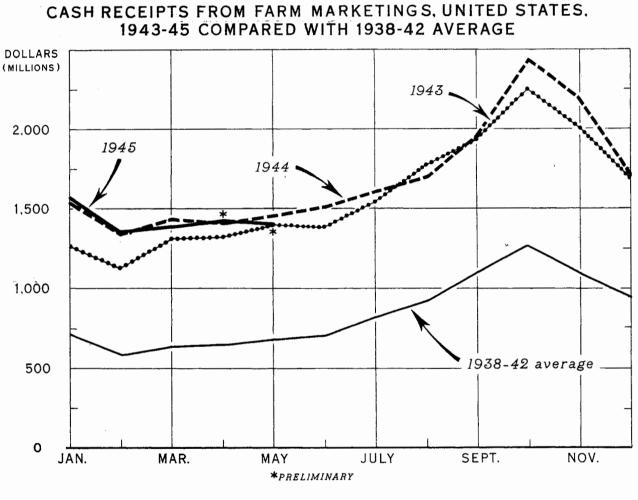


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Cash receipts from slightly greater volume of crops marketed, at nearly the same prices as last year, about offset reduced income from meat animals during the first 5 months of 1945. Total cash receipts have remained close to 1944 levels.

The present prospect for the rest of the year, with average crop production in 1945 is for total cash receipts to follow the general pattern of the last 2 years, with the October peak near that of 1943.

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MAY 1945

THE FARM INCOME SITUATION Preliminary Estimates for April and May

Present estimates indicate that total cash receipts from farm marketings in May will amount to about 1,390 million dollars, slightly below April and less than in May 1944.

Cash receipts from crops will probably decrease seasonally. Income from feed grains and hay will make about the usual decline. Marketings of corn are being maintained at peak levels but the quantities of oats, barley and hay sold are showing the usual decreases. Prices for these products are dropping.

Income from vegetables is holding up to about the April level as usual. Truck crops in relatively large volume are moving out of Southern and Southwestern producing sections. Shipments of tomatoes and lettuce are especially large but prices are declining substantially. Shipments of cabbage increased during May although cool weather in most Southern States curtailed yields. The new crop of Irish potatoes moved onto the markets in increasing quantities, while sales of sweetpotatoes fell off.

The increase in cash receipts from fruits in May was not as great as usual. Shipments of Western apples declined as supplies in the West became scarcer. A greater proportion of small sized fruit was included in the marketings of Eastern apples although total volume of apples in the East was about the same as in April.

Unusually good crops of peaches are reported in the Southern producing section where the fruit has matured early because of especially good growing weather and shipments started about two weeks earlier than usual. An unusually large part of the strawberry crop was marketed in April because of the advanced season and sales in May showed less than the ordinary increases.

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Cash receipts from citrus fruit in May were about the same as in

April. Marketings of citrus fruit in Florida and Texas declined but ind florida and Texas declined but increased of both oranges and grapefruit from California at slightly higher

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and Texas.

Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products in May made about the usual increase over April. Income from meat animals showed lottle change. Slaughter of hogs and calves was nearly the same as last month. Cattle slaughter dropped slightly and sheep slaughter was up. Prices showed little change.

Income from dairy products made slightly less than the usual increase over April. Total milk production gained about 14 percent while prices declined about 4 percent.

Cash receipts from poultry and eggs are nearly as high as for April. Egg production decreased about 4 percent but prices gained around 2 percent. A small increase was shown in marketings of chickens and prices also are up.

Revised estimates place total cash receipts from farm marketings in April at 1,416 million dollars, commared with the mrevious estimate of 1,420 million dollars published in the April issue. An upward revision of 59 million dollars in the estimate for crops nearly balanced a downward revision of 63 million dollars in the estimate for livestock. The revised April estimates for individual commodity groups are shown in Table 1.

Marketings of vegetables were unusually large during April, because some of the important varieties matured exceptionally early; and truck crop prices increased more than expected. Other unusual developments during April included the fact that marketings of corn and wheat were maintained at relatively high levels instead of making the customary seasonal decline. The large movement of wheat in April resulted from easing of the car shortage. Slaughter of nearly all types of meat animals in April fell below the levels expected a month ago. Cash receipts from dairy products showed a slight increase over the previous estimate, while the revised estimate of poultry and egg receipts was slightly downward.

