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## Value of Canadian Field Crops, 1938

Ottawa, December 9, 1938, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day a bulletin giving by provinces the first estimate of the ferm value of field crop production for 1938 as compared with the values for 1936 and 1937. The values per unit assigned to each crop represent average prices received by farmers 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 they do not represent cash income received from sales but are gross values of farm production. Several of the crops, such as mixed grains, turnips, fodder corn, etc., are almost wholly utilized on the farms on which they are grown.

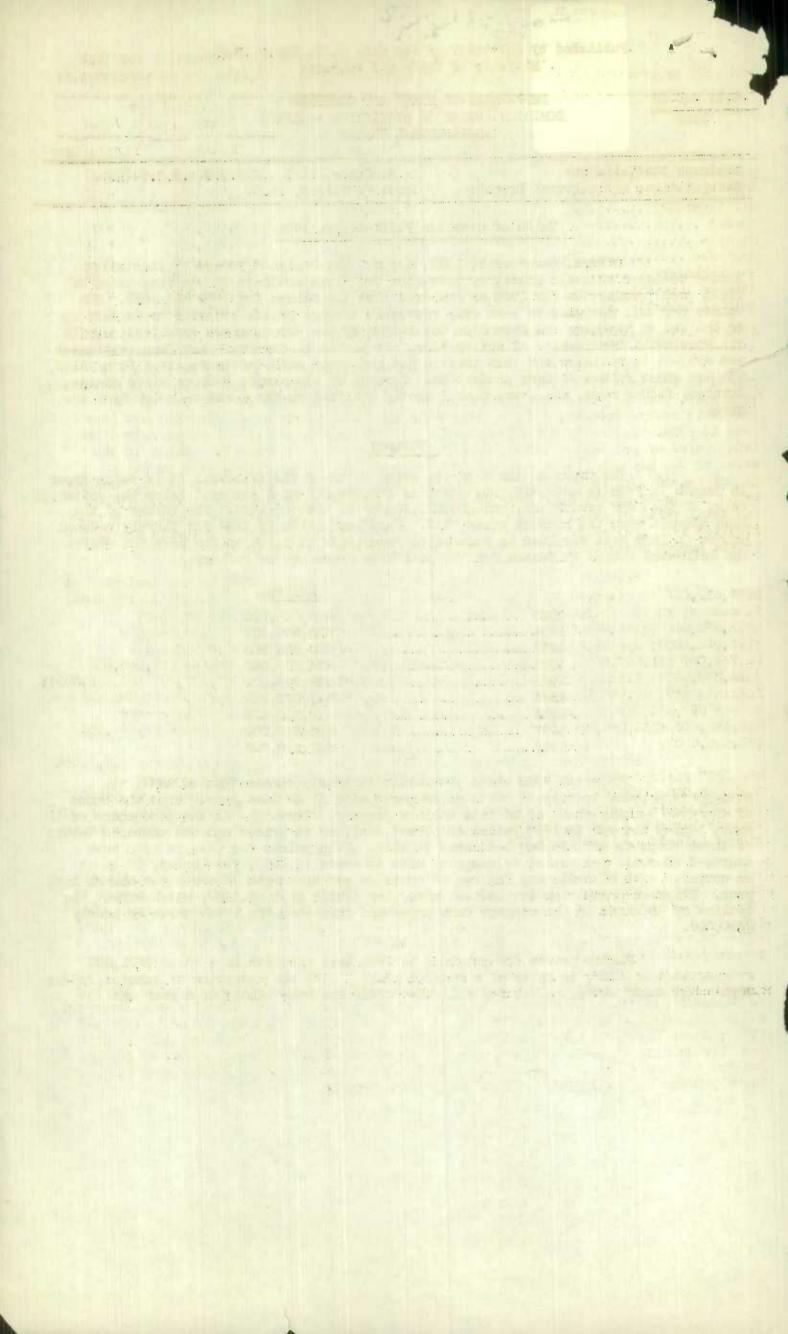
## Summary

The first estimate of the gross value of the principal field crops grown in Canada in 1938 is \$527,419,000, which is \$30,968,000 or 6 per cent below the estimated value of the 1937 production, and \$84,881,400 below that of 1936. The values of the 1936 harvest were the highest since 1930. Very low yields in 1937 and sharply reduced prices in 1938 have resulted in successive reductions in value in the past two years. The estimated values in Canada for the past nine years are as follows:

