

Subsection 3.—Field Crops

Total acreages of field crops in 1949 increased slightly over those of the previous year, most of the increase being in Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. The gross farm value of all major field crops produced in 1949 on Canadian farms amounted to \$1,420,300,000, 16 p.c. lower than the 1948 record for the series which was begun 41 years ago. The 1949 value, however, held well above the pre-war average and was just fractionally below the level attained in 1946.

12.—Acreages and Values of Field Crops, by Provinces, 1945-49, with Five-Year Averages, 1935-39

Province	1935-39	1945	1946	1947	1948 ^r	1949
ACREAGES						
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Prince Edward Island.....	482	467	476	485	488	489
Nova Scotia.....	552	560	547	544	524	509
New Brunswick.....	910	984	955	948	938	934
Quebec.....	6,044	6,759	6,505	6,390	6,370	6,424
Ontario.....	9,084	8,388	8,272	8,114	9,139	9,411
Manitoba.....	6,445	7,100	6,404	6,807	6,684	7,178
Saskatchewan.....	20,625	23,472	22,255	22,892	22,670	22,217
Alberta.....	13,426	14,474	13,637	13,967	13,530	14,037
British Columbia.....	487	578	591	629	596	628
Totals, Acreages.....	58,055	62,782	59,642	60,776	60,939	61,827¹
VALUES						
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Prince Edward Island.....	9,374	18,975	16,273	23,270	23,484	24,681
Nova Scotia.....	12,085	21,619	21,284	22,430	25,260	21,576
New Brunswick.....	16,958	37,251	32,471	44,178	37,921	32,129
Quebec.....	87,148	158,188	138,981	170,138	195,722	183,376
Ontario.....	147,031	233,480	249,587	282,239	378,378	343,940
Manitoba.....	57,990	150,372	172,887	177,388	212,676	172,158
Saskatchewan.....	121,773	393,875	437,130	439,602	438,552	369,792
Alberta.....	116,163	231,483	325,659	338,778	339,712	238,622
British Columbia.....	14,739	25,704	30,145	33,123	33,506	34,025
Totals, Values.....	583,261	1,270,947	1,424,417	1,531,146	1,685,211	1,420,299¹

¹ Figures are exclusive of Newfoundland.

Both production and yield of all major field crops in 1949 were below 1948 levels. In the cases of barley, rye and flaxseed, acreages seeded were also lower than those of 1948.

Wheat acreage was 27,500,000 in 1949, some 15 p.c. above the 1948 level of 23,900,000 acres. Production, however, dropped from 386,000,000 bu. in 1948 to 367,000,000 bu. in 1949. The acreage of oats in 1949 was 11,400,000 acres, slightly above the 11,200,000 acres seeded in 1948, but production decreased to 317,900,000 bu. from 358,800,000 bu. in 1948. With 1949 plantings of barley at 6,000,000 acres (down nearly 1,000,000 acres from 1948) and considerably lower yields, the 1949 outturn was only 120,400,000 bu. as against 155,000,000 bu. in 1948. Due to lower requirements, rye acreage in 1949 at 1,200,000 was little more than half that of the high 1948 level and production declined from 25,300,000 bu. in 1948 to 10,000,000 bu. in 1949. The near record acreage seeded to flaxseed in 1948 fell very sharply in