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PROPERTY OF THE LIBRARYCASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS 1/

To meet the need for farm cash income statistics as soon as possible after the close of the year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today, for 1950, an advance preliminary estimate of cash income from the sale of farm products and from supplementary payments 2/. This estimate indicates that during 1950 Canadian farmers realized a cash income from the sale of farm products amounting to 2,169.3 million dollars. Compared with 1949, the income for 1950 is down by 11.7 per cent and is at its lowest level since 1947.

The reduction in farm cash income in 1950 is largely attributable to the substantial decline in returns realized from the sale of grains. In this connection, Canadian Wheat Board payments in 1950 were far below those made in 1949. In addition the initial price of wheat to producers in the prairie provinces was lowered at August 1, 1950 from \$1.75 to \$1.40 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern in store Fort William-Port Arthur. Severe August frosts in the Prairie Provinces caused considerable damage to grain crops and sharply reduced average grades.

The regular annual estimates based on more complete data and including details by commodities as well as revisions for 1948 and 1949 will be released about the first of March.

CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, 1/ 1948-50  
(Thousand Dollars)

	1950 preliminary	1949 preliminary	1948 revised
Prince Edward Island	22,524	21,247	22,345
Nova Scotia	39,029	37,969	37,526
New Brunswick	45,695	44,703	46,342
Quebec	354,331	346,714	355,025
Ontario	650,594	653,512	662,032
Manitoba	192,088	238,117	247,297
Saskatchewan	404,830	556,350	534,002
Alberta	362,996	460,218	452,510
British Columbia	97,164	98,041	102,314
CANADA 1/	2,169,251	2,456,871	2,459,393

SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS, 1948-50 2/  
(Thousand Dollars)

	1950	1949	1948
Manitoba	334	58	506
Saskatchewan	14,099	14,210	16,705
Alberta	6,749	3,360	3,533
British Columbia	-	-	4
Total	21,182	17,628	20,748

1/ Excludes Newfoundland.

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

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