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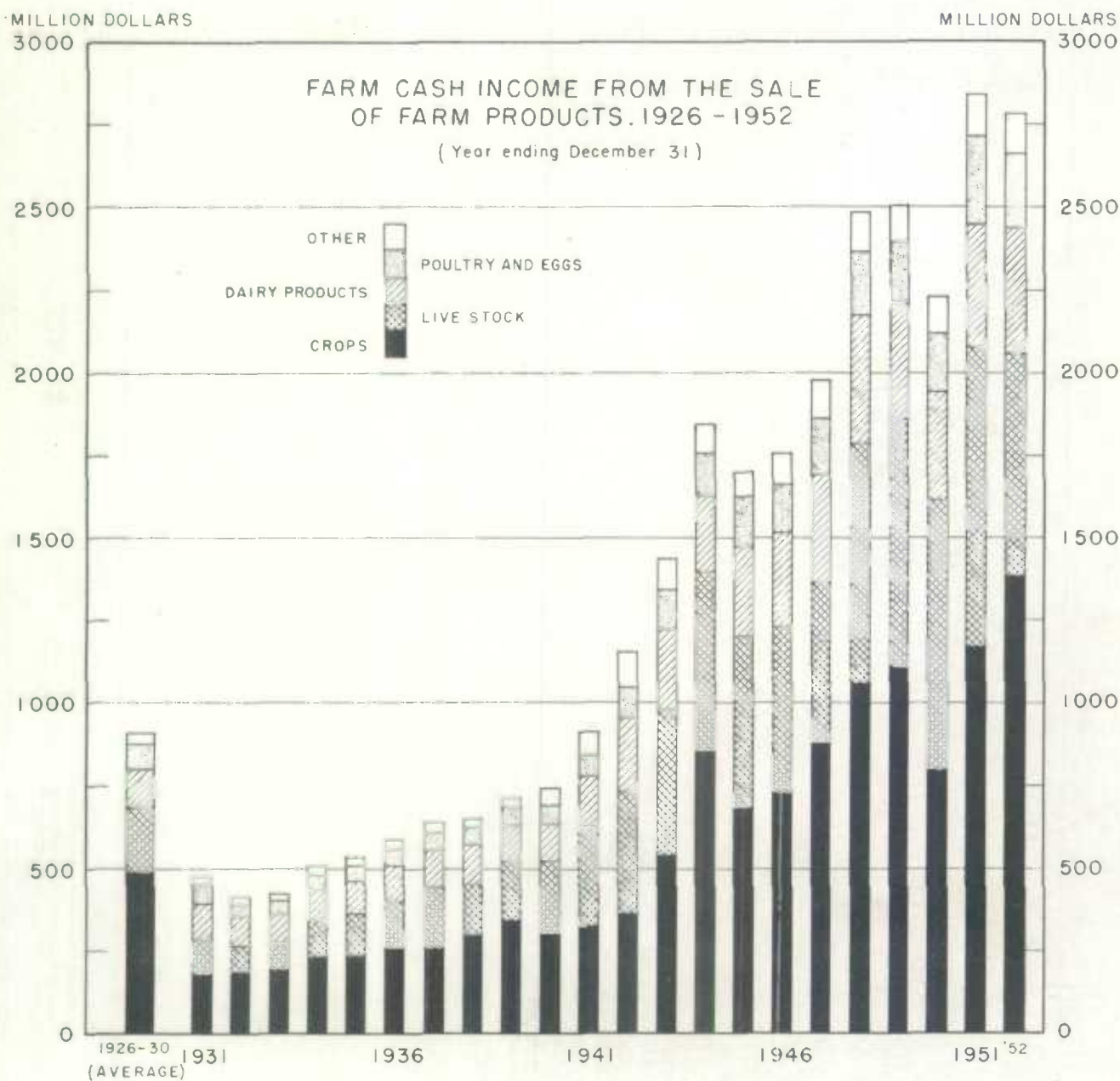
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FARM CASH INCOME, 1952



CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, 1952 1/

During 1952 Canadian farmers (ex. Newfoundland farmers) realized 2,778.3 million dollars from the sale of farm products and from participation payments on previous years' grain crops, an amount only 1.2 per cent below the revised and all-time-high cash income estimate of 2,811.9 million dollars established in 1951. The trend was by no means uniform for all provinces. Total cash receipts for each of the provinces, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta continued upward to new high levels in 1952, while declines of varying magnitudes were recorded for the remaining provinces. Supplementary payments made to western farmers under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act amounted to only 5.1 million dollars as against 13.8 million and 10.4 million dollars received during 1950 and 1951 respectively. The maintenance of farm cash income at near-record levels in 1952 can be largely attributed to a substantial increase in receipts from the sale of field crops which offset to a great extent the decline in cash returns from live stock and some of the live-stock products.

