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Ottawa, February 24, 1926, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics published to-day its annual report on farm values, being for the year 1925, and comprising estimates of the values of (1) farm lands; (2) farm help; (3) farm live stock and poultry; and (4) wool, compiled from the returns of crop correspondents.

AVERAGE VALUES OF FARM LANDS.

The average value of the occupied farm lands for Canada as a whole, including both improved and unimproved land, as well as dwelling houses, barns, stables and other farm buildings, is returned as \$38 per acre, as compared with \$37 in each of the two previous years, and with \$40 in 1922 and 1921. By provinces, the averages are as follows, with last year's values given within brackets: Prince Edward Island \$45 (\$40); Nova Scotia \$37 (\$35); New Brunswick \$34 (\$27); Quebec \$54 (\$53); Ontario \$67 (\$65); Manitoba \$29 (\$28); Saskatchewan \$24 (\$24); Alberta \$26 (\$25); British Columbia \$88 (\$96). There is thus shown some increase in average land values in nearly every province, the increase being especially marked in the three Atlantic provinces. The average values in 1925 of orchard and fruit lands, including buildings, etc., in the fruit-growing districts are estimated as follows: Nova Scotia \$108 (\$120); Ontario \$165 (\$122); British Columbia \$501 (\$540).

AVERAGE WAGES OF FARM HELP.

Changes in the average wages of farm help for 1925, as compared with 1924 are not very marked: as a rule they show a slight increase. For the whole of Canada, the average wages per month of farm helpers during the summer season of 1925 were for men \$40, as in 1924, and for women \$22, as against \$23 in 1924. In addition, the value of board is placed at \$23 for men, as against \$22 in 1924, and for women at \$19 as in 1924. The total of wages and board was thus for men \$63, as against \$62, and for women \$41 as against \$42. By the year, the average value for men including board was \$641, as compared with \$636 in 1924, and for women \$462, as compared with \$461. The value of the yearly board is given for men as \$258 (\$256 in 1924) and as \$218 for women (\$217 in 1924). By provinces, the average monthly wages for men and women respectively in the summer season, including the value of board, were in 1925 as follows, with the averages for 1924 given within brackets: Prince Edward Island \$47; \$31 (\$43; \$28); Nova Scotia \$56; \$35 (\$55; \$30); New Brunswick \$54; \$31 (\$53; \$31); Quebec \$56; \$32 (\$56; \$31); Ontario \$54; \$39 (\$57; \$38); Manitoba \$60; \$40 (\$59; \$40); Saskatchewan \$66; \$45 (\$66; \$44); Alberta \$68; \$49 (\$66; \$45); British Columbia \$72; \$47 (\$75; \$50).

VALUES OF FARM LIVE STOCK AND OF WOOL.

The average values of farm live stock in 1925 show an increase for all descriptions, as compared with 1924. For Canada, the average price for horses under one year old was \$29, as compared with \$27 in 1924; horses one year to under three years were \$59, as against \$54, and horses three years old and over were \$95, as against \$90. Cattle under one year averaged \$12, as against \$10

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in 1924; cattle one year to under three years \$28, as against \$24; and cattle three years and over \$41, as against \$36. For all descriptions, the average values per head for Canada are returned as follows, with last year's averages given within brackets: Horses \$69 (\$64); milch cows \$51 (\$46); other cattle \$51 (\$27); total cattle \$39 (\$34); sheep \$10 (\$9); swine \$16 (\$12). For swine, per 100 lb. live weight, the average is \$11, as compared with \$8 last year. The average price of wool per lb. is returned as 25 cents for unwashed and 31 cents for washed; the corresponding averages for 1924 were 23 cents and 28 cents.

By application of the average values per head to the numbers as returned in June last, it is possible to estimate approximately the total value of farm live stock in Canada for the year 1925. The numbers and values are therefore given as follows, with the comparative figures for 1924 placed within brackets: Horses: No. 3,554,041; value \$245,764,000 (3,588,788; \$229,421,000); milch cows: No. 5,850,175; value \$195,989,000 (5,726,985; \$170,567,000); other cattle: No. 5,477,123; value \$168,057,000 (5,733,851; \$154,524,000); all cattle: No. 9,507,298; value \$362,026,000 (9,460,836; \$325,091,000); sheep: No. 2,755,556; value \$26,795,000 (2,684,743; \$24,036,000); swine: No. 4,426,148; value \$69,702,000 (5,069,181; \$62,596,000). The estimated total value of these descriptions of farm live stock amounts for 1925 to \$704,287,000, as compared with \$641,144,000 in 1924.

#### VALUES OF FARM POULTRY.

The average values per head for Canada of each description of farm poultry are estimated as follows; the averages for 1924 are given within brackets: Turkeys \$2.62 (\$2.27); geese \$2.05 (\$1.90); ducks \$1.08 (88 cents); other fowls 87 cents (89 cents). These averages, multiplied by the numbers as returned in June last, give approximately the total values. For the whole of Canada the numbers and values of farm poultry in 1925 are accordingly estimated as follows, with last year's corresponding totals within brackets: Turkeys: No. 2,142,359 (2,328,741); value \$5,619,000 (\$5,281,000); geese: No. 1,185,139 (1,087,933); value \$2,411,000 (\$2,066,000); ducks: No. 1,103,606 (1,236,820); value \$1,197,000 (\$1,218,000); other fowls: No. 43,702,865 (42,884,656); value \$37,944,000 (\$35,869,000). Total poultry: No. 48,133,969 (47,538,150); value \$47,171,000 (\$42,434,000).

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