		Dollars
1930	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	662,040,900
1931	• • • • • п • • • • • • • • • • п д	435,966,400
1932	*****	452,526,900
1933	*******	453,598,000
1934		549,079,600
1935		511,872,900
1936		612,300,400
1937		558,387,000
1938		527,419,000

While the 1938 wheat production is nearly double that of 1937, the average farm price is only 57 cents as compared with \$1.02 last year. Thus the value of the crop is only about 12 million dollars greater. Increases in the production of oats, barley and rye in 1938 failed to offset declines in prices and the combined values of these crops is \$35,694,000 less than in 1937. Farm prices for oats in 1938 have averaged 25 cents per bushel as compared with 43 cents in 1937; for barley, 28 cents as compared with 51 cents and for rye 28 cents as compared with 72 cents per bushel last year. Flaxseed production in 1938 was more than double that of 1937, which offset the decline of 36 cents in the average farm price and increased the total value by nearly \$500,000.

Higher prices for potatoes in 1938 have resulted in a value \$691,000 greater than in 1937, in spite of a reduced yield. With the exception of turnips, fodder corn and sugar beets, values for all other crops are below those of a year ago.



The following table shows the values of field crop production for 1958 and 1937 by provinces, together with the changes in value in dollars and in percentages:

	Total V		Increase(+)or		
	1937	1938	Decrease(-	)in Value	
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percentages	
Prince Edward Island	7,706,000	8,205,900	+ 499,000	+ 6	
Nova Scotia	10,811,000	9,717,000	- 1,094,000	- 10	
New Brunswick	14,149,000	14,825,000	+ 676,000	+ 5	
Quebec	81,629,000	87,091,000	+ 5,462,000	+ 7	
Ontario	149,100,000	125,888,000	-23,212,000	- 16	
Manitoba	93,070,000	53,669,000	-39,401,000	- 42	
Saskatchewan	52,791,000	98,224,000	+45,433,000	+ 86	
Alberta	132,695,000	115,942,000	-16,753,000	- 13	
British Columbia	16,436,000	13,858,000	- 2,578,000	- 16	
CANADA	558,387,000	527,419,000	-30,968,000	- 6	

While the total value of field crop production in 1938 is lower for Canada as compared with 1937, a significant gain of \$45,433,000 was shown in Saskatchewan. This gain, however, is more a reflection of the very low value in 1937 due to the extremely severe drought, and the 1938 value is still nearly 44 million dollars less than in 1936. Higher values of the oats, hay and clover, and potato crops raised the total value of production in Quebec \$5,462,000 above the 1937 level. Gains in the value of the hay and clover crop in New Brunswick and of the potato crop in Prince Edward Island were responsible for the increases over 1937 in these provinces. Smaller crops and lower prices decreased the value of production in Manitoba by \$39,401,000. The total value of Alberta crops fell \$16,753,000. Reduced prices of grain crops also resulted in a decline in the Ontario value of \$23,212,000. British Columbia and Nova Scotia showed reductions of \$2,578,000 and \$1,094,000 respectively.

The total value of all field crops in Canada in 1938 is now estimated at \$527,419,000 as compared with \$558,387,000 in 1937 and \$612,300,400 in 1936. The total is made up of the following items, with the 1937 values within brackets! Wheat \$198,875,000 (\$186,925,000); Oats \$92,758,000 (\$114,093,000); Barley \$28,679,000 (\$42,020,000); Rye \$3,134,000 (\$4,152,000); Peas \$2,161,000 (\$2,012,000); Beans \$1,764,000 (\$1,597,000); Buckwheat \$4,179,000 (\$5,592,000); Mixed Grains \$15,065,000 (\$18,329,000); Flaxseed \$1,537,000 (\$1,039,000); Corn for husking \$3,307,000 (\$3,466,000); Potatoes \$27,341,000 (\$26,650,000); Turnips, etc., \$12,322,000 (\$11,777,000); Hay and clover \$97,321,000 (\$98,136,000); Alfalfa \$15,995,000 (\$16,986,000); Fodder corn \$12,542,000 (\$12,087,000); Grain hay \$7,315,000 (\$11,021,000); Sugar beets \$3,124,000 (\$2,505,000).

By provinces in order of magnitude, the total values are as follows, with the 1937 figures within brackets: Ontario \$125,888,000 (\$149,100,000); Alberta \$115,942,000 (\$132,695,000); Saskatchewan \$98,224,000 (\$52,791,000); Quebec \$87,091,000: (\$81,629,000); Manitoba \$53,669,000 (\$93,070,000); New Brunswick \$14,825,000(\$14,149,000); British Columbia \$13,858,000 (\$16,436,000); Nova Scotia \$9,717,000 (\$10,811,000); Prince Edward Island \$8,205,000 (\$7,705,000).

