

Subsection 14.—International Agricultural Statistics

The following tables are based on 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 1947 and 1948, oats, barley and corn for 1948, with averages for the years 1935-39.

North America was the world's leading producer of wheat, in both 1947 and 1948, with about 30 p.c. and 27 p.c., respectively, of the total world production. The United States alone produced nearly 24 p.c. of the total in 1947 and 20 p.c. in 1948. Although a large exporter of wheat, Canada produced only 5.9 p.c. and 6.1 p.c. of the world's total in the same two years.

In 1948 the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was the second largest producing country with 16 p.c. of total world production. China, which held first place in Asia, was third in world production of wheat in the same year with 14 p.c. of total production.

Acreages sown to wheat in 1948 showed a slight increase of 4 p.c. over those of the previous year and total production increased by 625,500,000 bu.

The North American Continent also led in world production of oats and corn in 1948 with the United States producing 35 p.c. of total oats and 61 p.c. of corn. Asia was the leading continent for world barley production with 26 p.c. of the total, China contributing 14 p.c. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States followed closely with 13.4 p.c. and 13.2 p.c., respectively.

47.—Estimated Acreages and Production of Wheat Harvested in 1947 and 1948 in Specified Countries, with Averages, 1935-39

Continent and Country	Acreages			Production		
	Average 1935-39	1947	1948	Average 1935-39	1947	1948
	'000 acres	'000 acres	'000 acres	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	'000 bu.
North America—						
Canada.....	25,595	24,260	24,106	312,399	341,758	393,345
Mexico.....	1,244	1,236	1,483	14,284	15,616	18,372
United States.....	57,293	74,389	71,904	758,629	1,367,186	1,288,406
Totals, North America¹..	84,000	99,940	97,550	1,086,000	1,724,560	1,701,000
Europe—						
Albania.....	99	130	..	1,507	2,000	..
Austria.....	630	495	520	15,942	9,700	11,000
Belgium.....	402	220	385	16,150	6,500	15,983
Bulgaria.....	3,362	3,680	..	69,080	..	..
Czechoslovakia.....	2,175	2,140	2,146	57,000	..	..
Denmark.....	319	60	171	14,470	2,000	9,333
Ireland.....	225	580	540	7,689	17,000	18,500
Finland.....	230	398	412	6,100	7,600	9,781
France.....	12,560	9,250	11,100	286,510	150,000	300,000
Germany.....	4,250	..	..	147,000	..	..
Greece.....	2,150	2,086	2,071	30,205	21,245	28,292
Hungary.....	4,091	3,100	..	91,210	46,000	..
Italy.....	12,577	11,500	11,860	278,366	205,000	250,000
Luxembourg.....	47	20	40	1,215	450	1,100
Netherlands.....	333	212	244	15,217	7,500	11,235
Norway.....	80	86	94	2,391	2,020	2,800
Poland.....	3,260	..	..	74,000	..	..
Portugal.....	1,227	1,636	1,605	16,092	12,860	12,000
Roumania.....	6,900	..	..	112,000	..	..
Spain.....	11,253	9,625	9,640	157,986	110,000	120,000
Sweden.....	740	723	780	26,351	14,660	25,316
Switzerland.....	183	225	220	6,050	6,360	8,000
United Kingdom.....	1,843	2,163	2,279	62,361	62,250	85,000
Yugoslavia.....	5,400	..	..	97,700	..	..
Totals, Europe¹.....	74,350	64,660	68,990	1,593,000	1,020,000	1,465,000
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Europe and Asia).....	104,000	73,000	95,000	1,240,000	850,000	1,025,000

¹For footnote, see end of table, p. 456.