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Value of Canadian Field Crops, 1934.

Ottawa, December 13, 1934, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day a bulletin giving, by provinces, a preliminary estimate of the value of the field crops of 1934, as compared with the values for 1932 and 1933. The values per unit assigned to each crop represent average prices received by farmers at the point of production for the 1934 crop up to the end of November, and they have been determined by the Bureau after consultation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. The estimates of the Bureau are based on monthly farm price schedules, distributed to farmers throughout Canada. It should be observed that these estimates are subject to revision and that the values attached to many of the crops, e.g., mixed grains, turnips, fodder corn, etc., do not represent actual sales, but are rather the estimated value of products consumed chiefly on the farm.

SUMMARY

Significant increases in unit prices and some improvement in yields have resulted in a decided improvement in the estimated value of field crops in Canada for 1934 compared with those of 1933. The greatest value increases are shown for the grains and fodder, offset to some extent by a sharp decline in potatoes and a lesser decline in sugar beets. If prevailing prices are maintained through the balance of the marketing season, the estimated value of field crops grown in 1934 will be the highest since 1930. This is a significant and hopeful step in the recovery of Canadian agriculture. The estimated values of field crops in the past few years have been as follows:-

| | | |
|------|---|---------------|
| 1930 | - | \$662,040,900 |
| 1931 | - | \$435,966,400 |
| 1932 | - | \$452,526,900 |
| 1933 | - | \$423,597,000 |
| 1934 | - | \$536,498,600 |

The total increase of 112,901,600 million dollars over the 1933 valuations is largely accounted for by increases of 37 million dollars in hay and clover, 36½ million in wheat, 31 million in oats, and 10½ million in barley. The estimated value of the potato crop is placed 9 million dollars lower than in 1933, despite the higher production in 1934. The low prices of potatoes and turnips result in the lowering of the estimates in the Maritimes. Prince Edward Island is the only province showing a reduced value of field crops compared with last year and the reduction is very slight. Both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick show increases due mainly to the improvement in hay prices. In Quebec, a fairly general betterment in yields and prices causes an increase of over 30 million dollars or 45 per cent in the value of field crops. In Ontario, higher prices for grains and fodder offset the effects of the severe drought on production and the estimated value of field crops is up 17½ million dollars or 14 per cent. Manitoba's yields were also affected by drought, but with generally higher prices, the value of field crops is placed 16½ million dollars or nearly 50 per cent higher than in 1933. Saskatchewan resembles Ontario in that the severe drought offset most of the price increase; still the estimates show an improvement of 16 million dollars, roughly 20 per cent. The percentage increase in the field crop value estimates for Alberta is also about 37 per cent and amounts to 28½ million dollars. British Columbia shows a slight betterment over 1933 valuations.

The total value of all field crops in 1934 for Canada is now estimated at \$536,498,600, as compared with \$423,597,000 in 1933 and \$452,526,900 in 1932. The total for 1934 is comprised of the following items, with the 1933 figures within brackets: Wheat \$159,455,000 (\$122,864,000); oats \$106,385,000 (\$75,389,000); barley \$26,944,000 (\$16,520,000); rye \$2,405,000 (\$1,506,000); peas \$1,686,400 (\$1,371,000); beans \$1,058,200 (\$878,000); buckwheat \$4,699,000 (\$4,203,000); mixed grains \$15,464,000 (\$12,752,000); flaxseed \$1,122,000 (\$714,000); corn for husking \$4,283,000 (\$2,830,000); potatoes \$23,839,000 (\$33,092,000); turnips, etc., \$12,057,000 (\$11,878,000); hay and clover \$131,221,000 (\$94,300,000); alfalfa \$16,886,000 (\$13,534,000); fodder corn \$15,704,000 (\$9,599,000); grain hay \$10,964,000 (\$19,407,000);

