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NET INCOME OF FARM OPERATORS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS, 1954 1/

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The year 1954 witnessed a sharp decline in farm net income largely as a result of poor crops in western Canada. Compared with the revised 1953 estimate of 1,699.6 million dollars, the 1954 figure at 1,125.6 million dollars, is down by about 33 per cent. The record high level of 2,154.5 million dollars was reached in 1951 and the average for the post-war years (1946 - 1953) was 1,611.6 million dollars.

The reduction in the 1954 net income was the result of a drop of approximately 19 per cent in gross farm income far more than offsetting a decline of about 2 per cent in farm operating expenses and depreciation charges. Gross farm income in 1954 at 2,624.7 million dollars compares with the all-time high of 3,578.5 million dollars reached in 1951 and the 1953 estimate of 3,226.7 million dollars. The drop from the 1953 level was the result of very substantial declines in cash income from the sale of farm products, and the value of year-end changes in farm-held inventories of grains. Income in kind for 1954 was down about 2 per cent from 1953; this item includes the value of that produce grown by farm operators and consumed in the farm homs plus an imputed rental value of the farm dwelling.

During 1954, Canadian farmers (ex. Newfoundland) realized 2,377.8 million dollars from the sale of farm products and from participation payments on previous years grain crops. This compares with the revised estimate for 1953 of 2,776.0 million dollars and the record high of 2,849.3 million dollars established in 1952. This decline in cash income during 1954 is attributable in large part to lower total returns from field crops and eggs more than counter-balancing increased income from the sale of live stock and dairy products. The greatest decline in cash returns for any single commodity occurred in the case of wheat. Much smaller marketings at lower prices reduced income from this source from 654.1 million dollars in 1953 to 322.6 million dollars in 1954. Income from the sale of coarse grains was also substantially below that of a year earlier as a result of lower marketings of oats and barley and lower prices for barley. In addition, western grain participation payments in 1954 were well below those of 1953. A drop of about 18 per cent in the receipts from the sale of eggs reflected substantially lower prices which more than offset increased marketings. Receipts from the sale of live stock during 1954 amounted to 705.1 million dollars. about 7 per cent above the estimate of the previous year. Contributing to this gain were increased marketings of all classes of live stock and higher prices for hogs; prices for other classes of live stock averaged below the 1953 level. Income from dairy products established a new high record in 1954 when it reached 426.2 million dollars. Larger cow numbers together with excellent pasture conditions during most of the growing season provided an increase in production which more than offset slightly lower prices.

A substantial reduction in the total value of year-end changes in farm inventories also contributed significantly to the decline in gross farm income and, consequently, farm met income. Although the build-up of the live-stock population continued during the year, it was far more than offset by the substantial decline in year-end stocks of grains on farms resulting from the very much smaller grain crops produced in 1954 as compared with 1953.

Farm operating expenses in 1954 were estimated at 1,501.5 million dollars, about 2 per cent less than the revised 1953 estimate of 1,528.7 million dollars and 5 per cent below the peak level of 1,582.2 million dollars reached in 1952. Contributing largely to the reduction in farm operating costs were substantially smaller outlays for rent and hired labour, and somewhat lower expenditures for fertilizers, combineharvesting, interest on indebtedness and some of the miscellaneous items.

1/ Excludes Newfoundland.

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Farm Cash Income (Supplement Part III)

Since this report was published a mechanical error was revealed which results in a number of changes in the figures given in the Supplement to the Dairy Leview, (Tables II and III) covering <u>Farm</u> <u>Cash Income for 1954</u>.

Figures given are in thousands of pounds

Page 2. Table II. column 1. Total Income for Canada, 1954

February	-	Change	from	\$24,489	to	<u>524,124</u>
Year		Change	from	\$426,90	L to	\$426.538

Page 2. Table II. column 3. Creamery Butter-Fat. 1954

February	-	Change	from	\$5,458 to	<u>8</u>	5.095
Year	-	Change	from	\$155,891	to	\$155,528

