu.	'000 bu.	\$ per bu.	'\$000		'000 acres.	bu.	'000 bu.	\$ per bu.	'\$000
Wheat—						Barley—					
1929.....	25,255	12.1	304,520	1.05	319,715	1929.....	5,926	17.3	102,313	0.59	60,505
1930.....	24,898	16.9	420,672	0.49	204,693	1930.....	5,559	24.3	135,160	0.20	27,254
1931.....	26,355	12.2	321,325	0.38	123,550	1931.....	3,791	17.8	67,333	0.26	17,465
1932.....	27,182	16.3	443,061	0.35	154,760	1932.....	3,758	21.5	80,773	0.23	18,855
1933.....	25,991	10.8	281,892	0.49	136,958	1933.....	3,658	17.3	63,359	0.30	18,954
1934.....	23,955	11.5	275,849	0.61	169,631	1934.....	3,613	17.6	63,742	0.47	29,975
1935.....	24,116	11.7	281,935	0.61	173,065	1935.....	3,887	21.6	83,975	0.29	24,465
1936.....	25,605	8.6	219,218	0.94	205,327	1936.....	4,438	16.2	71,922	0.69	49,512
1937.....	25,570	7.0	180,210 ¹	1.02	184,651	1937.....	4,331	19.2	83,124	0.51	42,020 ¹
1938.....	25,931	13.5	350,010	0.59	205,351	1938.....	4,454	23.0	102,242	0.28	28,383
Oats—						Rye—					
1929.....	12,479	22.7	282,838	0.59	168,017	1929.....	992	13.3	13,161	0.84	11,095
1930.....	13,259	31.9	423,148	0.24	102,919	1930.....	1,448	15.2	22,019	0.20	4,402
1931.....	12,838	25.6	328,278	0.24	77,970	1931.....	799	6.7	5,322	0.28	1,476
1932.....	13,148	29.8	391,561	0.19	75,958	1932.....	774	10.9	8,470	0.27	2,284
1933.....	13,529	22.7	307,478	0.26	79,818	1933.....	583	7.2	4,177	0.33	1,603
1934.....	13,731	23.4	321,120	0.32	103,124	1934.....	685	6.9	4,706	0.49	2,325
1935.....	14,096	28.0	394,348	0.24	93,409	1935.....	720	13.4	9,606	0.27	2,634
1936.....	13,238	20.5	271,778	0.43	116,267	1936.....	625	6.8	4,281	0.70	2,980
1937.....	13,049	20.6	268,442	0.43	114,093 ¹	1937.....	894	6.5	5,771	0.72	4,152 ¹
1938.....	13,010	28.5	371,382	0.24	89,600	1938.....	741	14.8	10,988	0.28	3,094

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1938 Year Book.