

1958 to a level almost identical with the five-year average (1954-58). Production increases for such important items as grains, livestock and dairy products in 1959 over 1958 were not large enough to completely offset the decline estimated for most of the remaining agricultural products.

Farm cash income at \$2,786,000,000 for 1959 was slightly below the 1958 estimate of \$2,813,000,000. Farm operating and depreciation charges continued to move upward in 1959, accounted for by increases in outlays for each of the items considered in the expenditures. The slight decline in cash income coupled with the increase of 5 p.c. in farm expenditures and a continued decline in farm inventories of grain resulted in a drop in net farm income from \$1,353,000,000 for 1958 to \$1,192,000,000 for 1959. The 1959 net income estimate was, however, higher than the 1957 estimate of \$1,058,000,000.

Field Crops.—Canada's 1959 *wheat* crop amounted to 413,500,000 bu., compared with the 1958 crop of 371,700,000 bu. and the 1957 crop of 385,500,000 bu. Total supplies of wheat in the 1959-60 crop year (carryover at July 31 plus the 1959 crop) amounted to 962,500,000 bu. compared with 1,011,200,000 bu. the previous year. The 1959 *oat* crop of 417,900,000 bu. was 17,000,000 bu. larger than in the preceding year while production of *barley* at 225,600,000 bu. was below the 1958 level of 244,800,000 bu. Total supplies of oats and barley for the 1959-60 crop year amounted to 536,900,000 bu. and 353,700,000 bu. respectively. The combined fall and spring *rye* crop was estimated at 8,100,000 bu., giving total supplies for the 1959-60 crop year of 16,100,000 bu.

Owing to the combined effect of reduced carryover stocks of oats and rye and a smaller barley crop in 1959, total supplies of Canadian *feed grains* in the crop year 1959-60 were about 5 p.c. below those of 1958-59 despite higher levels of production for oats, rye and corn for grain. Current crop year supplies of oats, consisting of the Aug. 1 carryover of 119,300,000 bu. and the 1959 production of 417,900,000 bu., amounted to 537,200,000 bu., representing a decrease of 3 p.c. from the 1958-59 total of 555,900,000 bu. Supplies of barley at 352,700,000 bu. were 3 p.c. less than the 1958 total of 362,900,000 bu. and consisted of a carryover of 127,100,000 bu. and a crop of 225,600,000 bu.

Net supplies of feed grains available in 1959-60 at 16,600,000 tons were about 6 p.c. less than the 1958-59 total of 17,600,000 tons. Relative to livestock, the net supply of feed grain per grain-consuming animal unit was placed at 0.94 tons, the lowest level since 1954-55 and a decline of 9 p.c. from the 1958-59 level. This decline reflected the combined effect of decreased feed supplies and a 3-p.c. increase in grain-consuming animal units. The livestock population in Canada, estimated as at June 1, 1959, was the equivalent of 17,600,000 grain-consuming animal units compared with the June 1, 1958 level of 17,100,000.

Production of *sugar beets* in 1959 was estimated at 1,240,000 tons compared with the 1958 record outturn of 1,325,000 tons. Average yields per acre were a record high of 13.70 tons in 1959, slightly better than the 1958 yield of 13.54 tons. Alberta accounted for 38 p.c. of the total production and Ontario was the next largest producer. The national average farm price during 1958-59 was \$14.47 a ton.

The *dried pea* crop of 984,000 bu. in 1959 reflected the combined effect of reductions in both seeded acreage and yield. Imports amounted to 57,200 bu. and exports to 445,000 bu. in the 1958-59 crop year. Production of *dried beans* was 1,168,000 bu., Ontario being the chief grower. Exports in the 1958-59 crop year were 61,700 bu., down 39 p.c. from 1958, and imports were slightly lower at 138,500 bu.

The *soybean* crop of 6,800,000 bu. in 1959 was larger than the 1958 crop of 6,649,000 bu. In the 1958-59 crop year, 155,000,000 lb. of oil and 706,000,000 lb. of oil meal were produced in Canada. Imports of soybeans, mostly from the United States, amounted to 13,000,000 bu. and exports, mostly to the United Kingdom, were 2,000,000 bu. The national average farm price for the 1958-59 season was \$1.88 per bu.

The *flaxseed* crop at 21,200,000 bu. was about 7 p.c. below the 1958 production. Although acreage sown was down by 9 p.c., the average yield increased from 8.7 bu. per acre to 8.9 bu. Total supplies in the 1959-60 crop year were estimated at 27,800,000 bu.