

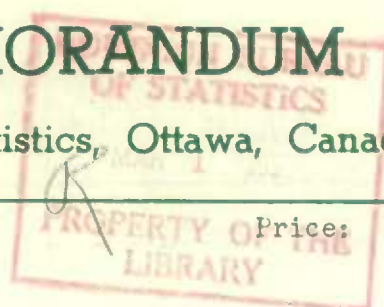
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REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1950

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES

Ottawa, March 1, 1951: Estimates of the number of cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada ^{1/} at December 1, 1950 are based on farmers' replies to the annual December Survey taken in cooperation with Provincial Government Departments.

CATTLE

Estimated at 8,292,100, total cattle and calves on farms at December 1, 1950 had increased very slightly as compared with 8,243,300 at December 1, 1949. Totals by provinces, 1949 estimates in brackets, were as follows: Prince Edward Island 94,700 (95,100), Nova Scotia 195,200 (193,700), New Brunswick 174,800 (183,400), Quebec 1,729,800 (1,748,600), Ontario 2,781,400 (2,727,800), Manitoba 615,200 (582,000), Saskatchewan 1,092,000 (1,113,300), Alberta 1,289,000 (1,280,800), British Columbia 320,000 (318,600).

The number of cows and heifers two years old and over kept for milk purposes was approximately 73,000 lower than at December 1, 1949 while the total of other cattle and calves increased about 122,000. These changes, while not very significant in quantity, indicate that the downward trend of the past five years in total cattle numbers may have been halted and that increased beef production might be expected partly at the expense of moderate reduction in dairying.

SHEEP

Total sheep and lambs also increased slightly to 1,268,000 as compared with the estimate of 1,259,100 for December 1, 1949 and arrested the downward trend in effect since 1945. Increased holdings of lambs may indicate that more ewe lambs will be retained for building up flocks.

HORSES

The number of horses kept on farms dropped sharply to 1,594,500 at December 1, 1950 as compared with 1,738,000 a year earlier. This further decrease of 8.3 per cent during the past year follows a steady downward trend in numbers since 1942.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.

Table 1

CATTLE: Numbers on Farms in Canada, at June 1 and December 1, 1941 to 1950

Year		June 1	December 1
		- thousands -	
1941	.....	8,517	8,249
1942	.....	8,945	8,834
1943	.....	9,665	9,506
1944	.....	10,346	10,258
1945	.....	10,759	9,961
1946	.....	9,665	9,016
1947	.....	9,718	8,944
1948	.....	9,476	8,251
1949	.....	9,081	8,243
1950	.....	8,992	8,292

Table 2

CATTLE: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at December 1, 1949 and 1950

Province	1 9 5 0			1 9 4 9			1950 Total % of 1949
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	
	- numbers -						%
P.E.I.	41,500	53,200	94,700	43,500	51,600	95,100	99.6
N.S.	95,500	99,700	195,200	97,000	96,700	193,700	100.8
N.B.	99,000	75,800	174,800	100,400	83,000	183,400	95.3
Que.	1,100,700	629,100	1,729,800	1,109,500	639,100	1,748,600	98.9
Ont.	1,206,100	1,575,300	2,781,400	1,223,800	1,504,000	2,727,800	102.0
Man.	230,900	384,300	615,200	238,400	343,600	582,000	105.7
Sask.	338,000	754,000	1,092,000	350,500	762,800	1,113,300	98.1
Alta.	290,000	999,000	1,289,000	310,900	969,900	1,280,800	100.6
B.C.	95,000	225,000	320,000	96,000	222,600	318,600	100.4
CANADA	3,496,700	4,795,400	8,292,100	3,570,000	4,673,300	8,243,300	100.6

Table 3

SHEEP and LAMBS: Numbers on Farms in Canada, June 1 and December 1,
1941 to 1950

Year		June 1	December 1
		- thousands -	
1941	.....	2,840	2,254
1942	.....	3,197	2,483
1943	.....	3,459	2,733
1944	.....	3,726	2,822
1945	.....	3,622	2,456
1946	.....	2,942	1,782
1947	.....	2,707	1,587
1948	.....	2,247	1,322
1949	.....	2,075	1,259
1950	.....	2,015	1,268

Table 4

SHEEP and LAMBS: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at December 1,
1949 and 1950

Province	1950	1949	1950 Total % of 1949
	- numbers -		%
Prince Edward Island	25,500	23,900	106.7
Nova Scotia	75,900	72,000	105.4
New Brunswick	41,000	40,800	100.4
Quebec	226,800	240,200	94.4
Ontario	306,500	315,100	97.1
Manitoba	68,000	67,000	101.4
Saskatchewan	149,000	142,300	104.7
Alberta	316,600	305,400 <u>1/</u>	103.6
British Columbia ...	58,700	52,400	112.0
CANADA	1,268,000	1,259,100 <u>1/</u>	100.7

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Table 5

HORSES: Numbers on Farms in Canada, at June 1 and December 1, 1941 to 1950

Year		June 1	December 1
		- thousands -	
1941	.....	2,789	2,886
1942	.....	2,816	2,886
1943	.....	2,775	2,845
1944	.....	2,735	2,780
1945	.....	2,585	2,663
1946	.....	2,200	2,243
1947	.....	2,032	1,979
1948	.....	1,904	1,842
1949	.....	1,796	1,738
1950	.....	1,683	1,594

Table 6

HORSES: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at December 1, 1949 and 1950

Province	1950	1949	1950 Total % of 1949
	- numbers -		%
Prince Edward Island	22,000	22,200	99.1
Nova Scotia	29,200	30,200	96.7
New Brunswick	37,400	40,300	92.8
Quebec	271,500	290,000	93.6
Ontario	356,000	389,700	91.4
Manitoba	150,600	161,600	93.2
Saskatchewan	380,600	422,000	90.2
Alberta	302,200	335,100	90.2
British Columbia ...	45,000	46,900	95.9
CANADA	1,594,500	1,738,000	91.7