

10.—Index Numbers of Physical Volume of Agricultural Production, by Province, 1957-66

(1949=100. Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—For a description of the index, methods and coverage, see DBS publication *Index of Farm Production 1962* (Catalogue No. 21-203). The index numbers in this table have been revised since the publication of the 1967 Year Book; see text on p. 497.

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1957.....	99.8	110.9	88.5	117.9	115.4	103.6	118.8	130.7	116.7	117.0
1958.....	98.7	109.4	85.7	123.8	128.0	127.0	124.2	150.4	120.2	128.2
1959.....	90.5	111.4	80.0	123.8	121.7	120.0	128.3	154.9	126.6	127.3
1960.....	89.2	112.3	84.7	124.1	122.8	123.0	160.0	146.3	130.7	133.7
1961.....	93.0	118.9	87.1	133.3	134.1	83.6	73.9	144.9	139.2	116.1
1962.....	94.0	124.2	89.3	142.4	139.5	146.3	165.3	157.4	148.0	147.6
1963.....	94.4	126.4	86.7	142.7	140.5	127.4	221.6	182.0	149.3	162.0
1964.....	103.9	125.1	92.1	143.2	146.8	155.6	149.1	174.7	163.9	150.9
1965.....	97.0	125.8	90.5	147.8	148.4	164.1	183.7	187.9	156.9	162.0
1966.....	105.9	131.9	98.4	154.2	156.0	163.2	240.8	215.3	173.1	182.8

Subsection 3.—Field Crops*

The weather was generally favourable to field crop production in many parts of Canada during 1966. In the Prairie Provinces soil moisture reserves were excellent at seeding time and after some delays, particularly in the flooded Red River Valley, seeding progressed rapidly from mid-May onward. Although June precipitation was light, rainfall later in the season improved growing conditions except in the northern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan where dryness adversely affected out-turns. Fine weather in early September permitted uninterrupted harvesting in all but northern regions where wet conditions caused delay but by mid-October the bulk of the crop had been taken off. Losses from plant diseases and other causes were minimal. The highlight of the season was the record crop of wheat, most of which fell in the top three grades.

In the Central Provinces, the Maritimes and British Columbia, the progress of seeding spring grains was normal. In Ontario and parts of Quebec, low temperatures slowed crop development and mid-season drought affecting much of Ontario and western Quebec reduced yields of spring-sown grains. The Ontario winter wheat crops, however, escaped the effects of drought and record yields were obtained. In the Maritimes, yields and quality were good for the spring grains, hay and most other crops. In British Columbia cool weather reduced the out-turn of early season crops but midway in the growing season warm weather stimulated plant growth to produce above-average crops. In the Peace River Block, unfavourable weather up to mid-season resulted in only fair to average yields.

The index of field crop production (1949=100) reached a record 203.0 in 1966, well above both the 1965 level of 171.8 and the previous high of 176.5 achieved in 1963. The Saskatchewan index rose to 274.2 from 212.8 in 1965 and exceeded the former record of 249.5 reached in 1963; the Alberta index reached a record 252.1 compared with 214.1 in 1965; the British Columbia index was 155.9 compared with 133.4 in 1965, the previous high; in Manitoba, smaller out-turns, mainly of oats and oilseed crops, resulted in an index level of 159.5 compared with the 1965 high of 172.5. In Eastern Canada the indexes were up for all provinces from year-earlier levels due principally to larger out-turns of grain, hay and potato crops. Larger winter wheat, corn and soybean crops helped advance the Ontario index to a record 156.8 compared with 144.1 in 1965 and the previous high of 146.1 reached in 1964; the Quebec index of 128.2 was well above the 92.9 of 1965 but was short of the all-time high of 138.3 achieved in 1951. The 1966 indexes for Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with 1965 levels in brackets, were, respectively: record 117.1 (79.8); 70.6 (58.8); and 102.8 (84.3).

* The supply and disposition of the major Canadian grains is dealt with in Chapter XXI, Part I, Sect. 2, under the heading of "The Grain Trade, 1965-66".