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## FARM CASH INCOME

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FARM CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1959. I/

Cash farm income from the sale of farm products for the period January through September this year is estimated at two billion dollars, up 2 per cent from the like period a year earlier. This increase can be attributed in the main to substantially higher receipts in the first quarter; second quarter earnings were only slightly higher than those of a year ago and third quarter returns were slightly lower. Livestock and livestock products accounted for the increase in the nine month period; returns from the sale of field crops were about the same as those for the first nine months of 1958.

Compared with a year ago, cash farm income for the January-September period of 1959 was higher in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan. Increases ranged from one per cent in Quebec to nearly six per cent in Manitoba while declines were almost one per cent in Prince Edward Island, two per cent in Saskatchewan and just over five per cent in New Brunswick. Lower returns from the sale of potatoes accounted for the reduction in the two Maritime Provinces while in Saskatchewan it was due to smaller farm deliveries of wheat.

Livestock and Livestock Products - Returns from the sale of livestock and livestock products for the nine-month period under review are estimated at 1.3 billion dollars, three per cent higher than the estimate for a year earlier. With the exception of eggs, larger returns were noted from all commodities classified as either livestock or livestock products. Hogs accounted for the largest increase with sales of 262 million dollars compared with 235 million in the corresponding period a year earlier. This increase of 27 million is due to larger marketings which more than offset the effects of lower prices. Returns from the sale of cattle and calves were about the same as those for the like period in 1958, namely, 420 million dollars. Marketings of both cattle and calves were smaller than a year earlier, but price increases were sufficient to maintain income to cattlemen at the 1958 level. The combined effects of slightly higher prices and marketings brought dairy farmers an estimated 392 million dollars in the period under review compared with 383 million in the like period of 1958, an increase of almost nine million.

In total, returns to farmers from the sale of livestock and livestock products were almost 36 million dollars higher than a year earlier; about three quarters of this increase or 27 million dollars was received by hog producers of which about half went to Ontario farmers. Elsewhere in Canada, the increase in returns from the sale of hogs was more modest.

Eggs were the only livestock product that brought farmers less income than a year earlier. Declines were confined largely to Ontario and the Prairie Provinces and can be attrasuted to lower prices.

Field Crops - Receipcs from the sale of field crops were about the same as a year carlier, namely 720 million dollars. Lower returns from the sale of wheat, oats, potatoes, fruits and vegetables were offset by the effects of higher Canadian Wheat Board payments and higher returns from the sale of barley, flaxseed and tobacco.

The value of wheat sales, the largest dollar earner amongst the field crops, is estimated at 299 million dollars, down about 20 million dollars from the returns for the corresponding period a year earlier. This decline is due to smaller farm deliveries to country elevators during the second and third quarters of 1959. Prices

[^0]received by wheat producers during the first nine months were slightly higher than a year earlier but the increase was not sufficient to offset the effects of smaller marketings. Returns from the sale of barley are estimated at 65 million dollars, up nine million dollars from the year earlier. This increase in the value of barley sales can be attributed to slightly higher prices, as well as to larger marketings. Larger Canadian Wheat Board payments, as well as higher returns from flaxseed also helped to offset the decline in returns from the sale of wheat.

On a regional basis, returns from field crops were lower only in the Maritime Provinces as a result of smaller receipts from the sale of potatoes. In the two central provinces, Quebec and Ontario, the value of sales of field crops was slightly higher and can be attributed in the main to tobacco. With the exception of saskatchewan, receipts from the sale of field crops were higher in the Western Provinces. Smaller wheat deliveries accounted for the lower returns to Saskatchewan farmers.

## CASH ADVANCES IN FARM INCOME ESTIMATES

Advance payments to western grain growers on farm-stored grain have had to be included in farm cash income estimates in such a way that duplication would be avoided. Statistics available for estimates of income received from the sales of grains in western Canada include total deliveries and total price received regardless of whether or not advance payments have been made on any of it. To add together gross returns from deliveries and gross advance payments would in effect result in cash income estimates which included some grains on which a partial double payment had been made. For example - suppose a farmer delivers a bushel of wheat on which he has received an advance of 50 cents per bushel and at time of delivery is paid $\$ 1.00$ by the country elevator part of which must be used to repay the advance. To include both amounts without adjustment would mean that cash income estimates would be too high by the amount of the advance, or 50 cents. At the same time, however, it is necessary to include in cash income those advances made on grains which are still on farms.

