

Subsection 3.—Field Crops

The total area of principal field crops in 1950 was estimated at 62,297,000 acres, up slightly from 1949 and about 7 p.c. above the pre-war (1935-39) level. Production of the major grains in 1950 was well above that in 1949 but severe frost damage to western crops in the autumn of 1950 resulted in the marketing of large volumes of low-quality grain. Of the 1950 wheat crop only an estimated 34 p.c. graded No. 3 Northern or better, in contrast to approximately 85 p.c. of the 1949 crop qualifying for the same grades.

The gross value of production of principal field crops produced on Canadian farms in 1950, based on average prices received by farmers throughout the 1950-51 crop year, was estimated at a record \$1,854,463,000.

Acreage data for 1951 field crops are not published in the accompanying tables but may be found in the current publications of the 1951 Agricultural Census. Necessary revisions of intercensal data in Tables 14 to 17 are being prepared.

14.—Acreages and Values of Field Crops, by Provinces, 1947-50, with Five-Year Averages, 1935-39

Province	1935-39	1947	1948	1949	1950
	ACREAGES				
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Newfoundland.....	---	---	---	---	---
Prince Edward Island.....	482	486	487	489	498
Nova Scotia.....	552	545	524	509	505
New Brunswick.....	910	949	939	934	926
Quebec.....	6,044	6,395	6,369	6,424	6,362
Ontario.....	9,084	8,117	9,140	9,411	9,419
Manitoba.....	6,445	6,809	6,686	6,898	6,634
Saskatchewan.....	20,625	22,891	22,670	22,217	22,862
Alberta.....	13,426	13,966	13,530	14,351	14,431
British Columbia.....	487	630	596	630	660
Totals, Acreages.....	58,955	60,785	60,943	61,863	62,297
VALUES					
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Newfoundland.....	---	---	---	---	---
Prince Edward Island.....	9,374	23,270	23,484	25,526	20,330
Nova Scotia.....	12,085	22,430	25,260	22,472	23,877
New Brunswick.....	16,958	44,178	37,921	33,120	28,948
Quebec.....	87,148	170,138	195,722	193,361	211,802
Ontario.....	147,031	282,239	378,378	359,256	423,874
Manitoba.....	57,990	180,748	216,676	200,452	225,834
Saskatchewan.....	121,773	453,442	453,832	424,563	541,833
Alberta.....	116,163	347,178	348,912	283,865	347,491
British Columbia.....	14,739	33,360	33,703	34,780	30,474
Totals, Values.....	583,261	1,556,984	1,713,888	1,577,385	1,854,463