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FIELD CROPS AND LIVE STOCK OF CANADA, 1939

Ottawa, November 1, 1939.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving for the year 1939 as compared with 1938 estimates of (1) the areas sown to the principal field crops and (2) the numbers of farm live stock. In June last, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the provincial Departments of Agriculture, undertook the collection of agricultural statistics for 1939 upon the same general lines as in previous years. For all the provinces, except Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, returns were collected from individual farmers upon cardboard schedules issued through the rural schools. In these four provinces, the returns were issued to and collected from the farmers through the mails. Cards were returned by about one in every five farms throughout Canada.

AREAS SOWN TO PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS, 1939

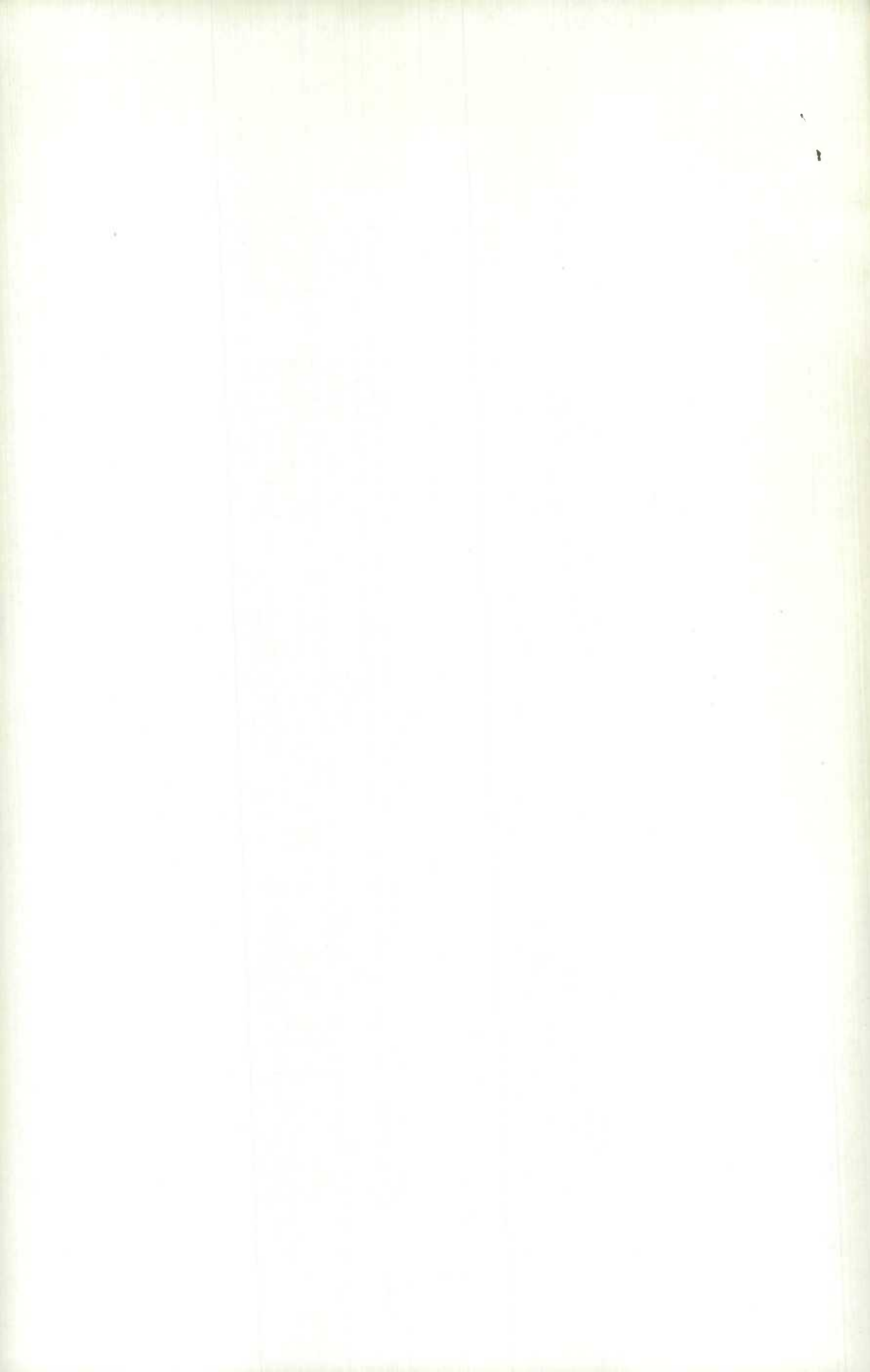
