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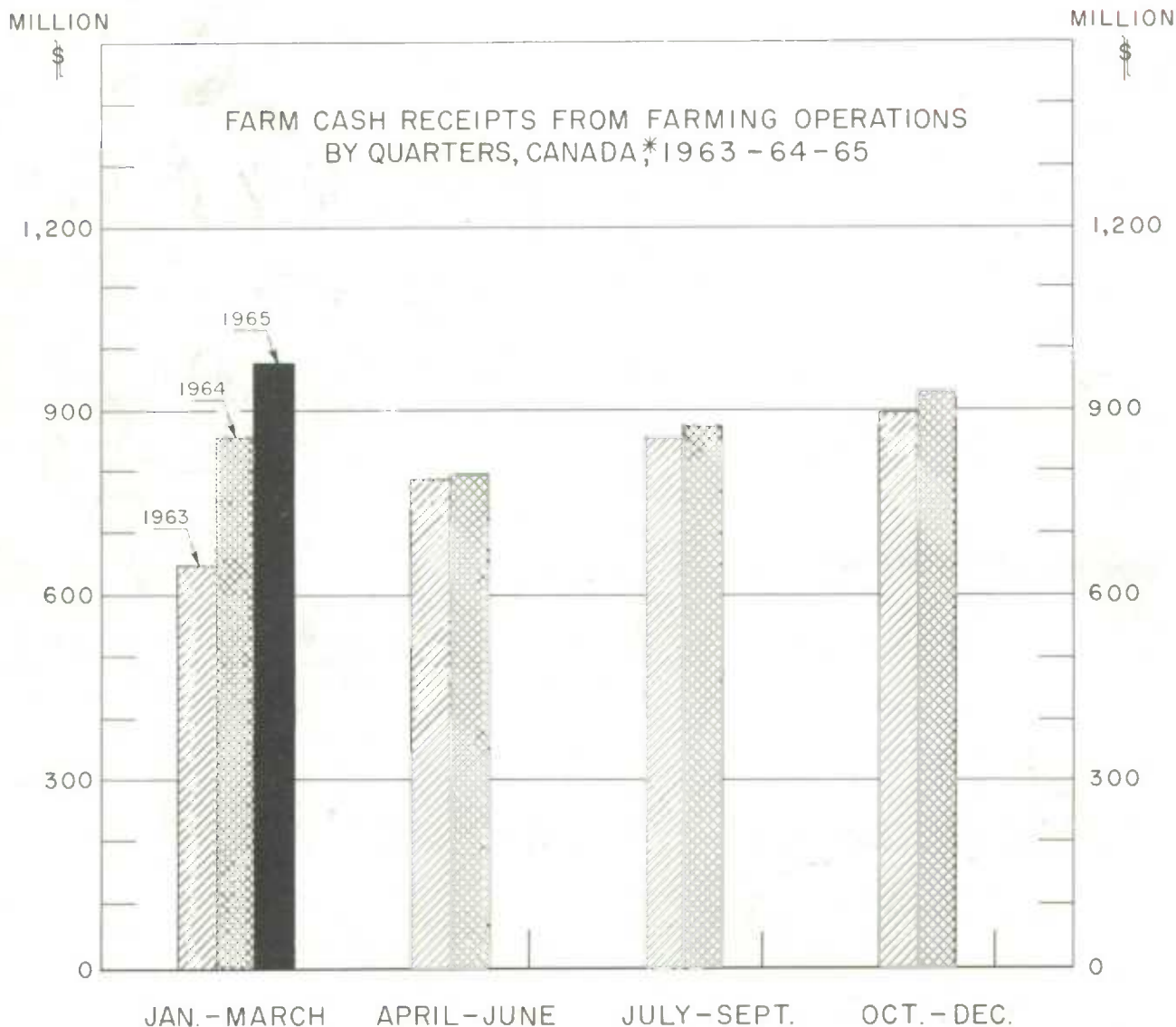
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FARM CASH RECEIPTS, JANUARY - MARCH 1965(1)

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations are estimated at 974.1 million dollars for the first three months of 1965, 14 per cent above the record-high figure of 854.9 million dollars established for the corresponding period of 1964. These estimates include cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops, net cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada, and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deductions are made for the cost of production of commodities sold(2).

The increase in total receipts is due in large part to a substantial rise in Canadian Wheat Board payments - from a total of 208.5 million for the first quarter of 1964 to 292.1 million for the same period of 1965. Higher returns were also realized from potatoes, tobacco, soybeans, rapeseed, cattle, calves, hogs, dairy products and poultry meat. Offsetting these gains to some extent were lower receipts from current sales of wheat, coarse grains and eggs.