Page 3, Table III, column 3 (Ontario), Total Farm Cash Income by Provinces

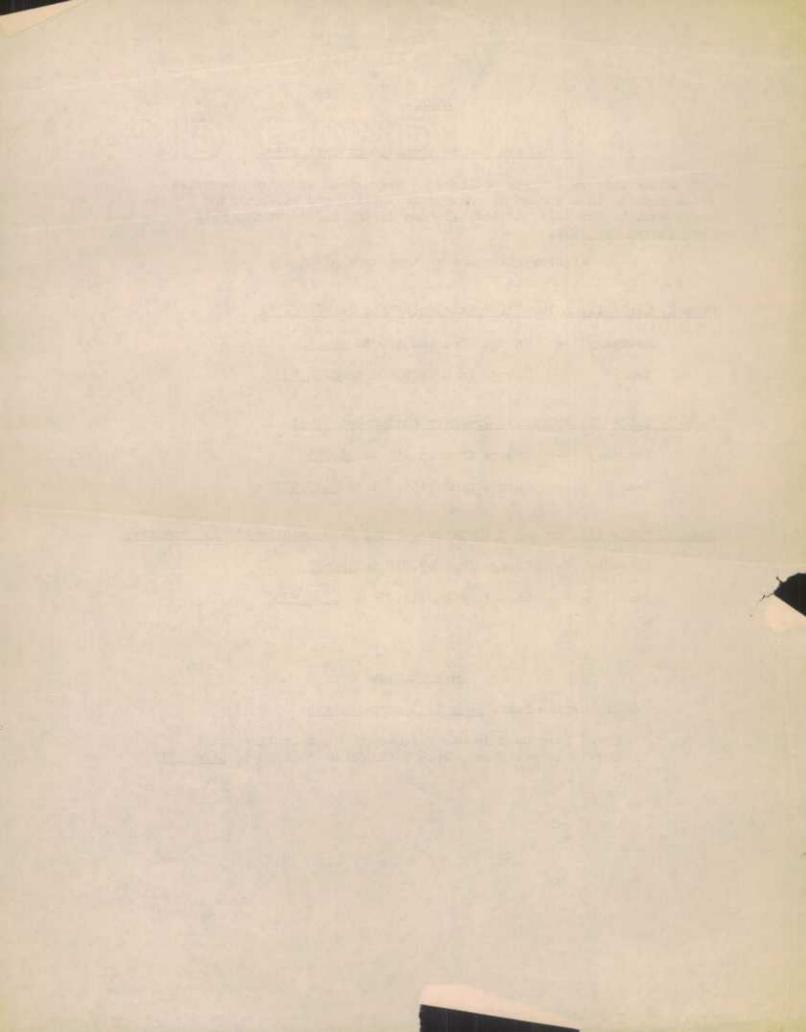
February	••	Change	from	\$9,010 1	to <u>\$8</u>	.647
Year	-	Ohange	from	\$143,298	3 to	\$142.93

Dairy Review

Dairy Review Text, page 1, last paragraph:

Total Farm Cash Income for Canada - comparative total for 1954, given as \$426,901 should be changed to \$426.538

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Of all the items of expense in 1954 the greatest reduction occurred in the case of gross farm rent when it dropped nearly 41 per cent below the 1953 level, largely as a result of the much smaller Prairie grain crops and the consequent reduced share-rent payments. Expenditures for hired labour were down by 8 per cent in 1954; contributing to this decline were lower wages paid during the year. Fertilizer outlay, down by 3 per cent, reflects a slight reduction in quantities used.

The total cost of feed and seed purchased by farmers through commercial channels in 1954 was more than 3 per cent above that of 1953; although feed prices were lower, shipments of prepared stock and poultry feeds and the movement of western grain under the Federal Freight Assistance plan were well above the previous year's level. A continued rise in expenditures for tractors, trucks and automobiles is attributable in part to increases in the 1954 prices of gasoline and lubricants.

A reduction in met income occurred in all provinces except New Brunswick where an increase of only 3 per cent over 1953 was recorded. The declines ranged all the way from approximately one per cent in Prince Edward Island to 73 per cent in Saskatchewan. In absolute terms the greatest decrease also occurred in Saskatchewan.

In Table I below is summarized the preliminary estimate of farm met income, by provinces, for the calendar year 1954, and revised estimates for 1952 and 1953. It should be noted that, in the process of rounding, the provincial estimates in Table I will not add to the total for Canada in all years. These estimates represent a continuation of the farm income series contained in the Handbook of Agricultural Statistics, Part II. No information is available for Newfoundland.

