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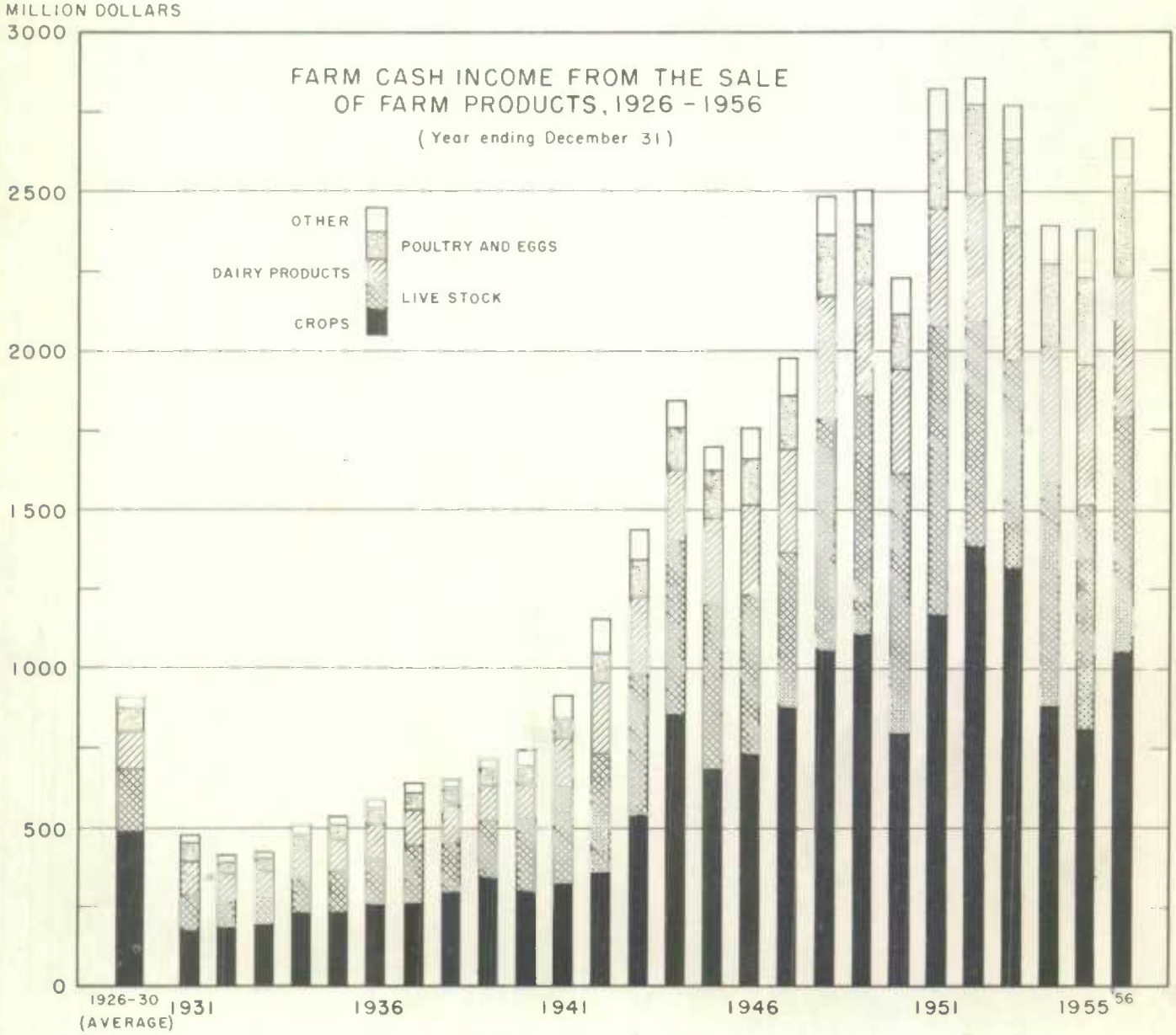


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## CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, 1956 1/