The total area estimated as sown to the principal field crops for 1939 is 58,291,800 acres, as compared with 57,121,000 acres reported for the same crops in 1938. Wheat occupied 26,756,500 acres, as compared with 25,930,500 acres in 1938. For fall wheat, the area harvested was 735,000 acres, as compared with 742,100 acres in 1938. The area under spring wheat was 26,021,500 acres, as against 25,188,400 acres in 1938. Oats occupied 12,789,900 acres, as against 13,009,700 acres in 1938; barley 4,347,400 acres, as against 4,453,900 acres; rye 1,101,800 acres, as against 741,400 acres, and flaxseed 307,100 acres as against 221,200 acres. For the remaining crops, the acreages for 1939 are estimated as follows, with the figures for 1938 within brackets: Peas 76,000 (80,200); beans 73,200 (70,600); buckwheat 335,200 (375,600); mixed grains 1,218,100 (1,159,500); corn for husking 183,200 (180,100); potatoes 517,700 (521,900); turnips, mangolds, etc. 189,600 (189,500); hay and clover 8,880,500 (8,819,800); alfalfa 958,400 (859,000); fodder corn 494,800 (460,200); sugar beets 62,400 (47,900). The figures as published in our press letter of January 19 will also include grain hay. The areas by provinces are given in Table I.

