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VALUE OF CANADIAN FIELD CROFS, 1944

Ottawa, December 12, 1944, 3 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving by provinces the first estimate of the farm value of field crop production for 1944 as compared with the values for 1942 and 1943. 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.

SULMARY

The gross value of the principal field crops produced on Canadian farms is estimated at \$1,319 million for 1944. This figure constitutes a new high record being \$185 million above the 1943 estimate and \$140 million above the previous high figure of 1942. Better than average crops combined with slightly higher prices in most cases brought about the increased value of production. The 1944 figure is almost double the 1939 total value of \$685 million. Relatively good crops were harvested this year in all provinces but lower prices for potatoes in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick resulted in a reduction in the total value of field crops in those provinces where potatoes are a particularly important factor in the value of all field crops. Annual comparisons of the value of field crop production since 1932 are as follows:

	Dollars
1932	 452,526,900
1933	 453,598,000
1934	 549,079,600
1935	 511,872,900
1936	 612,300,400
1937	 556,222,000
1938	 550,069,000
1939	 685,839,000
1940	 676,682,000
1941	 683,889,000
1942	 1,179,415,000
1943	 1,133,734,000
1944	 1,319,099,000

The value of the wheat crop constitutes more than one-third of the total value of all field crops in 1944. The better than average wheat crop harvested this year together with a slightly higher average farm price resulted in a value of production of \$477 million for this crop as compared with \$288 million for the 1943 crop. Actually the increase in the value of the wheat crop alone was slightly greater than the increase in the value of all crops. The value of crops other than wheat do not show any great change as between 1943 and 1944 although the sharp reduction in acreage and production of flaxseed resulted in a reduction in the value of the output of this crop, while, on the other hand, the substantial increase in the production of shelled corn resulted in an increase in the value of this crop from \$6.7 million to \$11.6 million. The 1944 potato crop was substantially higher than that of 1943 but prices were sharply lower and the total value of the crop declined from \$78 million to \$60 million. No significant changes took place in the value of other crops as between 1943 and 1944.

The following table shows the values of field crop production for 1944 and 1943 by provinces, together with the changes in value in dollars and in percentages:

	Total	Values	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)			
	1940	1944	in Value			
	Thousand Dollars	Thousand Dollars	Thousand Dollars	Percentages		
Prince Edward Island	15,821	15,420	- 401	- 3		
Nova Scotia	18,622	19 083	+ 461	+ 2		
New Brunswick	43.795	29.867	- 13,928	-32		
Quebec	148,317	163,603	+ 15,286	+10		
Ontario	181,434	214,112	+ 32,678	+18		
Lunitoba	143,055	148,042	+ 4,987	+ 3		
Baskatchewan	343,811	457,162	+ 113,351	+ 33		
Alberta	216,057	249,563	+ 33,506	+16		
British Columbia	22,822	22,247	575	- 3		
CANADA	1,133,734	1,319,099	+ 185,365	+16		

Cha provincial basis the most significant change in the gross value of field crop production occurred in the province of Saskatchewan where the value of the wheat crop is particularly significant. In that province the wheat crop of 1944 has been valued at \$275 million as compored with \$149 million a year ago. As there were no significant changes in the values of other crops, with the exception of a reduction in flaxseed, the total value of crops in Saskatchewan increased from \$344 million in 1943 to \$457 million in 1944. Alberta also enjoyed a substantial increase in the value of her crop, again largely because of the predominant part played by wheat in the total value of all crops. The 1944 figure of almost \$250 million for Alberta compares with a figure of \$216 million for 1943. In Ontario the increased value of the 1944 crop was more general throughout the list of farm crops as a result of the better harvests secured in a large part of that province. Prices show very little change as between the two years, but the total value of Ontario field crops increased from \$181 million in 1943 to \$214 million in 1944. A substantial increase of slightly over \$15 million occurred in the province of Quebec mainly as a result of a higher valuation being placed on the 1944 hay crop although better yields of outs and barley were also a factor. The value of the Manitoba crop was approximately \$5 million higher in 1944 than in 1943. An increase of \$17 million in the value of the wheat crop was offset to some extent by lower values for outs, barley and flaxseed. Nova Scotia also shows a slight increase in the value of crop production particularly in the case of potatoes where a very much larger crop more than offset the decrease in price. In Frince Edward Island and Nova Scotia the sharp reduction in farm prices of potatoes as between 1943 and 1944 resulted in a not decline in the value of all field crops. A minor reduction is also indicated for British Columbia where lower values for potatoes, hay and clover together with som

