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Preluminery estamates of farm implement and equipment sales for the twelve months show a gain of 25 per cent over 1950, raising that year's total of $\$ 205,993,039$ to $\$ 257,960,733$. Repair part sales to the extent of $\$ 39,028,999$ are included in this 1959 total. The most significant change in machines occurred in s.1f-rropelled coribines. The total units sold in 1959, at 4,913, were 56 per cent above the 1958 total of 3,150 . Cther lines surveyre, with 1958 unit sales in srackets, were as follows: wheel type tractors 25,513 ( 23,184 ), pull type conoines 2,640 (2,499), automitic hay balers 12,539 (11,444) and swathers and windrowers $4,653(3,534)$. A second change in machines of considerable significance was the shift to diesel tractors for farm use. In the total of all wheel tractors over $20 \mathrm{li} . \mathrm{P}$. diesels accounted for 39 per cent in 1958; in 1959, sales of diesels in this "larger" tractor group comprised 53 per cent.

The compilation of this fourth quarter report is on a cumplative basis and differs from the previous quarteriy reports in that more machine and province cetail can be published. The coverage of forage harvesters was not adequate to pemuit the calculation of estimates. The estimates are based upon the reporting of a. panel of main-line companies whose ratios to the 1958 totals are known. They are Bubject to revision when the total coverage 1959 anual survey is completed later ia the vear. Units sold remesent sales to user mile the dollar estimates are at the mijumazs jevel.

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(Values at wholesale prices)

Revision to third quarter: Atlantic Prorinces sales for 1958 as show in the third guarter report should read $\$ 5,553,096$ instead of $\$ 6,176,042$; British Columbia $54,273,238$ instead of $\$ 4,504,959$ and Canada total $3166,272,522$ instead of $\$ 767,227$, 169.


