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REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1950

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES

Ottawa, October 3, 1950: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today estimates of the numbers of cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada ^{1/} at June 1, 1950. These estimates are based on reports submitted by approximately 60,000 farmers throughout Canada and were prepared in cooperation with the provincial Departments of Agriculture.

CATTLE

Estimates at 8,992,300 total cattle and calves decreased about 1 per cent from 9,081,300 at June 1, 1949. Decreases in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta more than offset static numbers or slight increases in the other provinces. The numbers by provinces, 1949 estimates in brackets, were as follows: Prince Edward Island 98,400 (97,000), Nova Scotia 200,200 (193,000), New Brunswick 203,000 (197,100), Quebec 1,985,500 (1,985,500), Ontario 2,807,300 (2,860,400), Manitoba 683,300 (680,800), Saskatchewan 1,214,400 (1,254,100), Alberta 1,442,900 (1,465,000), British Columbia 357,300 (348,400). Total cows and heifers two years old and over kept for milk purposes were 3,608,700 as compared with 3,620,200 at June 1, 1949.

SHEEP

Total sheep and lambs decreased almost 3 per cent to 2,015,000 as compared with 2,075,400 at June 1, 1949. Increases in the Maritime Provinces, Saskatchewan and British Columbia were more than offset by decreases in other provinces.

HORSES

The number of horses on farms has continued to decline in all provinces. Estimated at 1,683,000 at June 1 the total decrease amounted to about 6.3 per cent from the 1,796,200 at June 1, 1949.

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^{1/} Not including 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, 85,802 sheep and 14,749 horses in Newfoundland.

NUMBERS OF LIVE STOCK ON FARMS, CANADA, JUNE 1, 1949 AND 1950

CATTLE AND CALVES

Province	1950			1949			Total
	Milk	Other	Total	Milk	Other	Total	1950 as %
	Cows 1/	Cattle		Cows 1/	Cattle		of 1949
	- number -			- number -			%
P.E.I.	44,000	54,400	98,400	44,500	52,500	97,000	101
N.S.	99,000	101,200	200,200	97,000	96,000	193,000	104
N.B.	104,000	99,000	203,000	102,100	95,000	197,100	103
Que.	1,124,000	861,500	1,985,500	1,114,300	871,200	1,985,500	100
Ont.	1,237,300	1,570,000	2,807,300	1,249,900	1,610,500	2,860,400	98.1
Man.	240,800	442,500	683,300	243,600	437,200	680,800	100
Sask.	352,000	862,400	1,214,400	359,800	894,300	1,254,100	96.8
Alta.	307,800	1,135,100	1,442,900	315,000	1,150,000	1,465,000	98.5
B.C.	99,800	257,500	357,300	94,000	254,400	348,400	103
CANADA	3,608,700	5,383,600	8,992,300	3,620,200	5,461,100	9,081,300	99.0

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

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Province	1950	1949	1950 as % of 1949
	- number -		%
Prince Edward Island	47,400	42,900	110
Nova Scotia	131,600	123,300	107
New Brunswick	70,700	69,000	102
Quebec	397,600	428,700	92.7
Ontario	504,100	511,800	98.5
Manitoba	117,100	131,000	89.4
Saskatchewan	237,000	234,100	101
Alberta	414,500	441,800	93.8
British Columbia	95,000	92,800	102
CANADA	2,015,000	2,075,400	97.1

HORSES

Province	1950	1949	1950 as % of 1949
	- number -		%
Prince Edward Island	22,300	22,800	97.8
Nova Scotia	29,900	30,900	96.8
New Brunswick	39,300	41,500	94.7
Quebec	288,200	303,200	95.1
Ontario	378,300	401,500	94.2
Manitoba	156,300	164,300	95.1
Saskatchewan	403,900	432,600	93.2
Alberta	318,900	349,400	91.3
British Columbia	45,900	49,000	93.7
CANADA	1,683,000	1,796,200	93.7