NUMBERS OF FARM LIVE STOCK, 1939

The total numbers of farm live stock in Canada as in June last are estimated as follows, with the corresponding numbers for 1938 within brackets: Horses 2,824,340 (2,820,700); total cattle 8,474,600 (8,511,200); sheep 3,365,800 (3,415,000); hogs 4,294,000 (3,486,900); hens and chickens 58,509,800 (53,774,600); turkeys 2,476,000 (2,039,600); geese 795,400 (807,000); ducks 624,000 (615,800); total poultry 62,405,200 (57,237,000).

As compared with 1938, horses on farms increased by 3,640 and total cattle decreased by 36,600. Sheep in 1939 decreased by 49,200 while hogs increased by 807,100. Hens and chickens, turkeys and ducks show increases of 4,735,200, 436,400 and 8,200 respectively; geese decreased by 11,600, making a net increase for all poultry of 5,168,200.

By provinces, horses show a slight increase in Prince Edward Island, with larger increases in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia. Decreases are indicated in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Total cattle have increased in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Saskatchewan but declined in the other provinces. Numbers of sheep have decreased in all provinces but Saskatchewan and Alberta. Hogs have increased everywhere. Increases are shown in total poultry for all provinces except Prince Edward Island, which shows a small decrease.



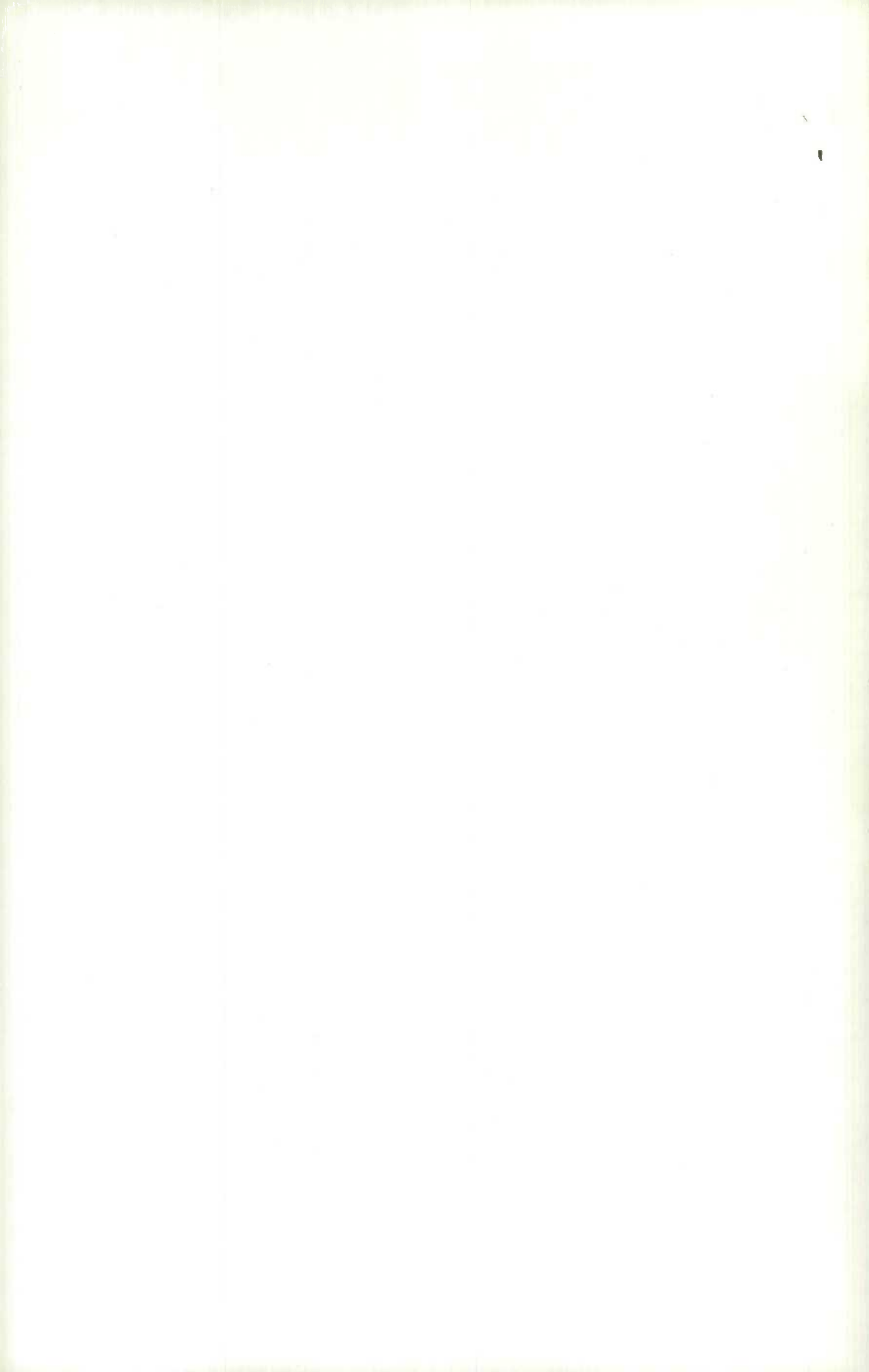
1.- Areas Sown to Principal Field Crops in Canada, 1938 and 1939.