SUMMARY FOR MARCH

Revised estimates of cash receipt's from farm marketings in March total 1,385 million dollars, 3 percent less than March 1944, Receipts from . crops in March were 18 percent above, while receipts from livestock and livestock products were 13 percent below March 1944,

By States the cash receipts from crops in March ranged all the way from 37 percent below last year in Utah where relatively low income from potatoes seriously curtailed total cash receipts, to 163 percent above 1944 in Oklahoma where increased production and slightly higher prices of both wheat and cotton compared with 1943 resulted in substantial gains in receipts from 1944 crops.

Income from crops was not below March 1944 in any region. The percentage changes ranged from 0 in the East North Central Region to 58 percent above last year in the South Central Region. In the East North Central Region increases in cash receipts from the favorable wheat crop and from higher prices for soybeans, were offset by decreases in sales of corn. In the South Central Region gains in income from wheat in Oklahoma, tobacco in Kentucky, twuck crops in Texas, and cotton in all States accounted for most of the 58 percent increase.

Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products were below 1944 in all regions except the North Atlantic Region where income rose 10 percent above last year with receipts from eggs and milk making substantial gains

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Table 1.- Monthly receipts from farm marketings, United States, with comparisons

Source of receipts	:JánMay : 1944		May : :_1944_:	Mar. 1/: 1945:	Apr. 2/: 1945:	May <u>3</u> / 1945
	: Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million
	: dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars
	:					;
Receipts from farm marketings	• •	7,113	1,452	1,385	1,416	1,390
All crops		2,744	403	517	529	475
Food grains		297	39	57	70	67
Feed grains and hay	-	497	75	99	101	81
Cotton and cottonseed		310	17	59	40	14
Oil-bearing crops	: 143	161	40	31	35	39
Tobacco	: 150	255	3	13	2	6
Vegetables	: 559	631	123	121	152	149
Fruits and nuts	: 301	380	74	78	80	85
All livestock	: 4,877	4,369	1,049	868	887	915
Meat animals	: 2,734	2,118	532	404	398	390
Dairy products	: 1,197	1,269	286	258	267	296
Foultry and eggs	: 883	924	203	203	204	20 ĝ
Government payments	: 454	400	93	60	150	55
Total receipts including	:					
Government payments	: 7,620	7,513	1,545	1,445	1,566	1,445

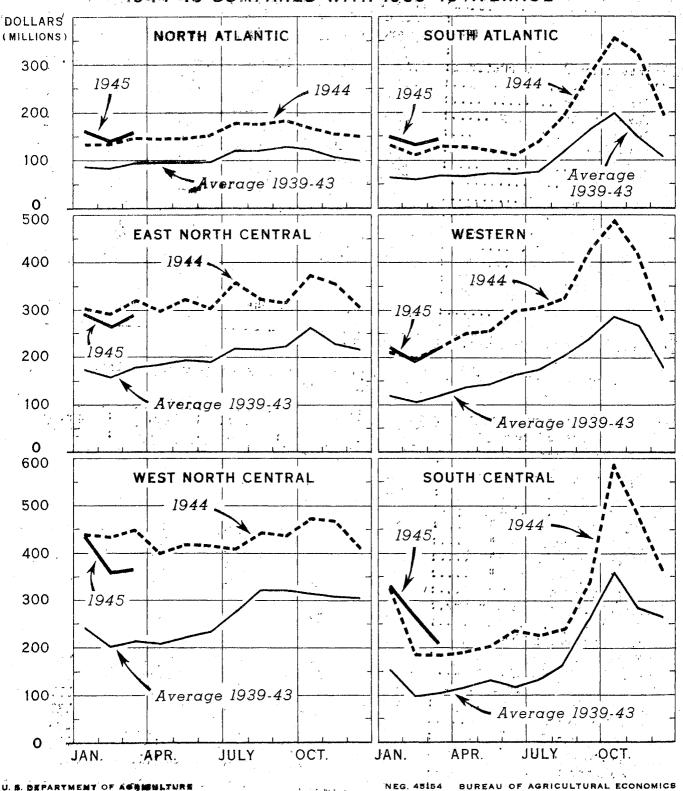
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Index numbers of receipts 1/and physical volume of farm marketings 1935-39 = 100

