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Value of Canadian Field Crops, 1,35.

Ottawa, December 12, 1935, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day a bulletin giving, by provinces, a preliminary estimate of the value of the field crops of 1935, as compared with the values for 1933 and 1934. For 1935 the values per unit assigned to each crop represent average prices received by farmers at the point of production up to the end of November, and have been determined by the Bureau after consultation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. 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

SUMMARY

The value of the principal field crops of Canada produced in 1935 is estimated to be \$510,835,600 - a figure that is \$38,581,000 or 7 per cent below the estimated value of the 1934 harvest but well above any other year since 1930. The decline is largely due to lower unit prices. Production was increased sharply for many crops, especially the coarse grains and fodder, but the severe reductions in prices more than offset this increase. The estimated values of field crops in Canada in the past six years have been as follows:-

1930 - \$662,	040,900
1931 - \$435,	966,400
1932 ~ \$452,	526,900
1933 - \$453.	598,000
	416,600
	835,600

The wheat crop of 1935 is valued at \$166,693,000 - about \$3,000,000 below that of 1934. The general level of wheat prices is higher this year but the harvest was slightly reduced in quantity and of drastically lower grade. Despite sharp increases in quantity, oats and barley are valued lower as a result of more than offsetting price reductions. Such minor crops as rye, peas, beans and flaxseed have higher valuations this year. Buckwheat, corn for husking and mixed grains are selling at lower prices and their estimated values are reduced from the 1934 figures. The short crop of potatoes is selling at such decidedly enhanced prices that the 1935 valuation is nearly \$6,000,000 above that of 1934. The increased price of turnips was not sufficient to offset the lowered production and the valuation is down over a million dollars. Principal declines are found in the fodder crops, hay and clover, alfalfa, fodder corn and grain hay. The combined valuation placed on these in 1935 is \$148,780,000 compared with \$176,674,000 in 1934. The value of sugar beets shows a slight gain over the 1934 figure due to higher production.

Among the provinces, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and British Columbia show increased valuations of field crops in 1935 compared with 1934. The other six provinces have lower valuations in 1934. In Quebec, the decline of about \$12,600,000 is largely accounted for by the lower value placed on hay and clover. Much the same situation exists in Ontario and since very little of the hay crop is sold for cash, the effect on the farmers' cash income is slight. In fact, the low values make live-stock feeding more profitable. The large decline of about \$19,000,000 in Manitoba is mainly due to the effects of rust on the grain yields. An increase of nearly \$17,000,000 in Saskatchewan is due to the improved grain harvests. In Alberta there was a decline of nearly \$12,000,000 fairly well distributed over the crops. British Columbia shows a slight betterment over the valuations of 1934.

