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FARM LAND VALUES

Ottawa, March 16, 1948 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a statement of the average value per acre of Canadian farm lands as reported by crop correspondents. These values are determined by dividing the total values of occupied farm lands (including buildings) reported from a sample survey in each province, by the total acreage of all farms reported in the sample. As total farm acreage includes unimproved land it will be realized that the values per acre reported will be lower than the value per acre of cultivated land alone. As all areas in each province are taken into account the provincial averages will vary considerably above and below the values of land in particular localities within provinces.

The average value of occupied farm land in Canada for 1947 is reported at \$35.00 per acre. This represents an increase of 9 per cent over the average value indicated in 1946 and an increase of 40 per cent over the 1939 average. The all-Canada average is determined by weighting the provincial averages by the area of occupied farm land in each province according to the latest census figures available. The upward trend in farm land values from prewar levels reflects, at least in part, the relative changes which have occurred in the price levels of farm products and of the things which farmers buy. The Bureau's index of farm prices of agricultural products for 1947 was 95.5 per cent above the 1935-39 level, while for the same year the index of prices of commodities and services used by farmers had advanced 57.4 per cent from the 1935-39 base-period level.

Increases in farm land values over 1946 levels were reported in all provinces, the largest increases being those recorded for the provinces of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia.

Average Values Per Acre of Occupied Farm Land in Canada, 1930, 1935 and 1939 to 1947

(as reported by crop correspondents)

	1930	1935	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Ed. Is	42	31	35	32	34	37	37	41	43	42	47
Nova Scotia	30	31	33	28	31	33	35	41	41	42	46
New Brunswick	28	25	29	24	25	30	33	40	40	39	44
Quebec	48	41	44	44	50	55	58	58	57	59	61
Ontario	52	42	46	46	45	48	56	58	57	59	64
Manitoba	22	17	1.7	16	17	18	19	20	21	25	27
Saskatchewan	22	17	15	15	14	15	15	17	18	19	21
Alberta	24	16	16	1.6	16	17	18	19	20	21	25
British Columbia	76	58	60	58	60	62	62	64	67	70	75
CANADA	32	24	25	24	25	26	28	30	30	32	35

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