Farm cash income from the sale of farm products and from participation payments on previous years' grain crops is now estimated at 2,662.1 million dollars for 1956; this compares with the advance preliminary estimate of 2,655.9 million dollars prepared and released in January. The present estimate is about 13 per cent above the revised estimate of 2,357.1 million dollars for 1955. The all-time high cash income estimate amounted to 2,849.3 million dollars and was realized in 1952. Cash income for 1956 was up in all provinces with the increases varying all the way from less than one per cent in Ontario to about 40 per cent in Saskatchewan. Higher returns from the sale of grains, cattle, hogs, poultry and eggs, together with larger grain participation payments contributed largely to the increase in cash income in 1956 over 1955. Supplementary payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act to farmers in western Canada amounted to about 5.0 million dollars in 1956 as against 33.3 million in 1955.

Field Crops As a result of greatly increased marketings and higher average prices, cash income from the sale of wheat during 1956 amounted to approximately 460 million dollars, about 40 per cent above the 329.5 million dollars realized in 1955. This increase of about 130 million dollars in cash returns represents the largest contribution of any single commodity to the gain in total cash income. Wheat participation payments totalling nearly 62 million dollars in 1956 were well above the 26 million distributed a year earlier. As in the case of wheat, marketings of oats and barley in 1956 were up substantially from the level of the previous year resulting in a total cash income of about 150 million dollars as against nearly 98 million dollars in 1955; on the other hand participation payments on these two grains in 1956 were only slightly above the 1955 level. Estimated income from the sale of flaxseed set an all-time high record in 1956 when it reached close to 62 million dollars; a substantial increase in marketings together with higher prices contributed to the increase of 52.6 per cent over the 1955 estimate of 40.5 million dollars. Income from corn was down because of smaller marketings. Higher returns from the sale of potatoes were the result of a combination of larger marketings and somewhat higher average prices.

Livestock Total cash income from the sale of livestock in 1956 is estimated at 736.6 million dollars, as against 702.9 million for the previous year. Contributing almost entirely to this gain were higher returns from the sale of cattle and hogs. In the case of cattle, higher marketings more than offset slightly lower prices. An increase of both marketings and prices of hogs provided a total income from this commodity of approximately 302 million dollars, 4.3 per cent above the estimate of 289.6 million in 1955. The 1956 returns from calves were only slightly above the 1955 level as a result of small increases in both prices and marketings.

Dairy Products An individual product record was also set in the case of dairy products when cash income from this source rose from 438.4 million dollars in 1955 to an all-time high of 445.9 million in 1956. Somewhat larger quantities were marketed at slightly higher prices.

Poultry & Eggs Farm cash returns from the sale of eggs at 143.8 million dollars in 1956 were 8.5 per cent above the 132.6 million dollars realized a year earlier. Almost all of the increase in this income was due to higher

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1/ Excludes Newfoundland.

marketings, average prices for 1956 were only fractionally above the level of the previous year. Income from the sale of poultry meat reached a new high level in 1956 at 161.2 million dollars, approximately 7 per cent above the returns of 150.5 million for 1955.

The estimates contained herein are based on reports of marketings and prices received by farmers for principal farm products and are subject to revision as more complete data become available. The estimates include the amounts paid on account of wheat participation certificates, oats and barley equalization and adjustment payments and those Federal and Provincial Government payments which farmers receive as subsidies to prices. Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act are not included with cash income from the sale of farm products but are included in total cash income in the year in which payments were made, being classified as "Supplementary Payments".

In Table 1 below, is summarized the preliminary estimate of cash income from the sale of farm products, by provinces, for the calendar year 1956, and revised estimates for 1954 and 1955. Tables 2, 3 and 4 present farm cash income by commodity sources for each province in the three years and include supplementary payments. No information is available for Newfoundland.

NOTE: - Marketing estimates for some livestock products for the years 1952-1956 inclusive are conditioned by 1951 Census data. Revisions for the inter-censal period 1941-51 have not been published and consequently, income estimates for these commodities since 1951 are not strictly comparable with available data for earlier years.