For the three Prairie Provinces the total values of the five principal grain crops in 1938 are estimated as follows, with the 1937 values within brackets: Wheat \$184,380,000 (\$163,290,000); Oats \$37,722,000 (\$51,807,000); Barley \$18,104,000 (\$28,839,000); Rye \$2,339,000 (\$2,967,000); Flaxseed \$1,421,000 (\$912,000). The total value of the five crops for the three provinces amounts to \$243,966,000 in 1938 as compared with \$247,815,000 in 1937.

The average prices received by farmers for the 1938 crops up to the end of November are now estimated as follows, with the prices of 1937 crops within brackets: Cents per bushel - Wheat 57 (102); Oats 25 (43); Barley 28 (51); Rye 28 (72); Peas 158 (168); Beans 113 (123); Buckwheat 59 (72); Mixed grains 38 (51); Flaxseed 113 (149); Corn for husking 43 (64). Cents per cwt. - Potatoes 76 (63); Turnips, etc. 32 (62); Dollars per ton - Hay and clover 6.94 (7.53); Alfalfa 7.77 (8.06); Fodder corn 2.84 (3.08); Grain hay 4.37 (6.23); Sugar baets 5.93 (5.99).

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First Estimate of the Value of Field Crops, in Canada, by Provinces, for 1938, as compared with 1936 and 1937.

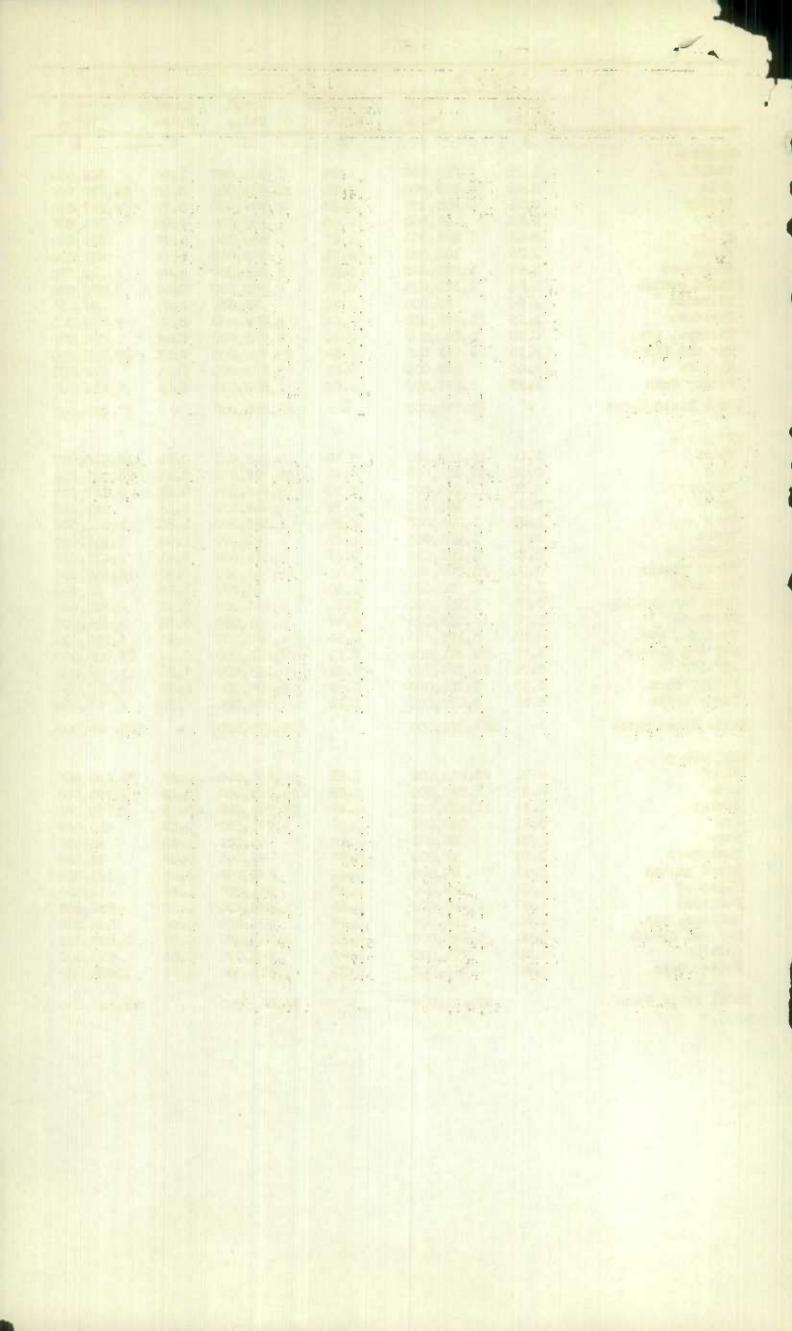
NOTE: Average prices are per bushel for grain crops, per cwt. for potatoes, turnips, etc., and per ton for hay, alfalfa, fodder corn and sugar beets.

