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FARM NET INCOME, ADVANCE STATEMENT, 1963(1)

An advance preliminary estimate places net income of farm operators from farming operations at 1,716.3 million dollars for 1963. This estimate, which includes the value of changes in farm inventories of grains and livestock, is 2.2 per cent above the revised estimate of 1,678.8 million dollars for 1962. Although farm operating expenses and depreciation charges continued to rise in 1963, they were more than offset by higher cash income from farming operations and increased inventories of farmheld grain and livestock.

Farm cash income, the most important component of farm net income, reached the all-time high of 3,222.3 million dollars in 1963, 2.2 per cent above the previous record of 3,154.2 million dollars established in 1962. The more important contributions to this gain in total cash income were higher receipts from the sale of wheat, coarse grains, tobacco, dairy and poultry products. Less important contributions were made by gains in returns from the sale of potatoes, fruits, vegetables, and increased net advances on farm-stored grain in Western Canada.

Supplementary payments totalled 14.8 million dollars in 1963 and consisted entirely of payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act. This was in contrast to payments during 1962 of 70.3 million dollars which included not only Prairie Farm Assistance payments, but also those made under the Western Grain Producers' Acreage Payment Plan.

Farm operating expenses and depreciation charges advanced from the revised estimate of 2,079.6 million dollars in 1962 to 2,179.9 million in 1963, an increase of slightly less than 5 per cent. Expenditures for most items of expense considered in these estimates were higher in 1963 than in 1962 with the more important increases being recorded for feed, fertilizers and the operation of farm machinery, including repairs.

The regular annual estimates of farm net income, based on more complete data for 1963 and including details by items for each of the years 1961, 1962 and 1963, will be published in April.

Net Income of Farm Operators from Farming Operations (1) 1961-1963

	1963 advance preliminary	1962 revised	1961 revised
	thousands of dollars		
Prince Edward Island	6,846	6,975	6,808
Nova Scotia	11,241	12,655	14,819
New Brunswick	10,991	11,862	11,910
Quebec	188,237	200,278	190,985
Ontario	377,866	379,531	353,946
Manitoba	120,071	174,446	62,204
Saskatchewan	603,059	506,038	132,935
Alberta	331,853	316,665	240,064
British Columbia	66,181	70,322	61,001
Canada(1)	1,716,345	1,678,772	1,074,672

(1) Excludes Newfoundland.

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⁽¹⁾ Includes estimated rental value of farm homes and supplementary payments (item 3) such as those made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and Western Grain Producers' Acreage Payment Plan.

⁽²⁾ Excludes Newfoundland.