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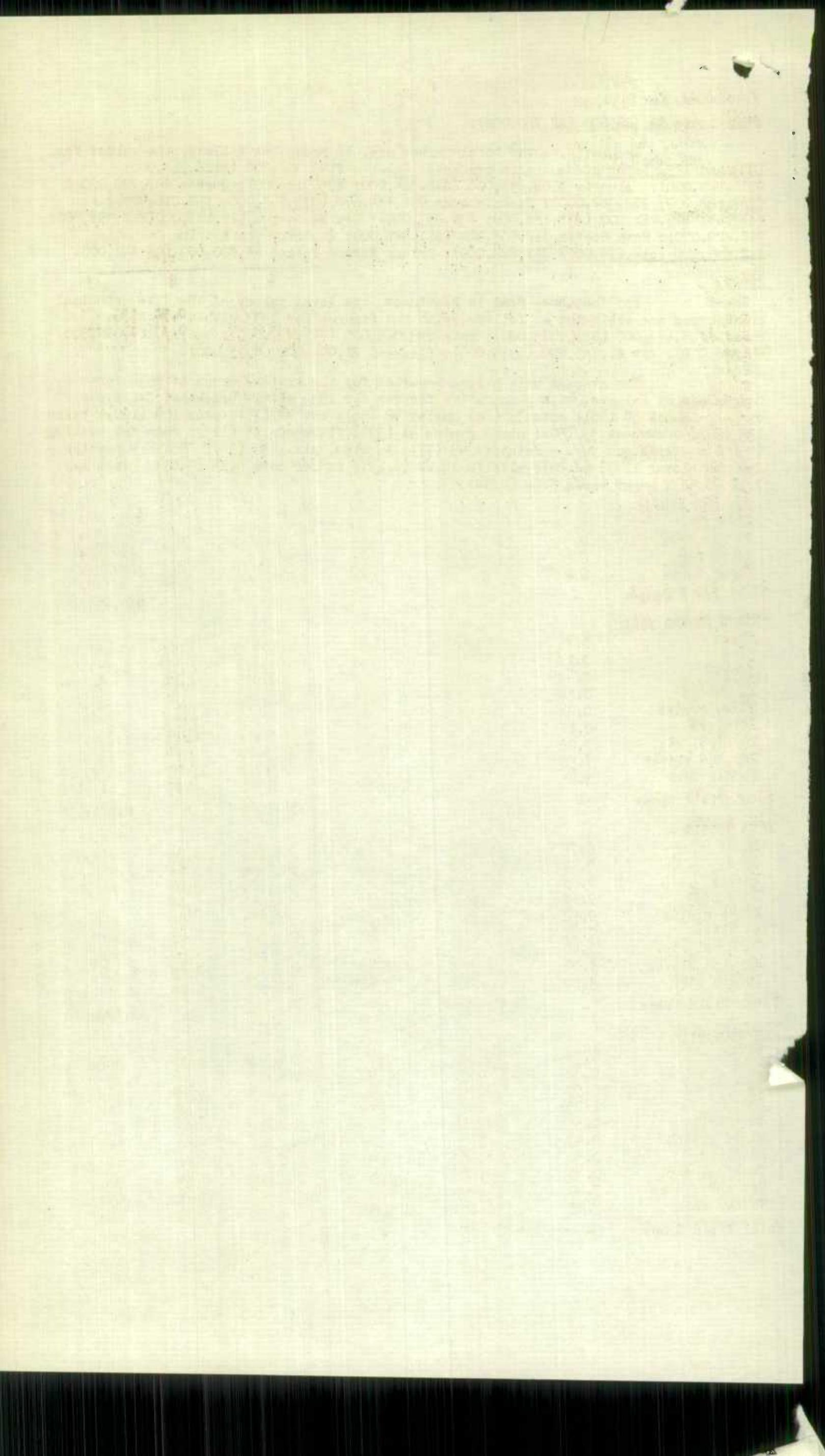
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sugar beets \$2,326,000 (\$2,760,000).

By provinces the total values are, in order, as follows, the values for 1933 and 1932 being given within brackets: Ontario \$143,456,000 (\$126,014,000; \$116,424,000); Alberta \$104,594,000 (\$76,364,000; \$95,913,000); Quebec \$97,720,000 (\$67,524,000; \$70,382,000); Saskatchewan \$91,734,600 (\$75,767,000; \$98,216,900); Manitoba \$49,461,000 (\$33,188,000; \$31,937,000); New Brunswick \$15,187,000 (\$12,396,000; \$12,629,000); Nova Scotia \$12,903,000 (\$11,385,000; \$9,064,000); British Columbia \$12,643,000 (\$12,118,000; \$11,224,000); Prince Edward Island \$8,800,000 (\$8,841,000; \$6,737,000).