Field Crops:- Spring marketings of grain were exceptionally heavy in western Canada as a result of the heavy carry-over of both threshed and unthreshed portions of the 1951 crop. Unfavourable weather conditions during the fall of 1951 delayed harvesting to such an extent that by the end of the year there were an estimated 150 million bushels of wheat and about 135 million bushels of oats and barley still in the fields unthreshed. In sharp contrast to the adverse fall weather of 1951 was the warm, dry spring which permitted the successful harvesting of this over-wintered crop during April and early May and the rapid seeding of the new crop. Weather conditions remained excellent during the growing and harvesting season of 1952 with the result that prairie farmers were able to produce record crops of high quality.

The harvesting of unprecedented quantities of over-wintered grain in the spring and bumper crops in the fall continued to place an exceptionally heavy load on all grain storage and handling facilities during the latter part of the year. This necessitated the imposition of marketing quotas and the holding back of large quantities of western grains on farms for delivery in 1953. At the beginning of the year the initial price for wheat was \$1.40 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern at the Lakehead. On February 1, it was raised to \$1.60 and continued at that level until July 31 when it was again set at \$1.40. Subsequent payments on wheat during 1952 included a 20 cent adjustment payment on all wheat delivered between August 1, 1951 and January 31, 1952 and a final payment of 25.2 cents on all grain delivered during the crop year 1951-52. The initial price of barley at the beginning of the year of 96 cents basis No. 3 C.W. 6-row barley at the Lakehead was increased to \$1.16 for the period March 1 to July 31 and then lowered to 96 cents for the remainder of the year. Subsequent payments on barley during 1952 included a 20 cent per bushel adjustment payment on all barley delivered between August 1, 1951 and February 29, 1952 and a final payment of 14.7 cents per bushel on all barley delivered during the crop year 1951-52. Initial prices for oats for the entire year were set at 65 cents per bushel, basis No. 2 C.W. at the Lakehead with final payments amounting to 18.5 cents per bushel. Apart from the grain crops, the most spectacular increase in field crop receipts occurred in the case of potatoes; prices for this commodity during 1952 averaged more than two and a half times greater than those of 1951.

Live Stock:- A general and substantial drop in average live-stock prices together with lower marketings of all live stock, except hogs, accounted for the significant decline in live-stock receipts in 1952. The greatest decline occurred in the case of cattle and calves. The prices of these live stock which had been declining since the beginning of the year, declined still further after the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Saskatchewan in February and the consequent imposition by the United States

1/ Excludes Newfoundland.

of an embargo on imports. On April 9 the Agricultural Prices Support Board was authorized to establish support prices for cattle on the basis of \$25.00 per 100 pounds, basis good steers at Toronto. Early in May the cattle market strengthened as the Agricultural Prices Support Board began to purchase beef for export to the United Kingdom under the New Zealand diversion arrangement. Under this arrangement Canadian meat was shipped to the United Kingdom in exchange for New Zealand beef and pork which in turn was to be sold through normal commercial channels in the United States.

On September 25, the Minister of Agriculture stated that the support price would be lowered from \$25.00 to \$23.00 per 100 pounds, basis good steers at Toronto and would continue in existence until the United States embargo was lifted or until April 1, 1953 whichever was the earlier. It was also announced that in order to protect those farmers who had held back and finished their cattle during the summer period the Price Support Board would continue until November 15, 1952 to maintain a floor price of \$25.00 per 100 pounds live weight for heavy steers and heifers. Canada was officially declared free of foot-and-mouth disease on August 19, 1952 and on November 28 it was announced that the United States would lift the embargo on shipments of Canadian cattle on March 1, 1953 if there were no further outbreaks of the disease.

