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Ottawa, February 19, 1924. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics published to-day its annual report on average farm values for the year 1923, comprising estimates of the values of (1) farm lands; (2) farm help; (3) farm live stock and poultry; and (4) wool.

AVERAGE VALUE 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 \$37 per acre, as compared with \$40 in 1922 and 1921. By provinces, the highest value is in British Columbia \$100, the remaining provinces showing values per acre as follows: Ontario \$64; Quebec \$56; Prince Edward Island \$51; New Brunswick \$32; Nova Scotia \$31; Manitoba \$28; Saskatchewan \$24 and Alberta \$24. The average values in 1923 of orchards and fruit lands, including buildings, etc., in the fruit growing districts are estimated as follows: Nova Scotia \$122 as against \$93 in 1922; Ontario \$127 for 1922 and 1923; British Columbia \$320 for 1922 and 1923.

AVERAGE WAGES OF FARM HELP.

On the whole the average wages of farm help show a slight advance for 1923, as compared with 1922. For Canada the average wages per month of farm helpers during the summer season of 1923, including board, were for men \$61 as against \$59 in 1922, and for women \$39, the same as in 1922. The value of the board is returned the same as for 1922, viz. \$21 for men and \$17 for women. By the year the average value for males including board was \$611 in 1923 as compared with \$594 in 1922 and \$422 for women as compared with \$418 in 1922. The value of the yearly board is returned as \$239 for men as against \$235 in 1922, and for women \$191 for both years. By provinces the average monthly wages for men and women respectively in the summer season, including board, were in 1923 as follows, the figures for 1922 being given within brackets for comparison: Prince Edward Island \$43 and \$28 (\$40 and \$27); Nova Scotia \$56 and \$32 (\$50 and \$29); New Brunswick \$59 and \$32 (\$53 and \$32); Quebec \$59 and \$32 (\$53 and \$29); Ontario \$59 and \$39 (\$57 and \$37); Manitoba \$62 and \$42 (\$63 and \$43); Saskatchewan \$65 and \$44 (\$64 and \$46); Alberta \$70 and \$48 (\$64 and \$45); British Columbia \$76 and \$53 (\$75 and \$54).

VALUES OF FARM LIVE STOCK AND OF WOOL.

Average values for horses and cattle again show a decline as compared with the previous year, the falling off being most marked in the Prairie Provinces. Sheep have remained at about the same level as in 1922, and there has been some recovery in the price of wool. Swine show a decrease in average value per head in every province. For Canada horses under one year old averaged \$31 as against \$34 in 1922; horses one year to under three years \$66 against \$70; horses three years old and over \$103 against \$111. Cattle under one year averaged \$11, the same as for 1922; cattle one year to under three years \$24 against \$25, and cattle three years and over \$36 against \$38. For all descriptions the average value per head for Canada is as follows, the corresponding value for 1922 being given within brackets: Horses \$63 (\$72); milch cows \$47 (\$48); other cattle \$26 (\$26); total cattle \$34 (\$35); sheep \$8 (\$8); swine \$12 (\$15). For swine per 100 lb. live weight the average is \$8 as against \$10.

The average price of wool is returned as 20 cents per lb. for unwashed and 28 cents per lb. for washed, the prices for 1922 being 17 and 24 cents respectively.

By application of the average values per head to the numbers as returned in June last, it is possible to calculate approximately the total value of farm live stock in Canada for the year 1923, as compared with 1922 in brackets as follows: Horses \$223,154,000 (\$234,043,000); milch cows \$172,015,000 (\$179,141,000); other cattle \$143,458,000 (\$156,441,000); all cattle \$516,473,000 (\$535,582,000); sheep \$21,321,000 (\$24,962,000); swine \$52,312,000 (\$57,300,000); The estimated total value of these descriptions of farm live stock amounts for 1923 to \$613,260,000, as compared with \$631,260,000, as compared with \$681,887,000 in 1922, \$765,964,000 in 1921 and \$1,046,717,000 in 1920.

VALUE OF FARM POULTRY.

The average values per head of poultry show a decrease as compared with 1922. Thus, for Canada the average values per head of each description are estimated as follows, the averages for 1922 being given within brackets: Turkeys: \$2.12 (\$3); geese \$2 (\$2.28); ducks \$1.02 (\$1.17); other fowls 78 cents (84 cents). The average values, 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 1922 being given within brackets: Turkeys \$4,459,000 (\$4,822,800); geese \$1,919,300 (\$2,161,300); ducks \$1,064,200 (\$1,118,500); other fowls \$32,397,700 (\$33,092,900). Of all descriptions of farm poultry the total value in 1923 is \$39,840,300, as compared with \$41,195,300 in 1922.

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