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CASH INCOME FROM THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

JANUARY TO MARCH, 1937 TO 1942

Ottawa, June 9, 1942. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today an estimate of the cash income from the sale of farm products in the Prairie Provinces for the months of January to March, 1937 to 1942. These estimates are based on reports of marketings and prices received by farmers for the principal farm products. The estimates are subject to revision as more complete data on production and marketings become available.

SUMMARY

Cash income from the sale of farm products in the Prairie Provinces at approximately \$69 million for the first three months of 1942 was \$6 million higher than the income of the same period of 1941 and \$28 million higher than that of the corresponding period of 1940. Cash income from the sale of wheat was sharply lower in 1942 because of the smaller crop harvested in the fall of 1941 and also because an abnormal proportion of the 1940 crop was held over and marketed during the early months of 1941. The reduction in the income from wheat was partially offset by higher returns from all other field crops. The most important factor in bringing about a higher total income in 1942 was the very substantial gain in the receipts from the sale of live stock and live stock products. Income from the sale of hogs at \$23 million was almost double that of the same period of 1941 and four times that of the same quarter of 1939. Increased marketings and higher prices contributed to the greater receipts from live stock and live stock products.

In Manitoba the cash income of farmers amounted to almost \$15 million, a gain of \$4 million over the same period of 1941. In this province the income from wheat was almost equal to that of the previous year and receipts from all other items showed substantial gains. In Saskatchewan the income of the first quarter was slightly below that of the previous year as the gains from other sources were not quite sufficient to offset the sharp decline in income from the sale of wheat. A gain of \$10 million in the receipts from the sale of live stock and live stock products in Alberta was more than sufficient to offset the reduced income from wheat. Improvement in the income from hogs was particularly marked in all provinces.

Exceptionally large marketings of wheat in the second quarter of 1941 will not be duplicated in the second quarter of this year and it appears doubtful if the increases in income from other sources will be sufficient to maintain total income in the second quarter at the level established a year ago. However, there is every indication that total farm income in the second quarter will be substantially higher than that of 1940 and the years immediately preceding the outbreak of war.

Table 1.- Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products in the Prairie Provinces

January to March, 1937 - 1942

Thousand Dollars

1937	 41,768	1940	40,819
1938	 40,097	1941	62,919
1939	 28,564	1942	68,867

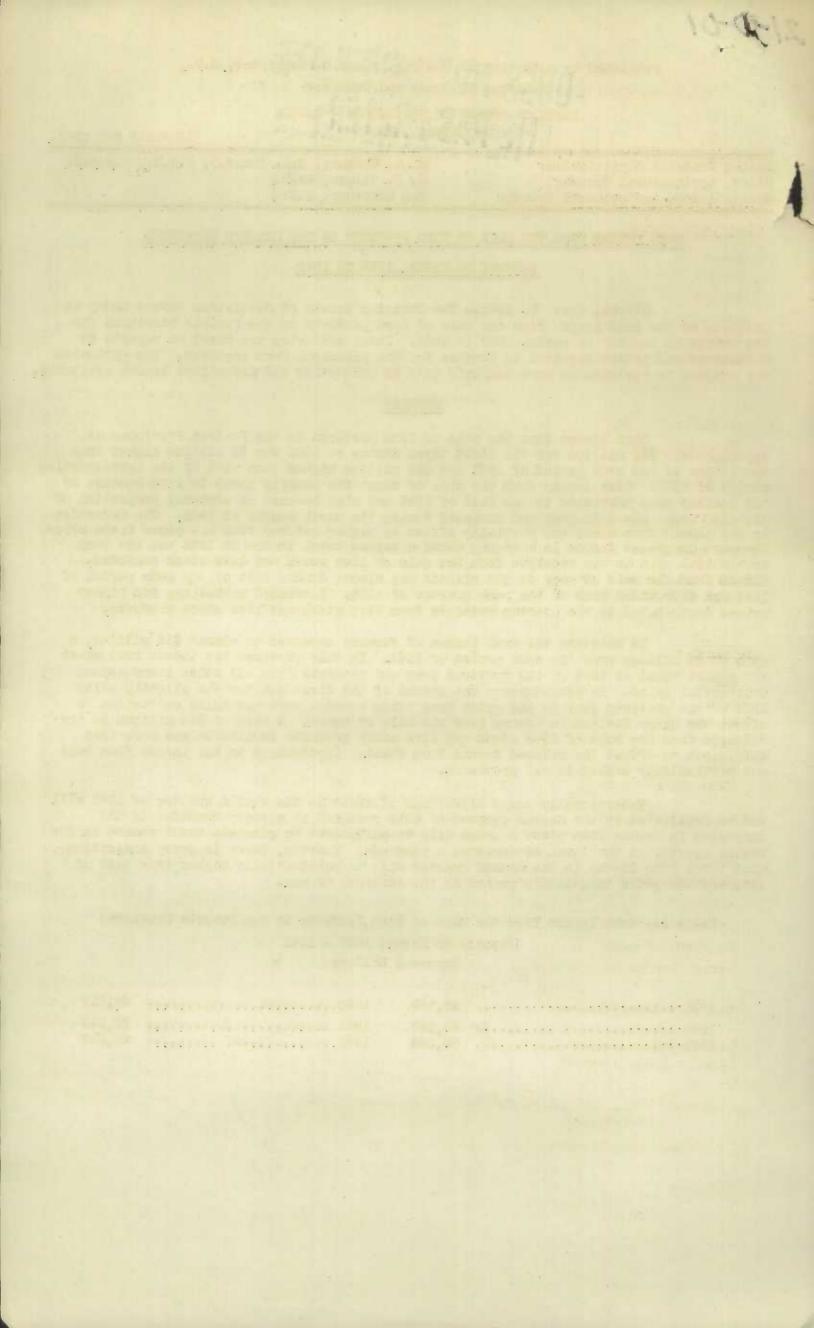


Table 2.- Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products in the Prairie Provinces by Months and Quarters

