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Releases

Livestock estimates, January 1, 2013

Canadian farmers had about 12.3 million cattle on their farms on January 1, up 0.5% from January 1, 2012. This was the second consecutive year-over-year increase since 2005 and followed six years of declining inventories. Despite the increases, the cattle herd was still 17.8% below its peak level of January 1, 2005.

Hog producers reported 12.7 million hogs, down 0.5% from January 1, 2012, while the number of sheep rose 0.7% to 892,700 head.

Cattle inventories edged up overall with increased numbers of feeder heifers and steers, as slaughter fell during the second half of 2012. The number of beef cows on Canadian farms, however, decreased 1.0% to just below 4.0 million head, continuing a downward trend that started in January 2006.

This decline was lessened somewhat by a third consecutive increase in the number of beef heifers held for breeding, up 5.6% from January 2012 to 569,800 head. Canadian farmers had 1.4 million dairy cows and heifers on their farms, up 0.3% from January 1, 2012.

As of January 1, 83,525 farms reported cattle and calves, down 0.8% from January 1, 2012, and down 3.6% from the same date in 2011. Beef farms, by far the largest component, accounted for 85.0% of the number of farms with cattle in Canada.

In 2012, cattle and calf slaughter declined for a second consecutive year, down 7.2% from 2011 to 3.1 million head. Slaughter numbers fell in 2012 across all provinces. Cattle and calf exports increased 14.2% from 702,500 head in 2011 to 802,600 head in 2012. However, exports remained 24.6% below the level in 2010 and 49.8% below the peak of 2008.

As of January 1, 2013, there were 7,125 hog farms in Canada, down 1.8% from the same date a year earlier. These farms reported 1.2 million sows and gilts, down 0.9% from January 1, 2012.

Domestic hog slaughter remained virtually unchanged in 2012 from 2011 at just below 21.3 million head. Hog slaughter has been just under 21.3 million head for the past three years. Canada exported 5.7 million hogs in 2012, down 2.6% from 2011. This was 43.5% below the peak in 2007.

Sheep inventories rose 0.7% from January 1, 2012, to 892,700 as farmers continued to increase their herds. While the number of ewes decreased 0.7%, the breeding herd increased overall as the number of replacement lambs went up 5.4%. The number of market lambs increased 2.4% from 2012.

Table 1
Cattle inventories

	January 1, 2012 ^r	July 1, 2012 ^r	January 1, 2013	July 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013	January 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	12,215.0	13,510.0	12,275.0	-9.1	0.5
East	3,170.0	3,260.0	3,125.0	-4.1	-1.4
Atlantic	240.5	236.9	236.4	-0.2	-1.7
Quebec	1,210.0	1,250.0	1,185.0	-5.2	-2.1
Ontario	1,719.5	1,773.1	1,703.6	-3.9	-0.9
West	9,045.0	10,250.0	9,150.0	-10.7	1.2
Manitoba	1,150.0	1,280.0	1,145.0	-10.5	-0.4
Saskatchewan	2,455.0	2,905.0	2,450.0	-15.7	-0.2
Alberta	4,900.0	5,410.0	5,010.0	-7.4	2.2
British Columbia	540.0	655.0	545.0	-16.8	0.9

^r revised

Table 2
Hog inventories

	January 1, 2012 ^r	July 1, 2012 ^r	January 1, 2013	July 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013	January 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	12,785.0	12,835.0	12,720.0	-0.9	-0.5
East	7,339.0	7,376.0	7,292.0	-1.1	-0.6
Atlantic	135.8	130.5	118.7	-9.0	-12.6
Quebec	4,125.0	4,125.0	4,090.0	-0.8	-0.8
Ontario	3,078.2	3,120.5	3,083.3	-1.2	0.2
West	5,446.0	5,459.0	5,428.0	-0.6	-0.3
Manitoba	2,860.0	2,890.0	2,870.0	-0.7	0.3
Saskatchewan	1,080.0	1,070.0	1,065.0	-0.5	-1.4
Alberta	1,415.0	1,410.0	1,405.0	-0.4	-0.7
British Columbia	91.0	89.0	88.0	-1.1	-3.3

^r revised

Table 3
Sheep inventories

	January 1, 2012 ^r	July 1, 2012 ^r	January 1, 2013	July 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013	January 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	886.5	1,137.2	892.7	-21.5	0.7
East	532.5	680.2	527.7	-22.4	-0.9
Atlantic	36.5	48.2	36.7	-23.9	0.5
Quebec	229.0	273.0	222.0	-18.7	-3.1
Ontario	267.0	359.0	269.0	-25.1	0.7
West	354.0	457.0	365.0	-20.1	3.1
Manitoba	56.0	71.0	58.0	-18.3	3.6
Saskatchewan	98.0	127.0	102.0	-19.7	4.1
Alberta	154.0	201.0	158.0	-21.4	2.6
British Columbia	46.0	58.0	47.0	-19.0	2.2

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Farm product prices, January 2013

Prices received by farmers in January for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, potatoes, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The January Alberta slaughter cattle price was \$102.46 per hundredweight, down 0.7% from December and down 2.0% from January 2012 when the price was \$104.54.

The Ontario grain corn price in January was \$262.95 per tonne, up 2.6% from December and up 10.3% from January 2012 when the price was \$238.49.

Note to readers

Farm commodity prices are now available on CANSIM. Prices for over 35 commodities are available by province, some series going back 30 years

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Financial and taxation statistics for enterprises, 2011

The financial and taxation statistics for Canadian enterprises are now available for 2011.

Note to readers

These financial and taxation statistics cover all incorporated enterprises within the domestic economy, including government business enterprises, but exclude enterprises classified as management of companies and enterprises, funds and other financial vehicles, and public administration.

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