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LEAF TOBACCO PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1955

The estimated production of leaf tobacco (green weight) in Canada in the crop year ending September 30, 1955 amounted to 134,840,000 pounds approximately 50 million pounds less than that which was harvested in 1954. Canadian growers received \$57,685,000 for this 1955 production, \$20,103,000 less than the previous year. The producers within the Province of Ontario grossed \$53,531,000 compared to \$74,174,000 in 1954.

Following the bumper crop of 1954, the Flue-cured Tobacco Marketing Board agreed to a 30 percent reduction from the base acreage for planting in 1955. Losses from hail, leaf-spot damage and frost, amounting to approximately 40 million pounds, reduced the anticipated crop. As a result of these losses, per acre yields of Ontario Flue-cured tobacco dropped to 1,222 pounds in 1955 compared to 1,436 pounds in 1954.

The acreages of Burley tobacco increased from 3,122 acres in 1954 to 4,033 acres in 1955. In addition, yields per acre increased from 1,431 lbs. to 1,737 lbs. respectively.

The overall yield per acre of green-weight leaf tobacco decreased to 1,227 pounds in 1955 compared to the 1954 yield of 1,402 pounds per acre. By types, the yield per acre for 1955 together with the respective 1954 yield in brackets, are as follows: Flue-cured, 1,202 (1,410); Burley, 1,737 (1,431); Dark, 1,747 (1,605); Cigar, 1,279 (1,280); and Pipe, 1,016 (880).

Area, Production and Value of Canada's Tobacco Crop by Provinces, 1954-1955 (1)

		Harvested Area	Average Yield Per Acre	Production (Green-Weight)	Average Price Per Pound	Total Farm Value
		Acres	Lb.	'000 lb.	cents	\$'000
<u>ALL TYPES</u>						
Ontario	1954	120,804	1,437	173,569	42.73(2)	74,174
	1955	96,833	1,249	120,981	44.25(2)	53,531
Quebec	1954	10,863	1,023	11,110	32.21	3,579
	1955	12,987	1,060	13,766	29.91	4,117
B. C.	1954	88	955	84	41.67(2)	35
	1955	89	1,045	93	39.99(2)	37
Total	1954	131,755	1,402	184,763	42.10	77,788
	1955	109,909	1,227	134,840	42.78	57,685

- (1) Prepared in co-operation with the Tobacco Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.
- (2) An additional two cents per pound was paid for grading and tying. In cases where tobacco was not tied, one cent per pound was paid for grading.

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AREA, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF CANADA'S TOBACCO CROP, BY TYPES 1954-1955 (1)

		Harvested Acre	Average Yield Per Acre(1)	Production (Green-Weight)	Average Price Per(1) Pound	Total Farm Value
		Acres	Lb.	'000 lb.	cents	\$'000
<u>FLUE-CURED</u>						
<u>Ontario</u>	1954	116,990	1,436	167,988	43.21(2)	72,581
	1955	91,784	1,222	112,202	45.48(2)	51,030
Quebec	1954	5,737	887	5,087	42.48	2,161
	1955	6,438	918	5,911	41.76	2,468
B. C.	1954	88	955	84	41.70(2)	35
	1955	89	1,045	93	39.99(2)	37
Canada	1954	122,815	1,410	173,159	43.18	74,777
	1955	98,311	1,202	118,206	45.29	53,535
<u>BURLEY</u>						
<u>Ontario</u>	1954	3,122	1,431	4,470	30.26(2)	1,353
	1955	4,033	1,737	7,005	30.11(2)	2,109
<u>DARK</u>						
<u>Ontario</u>						
Air-Cured	1954	600	1,587	952	19.73(2)	188
	1955	837	1,742	1,459	19.87(2)	290
Fire-Cured	1954	92	1,728	159	32.66(2)	52
	1955	179	1,764	315	32.39(2)	102
Total	1954	692	1,605	1,111	21.58(2)	240
	1955	1,016	1,747	1,774	22.10(2)	392
<u>CIGAR</u>						
Quebec	1954	3,781	1,280	4,840	23.25	1,125
	1955	4,570	1,279	5,845	20.49	1,199
<u>PIPE</u>						
<u>Quebec</u>						
Large	1954	402	1,249	502	22.09	111
	1955	762	1,231	937	17.82	167
Medium	1954	625	800	500	24.47	122
	1955	875	953	834	24.26	202
Small	1954	318	570	181	33.17	60
	1955	342	699	238	34.19	81
Total	1954	1,345	880	1,183	24.79	293
	1955	1,979	1,016	2,009	22.43	450

(1) Average yield and Average prices compiled before rounding production and farm values.