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Releases

Livestock estimates, January 1, 2014

Canadian farmers reported 12.2 million cattle on their farms as of January 1, down 0.7% from January 1, 2013. Hog producers reported 12.7 million hogs, a 1.1% increase over January 1, 2013, while the number of sheep fell 1.0% to 893,000 head.

Overall, cattle prices rose and feed costs declined in the second half of 2013. However, this did not translate into farmers increasing their herd. The 0.7% decline reported on January 1 offset the modest gains observed on the same date in each of the previous two years. Cattle inventories have been stable recently following several years of steady decline. The cattle herd at January 1 sat 18.2% below its peak level seen on January 1, 2005.

The year-over-year decline in cattle inventories was attributable to a decrease in the number of beef cows and calves, while total slaughter and exports grew during the second half of 2013. The number of beef cows on Canadian farms fell 0.8% to just over 3.9 million head, continuing the downward trend that began in January 2006. The number of calves fell 1.0% to 3.9 million head.

The number of beef heifers held for breeding edged up 0.1% from January 2013 to 542,300 head, following three consecutive year-over-year increases. Canadian farmers had 1.4 million dairy cows and heifers on their farms, down 0.5% from January 1, 2013.

As of January 1, 82,665 farms reported cattle and calves, down 1.5% from January 1, 2013, and down 2.8% from the same date in 2012.

Cattle and calf slaughter declined 2.2% to 3.0 million head in 2013, with slaughter numbers down in Eastern Canada and up slightly in the West.

Cattle and calf exports increased for the second consecutive year, up 28.0% from 2012 to 1,047,700 head in 2013. However, exports were 37.9% below the peak level of 2002.

Despite a 1.1% increase in the number of hogs, the number of farms reporting hogs declined. As of January 1, 2014, there were 7,090 hog farms in Canada, down 0.5% from the same date a year earlier. Farmers reported 1.2 million sows and gilts, up 0.3% from January 1, 2013.

Canada exported 5.0 million hogs in 2013, down 12.4% from 2012 and 50.4% less than the peak in 2007. Domestic hog slaughter also declined in 2013, down 1.7% from 2012 to just under 21.0 million head.

Sheep inventories fell 1.0% from January 1, 2013, to 893,000, as farmers reduced their herds. The breeding herd fell as the number of ewes declined 0.9% and replacement lambs fell 2.1%. The number of market lambs decreased 0.6% from January 1, 2013.

**Table 1
Cattle inventories**

	January 1, 2013 ^r	July 1, 2013 ^r	January 1, 2014	July 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014	January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	12,305.0	13,535.0	12,215.0	-9.8	-0.7
East	3,090.0	3,175.0	3,075.0	-3.1	-0.5
Atlantic region	235.8	231.5	233.3	0.8	-1.1
Quebec	1,165.0	1,205.0	1,160.0	-3.7	-0.4
Ontario	1,689.2	1,738.5	1,681.7	-3.3	-0.4
West	9,215.0	10,360.0	9,140.0	-11.8	-0.8
Manitoba	1,130.0	1,255.0	1,100.0	-12.4	-2.7
Saskatchewan	2,490.0	2,910.0	2,415.0	-17.0	-3.0
Alberta	5,060.0	5,535.0	5,085.0	-8.1	0.5
British Columbia	535.0	660.0	540.0	-18.2	0.9

^r revised

**Table 2
Hog inventories**

	January 1, 2013 ^r	July 1, 2013 ^r	January 1, 2014	July 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014	January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	12,610.0	12,700.0	12,745.0	0.4	1.1
East	7,246.0	7,307.0	7,333.0	0.4	1.2
Atlantic region	123.3	123.0	124.9	1.5	1.3
Quebec	4,090.0	4,140.0	4,170.0	0.7	2.0
Ontario	3,032.7	3,044.0	3,038.1	-0.2	0.2
West	5,364.0	5,393.0	5,412.0	0.4	0.9
Manitoba	2,835.0	2,840.0	2,845.0	0.2	0.4
Saskatchewan	1,040.0	1,045.0	1,055.0	1.0	1.4
Alberta	1,400.0	1,420.0	1,425.0	0.4	1.8
British Columbia	89.0	88.0	87.0	-1.1	-2.2

^r revised

**Table 3
Sheep inventories**

	January 1, 2013 ^r	July 1, 2013 ^r	January 1, 2014	July 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014	January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	901.6	1,136.7	893.0	-21.4	-1.0
East	534.6	669.7	527.0	-21.3	-1.4
Atlantic region	36.6	46.7	36.0	-22.9	-1.6
Quebec	227.0	268.0	221.0	-17.5	-2.6
Ontario	271.0	355.0	270.0	-23.9	-0.4
West	367.0	467.0	366.0	-21.6	-0.3
Manitoba	60.0	76.0	62.0	-18.4	3.3
Saskatchewan	102.0	125.0	99.0	-20.8	-2.9
Alberta	158.0	207.0	159.0	-23.2	0.6
British Columbia	47.0	59.0	46.0	-22.0	-2.1

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Electric power statistics, December 2013

Canada generated 60.4 million megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity in December, up 8.1% from the same month in 2012. This was the third consecutive monthly gain. A 10.9% rise in hydro power generation led the increase in overall power generation. While production rose, so did consumption. Canada electricity consumption was up 7.6% to 56.6 million MWh in December from the same month in 2012. As well, exports to the United States rose 13.2% to 4.8 million MWh.

Quebec was the largest contributor to Canada's increase in power generation in December with 21.7 million MWh of electricity produced, up 13.7% from December 2012. Higher than normal water levels were the main reason for the overall increase in hydro production. With hydro generation on the rise in December, Quebec (+15.9%) posted the largest increase of hydro power generation in Canada compared with the same month in 2012.

Ontario also contributed to the national gain, up 3.0% to 13.3 million MWh of electricity in December from the same month a year earlier. Growth in both nuclear and hydro power generation pushed totals higher, offsetting sizeable losses in conventional steam generation because of the closing of gas fired power plants. Nuclear power plants generated 8.4 million MWh of electricity, 7.2% more than in December 2012, while hydro production increased 9.0% to 3.3 million MWh.

Driven by gains in nuclear and hydro generation, New Brunswick produced 1.4 million MWh of electricity in December, up 30.7% from the same month in 2012. Nuclear generation more than doubled its output to 0.5 million MWh in December compared with the same month in 2012. Hydro generation was also up in December, rising 39.1% to 0.2 million MWh.

Note to readers

Data for December 2012 to November 2013 have been revised.

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Canadian Foreign Post Indexes, March 2014

Data on Canadian foreign post indexes are now available for March.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2322.

The March 2014 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* (62-013-X) is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Coal and coke statistics, December 2013

Data on coal and coke are now available for December.

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Table 135-0001: Coke.

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