All provinces shared in the increase with the most significant absolute gains occurring in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The substantial rise recorded for Ontario is due for the most part to tobacco and cattle while for Saskatchewan and Alberta it stems from record Canadian Wheat Board participation payments. On a percentage basis the most important increases were recorded in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick where potato prices rose well above the 1964 first-quarter levels.

Under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act(3), farmers also received supplementary payments amounting to 8.8 million dollars during the January-March period of 1965 as against 6.6 million for the corresponding 1964 period. When added together, farmers' cash receipts from farming operations and supplementary payments totalled 982.9 million dollars for the 1965 period, about 14 per cent above the 1964 level of 861.5 million dollars.

Field Crops - Total cash receipts from field crops, including Canadian Wheat Board participation payments and cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada, amounted to 536.4 million dollars or 55 per cent of total receipts from farming. This estimate is about 20 per cent above the level of a year earlier and reflects the record-high participation payments made by the Canadian Wheat Board during this quarter. These payments represent final payments on the 1963 crop marketings of wheat and barley of 48.2 cents and 22.6 cents per bushel respectively. They arose out of the system of grain marketings in Western Canada whereby farmers, at the time they deliver their grain, are given initial payments and certificates stating the quantities and grades delivered. These certificates entitle farmers to share in surpluses accumulated by the Board through subsequent sales of these grains for domestic consumption or export. The share of the surpluses accruing to farmers represents the Canadian Wheat Board payments included in these estimates of farm cash receipts.

Total receipts from the sale of potatoes increased significantly, from 9.5 million dollars for the first three months of 1964 to 25.2 million for the like period in 1965. Although marketings were above year-ago levels, most of this gain is attributable to a very substantial increase in prices arising out of a short crop in the United States in 1964 and a resultant strong demand in that country for Canadian potatoes. The marked increase in returns from this crop is reflected in the spectacular rise in total cash receipts occurring in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

Cash receipts to farmers from the sale of tobacco rose from 43.9 million dollars for the 1964 period to 54.0 million dollars in 1965. Although quantities sold during the first quarter of 1965 were about the same as those for the corresponding period of a year earlier, prices were substantially higher as a result of the smaller crop produced last year. Increased marketings of both rapeseed and soybeans at prices above the first-quarter level of a year ago provided total cash receipts from these sources well above those realized during the first three months of 1964.

Up to the end of March 1965, farmers delivered less wheat, coarse grains, rye and flaxseed than during the corresponding period of a year ago and this is reflected in lower cash receipts from each of these crops. Returns from wheat were 109.6 million dollars in 1965 as compared with 140.7 million in 1964 while receipts from the sale of flaxseed dropped from 13.1 million dollars to 6.6 million.

Livestock and Livestock Products - During the first quarter of 1965 total cash receipts to farmers from the sale of livestock and livestock products amounted to 432.1 million dollars, 7.6 per

(1) Excludes Newfoundland.

(2) Estimates of all farm income from farming operations as well as costs incurred in farm production are published in the spring of each year in the DBS publication entitled Farm Net Income (Catalogue No. 21-202).

(3) Payments to farmers under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act are made from the Prairie Farm Emergency Fund to which farmers help contribute by means of a one per cent levy on grain marketings.

cent above the level of a year ago for the corresponding period. Receipts from cattle and calves rose from 142.8 million dollars to 165.6 million as a result of increased marketings more than offsetting slightly lower average prices. A similar marketings-price situation developed for hogs with the result that receipts from this source increased from 77.8 million dollars for the first three months of 1964 to 84.2 million for the like period of 1965.

A combination of slightly increased production and slightly higher prices provided total returns from the sale of dairy products of 103.0 million dollars as against 99.2 million for the January-March period of 1964. Total cash receipts from eggs, estimated at 32.1 million dollars to the end of March 1965, were about 11 per cent below the 1964 level as a result of lower prices more than offsetting higher marketings.

Estimates of cash receipts from farming operations include the returns from all sales of agricultural products except those associated with direct interfarm transfers. The prices used to value all products sold are prices to farmers at the farm level; they include any subsidies, bonuses and premiums which can be attributed to specific products, but they exclude any storage, transportation, processing and handling charges which are not actually received by farmers.

Many sources of information are used in the preparation of these estimates. These include the Censuses of Agriculture; periodic Bureau surveys of production and disposition of crops, livestock and animal products; farm product marketing agencies; processors of agricultural products; Bureau surveys of prices received by farmers in connection with agricultural activities; agricultural statistics arising out of administrative responsibilities of various government departments, both Federal and Provincial.

TABLE 1. Farm Cash Receipts from Farming Operations
January - March 1963-65(1)

	1965	1964	1963
	thousand dollars		
Prince Edward Island	10,289	5,723	6,122
Nova Scotia	10,124	9,841	10,196
New Brunswick	15,597	9,146	10,642
Quebec	91,756	88,709	89,412
Ontario	245,148	217,481	245,298
Manitoba	78,498	72,880	42,570
Saskatchewan	296,105	251,135	89,937
Alberta	195,656	170,005	123,544
British Columbia	30,973	29,952	28,053
Canada(2)	974,146	854,872	645,774

(1) Excludes supplementary payments.