Table 1.- Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Provinces, 1954-56 1/

- million dollars -

| | 1956 (preliminary) | 1955 (revised) | 1954 (revised) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prince Edward Island ..... | 26.4 | 25.9 | 24.4 |
| Nova Scotia ..... | 44.4 | 42.8 | 44.3 |
| New Brunswick ..... | 51.4 | 47.8 | 48.8 |
| Quebec ..... | 441.0 | 424.2 | 407.0 |
| Ontario ..... | 749.3 | 749.1 | 714.4 |
| Manitoba ..... | 209.2 | 173.5 | 187.9 |
| Saskatchewan ..... | 597.6 | 424.7 | 472.4 |
| Alberta ..... | 432.9 | 365.1 | 386.2 |
| British Columbia ..... | 109.9 | 104.0 | 107.0 |
| CANADA 2/ ..... | 2,662.1 | 2,357.1 | 2,392.4 |

1/ Excludes supplementary payments.
2/ Excludes Newfoundland.

Table 3.- Preliminary Estimate of Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Provinces 1/, 1956
- thousand dollars -

| | Prince Edward Island | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia | Canada |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | - | - | - | - | 7,499 | 46,038 | 289,719 | 115,593 | 1,442 | 460,291 |
| Wheat, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 4,569 | 39,068 | 18,350 | - | 61,987 |
| Oats | 342 | 65 | 514 | 2,258 | 3,521 | 10,043 | 24,338 | 9,536 | 259 | 50,876 |
| Oats, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 1,404 | 4,902 | 1,864 | - | 8,170 |
| Barley | - | - | - | 75 | 740 | 20,701 | 47,144 | 29,956 | 620 | 99,236 |
| Barley, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 3,031 | 7,299 | 4,887 | - | 15,217 |
| Rye | - | - | - | - | 258 | 1,865 | 8,351 | 3,846 | - | 14,320 |
| Flaxseed | - | - | - | - | 8 | 16,606 | 34,474 | 10,297 | 490 | 61,875 |
| Corn | - | - | - | - | 14,621 | 169 | - | - | - | 14,790 |
| Clover and grass seed | 58 | 16 | 56 | 606 | 1,652 | 1,263 | 1,290 | 3,114 | 605 | 8,660 |
| Hay and clover | 3 | 91 | 168 | 493 | 273 | 51 | 22 | 134 | 245 | 1,480 |
| TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS AND HAY | 403 | 172 | 738 | 3,432 | 28,572 | 105,740 | 456,607 | 197,577 | 3,661 | 796,902 |
| Potatoes | 9,358 | 1,004 | 6,959 | 7,341 | 12,335 | 922 | 245 | 818 | 2,293 | 41,275 |
| Vegetables | 357 | 851 | 487 | 10,078 | 34,951 | 3,280 | 1,303 | 3,117 | 7,247 | 61,671 |
