

The first item of rainfall has a most important bearing on the differences shown in yield in the hay and grain crops and which go as far as need be to show the vast differences that exist between wet and dry years. While the yields this season in the hay crops are much beyond that of last year, still there is no doubt but the crop of prairie hay has been largely handicapped by the excessive drought of last season. A noticeable feature in the South Central district, where the rainfall was the least, is that the yields are all correspondingly light.

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Rainfall recorded in June66 inches	2.94 inches
" " " July	1.70 "	3.31 "
Average yield per acre of Prairie Hay	1.10 tons	1.42 tons
" " " Grasses, etc.	.95 "	1.86 "
Approximate yield of Wheat.....	14.8 bush.	24.6 bush.
" " Oats.....	21.5 "	44.3 "
" " Barley.....	18.5 "	34.3 "
Acres of new Prairie broken	135,649	108,772
Average cash price of improved land.	\$9.50	\$9.43
" " " unimproved land	\$5.32	\$5.43
Percentage of land occupied.....	52.2	57.2
" " " fit for cultivation.	70.7	71.4
Number of Farmers in the Province.	13,320	13,877
Average acreage put under crop by each	59.2	73.0