



Student worksheet 4: Acreages, yields and values of principal crops grown in Canada, 1927 to 1936

Use *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 236, Table 3.

Topic of this table in your own words: _____

This table shows us information about farm crops, especially grain crops, grown during the 1920s and 1930s. Many Canadians earned their living from these crops, either growing them directly or working in agricultural jobs.

The table contains the information that will help you find a trend in farming. Use only the information requested. Fill in the table below. Brainstorm some conclusions and share your findings with the entire class.

You are looking for the amount of grain that a farmer could grow on one acre of land. Farmers grew the grain and then sold it, often outside of Canada, to flour mills, feed mills and bakeries. One example, oats, is done for you.

Crop yield per acre in bushels	1927	1928	1936
Wheat			
Oats	33.2	34.4	20.7
Barley			
Rye			

Take a look at your completed table. Describe the trend in yield per acre, which is the amount of grain a farmer could grow on a particular piece of land. Now, work together to write your factual sentences about the yield of grain per acre between 1927 and 1936.

Here is an example of a factual sentence about oats: In 1927, farmers grew 33.2 bushels of oats per acre; in 1928, they grew 34.4 bushels per acre; and in 1936, they grew only 20.7 bushels per acre.

Now write your factual sentences here:

Brainstorm some possible effects of the changes in yield per acre for farm families during the period from 1928 and 1936. Think about a farm family in 1936. How would their farm income be affected? What could explain the very low yields? Now write summary sentences about the effects of the changes.
