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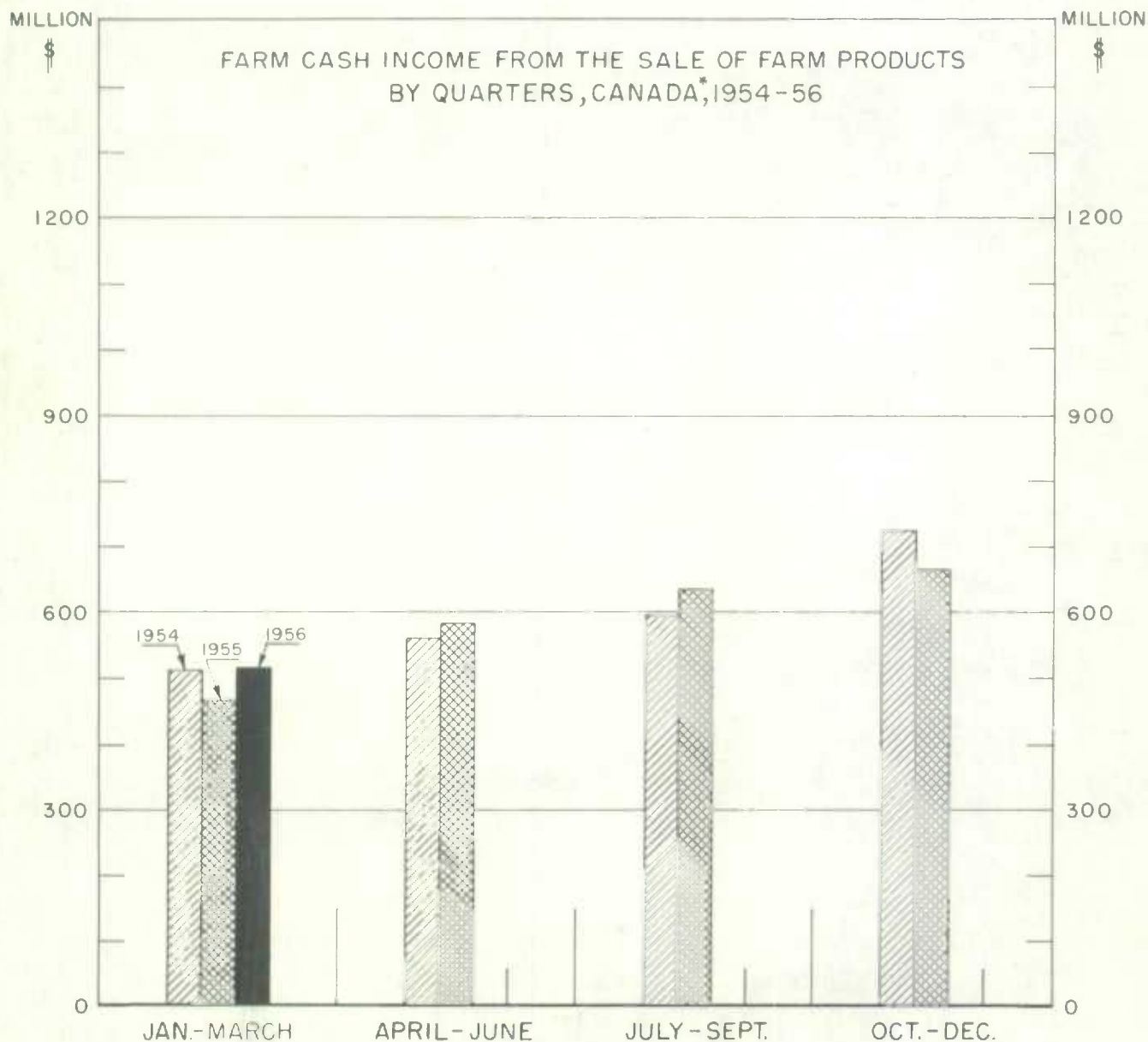
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FARM CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, JANUARY-MARCH, 1956 1/