Source of receipts	Apr. 1944	:	Jan. 1945	:	Feb. 1945	:	Mar. 2/ 1945	:	Apr. 3/ 1945
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Receipts from farm marketings:									
Total receipts, unadjusted .:	211		237		203		208		213
Total receipts, adjusted 4/ .:	270		278		312		294		292
All crops #	281		327		408		377		377
All livestock M;	262		246		248		239		235
Meat animals ":	306		267		, 264		235		229
Dairy products ":	210	,	196		207		223		228
Poultry and eggs ":	252		290		285		293		278
Income of industrial workers,:	-								
adjusted 5/	327		322		321		<u>3</u> 19		
Physical volume of farm :	-		-		-				
marketings: :									
Total volume, unadjusted:	123		131		113		116		117
Total volume, adjusted:	146		144		144		151		147
All crops . ":	133		147		150		169		171
All livestock ":	156		142		140		1 38		130
Meat animals ":	181		149		144		132		124
Dairy products ":	117		120		120		1 31		128
Poultry and eggs ":	166		167		168		171		158
1/ Not including Government pay	ments.								
2/ Revised. 3/ Preliminary.	· .		,						
3/ Preliminary.									
4/ Adjusted for seasonal variat	ion.				•				

 $\overline{5}$ / Based on pay rolls of factory workers and railroad and mining employees, adjusted for seasonal variation.

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CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS, BY REGIONS, 1944-45 COMPARED WITH 1939-43 AVERAGE

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in all sections. The greatest decline occurred in the West North Central Region where drastic declines in income from hogs in all States were

For the first 3 months total cash receipts were slightly more than in 1944. Income from grops was 7 percent greater than last year, while receipts from livestock and livestock products were 5 percent below 1944. Cash receipts from crops in the East North Central Region where income from corn an vegetables fell off severely were 2 percent below last year. In the South Atlantic Region where increases in cash receipts from the large crops of cotton, tobacco, vegetables and oranges were rather acute and in the South Central region where income from wheat, cotton and potatoes showed important gains, cash receipts from crops were 32 percent above last year.

Income from livestock and livestock productd during the first three months ranged from 19 percent below last year in the West North Central region to 6 percent above in the North Atlantic region. Receipts from hogs in some States in the West North Central region were less than half as great as last year, and a decrease of 44 percent was shown for the region as a whole. Income from butterfat was also relatively low in all States, and receipts dropped 12 percent for the region.

The greatest gains in the North Atlantic region were made by milk and eggs which showed substantial increases in nearly all States. Especially larg increases in income from both milk and eggs were made by the Northern New England States.

STATE AND REGIONAL ESTIMATES

North Atlantic Region

Cash receipts from crops in the North Atlantic Region during March rose 12 percent above 1944, Income from potatoes and hay made substantial increase, in all States. Receipts from apples also rose sharply in New York and Pennslyvania. Receipts from livestock and livestock products gained 10 percenover 1944. Income from milk and eggs made pronounced gains in all sections and income from broilers also increased in nearly all States.

A gain of 25 percent was shown in cash receipts from farm marketings in the North Atlantic Region during the first 3 months as compared with the same period last year. The greatest increase was made by tobacco as receipts in Connectitut and Massachusetts were more than 3 times the 1943 levels. Receipts from apples and potatoes also rose sharply. Income from livestock products in the first quarter increased 6 percent over 1944, largely because of rather sharp increases in income from eggs and milk.

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East North Central Region

Total income from crops in the East North Central Region during March showed no significant change over the same month in 1944. Substantial increases in cash receipts from the sale of oil-bearing crops, wheat, and greenhouse products were about offset by decreases in income from corn and vegetables. Receipts from livestock and livestock products dropped 11 percent below 1944 mainly as a result of pronounced decreases of receipts from cattle and hogs.

Income from crops in the East North Central Region during the first 3 months of 1945 dropped 2 percent below the same quarter of 1944 owing to sharp decreases in income from corn and vegetables. Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products in the first quarter dropped 9 percent below 1944 as income from hogs declined severely in all States.

West North Central Region

Cash receipts from crops in the West North Central Region during March increased 14 percent over a year earlier. Increases in receipts from corn and soybeans were especially important in bringing about the gain in receipts from all crops. Income from livestock and livestock products in March dropped 26 percent below last year because of pronounced declines in income from hogs in all sections and smaller decreases in receipts from cattle, butterfat and chickens.