Thousand Dollars

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	lst	lst	lst	lst
	1942	1942	1942	Quarter 1942	Quarter 1941	Quarter 1940	Quarter
PRAIRIE PROVINCES -							
Wheat	5,504	3,509	4,745	13,758	28,580	11,629	7,249
Oats	1,183	810	479	2,472	1,545	2,960	1,066
Barley	642	475	358	1,475	1,172	1,622	756
Rye	138	93	59	290	145	474	69
Flax	464	295	149	908	361	179	3.
Other Field Crops 1/	434	498	258	1,190	925	574	61
Potal Field Crops	8,365	5,680	6,048	20,093	32,728	17,438	9,78
Cattle and calves	5,398	3,386	4,506	13,290	8,510	6,963	6,59
Sheep and lambs	199	226	288	713	471	464	42
Hogs	8,875	7,308	7,115	23,298	12,751	9,582	6,02
Dairy products	2,522	2,423	2,856	7,801	5,842	3,728	3,20
Poultry and eggs	836	501	945	•	1,239	1,061	98
Other live stock products 2/	570	370	450	1,390	1,378	1,583	1,53
Total Live Stock Products	18,400	14,214	16,160	48,774	30,191	23,381	18,78
Potal Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products	26,765	19,894	22,208	68,867	62,919	40,819	28,56
MANITOBA -							
Wheat	1,195	828	1,029	3,052	3,205	751	63
Oats	186	159	122	467	52	152	8
Barley	286	227	170	683	388	498	26
Rye	21	15	12	4.8	13	47	6
Flax	63	46	27	136	36	31	
Other field crops 1/	288	299	161	748	499	307	26
Total Field Crops	2,039	1,574	1,521	5,134	4,193	1,786	1,20
Cattle and calves	1,115	783	1,120	3,018	1,871	1,794	1,83
Sheep and lambs	22	16	18			18	
Hogs	1,264	1,032	975	3,271	2,098	1,945	1,20
	755	733	858	•			
Dairy products		129	245		313	287	21
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Poultry and eggs	225				6,707		4,9

^{1/} Includes Corn, Hay and Clover, Potatoes, Sugar Beets, Seeds, Vegetables and Forest Products.

^{2/} Includes Wool, Horses, Honey and Fur Farming.

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Table 2.- Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products in the Prairie Provinces

by Months and Quarters (Concluded)

Thousand Dollars

	Jan. 1942	Feb. 1942	Mar. 1942	lst Quarter 1942	lst Quarter 1941	lst Quarter 1940	lst Quarter 1939
SASKATCHEWAN -							
Wheat	2,236	1,486	2,113	5,835	12,965	5,958	2,588
Oats	363	249	164	776	353	1,363	448
Barley	192	131	98	421	230	625	280
Rye	100	65	38	203	116	325	37
Flax	315	181	89	585	216	127	28
Other field crops 1/	74	59	50	183	153	134	193
Total Field Crops	3,280	2,171	2,552	8,003	14,033	8,532	3,572
Cattle and calves	1,606	994	1,182	3,782	2,081	1,386	1,330
Sheep and lambs	23	11	10	44	32	28	2
Hogs	2,628	1,890	1,774	6,292	3,638	2,257	1,25
Dairy products	799	795	933	2,527	1,863	1,062	88
Poultry and eggs	332	203	386	921	489	427	38
Other live stock products 2/	126	103	128	357	369	417	41
Total Live Stock Products	5,514	3,996	4,413	13,923	8,472	5,577	4,27
Total Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products	8,794	6,167	6,965	21,926	22,505	14,109	7,85
ALBERTA -							
Wheat	2.073	1,195	1,603	4,871	12,410	4,920	. 4,02
Oats		•	•	· ·		1,445	
Barley	164	117	90	371	554		21
Rye	17	13	9	39	16	102	1
Flax	86	68	33	187	109	21	
Other field crops 1/	72	140	47	259	273	133	15
Total Field Crops	3,046	1,935	1,975	6,956	14,502	7,120	4,94
Cattle and calves	2,677	1,609	2,204	6,490	4,558	3,783	3,43
Sheep and lambs	154	199	260	613	416	418	38
Hogs	4,983	4,386	4,366	13,735	7,015	5,380	3,57
Dairy products	968	895	1,065	2,923	2,022	1,296	1,16
Poultry and eggs	31.9	169	314	802	437	347	32
Other live stock products 2/	219	140	203	562	564	685	62
Total Live Stock Products	9,320	7,398	8,412	25,130	15,012	11,909	9,50
Total Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products	12,366	o PPP	10,387	32,086	29,514	19,029	14.4

^{1/} Includes Corn, Hay and Clover, Potatoes, Sugar Beets, Seeds, Vegetables and Forest Products.

^{2/} Includes Wool, Horses, Honey and Fur Farming.

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