Compared with 1951, hog prices were down significantly in 1952. From July 1951 when the peak was reached, hog prices declined from \$38.86 per hundred-weight (excluding federal premium) basis Grade A hogs, Toronto to \$26.00 per hundred-weight by the middle of February 1952. On February 16, it was announced that the Agricultural Prices Support Board had been authorized to take action designed to provide a price support for hogs on the basis of \$26.00 per hundred pounds, warm dressed weight, Grade A carcasses at public stockyards at Toronto and Montreal, with appropriate price differentials at principal public stock-yards throughout Canada. This basis of support was continued throughout the year.

Poultry & Eggs:- Poultry and egg receipts too were down very substantially in 1952. Although the production of eggs and poultry meat was higher in 1952 than in 1951, prices were down sufficiently from the high levels of the previous year to more than offset this gain. During 1952 the Agricultural Prices Support Board continued to provide a floor price for eggs of 38 cents per dozen for Grade A Large and 36 cents per dozen for Grade A Medium plus an allowance to cover charges associated with storage for any eggs offered during the latter part of the year. These prices applied at all approved storage centres across Canada. The principle under which this scheme functions provides that the Prices Support Board will accept delivery of shell eggs in storage late in the year only if the private trade has been unable to market them elsewhere. Until that time the eggs remain the property of the storer.

Dairy Products:- Income from dairying was up slightly as a result of increased production more than compensating for a decline in prices. On and after May 1, the Agriculture Prices Support Board offered to purchase butter meeting its specifications at 58 cents per pound. In June, the Ontario Cheese Producers' Marketing Association began to market cheese under the provisions of the Agricultural Products Co-operative Marketing Act. This Act empowers the Governor-in-Council to approve a federal guarantee of an initial payment to primary producers who are marketing a commodity under a co-operative plan. The initial payment may not be greater than 80 per cent of the average price of the commodity over the three preceding years. The Ontario Cheese Producers Association was able to make a federally-guaranteed initial payment of 24 cents per pound, f.o.b. factory, for first grade cheddar cheese produced in Ontario in 1952 after arrangements with the government were concluded early in June.

This amount was the maximum which could be guaranteed under the Act. The Ontario government later supplemented the federal guarantee with a provincial guarantee of an additional six cents per pound for cheese produced in the last half of 1952.

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 1952, and revised estimates for 1950 and 1951. Tables 2, 3 and 4 overleaf 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 live stock and some live-stock products for 1952 are based on 1951 Census data. Consequently income estimates for these commodities in 1952 are not strictly comparable with earlier years. This is particularly true for eggs in Nova Scotia.

TABLE 1.- Farm Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Provinces, 1950-52 ^{1/}
- million dollars -

	1952 (preliminary)	1951 (revised)	1950 (revised)
Prince Edward Island	31.3	26.7	21.6
Nova Scotia	37.4	44.6	38.0
New Brunswick	48.9	48.1	43.6
Quebec	385.9	426.4	355.7
Ontario	714.9	790.9	679.8
Manitoba	246.1	262.4	197.2
Saskatchewan	698.9	631.0	412.4
Alberta	506.7	466.0	363.5
British Columbia	108.2	115.8	101.4
CANADA ^{2/}	2,778.3	2,811.9	2,213.2

^{1/} Excludes supplementary payments.

^{2/} Excludes Newfoundland.

TABLE 2.- PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF FARM CASH INCOME FROM

	P.E.I.	N. S.	N. B.	Que.	Ont.
- thousand					
Wheat...t.....	-	-	-	-	12,822
Wheat, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Oats.....	366	90	675	2,679	4,719
Oats, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Barley.....	-	-	-	165	1,420
Barley C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Rye.....	-	-	-	-	334
Flax.....	-	-	-	-	362
Corn.....	-	-	-	-	13,502
Clover & grass seed.....	66	17	63	857	2,776
Hay & clover.....	3	96	102	327	305
TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS & HAY.....	435	203	840	4,028	36,240
Potatoes.....	13,857	1,843	12,540	11,757	28,967
Vegetables.....	394	669	380	10,980	44,370
Sugar beets.....	-	-	-	1,071	4,616
Tobacco.....	-	-	-	2,600	63,757
TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS....	14,251	2,512	12,920	26,408	141,710
Cattle & calves.....	3,453	5,227	3,510	45,897	107,384
Sheep & lambs.....	199	585	331	2,266	2,980
Hogs.....	5,179	3,198	4,433	77,165	132,862
Poultry.....	971	2,155	1,823	18,939	60,294
TOTAL LIVE STOCK & POULTRY.....	9,802	11,165	10,097	144,267	303,520
Dairy products.....	3,624	10,375	8,308	127,974	136,807
Fruits.....	-	1,680	557	3,414	13,546
Eggs.....	1,723	3,339	2,762	17,012	47,434
Wool.....	43	84	54	239	522
Honey.....	14	25	32	886	2,572
Maple products.....	-	26	80	6,865	1,261
TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS	1,780	3,474	2,928	25,002	51,789
Miscellaneous farm products.....	897	441	713	7,108	13,922
Forest products.....	358	7,331	12,376	46,589	14,571
Fur farming.....	134	207	204	1,137	2,793
Cash Income From Farm Products....	31,281	37,388	48,943	385,927	714,898
Supplementary payments 3/.....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CASH INCOME.....	31,281	37,388	48,943	385,927	714,898

