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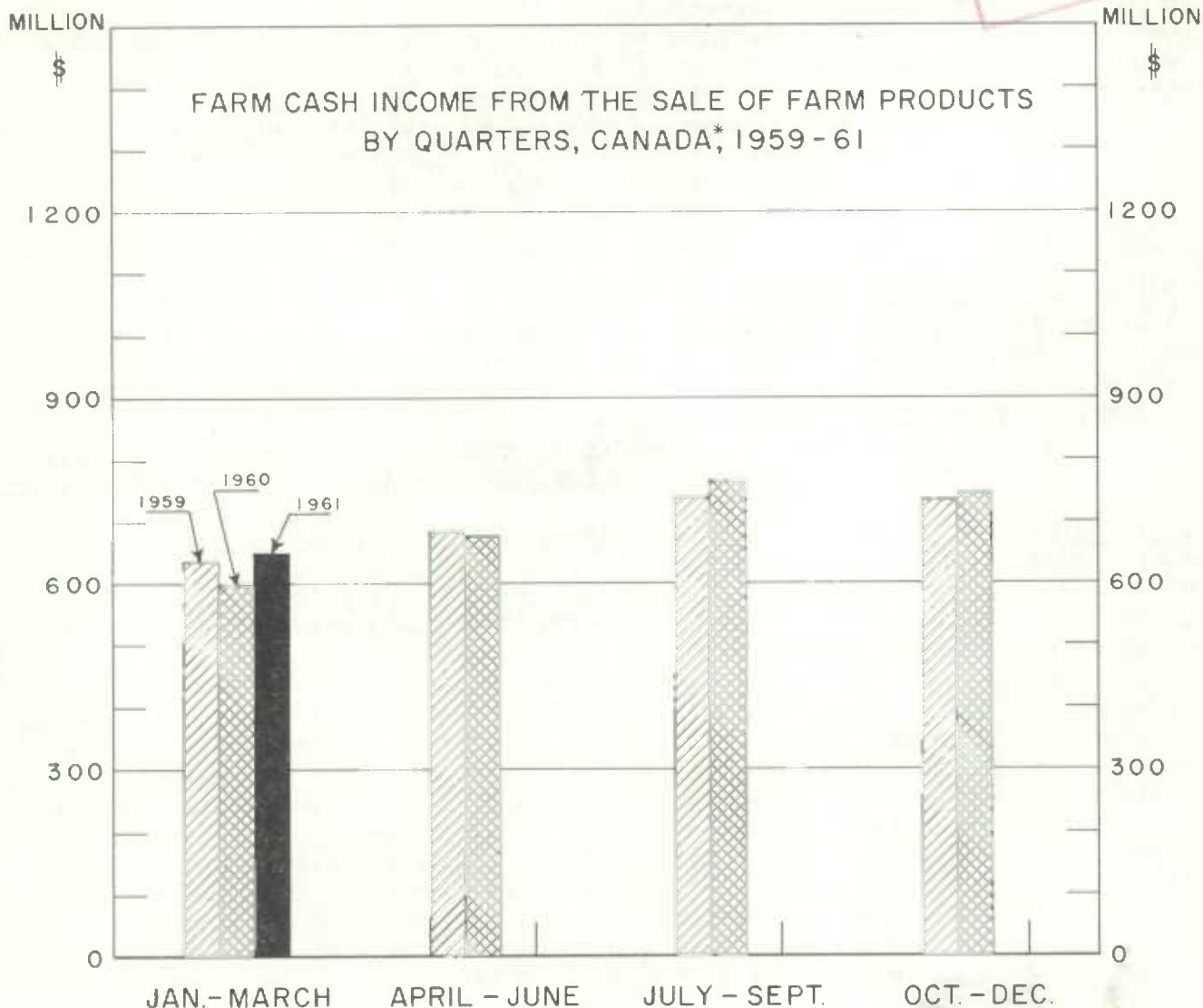
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CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, JANUARY-MARCH, 1961(1)

During the first quarter of 1961, cash income from the sale of farm products reached the all-time high of 651.1 million dollars. This estimate is nearly 9 per cent above the first quarter figure of 598.2 million dollars for 1960 and is 15 million dollars higher than the previous all-time high of 635.7 million dollars established in 1959. The increase of 52.9 million dollars between the first quarter of 1960 and the first quarter of 1961 is largely attributable to higher returns from wheat, 19.1 million dollars; flaxseed, 10.9 million dollars; tobacco, 12.0 million dollars; hogs, 9.3 million dollars; and eggs, 4.6 million dollars. Offsetting these increases, to some extent, were lower revenues from potatoes, 3.6 million dollars, and cattle and calves, 3.7 million dollars.