The total value of all field crops in Canada in 1944 is now estimated at \$1.319.099,000 as compared with \$1,133.734.000 in 1943. The total is made up of the following items, with the 1943 values within brackets: Wheat \$477,119,000 (\$287,847,000); oats \$273,742.000 (\$255.045,000); barley \$131,971.000 (\$141,988.000); rye \$7,184,000 (\$6,854,000); peas \$3,485.000 (\$3.581,000); beans \$3,765.000 (\$3,280,000); buckwheat \$4,668,000 (\$5.035,000); mixed grains \$34,564.000 (\$22,611,000); flaxseed \$23,633,000 (\$38,508,000); corn, shelled \$11,614.000 (\$6,733,000); potatoes \$60,232,000 (\$77,784,000); turnips, etc. \$20,112.000 (\$23,315,000); hay and clover \$194,063,000 (\$190,357,000); alfalfa \$42.904,000 (\$41,811,000); fodder corn \$17,845,000 (\$17,068,000); grain hay \$7.905,000 (\$7,003,000), sugar beets \$4.293,000 initial payment (\$4,914,000).

By provinces in order of magnitude, the total values of 1944 crops are as follows, with the 1943 figures within brackets: Saskatchewan 3457,162,000 (\$343,811,000); Alberta \$249,563,000 (\$216,057,000); Ontario \$214,112,000 (\$181,434,000); Quebec \$163,603,000 (\$148,317,000); Manitoba \$148,042,000 (\$143,055,000); New Brunswick \$29,867,000 (\$43,795,000); British Columbia \$22,247,000 (\$22,822,000); Nova Scotia \$19,083,000 (\$18,622,000); Prince Edward Island \$15,420,000 (\$15,821,000).

For the three Prairie Provinces the total value of the five principal grain crops in 1944 is estimated as follows with the 1943 values within brackets. Wheat \$450,228,000 (\$269,960.000); oats \$198,501.000 (\$199,260,000); barley \$120,258,000 (\$133,280,000); rye \$5,962,000 (\$5,769,000); flaxseed \$23,132,000 (\$37,917,000). The total value of the five crops for the three provinces amounts to \$798,081,000 in 1944 as compared with \$646,186,000 in 1943.

The average prices received by farmers for the 1944 crops up to the end of November are estimated as follows, with the prices of 1943 crops within brackets: Cents per bushel - Wheat 105 (101); oats 52 (53); barley 66 (66); rye 87 (96); peas 265 (229); beans 261 (233); buckwheat 81 (81); mixed grains 60 (63); flaxseed 244 (215); corn, shelled 99 (87). Cents per cwt. - Potatoes 125 (179); turnips, etc. 62 (65). Dollars per ton - Hay and clover 12.48 (11.04); alfalfa 11.33 (10.75); fodder corn 4.06 (4.17); grain hay 5.97 (5.56); sugar beets 7.71 initial payment (10.42).

First Estimate of the Gross Value of Field Crops, in Canada, by Provinces, for 1944, as compared with 1942 and 1943.

