

9.—Net Income of Farm Operators from Farming Operations, by Province, 1951-53

NOTE.—Net income includes estimated rental value of farm homes and supplementary payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

| Province | 1951 ^r | 1952 ^r | 1953 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Newfoundland..... | .. | .. | .. |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 17,392 | 20,550 | 12,335 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 26,142 | 18,932 | 20,155 |
| New Brunswick..... | 37,572 | 36,196 | 28,213 |
| Quebec..... | 333,785 | 272,350 | 262,520 |
| Ontario..... | 558,174 | 429,707 | 401,576 |
| Manitoba..... | 181,897 | 157,015 | 110,611 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 552,962 | 564,917 | 474,290 |
| Alberta..... | 392,414 | 361,308 | 306,951 |
| British Columbia..... | 54,189 | 39,804 | 39,913 |
| Totals..... | 2,154,527 | 1,900,779 | 1,656,564 |

Value of Farm Lands.—The average value of occupied farm lands in Canada for 1953 is reported as \$51 per acre. This represents an increase of 6.3 p.c. over the average value in 1952 and an increase of 112.5 p.c. over the 1935-39 average. Increases in farm land values over 1952 levels were recorded in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. The all-Canada average is determined by weighting the provincial averages by the area of occupied farm land in each province.

10.—Average Values per Acre of Occupied Farm Lands, by Province, Selected Years, 1910-53

NOTE.—Figures include unimproved lands and buildings.

| Province | 1910 | 1920 | 1929 | 1935 | 1939 | 1941 | 1943 | 1945 | 1947 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Newfoundland..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 31 | 49 | 43 | 31 | 35 | 34 | 37 | 43 | 47 | 52 | 55 | 60 | 61 | 61 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 25 | 43 | 36 | 31 | 33 | 31 | 35 | 41 | 46 | 49 | 52 | 55 | 54 | 54 |
| New Brunswick..... | 19 | 35 | 35 | 25 | 29 | 25 | 33 | 40 | 44 | 45 | 51 | 52 | 51 | 54 |
| Quebec..... | 43 | 70 | 55 | 41 | 44 | 50 | 58 | 57 | 61 | 59 | 66 | 74 | 76 | 77 |
| Ontario..... | 48 | 70 | 60 | 42 | 46 | 45 | 56 | 57 | 64 | 71 | 75 | 90 | 92 | 98 |
| Manitoba..... | 29 | 39 | 26 | 17 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 27 | 36 | 39 | 42 | 43 | 43 | 49 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 22 | 32 | 25 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Alberta..... | 24 | 32 | 28 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 25 | 33 | 35 | 37 | 37 | 43 |
| British Columbia..... | 74 | 175 | 90 | 58 | 60 | 60 | 62 | 67 | 75 | 84 | 87 | 92 | 93 | 99 |
| Canada Average¹..... | 33 | 48 | 37 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 28 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 43 | 47 | 48 | 51 |

¹ See text preceding table.

Subsection 2.—Volume of Agricultural Production

The index of farm production in Canada for 1953 is estimated at 155.0 (1935-39 = 100). This figure is the third highest recorded since 1935 and is exceeded only by the estimate of 164.2 for 1942 and the all-time high of 165.2 established in 1952.

The drop of approximately 10 points in the index from 1952 to 1953 was largely attributable to smaller grain crops and a decline in the output of live stock. To a lesser degree, reduced production of sugar beets, fruits, tobacco, vegetables and maple products also contributed to the decline. Offsetting this to some extent were the gains in production recorded for potatoes, dairy products, and poultry and eggs.