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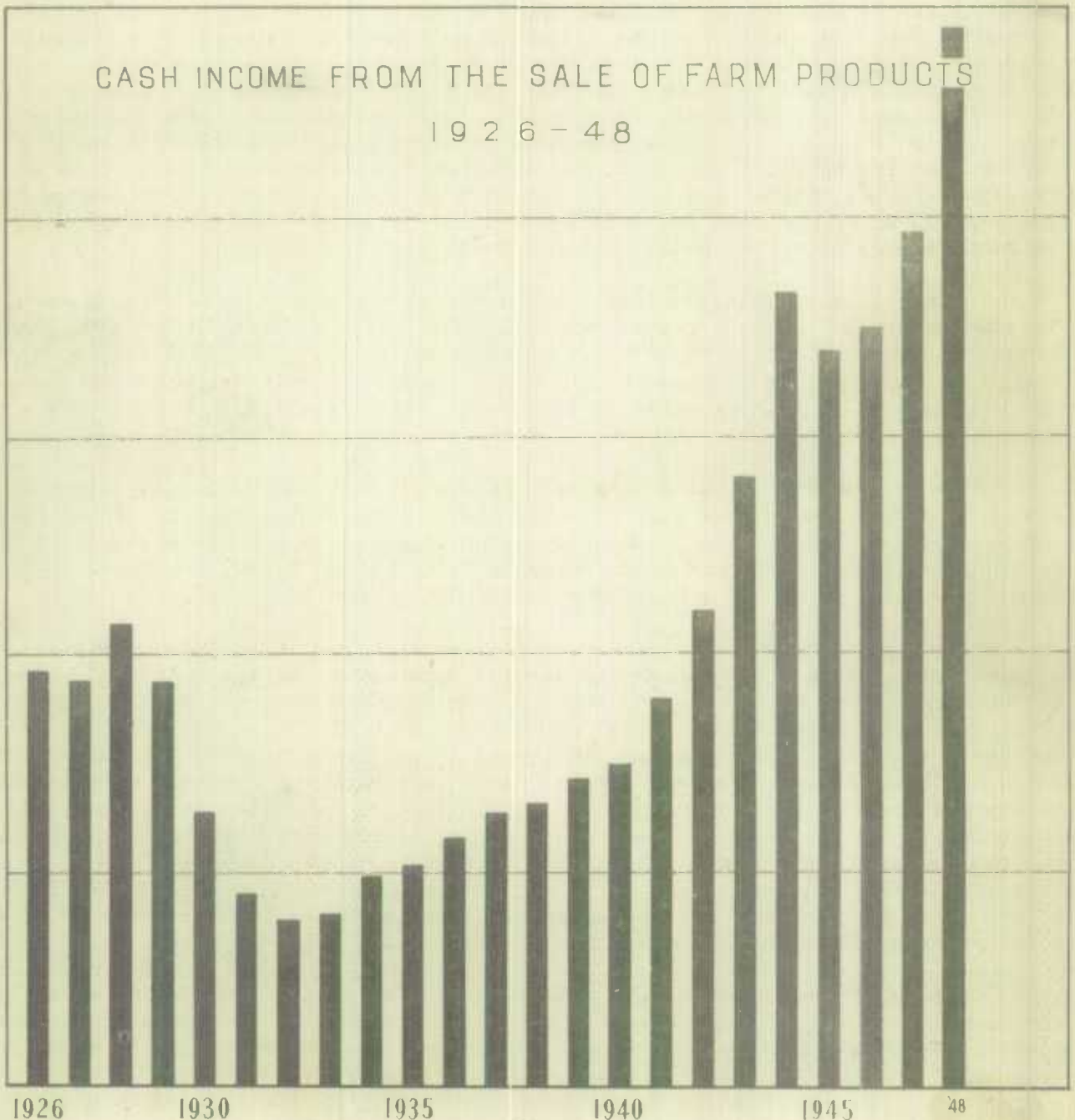
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OTTAWA, March 18, 1949 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report containing a preliminary estimate of farm cash income from the sale of farm products and from supplementary payments for the calendar year 1948 and revised estimates for 1946 and 1947. The estimates 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, barley and flax adjusting and equalization payments and those Dominion 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 in the totals for "cash income from the sale of farm products" but are included in the grand totals in the year in which payment is made under the heading "Supplementary Payments."

