After registering a decrease in 1957-58, supplies of the five principal grains declined again in 1958-59, with reduced carryover more than offsetting a relatively small increase in total production. Reflecting the combined effect of smaller available supplies and expanded disappearance, total carryover stocks at July 31, 1959 were drawn down from the 1958 level.

The gross value of production of principal field crops on Canadian farms in 1957, based on average prices received by farmers throughout the 1957-58 crop year, was estimated at \$1,473,203,000. On the basis of partial price returns and reflecting reduced crop production, the 1958 value decreased slightly to \$1,460,983,000. These amounts were well below the record-breaking year of 1952 when the total reached \$2,306,397,000, and the 1951 total of \$2,120,301,000. Estimates of the value of the 1958 crops, based on average prices received by farmers during the complete crop year, will be published in one of the regularly scheduled DBS crop reports and in the Quarterly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics (Catalogue No. 21-003).

12.—Acreages, Yields and Prices of Principal Field Crops 1953-58, with Five-Year Average 1945-49

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—Some of the figures in this table have been revised since the publication of the 1959 Year Book.

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Crop and Year	Area	Yield per Acre	Pro- duction	Average Price	Total Value ¹	Crop and Year	Area	Yield per Acre	Pro- duction	Aver- age Price	Total Value ¹
	'000 acres	bu.	'000 bu.	\$ per bu.	\$'000	Mixed	'000 acres	bu.	'000 bu.	\$ per bu.	\$'000
Wheat— Av. 1945-49. 1953. 1954. 1955. 1956. 1957. 1958.	24,558 26,384 25,539 22,660 22,781 21,117 20,899	14.8 24.0 13.0 22.9 25.2 18.3 17.8	362,774 634,040 331,981 519,178 573,040 385,508 371,730	1.62 1.33 1.24 1.37 1.25 1.28 1.14	587, 412 844, 503 411, 781 709, 461 714, 053 493, 491 424, 781	Grains— Av. 1945-49. 1953. 1954. 1955. 1956. 1957.	1,226 1,550 1,670 1,701 1,560 1,452 1,422	35.9 43.7 38.1 39.0 42.7 43.6 45.5	44,046 67,738 63,649 66,266 66,618 63,292 64,648	0.84 0.85 0.84 0.84 0.84 0.75 0.81	36,988 57,267 53,216 55,726 56,008 47,693 52,093
Oats— Av. 1945-49 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958	10,958 11,707	28.4 41.9 30.5 36.5 44.8 34.5 36.3	326, 437 413, 971 306, 401 399, 451 524, 517 380, 599 400, 951	0.67 0.63 0.67 0.67 0.57 0.57	219,370 259,616 206,537 265,749 300,234 226,858 229,913	Flarseed— Av. 1945-49. 1953. 1954. 1955. 1956. 1957. 1958.	1,164 956 1,178 1,836 3,041 3,486 2,623	8.2 10.2 9.3 10.3 11.5 5.5 8.7	9,502 9,748 10,998 18,990 34,991 19,179 22,766	3.91 2.44 2.54 2.77 2.56 2.53 2.60	37,188 23,808 27,963 52,669 89,631 48,549 59,158
Barley— Av. 1945-49. 1953. 1954. 1955. 1956. 1957. 1958.	8,908 7,842 9,887 8,390 9,403	21.5 29.4 22.3 25.4 32.1 23.0 25.6	141,171 262,121 175,196 251,102 269,065 215,993 244,764	0.95 0.86 0.89 0.87 0.79 0.76 0.72	133, 431 224, 681 155, 278 219, 143 211, 336 165, 030 176, 346	Potatoes— Av. 1945-49. 1953. 1954. 1955. 1956. 1957.	417 324 304 313 312 312 311	ewt. 95.3 129.2 105.7 128.3 135.4 141.2 129.6	'000 cwt. 39,704 41,803 32,163 40,191 42,325 44,077 40,301	\$ per cwt. 1.83 1.32 2.42 1.77 1.75 1.73 1.50	72,522 55,004 77,951 71,032 74,274 76,302 60,451
Av. 1945-49 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958	1,505 787 746 547 551	11.1 19.2 16.3 18.6 15.4 15.5 15.3	13, 182 28, 845 12, 812 13, 840 8, 434 8, 539 8, 002	1.85 0.82 0.92 0.92 1.00 0.88 0.89	24,362 23,609 11,734 12,775 8,421 7,537 7,106	Tame Hay— Av. 1945-49. 1953. 1954. 1955. 1956. 1957. 1958.	10,535 10,564 10,737 10,842 10,922 11,452 11,477	ton 1.59 1.89 1.87 1.86 1.80 1.68 1.57	'000 tons 16,729 20,015 20,118 20,186 19,655 19,188 18,029	\$ per ton 14.99 13.75 13.98 15.05 15.40 15.38 15.63	250,847 275,211 281,156 303,837 302,698 295,177 281,787

Gross value of farm production; does not represent cash income from sales.