For the three Prairie Provinces, the total values of the five principal grain crops are estimated as follows, with the figures for 1933 within brackets: Wheat \$148,677,000 (\$110,073,000); oats \$49,025,000 (\$29,892,000); barley \$17,088,000 (\$9,396,000); rye \$1,789,000 (\$938,000); flaxseed \$1,006,000 (\$615,000).

The average unit prices reported for the various crops of 1934 for Canada are as follows, with comparative figures for 1933 within brackets: Cents per bushel - Wheat 58 (46); oats 33 (25); barley 42 (26); rye 44 (35); peas 104 (100); beans 133 (99); buckwheat 53 (50); mixed grains 41 (39); flaxseed 118 (113); corn for husking 65 (56); Cents per cwt. - Potatoes 49 (77); turnips, etc., 30 (34). Dollars per ton - Hay and clover 11.76 (8.24); alfalfa 12.67 (8.19); fodder corn 4.14 (3.07); grain hay 7.11 (6.58); sugar beets 5.64 (6.04).



Preliminary Estimate of the Value of Field Crops, in Canada, by Provinces, for 1934, as compared with 1932 and 1933.

NOTE: Average prices are per bushel for grain crops, per cwt. for potatoes, turnips, etc., and per ton for hay, alfalfa, fodder corn and sugar beets (cwt.=100 lb. and ton=2,000 lb.).

| Field Crops | 1932 | | 1933 | | 1934 | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Average Price | Total Value | Average Price | Total Value | Average Price | Total Value |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| CANADA - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.35 | 154,760,000 | 0.46 | 122,864,000 | 0.58 | 159,455,000 |
| Oats | 0.19 | 75,988,000 | 0.25 | 75,389,000 | 0.33 | 106,385,000 |
| Barley | 0.23 | 18,855,000 | 0.26 | 16,520,000 | 0.42 | 26,944,000 |
| Rye | 0.27 | 2,284,000 | 0.35 | 1,506,000 | 0.44 | 2,405,000 |
| Peas | 0.85 | 1,288,300 | 1.00 | 1,371,000 | 1.04 | 1,686,400 |
| Beans | 0.55 | 628,600 | 0.99 | 878,000 | 1.33 | 1,058,200 |
| Buckwheat | 0.43 | 3,585,000 | 0.50 | 4,203,000 | 0.53 | 4,699,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.33 | 13,063,000 | 0.39 | 12,752,000 | 0.41 | 15,464,000 |
| Flaxseed | 0.62 | 1,682,000 | 1.13 | 714,000 | 1.18 | 1,122,000 |
| Corn for husking | 0.45 | 2,276,000 | 0.56 | 2,830,000 | 0.65 | 4,283,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.63 | 24,920,000 | 0.77 | 33,092,000 | 0.49 | 23,839,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.27 | 10,065,000 | 0.34 | 11,878,000 | 0.30 | 12,057,000 |
| Hay and clover | 7.13 | 96,654,000 | 8.24 | 94,300,000 | 11.76 | 131,221,000 |
| Alfalfa | 8.58 | 15,131,000 | 8.19 | 13,534,000 | 12.67 | 16,886,000 |
| Fodder corn | 2.75 | 7,868,000 | 3.07 | 9,599,000 | 4.14 | 15,704,000 |
| Grain hay | 6.08 | 20,312,000 | 6.58 | 19,407,000 | 7.11 | 10,964,000 |