On a regional basis, increases in farm income were recorded for all provinces excepting Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. The declines recorded for these two provinces were largely attributable to lower income from potatoes, resulting from a substantial decline in prices. Gains recorded for the remaining provinces ranged all the way from 6 1/2 per cent in Ontario to 20 per cent in Saskatchewan.

In addition to the above, income from the sale of farm products, farmers in western Canada received, in the form of supplementary payments, 6.9 million dollars. This compares with 23.8 million dollars in 1960 and 18.1 million dollars in 1959. The bulk of the payments in both 1959 and 1961 were made under the provisions of the Prairie Farms Assistance Act. The higher payments in 1960 were attributable, in large part, to the assistance provided to western farmers under the provisions of the Federal-Provincial Emergency Unthreshed Grain Assistance Act.

Field Crops.- Of the total estimates of first quarter cash income from the sale of farm products, field crops contributed 263.1 million dollars, or 40.4 per cent, in 1961; 220.8 million dollars, or 36.9 per cent, in 1960; and 248.8 million dollars, or 39.1 per cent in 1959. In this connection, the four provinces which were the major contributors, based on the size of the contribution for each of the three periods were Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba, in descending order. Revenues from the sale of wheat during the first three months of 1961 amounted to 81.0 million dollars. This is approximately 19 million dollars above the returns realized during the corresponding period of 1960 and compares with the 88.6 million dollars realized in 1959. Wheat Board payments during the first three months of each of these three years remained at a fairly uniform level. The increase in income realized from the sale of wheat, between the first quarter of 1960 and the first quarter of 1961, was attributable to a significant increase in both marketings and average prices. The gain in prices is due to the improved quality of grain marketed during the first three months of 1961, in contrast with the lower quality grain marketed from the 1959 crop which was harvested under extremely adverse weather conditions.

Important gains were also recorded for revenue realized from the sale of flaxseed. From a total of 3.4 million dollars realized in the January-March period of 1960, farm income rose to a total of 14.3 million dollars for the like period of 1961. In this case prices were lower but marketings increased almost five-fold. On a provincial basis, the largest income from the sale of flaxseed occurred in

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Saskatchewan and amounted to 7.4 million dollars during the first quarter of 1961; this position was occupied by Alberta for the corresponding period of 1960 with revenues from this source of 2.1 million. The tobacco crop has also contributed measurably to the gain in farm revenue during the first quarter of 1961 as compared with 1960. The returns from this crop rose from 69.9 million dollars in 1960 to the record high figure of 81.9 million dollars in 1961, largely as a result of the record production of flue-cured tobacco in Ontario.

Returns from field crops were higher in all provinces except the Maritimes. These increases varied all the way from about 14 per cent in British Columbia to nearly 33 per cent in Saskatchewan. The most substantial declines occurred in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick and resulted from the significant reduction in income from the sale of potatoes.

Livestock and Livestock Products.- Returns to this component of total cash income amounted to 381.3 million dollars in 1961. This compares with revenues from this source of 369.1 million dollars in 1960 and 380.2 million dollars in 1959. The 1961 figure established an all-time high for this period of the year. Contributing most to the higher farm income from the sale of livestock and livestock products was increased revenue from the sale of hogs. From approximately 70 million dollars for the first three months of 1960, income from this product rose to about 79 million dollars for the first quarter of 1961 as a result of higher prices far more than offsetting reduced marketings. Increases were also recorded in revenue realized from the sale of poultry products, with that from eggs rising by nearly 5 million dollars because of higher prices and increased marketings.

Offsetting those increases to some extent, were lower returns from the sale of cattle and calves. Revenues from this source, for the first quarter of 1961, estimated at 133.4 million dollars, were somewhat, though not significantly, lower than the 1960 figure of 137.1 million dollars. Nevertheless the estimates for both 1960 and 1961 represent a rise of some consequence over the 1959 figure of 122.0 million dollars. Between 1960 and 1961 lower marketings of both cattle and calves more than offset higher prices. Income from dairy products, estimated at 101 million dollars for 1961, was only slightly above the 1960 level of 100 million dollars. Increased milk production more than offset a slight decline in prices.

Farmers returns from the sale of livestock and livestock products for the January-March period of 1961 were up in all provinces except Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In those two provinces, the revenues for the first quarter of 1961 remained relatively unchanged from those of the previous year. Gains in the remaining provinces ranged from approximately one per cent in Ontario to about 12 per cent in Nova Scotia.

