

AREAS IN CROPS.

TABLE SHOWING THE AREAS UNDER GRAIN AND PULSE CROPS FOR THE SEASON 1916-17 AS COMPARED WITH 1915-16,

	1915-16.	1916-17.	Increase.	Decrease.
GRAIN AND PULSE CROPS.				
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Wheat	335,422½	224,352	..	111,070½
Oats	642,125½	564,812	..	77,313½
Barley	32,243½	30,886	..	1,357½
Maize	8,710½	7,070	..	1,640½
Peas and beans	9,208½	11,905	2,696½	..
Hops	647½	615	..	32½
Other similar crops	1,867½	5,002	3,134½	..
Totals	1,030,226	844,642	..	185,584

AREA IN GRAIN AND PULSE CROPS FOR THE SEASONS 1900-1, 1905-6, 1910-11, 1915-16, AND 1916-17.

Year.	Wheat for all Purposes.	Oats for all Purposes.	Barley for all Purposes.	Maize for all Purposes.	Peas and Beans for all Purposes.	Other Crops.	Total Area under Grain and Pulse Crops.
1900-1 ..	Acres. 208,084	Acres. 641,041	Acres. 35,337	Acres. 15,751	Acres. 8,960	Acres. 6,146	Acres. 915,319
1905-6 ..	223,571	599,256	32,914	13,110	15,718	5,532	890,101
1910-11 ..	336,389	593,396	38,131	18,857	17,336	11,713	1,015,822
1915-16 ..	335,422½	642,125½	32,243½	8,710½	9,208½	2,515	1,030,226
1916-17 ..	224,352	564,812	30,886	7,070	11,905	5,617	844,642