| Sugar beets | 6.23 | 3,167,000 | 6.04 | 2,760,000 | 5.64 | 2,326,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 452,526,900 | - | 423,597,000 | - | 536,498,600 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.75 | 323,000 | 0.83 | 466,000 | 0.93 | 457,000 |
| Oats | 0.28 | 1,423,000 | 0.30 | 1,756,000 | 0.38 | 1,857,000 |
| Barley | 0.42 | 42,000 | 0.50 | 63,000 | 0.54 | 42,000 |
| Buckwheat | 0.56 | 40,000 | 0.56 | 27,000 | 0.60 | 32,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.34 | 279,000 | 0.40 | 352,000 | 0.48 | 348,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.52 | 1,658,000 | 0.65 | 2,444,000 | 0.26 | 1,254,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.22 | 587,000 | 0.40 | 1,455,000 | 0.24 | 770,000 |
| Hay and clover | 7.50 | 2,378,000 | 8.00 | 2,272,000 | 17.00 | 4,029,000 |
| Fodder corn | 3.25 | 7,000 | 3.50 | 6,000 | 4.25 | 11,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 6,737,000 | - | 8,841,000 | - | 8,800,000 |
| NOVA SCOTIA - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.75 | 53,000 | 0.99 | 59,000 | 1.00 | 68,000 |
| Oats | 0.42 | 1,265,000 | 0.50 | 1,551,000 | 0.57 | 1,742,000 |
| Barley | 0.56 | 128,000 | 0.70 | 151,000 | 0.77 | 162,000 |
| Buckwheat | 0.68 | 67,000 | 0.73 | 65,000 | 0.78 | 75,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.52 | 89,000 | 0.64 | 96,000 | 0.70 | 118,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.65 | 1,379,000 | 0.95 | 1,773,000 | 0.50 | 1,227,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.40 | 1,030,000 | 0.50 | 1,482,000 | 0.30 | 854,000 |
| Hay and clover | 7.00 | 5,040,000 | 8.90 | 6,194,000 | 18.10 | 8,634,000 |
| Fodder corn | 3.00 | 13,000 | 3.50 | 14,000 | 4.25 | 23,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 9,064,000 | - | 11,385,000 | - | 12,903,000 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.88 | 176,000 | 0.95 | 257,000 | 0.97 | 305,000 |
| Oats | 0.33 | 2,236,000 | 0.40 | 2,469,000 | 0.45 | 2,870,000 |
| Barley | 0.53 | 176,000 | 0.61 | 195,000 | 0.57 | 169,000 |
| Beans | 1.25 | 23,000 | 1.38 | 29,000 | 1.80 | 31,000 |
| Buckwheat | 0.55 | 475,000 | 0.63 | 486,000 | 0.57 | 466,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.43 | 56,000 | 0.46 | 63,000 | 0.55 | 52,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.50 | 1,928,000 | 0.50 | 2,697,000 | 0.33 | 2,290,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.40 | 1,030,000 | 0.35 | 882,000 | 0.28 | 731,000 |
| Hay and clover | 7.40 | 6,519,000 | 8.60 | 5,306,000 | 13.60 | 8,255,000 |
| Fodder corn | 3.25 | 10,000 | 3.50 | 12,000 | 4.50 | 18,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 12,629,000 | - | 12,396,000 | - | 15,187,000 |