Farmers' cash receipts from the sale of farm products totalling \$2,449,865,000 in 1948 broke all previous record returns. When compared with the revised and previous all time high of \$1,962,276,000 established in 1947, the 1948 figure represents a gain of \$487,589,000 or about 25 per cent. When supplementary payments are included cash income in 1948 amounted to \$2,470,611,000 as against \$1,973,853,000 a year earlier.

The substantial gain in farm cash income in 1948 can be largely attributed to rising prices and the large sums of money distributed by the Canadian Wheat Board and western grain companies in the form of grain equalization and participation payments. During the past year these payments totalling \$178,590,000, equalled approximately one third of the gain in the 1948 cash income over 1947.

High levels of domestic purchasing power as a result of full employment and high wages together with a strong world-wide demand for short supplies of producer and consumer goods were important factors affecting the general level of agricultural prices which averaged almost 20 per cent higher than in 1947. Early in 1948 it was announced that the United Kingdom had agreed to pay Canada higher prices for purchases of bacon, beef, eggs and cheese. As a result of the contract entered into, by Canada and the United Kingdom, grade A sizeable Wiltshire sides at the seaboard were boosted from \$29.00 to \$36.00 per cwt. and beef prices were increased by varying amounts up to \$3.25 per cwt. The spring price of eggs was advanced five cents per dozen followed by an additional five-cent increase at July 1 and a further increase of two cents at September 1. Cheese prices were increased from 25 cents to 30 cents a pound at the factory.

Prices of poultry meat were also strengthened during the year as a result of the lowering of the United States tariff on January 1, 1948 and the subsequent substantial shipments southward. On April 1, the initial price to prairie wheat producers for No 1 Northern at the Lakehead was advanced from \$1.35 to \$1.55 per bushel. At the same time the Canadian Wheat Board prepared to disburse payments which made this 20-cent boost retroactive to August 1, 1945. In August further strength was injected into livestock prices with the lifting of export controls which since Sept. 1942 had embargoed Canadian shipments into the United States of beef cattle and calves and beef and calf products.

Advanced marketings during the last quarter of the year helped to increase the total number of cattle and calves passing through commercial channels to a level about 30 per cent higher than in 1947. This together with higher prices placed the estimated cash income from this source above the total cash income realized from the sale of any other individual farm commodity. Although the marketings of wheat were somewhat lower in western Canada in 1948 than in 1947, this decline was more than offset by increased prices and somewhat higher marketings in Ontario with the result that cash income from this source ranked second on the list of importance. Next in line were dairy products followed by hogs.

CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS IN CANADA, 1926-48 1/  
(million dollars)

1926 .....	963.4	1934 .....	491.6	1942 .....	1,099.2
1927 .....	940.9	1935 .....	519.5	1943 .....	1,407.5
1928 .....	1,072.5	1936 .....	580.1	1944 .....	1,829.9
1929 .....	936.3	1937 .....	640.0	1945 .....	1,694.7
1930 .....	640.5	1938 .....	660.8	1946 .....	1,742.8
1931 .....	450.4	1939 .....	717.0	1947 .....	1,962.3
1932 .....	388.5	1940 .....	748.2	1948 .....	2,449.9
1933 .....	402.0	1941 .....	896.4		

Without exception gains in the cash income from the sale of farm products occurred in all provinces. In absolute terms, the largest gain in cash returns was registered in Ontario. On a percentage basis the greatest increase took place in Manitoba.

CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS BY PROVINCES, 1946-48 1/  
(million dollars)

	1946	1947	1948
Prince Edward Island	17.1	17.8	22.5
Nova Scotia	34.3	32.2	36.6
New Brunswick	36.0	38.5	44.9
Quebec	256.5	285.1	352.2
Ontario	479.7	541.3	668.4
Manitoba	167.3	181.4	242.9
Saskatchewan	387.6	429.5	520.6
Alberta	282.2	344.0	449.0
British Columbia	82.1	92.5	101.1
CANADA	1,742.8	1,962.3	2,449.9 2/

1/ Excludes supplementary payments.

2/ Includes total adjustment payments made by grain companies on oats and barley delivered by western producers during the period August 1 to October 21, 1947. These payments are not included in provincial totals.

**CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, CANADA BY PROVINCES, 1948**

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
(Thousand Dollars)					
Wheat.....	-	-	-	-	23,941
Wheat Part. & Adjusting Payments.	-	-	-	-	-
Oats.....	415	71	760	1,795	3,064
Oats Equalization Payments.....	-	-	-	-	-
Oats & Barley Adjusting Payments <sup>1/</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Barley.....	-	-	-	214	1,277
Rye.....	-	-	-	-	639
Flax.....	-	-	-	-	2,391
Flaxseed Adjusting Payments.....	-	-	-	-	130
Corn.....	-	-	-	-	4,066
Clover & Grass Seed.....	27	7	25	415	4,262
Hay & Clover.....	4	105	293	2,139	1,340
<b>TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS &amp; HAY.....</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>4,563</b>	<b>41,110</b>
Potatoes.....	6,033	1,581	10,593	9,842	17,999
Vegetables.....	343	701	399	5,389	38,322
Sugar Beets.....	-	-	-	226	2,804
Tobacco.....	-	-	-	2,313	36,005
Fibre Flax.....	-	-	-	1,037	263
<b>TOTAL VEG. &amp; OTHER FIELD CROPS...</b>	<b>6,376</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>10,992</b>	<b>18,807</b>	<b>95,393</b>
Cattle & Calves.....	2,540	5,672	5,272	52,039	139,280
Sheep & Lambs.....	369	720	488	3,177	3,842
Hogs.....	4,593	2,994	3,754	66,638	123,052
Poultry.....	757	1,851	873	8,797	23,897
<b>TOTAL LIVESTOCK.....</b>	<b>8,259</b>	<b>11,237</b>	<b>10,387</b>	<b>130,651</b>	<b>290,071</b>
Dairy Products.....	3,769	10,527	9,584	123,665	142,002
Fruits.....	-	1,879	673	3,192	13,832
Eggs.....	2,117	4,265	2,330	21,202	55,700
Wool.....	42	120	64	221	650
Honey.....	12	30	52	1,253	2,998
Maple Products.....	-	34	83	4,659	999
<b>TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>4,449</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>27,335</b>	<b>60,347</b>
Miscellaneous Farm Products.....	631	458	705	6,164	12,855
Forest Products sold off Farm....	320	5,262	8,511	36,340	10,512
Fur Farming.....	533	349	446	1,436	2,231
Cash Income from farm Products...	22,505	36,626	44,905	352,153	668,353
Supplementary Payments.....	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CASH INCOME.....</b>	<b>22,505</b>	<b>36,626</b>	<b>44,905</b>	<b>352,153</b>	<b>668,353</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes total adjustment payments made by grain companies on oats and barley delivered by western producers during the period August 1 to October 21, 1947. Included only in the Canada Totals.

**CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, CANADA BY PROVINCES, 1948**

Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA	
(Thousand Dollars)					
53,067	204,183	118,278	2,268	401,737....	Wheat
21,740	87,685	48,982	-	158,407....	Wheat Part. & Adjusting Payments
10,230	21,200	16,433	475	54,443....	Oats
628	1,756	1,342	36	3,762....	Oats Equalization Payments
-	-	-	-	11,737....	Oats & Barley Adjusting Payments 1/
18,434	19,575	19,471	155	59,126....	Barley
1,452	8,564	8,434	-	19,089....	Rye
28,670	15,298	9,512	65	55,936....	Flax
1,964	1,744	832	14	4,684....	Flaxseed Adjusting Payments
149	-	-	-	4,215....	Corn
2,162	3,023	6,948	518	17,387....	Clover & Grass Seed
528	191	839	566	6,005....	Hay & Clover
139,024	363,219	231,071	4,097	796,528....	TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS & HAY
811	496	851	3,077	51,283....	Potatoes
1,154	457	1,095	7,618	55,478....	Vegetables
1,008	-	5,248	-	9,286....	Sugar Beets
-	-	-	25	38,343....	Tobacco
-	-	3	27	1,330....	Fibre Flax
2,973	953	7,197	10,747	155,720....	TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS
42,517	80,035	90,293	15,987	433,695....	Cattle & Calves
944	1,093	3,751	574	14,958....	Sheep & Lambs
14,961	21,631	58,890	4,367	300,880....	Hogs
3,788	4,483	4,852	3,350	52,648....	Poultry
62,210	107,302	157,786	24,278	802,181....	TOTAL LIVESTOCK
23,003	27,694	30,618	18,736	389,598....	Dairy Products
-	-	-	23,942	43,518....	Fruits
8,915	11,210	11,801	10,914	123,454....	Eggs
128	285	515	116	2,141....	Wool
1,064	995	1,381	204	7,989....	Honey
-	-	-	-	5,775....	Maple Products
10,107	12,490	13,697	11,234	144,359....	TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS
3,559	7,675	6,606	6,512	45,165....	Miscellaneous Farm Products
464	435	218	1,035	63,097....	Forest Products sold off Farm
1,542	795	1,804	563	9,699....	Fur Farming
242,882	520,563	448,997	101,144	2,449,865....	Cash Income from farm products
506	16,704	3,532	4	20,746....	Supplementary Payments
243,388	537,267	452,529	101,148	2,470,611....	TOTAL CASH INCOME

CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1947

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
(Thousand Dollars)					
Wheat.....	-	-	-	-	6,663
Wheat Participation Certificates...	-	-	-	-	262
Oats.....	353	59	334	1,342	2,619
Barley.....	-	-	-	81	927
Barley Adjustment Payments.....	-	-	-	-	-
Rye.....	-	-	-	-	518
Flax.....	-	-	-	-	2,319
Corn.....	-	-	-	-	6,177
Clover & Grass Seed.....	9	2	8	396	1,832
Hay & Clover.....	1	87	292	2,808	1,134
<b>TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS &amp; HAY.....</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>4,627</b>	<b>22,451</b>
Potatoes.....	4,894	1,174	9,123	7,271	14,360
Vegetables.....	311	496	282	5,813	32,274
Sugar Beets.....	-	-	-	183	2,542
Tobacco.....	-	-	-	3,383	43,305
Fibre Flax.....	-	-	-	412	333
<b>TOTAL VEG. &amp; OTHER FIELD CROPS.....</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>9,405</b>	<b>17,062</b>	<b>92,814</b>
Cattle & Calves.....	1,773	4,272	3,792	31,035	73,411
Sheep & Lambs.....	274	606	403	2,372	3,014
Hogs.....	3,395	2,932	4,082	46,953	105,394
Horses.....	153	103	453	1,120	1,965
Poultry.....	796	1,846	1,092	10,849	25,473
<b>TOTAL LIVESTOCK.....</b>	<b>6,391</b>	<b>9,759</b>	<b>9,822</b>	<b>92,329</b>	<b>209,257</b>
Dairy Products.....	2,574	8,694	6,906	101,838	123,705
Fruits.....	-	3,071	631	3,548	13,981
Eggs.....	1,801	3,229	2,265	18,325	51,655
Wool.....	.44	128	61	330	752
Honey.....	7	23	35	1,090	2,502
Maple Products.....	-	36	107	7,519	1,882
<b>TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>3,416</b>	<b>2,468</b>	<b>27,264</b>	<b>56,791</b>
Miscellaneous Farm Products.....	492	401	597	4,933	10,380
Forest Products Sold off Farms.....	281	4,605	7,449	31,803	9,199
Fur Farming.....	645	422	539	1,735	2,696
Cash Income from Farm Products.....	17,803	32,186	38,451	285,139	541,274
Supplementary Payments 1/.....	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CASH INCOME.....</b>	<b>17,803</b>	<b>32,186</b>	<b>38,451</b>	<b>285,139</b>	<b>541,274</b>