To accomplish this farm cash income estimates should include gross returns from deliveries less repayments to the advance payments fund plus advances on grain still held in storage on farms. In presenting this in the farm cash income publication the entries can be reduced to gross returns from deliveries plus net advance on farm stored grains.

As long as the net advances are positive quantities little confusion is likely to arise. However, the time will come when repayments to the fund during certain accounting periods will exceed advances from the fund with the result net advances will in effect be minus quantities. Conceptually the inclusion of minus entries for net advances is quite correct. For example, during a certain period of time a farmer may receive an advance of 50 cents per bushel on 100 bushels of farm stored wheat and the farm cash income estimates for that period will include an entry of $\$ 50$ under net advance payments. During a following period of time he may deliver the 100 bushels of grain and receive $\$ 1.00$ per bushel or $\$ 100$. Part of this will be used to repay the advances made in the previous period so that his net cash position over the two periods will be $\$ 100$. To reflect this situation the entries in the cash income estimates for the second period of time would be cash income from the sale of wheat $\$ 100$; net advances from advance payments fund - $\$ 50$; net cash returns from wheat for period \$100-\$59 - $\$ 50$.

The estinates 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 1 below is summarized the preliminary estimates of cash income from the sale of farm products, by provinces, for the first nine months of 1958 and 1959, and revised estimates for 1957. 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, BY QUARTERS, JANUARY - SEPTEMBER, 1957-59 1/

|  | Jan.-Mar. | April-June | July-Sept. | Jan.-Sept. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1959 (preliminary) - thousand dollars - |  |  |  |  |
| Prince Edward Is land | 5,830 | 8,367 | 5,750 | 19,947 |
| Nova Scotia ........ | 9,888 | 9,623 | 11,152 | 30,663 |
| New Brunswick | 9,645 | 10,985 | 10,385 | 31,015 |
| Quebec | 77,958 | 104,815 | 121,677 | 304,450 |
| Ontario | 228,491 | 185,636 | 230,464 | 644,591 |
| Manitoba | 45,064 | 55,910 | 61,064 | 162,038 |
| Saskatchewan | 117,921 | 152,246 | 128,681 | 398,848 |
| Alberta | 121,370 | 123,908 | 109,730 | 355,008 |
| British Columbia | 25,515 | 24,821 | 30,154 | 80,490 |
| CANADA $2 / \ldots$. | 641,682 | 676,311 | 709,057 | 2,027,050 |
| 1958 (preliminary) |  |  |  |  |
| Prince Edward Island | 7,096 | 7,573 | 5,521 | 20,190 |
| Nova Scotia | 9,222 | 8,923 | 11,253 | 29,398 |
| New Brunswick | 11,672 | 11,145 | 9,953 | 32,770 |
| Quebec | 73,498 | 106,912 | 121,085 | 301,495 |
| Ontario | 214,550 | 184,651 | 222,366 | 621,567 |
| Manitoba | 42,987 | 56,390 | 54,122 | 153,499 |
| Saskatchewan | 113,342 | 158,255 | 138,394 | 409,991 |
| Alberta . | 116,366 | 108,839 | 117,217 | 342,422 |
| British Columbia | 24,449 | 23,726 | 30,638 | 78,813 |
| CANADA 2/ | 613,182 | 666,414 | 710,549 | 1,990,145 |
| 1957 (revised) |  |  |  |  |
| Prince Edward Island | 5,675 | 6,220 | 5,156 | 17,051 |
| Nova Scotia | 8,112 | 9,092 | 11,735 | 28,939 |
| New Brunswick | 10,221 | 10,882 | 9,249 | 30,352 |
| Quebec .............. | 69,576 | 98,104 | 113,897 | 281,577 |
| Ontario | 199, 190 | 163,223 | 213,714 | 576,127 |
| Manitoba | 36,891 | 48,691 | 53,545 | 139,127 |
| Saskatchewan | 108,731 | 150,585 | 120,265 | 379,581 |
| Alberta | 109,195 | 103,687 | 101,735 | 314,617 |
| British Columbia | 23,379 | 22,837 | 30,535 | 76,751 |
| camada 2/ ...... | 570,970 | 613,321 | 659,831 | 1,844,122 |