Field Crops	1938	1939	Field Crops	1938	1939
<u>CANADA</u>			<u>ONTARIO</u>		
	acres	acres		acres	acres
Fall wheat 1/	742,100	735,000	Fall wheat 1/	742,100	735,000
Spring wheat	25,188,400	26,021,500	Spring wheat	88,000	82,000
All wheat	25,930,500	26,756,500	All wheat	830,100	817,000
Oats	13,009,700	12,789,900	Oats	2,263,000	2,274,000
Barley	4,453,900	4,347,400	Barley	544,000	522,000
Fall rye 1/	553,500	890,800	Fall rye 1/	74,100	75,700
Spring rye	187,900	211,000	Peas	52,400	51,900
All rye	741,400	1,101,800	Beans	59,700	62,500
Peas	80,200	76,000	Buckwheat	183,200	168,400
Beans	70,600	73,200	Mixed grains	888,300	914,400
Buckwheat	375,600	335,200	Flaxseed	5,200	6,200
Mixed grains	1,159,500	1,218,100	Corn for husking	180,100	183,200
Flaxseed	221,200	307,100	Potatoes	146,200	142,100
Corn for husking	180,100	183,200	Turnips, etc.	99,000	98,300
Potatoes	521,900	517,700	Hay and clover	2,769,000	2,722,000
Turnips, etc.	189,500	189,600	Alfalfa	633,000	673,000
Hay and clover 2/	8,819,800	8,880,500	Fodder corn	321,800	336,000
Alfalfa 3/	859,000	958,400	Sugar beets	28,200	39,900
Fodder corn	460,200	494,800			
Sugar beets	47,900	62,400	<u>MANITOBA</u>		
<u>P. E. ISLAND</u>			Spring wheat	3,184,000	3,201,000
Spring wheat	18,900	9,700	Oats	1,462,000	1,377,000
Oats	146,800	145,300	Barley	1,355,000	1,344,000
Barley	7,800	9,000	Fall Rye 1/	176,400	151,800
Buckwheat	3,300	5,900	Spring rye	28,600	26,400
Mixed grains	32,700	36,800	All rye	205,000	178,200
Potatoes	34,300	37,000	Peas	3,000	1,600
Turnips, etc.	11,400	10,800	Buckwheat	8,100	7,200
Hay and clover	228,800	226,400	Mixed grains	29,700	26,900
Fodder corn	400	400	Flaxseed	42,700	70,300
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			Potatoes	31,900	36,000
Spring wheat	3,400	2,500	Turnips, etc.	6,200	6,500
Oats	90,400	91,100	Hay and clover	465,000	470,600
Barley	9,700	10,600	Alfalfa	45,000	71,600
Buckwheat	4,300	4,000	Fodder corn	59,900	72,400
Mixed grains	6,300	6,200	<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>		
Potatoes	21,200	21,400	Spring wheat	13,793,000	14,233,000
Turnips, etc.	11,900	12,000	Oats	4,171,000	4,144,000
Hay and clover	401,300	403,500	Barley	1,207,000	1,149,000
Fodder corn	700	600	Fall rye 1/	204,000	536,700
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			Spring rye	88,000	110,300
Spring wheat	12,500	7,800	All rye	292,000	647,000
Oats	211,400	215,200	Peas	500	-
Barley	14,700	17,000	Beans	300	-
Beans	1,100	1,200	Mixed grains	32,200	33,900
Buckwheat	31,300	29,600	Flaxseed	139,000	187,200
Mixed grains	3,700	3,800	Potatoes	50,600	47,800
Potatoes	50,900	50,900	Turnips, etc.	2,500	2,900
Turnips, etc.	12,200	12,600	Hay and clover 2/	230,500	301,200
Hay and clover	564,900	562,600	Alfalfa 3/	28,300	40,400
Fodder corn	900	900	Fodder corn	13,400	18,200
<u>QUEBEC</u>			<u>ALBERTA</u>		
Spring wheat	50,500	34,400	Spring wheat	7,969,000	8,379,000
Oats	1,662,000	1,717,000	Oats	2,885,000	2,706,000
Barley	177,000	167,800	Barley	1,125,000	1,114,000
Spring rye	7,000	6,600	Fall rye 1/	99,000	126,600
Peas	20,100	18,500	Spring rye	59,000	62,300
Beans	7,900	7,700	All rye	158,000	188,900
Buckwheat	145,400	122,100	Peas	800	900
Mixed grains	142,700	168,400	Beans	700	800
Flaxseed	3,000	3,100	Mixed grains	19,100	23,200
Potatoes	139,900	138,100	Flaxseed	31,000	40,000
Turnips, etc.	37,600	38,200	Potatoes	28,200	25,400
Hay and clover	3,640,000	3,646,000	Turnips, etc.	2,700	2,700
Alfalfa	16,400	17,200	Hay and clover	365,600	392,200
Fodder corn	53,800	56,400	Alfalfa	85,600	103,300
			Fodder corn	3,100	3,400
			Sugar beets	19,700	22,500

1/ Harvested acreages.

2/ Including 29,900 acres for seed in 1938 and 43,900 acres in 1939.

3/ Including 7,900 acres for seed in 1938 and 11,500 acres in 1939.