(2) Excludes Newfoundland.

TABLE 2. Farm Cash Receipts From Farming Operations, by Provinces(1), January to March 1965

Commodity	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
thousand dollars										
Wheat	-	-	-	-	2,235	13,397	54,681	37,932	1,354	109,599
Wheat, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	25,672	188,401	57,896	-	271,969
Oats	114	13	97	572	1,116	568	434	893	180	3,987
Barley	-	-	-	6	201	958	2,104	8,049	805	12,123
Barley, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	1,909	6,890	11,294	-	20,093
C.W.B. net cash advance payments(3) ..	-	-	-	-	-	- 735	- 2,373	- 2,869	-	- 5,977
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	251	352	309	-	912
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	2,643	1,786	2,114	16	6,559
Rapeseed	-	-	-	-	-	463	2,224	3,084	-	5,771
Soybeans	-	-	-	-	3,003	-	-	-	-	3,003
Potatoes	6,233	109	8,771	2,098	5,399	592	89	1,131	791	25,213
Fruits	-	190	-	-	3,015	-	-	-	1,680	4,885
Vegetables(4)	64	137	49	1,255	4,332	251	91	173	2,002	8,354
Tobacco	(5)	(5)	(5)	4,100	49,924	-	-	-	-	54,024
Other crops	455	314	362	2,319	6,961	1,087	1,373	1,164	1,875	15,910
Total crops	6,866	763	9,279	10,350	76,186	47,056	256,052	121,170	8,703	536,425
Cattle and calves	1,245	1,774	1,523	15,388	60,820	13,956	25,576	41,403	3,960	165,645
Hogs	1,104	1,203	710	17,945	32,492	6,150	6,438	17,595	582	84,219
Sheep and lambs	--	19	3	63	424	80	136	775	129	1,629
Dairy products(6)	691	2,875	2,239	26,368	44,617	4,994	4,403	8,525	8,280	102,992
Poultry	27	1,020	360	11,727	13,776	1,177	448	1,799	2,292	32,626
Eggs	270	1,459	844	6,604	12,456	2,826	1,488	2,223	3,960	32,130
Other livestock and products	22	469	53	800	3,292	2,159	1,473	1,984	2,579	12,831
Total livestock and products	3,359	8,819	5,732	78,895	167,877	31,342	39,962	74,304	21,782	432,072
Forest and maple products	62	541	585	2,496	1,040	92	90	175	484	5,565
Deficiency payments(7)	2	1	1	15	45	8	1	7	4	84
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	10,289	10,124	15,597	91,756	245,148	78,498	296,105	195,656	30,973	974,146
Supplementary payments(8)	-	-	-	-	-	270	5,958	2,522	21	8,771
Total Cash Receipts	10,289	10,124	15,597	91,756	245,148	78,768	302,063	198,178	30,994	982,917

(1) Excludes Newfoundland.

(2) Represents interim and final payments made by the Canadian Wheat Board direct to producers on crops 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 receipts from the sale of vegetables in all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia for the years 1957 to 1965 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 re-worked by the new methods.

(5) Receipts from the sale of tobacco are included with "other crops" because less than three firms reporting.

(6) Receipts from dairy product sales, contained in estimates of Farm Cash Receipts for the period 1962 to 1965 inclusive, are revised data.

(7) Made under the authority of the Agricultural Stabilization Act. For this report, this item includes only deficiency payments on eggs. Deficiency payments on other products are included as part of the estimated income for them.

(8) Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

-- 500 dollars or less.

TABLE 3. Farm Cash Receipts from Farming Operations by Provinces(1), January to March 1964

