

### 37.—Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Field Crops, for Canada, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1931-32 to 1939-40.

NOTE.—For the formulæ used in the calculation, see "Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics", January, 1940, p. 30. Comparable indexes for the years 1916-17 to 1930-31 are given at p. 236 of the 1939 Year Book.

Field Crop.	Average Price 1926-27. <sup>1</sup>	Index Numbers (1926-27=100).										Average Price 1913-14.	Index Numbers (1913-14=100).	
		1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40. <sup>2</sup>	1938-39.		1939-40. <sup>2</sup>	
	\$											\$		
Wheat.....	1.09	34.9	32.1	44.9	56.0	56.0 <sup>3</sup>	86.2 <sup>3</sup>	93.6	54.1	47.7	0.67	88.1	77.6	
Oats.....	0.48	50.0	39.6	54.2	66.7	50.0	89.6	89.6	50.0	58.3	0.32	75.0	87.5	
Barley.....	0.52	50.0	44.2	57.7	90.4	55.8	132.7	98.1	53.8	61.5	0.42	66.7	76.2	
Rye.....	0.77	36.4	35.1	49.3	63.6	35.1	90.9	93.5	37.7	49.4	0.66	43.9	57.6	
Peas.....	1.75	48.0	48.6	57.1	60.0	62.3	92.6	96.0	88.6	102.9	1.11	139.6	162.2	
Beans.....	2.64	26.1	20.8	37.5	50.4	45.3	77.3	46.6	42.0	69.3	1.88	59.0	97.3	
Buckwheat.....	0.87	57.5	49.4	57.5	60.9	58.6	81.6	82.8	66.7	69.0	0.64	90.6	93.8	
Mixed grains.....	0.66	56.1	50.0	60.6	62.1	54.5	84.8	77.3	59.1	65.2	0.55	70.9	78.2	
Flaxseed.....	1.62	48.8	38.3	74.1	71.0	73.5	88.9	91.4	69.8	86.4	0.97	116.5	144.3	
Corn for husking.....	1.00	42.0	45.0	59.0	65.0	45.0	70.0	64.0	47.0	55.0	0.64	73.4	85.9	
Potatoes.....	1.47	29.2	42.9	52.4	34.0	54.4	77.6	42.9	62.6	72.8	0.82	112.2	130.5	
Turnips, etc.....	0.60	46.7	45.0	56.7	51.7	53.3	58.3	53.3	55.0	56.7	0.56	58.9	60.7	
Hay and clover.....	12.13	62.8	58.5	72.3	96.9	62.8	63.1	62.1	62.5	66.0	11.48	66.0	69.7	
Grain hay.....	10.11	60.6	58.8	67.9	70.4	60.5	63.4	61.6	43.2	43.2	4	—	—	
Alfalfa.....	13.30	78.0	64.5	69.5	95.3	51.8	69.1	60.6	59.2	61.8	11.85	66.5	69.4	
Fodder corn.....	4.88	81.4	56.4	67.2	84.4	68.0	69.3	63.1	57.6	62.1	4.78	58.8	63.4	
Sugar beets.....	6.45	94.9	96.6	93.6	87.4	84.3	80.0	92.9	102.2	94.1	6.12	107.7	99.2	
<b>All Field Crops..</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46.8<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>80.4</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Prices quoted are per bushel, except for potatoes and turnips, etc., which are per cwt., and the last five items, which are per ton. <sup>2</sup> Subject to revision. <sup>3</sup> Revised since the publication of the 1939 Year Book. <sup>4</sup> Not available.

### Subsection 9.—Agricultural Statistics of the Census.

A summary of the more important agricultural statistics compiled from the Census of 1931 is published at pp. 295-301 of the 1934-35 edition of the Year Book. The review includes statistics of: tenure of farms; farm values; mortgage indebtedness; farm expenditures; farm population; farm workers; and cost of labour, farm machinery, and facilities. In the 1937 edition of the Year Book, further statistics are presented at pp. 270-273 that show, for the Prairie Provinces, comparative figures of population, farm holdings, areas, and values, the condition of farm land, the numbers of live stock, and the acreages of the principal crops, for each of the census years 1911, 1921, 1926, 1931, and 1936. In the Year Book for 1938, a summary table is given showing, by provinces, the part-time farm operators classified by the other occupations that are followed by some or all of the members of families, especially on small farms of insufficient size to furnish a livelihood. This year a survey of types of farms in the Prairie Provinces is made from data collected at the Quinquennial Census of the Prairie Provinces for 1936.

**Types of Farming in the Prairie Provinces, 1935.**—For the first time in the history of the Canadian Census, the 1936 Quinquennial Census of the Prairie Provinces attempted to classify the farms of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta into types. Before 1921, census statistics were published by municipalities and by Electoral Districts. The Electoral District, which may change after every Parliamentary Redistribution, did not constitute a satisfactory unit of publication, and in 1921, the three provinces, not having counties like the eastern