I.- Areas Sown to Principal Field Crops in Canada, 1938 and 1939 (Concluded)

Field Crops	1938	1939	Field Crops	1938	1939
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	acres	acres	<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA (Con.)</b>	acres	acres
Spring wheat	69,100	72,100	Flaxseed	300	300
Oats	118,100	120,300	Potatoes	18,700	19,000
Barley	13,700	14,000	Turnips, etc.	6,000	5,600
Spring rye	5,300	5,400	Hay and clover	154,700	156,000
Peas	3,400	3,100	Alfalfa	50,700	52,300
Beans	900	1,000	Fodder corn	6,200	6,500
Mixed grains	4,800	4,500			

II.- Numbers of Farm Live Stock in Canada, 1938 and 1939.

Description	1938	1939	Description	1938	1939
<b>CANADA</b>	No.	No.	<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	No.	No.
<b>Horses:</b>			<b>Horses:</b>		
Stallions	23,370	24,740	Stallions	210	210
Mares	1,271,900	1,275,300	Mares	17,500	17,600
Geldings	1,120,000	1,123,200	Geldings	19,600	20,700
Colts and fillies	405,430	401,100	Colts and fillies	5,190	5,200
Total	2,820,700	2,824,340	Total	42,500	43,710
<b>Cattle:</b>			<b>Cattle:</b>		
Bulls	258,000	256,100	Bulls	6,100	6,200
Milch cows	3,873,800	3,873,500	Milch cows	115,500	118,300
Beef cows	530,100	529,800	Beef cows	7,800	8,300
Milk yearlings	897,100	926,100	Milk yearlings	30,300	30,200
Beef yearlings	305,700	306,100	Beef yearlings	6,700	7,200
Calves	1,940,800	1,936,800	Calves	45,900	45,200
Steers	705,700	646,200	Steers	23,800	24,600
Total	8,511,200	8,474,600	Total	236,100	240,000
Sheep	1,837,900	1,805,100	Sheep	86,100	84,100
Lambs	1,577,100	1,560,700	Lambs	60,100	59,600
Total	3,415,000	3,365,800	Total	146,200	143,700
<b>Hogs:</b>			<b>Hogs:</b>		
Hogs, over 6 mos.	991,200	1,120,500	Hogs, over 6 mos.	14,400	12,500
Hogs, under 6 mos.	2,495,700	3,173,500	Hogs, under 6 mos.	29,400	32,100
Total	3,486,900	4,294,000	Total	43,800	44,600
<b>Poultry:</b>			<b>Poultry:</b>		
Hens and chickens	53,774,600	58,509,800	Hens and chickens	1,224,700	1,226,000
Turkeys	2,039,600	2,476,000	Turkeys	15,500	17,500
Geese	807,000	795,400	Geese	10,200	8,400
Ducks	615,800	624,000	Ducks	4,600	4,200
Total	57,237,000	62,405,200	Total	1,255,000	1,256,100
<b>P. E. ISLAND</b>			<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>		
<b>Horses:</b>			<b>Horses:</b>		
Stallions	150	160	Stallions	310	320
Mares	13,200	13,300	Mares	20,600	20,800
Geldings	11,200	11,300	Geldings	24,800	25,600
Colts and fillies	4,350	4,200	Colts and fillies	6,390	6,500
Total	28,900	28,960	Total	52,100	53,220
<b>Cattle:</b>			<b>Cattle:</b>		
Bulls	2,200	2,400	Bulls	9,300	9,400
Milch cows	45,800	46,400	Milch cows	112,600	114,300
Beef cows	4,600	5,600	Beef cows	8,000	8,500
Milk yearlings	11,700	12,200	Milk yearlings	28,900	29,600
Beef yearlings	4,200	4,600	Beef yearlings	5,100	5,700
Calves	22,400	20,500	Calves	44,400	45,200
Steers	8,500	7,900	Steers	8,600	8,200
Total	99,400	99,600	Total	216,900	220,900
Sheep	28,100	26,300	Sheep	63,500	63,600
Lambs	20,600	20,000	Lambs	46,900	44,000
Total	48,700	46,300	Total	110,400	107,600
<b>Hogs:</b>			<b>Hogs:</b>		
Hogs, over 6 mos.	10,400	9,800	Hogs, over 6 mos.	24,800	24,200
Hogs, under 6 mos.	33,800	38,300	Hogs, under 6 mos.	57,400	63,000
Total	44,200	48,100	Total	82,200	87,200
<b>Poultry:</b>			<b>Poultry:</b>		
Hens and chickens	830,200	828,500	Hens and chickens	1,261,100	1,285,400
Turkeys	11,000	11,900	Turkeys	24,600	36,500
Geese	21,000	20,400	Geese	12,900	12,800
Ducks	10,500	9,900	Ducks	7,900	5,500
Total	872,700	870,700	Total	1,306,500	1,340,200