| Field Crops | 1932 | | 1933 | | 1934 | |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Average Price | Total Value | Average Price | Total Value | Average Price | Total Value |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| QUEBEC - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.73 | 695,000 | 0.78 | 762,000 | 0.97 | 1,219,000 |
| Oats | 0.36 | 18,369,000 | 0.36 | 16,379,000 | 0.43 | 20,442,000 |
| Barley | 0.53 | 1,557,000 | 0.52 | 1,625,000 | 0.61 | 1,990,000 |
| Rye | 0.68 | 67,000 | 0.72 | 59,000 | 0.68 | 61,000 |
| Peas | 1.43 | 458,000 | 1.53 | 471,000 | 1.66 | 530,000 |
| Beans | 1.55 | 56,000 | 1.59 | 93,000 | 1.72 | 122,000 |
| Buckwheat | 0.48 | 1,341,000 | 0.56 | 1,743,000 | 0.60 | 2,009,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.46 | 1,384,000 | 0.51 | 1,443,000 | 0.53 | 1,722,000 |
| Flaxseed | 1.83 | 25,000 | 2.46 | 36,000 | 1.71 | 35,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.63 | 7,229,000 | 0.71 | 9,551,000 | 0.48 | 6,863,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.37 | 3,248,000 | 0.39 | 3,073,000 | 0.33 | 3,217,000 |
| Hay and clover | 7.10 | 34,343,000 | 9.38 | 30,760,000 | 11.80 | 57,466,000 |
| Alfalfa | 8.51 | 285,000 | 11.21 | 172,000 | 12.93 | 230,000 |
| Fodder corn | 2.67 | 1,325,000 | 2.89 | 1,357,000 | 4.05 | 1,814,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 70,382,000 | - | 67,524,000 | - | 97,720,000 |
| ONTARIO - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.49 | 8,335,000 | 0.66 | 10,378,000 | 0.88 | 7,606,000 |
| Oats | 0.25 | 18,879,000 | 0.33 | 21,629,000 | 0.35 | 28,367,000 |
| Barley | 0.38 | 5,233,000 | 0.41 | 4,933,000 | 0.50 | 7,298,000 |
| Rye | 0.39 | 399,000 | 0.51 | 466,000 | 0.58 | 502,000 |
| Peas | 0.65 | 696,000 | 0.80 | 751,000 | 0.85 | 1,006,000 |
| Beans | 0.49 | 519,000 | 0.92 | 717,000 | 1.27 | 847,000 |
| Buckwheat | 0.36 | 1,624,000 | 0.42 | 1,826,000 | 0.47 | 2,061,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.33 | 10,998,000 | 0.38 | 10,472,000 | 0.40 | 12,803,000 |
| Flaxseed | 0.90 | 56,000 | 1.20 | 60,000 | 1.33 | 76,000 |
| Corn for husking | 0.45 | 2,276,000 | 0.56 | 2,830,000 | 0.65 | 4,283,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.73 | 6,947,000 | 1.00 | 10,112,000 | 0.55 | 6,507,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.16 | 3,088,000 | 0.24 | 3,755,000 | 0.28 | 5,527,000 |
| Hay and clover | 7.17 | 37,786,000 | 7.95 | 38,748,000 | 12.11 | 40,601,000 |
| Alfalfa | 8.21 | 11,527,000 | 7.71 | 10,023,000 | 13.45 | 12,562,000 |
| Fodder corn | 2.65 | 5,830,000 | 3.00 | 7,320,000 | 4.00 | 11,960,000 |
| Sugar beets | 6.25 | 2,231,000 | 6.25 | 1,994,000 | 5.70 | 1,450,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 116,424,000 | - | 126,014,000 | - | 143,456,000 |
| MANITOBA - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.38 | 16,736,000 | 0.48 | 15,600,000 | 0.66 | 23,958,000 |
| Oats | 0.14 | 5,156,000 | 0.21 | 6,195,000 | 0.32 | 8,676,000 |
| Barley | 0.20 | 4,003,000 | 0.23 | 3,887,000 | 0.43 | 7,438,000 |
| Rye | 0.20 | 112,000 | 0.30 | 175,000 | 0.46 | 511,000 |
| Peas | 0.60 | 17,000 | 1.00 | 22,000 | 1.37 | 38,000 |
| Buckwheat | 0.44 | 38,000 | 0.53 | 56,000 | 0.60 | 56,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.19 | 71,000 | 0.23 | 125,000 | 0.35 | 147,000 |
| Flaxseed | 0.67 | 161,000 | 1.15 | 127,000 | 1.15 | 192,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.63 | 1,205,000 | 0.63 | 1,449,000 | 0.64 | 1,521,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.53 | 237,000 | 0.55 | 339,000 | 0.47 | 202,000 |
| Hay and clover | 5.50 | 3,757,000 | 5.25 | 4,447,000 | 6.54 | 5,016,000 |
| Alfalfa | 8.50 | 230,000 | 7.00 | 294,000 | 8.57 | 463,000 |
| Fodder corn | 3.75 | 214,000 | 4.00 | 472,000 | 5.38 | 1,243,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 31,937,000 | - | 33,188,000 | - | 49,461,000 |