(cwt. = 100 lb. and ton = 2,000 lb.)

The life Course	1936		1937		1938	
Field Crops	Average Price	Total Value	Average Price	Total Value	Average Price	Total V <b>a</b> lue
CANADA -	\$	\$	\$	\$	*	\$
Wheat	0.94	205,327,000	1.02	186,925,000	0.57	198,875,000
Oats	0.43	116,267,000	0.43	114,093,000	0.25	92,758,000
Barley	0.69	49,512,000	0.51	42,020,000	0.28	28,679,000
Rye	0.70	2,980,000	0.72	4,152,000	0.28	3,134,000
Peas	1.62	1,991,000	1.68	2,012,000	1.58	2,161,000
Beans	2.04	1,790,400	1.23	1,597,000	1.13	1,764,000
Buckwheat	0.71	6,088,000	0.72	5,592,000	0.59	4,179,000
Mixed grains	0.56	18,751,000	0.51	18,329,000	0.38	15,065,000
Flexseed	1.44	2,588,000	1.49	1,039,000	1.13	1,537,000
Corn for husking	0.70	4,258,000	0.64	3,466,000	0.43	3,307,000
Potatoes	1.14	45,125,000	0.63	26,650,000	0.76	27,341,000
Turnips, etc.	0.35	13,382,000	0.32	11,777,000	0.32	12,322,000
Hay and clover	7.66	105,703,000	7.53	98,136,000	6,94	97,321,000
Alfalfa	9.19	18,077,000	8.06	16,986,000	7.77	15,995,000
Fodder corn	3.38	10,572,000	3.08	12,087,000	2.84	12,542,000
Grain hay	6.41	6,473,000	6.23	11,021,000	4.37	7,315,000
Sugar beets	5.74	3,416,000	5.99	2,505,000	5.93	3,124,000
Total Field Crops	-	612,300,400	-	558,387,000	-	527,419,000
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND						
Wheat	1.10	219,000	1.31	312,000	0.96	173,000
	0.45	2,459,000	0.53	1,822,000	0.33	1,662,000
Oats	0.62	92,000	0.85	118,000	0.61	120,000
Barley	0.59	50,000	0.75	43,000	0.65	44,000
Buckwheat	0.55	509,000	0.60	499,000	0.43	463,000
Mixed grains	0.90	3,547,000	0.39	1,354,000	0.68	2,613,000
Potatoes	0.26	958,000	0.30	626,000	0.25	713,000
Turnips, etc.	8.00	2,848,000	7.62	2,918,000	8.06	2,394,000
Hay and clover	4.50	11,000	5.00	14,000	6.00	23,000
Fodder corn Total Field Crops	4,50	10,693,000	-	7,706,000		8,205,000
NOVA SCOTIA -		,				
Wheat	1.18	91,000	1.38	70,000	1.00	56,000
Oats	0.60	2,273,000	0.66	1,435,000	0.45	1,261,000
Barley	0.81	218,000	0.89	174,000	0.70	170,000
Buckwheat	0.89	118,000	0.93	84,000	0.85	65,000
Mixed grains	0.69	159,000	0.78	127,000	0.62	117,000
Potatoes	1.13	2,211,000	0.85	1,602,000	1.00	1,526,000
Turnips, etc.	0.40	1,521,000	0.40	1,165,000	0.40	1,295,000
Hay and clover	9.50	6,973,000	8.00	6,128,000	7.50	5,205,000
	4.00	29,000	4.00	26,000	4.00	22,000
Fodder corn Total Field Crops	4.00	13,593,000	-	10,81,000	-	9,717,000
NEW BRUNSWICK -	1 10	767 000	3 40	258,000	1.13	212,000
Wheat	1.18	367,000	0.60	3,086,000	0.45	2,664,000
Oats	0.57	4,114,000	0.80	214,000	0.65	241,000
Barley	0.73	266,000			2.56	51,000
Beans	2.22	40,000	2.50	53,000	0.75	446,000
Buckwheat	0.72	652,000	0.84	486,000	0.73	54,000
Mixed grains	0.59	54,000	0.70	69,000	0.90	3,665,000
Potatoes	1.05	5,967,000	0.56	3,233,000		
Turnips, etc.	0.40	1,123,000	0.40	1,104,000	0.44	1,127,000
Hay and clover	6.50	5,792,000	7.00	5,614,000	7.00	6,328,000
Fodder corn	3.75	21,000	4.38	32,000	4.38	37,000
Total Field Crops	-	18,396,000	~	14,149,000	-	14,825,000

