

from the sale of farm products include the returns from all sales of agricultural products except those associated with direct inter-farm transfers. The prices used to value all products sold are prices to farmers at the farm level; they include any subsidies, bonuses and premiums that can be attributed to specific products but do not include storage, transportation, processing and handling charges which are not actually received by farmers.

Total cash receipts from farming operations for 1966, excluding supplementary payments, are estimated at \$4,232,200,000 for Canada, excluding Newfoundland. This estimate is the record high to date; it is 11.2 p.c. above the previous record of \$3,805,500,000 set in 1965 and 28.4 p.c. above the average for the five years 1961-65. Returns from nearly all the contributing items were up in 1966 but the most significant increases were recorded for wheat and cattle. Offsetting the gains to some extent were reduced cash receipts from the sale of potatoes and smaller Canadian Wheat Board payments. Total cash receipts increased in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick where income from potatoes declined significantly as a result of lower prices.

7.—Cash Receipts from Farming Operations (excluding Supplementary Payments)¹, by Province, 1963-66

Province	1963	1964	1965	1966
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Prince Edward Island.....	25,299	31,6 ⁶ 4	40,629	36,411
Nova Scotia.....	47,399	46,735	51,487	55,556
New Brunswick.....	40,901	47,458	60,397	53,782
Quebec.....	453,902	459,330	509,231	590,696
Ontario.....	996,936	1,020,275	1,103,600	1,232,275
Manitoba.....	268,620	297,578	340,488	373,495
Saskatchewan.....	692,114	836,317	880,703	945,118
Alberta.....	523,313	597,792	653,364	754,749
British Columbia.....	149,397	153,747	165,620	190,148
Totals.....	3,197,881	3,490,596	3,805,519	4,232,230

¹ See text below.

In addition to the above income, farmers received supplementary payments amounting to \$41,300,000 in 1966 as against \$12,800,000 in 1965. It should be noted that these payments include only those made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act* and other government assistance to farmers who suffered losses as a result of adverse weather conditions; supplementary support payments to dairy producers made under the provisions of federal and provincial dairy support programs are not included in this item but are added to the total cash receipts from farming operations. Thus, farm cash receipts from farming operations plus supplementary payments totalled \$4,273,600,000, a figure 11.9 p.c. above the previous record high of \$3,818,300,000 attained in 1965.

Field Crops.—During 1966, farmers' total returns from the sale of field crops, cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada, and Canadian Wheat Board payments amounted to \$1,775,100,000, a figure 8.6 p.c. above that of \$1,635,100,000 for 1965. This estimate of total field crop returns for 1966 accounted for 41.9 p.c. of farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations, as compared with 43.0 p.c. a year earlier.

Farmers' returns from wheat at time of delivery increased more than returns from any other commodity considered in farm cash receipts. From \$658,800,000 in 1965 it rose to \$803,100,000, largely as a result of higher marketings. Returns to growers from oilseed crops also moved sharply upward, particularly those from flaxseed and rapeseed. Higher marketings of flaxseed brought total receipts up to \$63,000,000 from \$47,200,000 in 1965 and increased marketings and higher prices for rapeseed resulted in returns of \$43,800,000 compared with \$26,800,000 in the previous year. Returns to tobacco growers totalled \$117,700,000, well above the \$88,400,000 of 1965, reflecting increased production

* Payments to farmers under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act are made from the Prairie Farm Emergency Fund to which farmers contribute by means of a 1-p.c. levy on grain marketings.