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## Livestock estimates

As of July 1, 2011

As of July 1, cattle inventories on Canadian farms had declined to their lowest level since 1994. Inventories of hogs and sheep were up slightly on a year-over-year basis.

Canadian farmers had nearly 13.9 million cattle on their farms as of July 1, down 0.8% from July 1, 2010. The cattle herd has declined steadily since their peak in 2005.

Hog producers reported 11.9 million hogs, up 0.8%. It was the first increase in July inventories on a year-over-year basis since July 1, 2006 and the second consecutive quarter of growth. Farmers reported 1.1 million sheep, up 2.2%.

As of July 1, 97,115 farms reported beef or dairy cattle, down 2.4% from July 1, 2010.

The Canadian dairy herd was up 0.3%, while the beef herd was down 1.1%. The inventory of dairy cows remained virtually unchanged, while that of replacement dairy heifers increased 0.8%. The beef herd was at its lowest level since 1995.

During the first six months of 2011, 1.6 million head of Canadian cattle and calves were sent to slaughter. This was a 14.1% decline from the same six-month period last year and 8.8% below levels for the same period in 2009.

Exports of live cattle and calves amounted to 374,400 head during the first half of 2011, down 39.9% from the same period in 2010 and a 37.9% decline from the first six months of 2009.

As of July 1, 6,920 Canadian farms reported hogs, down 2.7% on a year-over-year basis.

Farmers reported 1.3 million sows and gilts on their farms, down 1.1% from July 1, 2010 and a 5.1% decline from two years earlier. The inventory of sows and gilts was at its lowest level since 2000.

Domestic hog slaughter totalled 5.1 million head during the second quarter, down 1.3% from the second quarter of 2010 and 8.3% below the second-quarter peak of 5.5 million head in 2003.

Total hog exports reached 1.4 million head during the second quarter, down 3.1% from the same quarter in 2010. Hog exports were 42.5% below the second-quarter peak of 2.4 million head recorded in 2007.

Sheep inventories across the country were higher as of July 1 than on the same date a year earlier, except in Quebec (-0.4%). The largest relative increase occurred in Manitoba (+7.7%), followed by the Atlantic region (+7.3%).

The number of ewes and replacement lambs rose 1.0% and 5.3% respectively from July 1, 2010, while the inventory of market lambs increased 3.1%.

During the first six months of 2011, 320,500 sheep were sent to slaughter, down 3.7% from the same period in 2010.

Canada exported 3,000 lambs during the first half of 2011, after four years of virtually non-existent exports. Imports of sheep and lambs fell 43.7%.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0004, 003-0026, 003-0028, 003-0030 to 003-0032, 003-0083, 003-0085, 003-0087 to 003-0089, 003-0092 to 003-0094, 003-0097 and 003-0099.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3460.**

The reports *Cattle Statistics*, 2011, Vol. 10, no. 2 (23-012-X, free), *Hog Statistics*, second quarter 2011, Vol. 10, no. 3 (23-010-X, free), and *Sheep Statistics*, 2011, Vol. 10, no. 2 (23-011-X, free), are now available online. From the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*, choose *All subjects* then *Agriculture*.

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### Cattle inventories

	July 1, 2010	January 1, 2011 <sup>r</sup>	July 1, 2011	January to July 2011	July 2010 to July 2011
	thousands of head			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>13,975.0</b>	<b>12,457.0</b>	<b>13,870.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
East	3,409.0	3,247.0	3,340.0	2.9	-2.0
Atlantic	243.1	242.1	239.3	-1.2	-1.6
Quebec	1,360.0	1,280.0	1,330.0	3.9	-2.2
Ontario	1,805.9	1,724.9	1,770.7	2.7	-1.9
West	10,566.0	9,210.0	10,530.0	14.3	-0.3
Manitoba	1,350.0	1,160.0	1,305.0	12.5	-3.3
Saskatchewan	3,055.0	2,580.0	3,060.0	18.6	0.2
Alberta	5,505.0	4,950.0	5,515.0	11.4	0.2
British Columbia	656.0	520.0	650.0	25.0	-0.9