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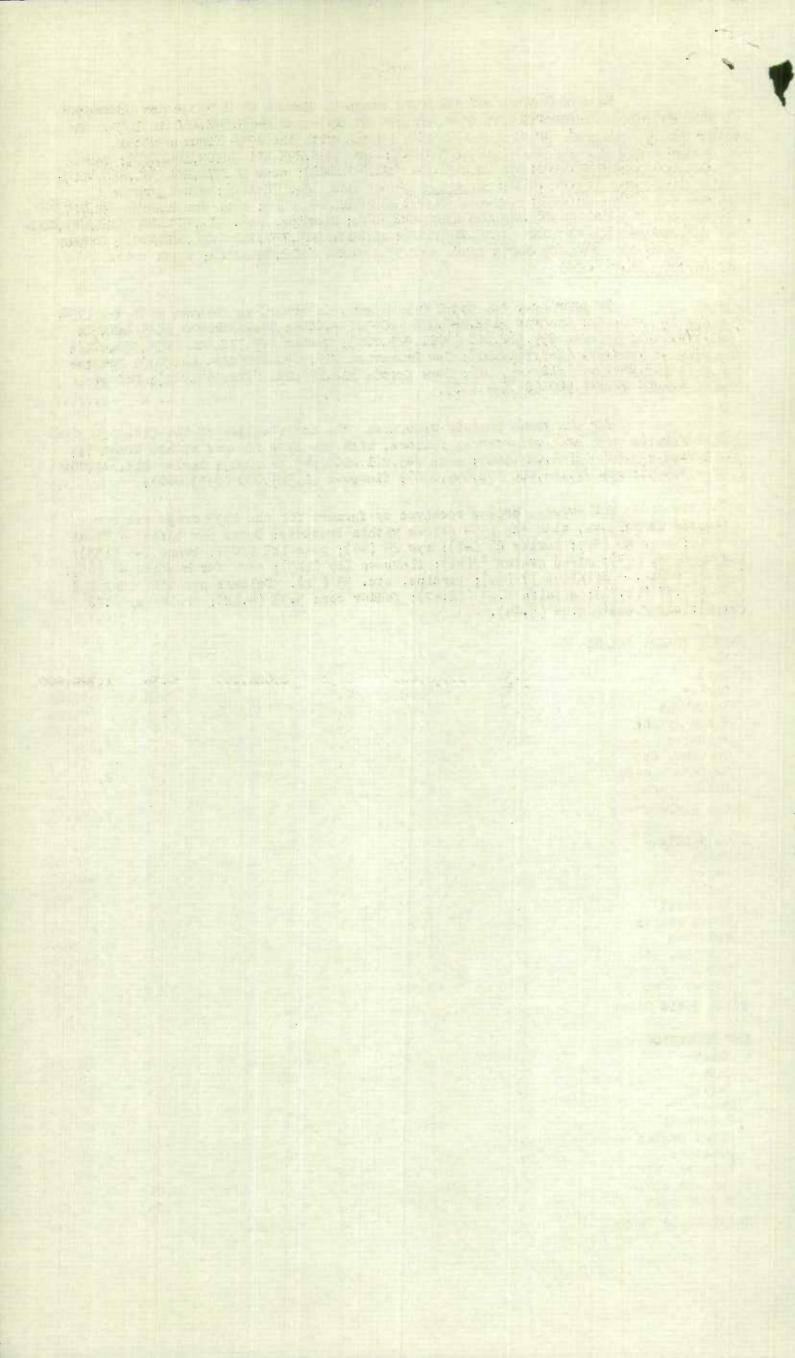
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The total value of all field crops in Canada in 1935 is now estimated at \$510,635,600 as compared with \$549,416,600 in 1934 and \$453,598,000 in 1933. The total for 1935 is made up of the following items, with the 1934 figures within brackets: Wheat \$166,693,000 (\$169,631,000); oats \$98,298,000 (\$103,124,000); barley \$23,029,000 (\$29,975,000); rye \$2,746,000 (\$2,662,000); peas \$1,770,200 (\$1,660,400); beans \$1,629,400 (\$1,079,200); buckwheat \$4,096,000 (\$4,572,000); mixed grains \$14,526,000 (\$15,634,000); flaxseed \$1,668,000 (\$1,049,000); corn for husking \$3,727,000 (\$4,419,000); potatoes \$29,782,000 (\$23,822,000); turnips, etc. \$11,573,000 (\$12,685,000); hay and clover \$109,513,000 (\$131,295,000); alfalfa \$15,757,000 (\$16,822,000); fodder corn \$13,676,000 (\$15,729,000); grain hay \$9,834,000 (\$12,828,000); sugar beets \$2,518,000 (\$2,430,000).

By provinces the total values are, in order, as follows with the 1934 figures in brackets: Ontario \$132,845,000 (\$143,734,000); Saskatchewan \$113,122,600 (\$96,472,600); Alberta \$99,562,000 (\$111,381,000); Quebec \$85,711,000 (\$98,309,000); Manitoba \$30,792,000 (\$49,761,000); New Brunswick \$15,509,000 (\$14,961,000); British Columbia \$13,244,000 (\$12,749,000); Nova Scotia \$12,179,000 (\$12,995,000); Prince Edward Island \$7,871,000 (\$9,054,000).

