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Report on the Live Stock Survey of June 1, 1951

Cattle - Sheep - Horses

Ottawa, September 14, 1951: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics released today estimates of the numbers of cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada ¹/at June 1, 1951. These estimates are based on replies received from farmers in the annual June sample survey conducted by mail.

Cattle

Total number of cattle estimated at 9,333,300 increased slightly over 3 per cent from the estimated number on farms at June 1, 1950. British Columbia was the only province to decrease. The number of milk cows was almost 2 per cent below the June 1, 1950 total having declined in all provinces except Quebec. Other cattle, including calves, increased about 6.5 per cent. The number of all cattle by provinces, 1950 estimates in brackets, were as follows: Prince Edward Island 101,400 (98,400); Nova Scotia 202,000 (200,200); New Brunswick 203,000 (203,000); Quebec 2,038,300 (1,985,500); Ontario 3,011,900 (2,860,300); Manitoba 707,300 (683,300); Saskatchewan 1,237,000 (1,214,400); Alberta 1,482,400 (1,442,900); British Columbia 350,000 (357,300).

Sheep

Total numbers of sheep and lambs were estimated at 1,968,100 as compared with 2,015,000 at June 1, 1950. As in the previous year, some provinces showed moderate increases while the general trend was still toward lower numbers of sheep on farms. The rate of decline was, however, less than in any year since 1945.

Horses

The number of horses on farms declined in all provinces with an exceptionally sharp drop indicated for Ontario. Estimated at 1,505,200 the total of farm horses in Canada at June 1, 1951 was 10.6 per cent below the 1,683,000 a year earlier.

¹/ Not including Newfoundland for which the latest official data 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, 1950 and 1951

Cattle and Calves

Province	1951			1950			Total 1951 as % of 1950
	Milk Cows 1/	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows 1/	Other Cattle	Total	
	- number -			- number -			%
P.E.I.	43,600	57,800	101,400	44,000	54,400	98,400	103.0
N.S.	98,000	104,000	202,000	99,000	101,200	200,200	100.9
N.B.	102,000	101,000	203,000	104,000	99,000	203,000	100.0
Que.	1,129,500	908,800	2,038,300	1,124,000	861,500	1,985,500	102.7
Ont.	1,204,400	1,807,500	3,011,900	1,237,300	1,623,000 ^{2/}	2,860,300	105.3
Man.	236,800	470,500	707,300	240,800	442,500	683,300	103.5
Sask.	339,000	898,000	1,237,000	352,000	862,400	1,214,400	101.9
Alta.	292,400	1,190,000	1,482,400	307,800	1,135,100	1,442,900	102.7
B.C.	96,000	254,000	350,000	99,800	257,500	357,300	98.0
CANADA	3,541,700	5,791,600	9,333,300	3,608,700	5,436,600 ^{2/}	9,045,300	103.2

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

2/ Upward revision of 53,000 in cows and heifers 2 years old and over kept for beef purposes in Ontario.

Sheep and Lambs

Province	1951	1950	1951 as % of 1950
	- number -		%
Prince Edward Island	48,000	47,400	101.3
Nova Scotia	127,300	131,600	96.7
New Brunswick	71,400	70,700	101.0
Quebec	377,800	397,600	95.0
Ontario	475,400	504,100	94.3
Manitoba	112,400	117,100	96.0
Saskatchewan	236,200	237,000	99.7
Alberta	416,600	414,500	100.5
British Columbia	103,000	95,000	108.4
CANADA	1,968,100	2,015,000	97.7

Horses

Province	1951	1950	1951 as % of 1950
	- number -		%
Prince Edward Island	21,200	22,300	95.1
Nova Scotia	28,000	29,900	93.6
New Brunswick	37,000	39,300	94.1
Quebec	270,800	288,200	94.0
Ontario	308,700	378,300	81.6
Manitoba	145,300	156,300	93.0
Saskatchewan	364,000	403,900	90.1
Alberta	287,200	318,900	90.1
British Columbia	43,000	45,900	93.7
CANADA	1,505,200	1,683,000	89.4