1/ Excludes Newfoundland. 2/ C.W.B. = Canadian Wheat Board. 3/ Payments made under

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THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, BY PROVINCES, 1952

Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B. C.	CANADA <u>1/</u>
dollars -				
53,546	354,851	158,265	4,050	583,534.....Wheat
18,427	100,709	46,572	-	165,708.....Wheat, C.W.B. payments <u>2/</u>
10,702	28,222	21,528	641	69,622.....Oats
4,588	11,955	8,204	-	24,747.....Oats, C.W.B. payments <u>2/</u>
32,366	42,038	44,591	447	121,027.....Barley
10,351	10,506	11,985	-	32,842.....Barley, C.W.B. payments <u>2/</u>
1,559	14,679	7,142	-	23,714.....Rye
11,575	8,674	5,663	171	26,445.....Flax
159	-	-	-	13,661.....Corn
585	881	3,253	583	9,081.....Clover & grass seed
78	17	125	275	1,328.....Hay & clover
143,936	572,532	307,328	6,167	1,071,709.....TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS & HAY
1,058	304	1,030	2,907	74,263.....Potatoes
1,750	697	1,664	7,410	68,314.....Vegetables
1,989	-	7,116	-	14,792.....Sugar beets
-	-	-	66	66,423.....Tobacco
4,797	1,001	9,810	10,383	223,792.....TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS
34,287	50,038	68,005	12,323	330,124.....Cattle & calves
510	740	2,190	485	10,286.....Sheep & lambs
20,912	27,114	60,617	4,346	335,826.....Hogs
7,243	7,927	8,236	8,286	115,874.....Poultry
62,952	85,819	139,048	25,440	792,110.....TOTAL LIVE STOCK & POULTRY
19,302	20,893	30,418	23,244	380,945.....Dairy products
-	-	-	23,456	42,653.....Fruits
7,928	6,562	8,855	9,342	104,957.....Eggs
72	243	686	109	2,052.....Wool
494	341	584	198	5,146.....Honey
-	-	-	-	8,232.....Maple products
8,494	7,146	10,125	9,649	120,387.....TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS
3,592	10,311	7,451	6,884	51,319.....Miscellaneous farm products
472	448	228	1,724	84,097.....Forest products
2,520	810	2,252	1,274	11,331.....Fur farming
246,065	698,960	506,660	108,221	2,778,343.....Cash Income From Farm Products
179	2,560	2,349	43	5,131.....Supplementary payments <u>3/</u>
246,244	701,520	509,009	108,264	2,783,474.....TOTAL CASH INCOME

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on 1951 Census data. Consequently income estimates for these commodities in 1952 are not Scotia.