For the three Prairie Provinces, the total values of the five principal grain crops in 1935 are estimated as follows, with the 1934 figures within brackets: Wheat \$153,412,000 (\$159,027,000); oats \$45,201,000 (\$45,366,000); barley \$13,647,000 (\$19,998,000); rye \$2,179,000 (\$2,069,000); flaxseed \$1,523,000 (\$933,000);

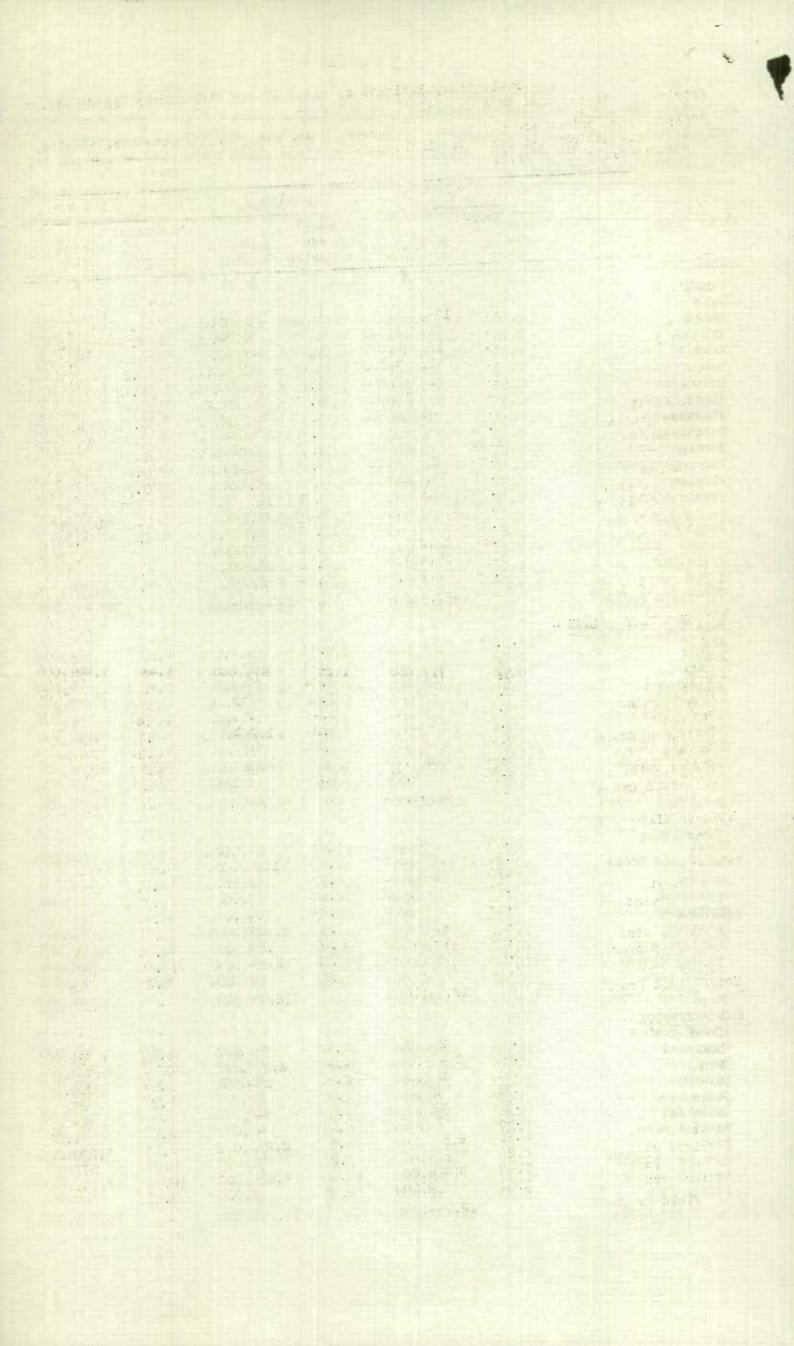
The average prices received by farmers for the 1935 crops are now estimated as follows, with the 1934 prices within brackets: Cents per bushel - Wheat 61 (61); oats 24 (32); barley 26 (47); rye 26 (49); peas 112 (105); beans 146 (133); buckwheat 51 (53); mixed grains 37(41); flaxseed 116 (115); corn for husking 48 (65). Cents per cwt. - Potatoes 77 (50); turnips, etc. 33 (31). Dollars per ton - Hay and clover 7.77 (11.75); alfalfa 8.03 (12.67); fodder corn 3.33 (4.12); grain hay 6.22 (7.12); sugar beets 5.44 (5.64).