<sup>r</sup> revised

### Hog inventories

	July 1, 2010 <sup>r</sup>	April 1, 2011 <sup>r</sup>	July 1, 2011	April to July 2011	July 2010 to July 2011
	thousands of head			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>11,800.0</b>	<b>11,835.0</b>	<b>11,895.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>
East	6,860.0	6,866.0	6,879.0	0.2	0.3
Atlantic	130.4	134.7	139.0	3.2	6.6
Quebec	3,925.0	3,880.0	3,905.0	0.6	-0.5
Ontario	2,804.6	2,851.3	2,835.0	-0.6	1.1
West	4,940.0	4,969.0	5,016.0	0.9	1.5
Manitoba	2,605.0	2,615.0	2,615.0	0.0	0.4
Saskatchewan	755.0	795.0	825.0	3.8	9.3
Alberta	1,495.0	1,480.0	1,490.0	0.7	-0.3
British Columbia	85.0	79.0	86.0	8.9	1.2

<sup>r</sup> revised

### Sheep inventories

	July 1, 2010	January 1, 2011 <sup>r</sup>	July 1, 2011	January to July 2011	July 2010 to July 2011
	thousands of head			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1,047.1</b>	<b>810.6</b>	<b>1,070.3</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>
East	633.6	490.1	646.3	31.9	2.0
Atlantic	43.6	32.1	46.8	45.8	7.3
Quebec	274.5	226.0	273.5	21.0	-0.4
Ontario	315.5	232.0	326.0	40.5	3.3
West	413.5	320.5	424.0	32.3	2.5
Manitoba	65.0	53.0	70.0	32.1	7.7
Saskatchewan	114.0	90.0	114.5	27.2	0.4
Alberta	179.0	133.0	183.0	37.6	2.2
British Columbia	55.5	44.5	56.5	27.0	1.8

<sup>r</sup> revised

## Natural gas sales

June 2011 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 4 419 million cubic metres in June, up 4.0% compared with June 2010.

The volumes of sales to the industrial and residential sectors were up 5.1% and 0.3% respectively in June compared with June 2010, while sales in the commercial sectors were down 0.5%.

Total sales in June were 19.7% lower compared with May.

## Natural gas sales

	June 2010	May 2011	June 2011 <sup>P</sup>	May to June 2011	June 2010 to June 2011
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>4 249 937</b>	<b>5 507 020</b>	<b>4 419 389</b>	<b>-19.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Residential <sup>1</sup>	527 463	1 034 341	529 100	-48.8	0.3
Commercial <sup>2</sup>	407 326	755 894	405 476	-46.4	-0.5
Industrial <sup>3</sup> and direct <sup>4</sup>	3 315 148	3 716 785	3 484 813	-6.2	5.1

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

1. Gas sold for domestic purposes, including space heating, water heating and cooking, to a residential dwelling unit.
2. Gas sold to customers engaged in wholesale or retail trade, governments, institutions, office buildings, etc.
3. Gas sold to customers engaged in a process that creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. Includes mining and manufacturing establishments. Includes firm, interruptible and buy/sell agreements.
4. Represents direct, non-utility, sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2149.

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## Production and disposition of tobacco products

July 2011

Canadian manufacturers produced 1.9 billion cigarettes in July, down 15.4% from the previous month. The total number of cigarettes sold decreased by 8.2% to 1.8 billion and closing inventories increased by 2.7% to 2.3 billion cigarettes.

**Note:** This survey collects data on the production of tobacco products in Canada by Canadian manufacturers and the disposition or sales of this production. It does not collect data on imported tobacco products. Therefore, sales information in this release is not a proxy for domestic consumption of tobacco products.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0062.

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## Investment in new housing construction

June 2011

Data on the investment in new housing construction (including single dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row housing, apartments and condominiums) are now available for June.

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## Fertilizer Shipments Survey

Fourth quarter 2010/2011

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