| Sugar beets | - | - | - | 845 | 1,946 | 3,027 | - | 6,579 | - | 12,397 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | 4,117 | 59,704 | - | - | - | 37 | 63,858 |
| TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS | 9,715 | 1,855 | 7,446 | 22,381 | 108,936 | 7,229 | 1,548 | 10,514 | 9,577 | 179,201 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,522 | 7,360 | 5,657 | 49,704 | 167,669 | 28,666 | 58,914 | 86,372 | 16,824 | 424,688 |
| Sheep and lambs | 205 | 495 | 364 | 2,065 | 2,934 | 401 | 715 | 2,174 | 438 | 9,791 |
| Hogs | 3,266 | 1,756 | 3,322 | 68,295 | 115,429 | 15,502 | 23,671 | 68,237 | 2,671 | 302,149 |
| Poultry | 1,120 | 3,625 | 3,145 | 39,145 | 63,073 | 11,337 | 11,163 | 13,409 | 15,184 | 161,201 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY | 8,113 | 13,236 | 12,488 | 159,209 | 349,105 | 55,906 | 94,463 | 170,192 | 35,117 | 897,829 |
| Dairy products | 4,416 | 12,197 | 11,918 | 164,234 | 149,960 | 20,904 | 23,186 | 30,064 | 29,034 | 445,913 |
| Fruits | 293 | 1,777 | 939 | 5,110 | 18,395 | - | - | - | 8,191 | 34,705 |
| Eggs | 2,208 | 6,523 | 3,824 | 22,112 | 58,940 | 11,902 | 10,967 | 14,407 | 12,922 | 143,805 |
| Wool | 51 | 106 | 78 | 334 | 593 | 52 | 209 | 634 | 114 | 2,171 |
| Honey | 15 | 30 | 26 | 669 | 1,210 | 866 | 556 | 765 | 276 | 4,413 |
| Maple products | - | 18 | 54 | 5,824 | 830 | - | - | - | - | 6,726 |
| TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS | 2,274 | 6,677 | 3,982 | 28,939 | 61,573 | 12,820 | 11,732 | 15,806 | 13,312 | 157,115 |
| Miscellaneous farm products | 756 | 539 | 750 | 7,753 | 14,359 | 3,039 | 8,813 | 6,362 | 6,922 | 49,293 |
| Forest products | 375 | 7,668 | 12,949 | 48,748 | 15,248 | 485 | 460 | 240 | 1,800 | 87,973 |
| Fur farming | 83 | 289 | 160 | 1,161 | 3,145 | 3,086 | 813 | 2,208 | 2,270 | 13,215 |
| CASH INCOME FROM FARM PRODUCTS | 26,428 | 44,410 | 51,370 | 440,967 | 749,293 | 209,209 | 597,622 | 432,963 | 109,884 | 2,662,146 |
| Supplementary payments 3/ | - | - | - | - | - | 2,360 | 1,179 | 1,319 | 146 | 5,004 |
| TOTAL CASH INCOME | 26,428 | 44,410 | 51,370 | 440,967 | 749,293 | 211,569 | 598,801 | 434,282 | 110,030 | 2,667,150 |

