

an inefficient system. Lower yields in Poland than most other countries in the Eastern Bloc have been a consequence of small farm size and the lack of a coherent flow of agricultural inputs toward the farm. Table 2 compares yields for several commodities among several eastern European countries.

Table # 2. Crop Yields In 1974 Eastern Europe

Tons per hectare

	Czechos.	GDR	Hungary	Poland
Barley	3.89	4.12	3.05	2.92
Rye	3.06	3.06	1.65	2.51
Oats	3.04	4.15	2.36	2.74
Canola	2.09	2.42	1.36	2.03
Wheat	3.96	4.33	3.75	3.17

*Source: ERS Agricultural Statistics

During the communist era, major crops in Poland did not differ very much from the years prior World War II. Nevertheless, production of these commodities improved significantly. For instance, the average production of wheat for 1934-1938 was 1.9 million tons, by 1966,