

Fibre Flax.—The demand for fibre flax was heavy during World War II when exports increased to many times the prewar volume. After the War however exports of fibre flax to Canada's principal market, the United Kingdom, dropped sharply and acreage devoted to this crop decreased; in 1954 it was at the lowest level since 1931.

39.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Flaxseed, Fibre and Tow 1950-54 and Average for 1945-49

Year	Area	Production			Values			
		Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Total
		bu.	lb.	tons	\$	\$	\$	\$
Av. 1945-49	13,991	57,000	2,852,000	136	301,000	751,000	9,000	1,061,000
1950.....	4,569	25,000	946,000	—	133,000	294,000	—	427,000
1951.....	7,555	42,000	2,660,000	—	210,000	538,000	—	748,000
1952.....	7,166	35,000	1,470,000	—	158,000	246,000	—	404,000
1953.....	3,000	25,000	666,000	—	68,000	96,000	—	164,000
1954.....	2,000	7,000	442,000	—	23,000	76,000	—	99,000

Subsection 9.—Prices of Agricultural Produce

The monthly index of farm prices of agricultural products was designed to measure changes occurring in the average prices farmers receive at the farm from the sale of farm products. In comparing current index numbers with those before August 1954 certain points should be considered. Western grain prices used in the construction of the index before Aug. 1, 1954 are final prices for all grains. Since Aug. 1, 1954 only initial prices are available for western wheat and only initial prices plus interim payments for western oats and barley. Any subsequent participation payments made on the 1954 crops will be added to the prices currently used and the index revised upward accordingly.

40.—Average Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products by Province 1945-52 and by Month 1953 and 1954

(1935-39=100)

NOTE.—A description of this index, its coverage and the methods used will be found in *DBS Quarterly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics* for October-December 1946.

Year and Month	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1945 Averages	196.7	180.8	195.3	179.5	171.6	188.4	192.6	196.2	187.8	185.7
1946 Averages	194.2	191.2	207.7	196.9	187.9	209.4	217.3	219.9	199.2	201.1
1947 Averages	180.1	184.9	199.6	213.7	202.1	225.9	226.1	231.9	207.1	215.8
1948 Averages	236.6	214.1	250.3	265.6	258.6	259.6	217.1	262.9	240.2	255.8
1949 Averages	204.1	210.5	220.5	261.3	257.8	262.8	248.8	265.6	245.1	255.4
1950 Averages	189.6	206.5	216.8	260.9	265.1	274.4	251.5	276.2	244.3	260.8
1951 Averages	236.4	243.2	250.8	305.6	315.0	301.6	268.7	308.0	287.1	296.8
1952 Averages	351.6	275.1	344.5	290.2	286.2	266.8	245.9	265.3	291.4	274.4
1953										
January.....	278.8	260.3	283.6	280.4	272.5	263.0	242.9	257.6	272.7	263.6
February.....	237.5	246.3	256.4	279.2	268.8	256.9	241.2	254.6	273.5	259.6
March.....	207.3	241.9	222.3	278.6	267.1	257.5	240.3	254.8	268.7	257.7
April.....	163.6	226.7	195.2	266.4	257.8	253.6	237.8	252.2	267.1	250.7
May.....	188.7	219.9	200.3	269.5	260.0	253.7	240.1	256.2	264.1	252.8
June.....	192.6	227.4	207.4	279.3	269.9	260.1	240.9	265.2	271.5	260.2
July.....	177.6	225.3	213.7	274.2	265.0	253.5	238.3	257.4	264.6	255.2
August.....	193.4	232.6	217.8	273.6	267.6	233.6	216.2	241.5	268.0	247.0
September.....	177.0	246.1	199.6	265.5	262.7	231.0	214.3	237.9	261.9	242.8
October.....	170.2	245.3	200.4	268.8	265.2	229.7	213.1	234.9	265.4	243.0
November.....	165.7	243.1	183.6	262.4	254.4	224.5	209.6	229.9	260.6	236.3
December.....	165.2	236.4	178.0	266.8	253.8	226.2	209.4	231.5	260.8	236.8
1953 Averages	191.5	237.6	213.2	272.1	263.7	245.3	228.7	247.8	266.6	250.5