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	Average Price	Total Value	Average Price	Total Value	Average	Total Value	
	\$	Ş	\$	\$	\$	\$	
QUEBEC -	2 2 5						
Wheat	1.15	1,069,000	1.24	1,094,000	1.04	840,000	
Oats	0.49	23,329,000	0.61	22,023,000	0.58	24,290,000	
Barley	0.71	2,884,000	0.80	2,875,000	0.72	2,997,000	
Rye	0.83	91,000	0.95	102,000	0.90	103,000	
Peas	2.02	522,000	2.07	559,000	2.05	614,000	
Beans	2.35	193,000	2.11	279,000	2.12	281,000	
Buckwheat	0.67	2,330,000	0.82	2,583,000	0.80	2,140,000	
Mixed grains	0.64	2,329,000	0.74	2,350,000	0.69	2,570,000	
Flaxseed	1.94	55,000	1.96	51,000	1.85	57,000	
Potatoes	1.08	13,278,000	0.64	8,032,000	0,39	8,716,000	
Turnips, etc.	0.45	3,525,000	0.44	2,733,000	0.47	3,004,000	
Hay and clover	7.15	39,734,000	7.66	36,756,000	7.15	39,043,000	
Alfalfa	8.42	303,000	9.03	307,000	8.11	322,000	
Fodder corn	3.83	1,634,000	4.04	1,885,000	4.05	2,114,000	
Total Field Crops	-	91,276,000	-	81,629,000	7 -	87,091,000	
ONTARIO -							
Wheat	1.16	16,469,000	0.98	19,868,000	0.56	12,030,000	
Oats	0.50	33,429,000	0.42	30,997,000	0.28	23,001,000	
Barley	0.80	11,214,000	0.59	9,446,000	0,41	6,825,000	
Rye	0.84	751,000	0.78	1,008,000	0.44	633,000	
Peas	1.55	1,263,000	1.56	1,186,000	1.50	1,361,000	
Beans	2.02	1,501,000	1.07	1,181,000	1.00	1,367,000	
Buckwheat	0.73	2,891,000	0.62	2,324,000	0.41	1,435,000	
Mixed grains	0.55	15,307,000	0.48	14,740,000	0.35	11,410,000	
Flaxseed	1.48	50,000	1.40	73,000	1.25	55,000	
Corn for husking	0.70	4,258,000	0.64	3,466,000	0.43	3,307,000	
Potatoes	1.35	12,528,000	0.57	5,751,000	0.78	5,816,000	
Turnips, etc.	0.28	5,107,000	0.24	4,782,000	0.24	4,990,000	
Hay and clover	8.26	38,302,000	7.14	32,851,000	6.69	32,085,000	
Alfalfa	8.74	13,276,000	7.31	12,149,000	7.25	11,064,000	
Fodder corn	3.18	7,858,000	2.69	8,288,000	2.51		
Sugar beets	5.32	2,080,000	5.35	990,000	6.50	8,715,000	
Total Field Crops		166,284,000		149,100,000		125,888,000	
MANITOBA -							
Wheat	0.91	23,660,000	1.02	18 860 000	0.50	70 000 000	
Oats	0.37	7,548,000		48,960,000	0.59	30,090,000	
Barley	0.66		0.38	16,369,000	0.19	7,790,000	
Rye	0.61	12,533,000	0.47	16,356,000	0.25	7,750,000	
Peas	1.13	580,000	0.72	1,771,000	0.25	810,000	
Buckwheat	0.78	25,000	1.50	66,000	0.95	48,000	
Mixed grains		47,000	0.70	72,000	0.40	49,000	
Flaxseed	0.45	69,000	0.44	275,000	0.25	163,000	
Potatoes	1.42	589,000	1.49	551,000	1.12	414,000	
Turnips, etc.	1.40	1,408,000	0.56	1,389,000	0,50	957,000	
Hay and clover	0.69	143,000	0.49	354,000	0.43	203,000	
Alfalfa	5.00	2,890,000	6.32	4,980,000	4.82	3,697,000	
Fodder Corn	6.50	364,000	7.77	552,000	6.83	690,000	
rodder Corn	4.50	545,000	5.00	1,375,000	3.60	1,008,000	
Total Field Crops		50,401,000		93,070,000	3-1	53,669,000	



