

Total trade (excluding gold):

1933	\$	936,698,100
1940		2,275,168,311
1941		3,089,246,191
1942		4,029,707,979
1943		4,736,429,169

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

Exports by Main Groups

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Agricultural and vegetable products (except chemicals, fibres and wood).....	\$ 220,118,056	\$ 218,263,811	\$ 285,708,739	\$ 257,778,304	\$ 483,756,894
Animals and animal products (except chemicals and fibres).....	131,803,706	164,723,794	201,730,555	256,725,462	289,566,022
Fibres, textiles and textile products.....	14,427,669	22,695,647	30,819,633	28,931,925	30,620,390
Wood, wood products and paper	242,541,043	348,006,396	387,113,232	89,805,396	391,069,658
Iron and its products.....	63,102,432	127,666,846	239,900,848	467,121,439	716,644,883
Non-ferrous metals and their products (except gold)...	182,890,103	194,711,984	244,012,336	308,903,239	332,704,960
Non-metallic minerals and their products (except chemicals).....	29,332,099	33,754,096	45,172,085	56,580,147	62,191,606
Chemicals and allied products.	24,263,342	31,222,806	58,676,338	77,332,918	86,390,600
Miscellaneous	16,447,654	37,909,040	127,869,409	520,594,466	578,530,264
Total	924,926,104	1,178,954,420	1,621,003,175	2,363,773,296	2,971,475,277

The food industry is in many respects Canada's most important industry. It is complementary to agriculture; it is the biggest 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 \$826,400,000 in 1939 to \$1,850,000,000 provisional estimate in 1942. This peak production was accomplished despite a reduction in manpower of 23%.

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