

38.—Estimated Production of Maple Sugar and Maple Syrup, by Province, 1948-52, with Average for 1943-47—concluded

Year	Maple Sugar			Maple Syrup			Total Value, Sugar and Syrup
	Quantity	Average Price per lb.	Value	Quantity	Average Price per gal.	Value	
	lb.	cts.	\$	gal.	\$	\$	\$
Totals—							
Av. 1943-47 ¹	2,504,000	29·7	743,000	2,347,000	3·07	7,202,000	7,945,000
1948.....	2,350,000	34·9	820,000	2,159,000	3·58	7,721,000	8,541,000
1949.....	1,787,000	36·7	656,000	2,306,000	3·67	8,470,000	9,126,000
1950.....	1,824,000	37·4	682,000	2,801,000	3·55	9,954,000	10,636,000
1951.....	1,649,000	39·6	653,000	2,144,000	3·69	7,902,000	8,555,000
1952.....	2,161,000	42·5	919,000	3,254,000	3·46	11,256,000	12,175,000

¹ Five-year average prices are derived from actual figures, but quantities and values are rounded to the nearest thousand.

Fibre Flax.—The demand for fibre flax was heavy during the war years when exports increased to many times the pre-war volume. After World War II, however, exports of fibre flax to Canada's principal market, the United Kingdom, dropped sharply and acreage devoted to this crop decreased; in 1950 it was at the lowest level since 1931. In 1951 there were some increases in both acreage and production. Flax is now grown commercially only in Ontario and Quebec.

39.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Flaxseed, Fibre and Tow, 1947-51, with Average for 1942-46

Year	Area	Production			Values			
		Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Total
	acres	bu.	lb.	tons	\$	\$	\$	\$
Av. 1942-46....	31,758	125,000	6,117,000	671	465,000	1,585,000	35,000	2,085,000
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
1949.....	7,518	36,000	1,948,000	29	179,000	350,000	2,000	531,000
1950.....	4,569	25,000	900,000	—	133,000	193,000	—	326,000
1951.....	7,555	42,000	2,400,000	—	210,000	512,000	—	722,000

Subsection 9.—Prices of Agricultural Produce

During 1952, the monthly index numbers of farm prices of agricultural products were lower than the corresponding figures for 1951, except in January. Higher prices during 1952 for potatoes, which kept the Maritime indices well above the 1951 levels, did not offset the lower prices received for live stock, dairy products, poultry and eggs in the national index. The annual average for the year at 270·4 was 9 p.c. below the record high of 296·9 reached in 1951 but was still higher than the index for any other year. It should be noted that the index number of 270·4 is