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The year 1962 was a remarkable passage in the story of Canadian agriculture; one that our farmers can look back on with some gratification.

Nearly half of them - grain and livestock producers in the Prairie Provinces - had been affected directly by the severe drought of the previous year. The fall pluck of the 1961 crop failures was expected to be felt on the Prairies by the spring of 1962 when money would be needed for seeding and plans would be formulated for the remainder of the year.

Insufficiency of soil moisture over most of the wheat belt at that time assured poorly for a season in which producers had been urged to expand wheat and coarse grain acreage.

Livestock holdings had been substantially curtailed because of the higher cost and lower supply of feed grains. Rebuilding of the Western herds would depend on pasture conditions and renewal of feed grain stocks.

What happened is now history.

QUotas REMOVED

Farm-held stocks of wheat were found to be 100 million bushels more than had been anticipated in the inventory. But in April 1962, for the first time in a decade, delivery quotas on grain to elevators were removed completely four months before the end of the crop year.

Mainly as a result of the distribution of Canadian Wheat Board payments, farm cash income for the first half of the year was boosted to a record \$1.36 billion.

Production was timely and generous—generous enough to hamper harvesting in some areas and generally sufficient to replenish soil moisture reserves for 1963. It was the end of a six-year period of declining moisture reserves in the dry belt.

Bumper cereal crops resulted and were the main influence in raising the volume of total Canadian farm production to one-third more than in 1961.

Wheat exports for the crop year ended July 31 were a massive 338 million bushels, the third highest on record.

All grades of wheat increased in price as a result of stronger world markets and the devaluation of the Canadian dollar. Throughout 1962 higher average prices prevailed for livestock and poultry products.

INCOME IS UP

Total cash income from farm products topped \$3 billion for the first time in 1962. Total estimated net income increased sharply to \$1.6 billion - half as much again as in 1961 and a quarter as much again as the 1955-59 average.

Part of this represents the rebuilding of farm inventories in the Prairies in the last half of 1962.

Other highlights of the year include successful precautions taken against large outbreaks of grasshoppers in the Prairies. Expected damage from this cause was largely avoided.

The second occurrence of hog cholera in Eastern Canada was suppressed, though at the cost of 19,000 animals, slaughtered and \$600,000 paid in compensation.

The dairy industry, which is concentrated in Eastern Canada, continued to expand. To help reduce the surplus of creamery butter a 12-cent per pound federal consumer subsidy was introduced in May 1962.

The Venezuelan egg market, which has taken substantial quantities of our eggs in the past, was practically closed to Canadian imports in 1962 because of new regulations.

Lamb price support was changed to a deficiency payment program.

A Food Research Institute was established in the Research Branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture to intensify basic food research in Canada.

In the area of legislation affecting agriculture, Farm Credit Corporation loan facilities were expanded; ARDA agreements were signed with all provinces; Export Credit Insurance Act credits were increased to assist exports.



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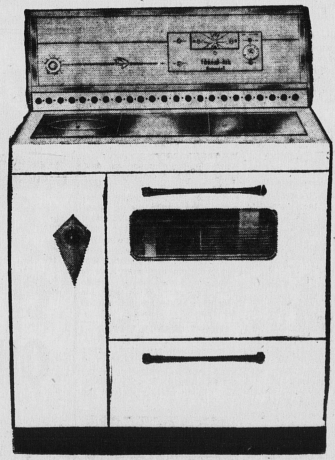
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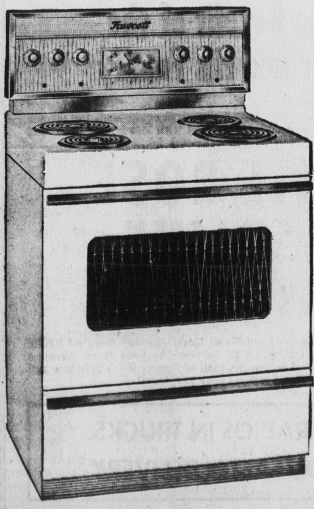
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