

Although production of certain commodities has been introduced, total food consumption in Canada has increased during the war. Canada's food contribution to the United Nations has been made possible by increased production.

The importance of Canadian exports to the United Kingdom is readily seen when it is realized that to Canada, Great Britain owes 50% of her butter, 50% of her wheat, 50% of her canned fish, 50% of her cheese, and 10% of her eggs.

In addition to supplies sent to the United Nations and to the armed forces, the Red Cross has sent over 7,000,000 food parcels to prisoners of war.

Government food officials predict that if Canada is to meet greater demands for the urgent needs of the increasing number of armed forces and civilian population will have to face greater demands than have yet been experienced.

The character of production and the plan of farming have been greatly changed in many areas. In western Canada the raising of hogs has become as common as the raising of wheat; livestock is to be found on thousands of farms where it did not exist before the war; butter production has been stepped up tremendously; poultry and greatly increased and improved; special crops have been introduced, and even vegetable growing has been extended.

With the exception of wheat, pre-war supplies have largely disappeared. The wheat stockpile is being steadily reduced, and difficulty is being experienced in establishing and maintaining even moderate stockpiles of other commodities deemed essential for war operations and the maintenance of population in liberated countries.

Production of the principal agricultural products during wartime and the average for the five years 1935-39 were as follows:

	1935-39	1940	1941	1942	1943
Wheat (lb.)	12,501,021	16,283,078	18,737,825	17,488,882	17,516,000
Barley (lb.)	254,773	244,704	238,348	234,308	212,899
Oats (lb.)	119,354	144,696	137,812	202,748	182,344
Rye (lb.)	234,223	250,403	232,137	232,223	230,000
Triticum (lb.)	434,016	820,639	1,032,777	1,092,574	1,172,799
Flour (lb.)	818,256	843,422	720,881	736,322	886,296
Feed (lb.)	612,329	840,196	214,322	558,121	222,660
Hay (lb.)	101,142	300,473	460,122	423,722	601,477
Butter (lb.)	282,461	227,912	466,793	272,722	734,882
Wool (lb.)	1,206	2,049	2,722	14,222	17,211

Exports of food products to 21 countries have been as follows:

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Wheat	\$ 10,723,729	\$ 12,862,421	\$ 14,221,600	\$ 12,882,276	\$ 12,884,223
Barley	10,227,102	2,124,627	2,222,441	2,409,478	7,222,222
Oats	122,122,468	172,202,698	212,002,227	182,722,222	202,402,042
Rye	22,222,422	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222
Triticum	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222
Flour	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222
Feed	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222
Hay	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222
Butter	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222
Wool	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222	22,222,222