| Field Crops | 1932 | | 1933 | | 1934 | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Average Price | Total Value | Average Price | Total Value | Average Price | Total Value |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| SASKATCHEWAN - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.35 | 74,043,000 | 0.45 | 55,728,000 | 0.57 | 65,094,000 |
| Oats | 0.13 | 13,962,000 | 0.17 | 12,822,000 | 0.28 | 18,519,000 |
| Barley | 0.19 | 4,446,000 | 0.19 | 3,336,000 | 0.36 | 4,465,000 |
| Rye | 0.24 | 1,246,000 | 0.29 | 524,000 | 0.41 | 550,000 |
| Peas | 0.60 | 3,300 | 0.90 | 4,000 | 1.10 | 4,400 |
| Beans | 0.72 | 600 | 1.20 | 2,000 | 1.20 | 1,200 |
| Mixed grains | 0.11 | 38,000 | 0.19 | 59,000 | 0.31 | 70,000 |
| Flaxseed | 0.60 | 1,320,000 | 1.08 | 443,000 | 1.16 | 689,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.55 | 1,621,000 | 0.70 | 1,600,000 | 0.75 | 1,073,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.50 | 76,000 | 0.59 | 91,000 | 0.80 | 58,000 |
| Hay and clover | 5.50 | 1,205,000 | 4.50 | 932,000 | 5.67 | 970,000 |
| Alfalfa | 8.50 | 196,000 | 7.18 | 144,000 | 7.70 | 100,000 |
| Fodder corn | 4.00 | 60,000 | 4.67 | 82,000 | 6.41 | 141,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 98,216,900 | - | 75,767,000 | - | 91,734,600 |
| ALBERTA - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.32 | 53,554,000 | 0.41 | 38,745,000 | 0.53 | 59,625,000 |
| Oats | 0.13 | 13,195,000 | 0.15 | 10,875,000 | 0.26 | 21,830,000 |
| Barley | 0.16 | 3,152,000 | 0.17 | 2,173,000 | 0.34 | 5,185,000 |
| Rye | 0.28 | 426,000 | 0.26 | 239,000 | 0.37 | 728,000 |
| Peas | 0.60 | 4,000 | 1.00 | 8,000 | 1.57 | 20,000 |
| Beans | 0.70 | 4,000 | 1.30 | 13,000 | 1.80 | 31,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.14 | 102,000 | 0.18 | 84,000 | 0.30 | 139,000 |
| Flaxseed | 0.59 | 118,000 | 1.05 | 45,000 | 1.12 | 125,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.64 | 1,345,000 | 0.75 | 1,392,000 | 0.73 | 1,341,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.64 | 132,000 | 0.65 | 100,000 | 0.64 | 100,000 |
| Hay and clover | 6.50 | 2,314,000 | 6.00 | 2,166,000 | 7.06 | 2,626,000 |
| Alfalfa | 8.00 | 1,112,000 | 8.25 | 1,172,000 | 10.00 | 1,720,000 |
| Fodder corn | 3.50 | 91,000 | 4.70 | 61,000 | 6.06 | 194,000 |
| Grain hay | 6.00 | 19,428,000 | 6.50 | 18,525,000 | 7.00 | 10,054,000 |
| Sugar beets | 6.20 | 936,000 | 5.55 | 766,000 | 5.58 | 876,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 95,913,000 | - | 76,364,000 | - | 104,594,000 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA - | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 0.60 | 845,000 | 0.66 | 869,000 | 0.78 | 1,123,000 |
| Oats | 0.34 | 1,503,000 | 0.38 | 1,713,000 | 0.45 | 2,082,000 |
| Barley | 0.41 | 118,000 | 0.51 | 157,000 | 0.55 | 195,000 |
| Rye | 0.43 | 34,000 | 0.55 | 43,000 | 0.65 | 53,000 |
| Peas | 1.25 | 110,000 | 1.20 | 115,000 | 1.30 | 88,000 |
| Beans | 1.30 | 26,000 | 1.20 | 24,000 | 1.20 | 26,000 |
| Mixed grains | 0.38 | 46,000 | 0.45 | 58,000 | 0.51 | 65,000 |
| Flaxseed | 0.60 | 2,000 | 0.85 | 3,000 | 1.10 | 5,000 |
| Potatoes | 0.70 | 1,608,000 | 1.20 | 2,074,000 | 0.80 | 1,763,000 |
| Turnips, etc. | 0.60 | 637,000 | 0.65 | 701,000 | 0.55 | 598,000 |
| Hay and clover | 12.00 | 3,312,000 | 12.50 | 3,475,000 | 12.00 | 3,624,000 |
| Alfalfa | 13.00 | 1,781,000 | 13.00 | 1,729,000 | 12.75 | 1,811,000 |
| Fodder corn | 6.00 | 318,000 | 5.00 | 275,000 | 5.00 | 300,000 |
| Grain hay | 8.50 | 884,000 | 9.00 | 882,000 | 8.50 | 910,000 |
| Total Field Crops | - | 11,224,000 | - | 12,118,000 | - | 12,643,000 |

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