A preliminary estimate indicates that farm cash income from the sale of farm products and from participation payments on previous years' grain crops amounted to 517.9 million dollars during the first three months of 1956. This is about 11 per cent above the first quarter estimate of 467.2 million dollars for 1955, and about one per cent above the estimate of 512.8 million dollars for 1954. The level of income established for the first three-month period of 1956 has been exceeded only by the record-high estimate of 555.7 million dollars established in 1952 and the 1953 figure of 534.4 million dollars. Increases occurred in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Ontario and ranged all the way from about 7 per cent in New Brunswick to approximately 50 per cent in Saskatchewan. The increase in the cash income estimate for Canada as a whole is largely attributable to increased income from the sale of wheat and poultry meat and to significantly larger wheat participation payments. To a lesser extent, increased returns from the sale of oats, rye, flax, corn, cattle, dairy products and eggs also contributed to the increase in total farm cash income.

Field Crops Higher average farm prices and increased marketings provided an income from the sale of wheat during the first three months of 1956 of 69.1 million dollars as against 50.0 million dollars for the same period a year earlier. Participation payments, including those made in connection with the interim payment on the 1954 wheat crop, amounted to 22.3 million dollars during the January-March period 1956, well above the 0.2 million dollars paid during the corresponding period of 1955. As in the case of wheat, larger marketings and higher prices contributed to a significant increase in income from flaxseed. Larger marketings were entirely responsible for the enhanced income received from the sale of oats and rye. Of the grains, barley was the only one for which a reduction in farm cash income was recorded during the first three months of 1956, largely as a result of reduced marketings.

Substantially lower prices for potatoes contributed to the estimated lower income from this source so far this year. Income from tobacco, well below the first quarter level of 1955, reflects the sizeable reduction in output in 1955 as against 1954.

Livestock During the first three months of 1956 cash income from the sale of livestock and poultry amounted to 182.9 million dollars, about 4 per cent above the 175.7 million dollars realized during the same period a year earlier. Compared with a year ago, income from cattle and calves was up from 91.8 to 93.6 million dollars; increased marketings more than offset lower prices. The greatest gain in this sector was recorded for poultry when a substantial increase in marketings boosted income from 11.3 million to 18.8 million dollars. Although hog marketings during the first quarter of 1956 were above the first quarter level of 1955, the effect of this increase was more than offset by lower prices to yield an estimated income of 68.7 million dollars as against 70.8 million dollars in 1955.

Livestock Products Income from dairy products at 84.8 million dollars for the January-March period was 4.6 million dollars above the estimate for the corresponding period of a year ago; increased production more than compensated for lower prices. Higher average prices for eggs during the first three months of this year together with a total output virtually unchanged from that of a year ago, provided an income from this source of 32.8 million dollars, 12 per cent above the 1955 level for the same period.

1/ Excludes Newfoundland.

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. They include in the period in which paid, grain participation 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 I below, is summarized the preliminary estimates of cash income from the sale of farm products, by provinces, for the first quarters of 1955 and 1956, and revised estimates for 1954. 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 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956 are conditioned by 1951 Census data. Revisions for the intercensal period 1941-51 have not been completed and consequently, income estimates for these commodities since 1951 are not strictly comparable with earlier years.

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

- thousand dollars -

	1956 (preliminary)	1955 (preliminary)	1954 (revised)
Prince Edward Island	5,510	6,738	5,004
Nova Scotia	9,544	8,812	9,070
New Brunswick	10,800	10,076	10,019
Quebec	83,470	77,210	80,816
Ontario	178,284	184,552	183,493
Manitoba	34,555	25,790	35,227
Saskatchewan	85,188	56,361	84,542
Alberta	89,014	78,275	83,928
British Columbia	21,533	19,360	20,729
CANADA <u>2/</u>	517,898	467,174	512,828

