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## STATISTICS CANADA RELEASES 2018 NET FARM INCOME AND FARM CASH RECEIPTS DATA

### 2018 NET FARM INCOME

On May 28, 2019 Statistics Canada released estimates of Net Farm Income for Canada and the provinces for 2018, as well as revisions for 2016 and 2017. *Total net farm income* measures the financial flows and stock changes of farm businesses (*net cash income* minus *depreciation plus income in kind* and *value of inventory change*). On Prince Edward Island total net farm income in 2018 was valued at \$20.1 million, a decrease of 57.4 per cent from 2017.

The value of realized net income in 2018, which also allows for depreciation and income-in-kind, decreased from \$59.1 million in 2017 to \$26.0 million in 2018.

Net cash income in 2018 was valued at \$76.6 million, a decrease of 29.4 per cent from 2017. The decrease in net cash income was a result of a \$10.3 million decrease in total farm cash receipts (including government payments) combined with a \$21.5 million increase in total operating expenses after rebates.

Farm cash receipts for PEI saw a decrease of 2.0 per cent, down from \$506.3 million in 2017 to \$496.0 million in 2018.

The detailed results for Canada and Prince Edward Island are presented Table 1.

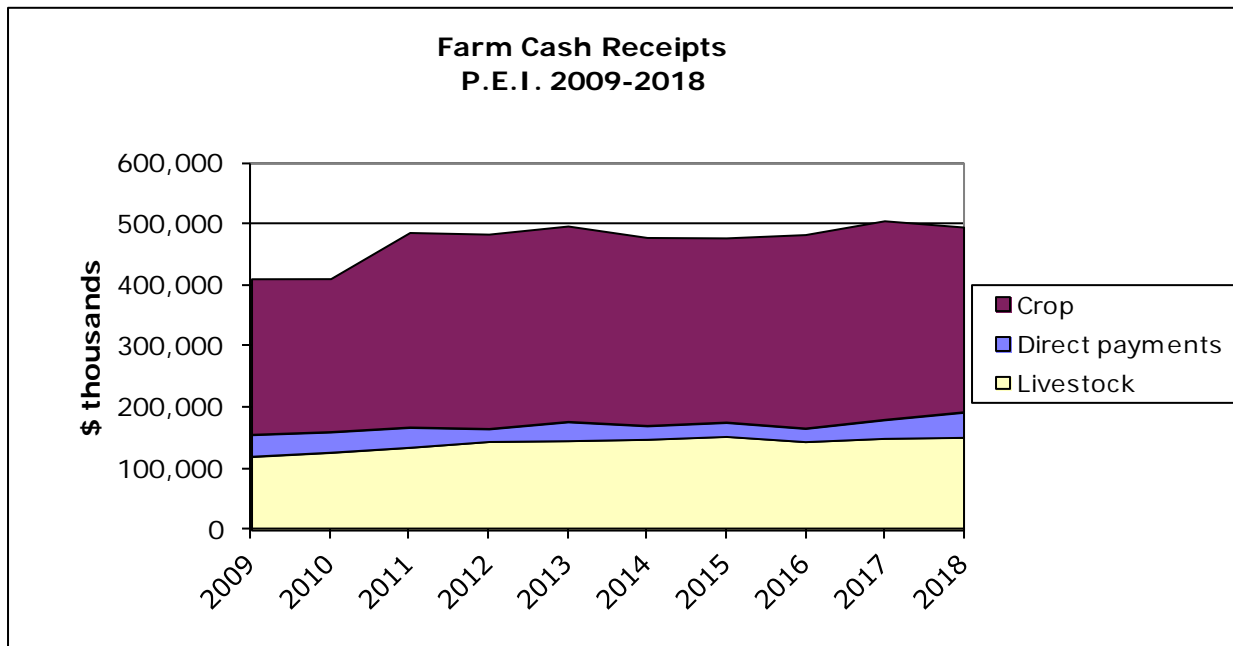
**Table 1**  
**NET FARM INCOME, CANADA AND PEI, 2016 – 2018**

Item:	2016		2017		2018	
	Canada	PEI	Canada	PEI	Canada	PEI
	(thousands \$)		(thousands \$)		(thousands \$)	
+ Total farm cash receipts incl. payments	\$60,615,017	\$483,544	\$62,195,004	\$506,288	\$62,237,605	\$495,995
- Total operating expenses after rebates	\$46,052,070	\$391,773	\$47,549,085	\$397,880	\$50,624,100	\$419,420
= Net cash Income	\$14,562,947	\$91,771	\$14,645,919	\$108,408	\$11,613,505	\$76,575
+ Income-in-kind	\$55,600	\$319	\$56,120	\$318	\$56,098	\$333
- Depreciation	\$7,312,896	\$48,955	\$7,603,124	\$49,581	\$7,771,557	\$50,904
= Realized Net Income	\$7,305,651	\$43,135	\$7,098,915	\$59,145	\$3,898,046	\$26,004
+ Value of inventory change	\$1,202,818	\$453	\$1,100,837	-\$11,930	-\$864,796	-\$5,889
= Total Net Income	\$8,508,469	\$43,587	\$8,199,752	\$47,215	\$3,033,250	\$20,115

## 2018 FARM CASH RECEIPTS

On May 28, 2019 Statistics Canada also released preliminary estimates of farm cash receipts for Canada and the provinces for the fourth quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of 2019.

