

36.—Yearly Average Prices per Cwt. of Canadian Live Stock at Principal Markets, 1935-39—concluded.

Item.	Winnipeg.					Edmonton.				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Steers, up to 1,050 lb., good.....	5.45	4.49	6.12	5.25	6.18	5.12	4.10	6.50	5.37	5.72
Steers, up to 1,050 lb., medium.....	4.07	3.67	4.85	4.42	5.41	4.09	3.52	5.30	4.37	5.22
Steers, up to 1,050 lb., common.....	2.72	2.69	3.61	3.62	4.59	2.55	2.62	3.47	3.37	4.17
Steers, over 1,050 lb., good.....	5.20	4.54	6.25	5.29	6.19	5.24	4.14	6.41	5.28	5.60
Steers, over 1,050 lb., medium.....	3.86	3.71	4.92	4.48	5.39	3.79	3.63	5.16	4.39	5.16
Steers, over 1,050 lb., common.....	2.58	2.81	3.74	3.80	4.62	2.40	2.54	3.61	3.34	4.14
Heifers, good.....	4.43	3.77	4.73	4.61	5.58	4.14	3.39	4.77	4.53	5.43
Heifers, medium.....	3.06	2.98	3.69	3.86	4.80	2.87	2.81	3.73	3.75	4.78
Calves, fed, good.....	6.41	5.28	7.00	6.21	6.63	5.31	4.26	6.56	5.43	5.70
Calves, fed, medium.....	4.79	4.05	5.54	5.07	5.75	4.01	3.50	4.55	4.41	4.93
Calves, veal, good and choice.....	5.62	5.68	6.21	6.97	7.32	4.25	4.27	5.73	6.02	6.39
Calves, veal, common and medium.....	3.68	3.76	4.13	4.81	5.39	2.86	3.05	4.03	4.34	5.27
Cows, good.....	2.96	2.85	3.98	3.73	4.57	2.41	2.34	3.32	3.17	4.05
Cows, medium.....	2.30	2.27	3.08	3.06	3.84	1.81	1.78	2.62	2.71	3.52
Bulls, good.....	2.12	2.48	3.20	3.49	4.36	1.71	2.12	2.74	2.96	3.69
Stocker and feeder steers, good.....	3.56	3.27	4.33	4.31	5.45	3.17	2.89	3.68	3.58	4.90
Stocker and feeder steers, common.....	2.27	2.00	2.71	3.21	4.25	2.04	2.01	2.61	2.70	4.08
Stock cows and heifers, good.....	2.51	2.36	3.00	3.40	4.30	2.22	1.99	2.59	2.98	3.73
Stock cows and heifers, common.....	1.60	1.60	2.13	2.57	3.19	1.52	1.44	1.90	2.22	2.94
Hogs, select bacon.....	8.25	8.38	8.67	9.38	8.97	8.11	8.16	8.51	9.15	8.57
Hogs, bacon.....	7.72	7.87	8.15	8.88	8.45	7.60	7.65	8.02	8.60	8.05
Hogs, butchers.....	7.23	7.37	7.68	8.56	7.65	7.09	7.22	7.51	8.16	7.09
Hogs, heavies.....	7.41	7.65	7.78	8.59	7.20	6.66	6.77	7.02	7.63	6.21
Hogs, lights and feeders.....	7.64	7.34	7.03	9.00	8.65	6.82	6.93	6.11	6.98	6.06
Lambs, good handy weights.....	6.02	6.86	7.23	7.19	8.03	5.29	6.23	6.60	6.26	7.05
Lambs, common, all weights.....	4.35	4.86	5.27	5.65	6.31	3.26	4.26	4.53	4.37	5.51
Sheep good handy weights.....	2.31	2.42	2.87	3.54	3.85	3.07	3.35	3.30	3.32	4.14

Index Numbers of Agricultural Prices.—Records of the average prices received by farmers for their crops have been collected annually since 1909 through crop correspondents. From these records, annual index numbers of prices have been calculated for each crop and for the field crops as a whole. The results of these calculations using the crop year 1926-27 as the base period, are presented in Table 37. In addition to the price indexes shown here, index numbers have been calculated of the yields of the various crops from year to year, and, by a combination of the prices and yields, index numbers of the values of all field crops, weighted according to quantities, have been obtained. Indexes of yields and values are given at pp. 29-38 of the "Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics", January, 1940.

The general index number fell from 1924 to 1928, especially from 1926 to 1928, recovered strongly in 1929 but declined rapidly to reach the record low of 43.1 for the 1932 crops. All the crops contributed to this sharp decline, although the grain crops dependent upon overseas markets suffered the most. In 1939 crop prices in the central and Maritime Provinces were generally higher than in the previous year, but the lower prices for wheat in the Prairie Provinces almost offset these gains.

The outbreak of war in September, 1939, naturally created a demand for comparisons with the prices of the pre-war crop year ended in 1914. The last two columns of Table 37, therefore, show the index numbers for the crop years 1938-39 and 1939-40 on the 1913-14 base. Both series are regularly published in the January number of the "Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics".