

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

**Chief Field Crops of the Latest Ten Years.**—During the latest ten years acreages sown to oats have been relatively stable but wheat acreages have shown considerable variation, ranging from 24,000,000 acres in 1934 to a record area of 28,700,000 acres in 1940. 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, owing to the development of seed-producing areas in Western Canada. Successive droughts in the West considerably reduced production of the principal grain crops from 1933 to 1938, but in 1939 and 1940 the average yield of wheat exceeded the long-time average.

## 6.—Acreages, Production and Values of Principal Crops Grown in Canada, 1931-40, with Long-Time Averages

NOTE.—Comparative figures for the years 1908-28 are given in the Canada Year Book, 1929, pp. 230-232 and for 1929-30 in the Canada Year Book, 1939, pp. 203-204. The total value for wheat for 1912, as shown in the 1929 Year Book, should be \$139,090,000 instead of \$19,090,000. For certain figures for earlier years on acreage, production and value, see Statistical Summary of the Progress of Canada at the beginning of this volume. For the majority of crops, the long-time average covers the years 1908-30.

Crop and Year	Area	Yield per Acre	Pro-duction	Average Price	Total Value	Crop and Year	Area	Yield per Acre	Pro-duction	Average Price	Total Value
	'000 acres	bu.	'000 bu.	\$ per bu.	\$'000		'000 acres	bu.	'000 bu.	\$ per bu.	\$'000
<b>Wheat—</b>						<b>Rye—</b>					
Long-time average..	17,244	17.1	295,929	1.02	302,751	Long-time average..	650	16.1	10,042	0.78	7,791
1931.....	26,355	12.2	321,325	0.38	123,550	1931.....	799	6.7	5,322	0.28	1,476
1932.....	27,182	16.3	443,061	0.35	154,760	1932.....	774	10.9	8,470	0.27	2,284
1933.....	25,991	10.8	281,892	0.49	136,958	1933.....	583	7.2	4,177	0.38	1,603
1934.....	23,985	11.5	275,849	0.61	169,631	1934.....	685	6.9	4,706	0.49	2,325
1935.....	24,116	11.7	281,935	0.61	173,065	1935.....	720	13.4	9,606	0.27	2,634
1936.....	25,605	8.6	219,218	0.94	205,327	1936.....	625	6.8	4,281	0.70	2,980
1937.....	25,570	7.0	180,210	1.02	184,651	1937.....	894	6.5	5,771	0.72	4,152
1938.....	25,931	13.9	360,010	0.59	211,265	1938.....	741	14.8	10,988	0.29	3,147
1939.....	26,757	18.3	520,623 <sup>1</sup>	0.54 <sup>1</sup>	282,151 <sup>1</sup>	1939.....	1,102	13.9	15,307	0.42 <sup>1</sup>	6,423 <sup>1</sup>
1940.....	28,726	19.2	551,390	0.51	283,269	1940.....	1,035	13.5	13,994	0.30	4,184
<b>Oats—</b>						<b>Buckwheat—</b>					
Long-time average..	12,401	32.3	401,083	0.46	183,042	Long-time average..	412	22.4	9,245	0.91	8,377
1931.....	12,838	25.6	328,278	0.24	77,970	1931.....	336	20.6	6,917	0.50	3,454
1932.....	13,148	29.8	391,561	0.19	75,988	1932.....	368	22.9	8,424	0.43	3,585
1933.....	13,529	22.7	307,478	0.26	79,818	1933.....	398	21.3	8,483	0.50	4,233
1934.....	13,731	23.4	321,120	0.32	103,124	1934.....	407	21.2	8,635	0.53	4,572
1935.....	14,096	28.0	394,348	0.24	93,409	1935.....	380	20.9	7,949	0.51	4,017
1936.....	13,288	20.5	271,778	0.43	116,267	1936.....	397	21.7	8,596	0.71	6,088
1937.....	13,049	20.6	268,442	0.43	114,093	1937.....	396	19.6	7,745	0.72	5,592
1938.....	13,010	28.5	371,382	0.24	89,335	1938.....	376	18.8	7,079	0.58	4,098
1939.....	12,790	30.1	384,407	0.30 <sup>1</sup>	114,843 <sup>1</sup>	1939.....	335	20.4	6,848	0.60	4,103 <sup>1</sup>
1940.....	12,298	30.9	380,526	0.26	98,800	1940.....	326	20.5	6,692	0.54	3,586
<b>Barley—</b>						<b>Flaxseed—</b>					
Long-time average..	2,783	25.2	70,152	0.59	41,499	Long-time average..	822	8.8	7,300	1.63	11,891
1931.....	3,791	17.8	67,383	0.26	17,465	1931.....	648	3.8	2,465	0.79	1,944
1932.....	3,758	21.5	80,773	0.23	18,855	1932.....	462	5.9	2,719	0.62	1,682
1933.....	3,658	17.3	63,359	0.30	18,954	1933.....	244	2.6	632	1.20	756
1934.....	3,613	17.6	63,742	0.47	29,975	1934.....	227	4.0	910	1.15	1,049
1935.....	3,887	21.6	83,975	0.29	24,465	1935.....	307	5.4	1,667	1.19	1,991
1936.....	4,438	16.2	71,922	0.69	49,512	1936.....	477	3.8	1,795	1.44	2,588
1937.....	4,331	19.2	83,124	0.51	42,020	1937.....	241	3.2	775	1.48	1,148
1938.....	4,454	23.0	102,242	0.28	28,446	1938.....	210	6.0	1,259	1.13	1,420
1939.....	4,347	23.7	103,147	0.34 <sup>1</sup>	35,424 <sup>1</sup>	1939.....	298	6.9	2,044	1.41 <sup>1</sup>	2,886 <sup>1</sup>
1940.....	4,342	24.0	104,256	0.30	30,952	1940.....	397	8.0	3,189	1.11	3,525

<sup>1</sup> Revised since the publication of the 1940 Year Book.