Cash receipts from crops in the West North Central Region for the first 3 months of 1945 gained 18 percent over a year earlier. Income from corn, wheat, grain sorghums, and soybeans rose sharply in nearly all the major producing States. Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products in the West North Central Region during the first 3 months dropped 19 percent as compared with the same period last year. A decrease of 44 percent in receipts from hogs and smaller declines in income from chickens and butterfat accounted for the largest part of the drop in income for all livestock products.

South Atlantic Region

Cash receipts from crops in the South Atlantic Region during March rose 28 percent above the same month in 1944. Income from cotton, apples, oranges, and potatoes rose rather sharply. A drop of 32 percent in cash receipts from hogs more than offset increases in income from milk, eggs, and cattle to bring about a decline of about 1 percent in cash receipts from livestock and livestock products in the South Atlantic Region during March compared with 1944.

For the first 3 months in 1945 cash receipts rose 32 percent in the South Atlantic Region compared with the same period in 1944. Sharp rises in cash receipts from cotton, tobacco, oranges, and truck crops were responsible for most of this gain. Income from hogs declined 30 percent to more than make up for moderate gains in income from milk, eggs, cattle, and broilers and a decline of 3 percent was shown in receipts from livestock and livestock products in the first quarter compared with the same period in 1944.

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South Central Region

A gain of 58 percent was made in cash receipts from crops in the South Central Region during March as compared with last year due to spectacular increases in income from wheat, grain sorghums, cotton, and tobacco. Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products in March dropped 7 percent below last year as income from hogs dropped sharply and smaller declines were made in receipts from chickens and eggs.

Cash receipts from crops during the first 3 months in the South Central Region rose 32 percent above 1944 as income from cotton, tobacco, and truck crops increased sharply. Income from hogs dropped 41 percent and receipts from chickens and eggs also declined in nearly all States.

Western Region

Cash receipts from crops in the Western Region were 8 percent higher in March than in March 1944. Income from cotton, oranges, apples, and dried field peas made the sharpest gains. Income from livestock and livestock products dropped 8 percent below 1944 as receipts from hogs, cattle, and butterfat fell off in nearly all sections.

Income from crops during the first quarter in the Western Region was 7 percent greater in 1945 than in 1944 as income from cotton, dried field peas, truck crops, and oranges rose sharply in all major producing States. Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products decreased 5 percent as compared with the first 3 months in 1944. Cash receipts from hogs declined severely in all States and income from chickens also dropped generally throughout the region.

Canadian Agriculture in 1945

Prospects for farm income in Canada appear favorable as based on conditions during the first four months. In the Eastern part of the country, spring seeding started comparatively early and was nearly completed in this section in the early part of April. Growth was set back somewhat by cooler weather soon afterwards. In the Frairie Provinces and in British Columbia the spring was rather backward and seeding was somewhat later than usual. Rainfall during April was above average in a large part of the grain growing sections, which tends to bring about a favorable outlook for the grain crops in these areas.

Unusually warm weather resulted in fruit trees in Southern Ontario blooming heavily early in the season. Cooler weather in April led to considerable damage.

Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products on the whole give promise of comparing favorably with last year. Slaughterings of cattle and calves during the first quarter were heavy. Cattle slaughterings were 43 percent higher than last year, reaching record levels. Slaughterings of calves were also higher than for any similar period in any other year.

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Cattle numbers on farms at the present time are great enough so that record numbers could be marketed during 1945 if it seemed desirable to liquidate a larger than usual percentage of stock on hand. Heavy calf slaughter has occurred in some of the Eastern dairy sections as a surplus of calves has developed beyond those that are needed to maintain dairy herds. Prices for cattle are being maintained at levels which are as high or slightly higher than last year.

Hog slaughterings during the first quarter of 1945 were 32 percent below the unusually large number slaughtered last year. This reduction resulted from relatively small pig crops which were caused by increased grain prices and the shortage of farm labor. It is now thought probable that hog slaughterings in 1945 may be reduced to about 1943 levels which would mean a decrease of 20 percent compared with 1944.

Although slaughterings of sheep and lambs during the first three months were less than in 1944 total marketings exceeded last year because larger numbers of live sheep and lambs were shipped from Canada to the United States this year. Considerable increase in prices has resulted because of competition from buyers in the United States.

Total milk production probably will be about as high as last year. * There is some decrease in the Prairie Frovinces but production in Eastern Canada and in British Columbia is increasing. The production of butter, cheese, and concentrated whole milk products has been relatively high in recent months.