1/ Includes small belated payments made under the provisions of Wheat Acreage Reduction Program.

**CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1947**

Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA	
(Thousand Dollars)					
44,869	181,958	110,889	2,497	346,876....	Wheat
8,855	45,403	19,302	-	73,822....	Wheat Participation Certificates
8,739	27,194	21,302	598	62,540....	Oats
19,058	25,337	21,191	147	66,741....	Barley
1,950	1,865	1,484	-	5,299....	Barley Adjustment Payments
1,772	18,097	11,722	-	32,109....	Rye
18,649	17,119	7,518	41	45,646....	Flax
78	-	-	-	6,255....	Corn
1,287	1,744	2,992	556	8,826....	Clover & Grass Seed
323	143	263	442	5,493....	Hay & Clover
105,580	318,860	196,663	4,281	652,607....	TOTAL GRAINS, SEEDS & HAY
626	454	829	2,772	41,503....	Potatoes
1,270	504	1,207	7,894	50,051....	Vegetables
933	-	5,175	-	8,833....	Sugar Beets
-	-	-	50	46,738....	Tobacco
-	-	6	31	782....	Fibre Flax
2,829	958	7,217	10,747	147,907....	TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS
22,216	42,619	45,894	10,272	235,284....	Cattle & Calves
911	1,044	3,951	482	13,057....	Sheep & Lambs
13,142	19,903	41,123	3,485	240,409....	Hogs
467	1,872	1,374	132	7,639....	Horses
4,410	5,148	4,937	4,270	58,821....	Poultry
41,146	70,586	97,279	18,641	555,210....	TOTAL LIVESTOCK
18,905	22,720	24,513	15,657	325,512....	Dairy Products
-	-	-	25,061	46,292....	Fruits
7,276	8,962	8,941	10,294	112,748....	Eggs
160	326	647	125	2,573....	Wool
1,396	1,431	1,301	211	7,996....	Honey
-	-	-	-	9,544....	Maple Products
8,832	10,719	10,889	10,630	132,861....	TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS
1,773	4,238	5,048	5,951	33,813....	Miscellaneous Farm Products
461	432	216	905	55,351....	Forest Products Sold off Farms
1,864	961	2,181	680	11,723....	Fur Farming
181,390	429,474	344,006	92,553	1,962,276....	Cash Income from farm Products
6	9,839	1,732	-	11,577....	Supplementary Payments 1/
181,396	439,313	345,738	92,553	1,973,853....	TOTAL CASH INCOME

CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1946

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
(Thousand Dollars)					
Wheat.....	-	-	-	-	6,078
Wheat Participation Certificates.....	-	-	-	-	197
Oats.....	185	57	171	1,100	1,900
Barley.....	-	-	-	216	997
Rye.....	-	-	-	-	369
Flax.....	-	-	-	-	180
Corn.....	-	-	-	-	3,149
Clover & Grass Seed.....	3	1	3	335	3,985
Hay & Clover.....	9	86	298	3,006	1,132
TOTAL GRAINS, SEED & HAY.....	197	144	472	4,657	17,967
Potatoes.....	4,596	1,543	8,885	8,016	17,314
Vegetables.....	33	647	370	9,386	27,044
Sugar Beets.....	-	-	-	169	2,595
Tobacco.....	-	-	-	2,784	32,346
Fibre Flax.....	-	-	-	581	246
TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS.....	4,629	2,190	9,255	20,936	79,545
Cattle & Calves.....	2,629	4,949	4,040	35,908	82,769
Sheep & Lambs.....	251	727	655	3,214	3,600
Hogs.....	3,029	2,308	2,865	37,248	82,392
Horses.....	163	161	486	1,171	2,044
Poultry.....	767	1,923	1,223	9,125	23,329
TOTAL LIVESTOCK.....	6,839	10,068	9,269	86,666	194,134
Dairy Products.....	2,380	8,210	6,094	88,699	109,760
Fruits.....	-	5,703	666	2,022	14,081
Eggs.....	1,766	2,375	1,814	14,724	41,747
Wool.....	50	144	79	299	773
Honey.....	4	11	26	560	1,163
Maple Products.....	-	25	49	3,701	482
TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS..	1,820	2,555	1,968	19,284	44,165
Miscellaneous Farm Products.....	476	433	554	4,445	9,193
Forest Products Sold off Farms.....	254	4,720	7,265	28,384	8,726
Fur Farming.....	514	333	429	1,372	2,134
Cash Income from Farm Products.....	17,109	34,356	35,972	256,465	479,705
Supplementary Payments <sup>1/</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CASH INCOME.....	17,109	34,356	35,972	256,465	479,705

<sup>1/</sup> Includes small belated payments made under provisions of Wheat Acreage Reduction program and the Prairie Farm Income scheme.

# CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1946

Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA	
(Thousand Dollars)					
51,165	184,982	98,924	1,932	343,081	Wheat
4,546	23,216	11,281	-	39,240	Wheat Participation Certificates
9,393	32,525	13,004	358	58,693	Oats
14,303	14,542	7,809	60	37,927	Barley
517	5,795	4,190	-	10,871	Rye
6,920	6,614	1,497	39	15,250	Flax
55	-	-	-	3,204	Corn
1,097	1,543	3,010	534	10,491	Clover & Grass Seed
268	106	354	373	5,632	Hay & Clover
88,264	269,323	140,069	3,296	524,389	TOTAL GRAINS, SEED & HAY
553	339	790	2,493	44,529	Potatoes
1,275	507	1,211	7,210	47,683	Vegetables
817	-	3,959	-	7,540	Sugar Beets
-	-	-	51	35,181	Tobacco
-	-	6	24	357	Fibre Flax
2,645	846	5,966	9,778	135,790	TOTAL VEG. & OTHER FIELD CROPS
29,306	56,057	50,511	9,977	276,146	Cattle & Calves
1,266	1,584	2,935	582	14,814	Sheep & Lambs
13,165	19,277	41,783	2,197	204,264	Hogs
487	1,765	1,179	89	7,545	Horses
4,379	4,408	4,579	2,890	52,623	Poultry
48,603	83,091	100,987	15,735	555,392	TOTAL LIVESTOCK
16,579	19,395	20,855	13,827	286,399	Dairy Products
-	-	-	25,258	47,730	Fruits
6,557	8,184	7,799	7,359	92,325	Eggs
170	394	819	144	2,872	Wool
866	739	978	121	4,468	Honey
-	-	-	-	4,257	Maple Products
7,593	9,317	9,596	7,624	103,922	TOTAL OTHER PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS
1,637	3,826	2,775	5,286	28,625	Miscellaneous Farm Products
458	429	214	805	51,255	Forest Products Sold off Farms
1,474	762	1,725	541	9,284	Fur Farming
167,253	387,589	282,187	82,150	1,742,786	Cash Income from farm Products
31	12,461	4,458	-	16,950	Supplementary Payments 1/
167,284	400,050	286,645	82,150	1,759,736	TOTAL CASH INCOME

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