|  | Prince <br> Edward <br> Is land | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskat- <br> chewan | Alberta | British Columbia | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | - thousa | dollars |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat | - | - | - | - | 5,022 | 41,487 | 173,518 | 78,159 | 951 | 299,137 |
| Wheat, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | , | 6,987 | 48,134 | 17,537 | - | 72,658 |
| Oats .................... | 291 | 40 | 380 | 1,610 | 3,234 | 4,870 | 4,797 | 2,603 | 106 | 17,931 |
| Oats, C.W.B. payments $2 /$ | - | - | - | , 610 | , | 694 | 824 | 555 | - | 2,073 |
| Barley ................ | - | - | - | 24 | 421 | 14,083 | 26,220 | 24,153 | 452 | 65,353 |
| Barley, C.W.B. payments 2/ | - | - | - | - | - | 980 | 2,678 | 2,463 | - | 6,121 |
| C.W.B. net cash advance payments 2/ | - | - | - | = | - | -3,232 | -4,889 | -3,538 | - | -11,659 |
| Rye .................................. | - | - | - | - | 88 | 944 | 2,045 | 1,054 | - | 4,131 |
| Flaxseed | - | - | - | - | 123 | 5,772 | 12,579 | 7,659 | 57 | 26,190 |
| Potatoes | 5,726 | 494 | 5,667 | 5,177 | 8,280 | 272 | 128 | 868 | 1,218 | 27,830 |
| Fruits | 203 | 1,744 | 612 | 2,938 | 13,330 | - | - | - | 7,553 | 26,380 |
| Vegetables 3/ | 200 | 1,002 | 572 | 11,440 | 41,453 | 950 | 375 | 902 | 4,373 | 61,267 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | 3,255 | 64,930 | - | - | - | 8 | 68,193 |
| Other crops | 577 | 459 | 582 | 6,321 | 27,464 | 2,822 | 4,367 | 6,056 | 5,363 | 54,011 |
| TOTAL CROPS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6,997 | 3,739 | 7,813 | 30,765 | 164,345 | 76,629 | 270,776 | 138,471 | 20,081 | 719,616 |
| Cattle and calves | 4,192 | 4,353 | 3,894 | 45,166 | 152,256 | 29,507 | 65,374 | 104,933 | 10,445 | 420, 120 |
| Hogs .. | 2,860 | 1,746 | 2,235 | 52,031 | 97,434 | 17,309 | 25,360 | 60,854 | 2,044 | 261,873 |
| Sheep and lambs | 54 | 196 | 223 | 932 | 1,699 | 377 | 377 | 2,070 | 325 | 6,253 |
| Dairy products | 3,998 | 9,829 | 9,244 | 129,542 | 136,323 | 21,167 | 23,506 | 29,628 | 28,333 | 391,570 |
| Poultry ....... | 280 | 2,555 | 1,621 | 14,748 | 34, 154 | 5,551 | 3,945 | 6,635 | 6,138 | 75,627 |
| Eggs ....... | 1,161 | 5,897 | 2,361 | 16,405 | 49,775 | 7,435 | 6,141 | 8,221 | 9,480 | 106,876 |
| Other livestock and products | 91 | 352 | 219 | 1,190 | 4,837 | 3,813 | 3,160 | 3,923 | 2,782 | 20,367 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS | 12,636 | 24,928 | 19,797 | 260, 014 | 476,478 | 85,159 | 127,863 | 216,264 | 59,547 | 1,282,686 |
| Forest and maple products ......... | 314 | 1,996 | 3,405 | 13,671 | 3,768 | 250 | 209 | 273 | 862 | 24,748 |
| CASH INCOME FROM FARM PRODUCTS .... | 19,947 | 30,663 | 31,015 | 304,450 | 644,591 | 162,038 | 398,848 | 355,008 | 80,490 | 2,027,050 |
| Supplementary payments $4 / \ldots \ldots$ | - | - | - | - | - | 1,463 | 13,099 | 6,695 | 135 | 21,392 |
| TOTAL CASH INCOME | 19,947 | 30,663 | 31,015 | 304,450 | 644,591 | 163,501 | 411,947 | 361,703 | 80,625 | 2,048,442 |

[^1]TABLE 3. - PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF FARM CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, BY PROVINCES, $1 /$ JANLARY TO SEPTEMBER, 1958 .