Prince Edward Island's farm cash receipts decreased by \$10.3 million in 2018 to total \$496.0 million, a decrease of 2.0 per cent and down from \$506.3 million in 2017. Livestock receipts increased for the second consecutive year, rising 1.1 per cent to \$150.0 million. Crop receipts declined by 7.0 per cent to total \$304.5 million. Direct payments to farmers increased by 35.1 per cent to \$41.5 million.



Source: Statistics Canada

## P.E.I. HIGHLIGHTS (see Table 2)

### Crops

- Total crop receipts decreased by 7.0 per cent in 2018.
- Potato receipts declined to \$221.1 million in 2018 following two years of increases.
- Following an increase in 2017, receipts for soybeans decreased by 9.5 per cent to \$15.9 million.
- Receipts for total grains valued \$40.3 million in 2018, an increase of 12.3 per cent.
- Crop receipts minus potatoes and soybeans totalled \$67.5 million, an increase of 16.9 per cent over 2017.
- Other notable increases were seen in receipts for barely, up by 38.8 per cent to total \$13.2 million, wheat (excluding durum), up by 29.3 per cent to total \$9.8 million, and blueberries, up by 32.9 per cent to total \$7.5 million.
- Notable declines occurred in receipts for field vegetables, down 2.4 per cent to total \$13.8 million, and corn, down 1.8 per cent to total \$3.6 million.

## Livestock

- Livestock receipts during 2018 totalled \$150.0 million, a 1.1 per cent increase compared to 2017.
- Cattle and Calves receipts decreased by 0.9 per cent to value \$29.8 million.
- Hog receipts decreased by 3.0 per cent to total \$9.8 million.
- Dairy product receipts for 2018 totalled \$86.8 million, an increase of 1.4 per cent.
- Egg receipts totalled \$6.1 million, an increase of 5.0 per cent.
- Receipts for other livestock increased by 4.9 per cent to \$23.5 million.

## Support payments

- Government payments and support to farmers totalled \$41.5 million in 2018, an increase of 35.1 per cent compared to 2017.
- The increase was largely due to a 58.5 per cent increase in crop insurance payments, which totalled \$35.2 million, compared to \$22.2 million in 2017. This was largely due to late spring frost, a dry growing season, and wet harvest conditions.
- Total farm receipts minus government support payments, was valued at \$445.5 million in 2018, down from \$475.6 million in 2017.

**Table 2**  
**ANNUAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS, P.E.I.**

Item:	Farm Cash Receipts			
	2017 (\$ '000s)	2018 (\$ '000s)	Change (\$ '000s)	Percentage change
<b>Crops</b>	<b>\$327,274</b>	<b>\$304,527</b>	<b>(\$22,747)</b>	<b>-7.0</b>
Potatoes	\$251,921	\$221,092	(\$30,829)	-12.2
Soybeans	\$17,587	\$15,924	(\$1,663)	-9.5
Other crops	\$57,766	\$67,511	\$9,745	16.9
<b>Livestock</b>	<b>\$148,300</b>	<b>\$149,971</b>	<b>\$1,671</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Cattle	\$30,098	\$29,816	(\$282)	-0.9
Hogs	\$10,148	\$9,843	(\$305)	-3.0
Dairy	\$85,662	\$86,821	\$1,159	1.4
Other	\$22,392	\$23,491	\$1,099	4.9
<b>Total direct payments</b>	<b>\$30,714</b>	<b>\$41,497</b>	<b>\$10,783</b>	<b>35.1</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$506,288</b>	<b>\$495,995</b>	<b>(\$10,293)</b>	<b>-2.0</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

Nationally, farm cash receipts valued \$62.2 billion, up \$42.6 million, or 0.1 per cent from 2017. This follows a 2.6 per cent increase in 2017 and marks the eighth consecutive year of growth.

Livestock receipts decreased 0.2 per cent to \$25.0 billion. Cattle and calf receipts increased 0.1 per cent to \$9.0 billion. Declining prices and a surplus of hogs in the US pushed hog receipts down by 8.9 per cent to value \$4.1 billion.

Crop receipts increased 0.9 per cent over 2017 to value \$35.0 billion. Increases in wheat (excluding durum) and cannabis receipts more than offset a decline in canola receipts.

Of the four Atlantic provinces, New Brunswick was the only province to see an increase in total farm cash receipts at 13.3 per cent. Receipts for Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia decreased by 2.0 per cent and 0.2 per cent respectively, while receipts for Newfoundland and Labrador was unchanged. Other provinces to see declines in total farm cash receipts were Manitoba (-1.1 per cent), Saskatchewan (-1.3 per cent) and Alberta (-4.0 per cent). Following the increase in New Brunswick, the largest percentage increases were seen in British Columbia (6.0 per cent) and Ontario (3.7 per cent).

National farm cash receipts for 2018 and comparable data for 2017 are presented in Table 3.