	- million dollars -		
	1954 (preliminary)	1953 (revised)	1952 (revised)
ince Edward Island	12.8	12.9	20.9
va Scotia	19.9	21.5	19.4
w Brunswick	29.5	28.7	36.7
ebec	270.8	275.1	277.1
tario	381.1	434.1	447.6
nitoba	72.5	115.4	156.8
skatchewan	126.5	467.6	565.5
berta	177.0	300.8	359.8
ritish Columbia	35.5	43.5	39.5
CANADA	1,125.6	1,699.6	1,923.5

TABLE I. - Net Income of Farm Operators from Farming Operations, by Provinces. 1/ 1952-1954

1/ Excludes Newfoundland.

TABLE 2A.- NET INCOME 1/ OF FARM OPERATORS FROM

		P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
					- t	housand
1.	Cash income 3/	24,031	43,017	48,419	407,949	704,544
2.	Income in kind	5,424	15,596	16,331	95, 390	120,259
3.	Value of inventory changes	- 353	- 303	- 29	2,861	- 7,929
4.	Gross income	29,102	58,310	64,721	506,198	816,874
5.	Operating & depreciation	16,316	38.398	35,190	235,440	435,793
6.	Net income (ex. supp. pay.)	12,786	19,912	29,531	270,758	381.081
7.	Supplementary payments	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Net income	12,786	19,912	29,531	270,758	381,081

 $\frac{1}{5}$ Includes estimated rental value of farm homes and supplementary payments made under $\frac{5}{5}$ Not strictly comparable with cash income estimates prior to 1952.

					TABLE 2B	INCOME
					- t	housand
1.	Dairy products	699	1,860	2,013	9,267	6,192
2.	Poultry & eggs	775	1,312	1,332	7,755	10,898
3.	Meat	303	767	878	9,952	8,757
4.	Fruits & vegetables 1/	715	2,950	2,663	16,398	19,242
3.	Honey & maple products	2	11	23	3,192	455
ö.	Forest products	1,339	4,646	5,113	26,952	21,561
7.	Wool	7	22	22	165	3
8.	House rent	1,584	4,028	4,287	21,709	53,151
9.	Total	5,424	15,596	16,331	95,390	120,259

1/ Includes potatoes.

TABLE 2C.-FARM

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1.	Taxes 1/	560	3,007	4,163	15,869	35,466
2.	Gross rent	100	226	222	2,223	16,025
3.	Hired labour	2,813	8,158	5,845	18,613	37,707
4.	Interest on indebtedness 1/ 2/	350	370	374	5,708	9,241
5.	Feed & seed 3/	2,932	7,671	5,782	87.535	110.358
	Tractor	503	1,332	974	7,751	23,488
	Truck	500	1,383	1,024	6,806	13,095
8.	Automobile 4/	609	1,717	1,562	8.514	26,217
	Engine & combine	105	68	104	952	1,095
10.		445	1,113	1,301	7,997	11,922
11.		2,424	1,693	3.764	8,170	28,175
12.		573	2,252	1,438	6.006	12,801
13.	Building repairs 1/	1,459	3,235	2,620	19,679	30,293
14.	Miscellaneous 7/	982	1,946	1,862	12.614	19,838
15.	Total operating	14,355	34,171	31.034	208.437	375.721
16.	Depreciation, bldg. 1/& machinery	1,961	4,227	4,156	27.003	60.072
17.	Operating & depreciation	16,316	38,398	35,190	235.440	435,793
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1/ Owned land and buildings only.2/Secured and unsecured debt. 3/ Purchases through and machine shop charges. 6/ Pesticides, containers and mursery stock. 7/ Veterinary