Commodity	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
thousand dollars										
Wheat	-	-	-	-	1,998	9,316	83,759	44,793	814	140,680
Wheat, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	25,815	131,785	42,142	-	199,742
Oats	85	10	87	544	1,149	483	831	1,856	131	5,176
Barley	-	-	-	6	150	799	3,173	9,421	552	14,101
Barley, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	2,266	-	6,487	-	8,753
C.W.B. net cash advance payments(3) ..	-	-	-	-	-	- 920	- 10,429	- 7,024	-	- 18,373
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	217	808	330	-	1,355
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	4,303	5,867	2,877	10	13,057
Rapeseed	-	-	-	-	-	86	430	385	-	901
Soybeans	-	-	-	-	595	-	-	-	-	595
Potatoes	1,948	58	2,638	1,314	2,485	195	39	427	412	9,516
Fruits	-	224	-	-	2,384	-	-	-	2,123	4,731
Vegetables(4)	72	151	48	1,448	4,325	232	84	155	1,888	8,403
Tobacco	158	118	32	4,046	39,592	-	-	-	-	43,946
Other crops	175	156	187	2,952	5,905	1,584	1,162	1,365	1,804	15,290
Total crops	2,438	717	2,992	10,310	58,583	44,376	217,509	103,214	7,734	447,873
Cattle and calves	1,197	1,776	1,257	15,277	51,466	11,748	20,158	35,826	4,072	142,777
Hogs	937	941	720	18,179	31,055	5,370	5,152	14,884	603	77,841
Sheep and lambs	1	20	3	86	452	71	148	869	106	1,756
Dairy products(5)	675	2,733	2,190	24,496	42,510	5,005	4,530	8,683	8,400	99,222
Poultry	31	990	397	10,609	13,740	971	400	1,870	2,127	31,135
Eggs	360	1,670	952	6,415	15,411	3,129	1,779	2,547	3,908	36,171
Other livestock and products	22	458	55	865	3,234	2,118	1,369	1,939	2,522	12,582
Total livestock and products	3,223	8,588	5,574	75,927	157,868	28,412	33,536	66,618	21,738	401,484
Forest and maple products	62	536	580	2,472	1,030	92	90	173	480	5,515
Deficiency payments(6)	-	-	-	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	5,723	9,841	9,146	88,709	217,481	72,880	251,135	170,005	29,952	854,872
Supplementary payments (7).....	-	-	-	-	-	2,015	460	4,010	159	6,644
Total Cash Receipts	5,723	9,841	9,146	88,709	217,481	74,895	251,595	174,015	30,111	861,516

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(5) Receipts from dairy product sales, contained in estimates of Farm Cash Receipts for the period 1962 to 1965 inclusive, are revised data.

(6) Made under the authority of the Agricultural Stabilization Act. For this report, this item includes only deficiency payments on eggs. Deficiency payments on other products are included as part of the estimated income for them.

(7) Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

-- 500 dollars or less.

TABLE 4. Farm Cash Receipts from Farming Operations by Provinces(1), January to March 1963

Commodity	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
thousand dollars										
Wheat	-	-	-	-	1,816	12,660	55,137	26,682	989	97,284
Wheat, C.W.B. payments(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15,359	-	15,360
Oats	113	12	116	677	1,276	2,124	1,654	2,628	272	8,872
Barley	-	-	-	9	141	1,241	3,220	5,947	439	10,997
C.W.B. net cash advance payments(3) ..	-	-	-	-	-	- 1,902	- 5,048	- 1,843	-	- 8,793
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	330	854	391	-	1,575
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	768	705	1,220	11	2,704
Rapeseed	-	-	-	-	-	10	785	334	-	1,129
Soybeans	-	-	-	-	1,495	-	-	-	-	1,495
Potatoes	2,588	68	3,845	1,510	2,642	184	38	532	433	11,840
Fruits	-	253	-	-	2,030	-	-	-	1,846	4,129
Vegetables(4)	112	107	39	1,291	4,371	207	72	144	1,755	8,098
Tobacco	56	77	24	4,582	63,536	-	-	-	-	68,275
Other crops	176	151	230	2,601	5,097	990	413	1,095	1,675	12,428
Total crops	3,045	668	4,254	10,670	82,404	16,612	57,831	52,489	7,420	235,393
Cattle and calves	1,178	1,966	1,625	15,835	59,074	10,344	19,770	39,642	3,063	152,497
Hogs	913	1,013	807	18,968	32,437	4,732	4,630	15,497	555	79,552
Sheep and lambs	1	24	17	100	496	66	158	822	83	1,767
Dairy products(5)	566	2,674	2,069	23,545	39,207	4,847	4,402	7,952	7,899	93,161
Poultry	24	905	220	10,407	11,823	1,130	334	1,895	2,309	29,047
Eggs	309	1,877	969	6,525	15,495	2,697	1,858	2,490	3,982	36,202
Other livestock and products	20	548	40	788	3,332	1,757	853	1,803	2,299	11,440
Total livestock and products	3,011	9,007	5,747	76,168	161,864	25,573	32,005	70,101	20,190	403,666
Forest and maple products	65	520	640	2,400	1,000	90	98	158	440	5,411
Deficiency payments(6)	1	1	1	174	30	295	3	796	3	1,304
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	6,122	10,196	10,642	89,412	245,298	42,570	89,937	123,544	28,053	645,774
Supplementary payments(7)	-	-	-	-	-	789	5,325	5,065	17	11,196
Total Cash Receipts	6,122	10,196	10,642	89,412	245,298	43,359	95,262	128,609	28,070	656,970

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

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(6) Made under the authority of the Agricultural Stabilization Act. For this report, this item includes only deficiency payments on eggs, sugar beets and potatoes. Deficiency payments on other products are included as part of the estimated income for them.

(7) Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

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