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CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, 1955-1957

This preliminary estimate of cash income from the sale of farm products plus income from cash advances and participation payments on the previous years' Prairie grain crops is presented at this time to meet the need for farm cash income statistics as soon as possible after the close of the year. It is estimated that for the year 1957 this income amounted to 2,534.8 million dollars, about 5 per cent below the figure of 2,662.1 million dollars for 1956, and 7.5 per cent above the 2,357.1 million dollars for 1955. The all-time high cash income estimate was established in 1952, when it reached 2,849.3 million dollars. Supplementary payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act in 1957 amounted to 1.9 million dollars as against 5.0 million dollars and 33.3 million dollars for 1956 and 1955 respectively. For supplementary payments, see page 2.

The decline in cash farm income can be largely attributed to lower returns from the sale of grains, poultry, eggs and smaller participation payments.

The regular annual estimates of farm cash income based on more complete data and including details by commodities, will be released in March. The regular estimate, however, will not be comparable to the above preliminary estimate or with other previously published estimates of farm income. It will be comparable only to a revised series incorporating revisions based on the 1951 census to be published prior to the March estimate.

CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS, 1/ 1955-1957

- thousand dollars -

| | 1957 <u>preliminary</u> | 1956 <u>preliminary</u> | 1955 <u>revised</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Prince Edward Island | 24,205 | 26,428 | 25,931 |
| Nova Scotia | 45,269 | 44,410 | 42,745 |
| New Brunswick | 50,055 | 51,370 | 47,797 |
| Quebec | 431,007 | 440,967 | 421,193 |
| Ontario | 745,448 | 749,293 | 749,104 |
| Manitoba | 190,180 | 209,209 | 173,542 |
| Saskatchewan | 510,453 | 597,622 | 424,650 |
| Alberta | 422,540 | 432,963 | 365,130 |
| British Columbia | 115,669 | 109,884 | 104,041 |
| CANADA 1/ | 2,534,826 | 2,662,146 | 2,357,133 |

1/ Excludes Newfoundland.



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SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS 1955-57 ^{1/}

- thousand dollars -

| | <u>1957</u> <u>preliminary</u> | <u>1956</u> <u>preliminary</u> | <u>1955</u> <u>revised</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Manitoba | 501 | 2,360 | 5,342 |
| Saskatchewan | 574 | 1,179 | 22,134 |
| Alberta | 905 | 1,319 | 5,776 |
| British Columbia | 7 | 146 | 86 |
| Total | 1,987 | 5,004 | 33,338 |

^{1/} Payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.