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 by the Canadian Wheat Board in the form of participation payments. They also include deficiency payments made under the present farm prices support program and net cash advances on farm-stored grains. Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, the Western Grain Producers' Acreage Payment Plan and the Federal-Provincial Emergency Unthreshed Grain 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 estimates of cash income from the sale of farm products, by provinces, for the first quarter of 1960 and 1961, and revised estimates for 1959. 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.

TABLE 1. Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products

January-March 1959-61(1)

	1961 (preliminary)	1960 (preliminary)	1959 (revised)
thousand dollars			
Prince Edward Island	5,585	7,373	5,771
Nova Scotia	9,575	8,708	9,117
New Brunswick	9,731	11,149	8,934
Quebec	83,962	77,883	77,821
Ontario	244,386	229,442	226,853
Manitoba	43,758	40,610	45,301
Saskatchewan	110,019	91,657	116,816
Alberta	117,326	107,066	119,831
British Columbia	26,726	24,262	25,271
Canada(2)	651,068	598,150	635,715

(1) Excludes supplementary payments

(2) Excludes Newfoundland.

TABLE 2. Preliminary Estimate of Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Provinces, (1) January to March, 1961

Commodity	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
thousand dollars										
Wheat	-	-	-	-	2,381	6,180	42,416	29,654	347	80,978
Wheat, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	4,849	23,679	9,221	-	37,749
Oats	115	13	129	696	967	370	434	810	26	3,560
Oats, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	1,160	1,302	1,390	-	3,852
Barley	-	-	-	8	120	1,047	2,754	5,164	125	9,218
C.W.B. net cash advance payments(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-852	-4,337	-3,631	-	-8,820
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	161	632	400	-	1,193
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	2,804	7,400	4,111	15	14,330
Potatoes	1,868	78	2,478	1,993	3,439	126	69	320	552	10,923
Fruits	-	123	-	-	2,105	-	-	-	1,559	3,787
Vegetables(4)	119	93	53	1,040	5,524	97	38	91	1,424	8,479
Tobacco	12	13	-	5,400	76,500	1	-	-	-	81,926
Other crops	161	160	180	2,523	7,698	978	1,115	1,476	1,624	15,915
Total crops	2,275	480	2,840	11,660	98,734	16,921	75,502	49,006	5,672	263,090
Cattle and calves	1,091	1,421	1,434	13,726	50,191	9,832	18,105	34,138	3,289	133,377
Hogs	986	1,058	982	16,954	29,551	5,331	6,203	17,125	816	79,306
Sheep and lambs	--	22	13	81	466	65	76	1,273	60	2,056
Dairy products	689	2,874	2,322	26,666	38,902	5,834	6,578	8,511	8,717	101,093
Poultry	66	1,214	318	6,069	8,754	1,242	396	2,053	2,688	22,800
Eggs	358	1,777	757	5,106	15,237	2,474	1,977	2,948	3,476	34,110
Other livestock and products	21	119	26	373	1,569	1,939	1,081	1,692	1,738	8,558
Total livestock and products	3,211	8,485	5,852	68,975	144,670	26,717	34,416	68,190	20,784	381,300
Forest and maple products	99	610	1,039	3,326	979	120	101	130	270	6,674
Deficiency payments:(5) Eggs	--	-	--	1	3	--	--	--	--	4
Cash Income from Farm Products	5,585	9,575	9,731	83,962	244,386	43,758	110,019	117,326	26,726	651,068
Supplementary payments(6)	-	-	-	-	-	608	2,753	3,436	78	6,875
Total Cash Income	5,585	9,575	9,731	83,962	244,386	44,366	112,772	120,762	26,804	657,943

(1) Excludes Newfoundland.

(2) Represents interim and final payments made by the Canadian Wheat Board direct to producers on crop delivered in previous years.

(3) Explanation of this item included in each of the quarterly reports for the years 1958 and 1959.

(4) Estimates of income from the sale of vegetables in all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia for the years 1957 to 1961 inclusive will not be strictly comparable with earlier years because of changes in methods of estimation. Comparability will be restored as soon as earlier estimates can be reworked by the new methods.

(5) Made under the authority of the Agricultural Stabilization Act.

(6) Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and the Western Grain Producers' Acreage Payment Plan.

