

as high, have discouraged many growers who are now turning to more profitable enterprises. A recent development has been the sale of flax straw of oil varieties to firms in the United States where it is manufactured into cigarette paper.

36.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Flaxseed, Fibre and Tow, 1939-48

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1915-30 will be found at p. 284 of the 1934-35 Year Book, and for 1931-38 at p. 224 of the 1942 edition.

Year	Area	Production			Values			
		Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Total
		bu.	lb.	tons	\$	\$	\$	\$
1939	10,536	63,216	4,079,600	2,230	245,700	914,100	89,200	1,249,000
1940	20,275	81,300	5,977,500 ¹	1,027	345,925	1,315,050 ¹	65,600	1,726,575
1941	44,467	137,930	11,000,000 ¹	755	482,750	2,597,500 ¹	37,750	3,118,000
1942	47,070	195,915	9,312,000	875	439,827	2,528,228	33,645	3,001,700
1943	35,297	157,957	8,742,000 ²	815	631,828	1,970,400	48,900	2,651,128
1944	39,102	122,487	5,768,000	1,015	502,948	1,555,600	50,800	2,109,348
1945	21,557	68,747	6,000,000	650	343,700	1,775,000	42,300	2,161,000
1946	15,762	81,000	1,786,000	—	405,000	452,000	—	857,000
1947	11,003	50,000	1,852,000	—	300,000	482,000	—	782,000
1948	14,116	50,000	3,700,000	—	275,000	1,055,000	—	1,330,000

¹ Includes turbine tow.
previous processing year.

² Includes estimated production from 8,040 acres carried over from

Tobacco.—The tobacco acreage expanded rapidly during the years 1943 to 1947 under the influence of an almost unlimited domestic and overseas demand. The high point was reached in 1947 when 125,267 acres were harvested. Traditionally the United Kingdom is Canada's largest export market but, since the imposition of import restrictions by the United Kingdom, this market has been very uncertain. The currency controls were somewhat relaxed to permit the importation of 12,500,000 lb. of Canadian tobacco during the 1947-48 season and during the 1948-49 season \$7,000,000 of British funds were made available for tobacco purchases in Canada. Additional payments were made to growers in Ontario and British Columbia for grading and tying as follows: 1½ cents per lb. for flue-cured tobacco in Ontario in 1943; 1½ cents per lb. for flue-cured and burley in Ontario from 1944 to 1947, inclusive, and on dark for 1946 and 1947; and 2 cents per lb. on flue-cured, burley and dark tobacco in Ontario and on flue-cured in British Columbia for 1948.

37.—Acreages, Production and Values of the Commercial Crop of Leaf Tobacco, 1944-48

NOTE.—Figures for years prior to 1944 will be found in corresponding tables in previous editions of the Year Book.

Year	Harvested Area	Average Yield per Acre	Total Production	Average Farm Price per Pound	Gross Farm Value
	acres	lb.	lb.	cts.	\$
1944	88,495	1,191	105,415,500	29.4	31,001,900
1945	93,277	990	92,345,000	33.2	30,620,000
1946	110,358	1,281	141,384,000	35.0	49,472,000
1947	125,267	852	106,688,000	35.1	37,460,000
1948	110,590	1,145	126,629,000	39.7	50,272,000