TABLE 3.- REVISED ESTIMATE OF FARM CASH INCOME FROM

	P.E.I.	N. S.	N. B.	Que.	Ont.
- thousand					
Wheat.....	-	-	-	-	24,126
Wheat, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Oats.....	462	101	848	2,729	5,705
Oats, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Barley.....	-	-	-	222	1,530
Barley, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Rye.....	-	-	-	-	350
Flax.....	-	-	-	-	399
Corn.....	-	-	-	-	12,001
Clover & grass seed.....	32	9	31	494	4,628
Hay & clover.....	14	86	142	1,312	952
TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS & HAY.....	508	196	1,021	4,757	49,691
Potatoes.....	4,121	915	5,419	6,484	15,630
Vegetables.....	315	499	285	9,740	34,185
Sugar beets.....	-	-	-	1,710	5,007
Tobacco.....	-	-	-	2,732	54,648
TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS.....	4,436	1,414	5,704	20,666	109,470
Cattle & calves.....	5,499	8,550	7,228	73,743	160,272
Sheep & lambs.....	439	1,070	576	3,442	4,219
Hogs.....	6,869	4,823	5,957	95,049	159,093
Poultry.....	1,187	2,366	1,801	19,005	64,984
TOTAL LIVE STOCK & POULTRY.....	13,994	16,809	15,562	191,239	388,568
Dairy Products.....	3,903	10,129	8,692	121,167	137,263
Fruits.....	-	1,503	551	5,122	14,626
Eggs.....	2,289	6,043	2,823	21,409	54,053
Wool.....	103	233	151	504	1,060
Honey.....	9	23	25	877	2,877
Maple products.....	-	25	62	4,622	1,069
TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS	2,401	6,324	3,061	27,412	59,059
Miscellaneous farm products.....	757	546	692	7,894	15,423
Forest products.....	364	7,443	12,565	47,298	14,794
Fur Farming.....	313	210	309	821	2,040
Cash Income From Farm Products.....	26,676	44,574	48,157	426,376	790,934
Supplementary payments 3/.....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CASH INCOME.....	26,676	44,574	48,157	426,376	790,934

1/ Excludes Newfoundland. 2/ C.W.B. = Canadian Wheat Board. 3/ Payments made under

THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, BY PROVINCES, 1951

Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B. C.	CANADA 1/
dollars				
52,757	240,279	105,910	3,343	426,415.....Wheat
34,400	159,411	77,539	-	271,350.....Wheat, C.W.B. payments 2/
14,914	23,907	9,840	343	58,849.....Oats
4,680	7,417	3,148	-	15,245.....Oats, C.W.B. payments 2/
26,498	17,671	19,608	212	65,741.....Barley
12,388	7,261	6,636	-	26,285.....Barley, C.W.B. payments 2/
996	7,247	4,262	-	12,855.....Rye
10,469	4,445	2,356	105	17,774.....Flax
53	-	-	-	12,054.....Corn
1,847	1,127	3,114	414	11,696.....Clover & grass seed
153	23	228	413	3,323.....Hay & clover
159,155	468,788	232,641	4,830	921,587.....TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS & HAY
676	316	793	2,165	36,519.....Potatoes
1,352	535	1,287	7,254	55,452.....Vegetables
2,657	-	7,065	-	16,439.....Sugar beets
-	-	-	62	57,442.....Tobacco
4,685	851	9,145	9,481	165,852.....TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS
37,469	83,982	93,309	23,344	493,396.....Cattle & calves
908	1,648	3,860	1,032	17,194.....Sheep & lambs
17,927	25,920	65,720	4,425	385,783.....Hogs
8,608	8,594	9,001	7,734	123,280.....Poultry
64,912	120,144	171,890	36,535	1,019,653.....TOTAL LIVE STOCK & POULTRY
19,417	21,691	30,470	21,462	374,194.....Dairy products
-	-	-	20,243	42,045.....Fruits
7,521	8,201	11,225	12,811	126,375.....Eggs
145	411	1,077	180	3,864.....Wool
669	489	545	267	5,781.....Honey
-	-	-	-	5,778.....Maple products
8,335	9,101	12,847	13,258	141,798.....TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS
3,848	9,309	6,855	7,407	52,731.....Miscellaneous farm products
470	445	225	1,750	85,354.....Forest products
1,569	703	1,974	796	8,735.....Fur farming
262,391	631,032	466,047	115,762	2,811,949.....Cash Income From Farm Products
388	5,546	4,235	187	10,356.....Supplementary payments 3/
262,779	636,578	470,282	115,949	2,822,305.....TOTAL CASH INCOME