II.- Numbers of Farm Live Stock in Canada, 1938 and 1939 (Cont'd.)

Description	1938	1939	Description	1938	1939
	No.	No.		No.	No.
<u>QUEBEC</u>			<u>MANITOBA</u>		
Horses:			Horses:		
Stallions	1,800	2,100	Stallions	2,700	3,400
Mares	145,500	151,300	Mares	145,700	141,700
Geldings	99,900	98,200	Geldings	120,700	117,600
Colts and fillies	42,200	45,500	Colts and fillies	33,800	32,000
Total	289,400	297,100	Foals	22,100	20,300
			Total	325,000	315,000
Cattle:			Cattle:		
Bulls	90,200	86,300	Bulls	22,100	21,000
Milch cows	982,000	1,001,700	Milch cows	383,700	365,800
Beef cows	40,600	42,100	Beef cows	51,400	44,100
Milk yearlings	242,600	253,700	Milk yearlings	89,700	86,600
Beef yearlings	24,800	26,900	Beef yearlings	22,500	19,900
Calves	392,300	373,100	Calves	188,200	187,600
Steers	36,900	32,900	Steers	84,400	62,000
Total	1,809,400	1,816,700	Total	842,000	787,000
Sheep	346,400	336,700	Sheep	119,300	115,400
Lambs	323,100	310,000	Lambs	111,700	114,600
Total	669,500	646,700	Total	231,000	230,000
Hogs:			Hogs:		
Hogs, over 6 mos.	170,200	188,700	Hogs, over 6 mos.	61,300	85,000
Hogs, under 6 mos.	474,700	555,300	Hogs, under 6 mos.	157,700	226,000
Total	644,900	744,000	Total	219,000	311,000
Poultry:			Poultry:		
Hens and chickens	7,234,300	7,871,000	Hens and chickens	4,512,000	5,278,000
Turkeys	112,300	132,900	Turkeys	451,000	551,000
Geese	59,400	52,900	Geese	73,000	78,000
Ducks	79,000	71,000	Ducks	45,000	44,000
Total	7,485,000	8,127,800	Total	5,081,000	5,951,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>			<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>		
Horses:			Horses:		
Stallions	1,900	1,900	Stallions	7,900	8,100
Mares	270,100	269,100	Mares	352,100	351,700
Geldings	233,800	232,100	Geldings	319,600	325,400
Colts and fillies	54,900	56,300	Colts and fillies	126,600	114,900
Total	560,700	559,400	Total	806,200	800,100
Cattle:			Cattle:		
Bulls	59,400	59,600	Bulls	28,200	30,400
Milch cows	1,174,400	1,182,900	Milch cows	496,600	490,400
Beef cows	74,500	73,200	Beef cows	78,700	84,300
Milk yearlings	247,000	248,200	Milk yearlings	116,900	132,700
Beef yearlings	99,600	97,400	Beef yearlings	40,100	47,900
Calves	562,300	563,300	Calves	295,300	301,300
Steers	275,100	263,500	Steers	72,900	83,200
Total	2,492,300	2,488,100	Total	1,128,700	1,170,200
Sheep	436,600	430,300	Sheep	189,100	186,800
Lambs	421,700	416,600	Lambs	147,800	154,600
Total	858,300	846,900	Total	336,900	341,400
Hogs:			Hogs:		
Hogs, over 6 mos.	390,500	425,100	Hogs, over 6 mos.	100,000	119,800
Hogs, under 6 mos.	1,039,800	1,121,000	Hogs, under 6 mos.	167,600	350,200
Total	1,430,300	1,546,100	Total	267,600	470,000
Poultry:			Poultry:		
Hens and chickens	21,188,900	21,618,200	Hens and chickens	7,282,400	8,651,100
Turkeys	445,800	452,500	Turkeys	484,600	724,100
Geese	441,500	431,700	Geese	79,300	81,600
Ducks	343,800	339,100	Ducks	44,200	55,600
Total	22,420,000	22,841,500	Total	7,890,500	9,512,400





