
and in Vancouver. Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited represents the three provincial wheat-pools. Through it, the three member wheat-pools consider programs and policies common to themselves and to the many thousands of grain-producers in the Prairie Provinces.

Canadian Co-operative Implements Limited is an independent, farmer-owned association with its head office in Winnipeg. It was set up in 1940 to manufacture and distribute farm machinery. It serves 80,000 members spread over the Prairie Provinces and northwestern Ontario. In July 1972, this co-operative celebrated the official opening of a modern new farm-machinery manufacturing plant in Winnipeg.

Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited operates on a national basis. It has handled almost 70 per cent of the wool going through government-registered stations for a great many years.

Co-operative wholesales — Nearly all the co-operatives that purchase farm supplies and consumer goods for their members are affiliated with one or more of the seven co-operative wholesales in Canada. The wholesales provide the affiliated co-operatives with a wide range of goods, but they do not supply all their requirements. Some of the wholesales are also central marketing agencies for farm products. Sales of the wholesales were \$713 million in 1971, and consisted of supply sales (\$466 million), of which food products, feed and petroleum were the leading items, and farm-product marketings (\$247 million), led by livestock and dairy products.

Over 80 per cent of the total business of the regional wholesales was reported by the three largest: La Coopérative Fédérée de Québec, United Co-operatives of Ontario and Federated Co-operatives Limited in Western Canada.

La Coopérative Fédérée is one of the mainstays of agriculture in Quebec. It operates a number of abattoirs, and through contract arrangements with poultry and hog producers has established an integrated program of production. It is a major supplier of agricultural feeds, fertilizers, petroleum products and some types of machinery.

In addition to distributing farm supplies, petroleum and equipment, United Co-operatives of Ontario manufactures feeds and fertilizers. It also markets livestock and grain. Formerly, UCO marketed dairy and poultry products, but most of this type of business was
