

Total trade (excluding gold):

1943	2,371,472,227
1942	2,323,728,228
1941	2,323,728,228
1940	2,323,728,228
1939	2,323,728,228

The expanding volume of Canada's exports is indicated by the following tabulation of the value of Canada's exports by Main Groups:

Exports by Main Groups

1943	1942	1941	1940	1939
2,371,472,227	2,323,728,228	2,323,728,228	2,323,728,228	2,323,728,228
1,178,924,420	1,181,003,175	1,187,869,408	1,178,924,420	1,178,924,420
27,909,040	27,909,040	27,909,040	27,909,040	27,909,040
31,222,806	28,476,238	31,222,806	31,222,806	31,222,806
33,754,098	42,172,085	33,754,098	33,754,098	33,754,098
182,890,103	208,203,222	182,890,103	182,890,103	182,890,103
63,108,432	457,121,438	63,108,432	63,108,432	63,108,432
242,521,043	63,805,222	242,521,043	242,521,043	242,521,043
14,427,662	28,921,922	14,427,662	14,427,662	14,427,662
184,723,724	258,723,482	184,723,724	184,723,724	184,723,724
218,222,811	227,723,204	218,222,811	218,222,811	218,222,811
220,118,026	227,723,204	220,118,026	220,118,026	220,118,026

The food industry is in many respects Canada's most important industry. It is complementary to agriculture; it is the largest processing and merchandising business in Canada, and it contributes an important part of Canada's export trade.

Canada has increased its total output of agricultural products by more than 50% in the last four years, but further considerable increases under prevailing conditions seem unlikely. The net value of agricultural production increased from \$250,000,000 in 1939 to \$1,681,000,000 (preliminary estimate) in 1942. This year's production was accompanied by a reduction in manpower of 25%.