tended to be slightly smaller in 1964 than in 1963, total expenditures for hired help continued to rise as wages climbed. Higher total interest payments occurred as a result of the use of increasing amounts of credit by the agricultural industry. Larger outlays for feed stemmed from greater consumption. Higher total costs for the operation of farm machinery reflected slightly higher prices for petroleum products and greater outlays for repair parts. Farmers continued to buy substantial amounts of new farm machinery, indicated by the continuing rise in the allowance for depreciation.

6.-Net Income of Farm Operators from Farming Operations, 1961-64

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Note.—Includes estimated rental value of farm homes, supplementary payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and payments under the Western Grain Producers' Acreage Payment Regulations.

Item	1961	1962 =	1963 -	1964
 Cash receipts from farming operations. Income in kind. Supplementary payments. Realized gross income (Items 1+2+3). Operating and depreciation charges. Realized net income (Items 4-5). Value of inventory charges. 	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	2,951,862	3,115,956	3,184,526	3,455,582
	339,793	343,952	354,917	367,844
	35,766	70,313	14,769	8,477
	3,327,421	3,530,221	3,554,212	3,831,903
	1,979,757	2,090,172	2,207,865	2,305,847
	1,347,664	1,440,049	1,346,347	1,526,056
	272,992	187,686	308,406	94,037
8. Total gross income (Items 4+7)	3,054,429	3,717,907	3,862,618	3,737,866
Totals, Net Income (Items 8-5)	1,074,672	1,627,735		1,432,019

7.—Net Income of Farm Operators from Farming Operations, by Province, 1961-64

Nore.—Includes estimated rental value of farm homes, supplementary payments made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and payments under the Western Grain Producers' Acreage Payment Regulations.

Province	1961	1962 r	1963 *	1964
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Newfoundland. Prince Edward Island. Nova Scotia. New Brunswick. Quebec. Ontario. Manitoba. Saskatchewan. Alberta. British Columbia.	$\begin{array}{r} 14,819 \\ 11,910 \\ 190,985 \\ 353,946 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ 6,808 \\ 12,246 \\ 10,686 \\ 185,041 \\ 368,453 \\ 170,465 \\ 490,659 \\ 312,938 \\ 70,439 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ 6,981 \\ 11,533 \\ 9,681 \\ 171,921 \\ 369,307 \\ 115,472 \\ 577,578 \\ 322,847 \\ 69,433 \end{array}$	13,40 8,05 15,17 154,52 345,28 161,42 378,03 286,80 69,32
Totals	1,074,672	1,627,735	1,654,753	1,432,01

Subsection 2.—Volume of Agricultural Production

The index of physical volume of agricultural production for Canada was estimated at 151.5 for 1964 (1949=100). Although 7 p.c. below the high of 162.9 established in 1963, it was the second highest production estimate on record. The decline was entirely accounted for by the reduction in grain production, particularly in Saskatchewan and Alberta. For the remaining commodities considered in the index, production for all of Canada was above the level of the previous year.