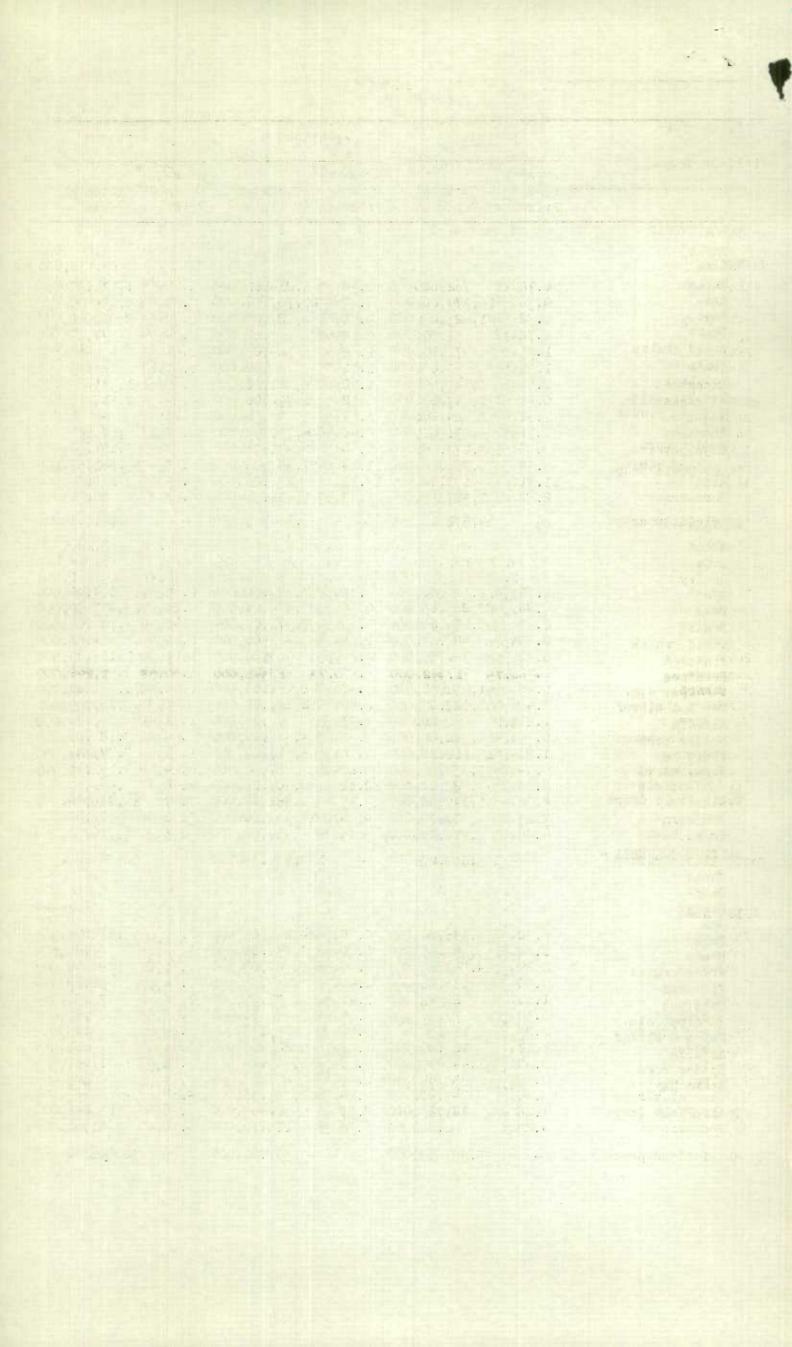
Preliminary Estimate of the Value of Field Crops, in Canada, by Provinces, for 1935, as compared with 1933 and 1934.