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TABLE 4.- REVISED ESTIMATE OF FARM CASH INCOME FROM

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
- thousand					
Wheat.....	-	-	-	-	9,120
Wheat, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Oats.....	411	87	813	2,465	4,487
Oats, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Barley.....	-	-	-	191	1,286
Barley, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Rye.....	-	-	-	-	357
Flax.....	-	-	-	-	377
Flax, C.W.B. payments 2/.....	-	-	-	-	-
Corn.....	-	-	-	-	6,161
Clover & grass seed.....	20	5	19	560	2,601
Hay & clover.....	66	188	333	1,508	1,130
TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS & HAY.....	497	280	1,165	4,724	25,519
Potatoes.....	3,518	1,345	7,504	7,290	14,754
Vegetables.....	579	388	220	7,584	24,893
Sugar beets.....	-	-	-	1,202	4,415
Tobacco.....	-	-	-	1,992	54,729
Fibre flax.....	-	-	-	244	82
TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS..	4,097	1,733	7,724	18,312	98,873
Cattle & calves.....	4,672	8,290	3,015	72,538	153,590
Sheep & lambs.....	347	943	470	3,356	4,898
Hogs.....	5,093	3,886	5,462	66,536	148,653
Poultry.....	850	1,490	1,385	13,779	38,586
TOTAL LIVE STOCK & POULTRY.....	10,962	14,609	15,332	156,209	345,727
Dairy products.....	3,265	9,537	7,637	105,739	120,933
Fruits.....	-	1,817	570	3,822	14,304
Eggs.....	1,696	4,426	2,282	16,962	41,900
Wool.....	86	193	115	350	1,007
Honey.....	8	19	21	634	1,325
Maple products.....	-	27	68	5,743	1,342
TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS	1,790	4,665	2,486	23,689	45,574
Miscellaneous farm products.....	618	490	698	6,250	13,019
Forest products.....	248	4,636	7,830	35,762	12,925
Fur farming.....	142	214	213	1,178	2,883
Cash Income From Farm Products..	21,619	37,981	43,655	355,685	679,757
Supplementary payments 3/.....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CASH INCOME.....	21,619	37,981	43,655	355,685	679,757

- - 500 dollars or less. 1/ Excludes Newfoundland. 2/ C.W.B. = Canadian Wheat Board.

THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, BY PROVINCES, 1950

Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B. C.	CANADA <u>1/</u>
dollars -				
44,903	211,184	109,838	4,186	379,231.....Wheat
484	3,698	3,343	-	7,525.....Wheat, C.W.B. payments <u>2/</u>
9,300	17,487	8,013	433	43,496.....Oats
3,685	8,273	3,588	-	15,546.....Oats, C.W.B. payments <u>2/</u>
18,410	13,396	12,648	150	46,081.....Barley
11,246	9,079	6,319	-	26,644.....Barley, C.W.B. payments <u>2/</u>
1,263	6,384	3,077	-	11,081.....Rye
6,717	1,547	788	36	9,465.....Flax
15	10	5	-	30.....Flax, C.W.B. payments <u>2/</u>
188	-	-	-	6,349.....Corn
1,655	1,833	6,603	524	13,820.....Clover & grass seed
266	87	278	418	4,274.....Hay & clover
98,132	272,978	154,500	5,747	563,542.....TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS & HAY
870	385	935	3,004	39,605.....Potatoes
1,070	424	1,016	6,813	42,987.....Vegetables
2,049	-	5,813	-	13,479.....Sugar beets
-	-	-	38	56,759.....Tobacco
-	-	-	-	326.....Fibre flax
3,989	809	7,764	9,855	153,156.....TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS
44,055	81,398	96,076	18,073	486,707.....Cattle & calves
903	1,431	3,162	757	16,267.....Sheep & lambs
14,683	17,964	51,151	4,035	317,463.....Hogs
5,791	3,753	5,866	3,632	75,132.....Poultry
65,432	104,546	156,255	26,497	895,569.....TOTAL LIVE STOCK & POULTRY
17,062	19,195	27,449	19,271	330,088.....Dairy products
-	-	-	21,072	41,585.....Fruits
5,691	6,345	7,870	8,975	96,147.....Eggs
206	624	1,123	218	3,922.....Wool
768	594	585	190	4,144.....Honey
-	-	-	-	7,180.....Maple products
6,665	7,563	9,578	9,383	111,393.....TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS
2,869	6,076	5,333	6,428	41,781.....Miscellaneous farm products
468	440	220	1,775	64,304.....Forest products
2,637	848	2,359	1,334	11,808.....Fur farming
197,254	412,455	363,458	101,362	2,213,226.....Cash Income From Farm Products
323	8,227	5,256	- -	13,806.....Supplementary payments <u>3/</u>
197,577	420,682	368,714	101,362	2,227,032.....TOTAL CASH INCOME

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

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