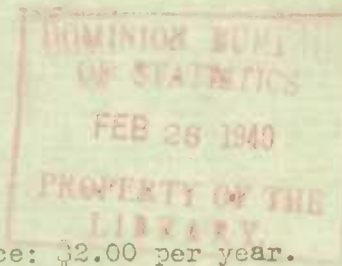


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Ottawa, February 23, 1940, 3 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics publishes today its annual report on farm values for the year 1939, comprising estimates of (1) the average value of farm lands, (2) the average wages of farm help and (3) the average values of farm live stock and poultry. The estimates are compiled from the returns of crop correspondents.

AVERAGE VALUE OF FARM LANDS

The average value of occupied farm lands in Canada in 1939 was reported at \$25 per acre, an increase of one dollar per acre over the 1938 value of \$24 per acre. This is the first increase since 1935 when the average value rose from \$23 to \$24 per acre. Average values are still much below the 1926 average of \$37 per acre.

Increases in average values in 1939 were reported in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. Values remained unchanged in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, while a slight decrease in value was reported in Prince Edward Island.

Average values for the twenty year period 1920 to 1939 are shown in the following table:

Average Values Per Acre of Occupied Farm Lands

1920	\$48	1930	\$32
1921	40	1931	28
1922	40	1932	24
1923	37	1933	24
1924	37	1934	23
1925	38	1935	24
1926	37	1936	24
1927	38	1937	24
1928	38	1938	24
1929	37	1939	25

The average values per acre of occupied farm lands for 1939 were, in dollars, as follows, with the 1938 values within brackets: Prince Edward Island 35 (36); Nova Scotia 33 (29); New Brunswick 29 (27); Quebec 44 (40); Ontario 46 (45); Manitoba 17 (16); Saskatchewan 15 (15); Alberta 16 (15); British Columbia 60 (60).

AVERAGE WAGES OF FARM HELP

Average yearly cash wages of \$245 paid to male farm help in Canada in 1939 were the highest recorded since 1930. Average cash wages for 1939 were \$15 higher than the reported wage of \$230 in 1938. Value of board furnished to yearly help in 1939 was estimated at \$179 compared with \$175 in 1938. Total wages and board for 1939 averaged \$424 compared with \$405 in 1938.

Year	Wages	Board	Wages and Board	Year	Wages	Board	Wages and Board
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
1920.....	543	278	821	1930.....	326	233	559
1921	421	248	669	1931	240	199	439
1922	359	235	594	1932	176	165	341
1923	372	239	611	1933	161	161	322
1924	380	256	636	1934.....	171	167	338
1925	383	258	641	1935	184	174	358
1926	384	255	639	1936	206	168	374
1927	396	262	658	1937	224	176	400
1928	332	252	634	1938	230	175	405
1929	373	254	627	1939	245	179	424



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The combined values of yearly wages and board for male and for female help in 1939, were, in dollars, as follows, with the 1938 figures within brackets: Canada 424, 283 (405, 275); Prince Edward Island 372, 259 (364, 260); Nova Scotia 452, 271 (439, 277); New Brunswick 439, 264 (432, 247); Quebec 398, 240 (398, 235); Ontario 440, 320 (411, 303); Manitoba 398, 267 (373, 252); Saskatchewan 381, 262 (363, 247); Alberta 431 295 (418, 289); British Columbia 525, 370 (522, 365).

Average cash wages of \$24 per month for the summer season of 1939 were the same as reported in 1938. Value of board furnished was estimated at \$16 per month in 1939 compared with \$17 per month in 1938.

Combined wages and board for male and for female help per month during the summer season of 1939 were, in dollars, as follows, with the 1938 figures within brackets: Canada 40, 25 (41, 25); Prince Edward Island 30, 20 (33, 21); Nova Scotia 40, 23 (41, 23); New Brunswick 39, 24 (41, 23); Quebec 39, 22 (38, 22); Ontario 41, 29 (42, 30); Manitoba 37, 24 (39, 24); Saskatchewan 38, 24 (37, 23); Alberta 42, 27 (43, 27); British Columbia 49, 34 (50, 35).

VALUES OF FARM LIVE STOCK

For Canada, the average values per head of live stock in 1939 are estimated as follows, with the 1938 values in brackets: Horses \$67 (\$71); milk cows \$46 (\$40); other cattle \$33 (\$27); total cattle \$39, (\$33); sheep \$6.69 (\$5.79); hogs \$13.79 (\$13.21).

The total numbers and values of farm live stock in Canada in 1939 are estimated as follows, with the 1938 figures in brackets: Horses 2,824,340 \$189,768,000 (2,820,700, \$198,938,000); milk cows 3,873,500 \$179,807,000 (3,873,800 \$154,732,000); other cattle 4,601,100 \$151,087,000 (4,637,400 \$123,354,000); total cattle 8,474,600 \$330,894,000 (8,511,200 \$278,086,000); sheep 3,365,800 \$22,511,000 (3,415,000 \$19,761,000); hogs 4,294,000 \$59,213,000 (3,486,900, \$46,078,000).

The total value of all these descriptions of farm live stock in 1939 amounted to \$602,386,000, an increase of \$59,523,000 or 11 per cent as compared with \$542,863,000 in 1938. By provinces the total values are as follows, with the 1938 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island \$6,812,000 (\$6,485,000); Nova Scotia \$14,050,000 (\$13,487,000); New Brunswick \$15,376,000 (\$14,189,000); Quebec \$112,528,000 (\$106,522,000); Ontario \$198,476,000 (\$178,420,000); Manitoba \$52,519,000 (\$47,023,000); Saskatchewan \$89,514,000 (\$75,898,000); Alberta \$93,701,000 (\$81,853,000); British Columbia \$19,410,000 (\$18,986,000).

NUMBERS AND VALUES OF FARM POULTRY

For Canada, the average values of farm poultry in 1939 are estimated, in cents, as follows, with the 1938 values within brackets: Hens and chickens 70 (68); turkeys 1.76 (1.89); geese 1.46 (1.45); ducks 87 (86).

The total numbers and values in 1939 are as follows, with the 1938 figures within brackets: Hens and chickens 58,509,800 \$41,006,000 (53,774,600, \$36,793,000); turkeys 2,476,000 \$4,356,000 (2,039,600 \$3,859,000); geese 795,400, \$1,160,000 (807,000 \$1,167,000); ducks 624,000, \$540,000 (615,800, \$531,000); total poultry 62,405,200, \$47,062,000 (57,237,000, \$43,350,000).

By provinces, the total values of all farm poultry in 1939 are estimated as follows, with the 1938 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island \$659,000 (\$696,000); Nova Scotia \$1,002,000 (\$952,000); New Brunswick \$1,215,000 (\$1,082,000); Quebec \$7,710,000 (\$7,021,000); Ontario \$18,911,000 (\$18,414,000); Manitoba \$4,086,000 (\$3,365,000); Saskatchewan \$5,550,000 (\$3,890,000); Alberta \$4,177,000 (\$3,822,000); British Columbia \$3,752,000 (\$3,108,000).

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