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AGRICULTURAL VALUES, 1921.

OTTAWA, February 23, 1922. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics published today its annual report on average farm values for the year 1921, comprising estimates of the values of (1) farm lands; (2) farm help; (3) farm live stock; and (4) wool. As compared with 1920 the values for 1921 show a very considerable reduction.

AVERAGE VALUES OF FARM LAND.

The average value of the occupied farm lands of Canada, which includes both improved and unimproved land, together with dwelling houses, barns, stables and other farm buildings is returned as \$40 per acre, as compared with \$48 in 1920, \$46 in 1919, \$41 in 1918, \$38 in 1917, \$36 in 1916 and \$35 in 1915. By provinces, the value for 1921 is highest in British Columbia, viz., \$122. In the other provinces the average values of farm lands per acre are reported as follows: Ontario \$33, Quebec \$59, Prince Edward Island \$46, Nova Scotia and Manitoba \$35, Saskatchewan \$29, New Brunswick and Alberta \$28. This year crop correspondents were requested to report on the average values in 1921 of orchards and fruitlands, including buildings, etc., in the fruit growing districts of Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia. The averages as compiled from the returns received are as follows: Nova Scotia \$117, Ontario \$137 and British Columbia \$300.

AVERAGE WAGES OF FARM HELP.

For the year 1920 the average wages of farm help as reported this time last year were the highest on record. For 1921 the returns show a very substantial reduction. For the whole of Canada the average wages per month of farm helpers during the summer season of 1921 were for men \$67 and for women \$47, including board the average value of which was \$22 per month for men and \$18 per month for women. In 1920 the corresponding averages were: \$86 for men, including board value \$26 and \$47 for women, including board value \$20. For the complete year 1921 the average value of wages and board was \$669 for men and \$449 for women, as compared with \$821 for men and \$492 for women in 1920. By provinces, the average wages per month for men and women, respectively, in the summer season and including board, were in 1921 as follows: the figures for 1920 being given within brackets for comparison: Prince Edward Island \$45 and \$27 (\$60 and \$32); Nova Scotia \$56 and \$21 (\$73 and \$38); New Brunswick \$54 and \$31 (\$79 and \$35); Quebec \$58 and \$32 (\$86 and \$40); Ontario \$60 and \$38 (\$75 and \$44); Manitoba \$79 and \$50 (\$98 and \$58); Saskatchewan \$20 and \$21 (\$40 and \$30); Alberta \$78 and \$54 (\$107 and \$62); British Columbia \$79 and \$54 (\$95 and \$63).



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VALUES OF FARM LIVE STOCK AND OF WOOL.

Not only do the average values for all descriptions of farm live stock show an extraordinary decrease as compared with 1920 but they are also below the values which were ruling before the war. For horses, the values are the lowest on record since these annual returns were begun in 1909. For Canada as a whole, horses under one year average \$38, as against \$49 in 1920; horses one year to under three years \$79, against \$102; and horses three years old and over \$123, as against \$151. Cattle under one year are \$12 as against \$20; Cattle one year to under three years \$26 as against \$45; cattle three years and over \$39 against \$67. For all descriptions, the average value per head for Canada is, for horses \$83, as against \$106 in 1920; for milch cows \$51, as against \$80; for other cattle \$28, as against \$47; for all cattle \$37 as against \$59; for sheep \$6, as against \$10; and for swine \$14 as against \$23. For swine per 100 lb. live weight the average is \$10 as against \$15 in 1920. The per capita values are the lowest of any during the last seven years 1915 to 1921, except that for swine the value in 1915 was \$14 as in 1921.

The average price per lb. of wool in 1921 for Canada is 14 cents for unwashed and 22 cents for washed, as against 22 cents and 32 cents in 1920. For wool, too, the values of 1921 are the lowest since records were first taken in 1909. For 1921, crop correspondents were requested to report the average wool clip per sheep, and the averages of the returns received work out by provinces in lbs. as follows: Canada 6½; Prince Edward Island 5½; Nova Scotia 4¾; New Brunswick 5¾; Quebec 6¼; Ontario 7; the Prairie Provinces 7¾; British Columbia 6¼. By application of the average values per head to the numbers of farm live stock, as returned in June last, it is possible to calculate approximately the total value of farm live stock in Canada for the year 1921 with the corresponding values for 1920 in brackets as follows: Horses \$314,764,000 (\$361,328,000); milch cows \$190,187,000 (\$281,675,000); other cattle \$183,649,000 (\$279,825,000); all cattle \$373,806,000 (\$561,500,000); sheep \$23,308,000 (\$37,263,000); swine \$54,842,000 (\$81,155,000). Thus, the estimated total value of these descriptions of farm live stock amounts to \$766,720,000 as compared with \$1,041,246,000 in 1920 and with \$749,640,000 in 1915, as compared with 1920 the decrease in value is \$274,526,000 or over 23 p.c.

For Canada the average values per head of each description of farm poultry are returned as follows: turkeys \$3.39 as compared with \$4 in 1920; geese \$2.42 against \$2.80; ducks \$1.25 against \$1.50; other fowls 90cents against \$1.08. The average values for 1921, multiplied by the numbers as returned in June last give approximately the total values of farm poultry for all Canada as follows, the corresponding totals for 1920 being given within brackets: turkeys \$4,069,300 (\$3,225,000); geese \$2,126,200 (\$2,131,100); ducks \$950,900 (\$1,975,900); other fowls \$30,860,600 (\$30,683,000). Total \$38,007,000 (\$37,016,000). The greater value in 1921 is due to increase in the numbers reported.

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