1/ Excludes Newfoundland.
2/ C.W.B. = Canadian Wheat Board.
3/ Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

NOTE: - Marketing estimates for some livestock products for the years 1952-1956 inclusive are conditioned by 1951 Census data. Revisions for the intercensal period 1941-51 have not been published and consequently, income estimates for these commodities since 1951 are not strictly comparable with available data for earlier years.

Table 3.- Revised Estimate of Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Provinces 1/, 1955
- thousand dollars -

| | Prince Edward Island | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia | Canada |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | - | - | - | - | 7,810 | 27,721 | 198,927 | 93,369 | 1,722 | 329,549 |
| Wheat, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 2,254 | 16,857 | 6,606 | - | 25,717 |
| Oats | 313 | 60 | 419 | 1,682 | 3,136 | 4,831 | 11,398 | 5,751 | 211 | 27,801 |
| Oats, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 1,500 | 3,738 | 1,783 | - | 7,021 |
| Barley | - | - | - | 56 | 685 | 20,028 | 26,282 | 22,066 | 631 | 69,748 |
| Barley, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 4,238 | 5,519 | 4,681 | - | 14,438 |
| Rye | - | - | - | - | 181 | 781 | 3,682 | 1,901 | - | 6,545 |
| Flaxseed | - | - | - | - | 82 | 10,394 | 23,505 | 6,341 | 222 | 40,544 |
| Corn | - | - | - | - | 16,900 | 143 | - | - | - | 17,043 |
| Clover and grass seed | 44 | 11 | 42 | 757 | 2,138 | 914 | 958 | 3,789 | 302 | 8,955 |
| Hay and clover | 7 | 67 | 144 | 433 | 319 | 21 | 8 | 37 | 196 | 1,232 |
| TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS AND HAY | 364 | 138 | 605 | 2,928 | 31,251 | 72,825 | 290,874 | 146,324 | 3,284 | 548,593 |
| Potatoes | 7,916 | 879 | 5,165 | 5,896 | 11,478 | 740 | 197 | 704 | 2,177 | 36,152 |
| Vegetables | 278 | 897 | 511 | 9,727 | 35,015 | 2,611 | 1,034 | 2,482 | 6,064 | 58,619 |
| Sugar beets | - | - | - | 944 | 3,639 | 2,387 | - | 5,905 | - | 12,875 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | 3,579 | 72,221 | - | - | - | 37 | 75,837 |
| TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS | 8,194 | 1,776 | 5,676 | 20,146 | 122,353 | 5,738 | 1,231 | 9,091 | 8,278 | 182,483 |
| Cattle and calves | 4,043 | 6,329 | 4,968 | 48,452 | 163,865 | 28,062 | 57,440 | 77,220 | 12,915 | 403,294 |
| Sheep and lambs | 220 | 490 | 312 | 2,037 | 3,108 | 347 | 721 | 2,391 | 458 | 10,084 |
| Hogs | 3,829 | 1,879 | 3,145 | 66,324 | 105,900 | 16,824 | 22,060 | 67,208 | 2,394 | 289,563 |
| Poultry | 1,225 | 3,334 | 2,875 | 34,383 | 66,500 | 10,045 | 10,289 | 9,871 | 11,970 | 150,492 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY | 9,317 | 12,032 | 11,300 | 151,196 | 339,373 | 55,278 | 90,510 | 156,690 | 27,737 | 853,433 |
| Dairy products | 4,362 | 12,006 | 11,846 | 160,427 | 145,681 | 21,314 | 23,731 | 30,173 | 28,852 | 438,392 |
| Fruits | 188 | 1,897 | 849 | 5,442 | 19,740 | - | - | - | 12,685 | 40,801 |
| Eggs | 2,243 | 6,380 | 3,799 | 20,183 | 54,991 | 10,589 | 9,849 | 13,178 | 11,369 | 132,581 |
| Wool | 47 | 108 | 72 | 300 | 582 | 49 | 179 | 597 | 107 | 2,041 |
| Honey | 10 | 26 | 21 | 727 | 1,235 | 804 | 502 | 710 | 180 | 4,215 |
| Maple products | - | 26 | 72 | 6,647 | 636 | - | - | - | - | 7,381 |
| TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS | 2,300 | 6,540 | 3,964 | 27,857 | 57,444 | 11,442 | 10,530 | 14,485 | 11,656 | 146,218 |
| Miscellaneous farm products | 742 | 516 | 685 | 7,447 | 14,345 | 2,499 | 6,253 | 5,351 | 6,474 | 44,312 |
| Forest products | 367 | 7,506 | 12,676 | 47,726 | 14,927 | 482 | 457 | 237 | 1,763 | 86,141 |
| Fur farming | 97 | 334 | 196 | 1,024 | 3,990 | 3,964 | 1,064 | 2,779 | 3,312 | 16,760 |
| CASH INCOME FROM FARM PRODUCTS | 25,931 | 42,745 | 47,797 | 424,193 | 749,104 | 173,542 | 424,650 | 365,130 | 104,041 | 2,357,133 |
| Supplementary payments 3/ | - | - | - | - | - | 5,342 | 22,134 | 5,776 | 86 | 33,338 |
| TOTAL CASH INCOME | 25,931 | 42,745 | 47,797 | 424,193 | 749,104 | 178,884 | 446,784 | 370,906 | 104,127 | 2,390,471 |

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3/ Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

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Table 4.- Revised Estimate of Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Provinces 1/, 1954
- thousand dollars -