	PERATICNS, CA		<u> </u>	
Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
dollars -				
186,508	472,297	385,694	105, 377	2,377,834Cash income 3/
26,960	50,597	46,769	14,660	391,986Income in kind
-15,746	-109,622	-14,362	395	-145,088Value of inventory changes
197,722	413,272	418,101	120,432	2,624,732Gross income
125,774	287,616	242,095	84,896	1,501,518Operating and depreciation
71,948	125,656	176,006	35,536	1,301,310Operating and depreciation 1,123,214Net income (ex. supp. pay.)
599	797	1,031		2,427Supplementary payments
72,547	126,453	177,037	35,536	
the provid	sions of the	Prairie Farm	Assistance	e Act. 2/ Excludes Newfoundland.
IN KIND				
dollars -				
3,395	6,898	4,788	1,286	36,398Dairy products
2,926	5,688	6,485	1,606	38,777Poultry & eggs
2,994	7,084	5,395	823	36,953Meat
4,695	9,505	8,750	4,096	69,014Fruits & vegetables 1/
18	39	19	26	3,785Honey & maple products
2,466	4,213	3,593	2,231	72,114Forest products
2,*00	4,213	22	2,201	275Wool
10,459	17,143	17,717	4,592	275Wool 134,670 House rent
26,960	50,597	46,769	4,592	
20,000	201011	30,700	1.9,000	391,986 Total
OPERATING dollars -	the second se	DEPRECIATION	CHARGES	
9,259	21,272	20,400	6,219	116,214Taxes 1/
9,160	26,761	19,876	1,669	76.262Gross reat
14,706	27,628	27,739	20,643	163,852Hired labour
3,430	15,245	7,851	795	43,364Interest on indebtedness 1/2/
7,127	9,240	16,054	23,955	270,654Feed & seed 3/
15,275	42,361	31,108	5,064	127,856Tractor
5,743	16,841	14,834	3,668	63,894Truck
6,299	10,086	11,040	3,430	69,474Automobile 4/
2,360	7,080	4,040	3,430	15,899Engine & combine
7,362	18,799	14,390	1,563	
2,386	2,788	3,000	2,369	64,892Machinery repairs 5/
1,847	3,904	3,328	2,369	54,769Fertilizer
5,349	10,409	8,478	3,103	34,600Fruit & vegetable supplies <u>6</u> /
4,870	11,930	10,801		84,625Building repairs 1/
3.010			4,628	69,471Miscellaneous 7/
	004 744	107 979	RO 020	
95,173	224, 344	192,939	79,652	1,255,826Total operating
	224,344 63,272 287,616	192,939 49,156 242,095	79,652 5,244 84,896	1,255,826Total operating 245,692Depreciation, bldg. <u>1</u> /& machiner 1,501,518Operating & depreciation

commercial channels only.  $\underline{4}$ / Expenses incurred for farm business only.  $\underline{5}$ / Repair parts expenses, binder twine, irrigation charges, fence repairs, rope, salt, hardware, etc.

		TABL	S 3A NET	INCOME 1	OF FARM OPI	RATORS FROM
_		P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
-		-			- 1	housand
1.	Cash income 3/	22,832	41,319	46,141	393,251	718,862
2.	Income in kind	5,686	16,620	16,915	96,680	120,140
3.	Value of inventory changes	881	940	1,177	14,353	21,901
4.	Gross income	29.399	58,879	64,233	504,284	860,903
5.	Operating & depreciation	16,454	37,347	35,580	229,169	426,782
6.	Net income (ex. supp. pay)	12,945	21,532	28,653	275,115	434,121
7.	Supplementary payments	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Net income	12,945	21,532	28,653	275,115	434,121
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1/	Includes estimated rental value of					de under
3/	Not strictly comparable with each	income es	timates pr	ior to 1952	•	
						B INCOME
						- thousand
1.	Dairy products	767	1,932	2,186	9,358	6,289
2.	Poultry & eggs	872	2,213	1,507	9,430	11,607
3.	Meat	353	894	990	10,745	9,177
4.	Fruits & vegetables 1/	708	2,914	2,746	17,077	19,848
5.	Honey & maple products	2	5	15	2,198	224
6.	Forest products	1,347	4,674	5,144	27,115	21,692
7.	Wool	9	19	22	166	7
8.	House rent.	1,628	3,969	4,305	20,591	51,296
9.	Total	5,686	16,620	16,915	96,680	120,140
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1/	Includes potatoes.					
					TABL	E 3C FARM
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1.	Terce 1/	5.43	0.000	0.000	35 000	54 440
	Taxes 1/	541 91	2,788	3,876	15,069	34,449
	Hired labour	2,754		221	2,160	16,019
	Interest on indebtedness $\frac{1}{2}$ .	343	8,071 369	6,435	19,904	<b>41,670</b> <b>9,243</b>
5.	Feed & seed 3/			380	5,573	
		2,831 469	7,405	5,586	84,517	106,690
6.	Tractor		1,076	911	6,977	21,870
	Truck	443	1,340	984	6,723	13,030
8.	Automobile 4/	58 <b>4</b> 104	1,648	1,490	7,947	25,376
10.	Engine & combine Machinery repairs 5/	104	68	104	936	1,048
11.	Fertilizer		1,102	1,296	7,961	11,866
12.	Fruit & vegetable supplies 6/	2,844 570	1,861	4,304	8,175	26,189
13.	Building repairs 1/		2,241	1,431	5,978	12,743
14.		1,427	3,166	2,564	19,255	29,641
15.	Miscellaneous 7/ Total operating	1,014	1,904	1,891	12,582	19,621
16.	Depreciation, bldg. 1/& machinery	14,459 1,995	33,263 4,084	31,473	203,757	369,455
17.	Operating and depreciation			4,107	25,412	57,327
T.L.B.	operating and depreciation	16,454	37,347	35,580	229,169	426,782

