

**Merchandising.**—Sales of farm supplies, household and consumer goods by co-operatives in 1951-52 amounted to \$248,050,761, an increase of over \$38,000,000 above the figure reported for the previous year. Increases were reported in the sales of all commodities handled, the largest increases being reported by co-operatives handling feed and fertilizers and machinery.

**Wholesaling.**—Eleven co-operative wholesales in Canada did a total volume of business of \$167,500,000 in 1951-52, an increase of \$26,000,000 over the figure reported for the previous year. There is a co-operative wholesale in every province except Newfoundland. One province has two wholesales and there is one other that operates as an interprovincial wholesale.

Total sales of farm products through the wholesales in 1951-52 amounted to \$95,500,000. Total sales of merchandise amounted to \$72,000,000. Main items handled by the wholesales were feeds and fertilizers, petroleum products, clothing and hardware.

**Retailing.**—Sales of food products or groceries in 780 retail outlets in 1951-52 amounted to \$51,500,000; clothing and home furnishings to the value of \$7,750,000 were handled by 493 outlets; feed and fertilizer sales amounted to \$21,200,000 and petroleum products sold through 354 retail stations were valued at \$12,800,000.

#### 34.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Marketing and Purchasing Associations, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1943-52

Year	Associations	Places of Business	Patrons	Sales of Farm Products	Sales of Supplies	Total Business <sup>1</sup>
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1943	1,650	4,406	608,680	295,499,274	55,689,141	352,785,598
1944	1,792	4,534	719,080	459,798,798	65,508,771	527,855,540
1945	1,824	4,441	738,345	500,481,627	81,360,855	585,650,066
1946	1,953	4,488	922,928	454,564,927	95,603,311	554,329,652
1947	2,095	5,084	1,036,498	578,638,214	127,001,488	712,583,246
1948	2,249	5,423	1,195,372	616,347,477	157,874,045	780,084,955
1949	2,378	5,667	1,209,520	783,293,225	191,804,630	982,232,002
1950	2,495	5,761	1,223,582	803,638,962	206,082,408	1,015,264,763
1951	2,348	5,830	1,195,034	769,264,824	209,985,815	988,450,832
1952	2,194	5,470	1,335,567	927,589,172	248,050,761	1,186,532,622
	Value of Plant	Total Assets	Liabilities to the Public	Shareholders or Members	Members' Equity	
	\$	\$	\$	No.	\$	
1943	36,866,861	186,634,839	124,264,085	585,826	62,370,754	
1944	40,664,827	203,047,911	130,556,373	690,967	72,491,538	
1945	43,048,326	171,128,184	87,354,033	739,804	83,774,151	
1946	46,775,158	163,467,434	71,012,260	926,863	92,455,174	
1947	53,027,212	168,195,387	71,403,750	982,990	96,791,637	
1948	75,009,655	201,603,705	89,381,360	1,127,229	112,222,345	
1949	89,832,908	236,962,924	106,599,688	1,144,698	130,363,236	
1950	98,514,782	254,478,777	111,092,652	1,173,126	143,386,125	
1951	99,790,191	306,834,165	159,357,602	1,184,235	147,476,563	
1952	129,983,112	410,210,309	214,737,270	1,163,803	195,473,039	

<sup>1</sup> Includes other revenue.