

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

After a period of relatively stable acreages sown to various grain crops, sharp changes occurred in 1941. The Wheat Acreage Reduction Program which operated in Western Canada in 1941 brought about a marked reduction in the acreage seeded to wheat, while acreages to oats, barley and flaxseed were substantially increased. No great change occurred in the areas under rye and buckwheat. Increased acreages to hay and clover, and alfalfa were also recorded in 1941, particularly in the Prairie Provinces. Successive droughts in the West considerably reduced production of the principal grain crops from 1933 to 1938 but, in 1939 and 1940, average yields approached or exceeded the long-time average. Unfavourable weather conditions in 1941 resulted in reduced yields per acre for most crops.

In the latest year, viz., 1941, the acreages under field crops decreased by 4.0 p.c. and the value of the crops decreased by 4.3 p.c., as indicated by the figures of Table 6.

The statistics of the principal field crops, shown in Table 7, have been augmented by the addition of a five-year average covering the years 1935-39. For the Dominion as a whole, barley, buckwheat and grain hay are the only crops showing a production under the average. The increase in the amount of flax grown for seed is particularly noticeable.

6.—Acreages and Values of Field Crops in Canada, by Provinces, 1936-41

NOTE.—For earlier figures, see Statistical Summary at the beginning of this volume.

Province	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940 ¹	1941
	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Acreages—						
Prince Edward Island	483,200	490,300	484,400	479,300	505,500	494,100
Nova Scotia	551,400	548,100	549,200	551,900	556,700	551,600
New Brunswick	921,300	907,300	903,600	901,600	908,000	878,800
Quebec	6,018,400	6,042,300	6,103,300	6,142,100	6,088,100	5,995,400
Ontario	9,118,900	9,037,000	9,077,300	9,084,500	9,158,700	9,129,400
Manitoba	6,081,100	6,421,600	6,897,500	6,863,300	6,999,900	7,342,100
Saskatchewan	21,757,350	20,483,600	19,960,300	20,749,200	21,919,700	20,314,800
Alberta	12,743,150	13,409,000	13,582,500	13,942,600	14,238,800	13,259,500
British Columbia	472,050	487,700	501,400	510,100	520,500	514,400
Totals, Acreages	58,146,850	57,826,900	58,059,500	58,224,600	60,895,900	58,480,100
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Values—						
Prince Edward Island	10,693,000	7,706,000	9,113,000	10,798,000	8,874,000	9,484,000
Nova Scotia	13,593,000	10,811,000	11,129,000	13,145,000	13,778,000	16,056,000
New Brunswick	18,396,000	14,149,000	17,064,000	20,641,000	21,336,000	24,315,000
Quebec	91,276,000	81,629,000	86,477,000	92,740,000	95,071,000	119,442,000
Ontario	166,284,000	149,100,000	131,569,000	156,115,000	149,479,000	172,470,000
Manitoba	50,401,000	90,112,000	54,208,000	60,283,000	61,067,000	81,105,000
Saskatchewan	141,793,400	51,850,000	104,752,000	190,827,000	176,078,000	117,117,000
Alberta	103,603,000	134,429,000	122,148,000	126,947,000	136,572,000	93,630,000
British Columbia	16,261,000	16,436,000	13,609,000	14,343,000	14,427,000	14,231,000
Totals, Values	612,306,400	556,222,000	550,069,000	685,839,000	676,682,000	647,850,000

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1941 Year Book.