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.).

		1933		1934		1935	
Field Crops	Aver-	Aver-			Aver-		
	age	Total	Aver- age	Total	age	Total	
	Price	Value	Price	Value	Price	Value	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
CANADA -							
Wheat	0.49	136,958,000	0.61	169,631,000	0.61	166,693,000	
Onts	0.26	79,818,000	0.32	103,124,000	0.24	98,298,000	
Barley Rye	0.30	18,954,000	0.47	29,975,000	0.26	23,029,000	
Peas	0.38	1,603,000	0.49	2,662,000	0.26	2,746,000	
Beans	0.99	1,371,000	1.05	1,660,400	1.12	1,770,200	
Buckwheat	0.50	4,233,000	0.53	1,079,200	1.46	1,629,400	
Mixed grains	0.40	13,336,000	0.41	15,634,000	0.51	4,096,000	
Flaxseed	1.20	756,000	1.15	1,049,000	1.16	1,668,000	
Corn for husking	0.59	2,982,000	0.65	4,419,000	0.48	3,727,000	
Potatoes	0.77	33,092,000	0.50	23,822,000	0.77	29,782,000	
Turnips, etc. Hay and clover	0.34	11,626,000	0.31	12,685,000	0.33	11,573,000	
Alfalfa	8.77	100,306,000	11.75	131,295,000	7.77	109,513,000	
Fodder corn	9.25	15,279,000	12.67	16,822,000	8.03	15,757,000	
Grain hay	6.58	19,407,000	7.12	15,729,000	3.33	13,676,000	
Sugar beets	6.04	2,760,000	5.64	2,430,000	5.44	9,834,000	
Total Field Crops		453,598,000		549,416,600		2,518,000	
		4)),),0,000	-	749,410,000		510,835,600	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -							
Wheat	0.83	466,000	0.93	469,000	0.90	393,000	
Oats Barley	0.30	1,756,000	0.38	2,026,000	0.36	1,720,000	
Buckwheat	0.50	63,000	0.54	49,000	0.52	48,000	
Mixed grains	0.40	352,000	0.60	32,000 414,000	0.55	32,000	
Potatoes	0.65	2,444,000	0.26	1,254,000	0.45	351,000 2,132,000	
Turnips, etc.	0.40	1,455,000	0.24	770,000	0.28	679,000	
Hay and clover	8.00	2,272,000	17.00	4,029,000	9.53	2,506,000	
Fodder corn	3.50	6,000	4.25	11,000	3.25	10,000	
Total Field Crops	-	8,841,000	~	9,054,000	900	7,871,000	
IOVA SCOTIA -							
Wheat	0.99	59,000	1.09	62,000	1.10	00 000	
Oats	0.50	1,551,000	0.55	1,580,000	0.48	92,000	
Barley	0.70	151,000	0.77	152,000	0.60	130,000	
Buckwheat	0.73	65,000	0.82	70,000	0.79	81,000	
Mixed grains	0.64	96,000	0.65	109,000	0.54	100,000	
Potatoes Turnips, etc.	0.95	1,773,000	0.50	1,227,000	1.00	2,086,000	
Hay and clover	0.50	1,482,000	0.40	1,138,000	0.50	1,669,000	
Fodder corn	3.50	14,000	18.10	8,634,000	11.00	6,512,000	
otal Field Crops		12,151,000	7.67	12,995,000	3.25	21,000	
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EW BRUNSWICK -							
Wheat	0.95	257,000	1.00	319,000	1.09	391,000	
Oats	0.40	2,469,000	0.43	2,753,000	0.44	2,745,000	
Barley	0.61	195,000	0.60	184,000	0.63	200,000	
Beans	1.38	29,000	1.50	23,000	1.25	25,000	
Buckwheat Mixed grains	0.50	386,000	0.50	348,000	0.64	424,000	
Potatoes	0.50	63,000 2,697,000	0.46	40,000	0.68	61,000	
Turnips, etc.	0.25	630,000	0.33	2,290,000 731,000	0.73	3,230,000	
Hay and clover	8.60	5, 306,000	13.60	8,255,000	0.30	677,000	
Fodder corn	3.50	12,000	4.50	18,000	3.25	16,000	