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

	1942		1 9	4 3	1944	
CROPS	Average Price	Total Value	Average Price	Total Value	Average	Total
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DANADA -						
Wheat	0.69	385,475	1.01	287,847	1.05	477,13
0ats	0.39	253,620	0.53	255,045	0.52	273,74
Barley	0.46	119,457	0.66	141,988	0.66	131,9
Rye	0.48	11,760	0.96	6,854	0.87	7,18
Peas, dry	2.21	3,733	2.29	3,581	2.65	3,48
Beans, dry	1.81	2,804	2.33	3,280	2.61	3,7
Buckwheat	0.72	3,763	0.81	5,035	0.81	4,6
Mixed grains	0.52	35,784	0.63		0.60	
Flaxseed	2.00			22,611		34,5
		29,912	2.15	38,508	2.44	23,6
Corn, shelled	0.79	11,393	0.87	6,733	0.99	11,6
Potatoes	1.50	64,247	1.79	77,784	1.25	60,2
Turnips, etc.	0.49	16,013	0.65	23,315	0.62	20,1
Hay and clover	10.86	174,391	11.04	190,357	12.48	194,0
Alfalfa	9.62	35,894	10.75	41,811	11.33	42,9
Fodder corn	3.96	17,412	4.17	17,068	4.06	17,8
Grain hay	4.70	7,846	5.56	7,003	5.97	7,9
Sugar beets	8.20	5,911	10.42	4,914		
	0.20		10.12		7.71 1/	4,2
Total Field Crops	Tallo I	1,179,415		1,133,734	-	1,319,0
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND						
Wheat	1.00	162	1.05	155	1.01	1
Cats	0.59	2,065	0.63	2,860	0.50	2,2
Barley	0.84	306	0.88	375	0.77	3
Buckwheat	0.80	35	0.93	47	0.82	
Mixed grains	0.55	792	0.61	1,261	0.58	1,1
Potatoes	1.25	6,105	1.54	5,114	1.00	4,7
Turnips, etc.	.34	1,253	0.52			
Hay and clover				2,132	0.52	1,9
Fodder corn	10.50	3,623 65	13.50 7.00	3, 807	7.00	4,7
Total Field Crops	10.50	14,406	100 Later	15,821	-	15,4
NOVA SCOTIA -						
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Wheat	0.99	52	1.01	32	1.10	
Oats	0.60	1,573	0.71	1,372	0.68	1,7
Barley	0.75	283	0.90	249	0.89	2
Buckwheat	0.93	63	0.97	66	0.95	
Mixed grains	0.65	151	0.77	129	0.85	1
Potatoes	1.50	3,744	2.17	2,995	1.35	4,1
Turnips, etc.	0.45	1,764	0.84	3,192	0.85	2,9
Hay and clover	13.25	8,785	13.75	10,519	15.00	9,6
Fodder corn	5.25	58	5.25	68	5.25	,,,
Cotal Field Crops		16,473		18,622	-	19,0
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Wheat	1.15	97	1.25	76	1.18	
Oats	0.60	4,137	0.68	4,910	0.65	4,3
Barley	0.85	485	0.99	561	0.93	4
Beans, dry	4.50	162	4.50	117	4.00	
Buckwheat	0.90	475	1.00	613	1.00	5
Mixed grains	0.73	285	0.76	290	0.62	2
Potatoes	1.55	10,568	1.70	17,734	0.90	8,1
Turnips, etc.	0.58	1,831	0.83	4,059	0.80	3,0
Hay and clover	12.50	12,125	16.00	15,280	14.00	12,8
Fodder corn	5.00	155	5.00	155	5.00	1.
Cotal Field Crops		30,320		43,795		29,8

^{1/} Initial payment.