1/ Owned land and buildings only. 2/ Secured and unsecured debt. 3/ Purchases through and machine shop charges. 6/ Pesticides, containers and mursery stock. 7/ Veterinary

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TABLE 34.- NET INCOME 1/ OF FARM OPERATORS FROM

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Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
iollars -				
220,038	742,236	486,475	104,849	2,776,003Cash income 3/
28,877	52,287	48,158	15,082	400,445Income in kind
- 2,416	- 8,363	19,144	2,646	50,263Value of inventory changes
245,499	786,160	553,777	122,577	3,226,711Gross income
131,314	319,330	253,563	79,139	1,528,678Operating & depreciation
115,185	466,830	300,214	43,438	1,698,033Net income (ex. supp. pay.)
195	778	559	40	1,572Supplementary payments
115,380	467,608	300,773	43, 478	1,699,605Net income
the provis	ions of the	e Prairie F	arm Assista	nce Act. 2/ Excludes Newfoundland.
IN KIND				
dollars -				
3,358	7,195	4,801	1,207	37,093Dairy products
3,383	5,584	7,223	1,838	43,657Poultry & eggs
3,229	7,840	4,833	959	39,020Meat
5,016	9,657	9,050	4,456	71,472Fruits & vegetables 1/
13	34	26	22	2,539Honey & maple products
2,481	4,238	3,615	2,244	72,550Forest products
8	-	22	2	255Wool
11,389	17,739	18,588	4,354	133,859House rent
28,877	52,287	48,158	15,082	400,445Total
OPERATING	EXPENSES &	DEPRECIATI	ON CHARGES	
dollars -				
8,999	20,508	18,708	5,567	110,505Taxes 1/
14,070	61,840	32,520	1,644	128,789Gross rent
16,222	32,356	33,685	17,255	178,352Hired labour
3,471	15,477	7,942	785	43,583Interest on indebtedness 1/2/
6,880	8,920	15,498	23,139	261,466Feed & seed 3/
14,744	39,442	29,209	4,800	119,498Tractor
5,633	15,710	13,429	3,655	60,947Truck
5,837	9,569	10,465	3,252	66,168Automobile 4/
2,476	7,238	4,170	95	16,239Engine & combine
7,331	18,715	14,326	1,556	64,597 Machinery repairs 5/
3,377	3,572	3,612	2,482	56,416Fertilizer

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commercial channels only. 4/ Expenses incurred for farm business only. 5/ Repair parts expenses, binder twine, irrigation charges, fence repairs, rope, salt, hardware, etc.

34,439....Fruit & vegetable supplies 6/

232,753.... Depreciation, bldg. 1/ & machinery

82,794....Building repairs 1/

1,528,678.... Operating and depreciation

72,132....Miscellaneous 7/

1,295,925.....Total operating

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1. Cash income 3/	31,998	40,207	53,445	417,377	736,887
2. Income in kind	6,041	17,905	18,142	101,924	124,550
3. Value of inventory changes	- 28	1,105	274	- 81	21,711
4. Gross income	38,011	59,217	71,861	519,220	883,148
5. Operating & depreciation	17,090	39,835	35,172	242,076	435,519
6. Net income (ex. supp. pay)		19,382	36,689	277,144	447,629
7. Supplementary payments		-	-	-	-
8. Net income		19,382	36,689	277,144	447,629

 $\frac{1}{3}$  Includes estimated rental value of farm homes and supplementary payments made under  $\frac{3}{3}$  Not strictly comparable with cash income estimates prior to 1952.

					TABLE 43	INCOME
1.	Dairy products	785	1,976	2,210	9,929	6,725
2.	Poultry & eggs	830	2,357	1,583	8,908	12,090
3.	Meat	388	1,074	1,054	9,641	9,544
4.	Fruite & vegetables 1/	1,049	3,813	3,930	22,519	25,462
	Honey & maple products	2	9	35	3,285	724
6.	Forest products	1,358	4,712	5,185	27,334	21,867
7.	Wool	7	18	20	173	2
8.	House rent	1,622	3,946	4,125	20,135	48,136
9.	Total	6,041	17,905	18,142	101,924	124,550

1/ Includes potatoes.

