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Sources of British Wheat Supply

The following short tabulated statement of the imports into Great Britain for the first five months in 1908, 1909, 1910, is more than usually illuminating.

	1908.	1909.	1910.
	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Argentina	18,802,900	14,830,600	6,403,900
Russia	1,434,810	3,640,700	10,945,500
India	860,400	203,800	7,018,200
United States	11,103,300	7,177,100	1,080,200
Canada	3,865,800	4,260,600	6,407,200
Australia	3,014,300	5,171,900	5,310,600

It will be noticed that Argentina has fallen suddenly from her premier place. This is due to a decline in harvest returns, and to certain discouraging features in the agricultural system of the republic, which may make it an uncertain factor for some years to come. The United States has fallen also from its important place on the list, probably never to regain it, owing to its increasing population, and the declining acreage yield of its lands. India shows a marvellous increase, which speaks volumes for the governmental attention to husbandry amongst the native populace, and to its wise encouragement to foreign capital seeking investment in the soil. Australia also is steadily increasing its grain exports, and the fact that both these last British possessions produce a soft, somewhat inferior wheat, should not be held to deteriorate from the importance to be attached to their enlarged production. Russia is the phenomenon of the season. Her perfectly tremendous harvest will go further towards establishing her intrinsic powerfulness in the eyes of the rest of the world, than would any success which might be schemed out

of a war. The acreage yield there was not large, even in the last favorable season. But, with peace assured, and the maintenance of a wise educative system for the smaller farmers, Russia's exports should increase in value and importance, and have most important effects upon the markets. Canada has made large shipments this year, and still has wheat to deliver. It is confidently expected that she will break all records in that respect this year, though there are hopes which may be realized that more and more of the Dominion wheat will be shipped annually in the form of flour. The profit to the producing country is largely increased when that can be done.

It should be noted, however, that prices in England have weakened under the increase of importation by 63 per cent. over that of last year. The average price last week was £1 16s. 10d. per quarter, against £2 0s. 10d. for the corresponding time last year. We are bound to say also that prospects are not promising for those who would prefer to hold their grain for a substantial advance.—*Canadian Journal of Commerce*

WORLD'S BARLEY CROP

The promotion of barley in different countries as compiled from statistics published in the bulletin of agricultural statistics, is as follows:

Name of Country	1909 Bushels	1908 Bushels
Russia	483,270,129	413,626,042
United States	173,547,991	169,952,465
Germany	163,629,785	143,233,217
Spain	82,942,864	70,929,601
Austria	81,181,930	70,839,086
Great Britain & Ireland	77,108,091	67,848,826
Hungary	75,692,299	60,004,508
Canada	55,398,000	46,762,000
France	50,528,914	42,105,502
Japan	49,432,066	49,432,066
Roumania	20,308,959	13,165,626
Sweden	14,573,911	15,443,920
Denmark	22,155,627	14,227,608
Bulgaria	14,227,608	4,507,843
Belgium	2,020,725	3,507,853
Norway	4,019,205	4,019,205
Netherlands	3,415,412	3,415,412
Serbia	2,902,920	2,902,920
Peru	482,113	421,290
Switzerland	1,451,110	1,451,110
Argentina public	3,203,512	3,203,512
Australia	2,057,927	2,057,927
New Zealand	5,153,781	49,447
Tunis	66,868	66,868
Luxemburg	1,227,625,694	49,447

Note: By adding to the total production of the countries for which we have reports for 1909, an estimate for the countries not reported, obtained by giving the latter countries the same percentage of increase as the former, a total production of 1,402,772,844 bushels of barley for 1909 is shown.

OAT PRODUCTION

The production of oats in different countries as compiled from statistics published in the February number of the bulletin of agricultural statistics, is as follows:

Name of Country	1909 Bushels	1908 Bushels
Russia	1,029,376,634	846,026,429
United States	923,984,598	744,697,256
Germany	554,340,461	475,848,473
France	354,167,574	293,652,896
Canada	355,466,000	250,377,000
Great Britain & Ireland	209,515,497	206,413,466
Austria	154,334,218	129,317,324
Hungary	87,852,872	66,800,250
Sweden	71,915,591	74,537,162
Argentina public	36,517,110	28,709,344
Spain	30,793,821	25,235,661
Denmark	43,641,780	43,641,780
Belgium	37,907,920	37,907,920
Australia	18,776,341	18,776,341
Netherlands	20,687,192	20,687,192
Roumania	23,181,621	15,378,525
Norway	9,210,115	12,071,941
Luxemburg	2,616,382	2,616,382
Bulgaria	10,010,203	10,010,203
Netherlands	19,314,993	19,314,993
Switzerland	4,959,568	4,545,140
Serbia	2,144,138	2,144,138
	3,328,829,816	3,328,829,816

Note: By adding to the total production of the countries for which we have reports for 1909, an estimate for the countries not reported, obtained by giving the latter countries the same percentage of increase as the former, a total production of 4,043,009,845 bushels of oats for 1909 is shown.

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