

The 1958 *maple* crop, expressed as syrup, was 2,400,000 gal., 21 p.c. below that of 1957 but close to the average production for the years 1951-55. Almost 90 p.c. of this crop was produced in the Province of Quebec. Higher prices on farmers' markets reflected the reduced production. Exports of sugar were 6,200,000 lb. in 1958, about 15 p.c. higher than in 1957.

The *honey* crop in 1958 was estimated at 27,500,000; there were fewer beekeepers than in 1957 although more colonies were operated. Stocks at June 30, 1958, amounted to 10,000,000 lb., reflecting the large 32,000,000-lb. crop harvested in 1957.

Subsection 2.—Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, 1957

Income from the sale of farm products in 1957 was estimated at \$2,600,000,000, 2.7 p.c. less than the preceding year's estimated total of \$2,700,000,000. The decline may be attributed in the main to lower cash returns from the sale of cereal grains which were offset only in part by higher returns from the sale of livestock and livestock products. On a regional basis, farm cash income in the two central provinces, Ontario and Quebec, and the two most westerly provinces, Alberta and British Columbia, was about the same as in 1956; in all other provinces it was lower.

Field Crops.—Returns from the sale of field crops for 1957 were estimated at \$869,000,000, about 11 p.c. less than the 1956 estimate. In addition to Wheat Board participation payments (included in this estimate since 1944) the 1957 estimate included net cash advances amounting to almost \$25,000,000 made under the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act.

The effects of the decline in cash returns from the sale of field crops was borne almost entirely by Prairie Province farmers and can be attributed to smaller marketings and lower prices for wheat, oats and barley. With the exception of tobacco, returns from all other field crops were only slightly lower than a year earlier and contributed little to the over-all drop of \$117,000,000 from field crops.

Livestock and Livestock Products.—Cash income from the sale of livestock and livestock products, including poultry, dairy products, eggs and wool, was estimated at \$1,600,000,000 for 1957, up \$51,000,000 from the 1956 estimate. This increase was attributed mainly to larger cattle marketings in Prince Edward Island, Quebec and particularly in the three Prairie Provinces, where two-thirds of the increase originated from the sale of cattle and calves. Income from dairy products increased by \$27,000,000 and from the sale of poultry by \$3,700,000.

7.—Cash Income from the Sale of Farm Products, by Source, 1955-57

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—Figures for 1926-54 will be found in DBS Reference Paper No. 25, Revised edition, Part II.

Item	1955*	1956*	1957
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Grains, Seeds and Hay	555,086	807,105	684,921
Wheat.....	331,834	461,808	375,509
Wheat participation payments.....	25,717	61,987	79,314
Oats.....	27,801	50,543	37,784
Oats participation payments.....	7,021	8,170	—
Barley.....	69,748	98,865	76,604
Barley participation payments.....	14,438	15,217	—
Canadian Wheat Board net cash advance payments.....	—	—	24,990
Rye.....	6,545	14,376	4,003
Flaxseed.....	41,034	61,938	58,442
Corn.....	20,761	22,003	20,996
Clover and grass seed.....	8,955	10,720	6,203
Hay and clover.....	1,232	1,478	1,076