

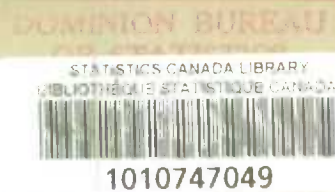


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REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1949

CATTLE - HORSES - SHEEP

Ottawa, October 21, 1949: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the estimates of the numbers of cattle, horses and sheep on farms in Canada at June 1, 1949. Numbers of each of these classes of live stock decreased during the last year. Total estimated numbers on farms at June 1, with 1948 estimates in brackets, were as follows: cattle, 9,081,300 (9,475,900); horses, 1,796,200 (1,904,300); sheep, 2,075,400 (2,246,800); hogs, reported in the Bureau's press release of October 9, were estimated at 5,162,900 (4,463,100).

A decrease in cattle occurred in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia with Saskatchewan showing the greatest percentage decline. Whereas the total decrease in cattle in Canada amounted to about 4.2 per cent, milk cow numbers decreased only 2.2 per cent. There were fewer horses in all provinces than at June 1, 1948 and sheep numbers declined in all provinces except Prince Edward Island. These data do not include Newfoundland for which the latest official figures are those of the census taken as of October 1, 1945. At that time there were 14,455 milk cows and heifers, 8,489 other cattle, 14,749 horses and ponies and 85,802 sheep in Newfoundland.

LIVE STOCK

Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada at June 1, 1944-49

Year		Horses	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep & Lambs
		'000	'000	'000	'000
1944	.....	2,735	10,346	7,741	3,726
1945	.....	2,585	10,759	6,026	3,622
1946	.....	2,200	9,665	4,910	2,942
1947	2,032	9,718	5,473	2,707
1948	1,905	9,470	4,463	2,251
1949	1,796	9,077	5,163	2,075

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NUMBERS OF LIVE STOCK ON FARMS, CANADA, JUNE 1, 1948 AND 1949

CATTLE

Province	1948			1949			Total 1949 as % of 1948
	Milk <u>1/</u> Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk <u>1/</u> Cows	Other Cattle	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
P.E.I.	42,400	52,300	94,700	44,500	52,500	97,000	102
N.S.	95,400	96,600	192,000	97,000	96,000	193,000	101
N.B.	102,900	94,300	197,200	102,100	95,000	197,100	99.9
Que.	1,129,400	886,500	2,015,900	1,114,300	871,200	1,985,500	98.5
Ont.	1,260,700	1,608,900	2,869,600	1,249,900	1,610,500	2,860,400	99.7
Man.	262,300	461,400	723,700	243,600	437,200	680,800	94.1
Sask.	387,000	1,049,500	1,436,500	359,800	894,300	1,254,100	87.3
Alta.	327,000	1,257,300	1,584,300	315,000	1,150,000	1,465,000	92.5
B.C.	93,600	268,400	362,000	94,000	254,400	348,400	96.2
CANADA	3,700,700	5,775,200	9,475,900	3,620,200	5,461,100	9,081,300	95.8

1/ Cows and heifers 2 years old and over kept for milk purposes.HORSES

Province	1948	1949	1949 as % of 1948
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Is.	23,100	22,800	98.7
Nova Scotia	32,100	30,900	96.3
New Brunswick	42,300	41,500	98.1
Quebec	314,500	303,200	96.4
Ontario	423,000	401,500	94.9
Manitoba	178,800	164,300	91.9
Saskatchewan	463,300	433,600	93.6
Alberta	376,600	349,400	92.8
British Columbia	50,600	49,000	96.8
CANADA	1,904,300	1,796,200	94.3

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Province	1948	1949	1949 as % of 1948
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Is.	42,800	42,900	100
Nova Scotia	130,700	123,300	94.3
New Brunswick	79,300	69,000	87.0
Quebec	475,000	428,700	90.3
Ontario	571,500	511,800	89.6
Manitoba	140,900	131,000	93.0
Saskatchewan	253,300	234,100	92.4
Alberta	448,600	441,800	98.5
British Columbia	104,700	92,800	88.6
CANADA	2,246,800	2,075,400	92.4

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The following changes should be made in the table entitled "Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada at June 1, 1944-49" -- to correct to nearest thousand.

Horses	1948	.....	change to	.....	1,904
Cattle	1948	.....	change to	.....	9,476
Cattle	1949	.....	change to	.....	9,081
Sheep	1948	.....	change to	.....	2,247