TABLE 4C.- FARM - thousand

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1.	Taxes 1/	516	2,721	3,826	13,811	31,289
2.	Gross rent	113	236	224	2,176	15,892
3.	Hired labour	3,168	9,540	5,765	21,174	44,001
4.	Interest on indebtedness 1/ 2/	325	349	364	5,375	8,390
5.	Feed and seed 3/	3,393	8,875	6,691	101,274	127,711
6.	Tractor	415	950	811	6,224	20,516
7.	Truck	402	1,379	1,014	6,648	11,968
8.	Automobile 4/	590	1,449	1,440	7,168	23,872
9.	Engine and combine	104	67	104	929	1,002
10.	Machinery repairs 5/	438	1,089	1,281	7,447	12,000
11.	Fertilizer	2,684	1,830	4,011	7,467	22,590
12.	Fruit & vegetable supplies 6/	603	2,369	1,513	6,323	13,499
13.	Building repairs 1/	1,358	3,012	2,440	18,320	28,204
14.	Miscellaneous 7/	1,090	2,086	1,916	13,761	21,591
15.	Total Operating	15,199	35,952	31,400	218,097	382,525
16.	Depreciation, bldg. 1/& machinery	1,891	3,883	3,772	23,979	52,994
17.	Operating & depreciation	17,090	39,835	35,172	242,076	435,519

1/ Owned land and buildings only. 2/ Secured and unsecured debt. 3/ Purchased through and machine shop charges. 6/ Pesticides, containers and mursery stock. 7/ Veterinary

TABLE 4A. - NET INCOME 1/ OF FARM OPERATORS FROM

Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
dollars -				
249,634	710,738	505,070	103,954	2,849,310Cash income 3/
29,381	53,818	46,729	15,006	413,496Income in kind
11,285	137,188	63,412	2,876	237,742Value of inventory changes
290,300	901,744	615,211	121,836	3,500,548Gross income
133,673	338,790	257,711	82,340	1,582,206Operating & depreciation
156,627	562,954	357,500	39,496	1,918,342Net income (ex. supp. pay.)
179	2,560	2,349	43	5,131Supplementary payments
156,806	565,514	359,849	39,539	1,923,473Net income
the provis	sions of the	Prairie Fa	rm Assistan	ace Act. 2/ Excludes Newfoundland.
IN KIND				
dollars -				
3,404	7,410	5,186	1,268	38,893Dairy products
3,728	5,893	7,257	1,916	44,562Poultry & eggs
3,743	8,712	4,638	1,052	39,846Meat
5,989	10,346	9,982	4,417	87,507Fruits & vegetables 1/
15	41	28	24	4,163Honey & maple products
2,501	4,272	3,644	2,262	73,135Forest products
7	1	1	-	229Wool
9,994	17,143	15,993	4,067	125,161House rent
29,381	53,818	46,729	15,006	413,496Total
OPERATTIC	EXPENSES &	DEPRECIATIO	E CHARGES	
dollars -	BAI BINEN G	UBA ANVIAIIL	A VIALUED	
8,950	18,396	17,404	5,090	102,003Taxes 1/
19,064	88,009	40,255	1,624	167,593Gross rent
17,301	35,163	36,502	17,663	190,277Hired labour
3,282	14,261	7,378	760	40,484Interest on indebtedness 1/ 2/
8,246	10,690	18,573	27,722	313,175Feed and seed 3/
14,204	39,104	28,298	4,134	114,656Tractor
5,444	14,214	12,903	3,438	57,410Truck
5,481	9,096	9,771	3,056	61,923Automobile 4/
2,268	7,464	4,135	91	16,164Engine and combine
7,076	18,150	14,191	1,811	63,483Machinery repairs 5/
2,684	2,783	2,991	2,191	49,231Fertilizer
1,939	4,097	3,492	2,582	36,417Fruit & vegetable supplies 6/
4,970	9,690	7,893	2,889	78,776Building repairs 1/
5,562	15,304	12,313	4,645	78,268Miscellaneous 7/
	286,421	216,099	77,696	1,369,860Total Operating
106.471	COO. HOL			
106,471 27,202	52,369	41,612	4,644	212,346Depreciation, bldg.1/& machiner

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connersial channels only. 4/ Expense incurred for farm business only. 5/ Repair parts expenses, binder twine, irrigation charges, fence repairs, rope, salt, hardware, etc.

