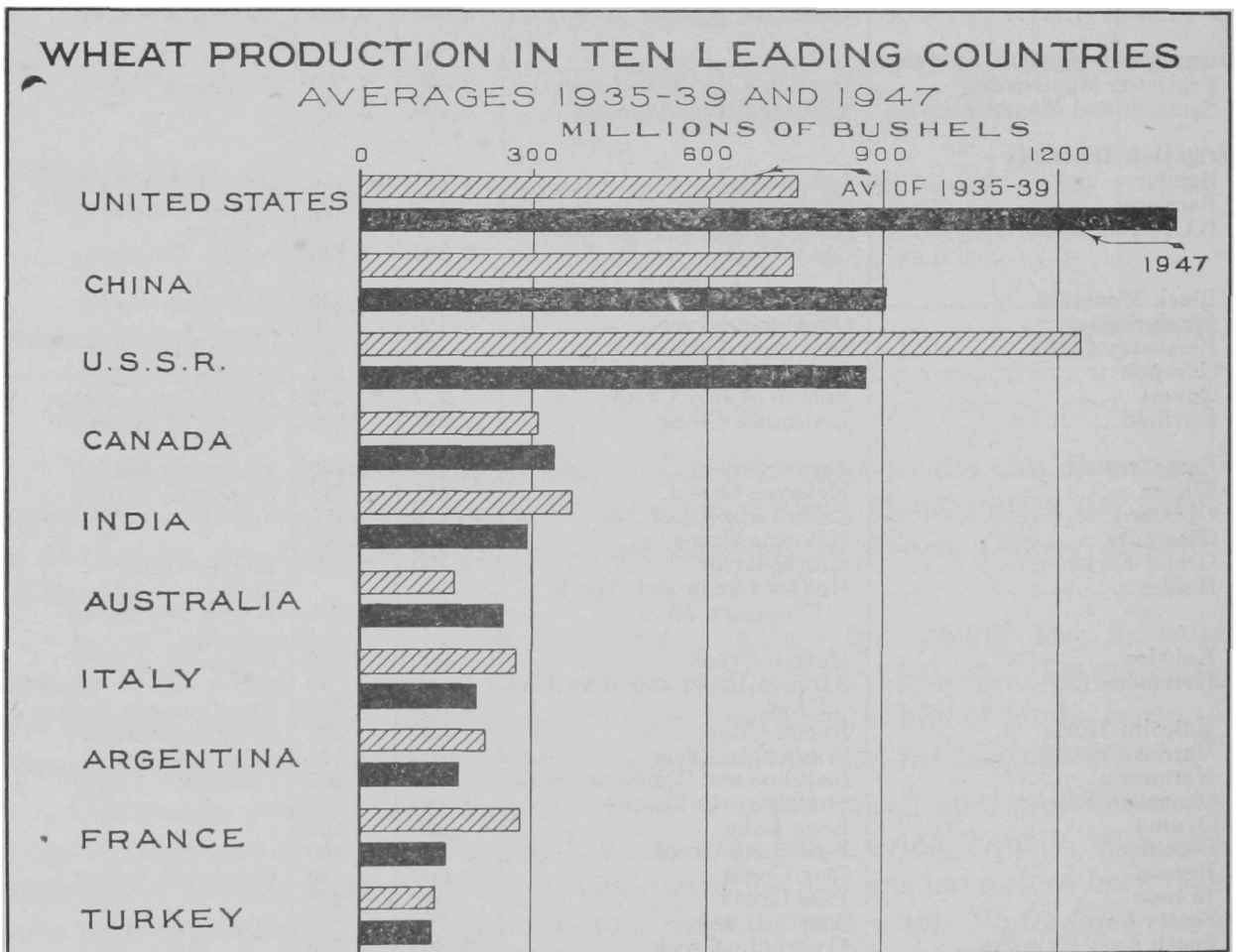


Subsection 12.—International Agricultural Statistics

The following tables are summarized from statistics published by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, United States Department of Agriculture, and give, by leading countries of the world, the acreages and production of wheat for the harvests of 1946 and 1947, oats, barley and corn for 1947, with averages for the years 1935-39.

North America was the world's leading producer of wheat, in both 1946 and 1947, with about 28 p.c. and 30 p.c., respectively, of total world production. The United States alone produced 20 p.c. of the total in 1946 and 24.4 p.c. in 1947. Although a large exporter of wheat, Canada produced only 7 p.c. and 6 p.c. of the world's total in the respective years. In 1947, China, which held first place in Asia, was second in world production of wheat with 15.7 p.c. of total production followed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics with 15.2 p.c.

Acreages sown to wheat in 1947 showed the slight increase of 3 p.c. over those of the previous year, total production increased by only 40,000,000 bushels.



The North American Continent also leads in world production of oats and corn in 1947, with the United States producing 32 p.c. of total oats and 52 p.c. of corn. Asia was the leading continent for world barley production with 29 p.c. of the total, China contributing 14.5 p.c. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States followed closely with 14.2 p.c. and 13.0 p.c.