II.- Numbers of Farm Live Stock in Canada, 1938 and 1939 (Concluded)

Description	1938	1939	Description	1938	1939
<u>ALBERTA</u>	No.	No.	<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>	No.	No.
Horses:			Horses:		
Stallions	7,900	8,000	Stallions	500	550
Mares	278,200	280,500	Mares	29,000	29,300
Geldings	261,300	262,700	Geldings	29,100	29,600
Colts and fillies	101,400	107,400	Colts and fillies	8,500	8,800
Total	648,800	658,600	Total	67,100	68,250
Cattle:			Cattle:		
Bulls	32,300	32,800	Bulls	8,200	8,000
Milch cows	440,900	429,200	Milch cows	122,300	124,500
Beef cows	212,700	213,800	Beef cows	51,800	49,900
Milk yearlings	104,300	103,800	Milk yearlings	25,700	29,100
Beef yearlings	80,100	78,000	Beef yearlings	22,600	18,500
Calves	339,000	348,400	Calves	51,000	52,200
Steers	152,300	131,400	Steers	43,200	32,500
Total	1,361,600	1,337,400	Total	324,800	314,700
Sheep	478,600	479,200	Sheep	90,200	82,700
Lambs	355,200	355,100	Lambs	90,000	86,200
Total	833,800	834,300	Total	180,200	168,900
Hogs:			Hogs:		
Hogs, over 6 mos.	206,000	242,400	Hogs, over 6 mos.	13,600	13,000
Hogs, under 6 mos.	501,000	750,800	Hogs, under 6 mos.	34,300	36,800
Total	707,000	993,200	Total	47,900	49,800
Poultry:			Poultry:		
Hens and chickens	6,325,000	7,068,000	Hens and chickens	3,916,000	4,683,600
Turkeys	445,000	495,000	Turkeys	49,800	54,600
Geese	101,100	100,000	Geese	8,600	9,600
Ducks	49,500	59,900	Ducks	31,300	34,800
Total	6,920,600	7,722,900	Total	4,005,700	4,782,600

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS OF THE INDIAN RESERVES, 1939.

For the seventeenth successive year, returns of the areas sown to field crops and the numbers of farm live stock in June on the Indian Reserves have been collected from the Indian agents in co-operation with the Department of Indian Affairs. Subject to final correction for the year 1939, the total results for the principal crops and the numbers of live stock for all the Indian Reserves of Canada are as follows:

I.- Areas under Field Crops on Indian Reserves, 1936 - 1939.

Crops	1936	1937	1938	1939
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Wheat	34,233	32,158	39,043	47,009
Oats	42,954	41,732	45,196	48,649
Barley	5,927	6,038	9,851	8,549
Rye	242	266	204	593
Poas	776	744	408	390
Beans	787	894	665	673
Buckwheat	600	432	501	505
Mixed grains	3,275	2,516	2,225	1,155
Corn for husking	1,346	1,298	1,185	1,300
Potatoes	6,021	6,181	5,899	5,169
Turnips, etc.	1,034	1,259	1,030	917
Land for hay	34,451	32,556	29,258	30,199
Alfalfa	5,232	7,297	6,343	6,192
Grain hay	656	788	1,163	1,330
Pasture	52,874	58,232	34,497	39,741
Fodder corn	764	681	750	1,128

II.- Numbers of Farm Live Stock on Indian Reserves, 1936 - 1939.

	No.	No.	No.	No.
Horses	29,427	27,104	28,406	27,157
Cattle	49,780	50,293	46,508	42,004
Sheep	2,035	2,090	2,157	2,020
Hogs	8,000	5,612	4,722	4,393
Poultry	110,228	105,164	91,157	102,820

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