Production of poultry and eggs has been relatively heavy during the first quarter of this year and the outlook seems favorable for continued marketings at high levels because of especially large wartime demands both in the United Kingdom and in the United States.

Table 2. - Cash receipts from farm marketings, by States, March 1944 - 45.

	· · · · ·		LIVESTOCK A	ND LIVESTOCK		
STATE	CROPS		PRODUCTS		TOTAL	
	MAI	ксн	MAJ	RCH	MA	RCH
	1,944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars
Maine	12,747	14,459	3, 547	3,923	16, 294	18,382
New Hampshire	721	766	2,290	2,823	3,011	3, 589
Vermont	1,631	1,859	4,739	5,953	5,370	7,822
Rhode Island	2,707 220	3, 192 262	6,745 918	7,784 972	9,452	10,976
Connecticut	2,950	3, 182	5,161	6,034	1,138 8,111	1,234 9,216
New York	13,849	17,264	31,047	37,033	44,896	54, 297
New Jersey	2,105	2,582	8,174	8,968	10,280	11,550
Pennsylvania	10,813	9,952	33, 289	32, 349	44, 10 2	42, 301
North Atlantic	47,744	53,528	95,910	105,839	143,654	159,367
Ohio	11,419	12,505	46,154	41,090	57,573	53, 596
Indiana	8,955	8,952	44,658	39,387	53, 623	48,339
Illinois	28,203	26,907	74,991	62, 326	103, 194	89,233
Nichigan	11,977 5,604	12,133	24,887	25,577	36,864	37,710
		5,558	60,356	53,937	65,960	59,495
East North Central	66,168	66,056	251,046	222,317	317,214	288 , 37 3
Minnesota	11,466	12, 325	66,835	52,455	78,301	64,780
Iowa	19,490	16,458	124,839	89,579	144, 329	106,037
North Dakota	5,552 17.022	7,191 15,803	43,160 10,124	36,619	48,712	43,810
South Dakota	4,833	5,986	23,070	7,786 14,104	27,146 27,903	23,589 20,090
Nebraska	12,745	19,706	55,719	40.337	58,464	50,043
Kansas	13, 165	18,792	38,236	28,699	51,401	47,491
West North Central	84,273	96,261	361,983	269,579	446,256	365,840
Delaware	423	478	8,049	7,670	8,472	8,148
Maryland	1,110	1,845	9,349	8,503	10,459	10, 348
Virginia	4,185 1,400	7,569	13,258	11,639	17,443	19,208
North Carolina	8,395	1,137 11,235	4,152 10,293	3,692 9,622	5,552	4,829
South Carolins	3,961	8,648	3,905	4,029	18,689 7,866	20,857 12,677
Georgia	6,024	5,785	7,759	9,311	13,793	16,097
Florida	39,398	45,628	3,928	5,395	43, 325	51,023
South Atlantic	64,897	83,326	60,703	59,861	125,600	143,187
Kentucky	4, 346	10,569	13,919	11,670	18,265	22, 239
Tennessee	5,659	5,495	14,207	10,610	19,856	16,105
Alabama	4,275	5,283	6,871	6,805	11, 146	12,088
Mississippi	5,715 2,954	13,563 6,882	5, 312 11, 315	6,622	12,027	20,185
Louisiana	6,214	6,830	4,647	9,631 5,987	14,269	15,513
Oklahoma	4,023	10, 597	23, 487	18,984	10,861 27,510	12,817 29,581
Texas	26, 248	34,860	41,861	43,656	68,109	78,516
South Central	59,434	94,079	122,619	113,965	182,053	208,044
Montana	7,110	6,983	6,776	7,131	13,886	14,114
Idaho	9,415 1,311	9,874	8,821	7,388	18,236	17,262
Wyoming	7,324	1,108	3,390	3,018	4,701	4,126
New Mexico	932	6,632 2,144	18,091 3,248	12,861 3,417	25,415 4,180	19,493
Arizona	11,053	10,523	4,990	3,477	16,043	5,561 14,000
Utah	1,459	917	5,331	5,554	6,790	6,471
Nevada	287	218	1,458	1,203	1,745	1,421
Washington	15,842	18,936	10,941	9,674	26,783	28,610
California	6,924 52,442	7,620 58,403	8,150 33,313	7,629 35,267	15,074 85,755	15,249 93,670
Western	114,099	123,358	104,509	96,619	218,508	219,977
