

## Questions

4. What was, by province, the average gross revenue of farmers in the years 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963?

5. What was, by province, the average net revenue of farmers in the years 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963?

6. What were, by province, the average operating costs incurred by farmers in the years 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963?

[Translation]

**Answer:** 1 and 2. In dealing with this question, it must be made clear that all information concerning estimates of farm income or revenue represent only the farmers' income due to their farming operations. Out of farm revenues are not included.

1. 1960, \$3,256,722,000; 1961, \$3,054,429,000; 1962, \$3,758,370,000; 1963, \$3,896,278,000.

2. 1960, \$1,340,364,000; 1961, \$1,074,672,000; 1962, \$1,678,772,000; 1963, \$1,716,345,000.

3. 1960, \$1,916,358,000; 1961, \$1,979,757,000; 1962, \$2,079,598,000; 1963, \$2,179,933,000.

4, 5 and 6. The dominion bureau of statistics does not establish official estimates as concerns average agricultural income and expenses per farm, because of the difficulty of obtaining, on the number of farms or farmers, adequate figures which could serve in calculating all-purpose estimates. Usually, various figures are provided, allowing the user to choose the divider most appropriate to his needs.

According to the 1961 census, the number of farms, by province, in Canada is the following: Prince Edward Island, 7,335; Nova Scotia, 12,518; New Brunswick, 11,786; Quebec, 95,777; Ontario 121,333; Manitoba, 43,306; Saskatchewan, 93,924; Alberta, 73,212; British Columbia, 19,934.

The abovementioned farms were counted at the time of the 1961 agriculture census, according to a definition determining that a farm is an establishment of one acre or more, whose sales of farm products during the 12 months preceding the date of the census were evaluated at \$50 or more. Newfoundland was omitted since no regular estimates of farm income are made for that province.

Moreover, the census established an estimation of the number of commercial farms in Canada, the supposition being that a commercial farm is a farm which during the 12 months before the date of the census sold farm products estimated at \$1,200 or more. The number of such farms per province is as follows: Prince Edward Island, 4,530; Nova Scotia, 4,939; New Brunswick, 5,116; Quebec, 62,497; Ontario, 90,345; Manitoba, 33,522; Saskatchewan, 82,285; Alberta, 58,698; British Columbia, 10,902.

Since figures of that nature are collected only at the time of the census, there are no comparable figures for the years 1960, 1962 and 1963. However, the numerical variations during that period are probably unimportant. The use of those figures is based on the assumption that there is approximately one farmer per farm. The labour summary compiled by the dominion bureau of statistics gives annual information on the number of farmers in Canada, but not for each province.

The attached table indicates the provincial figures for gross receipts and operation costs for the requested years.