

Part of this increase resulted from a very large increase in returns for the Province of Ontario and part from the rise in the general level of prices which occurred during the period.

Marketing.—Sales of farm products in 1946-47 increased by about \$124,000,000 over the figure for the previous year. Every product that co-operatives market in Canada showed an increase in sales value with the exception of honey and wool. Wool sales decreased by only a small amount but in 1946 the honey crop was almost a complete failure and sales by co-operative honey producers were down by well over 50 p.c. Sales value of grains marketed increased by \$78,000,000, fruits and vegetables by \$14,000,000, tobacco by \$16,000,000, dairy products by \$6,000,000, and poultry and eggs by \$2,000,000. All provinces reported increases in the value of farm products sold with the exception of New Brunswick where sales were down by \$471,000. Saskatchewan, Ontario and Alberta all reported sales volume increases ranging from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

Marketing co-operatives handled approximately 31 p.c. of the main farm products entering commercial channels of trade in 1946-47 as compared with 28 p.c. in 1945-46. Marketings as a percentage of the total of various products were as follows, with the percentage for the previous year in parentheses: Grains 53 p.c. (50); dairy products 22 p.c. (21); live stock 18 p.c. (16); poultry and eggs, 17 p.c. (16); wool, 73 p.c. (58); fruits and vegetables, 32 p.c. (27); maple products, 12 p.c. (28); tobacco, 87 p.c. (88); honey, 11 p.c. (23).

Merchandising.—The reported sales value of supplies and goods purchased by co-operatives for distribution to members and patrons for the year 1946-47 amounted to \$127,001,488. This increase of \$31,398,177 marks the first time that the merchandising sales volume has been greater than \$100,000,000. The greatest single increase was recorded in feed and fertilizer with total sales of \$53,400,000 compared with \$38,000,000 for the previous year.

31.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Business Organizations, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1942-47

Year	Associa- tions	Places of Business	Patrons	Sales of Farm Products	Sales of Supplies	Total Business ¹
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1942.....	1,722	4,291	620,034	214,762,980	42,327,447	257,090,427
1943.....	1,650	4,406	608,680	295,499,274	55,689,141	352,785,598
1944.....	1,792	4,534	719,080	459,798,798	65,508,771	527,855,540
1945.....	1,824	4,441	738,345	500,481,627	81,360,855	585,650,066
1946.....	1,953	4,488	922,928	454,564,927	95,603,311	554,329,652
1947.....	2,095	5,084	1,036,498	578,638,214	127,001,488	712,583,246
	Value of Plant	Total Assets	Liabilities to the Public	Share- holders or Members	Members Equity	
	\$	\$	\$	No.	\$	
1942.....	37,597,916	128,004,893	69,964,822	561,314	58,040,071	
1943.....	36,866,861	186,634,839	124,264,085	585,826	62,370,754	
1944.....	40,664,827	203,047,911	130,556,373	690,967	72,491,538	
1945.....	43,048,326	171,128,184	87,354,033	739,804	83,774,151	
1946.....	46,775,158	163,467,434	71,012,260	926,863	92,455,174	
1947.....	53,027,212	168,195,387	71,403,750	982,990	96,791,637	

¹ Includes other revenue.