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	JANUARY	- MARCH	J ANUAR Y	- MARCH	IANUARY - MARCH		
	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	
Maine	26 440	28 200		10 505	45 651		
New Hampshire	36,442 1,885	35,39 6 2,001	9,509 6,373	10, 595 7,509	45,951 8,258	45,993 9,51(
Vermont	3, 230	3,655	13, 366	16,259	16,596	19,91	
Massachusetts	6,052	10,804	18,771	20,788	24,823	31, 59	
Rhode Island	687 7,080	804 20,490	2,704 14,802	2,760 15,843	3, 391 21, 882	3,56 36, 33	
	42,962	49,357	95, 459	101,541	138,421	150,89	
New Jersey	6,030	6,802	23, 7 29	25, 391	29,759	32, 19	
Pennsylvania	28,884	36,717	88,788	90,526	117,672	127,24	
North Atlantic	133,252	166,026	273,501	291,212	406,753	457 , 23	
Dhio	35, 254	39,471	124, 546	119,648	159,800	159,11	
Indiana	29,353	29,991	129,654	110,598	159,007	140,58	
Illinois	83, 213 32, 104	75,285 30,895	216,930 75,051	189,534 73,399	30 0, 143 107, 155	264,81 104,29	
Wisconsin	19,707	19, 293	163,612	153,062	183, 319	172.35	
Bast North Central	199,631	194,935	709,793	646,241	909,424	841,17	
linnesots	29,891	32,926	189.878	154,476	219,769	187,40	
[owa	58,132	48,488	394, 515	319, 315	452, 647	367,80	
lissouri	22, 657	22, 844	131, 378	120,939	154,035	143,78	
North Dakota	34,913	36,935	33,409	26,039	68,322	62,97	
South Dakota	12,273 39,394	18,062 58,366	70,507 152,830	49,740 112,392	82,780 192,224	67,80 170,75	
Cansas	34,164	56, 586	112,805	97,980	146,969	154,56	
West North Central	231,424	274,207	1,085,322	880, 881	1,316,7 46	1,155,088	
Delaware	1,031	1, 434	17,845	17,101	18,876	18,53	
aryland	2,989	5,117	25,418	25,0 28	28,407	30,14	
/irginia	20,256 4,593	34,183 4,384	34,851 11,504	32,250 10, 8 26	55,107	66,43	
forth Carolina	30, 507	48,211	24, 429	22,878	16,097 54,936	15,210	
South Carolina	17, 697	25,073	11, 375	11,082	29,072	36,15	
Georgia	24,548	23,753	25, 510	26,934	50,058	50,68	
	97,362	121, 287	14, 67 2	14,752	112,034	136,03	
South Atlantic	198,983	263,442	165,604	160,851	364,587	424,293	
entucky	92,943	144, 212	38,142	34,522	131,085	178,73	
Cennessee	40,985 21,159	52,834 18,966	40,307 19,487	31,539 18,424	81,292 40,646	84,373	
lississippi	27,662	50,871	16,945	17,471	44, 607	37,390 68,342	
rkansas	23, 183	37,645	27,550	25, 235	50,733	62,880	
ouisiana	25,412	26, 240	15,547	15,959	40,959	42, 199	
Klahoma	17,614 124,686	35,893 127,361	58,435	55,450	76,049	91, 343	
South Central	373,644	494,022	102,585 318,998	107,634 3 06,234	227,271 692,642	234,995 800,25	
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iontana	16, 287 26, 115	18,573 28,760	24,889 25,949	23,769 23,029	41, 176 52, 064	42,342	
lyoming	3,936	3,457	9,944	8,121	13,880	51,789 11,578	
olorado	24,053	20,942	44, 295	35,085	68, 348	56,027	
ew Mexico	5,784	10,398	7,627	7,332	13,411	17,730	
Arizona	27,660 4,259	26,466 3,692	9,563 15,616	8,933 16 607	37,223	35,399	
levada	1,062	921	4;865	16,697 5,225	19,875 5,927	20,389 6,146	
ashington	46,117	49,920	30,726	29,960	76,843	79,880	
regon	20,512	21,287	22,774	22,028	43, 286	43, 315	
California	149,975	163, 383	100,1 23	101,355	250,098	264,738	
Western	325 760	147 700	20 6 27 1	0.04 5.04			

Table 3. - Cash receipts from farm marketings, by States,

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