

The Agricultural Development and Extension Branch offers general information services to farmers through 17 offices located in all major farming districts. In addition, the Branch provides agricultural engineering service and supervision of the 4-H Clubs and government land-clearing programs. The Horticulture Branch serves the fruit, vegetable and allied industries through nine branch offices. The Veterinary and Livestock Branch administers regulations pertinent to livestock production and marketing and provides veterinary services, brands inspection and associated dairy herd improvement services at 10 locations throughout the province.

Subsection 2.—Agricultural Schools, Colleges and Universities

All of the provinces of Central and Western Canada have agricultural colleges in association with universities that give courses leading to degrees in agricultural science and home economics and also provide postgraduate courses; Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan have veterinary colleges. In addition, all of these provinces have schools of agriculture or diploma courses that provide basic training for young people intending to return to farms or interested in employment in businesses allied with agriculture.

In the Maritime Provinces, training in scientific agriculture is available at colleges in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia where courses leading to third-year admission to degree courses elsewhere are given. Vocational and short courses are available in all three provinces. All colleges of agriculture engage in research and extension activities.

Section 4.—Statistics of Agriculture*

The collection, compilation and publication of statistics relating to agriculture is a responsibility of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Valuable information is obtained through the Censuses of Canada, through partial-coverage mailed questionnaire surveys and from the administrative records of government operations. Limited statistics from the 1966 Census of Agriculture are presented in Section 5 of this Chapter, pp. 526-533.

The Bureau collects and publishes primary and secondary statistics of agriculture on an annual and monthly basis. The primary statistics relate mainly to the reporting of crop conditions, crop and livestock estimates, wages of farm labour and prices received by farmers for their products. The secondary statistics relate to farm income and expenditure, per capita food consumption, marketing of grain and livestock, dairying, milling and sugar industries and cold storage holdings. In the collection of annual and monthly statistics, the Canada Department of Agriculture and various provincial departments, as well as such agencies as the Board of Grain Commissioners and the Canadian Wheat Board, contribute statistical data to the Bureau and aid directly in DBS survey work. Many thousands of farmers throughout Canada send in reports voluntarily and dealers and processors also provide much valuable data. The figures contained in this Section do not include estimates for Newfoundland; agriculture plays a relatively minor part in Newfoundland's economy and commercial production of most agricultural products is quite small. In the following Subsections, details are given for 1966 with earlier comparisons; figures for the latest year are subject to revision and it should be noted that many of those given for earlier years have been revised since the publication of the 1967 Year Book.

Subsection 1.—Income from Farming Operations

Cash Receipts from Farming Operations.—Estimates of cash receipts from farming operations include data concerning cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops, net cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada, deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board, and supplementary payments. Farm cash receipts

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