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, 1956

	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
	- thousand dollars -									
Wheat	-	-	-	-	635	7,024	35,023	25,094	294	69,070
Wheat, C.W.B. payments ^{2/}	-	-	-	-	-	1,765	13,859	6,666	-	22,290
Oats	74	17	102	391	798	1,155	2,975	1,154	29	6,695
Barley	-	-	-	9	183	1,964	3,270	5,331	125	10,882
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	326	1,329	931	-	2,586
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	1,665	2,864	965	32	5,526
Corn	-	-	-	-	2,173	36	-	-	-	2,209
Hay and clover	1	11	23	121	58	3	1	8	94	320
TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS AND HAY ...	75	28	125	521	3,847	13,938	60,321	40,149	574	119,578
Potatoes	1,966	105	1,867	1,159	1,909	177	44	138	445	7,810
Vegetables	109	23	14	323	2,147	106	42	102	1,085	3,951
Sugar beets	-	-	-	461	-	623	-	430	-	1,514
Tobacco	-	-	-	4,117	41,963	-	-	-	29	46,109
TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS.	2,075	128	1,881	6,060	46,019	906	86	670	1,559	59,384
Cattle and calves	974	1,343	1,066	11,128	42,243	5,534	9,105	19,670	2,569	93,632
Sheep and lambs	9	32	4	109	422	38	62	1,027	45	1,748
Hogs	848	467	768	15,972	26,619	3,681	5,246	14,518	586	68,705
Poultry	72	832	672	5,811	4,872	1,509	1,403	1,231	2,403	18,805
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ...	1,903	2,674	2,510	33,020	74,156	10,762	15,816	36,446	5,603	182,890
Dairy products	634	2,772	2,236	26,882	30,677	4,098	4,683	5,991	6,874	84,847
Fruits	-	300	-	-	985	-	-	-	1,359	2,644
Eggs	539	1,724	1,054	4,410	13,830	2,708	2,465	3,291	2,784	32,805
Honey	2	5	4	144	193	82	53	74	36	593
TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS	541	1,729	1,058	4,554	14,023	2,790	2,518	3,365	2,820	33,398
Miscellaneous farm products	157	114	156	1,421	3,394	487	1,251	1,299	1,315	9,594
Forest products	81	1,619	2,735	10,291	3,219	146	138	72	379	18,680
Fur farming	44	180	99	721	1,964	1,428	375	1,022	1,050	6,883
CASH INCOME FROM FARM PRODUCTS ..	5,510	9,544	10,800	83,470	178,284	34,555	85,188	89,014	21,533	517,898
Supplementary payments ^{3/}	-	-	-	-	-	1,396	540	886	84	2,906
TOTAL CASH INCOME	5,510	9,544	10,800	83,470	178,284	35,951	85,728	89,900	21,617	520,804

^{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 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956 are conditioned by 1951 Census data. Revisions for the intercensal period 1941-51 have not been completed and consequently, income estimates for these commodities since 1951 are not strictly comparable with earlier years.

TABLE 3.- PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF FARM CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, BY PROVINCES, ^{1/} JANUARY TO MARCH, 1955

	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	CANADA
	- thousand dollars -									
Wheat	-	-	-	-	600	2,750	25,303	20,981	414	50,048
Wheat, C.W.B. payments ^{2/}	-	-	-	-	-	11	128	57	-	196
Oats	87	15	122	397	836	240	875	804	32	3,408
Barley	-	-	-	11	175	3,023	3,806	4,973	171	12,159
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	111	629	403	-	1,143
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	11	358	569	357	25	1,320
Corn	-	-	-	-	1,905	33	-	-	-	1,938
Hay and clover	4	27	34	108	118	5	1	6	62	365
TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS AND HAY	91	42	156	516	3,645	6,531	31,311	27,581	704	70,577
Potatoes	2,847	123	1,696	1,310	2,451	123	36	133	529	9,248
Vegetables	132	23	13	354	2,218	82	31	77	1,095	4,025
Sugar beets	-	-	-	406	351	358	-	310	-	1,425
Tobacco	-	-	-	3,579	58,233	-	-	-	27	61,839
TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS.	2,979	146	1,709	5,649	63,253	563	67	520	1,651	76,537
Cattle and calves	1,102	1,299	1,032	11,139	37,837	5,877	10,647	20,321	2,506	91,760
Sheep and lambs	8	32	2	111	414	49	72	1,123	43	1,854
Hogs	1,056	545	827	15,857	24,798	4,113	5,711	17,282	580	70,769
Poultry	43	568	440	3,628	2,992	832	741	673	1,417	11,334
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ...	2,209	2,444	2,301	30,735	66,041	10,871	17,171	39,399	4,546	175,717
Dairy products	603	2,718	2,117	24,588	29,305	4,007	4,630	5,856	6,408	80,232
Fruits	-	256	-	-	1,606	-	-	-	1,172	3,034
Eggs	537	1,473	977	4,110	13,035	2,155	1,858	2,733	2,487	29,365
Honey	2	4	4	148	160	64	24	40	36	482
TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS	539	1,477	981	4,258	13,195	2,219	1,882	2,773	2,523	29,847
Miscellaneous farm products	193	106	145	1,315	3,541	363	826	1,142	1,190	8,821
Forest products	77	1,545	2,609	9,819	3,071	145	137	71	361	17,835
Fur farming	47	78	58	330	895	1,091	337	933	805	4,574
CASH INCOME FROM FARM PRODUCTS ..	6,738	8,812	10,076	77,210	184,552	25,790	56,361	78,275	19,360	467,174
Supplementary payments ^{3/}	-	-	-	-	-	1,623	12,473	3,596	65	17,757
TOTAL CASH INCOME	6,738	8,812	10,076	77,210	184,552	27,413	68,834	81,871	19,425	484,931

