

Oats in nineteen countries gave a total production in 1917 of 2,645,343,000 bushels from 80,196,000 acres, as against 2,335,545,000 bushels from 74,708,000 acres in 1916 and 2,346,578,000 bushels from 71,990,000 acres, the quinquennial average. The figures for 1917 represent as to area percentages of 7.5 above 1916 and 11.4 above the average and as to yield 13.3 above 1916 and 12.7 p.c. above average. The yield per acre for all these countries was 33 bushels in 1917, or 1.66 bushel below 1916 and 0.39 bushel above the average.

Corn in eight countries gave a total yield in 1917 of 3,304,203,000 bushels from 126,063,000 acres, as compared with 2,720,462,000 bushels from 112,179,000 acres in 1916 and with 2,927,752,000 bushels from 112,257,000 acres, the five-year average. In 1917 the acreage was 12.4 p.c. above that of 1916 and 12.3 p.c. above the average, whilst the yield was 21.5 p.c. above 1916 and 12.9 p.c. above average. The average yield per acre was 26.21 bushels in 1917, or about 2 bushels more than in 1916 and 0.13 of a bushel above the average.

Of potatoes the yield in 1917 for 13 countries was 1,562,547,000 bushels from 11,997,000 acres, as compared with 1,175,622,000 bushels from 10,430,000 acres in 1916 and 1,468,601,000 bushels from 11,029,000 acres, the five-year average. The acreage in 1917 was 15 p.c. above that of 1916 and 8.8 p.c. above average; the yield was 32.9 p.c. above 1916 and 6.4 p.c. above average. The average yield per acre in 1917, viz., 130.24 bushels, was 17½ bushels above 1916 but nearly 3 bushels below the five-year average.

**World's Statistics of Farm Live Stock.**—Table 42 shows the numbers of farm live stock in the principal countries of the world, as derived from the "Annuaire International de Statistique Agricole, 1915 et 1916", which was issued in 1917 by the International Institute of Agriculture. The descriptions of live stock included are horses, asses and mules, cattle and buffaloes, sheep, goats and swine, and the figures apply to the dates nearest to the years 1907 and 1916.

42.—Numbers of Farm Live Stock by Principal Countries of the World, 1907 and 1916.

NOTE.—C=Census; E=Estimate.

Countries.	DATE NEAREST 1907.		DATE NEAREST 1916.		Increase (+) or decrease(-)
	Actual date.	No.	Actual date.	No.	
<b>Horses—</b>					
Great Britain.....	1907	E 1,556,369	1916	E 1,292,626	- 263,743
Ireland.....	1907	E 596,144	1916	E 598,978	+ 2,834
Canada.....	1911	C 2,595,912	1916	E 3,258,342	+ 662,430
India.....	1906-07	E 1,397,106	1914-15	E 1,833,824	+ 436,718
Egypt.....	1907	E 54,666	1916	E 34,403	- 20,263
Mauritius.....	1907-08	E 692	1916	E 389	- 303
South Africa.....	1904	C 449,539	1911	C 714,414	+ 264,875
Australia.....	1907	E 1,871,714	1915	E 2,378,514	+ 506,800
New Zealand.....	1907	C 352,832	1916	C 371,331	+ 18,499
<b>Total.....</b>	-	- 8,874,974	-	- 10,482,821	+1,607,847