

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

Emphasis was placed on the production of feed grain crops in 1942 and again in 1943. Canadian farmers responded to the objectives set at the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference, and notable increases in acreage seeded to oats, barley and other crops took place. The wheat acreage did not change much in 1942, but in 1943 it was reduced to 17,500,000 acres, its lowest level since 1918. Payments were made under the Wheat Acreage Reduction Act to those farmers who utilized wheat acreage for the production of more essential crops.

Substantial increases were made also in the acreage devoted to the production of flaxseed, while in 1943 acreage was set aside in Western Canada for the production of sunflower seed and rapeseed, both oil-producing crops of high value and urgently required. The area under summerfallow in Western Canada continued at a high level, although somewhat reduced from the record figure of 23,000,000 acres in 1941, the first year in which payments were made for wheat acreage reduction.

Tremendous crops of grain were produced in 1942, one of the best seasons on record, but in 1943 which was a very poor season, the output was smaller in Eastern Canada and patchy in the west. Cold, wet weather in the eastern provinces prevented seeding in many areas, while in the prairie sections losses were incurred through drought and insect damage.

The total gross farm value of all the field crops produced on 60,345,600 acres in 1943 was \$1,104,065,000 compared with \$1,179,073,000, the estimated value of crops produced on 60,809,200 acres in 1942.

6.—Acreages and Values of Field Crops in Canada, by Provinces, 1938-43

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

Province	1938	1939	1940	1941 ¹	1942	1943
	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Acreages—						
Prince Edward Island . . .	484,400	479,300	505,500	465,900	475,600	472,000
Nova Scotia	549,200	551,900	556,700	509,900	519,600	536,200
New Brunswick	903,600	901,600	908,000	871,200	932,700	984,500
Quebec	6,103,300	6,142,100	6,088,100	6,380,200	6,599,900	6,750,700
Ontario	9,077,300	9,084,500	9,158,700	9,094,900	9,220,000	7,958,100
Manitoba	6,897,500	6,863,300	6,999,900	6,413,100	6,708,000	6,804,100
Saskatchewan	19,960,300	20,749,200	21,919,700	19,650,000	22,182,300	23,088,200
Alberta	13,582,500	13,942,600	14,238,800	12,885,600	13,625,500	13,216,900
British Columbia	501,400	510,100	520,500	517,600	545,300	534,900
Totals, Acreages	58,059,500	59,224,600	60,895,900	56,788,400	60,809,200	60,345,600
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Values—						
Prince Edward Island . . .	9,113,000	10,798,000	8,874,000	11,098,000	14,406,000	14,753,000
Nova Scotia	11,129,000	13,145,000	13,778,000	15,343,000	16,473,000	18,649,000
New Brunswick	17,064,000	20,641,000	21,336,000	26,806,000	30,320,000	39,890,000
Quebec	86,477,000	92,740,000	95,071,000	131,407,000	144,796,000	148,317,000
Ontario	131,569,000	156,115,000	149,479,000	181,479,000	219,910,000	174,051,000
Manitoba	54,208,000	60,283,000	61,067,000	74,402,000	117,593,000	141,490,000
Saskatchewan	104,752,000	190,827,000	176,078,000	127,342,000	378,210,000	343,233,000
Alberta	122,148,000	126,947,000	136,572,000	101,834,000	239,121,000	201,426,000
British Columbia	13,609,000	14,343,000	14,427,000	14,178,000	18,244,000	22,256,000
Totals, Values	550,069,000	685,839,000	676,682,000	683,889,000	1,179,073,000	1,104,065,000

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1942 Year Book.