

provinces (excluding Newfoundland) and Canada; it is intended that the revised index will continue to serve this purpose. The revisions just completed include: a change to a weight base of 1947-51 = 100 and a time base of 1949 = 100; the introduction of all revised data available since the establishment of the index; and an increase in the number of commodities included.

During the period 1935-62, the output of agricultural products has moved upward. Farm production during the past ten years has averaged nearly 30 p.c. above that for the base year 1949 and between 45 p.c. and 50 p.c. above the average for the pre-war period 1935-39 inclusive. The importance of the items included in the index has gradually changed. Livestock production has increased in importance until its percentage contribution to total production is now only slightly below that of grains, the long-time leading contributor. Although dairy production has increased over the years, the rate of increase has been less than that for many other important products with the result that its contribution to total production in percentage terms is less than it was during the pre-war period. Production of poultry products has risen quite significantly in recent years and this is reflected in the greater proportional contribution of these commodities to total agricultural output.

The index for 1962 is estimated at 151.4, the highest recorded for the new series; this compares with the previous high point of 141.4 reached in 1942 and the high peaks of 140.8 in 1952 and 140.3 in 1956. The record established in 1962 can be attributed to the coincidence of large grain crops in Western Canada and high-level outputs of livestock, poultry products and dairy products.

#### 10.—Index Numbers of Physical Volume of Agricultural Production, by Province, 1935-62

(1949=100. Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—For a description of the revised index, methods and coverage, see DBS publication *Index of Farm Production 1962* (Catalogue No. 21-203).

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1935	58.8	124.8	71.4	90.4	86.6	57.9	86.5	90.7	65.3	83.3
1936	66.4	123.5	80.0	95.1	77.8	57.6	63.2	72.1	68.1	73.5
1937	64.7	131.1	80.2	98.4	89.5	93.5	25.3	85.0	72.2	74.2
1938	66.3	126.2	72.0	92.6	90.0	90.6	82.5	133.8	74.4	94.2
1939	68.6	122.8	76.9	102.7	94.0	102.5	137.3	134.7	78.7	111.2
1940	67.9	116.2	85.5	106.1	88.6	107.1	127.9	156.1	82.7	111.9
1941	61.7	104.3	73.4	90.3	87.4	102.6	84.1	104.5	69.6	89.7
1942	79.7	123.4	85.1	106.6	102.6	138.9	197.3	192.8	80.5	141.4
1943	67.7	115.9	100.9	100.5	77.8	115.6	99.5	100.4	79.6	94.0
1944	77.6	134.8	102.7	110.2	95.5	112.2	148.9	129.9	96.8	117.3
1945	76.9	96.6	79.7	86.4	85.6	91.0	97.8	99.7	89.2	91.3
1946	75.1	118.0	88.4	90.9	93.7	111.9	115.5	129.3	104.1	106.3
1947	80.5	101.4	90.6	97.5	90.3	102.8	101.9	123.5	94.0	100.5
1948	83.7	103.0	94.5	103.6	95.8	115.8	107.2	122.6	92.3	105.4
1949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	91.9	102.1	96.0	108.0	98.7	111.0	128.8	115.9	92.0	110.0
1951	77.2	97.1	82.1	110.6	101.6	112.7	154.6	148.7	92.9	121.6
1952	102.3	108.5	91.3	116.2	112.5	124.0	200.6	168.8	104.0	140.8
1953	102.0	104.2	92.1	113.3	105.1	110.0	174.5	160.4	108.2	130.1
1954	98.5	109.6	85.1	110.9	102.9	91.0	90.8	122.0	108.2	103.2
1955	100.3	114.4	97.4	124.6	108.3	103.6	164.0	146.7	106.5	127.7
1956	101.2	115.5	103.2	127.2	113.9	132.2	184.1	165.3	113.7	140.3
1957	107.9	113.9	98.1	128.0	118.9	106.8	119.7	133.3	118.9	120.8
1958	106.2	110.8	94.5	133.8	132.4	127.1	117.8	150.0	123.2	129.9
1959	97.7	116.7	91.8	134.3	125.3	122.8	124.9	153.7	128.8	129.8
1960	98.5	117.0	96.8	134.5	128.7	126.2	162.3	150.4	131.8	138.7
1961	99.2	122.5	98.1	143.3	136.8	87.7	78.2	149.3	144.7	121.2
1962	97.0	125.4	95.0	152.3	140.9	155.7	166.2	162.0	152.0	151.4