**Table 3**  
**NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS**

<b>Province:</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017 To 2018</b>
	<b>\$ millions</b>		<b>% change</b>
Canada	62,195	62,238	0.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	139	139	0.0
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
Nova Scotia	565	564	-0.2
New Brunswick	614	695	13.3
Quebec	8,782	8,887	1.2
Ontario	13,382	13,879	3.7
Manitoba	6,688	6,612	-1.1
Saskatchewan	14,133	13,947	-1.3
Alberta	14,134	13,571	-4.0
British Columbia	3,253	3,449	6.0

Source: Statistics Canada.

# QUARTERLY FARM CASH RECEIPTS

## FIRST QUARTER 2019

Prince Edward Island's farm cash receipts for the first quarter of 2019 totalled \$145.6 million, up 15.6 per cent compared to the same period last year. Total crop receipts increased by 4.4 per cent to value \$82.3 million. This was due to a 2.2 per cent rise in potato receipts, which valued \$68.0 million, and a 15.9 per cent increase in receipts for other crops, which valued \$14.3 million. Livestock receipts increased by 0.4 per cent compared to the first quarter of 2018, to total \$38.3 million. Cattle receipts increased by 5.6 per cent and dairy receipts increased by 2.8 per cent. Receipts for hogs and other livestock decreased by 16.5 per cent and 5.8 per cent respectively. Total direct payments increased by 177.3 per cent to value \$25.1 million.

**Table 4**  
**2019 FIRST QUARTER FARM CASH RECEIPTS, PEI**

Item:	Farm Cash Receipts		
	Q1 2018 (\$ '000s)	Q1 2019 (\$ '000s)	Percentage change
<b>Crops</b>	<b>78,819</b>	<b>82,272</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<i>Potatoes</i>	66,489	67,983	2.2
<i>Other crops</i>	12,330	14,289	15.9
<b>Livestock</b>	<b>38,084</b>	<b>38,255</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<i>Cattle</i>	7,280	7,688	5.6
<i>Hogs</i>	2,790	2,329	-16.5
<i>Dairy</i>	21,388	21,996	2.8
<i>Other</i>	6,626	6,242	-5.8
<b>Total direct payments</b>	<b>9,041</b>	<b>25,075</b>	<b>177.3</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>125,943</b>	<b>145,602</b>	<b>15.6</b>

Source: Statistics Canada

## PEI HIGHLIGHTS (see Table 4)

### Crops

- Farm cash receipts for crops during the first quarter of 2019 increased by 4.4 per cent over the same period in 2018 to total \$82.3 million.
- Potato receipts increased from \$66.5 million in the first quarter of 2018 to \$68.0 million during the same period in 2019.
- Soybean receipts increased, declined from \$2.7 million in the first quarter of 2018 to \$2.4 million during the same period in 2019, a decrease of 5.8 per cent.
- Field vegetables increased by 3.4 per cent to \$2.6 million.
- Crop receipts excluding potatoes totalled \$14.3 million, an increase of 15.9 per cent over first quarter 2018.

### Livestock

- Livestock receipts during the first quarter of 2019 totalled \$38.3 million, up 0.4 per cent from the same period in 2018.
- Cattle receipts increased by 5.6 per cent to \$7.7 million.
- Hog receipts decreased by 16.5 per cent to total \$2.3 million.

- Dairy product receipts for the first quarter of 2019 totalled \$22.0 million, increasing by 2.8 per cent over the same period in 2018.
- Egg receipts saw an increase of 7.1 per cent over first quarter 2018 to total \$1.6 million.
- Receipts for other livestock and livestock products decreased by 5.8 per cent to total \$6.2 million.

### Total Direct Payments

- Government payments and support to farmers over the first quarter of 2019 totalled \$25.1 million, up significantly by 177.3 per cent compared to the first quarter of 2018.
- Total farm cash receipts excluding government support payments increased by 3.1 per cent.

Nationally, farm cash receipts totalled \$15.9 billion in the first quarter of 2019, up \$474 million or 3.1 per cent from the same period in 2018. Crop receipts increased by 1.5 per cent over the same period in 2018. Livestock receipts rose 1.3 per cent to \$6.2 billion. Farmers received \$698 million in program payments during the first quarter of 2019, up 60.6 per cent from the same period of 2018. National and provincial farm cash receipts for the first quarter of 2019 and comparable data for 2018 are presented in Table 5.

**Table 5**  
**NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL Q1 2019 FARM CASH RECEIPTS**

Province:	January to March 2018	January to March 2019	Jan-Mar. 2018 To Jan-Mar. 2019
	\$ millions		% change
Canada	15,453.1	15,927.0	3.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	33.6	34.4	2.6
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>145.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>
Nova Scotia	128.4	125.2	-2.5
New Brunswick	145.8	193.1	32.5
Quebec	1,854.9	1,902.4	2.6
Ontario	2,819.8	2,811.2	-0.3
Manitoba	1,744.7	1,722.1	-1.3
Saskatchewan	4,092.6	4,277.2	4.5
Alberta	3,840.6	3,993.6	4.0
British Columbia	666.8	722.3	8.3

Source: Statistics Canada.

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