

Farm cash receipts, first quarter 2016

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Farm cash receipts for Canadian farmers totalled \$15.5 billion in the first quarter, up 3.9% from the same quarter in 2015. Gains in crop receipts were more than enough to offset declines in livestock receipts and program payments.

Farm cash receipts increased in six provinces compared with the first quarter of 2015, with gains ranging from 0.6% in Ontario to 10.3% in Saskatchewan. Higher receipts in Saskatchewan (+\$424 million) and Alberta (+\$156 million) were largely responsible for the national increase.

Receipts declined in Nova Scotia (-9.2%), Manitoba (-3.0%), British Columbia (-0.3%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (-0.1%).

Crop receipts

Crop receipts rose by \$977 million (+12.2%) in the first quarter as eight provinces posted gains compared with the same quarter in 2015. Provincial increases ranged from 2.2% in British Columbia to 18.6% in Saskatchewan, while crop receipts in Ontario (-3.4%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (-0.8%) declined.

As with farm cash receipts for 2015 as a whole, lentils (+79.5%) contributed the most to the gain in crop receipts in the first quarter of 2016, as prices rose 54.9% compared with the first quarter a year earlier. Strong demand for pulse crops, primarily from India where producers are facing a second consecutive drought, boosted prices. Receipts from dry peas (+119.0%) also contributed to the gain in crop receipts, as both marketings and prices were up from the same quarter in 2015.

Increases in liquidations of deferred grain sales (+16.6%) as well as higher canola (+9.2%) and corn (+16.4%) receipts also contributed to the rise in crop receipts.

Livestock receipts

Livestock receipts declined by \$288 million to \$6.1 billion in the first quarter, primarily as a result of falling cattle and calf receipts (-13.1%). Average cattle and calf prices declined 12.6% from the first quarter of 2015. Cattle and calf prices had been increasing since the first half of 2013 as a result of tightening North American supplies. Those supply concerns, however, appear to have abated, as US cattle inventories (as of January 1) were up for the second consecutive year in 2016. Canadian cattle inventories as of January 1, 2016, were relatively unchanged (+0.3%) and remained at their lowest level since 1993.

Livestock receipts fell in six provinces, while they edged up in the remaining four provinces. Saskatchewan recorded the largest decline both in percentage (-21.6%) and value (-\$140 million).

Receipts from the supply-managed sectors rose 1.7%, tempering the drop in cattle and calf receipts. Increased poultry, dairy and egg marketings were the main reason for the gain, as prices were down. Hog receipts (+3.8%) also helped to moderate the decline in cattle and calf receipts, as both prices and marketings grew slightly.

Program payments

In the first quarter, program payments were down 18.5% from the first quarter of 2015 to \$477 million; they had increased 37.6% year over year in the first quarter of 2015. Lower crop insurance payments were the main reason for the drop in the first quarter of 2016.



Note to readers

All data are in current dollars. Farm cash receipts measure the gross revenue of farm businesses. They include sales of crops and livestock products (except sales between farms in the same province) and program payments. Receipts are recorded when the money is paid to farmers; they do not represent their bottom line, as farmers have to pay their expenses and loans and cover depreciation.

Farm cash receipts are, for the most part, based on monthly marketings and the monthly prices of various commodities. Data are extracted from administrative files and derived from other Statistics Canada surveys and/or other sources. These data are subject to revision.

For details on farm cash receipts and net farm income for 2015, see the "[Farm income](#)" release in today's Daily.

Farm cash receipts data for the second and third quarters will be released in November.

Table 1
Farm cash receipts

	First quarter 2014	First quarter 2015	First quarter 2016 ^P	First quarter 2014 to first quarter 2015	First quarter 2015 to first quarter 2016
	millions of dollars			% change ¹	
Canada					
Total farm cash receipts	14,266	14,954	15,535	4.8	3.9
Total crops	7,977	7,979	8,955	0.0	12.2
Wheat excluding durum	1,121	1,162	1,157	3.6	-0.4
Durum wheat	255	374	370	46.5	-1.2
Barley	191	146	193	-23.7	32.4
Oats	89	132	103	48.3	-22.1
Flaxseed	76	101	65	33.1	-35.8
Canola	1,669	1,913	2,089	14.6	9.2
Soybeans	540	496	515	-8.2	3.9
Corn	602	443	516	-26.3	16.4
Dry peas	185	182	398	-1.8	119.0
Lentils	163	348	625	113.4	79.5
Dry beans	30	32	32	6.4	1.0
Potatoes	288	289	305	0.6	5.5
Greenhouse vegetables	76	77	79	1.3	3.5
Field vegetables	173	179	186	3.1	3.9
Tree fruits	54	57	51	6.2	-10.9
Small fruits	14	18	17	28.9	-2.7
Floriculture, nursery and sod	266	279	283	5.0	1.2
Other crops	379	370	383	-2.4	3.5
Deferments	-183	-209	-266	-14.0	-27.2
Liquidations	1,990	1,589	1,854	-20.1	16.6
Total livestock	5,864	6,391	6,103	9.0	-4.5
Cattle and calves	2,042	2,586	2,248	26.6	-13.1
Hogs	1,152	1,015	1,054	-11.9	3.8
Dairy products	1,484	1,499	1,517	1.0	1.2
Sheep and lambs	38	47	43	24.9	-9.0
Poultry and eggs	899	937	961	4.2	2.6
Other livestock products	249	307	280	23.4	-8.7
Total payments	425	585	477	37.6	-18.5
Crop insurance	159	375	283	135.2	-24.5
AgriInvest	86	56	55	-34.7	-1.9
AgriStability	131	72	66	-44.8	-8.4
Other payments	49	82	73	66.3	-11.0

^P preliminary

1. Percent change calculated using thousands of dollars.

Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

Source(s): CANSIM table [002-0002](#).

Table 2
Provincial farm cash receipts

	First quarter 2014	First quarter 2015	First quarter 2016 ^P	First quarter 2014 to first quarter 2015	First quarter 2015 to first quarter 2016
	millions of dollars			% change ¹	
Canada	14,266	14,954	15,535	4.8	3.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	37	39	39	4.5	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	129	123	127	-5.2	3.5
Nova Scotia	145	180	163	23.9	-9.2
New Brunswick	132	127	132	-3.8	3.7
Quebec	1,793	1,760	1,807	-1.8	2.7
Ontario	2,639	2,629	2,645	-0.4	0.6
Manitoba	1,742	1,761	1,708	1.1	-3.0
Saskatchewan	3,705	4,126	4,550	11.4	10.3
Alberta	3,331	3,583	3,738	7.6	4.3
British Columbia	612	627	625	2.5	-0.3

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Source(s): CANSIM table [002-0002](#).

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