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Livestock estimates, January 1, 2015

Canadian farmers had 11.9 million cattle on their farms on January 1, down 2.5% from January 1, 2014, and the lowest level since January 1993.

Hog producers reported 13.2 million hogs, up 1.7% from January 1, 2014, while the number of sheep fell 1.8% to 858,600 head as farmers reduced herds.

Overall, cattle inventories declined across the board, with calves (down 2.5% or 99,400 head) showing the largest reduction over January 2014 levels. The number of beef cows on Canadian farms fell 2.0% from January 1, 2014, to 3.8 million head. The number of beef heifers held for breeding was down 1.5% year over year to 531,100 head. Canadian farmers had 1.4 million dairy cows and heifers on their farms, down 0.2% from January 1, 2014.

As of January 1, 82,080 farms reported cattle and calves, down 1.1% from January 1, 2014, and 2.2% less than the same date in 2013.

Total disposition of cattle increased as both slaughter and exports rose during 2014 compared with 2013. Record high prices offered incentive for farmers to move their cattle. Exports led the way with an increase of 19.3% to 1.2 million head, while slaughter increased 3.3% in 2014 to 3.2 million head.

As of January 1, there were 7,000 hog farms in Canada, down 0.7% from the same date a year earlier. These farms reported 1.2 million sows and gilts, up 0.5% from January 1, 2014.

Canada exported 5.0 million hogs in 2014, up 3.7% from 2013, but down 50.6% from the 2007 export peak. In 2014, domestic hog slaughter declined 2.1% from 2013 to 20.5 million head.

The July-to-December 2014 pig crop was 13.6 million, up 0.6% from the same period in 2013.

The sheep breeding herd decreased as the number of ewes declined 1.6% and replacement lambs fell 5.7%. The number of market lambs decreased 0.8% from January 1, 2014.

Note to readers

Livestock estimates are available for Canada and the provinces as well as the United States.

The January Livestock Survey covering about 9,200 Canadian farms was conducted from November 27 to December 30, 2014. Data were also extracted from administrative sources.

Table 1
Cattle inventories

	January 1, 2014 ^r	July 1, 2014 ^r	January 1, 2015	July 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015	January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	12,220.0	13,290.0	11,915.0	-10.3	-2.5
East	3,060.0	3,165.0	3,055.0	-3.5	-0.2
Atlantic region	233.6	230.7	231.8	0.5	-0.8
Quebec	1,150.0	1,175.0	1,140.0	-3.0	-0.9
Ontario	1,676.4	1,759.3	1,683.2	-4.3	0.4
West	9,160.0	10,125.0	8,860.0	-12.5	-3.3
Manitoba	1,105.0	1,220.0	1,095.0	-10.2	-0.9
Saskatchewan	2,415.0	2,800.0	2,295.0	-18.0	-5.0
Alberta	5,075.0	5,455.0	4,900.0	-10.2	-3.4
British Columbia	565.0	650.0	570.0	-12.3	0.9

^r revised

Source(s): CANSIM table [003-0032](#).

Table 2
Hog inventories

	January 1, 2014 ^r	July 1, 2014 ^r	January 1, 2015	July 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015	January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	12,940.0	13,075.0	13,165.0	0.7	1.7
East	7,332.0	7,416.0	7,446.0	0.4	1.6
Atlantic region	124.8	119.4	116.9	-2.1	-6.3
Quebec	4,170.0	4,255.0	4,265.0	0.2	2.3
Ontario	3,037.2	3,041.6	3,064.1	0.7	0.9
West	5,608.0	5,659.0	5,719.0	1.1	2.0
Manitoba	2,965.0	2,945.0	2,980.0	1.2	0.5
Saskatchewan	1,110.0	1,150.0	1,170.0	1.7	5.4
Alberta	1,445.0	1,475.0	1,480.0	0.3	2.4
British Columbia	88.0	89.0	89.0	0.0	1.1

^r revised

Source(s): CANSIM table [003-0100](#).

Table 3
Sheep inventories

	January 1, 2014 ^r	July 1, 2014 ^r	January 1, 2015	July 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015	January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015
	thousands of head			% change	
Canada	874.7	1,099.8	858.6	-21.9	-1.8
East	516.7	647.8	507.6	-21.6	-1.8
Atlantic region	37.7	47.3	36.6	-22.6	-2.9
Quebec	220.0	265.0	218.0	-17.7	-0.9
Ontario	259.0	335.5	253.0	-24.6	-2.3
West	358.0	452.0	351.0	-22.3	-2.0
Manitoba	60.0	72.0	59.0	-18.1	-1.7
Saskatchewan	101.0	123.0	102.0	-17.1	1.0
Alberta	153.0	200.0	150.0	-25.0	-2.0
British Columbia	44.0	57.0	40.0	-29.8	-9.1

^r revised

Source(s): CANSIM table [003-0031](#).

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Farm product prices, January 2015

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

The January Manitoba feeder cattle price was \$226.53 per hundredweight, down 0.7% from December, but up 50.7% from January 2014 when the price was \$150.37.

The Ontario soybean price in January was \$446.08 per tonne, down 3.0% from December and down 11.2% from January 2014 when the price was \$502.51.

Note to readers

Farm commodity prices are now available on CANSIM. Prices for over 35 commodities are available by province, with some series going back 35 years. Prices data are extracted from administrative files and derived from Statistics Canada surveys.

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Entrepreneurship indicators of Canadian enterprises, 2011 and 2012

Indicators of entrepreneurship for years 2011 and 2012 are now available on CANSIM.

The program on entrepreneurship indicators provides data on the dynamics of a subset of Canadian enterprises, such as the number of high-growth enterprises; births and deaths of enterprises; enterprises survival; and jobs linked to these indicators.

Note to readers

The Entrepreneurship Indicators Database contains an up-to-date and unduplicated count of enterprises in Canada, based on Statistics Canada's Business Register as well as concepts and definitions from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Entrepreneurship indicators are produced nationally by industry and by enterprise size group.

***High-growth enterprises**, as measured by employment or by revenues, are enterprises with average annualized growth in employment or revenue greater than 20% a year, over a three-year period, and with 10 or more employees at the beginning of the observation period.*

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