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|  | Prince <br> Edward <br> Island | Nova Scotia | New <br> Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | - thousa | dollars |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | - | - | - | - | 10,098 | 28,394 | 168,564 | 73,074 | 904 | 281,034 |
| Wheat, C.W.B. payments $2 / \ldots . . .$. | - | - | - | - | , | 6,187 | 52,448 | 20,675 | - | $79,310$ |
| Oats ................... | 279 | 45 | 455 | 1,650 | 2,251 | 8,101 | 9,367 | 7,256 | 191 | 29,595 |
| Barley | - | - | - | 29 | 400 | 11,179 | 21,815 | 20,385 | 541 | 54,349 |
| Rye ... | - | - | - | - | 113 | 332 | 1,128 | 710 | - | 2,283 |
| Flaxseed | - | - | - | - | 114 | 7,207 | 20,136 | 9,189 | 185 | 36,831 |
| Potatoes | 4,324 | 487 | 5,238 | 5,295 | 7,427 | 296 | 129 | 908 | 1,093 | 25,197 |
| Fruits | 239 | 2,434 | 713 | 2,309 | 16,073 | - | - | - | 7,893 | 29,661 |
| Vegetables | 168 | 1,083 | 616 | 10,650 | 31,117 | 2,720 | 1,078 | 2,588 | 5,297 | 55,317 |
| Tobacco.. | - | 1,083 | - | 3,018 | 54,024 | - | - | , | 31 | 57,073 |
| Other crops | 492 | 446 | 590 | 6,080 | 28,181 | 3,074 | 3,914 | 6,820 | 4,988 | 54,585 |
| TOTAL CROPS | 5,502 | 4,495 | 7,612 | 29,031 | 149,798 | 67,490 | 278,579 | 141,605 | 21,123 | 705,235 |
| Cattle and calves | 2,986 | 3,734 | 3,314 | 36,853 | 126,302 | 25,334 | 46,962 | 73,867 | 8,239 | 327,591 |
| Hogs | 2,891 | 1,525 | 1,854 | 44,128 | 88, 218 | 11,553 | 19,144 | 50,081 | 1,894 | 221, 288 |
| Sheep and lambs | 59 | 193 | 202 | 1,006 | 1,625 | 257 | 280 | 1,723 | 261 | 5,606 |
| Dairy products | 3,459 | 8,948 | 9,089 | 118,300 | 121,806 | 18,415 | 19,933 | 26,414 | 25,678 | 352,042 |
| Poultry ....... | 431 | 1,571 | 1,662 | 16,075 | 32,844 | 5,341 | 4,528 | 7,385 | 6,401 | 76,238 |
| Eggs . | 1,239 | 5,725 | 2,263 | 16,106 | 46,090 | 6,933 | 6,824 | 9,345 | 9,493 | 104,018 |
| Other livestock and products | 102 | 344 | 221 | 1,375 | 4,623 | 3,498 | 3,076 | 3,866 | 2,618 | 19,723 |
| TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS . | 11,167 | 22,040 | 18,605 | 233,843 | 421,508 | 71,331 | 100,747 | 172,681 | 54,584 | 1,106,506 |
| Forest and maple products ......... | 382 | 2,404 | 4,135 | 18,703 | 4,821 | 306 | 255 | 331 | 1,044 | 32,381 |
| CASH INCOME FROM FARM PRODUCTS | 17,051 | 28,939 | 30,352 | 281,577 | 576,127 | 139,127 | 379,581 | 314,617 | 76,751 | 1,844,122 |
| Supplementary payments 3/........ | - | - | - | - | - | 484 | 489 | 827 | 7 | 1,807 |
| TOTAL CASH INCOME | 17,051 | 28,939 | 30,352 | 281,577 | 576,127 | 139,611 | 380,070 | 315,444 | 76,758 | 1,845,929 |

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[^0]:    1/ Excludes Newfoundland.

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     the provisions of the Prairie Parm Assistance Act and Western Grain Producers' Acreage Payment plan.

[^2]:    1/ Excludes Newfoundland. 2/ C.W.B. = Canadian Wheat Board. 3/ Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

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