otal Field Crops	-	12,044,000		14,961,000	- J J	15,509,000	
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Field Crops	1	1933		1934		1935	
	Aver- age Price	Total Value	Aver- age Price	Total Value	Aver- age Price	Total Value	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
QUEBEC -							
Wheat	0.70	760 000	0.00	7 211 000	0.00	1 170 000	
Oats	0.78	762,000	0.98	1,214,000 20,757,000	0.99	1,130,000	
Barley	0.52	16,379,000	0.61	2,023,000	0.43	19,595,000	
Rye	0.72	59,000	0.68	62,000	0.98	77,000	
Peas	1.53	471,000	1.65	524,000	1.59	455,000	
Beans	1.59	93,000	1.75	120,000	1.67	125,000	
Buckwheat	0.56	1,743,000	0.60	2,011,000	0.61	1,983,000	
Mixed grains	0.51	1,443,000	0.52	1,790,000	0.54	1,815,000	
Flaxseed	1.60	24,000	1.59	34,000	1.77	46,000	
Potatoes	0.71	9,551,000	0.48	6,798,000	0.77	8,674,000	
Turnips, etc.	0.39	3,073,000	0.34	3,471,000	0.43	3,131,000	
Hay and clover	9.38	30,760,000	11.84	57, 433,000	8.63	44,151,000	
Alfalfa	11.21	172,000	13.11	236,000	9.25	230,000	
Fodder corn	2.89	1,357,000	3.93	1,836,000	4.27	2,237,000	
Total Field Crops	H	67,512,000	-	98,309,000	0=0	85,711,000	
ONTARIO -							
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Wheat	0.72	11,320,000	0.87	7,450,000,	0.69	10,004,000	
Cats	0.34	22,285,000	0.35	28,534,000	0.29	25,433,000	
Barley	0.43	5,174,000	0.50	7,371,000	0.40	6,736,000	
Rye Peas	0.53	751,000	0.85	983,000	1.00	1,168,000	
Beans	0.92	717,000	1.27	879,000	1.45	1,121,000	
Buckwheat	0.45	1,956,000	0.47	2,061,000	0.40	1,521,000	
Mixed grains	0.40	11,023,000	0.40	12,878,000	0.35	11,837,000	
Flaxseed	1.20	60,000	1.33	76,000	1.30	92,000	
Corn for husking	0.59	2,982,000	0.65	4,419,000	0.48	3,727,000	
Potatoes	1.00	10,112,000	0.55	6,507,000	1.00	7,878,000	
Turnips, etc.	0.24	3,755,000	0.28	5,527,000	0.24	4,191,000	
Hay and clover	8.95	43,622,000	12.11	40,601,000	6.70	36,066,000	
Alfalfa	8.96	11,648,000	13.45	12,562,000	7.57	11,499,000	
Fodder corn	3.25	7,930,000	4.00	11,960,000		9,102,000	
Sugar beets	6.25	1,994,000	5.70	1,450,000	5.31	1,736,000	
Total Field Crops		135,813,000	⊷	143,734,000		132,845,000	
MANITOBA -							
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Wheat	0.52	16,986,000	0.65	24,115,000 7,758,000	0.59	11,092,000	
Oats Barley	0.27	6,195,000 4,563,000	0.48	8,303,000	0.21	4,942,000	
Rye	0.32	185,000	0.49	556,000	0.26	492,000	
Peas	1.00	22,000	1.40	31,000	1.15	30,000	
Buckwheat	0.53	56,000	0.63	50,000	0.59	55,000	
Mixed grains	0.25	136,000	0.35	138,000	0.28	119,000	
Flaxseed	1.17	129,000	1.15	207,000	1.18	185,000	
Potatoes	0.63	1,449,000	0.52	1,419,000	0.37	1,017.000	
Turnips, etc.	0.55	339,000	0.47	267,000	0.39	305,000	
Hay and clover	5.60	4,743,000	6.54	5,297,000	4.67	4,684.000	
Alfalfa	8.25	347,000	8.57	404,000	6.50	481,000	
Fodder corn	4.25	502,000	5.38	1,216,000	4.00	1,461,000	
Total Field Crops	-	35,653,000		49,761,000	-	30,792,000	