CROPS	1942			1 9 4 3		1 9 4 4	
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QUEBEC -							
Wheat	0.96	532	1.08	543	1.07	54	
Oats	0,52	26,302	0.65	24,716	0.62	28,20	
Barley	0.73	2,783	0.80	2,546	0.80	2,61	
Rye	0.84	165	0.87	164	0.90	13	
Peas, dry	3.04	1,511	3.13	1,208	3.00	1,20	
Beans, dry	3.03	676	3.14	634	3.10	76	
Buckwheat	0.74	1,327	0.84	1,536	0.85	1,49	
Mixed grains	0.67	6,014	0.82	5,766	0.77	5,72	
Potatoes	1.61	17,441	1.85	20,824	1.15	17,48	
Turnips, etc.	0.73	5,366	0.79	6,205	0.65	4,34	
Hay and clover	13.78	76,079	11.55	77,408	15.25	93,77	
Alfalfa	14.93	1,881	12.92	2,468	17.50	2,69	
Fodder corn	5.22	4,719	6.23	4,299	5.70	4,43	
Sugar beets	0.20	E 9 1 LD	0.20	2,000	6.00 1/	18	
Sugar beets	6-17				0.00 =		
Total Field Crops		144,796	esp.	148,317	-	163,60	
ONTARIO -							
Wheat	0.87	21,099	1.09	15,104	1.09	23,63	
Oats	0.49	41,424	0.58	20,113	0.55	36,71	
	0.62	7,551	0.70	4,492	0.68	7,60	
Barley	0.69	1,036	0.85	898	0.86	1,06	
Rye	1.99	1,144	2.06	1,055	2.75	58	
Peas, dry		,	2.15	2,485	2.50	2,88	
Beans, dry	1.50	1,878	0.75	2,684	0.75	2,49	
Buckwheat	0.67	1,773	0.73		0.57	23,22	
Mixed grains	0.51	25,887		11,835 435	1.85	44	
Flaxseed	1.82	477	1.85				
Corn, shelled	0.80	10,898	0.88	6,103	0.99	10,93	
Potatoes	1.90	13,606	2.20	16,588	1.77	15,08	
Turnips, etc.	0.35	4,443	0.45	5,894	10.25	6,12	
Hay and clover	9.25	55,149	10.20	58,466	11.22	47,97 22,84	
Alfalfa	10.00	20,910	10.75	23,811			
Fodder corn	3.46	10,847	3.50	10,714	3.50	11,56	
Sugar beets	7.15	1,788	11.70	757	8.721/	95	
Total Field Crops	wit	219,910	No. To the	181,434	Marine EDM	214,11	
MANITORA -							
	0.72	38,160	1.04	42,640	1.08	59,29	
Wheat		25,900	0.52	32,760	0.52	31,72	
Oats	0.37		0.66	44,880	0.69	37,74	
Barley	0.46	34,040	1.00	836	0.86	52	
Rye	0.50	1,800 294	2.05	226	2.10	42	
Peas, dry	1.75	90	0.84	89	0.78	7	
Buckwheat	0.70	549	0.70	888	0.65	75	
Mixed grains	0.40			6,048	2.61	4,59	
Flaxseed	2.01	4,020	2.16	630	0.95	68	
Corn, shelled	0.66	495	0.75	2,897	1.20	1,66	
Potatoes	0.95	2,259	1.20	394	0.85	29	
Turnips, etc.	0.54	175	0.82		6.00	4,65	
Hay and clover	5.30	4,198	5.80	4,721		4,20	
Alfalfa	7.35	3,528	8.00	4,048	8.25	75	
Fodder corn	4.50	675	5.50	919	6.00	54	
Sugar beets	7.30	942	9.89	1,079	6.80 <u>1</u> /		
Total Field Crops	6-0	117,125		143,055		148,04	
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CROPS	Average Frice	Total Value	Average Price	Total Value	Average	Total Value
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SASHATCHEWAN -						
	0.69	210,450	1.02	148,920	1.05	273,00
Wheat	0.35		0.51	102,000	0.50	104,00
Oats	0.44	89,250	0.65	52,000	0.64	48,00
Barley		40,480	0.98	The second secon	0.85	4,0
Rye	0.45	6,750		3,724	2.00	1,00
Peas, dry	on (2.0)	000	- 07	1 100	0.59	2,2
Mixed grains	0.39	977	0.63	1,189		
Flaxseed	2.00	21,000	2.16	24,840	2.42	15,4
Potatoes	0.98	4,012	1.34	3,863	1.20	2,6
Turnips, etc.	0.54	248	1.00	349	1.10	4
Hay and clover	5.80	3,115	6.75	3,881	7.00	3,9
Alfalfa	7.60	1,999	9.50	2,879	10.00	3,0
Fodder corn	7.30	343	6.40	166	5.50	1
Total Field Crops		378,624	-	343,811		457,1
ALBERTA -						
	0 66	110 000	0.98	78,400	1.04	117,9
Wheat	0.66	112,860	0.50	64,500	0.51	62,7
Oats	0.35	61,250		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0.65	34,5
Barley	0.44	33,000	0.65	36,400		
Rye	0.45	1,980	0.98	1,209	0.92	1,3
Peas, dry	1.80	547	2.00	790	3.10	7
Beans, dry	2.20	59	1.80	18	2.80	
Mixed grains	0.37	997	0.50	1,088	0.56	9
Flaxseed	1.98	4,356	2.13	7,029	2.45	3,0
Potatoes	1.15	3,114	1.60	3,445	1.25	2,6
Turnips, etc.	0.70	336	1.10	462	1.00	4
Hay and clover	7.00	5,509	8.25	8,415	9.00	8,8
Alfalfa	8.75	4,813	9.75	4,846	11.00	6,3
Fodder corn	5.00	315	7.70	377	5.25	3
Grain hay	4.50	7,200	5.00	6,000		6,9
Sugar beets	9.30	3,181	10.33	3,078		/ 2,6
Fotal Field Crops	Bell Land	239,517		216,057	-	249,5
BRITISH COLUMBIA -			0.00	1 000	0.00	9 4
Wheat	0.80	2,063		1,977		
Oats	0.45	1,719		1,814		1,8
Barley	0.62	529	0.70	485		
Rye	0.65	29	0.80	23		
Peas, dry	1.60	237	1.90	302	2.00	3
Beans, dry	1.90	29	2.00	26	2.05	
Mixed grains	0.52	132	0.61	165	0.65	
Flaxseed	1.95	59	2.05	156	2.45	
Potatoes	2.25	3,398	2.00	4,324		3,6
Turnips, etc.	0.75	597	0.90	628	0.95	
Hay and clover	12.00	5,808	20.00	7,860		7,6
Alfalfa	12.50	2,763	21.00	3,759		3,
Fodder corn	5.00	235	6.00	300	6.30	5
Grain hay	9.50	646	17.00	1,003	15.00	
Total Field Crops		18,244	1	22,822	1 -1	22,2

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