

39.—Index Numbers of Producers' Prices of Agricultural Commodities, for Canada, crop years, 1916-17 to 1938-39.

NOTE.—Average price, 1926-27 = 100. For the formulae used in the calculation, see Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, January, 1939, p. 30.

Field Crop.	Average Price 1926-1	Index Numbers.										
		1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
Wheat.....	\$ 1.09	120.2	178.0	185.3	217.4	148.6	74.3	78.0	61.5	111.9	112.8	100.0
Oats.....	0.48	106.3	143.8	182.5	186.7	110.4	70.8	79.2	68.8	102.1	87.5	100.0
Barley.....	0.52	158.8	207.7	192.3	236.5	159.6	90.4	88.5	80.8	134.6	101.9	100.0
Rye.....	0.77	142.9	210.4	193.5	181.1	172.7	93.5	75.3	83.6	128.6	100.0	100.0
Peas.....	1.75	128.9	202.3	170.9	163.4	138.3	112.0	105.1	98.3	100.0	94.3	100.0
Beans.....	2.64	204.6	282.2	204.9	169.7	147.0	109.8	108.0	100.8	104.9	97.7	100.0
Buckwheat.....	0.87	123.0	167.8	181.6	172.4	147.1	102.3	96.6	96.6	102.3	97.7	100.0
Mixed grains.....	0.68	133.3	175.8	172.7	206.1	136.4	93.8	90.9	89.4	107.6	98.5	100.0
Flaxseed.....	1.62	125.9	163.6	193.2	254.9	119.8	88.9	106.2	109.3	119.8	114.2	100.0
Corn for husking.....	1.00	167.0	184.0	175.0	134.0	116.0	83.0	83.0	92.0	119.0	94.0	100.0
Potatoes.....	1.47	81.8	115.0	110.9	107.5	110.2	87.1	61.2	89.4	57.8	140.1	100.0
Turnips, etc.....	0.60	130.0	153.3	141.7	163.3	138.3	111.7	90.0	98.3	73.3	93.3	100.0
Hay and clover.....	12.13	95.6	85.2	134.0	170.8	215.2	194.2	111.0	91.4	91.3	85.3	100.0
Grain hay.....	10.11	80.4	81.0	134.1	164.3	178.8	150.0	96.0	87.1	88.0	95.6	100.0
Alfalfa.....	13.30	80.4	87.1	134.1	164.3	178.8	150.0	96.0	87.1	88.0	95.6	100.0
Fodder corn.....	4.83	100.8	105.3	126.0	141.8	158.8	144.5	101.8	94.7	104.9	82.6	100.0
Sugar beets.....	6.45	96.1	104.7	158.9	168.4	198.4	100.8	122.2	100.5	105.3	94.3	100.0
All Field Crops.....	-	106.7	138.7	158.5	178.7	149.3	101.1	86.6	72.4	102.3	102.1	100.0

Field Crop.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39. ^a
Wheat.....	91.7	73.4	96.3	44.9	34.9	32.1	44.9	56.0	86.2	93.6	93.6	54.1
Oats.....	106.3	97.9	122.9	50.0	50.0	39.6	54.2	66.7	50.0	89.6	89.6	50.0
Barley.....	126.9	107.7	113.5	38.5	50.0	44.2	57.7	90.4	55.8	132.7	98.1	53.8
Rye.....	106.5	102.6	109.1	26.0	36.4	35.1	49.3	63.6	35.1	90.9	93.5	36.4
Peas.....	100.6	105.7	117.7	84.0	48.0	48.6	57.1	60.0	62.3	92.6	96.0	88.6
Beans.....	87.9	135.2	125.0	86.0	26.1	26.8	37.5	50.4	55.3	77.3	46.6	42.0
Buckwheat.....	162.3	106.9	108.0	74.7	57.5	49.4	57.5	60.9	53.6	81.6	82.8	67.8
Mixed grains.....	109.0	107.8	115.2	63.6	56.1	50.0	60.6	62.1	54.5	84.8	77.3	59.1
Flaxseed.....	95.7	98.1	146.9	58.0	48.8	38.3	74.1	71.0	73.5	88.9	91.4	70.4
Corn for husking.....	99.0	112.0	106.0	87.0	42.0	45.0	59.0	65.0	45.0	70.0	64.0	47.0
Potatoes.....	79.6	54.4	108.2	56.5	29.2	42.9	52.4	34.0	54.4	77.6	42.9	51.0
Turnips, etc.....	76.7	78.3	88.3	73.3	46.7	45.0	56.7	51.7	53.3	58.3	53.3	53.3
Hay and clover.....	85.8	85.5	96.0	81.0	62.8	58.5	72.3	96.9	62.8	63.1	62.1	57.4
Grain hay.....	100.0	99.7	95.0	66.6	60.6	58.3	67.9	70.4	60.5	63.4	61.6	43.2
Alfalfa.....	90.5	86.5	94.1	91.1	78.0	64.5	69.5	95.3	51.2	69.1	60.0	58.5
Fodder corn.....	91.6	96.1	106.2	101.0	81.4	56.4	67.2	84.4	68.0	69.3	63.1	57.6
Sugar beets.....	120.8	112.4	119.2	106.5	94.9	96.6	93.6	87.4	84.3	80.0	92.9	91.9
All Field Crops.....	96.5	84.6	104.9	57.8	46.9	43.1	55.7	67.4	55.9	80.9	77.2	52.9

^a Prices 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, 1939, pp. 31-37. ^b Not available. ^c 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 this year.

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