

Tobacco.—For some years prior to the War the acreage planted to tobacco steadily increased although production fluctuated owing to weather and other conditions. The peak was reached in 1939 when the highest acreage was planted yielding the highest production. In 1940, owing to difficulties due to the War, exports dropped, as did farm prices, and there was a sudden decline in acreage and production.

In the following two years the rising price to growers resulted in increased acreages but in 1943, because of unfavourable weather conditions at the time of planting, restrictions on supplies of fertilizer, and difficulty in obtaining sufficient labour the acreage was again reduced. There was also a lower yield per acre consequent on this lack of fertilizer and a heavy September frost. The farm price, however, was the highest for many years. This price, together with the recommendations of the Dominion-Provincial Conference on Agricultural Objectives and an improved fertilizer situation, resulted in the highest acreage and production in 1944 since 1939.

The demand for tobacco has improved in the later years of the War due to increased supplies to the troops overseas, to fuller employment with its greater distribution of money and to augmented exports.

35.—Acreages, Production and Values of the Commercial Crop of Leaf Tobacco in Canada, 1938-44

NOTE.—Figures for representative years 1900-28 are given at p. 228 of the 1939 Year Book, and for the years 1929-37 at p. 225 of the 1940 Year Book.

Year	Planted Area	Average Yield per Acre	Total Production	Average Farm Price per Pound	Gross Farm Value
	acres	lb.	lb.	cts.	\$
1938.....	83,575	1,213	101,394,600	20.0	20,269,700
1939.....	92,300	1,167	107,703,400	18.1	19,443,800
1940.....	67,880	943	64,019,600	17.3	11,086,300
1941.....	70,560	1,335	94,182,500	20.5	19,337,500
1942.....	78,730	1,139	89,699,400	24.0	21,539,100
1943.....	71,140	971	69,103,900	28.4	19,640,200
1944 ¹	88,844	1,186	105,410,000	29.4	31,031,100

¹ Subject to revision.

36.—Acreages, Production and Values of the Commercial Crop of Leaf Tobacco in Canada, by Provinces, 1938-44

Year	Quebec			Ontario			British Columbia		
	Planted Area	Pro-duction	Value	Planted Area	Pro-duction	Value	Planted Area	Pro-duction	Value
	acres	'000 lb.	\$	acres	'000 lb.	\$	acres	'000 lb.	\$
1938.....	9,980	10,900	1,157,000	73,215	90,099	19,057,400	380	395	55,300
1939.....	14,330	13,221	1,655,500	77,660	94,162	17,741,900	310	320	46,400
1940.....	13,980	13,144	1,679,400	53,450	50,368	9,307,900	450	508	99,000
1941.....	12,470	9,541	1,154,600	57,450	83,875	18,042,700	640	766	140,200
1942.....	10,540	9,474	1,530,200	67,830	79,852	19,934,300	360	373	74,600
1943 ¹	7,580	6,512	1,472,900	63,340	62,325	18,104,600	220	267	63,700
1944 ²	8,984	8,972	2,406,200	79,708	96,295	28,586,800	152	143	38,100

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1943-44 Year Book.

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