

established in 1952. Cash income for 1956 was up in all provinces, the increases varying from less than 1 p.c. in Ontario to about 40 p.c. in Saskatchewan. Higher returns from the sale of grains, cattle, hogs, poultry and eggs, together with larger grain participation payments, contributed largely to the increase. Supplementary payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act to farmers in Western Canada amounted to about \$5,000,000 in 1956 as against \$33,300,000 in 1955.

Field Crops.—Greatly increased marketings and higher average prices brought cash income from the sale of wheat during 1956 up to approximately \$460,000,000, about 40 p.c. above the \$329,500,000 realized in 1955. This increase of about \$130,000,000 in cash returns represents the largest contribution of any single commodity to the gain in total cash income. Wheat participation payments, totalling nearly \$62,000,000 in 1956, were well above the \$26,000,000 distributed a year earlier. Marketings of oats and barley were also up substantially from the level of 1955 resulting in a cash income of about \$150,000,000 as against nearly \$98,000,000. On the other hand, participation payments on these two grains in 1956 were only slightly above the 1955 level. Estimated income from the sale of flaxseed reached an all-time record in 1956 at close to \$62,000,000. The advance of 52.6 p.c. over the 1955 estimate of \$40,500,000 resulted from both increased marketings and higher prices. Higher returns from the sale of potatoes were also the result of a combination of larger marketings and somewhat higher average prices, but smaller marketings reduced the income from corn.

Livestock and Poultry.—Cash income from the sale of livestock in 1956 was estimated at \$736,600,000 as compared with \$702,900,000 for 1955. The gain was almost entirely contributed by higher returns from the sale of cattle and hogs. Higher marketings of cattle more than offset slightly lower prices and an increase in both marketings and prices provided an income from hogs of approximately \$302,000,000, an increase of 4.3 p.c. over the estimate of \$289,600,000 for 1955. The 1956 returns from calves were only slightly above the 1955 level. Income from the sale of poultry meat reached a new high in 1956 at \$161,200,000, approximately 7 p.c. above the returns of \$150,500,000 for 1955.

Dairy Products.—Cash income from the sale of dairy products rose from \$438,400,000 in 1955 to an all-time high of \$445,900,000 in 1956. Somewhat larger quantities of these products were marketed at slightly higher prices.

Eggs.—Farm cash returns from the sale of eggs at \$143,800,000 in 1956 were 8.5 p.c. above the \$132,600,000 realized in 1955. Almost all of the increase was the result of higher marketings since average prices were only fractionally above the level of the previous year.

6.—Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products by Source 1954-56

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—Figures for 1926-48 will be found in DBS *Reference Paper No. 25* (Part II). Figures for 1949 are given in the 1952-53 Year Book, p. 407; for 1950 and 1951 in the 1954 edition, p. 402; and for 1952 and 1953 in the 1956 edition, p. 419.

Item	1954 ^r	1955	1956
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Grains, Seeds and Hay	630,748	548,593	796,902
Wheat.....	321,341	329,549	460,291
Wheat participation payments.....	97,393	25,717	61,987
Oats.....	51,412	27,801	50,876
Oats participation payments.....	5,631	7,021	8,170
Barley.....	85,569	69,748	99,236
Barley participation payments.....	9,834	14,438	15,217
Rye.....	11,788	6,545	14,320
Flax.....	19,691	40,544	61,875
Corn.....	13,513	17,043	14,790
Clover and grass seed.....	12,774	8,955	8,660
Hay and clover.....	1,802	1,232	1,480