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

TABLE 3. Preliminary Estimate of Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Provinces, (1) January to March, 1960

Commodity	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
thousand dollars										
Wheat	-	-	-	-	1,229	7,256	30,869	22,255	308	61,917
Wheat, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	4,730	22,421	9,564	-	36,715
Oats	93	13	110	550	1,115	187	299	659	28	3,054
Barley	-	-	-	7	142	1,268	2,623	5,103	121	9,264
C.W.B. net cash advance payments(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-1,047	-1,405	-1,237	-	-3,689
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	56	109	100	-	265
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	458	868	2,104	17	3,447
Potatoes	3,788	128	4,276	1,820	3,420	128	65	322	622	14,569
Fruits	-	135	-	-	1,604	-	-	-	1,082	2,821
Vegetables(4)	107	119	69	1,004	4,977	89	35	84	1,362	7,846
Tobacco	-	-	-	4,722	65,188	-	-	-	11	69,921
Other crops	219	143	213	1,897	7,461	587	946	1,782	1,439	14,687
Total crops	4,207	538	4,668	10,000	85,136	13,712	56,830	40,736	4,990	220,817
Cattle and calves	1,082	1,286	1,445	13,951	52,125	10,766	19,115	34,529	2,827	137,126
Hogs	860	810	693	14,324	26,758	4,730	5,907	15,262	619	69,963
Sheep and lambs	1	27	15	80	308	68	79	995	72	1,645
Dairy products	638	2,775	2,294	26,247	40,089	5,478	6,349	7,923	8,289	100,082
Poultry	53	808	282	5,071	8,379	1,010	271	1,627	1,979	19,480
Eggs	402	1,662	663	4,241	13,252	2,163	1,838	2,409	2,862	29,492
Other livestock and products	31	187	42	616	2,408	2,563	1,167	1,982	2,352	11,348
Total livestock and products	3,067	7,555	5,434	64,530	143,319	26,778	34,726	64,727	19,000	369,136
Forest and maple products	99	615	1,047	3,353	987	120	101	130	272	6,724
Deficiency payments:(5)										
Sugar beets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,473	-	1,473
Cash Income from Farm Products	7,373	8,708	11,149	77,883	229,442	40,610	91,657	107,066	24,262	598,150
Supplementary payments(6)	-	-	-	-	-	1,935	16,932	4,733	240	23,840
Total Cash Income	7,373	8,708	11,149	77,883	229,442	42,545	108,589	111,799	24,502	621,990

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TABLE 4. Revised Estimate of Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Provinces, (1) January to March, 1959

Commodity	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
thousand dollars										
Wheat	-	-	-	-	1,257	11,426	45,232	30,356	339	88,610
Wheat, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	2,281	25,353	9,225	-	36,859
Oats	87	15	123	538	1,130	997	901	1,013	32	4,836
Barley	-	-	-	8	140	2,961	6,369	9,848	219	19,545
C.W.B. net cash advance payments(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-2,146	-3,693	-2,517	-	-8,356
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	83	217	248	-	548
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	1,037	3,102	2,983	35	7,157
Potatoes	1,735	88	1,928	1,497	2,838	106	50	345	501	9,088
Fruits	-	118	-	-	1,181	-	-	-	1,109	2,408
Vegetables(4)	133	141	80	1,032	4,096	97	39	92	1,359	7,069
Tobacco	-	-	-	3,255	64,930	-	-	-	8	68,193
Other crops	165	147	170	1,877	5,087	959	1,232	1,692	1,530	12,859
Total crops	2,120	509	2,301	8,207	80,659	17,801	78,802	53,285	5,132	248,816
Cattle and calves	1,364	1,597	1,338	12,897	43,778	9,069	17,846	30,684	3,380	121,953
Hogs	974	592	708	17,676	32,955	6,013	9,386	21,185	656	90,145
Sheep and lambs	1	28	5	93	357	62	79	1,140	47	1,812
Dairy products	702	2,817	2,261	23,690	36,782	5,508	6,105	7,517	8,484	93,866
Poultry	50	778	356	5,372	10,890	1,485	636	1,102	2,099	22,768
Eggs	414	1,945	787	5,913	17,478	2,993	2,606	3,048	3,272	38,456
Other livestock and products	47	238	135	633	2,970	2,251	1,256	1,741	1,930	11,201
Total livestock and products	3,552	7,995	5,590	66,274	145,210	27,381	37,914	66,417	19,868	380,201
Forest and maple products	99	613	1,043	3,340	984	119	100	129	271	6,698
Cash Income from Farm Products	5,771	9,117	8,934	77,821	226,853	45,301	116,816	119,831	25,271	635,715
Supplementary payments(5)	-	-	-	-	-	966	12,353	4,760	68	18,147
Total Cash Income	5,771	9,117	8,934	77,821	226,853	46,267	129,169	124,591	25,339	653,862

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