

The production in 1936-37 of raw beet sugar in the principal beet-growing countries, in thousands of short tons, was as follows: U.S.S.R., 2,203; Germany, 1,992; United States, 1,396; France, 960; Czechoslovakia, 801; United Kingdom, 650; Poland, 505; Italy, 380; Sweden, 330; Belgium, 286; Netherlands, 259; Denmark, 249; Spain, 249; Austria, 161; Hungary, 158; Yugoslavia, 110; Irish Free State, 107.

Tobacco.—The 1938 commercial crop of Canadian leaf tobacco is estimated at 98,427,900 lb., the largest crop on record in the history of the industry. This represents an increase of 26,334,500 lb. over the 1937 crop estimated at 72,093,400 lb. and is more than double the average production of the ten-year period 1927-1936.

The rapid expansion in the industry has been due almost entirely to the phenomenal increase in the production of flue-cured tobacco, particularly in Ontario where production of this type increased from 6,229,800 lb. grown on 7,550 acres in 1927 to 73,500,000 lb. on 61,500 acres in 1938. On the other hand, burley tobacco has shown wide fluctuations during the same period with production in 1938 amounting to only 10,657,700 lb. as compared with the peak production of 22,385,000 lb. in 1927.

The 1938 crop has a gross farm value estimated at \$19,563,000 as compared with \$17,139,200 in 1937 and \$9,374,100 in 1936. The values used in these estimates are based on average farm prices. As a result of unfavourable marketing conditions and a sharp break in prices in 1931 values reached very low levels in 1932. Prices rose steadily during the next five years, partly as the result of increased prices for all types of tobacco but particularly due to the rapid expansion in the production of flue-cured tobacco, which commands a higher price than other types. Owing to the very large crop in 1938 and high stocks on hand from the heavy production in the previous year, prices paid for the 1938 crop were generally lower than the corresponding prices in 1937.

29.—Acreage, Production, and Value of the Commercial Crop of Leaf Tobacco in Canada, representative years, 1900-38.

Year.	Planted Area.	Average Yield.	Total Production.	Average Farm Price.	Gross Farm Value.
	acres.	lb. per acre.	lb.	cts. per lb.	\$
1900 ¹	11,906	946	11,267,000	2	2
1910 ¹	15,928	931	17,632,000	2	2
1913.....	11,600	1,136	12,500,000	2	2
1914.....	9,750	1,028	10,000,000	2	2
1916.....	5,891	1,008	5,943,000	2	2
1917.....	7,630	1,071	8,495,000	2	2
1918.....	13,403	1,062	14,232,000	2	2
1919.....	31,586	1,069	33,770,000	46-0	15,548,000
1920.....	53,114	905	48,088,500	12-3	5,893,275
1921.....	11,809	1,122	13,249,000	18-0	2,393,190
1922.....	25,762	1,007	25,947,600	17-0	4,547,851
1923.....	23,932	890	21,297,000	16-0	3,518,500
1924.....	21,317	878	18,710,700	23-3	4,358,900
1925.....	27,825	1,052	29,266,000	23-9	7,004,600
1927.....	44,628	985	43,828,700	20-5	8,978,500
1928.....	43,138	973	41,955,800	16-2	6,811,800
1930.....	41,444	856	36,716,400	19-5	7,163,000
1931.....	54,936	933	51,248,400	13-8	7,105,200
1932.....	53,966	1,000	53,987,000	11-5	6,178,200
1934.....	40,962	946	38,734,900	18-6	7,218,300
1935.....	47,117	1,177	55,470,400	19-6	10,870,100
1936.....	54,993	830	46,116,300	20-3	9,374,100
1937.....	69,028	1,044	72,093,400	23-8	17,140,200
1938.....	33,745	1,175	98,427,900	19-9	19,563,000

¹ Census returns which include total tobacco crop.

² Not available.