

(4) The Land Clearing and Agricultural Development Branch is in charge of clearing of agricultural lands and developing them for agricultural production. This Branch was created during the fiscal year 1945-46.

Extension officials of the Department are located in 16 agricultural centres of the Province.

### **Subsection 3.—Provincial Agricultural Colleges and Schools**

A treatment of this subject appears at pp. 203-213 of the 1943-44 Year Book.

## **Section 2.—Statistics of Agriculture\***

**Crop-Reporting Service.**—Through the voluntary crop-reporting service of the Dominion Government, accurate, timely and independent reports on crop conditions throughout the Dominion are published.

**Census Statistics.**—In addition to the statistics collected annually, which are the subject of this Section, valuable information is published following each decennial census of the Dominion and each quinquennial census of the Prairie Provinces. The more important data, at present available from the 1941 Census, are given at pp. 250-254 of this edition while details published following the Censuses of 1931 and 1936 are given at p. 152 of the 1941 Year Book.

### **Subsection 1.—Farm Cash Income**

In 1945, Canadian farmers received, in cash, from the sale of their farm products a total of \$1,686,000,000. This compares with \$1,826,000,000 in 1944 and \$722,000,000 in 1939.

A decline in the volume of production was responsible for the decreased cash income. In addition to the above amounts, farmers, mainly in the Prairie Provinces, received \$6,439,000 in 1945 from supplementary payments under the Wheat Acreage Reduction Act, the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, and the Prairie Farm Income Order in Council. The comparable figure for these payments in 1944 was \$17,681,000.

Cash income estimates do not include income accruing to farmers from outside sources nor the value of products consumed in the farm home. Farm cash income, together with these latter amounts, represents what farmers have available to meet living and farm operating costs, new capital expenditures, payments against indebtedness and so forth.

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\* Revised in the Agricultural Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This Branch collects and publishes both primary and secondary statistics of agriculture, including statistics of the production and distribution of agricultural commodities. The primary statistics relate mainly to the reporting of crop conditions, crop and live-stock estimates, values of farm lands, wages of farm labour and monthly and annual prices received by farmers for their products. The secondary statistics relate to the marketing of grain and live stock, dairying, milling, and sugar industries and cold-storage holdings. A list of the publications of this Branch is given in Chapter XXXII, Sect. 1, under "Production".