^{1/} Excludes Newfoundland.

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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/} JANUARY TO MARCH, 1954

	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	CANADA
	- thousand dollars -									
Wheat	-	-	-	-	653	2,393	24,375	21,480	590	49,491
Wheat, C.W.B. payments ^{2/}	-	-	-	-	-	5,356	22,342	12	-	27,710
Oats	83	18	165	488	790	1,893	4,870	4,486	194	12,987
Barley	-	-	-	18	247	2,575	3,997	4,554	162	11,553
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	112	457	383	-	952
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	546	639	541	31	1,757
Corn	-	-	-	-	2,062	75	-	-	-	2,137
Hay and clover	1	31	34	311	257	15	3	5	64	721
TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS AND HAY ...	84	49	199	817	4,009	12,965	56,683	31,461	1,041	107,308
Potatoes	1,214	66	1,047	1,020	1,810	123	44	140	414	5,878
Vegetables	115	28	16	386	2,027	64	26	61	1,105	3,828
Sugar beets	-	-	-	423	1,066	243	-	169	-	1,901
Tobacco	-	-	-	3,261	44,184	-	-	-	21	47,466
TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS.	1,329	94	1,063	5,090	49,087	430	70	370	1,540	59,073
Cattle and calves	681	1,209	1,064	10,056	37,599	6,846	11,559	18,385	2,498	89,897
Sheep and lambs	3	32	7	151	513	43	71	612	22	1,454
Hogs	1,416	742	1,090	19,342	34,446	4,810	6,728	20,608	631	89,813
Poultry	33	669	658	2,725	2,530	872	728	806	1,596	10,617
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ...	2,133	2,652	2,819	32,274	75,088	12,571	19,086	40,411	4,747	191,781
Dairy products	626	2,729	2,173	24,597	29,007	4,029	4,640	5,750	6,379	79,930
Fruits	-	179	-	-	1,620	-	-	-	1,232	3,031
Eggs	560	1,539	959	6,143	15,654	2,861	2,203	3,396	2,912	36,227
Honey	3	4	5	108	246	64	44	54	45	573
TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS	563	1,543	964	6,251	15,900	2,925	2,247	3,450	2,957	36,800
Miscellaneous farm products	142	109	144	1,381	3,494	494	1,241	1,222	1,253	9,480
Forest products	76	1,505	2,541	9,563	2,991	144	137	70	352	17,379
Fur farming	51	210	116	843	2,297	1,669	438	1,194	1,228	8,046
CASH INCOME FROM FARM PRODUCTS ..	5,004	9,070	10,019	80,816	183,493	35,227	84,542	83,928	20,729	512,828
Supplementary payments ^{3/}	-	-	-	-	-	502	729	860	-	2,091
TOTAL CASH INCOME	5,004	9,070	10,019	80,816	183,493	35,729	85,271	84,788	20,729	514,919

^{1/} Excludes Newfoundland.

^{2/} C.W.B. = Canadian Wheat Board.

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