| | Prince Edward Island | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia | Canada |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | - | - | - | - | 9,152 | 27,155 | 200,487 | 82,537 | 2,010 | 321,341 |
| Wheat, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 8,994 | 63,772 | 24,627 | - | 97,393 |
| Oats | 330 | 65 | 571 | 1,808 | 3,087 | 9,243 | 22,603 | 13,159 | 546 | 51,412 |
| Oats, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 1,087 | 2,737 | 1,807 | - | 5,631 |
| Barley | - | - | - | 64 | 909 | 26,359 | 31,175 | 26,139 | 923 | 85,569 |
| Barley, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 3,037 | 3,494 | 3,303 | - | 9,834 |
| Rye | - | - | - | - | 257 | 1,397 | 6,323 | 3,801 | - | 11,788 |
| Flaxseed | - | - | - | - | 54 | 7,557 | 7,981 | 3,839 | 260 | 19,691 |
| Corn | - | - | - | - | 13,331 | 182 | - | - | - | 13,513 |
| Clover and grass seed | 36 | 10 | 35 | 764 | 3,283 | 1,759 | 946 | 5,545 | 396 | 12,774 |
| Hay and clover | 2 | 100 | 146 | 656 | 584 | 52 | 35 | 41 | 186 | 1,802 |
| TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS AND HAY | 368 | 175 | 752 | 3,292 | 30,657 | 86,822 | 339,563 | 164,798 | 4,321 | 630,748 |
| Potatoes | 5,942 | 921 | 4,924 | 4,904 | 9,559 | 610 | 202 | 647 | 2,233 | 29,942 |
| Vegetables | 232 | 897 | 511 | 9,630 | 34,116 | 2,207 | 877 | 2,097 | 5,993 | 56,560 |
| Sugar beets | - | - | - | 896 | 2,577 | 2,508 | - | 5,992 | - | 11,973 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | 3,261 | 63,596 | - | - | - | 31 | 66,888 |
| TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS | 6,174 | 1,818 | 5,435 | 18,691 | 109,848 | 5,325 | 1,079 | 8,736 | 8,257 | 165,363 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,545 | 6,240 | 4,469 | 43,390 | 140,643 | 29,133 | 57,496 | 74,451 | 13,481 | 372,848 |
| Sheep and lambs | 204 | 503 | 318 | 2,361 | 3,091 | 360 | 687 | 1,666 | 510 | 9,690 |
| Hogs | 5,330 | 2,719 | 4,114 | 68,412 | 121,450 | 18,304 | 23,675 | 75,342 | 2,295 | 321,641 |
| Poultry | 885 | 3,863 | 4,230 | 25,799 | 55,909 | 10,568 | 10,034 | 11,470 | 13,699 | 136,457 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY | 9,964 | 13,325 | 13,131 | 139,952 | 321,093 | 58,365 | 91,892 | 162,929 | 29,985 | 840,636 |
| Dairy products | 4,380 | 11,948 | 11,753 | 154,029 | 142,935 | 20,819 | 23,253 | 28,936 | 28,485 | 426,538 |
| Fruits | 197 | 3,000 | 998 | 8,114 | 21,910 | - | - | - | 13,986 | 48,205 |
| Eggs | 2,093 | 5,763 | 3,481 | 20,751 | 53,944 | 9,262 | 7,869 | 11,455 | 10,724 | 125,342 |
| Wool | 53 | 118 | 71 | 305 | 619 | 60 | 188 | 645 | 119 | 2,178 |
| Honey | 12 | 23 | 24 | 670 | 1,211 | 632 | 267 | 406 | 197 | 3,442 |
| Maple products | - | 21 | 51 | 6,666 | 741 | - | - | - | - | 7,479 |
| TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS | 2,158 | 5,925 | 3,627 | 28,392 | 56,515 | 9,954 | 8,324 | 12,506 | 11,040 | 138,441 |
| Miscellaneous farm products | 697 | 543 | 714 | 7,125 | 13,685 | 2,719 | 6,962 | 5,669 | 6,725 | 44,839 |
| Forest products | 356 | 7,260 | 12,258 | 46,151 | 14,435 | 480 | 455 | 235 | 1,706 | 83,336 |
| Fur farming | 80 | 302 | 167 | 1,214 | 3,297 | 3,406 | 896 | 2,436 | 2,506 | 14,304 |
| CASH INCOME FROM FARM PRODUCTS | 24,374 | 44,296 | 48,835 | 406,960 | 714,375 | 187,890 | 472,424 | 386,245 | 107,011 | 2,392,410 |
| Supplementary payments 3/ | - | - | - | - | - | 599 | 797 | 1,031 | - | 2,427 |
| TOTAL CASH INCOME | 24,374 | 44,296 | 48,835 | 406,960 | 714,375 | 188,489 | 473,221 | 387,276 | 107,011 | 2,394,837 |

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