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	Average Price	Total Value	Average Price	Total Value	Average Price	Total Value
	Ş	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
SASKATCHEWAN -						
Wheat	0.92	101,200,000	1.05	38,850,000	0.56	73,920,000
Oats	0.35	22,912,000	0.38	8,488,000	0.16	14,482,000
Barley	0.67	11,140,000	0.46	2,538,000	0.22	4,514,000
Rye	0.63	938,000	0.67	426,000	0.25	881,000
Peas	0.85	3,000	1.50	2,000	1.50	6,000
	1.20	2,400	2.00	1,000	2.00	6,000
Beans			0.50	36,000	0.21	99,000
Mixed Grains	0.40	81,000			1.11	677,000
Flaxseed	1.44	1,786,000	1,42	175,000		
Potatoes	1.11	1,815,000	0.78	1,023,000	0.44	1,447,000
Turnips, etc.	0.68	49,000	0.72	31,000	0.40	81,000
Hay and clover	5.35	1,589,000	7.50	960,000	5,50	1,573,000
Alfalfa	9,23	240,000	9.50	228,000	8.00	336,000
Fodder Corn	5.40	38,000	6.50	33,000	5.60	202,000
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Total Field Crops		141,793,400		52,791,000	_	30,224,000
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Wheat	0.92	60,720,000	1.02	75,480,000	0.57	80,370,000
Oets	0.35	17,500,000	0.35	26,950,000	0.15	15,450,000
Barley	0.64	10,880,000	0.45	9,945,000	0.20	5,840,000
Rye	0.74	564,000	0.65	770,000	0.24	648,000
Peas	1.50	23,000	1.65	23,000	1.30	29,000
Beans	1.50	14,000	2.40	41,000	1.90	23,000
Mixed Grains	0.39	157,000	0.45	140,000	0.22	106,000
Flaxseed	1.39	104,000	1.50	186,000	1.10	330,000
Potatoes	0.95	1,725,000	0.75	2,093,000	0.30	626,000
Turnips, etc.	0.70	93,000	0.63	197,000	0.50	145,000
Hay and clover	7.84	3,324,000	8.50	3,723,000	6.00	3,270,000
Alfalfa	10.20	1,693,000	10.50	1,638,000	7.00	1,379,000
			6.25	94,000	6.00	96,000
Fodder Corn	7.00	70,000		9,900,000	4,00	6,300,000
Grain hay	6.00	5,400,000	6.00		5.30	
Sugar beets	6.55	1,336,000	6.50	1,515,000	3.00	1,330,000
Total Field Crops	-	103,603,000	-	132,695,000	-	115,942,000
BRITISH COLUMBIA -						
Wheat	1.03	1,532,000	1.15	2,033,000	0.82	1,184,000
Oats	0.50	2,703,000	0,52	2,923,000	0.43	2,158,000
Barley	0.64	285,000	0.70	354,000	0.56	222,000
Rye	0.73	56,000	0.81	75,000	0.60	59,000
Peas	1.35	155,000	1.60	176,000	1.20	103,000
Beans	1,80	40,000	2.00	42,000	1.70	36,000
Mixed Grains	0.55	86,000	0.58	93,000	0.50	83,00
			1.20	3,000	1.10	4,000
Flaxseed	1.25	4,000	0.95	2,173,000	1.10	1,975,000
Potatoes	1.35	2,646,000			0.65	764,00
Turnips, etc.	0.62	863,000	0.60	785,000		
Hay and clover	13.00	4,251,000	12,94	4,206,000	13.75	3,726,000
Alfalfa	13.50	2,201,000	13.20	2,112,000	14.50	2,204,00
Fodder corn	4.75	366,000	5.00	340,000	5.00	325,00
Grain hay	9.75	1,073,000	9.50	1,121,000	10.25	1,015,00
Total Field Crops	-	16,261,000		16,436,000	-	13,858,000

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