Field Crops Aver- age Total age Total age Price Value Price Value Price	
	Total
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SASKATCHEWAN -	
Wheat 0.47 60,162,000 0.61 69,662,000 0.60	79,200,000
Onts 0.19 14,330,000 0.27 17,358,000 0.17	23,188,000
Barley 0.24 4,214,000 0.47 5,829,000 0.20	4,744,000
Rye 0.33 591,000 0.46 607,000 0.22	1,148,000
Peas 0.90 4,000 1.10 4,400 0.90	7,200
Beans 1.20 2,000 1.20 1,200 1.10 Mixed grains 0.22 68,000 0.30 57,000 0.25	4,400
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Potatoes 0.70 1,600,000 0.75 1,073,000 0.47	1,659,000
Turnips, etc. 0.59 91,000 0.80 58,000 0.49	82,000
Hay and clover 4.50 932,000 5.67 970,000 4.89	1,242,000
Alfalfa 7.18 144,000 7.70 100,000 7.83	164,000
Fodder corn 4.67 82,000 6.41 141,000 5.67	363,000
Total Field Crops - 82,708,000 - 96,472,600 -	113,122,600
ALBERTA -	
Wheat 0.45 46,050,000 0.58 65,250,000 0.60	63,120,000
Oats 0.18 13,050,000 0.25 20,250,000 0.17	16,084,000
Barley 0.22 2,812,000 0.39 5,866,000 0.21	3,961,000
Rye 0.31 236,000 0.47 906,000 0.24	539,000
Peas 1.00 8,000 1.20 13,000 1.10 Beans 1.30 13,000 1.50 17,000 1.30	12,000
Mixed grains 0.21 97,000 0.30 139,000 0.21	62,000
Flaxseed 1.18 51,000 1.09 114,000 1.14	135,000
Potatoes 0.75 1,392,000 0.73 1,341,000 0.68	1,296,000
Turnips, etc. 0.65 100,000 0.64 100,000 0.58	108,000
Hay and clover 6.00 2,166,000 7.06 2,626,000 6.34	2,952,000
Alfalfa 8.25 1,172,000 10.00 1,720,000 8.81	1,489,000
Fodder corn 4.70 61,000 6.06 194,000 5.70	160,000
Grain hay 6.50 18,525,000 7.00 11,865,000 6.00	8,844,000
Sugar beets 5.55 766,000 5.60 980,000 5.75	782,000
Total Field Crops - 86,499,000 - 111,381,000 -	99,562,000
BRITISH COLUMBIA -	
Wheat 0.58 896,000 0.78 1,090,000 0.83	1,271,000
Oats 0.40 1,803,000 0.45 2,108,000 0.42	2,116,000
Barley 0.51 157,000 0.56 198,000 0.55	206,000
Rye 0.60 47,000 0.65 55,000 0.65	56,000
Peas 1.20 115,000 1.35 105,000 1.20	98,000
Beans 1.20 24,000 1.50 39,000 1.50	36,000
Mixed grains 0.45 58,000 0.50 69,000 0.46	63,000
Flax seed 0.90 4,000 1.10 6,000 1.12 Potatoes 1.20 2,074,000 0.85 1,913,000 0.95	7,000
	731,000
Turnips, etc. 0.65 701,000 0.55 623,000 0.60 Hay and clover 12.75 3,545,000 11.50 3,450,000 12.00	3,660,000
Alfalfa 13.50 1,796,000 12.50 1,800,000 12.30	1,894,000
Fodder corn 5.00 275,000 5.00 330,000 4.25	306,000
Grain hay 9.00 882,000 9.00 963,000 9.25	990,000
Total Field Crops - 12,377,000 - 12,749,000 -	13,244,000

