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## REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1951

### CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES

Ottawa, February 20, 1952: This report on the farm live stock survey of December 1, 1951 contains comparisons of the numbers of cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada <sup>1/</sup> at December 1, 1951 and 1950. It also carries an historical series of live stock numbers in Canada at June 1 and December 1 each year for the period 1941 to 1951. It is important to note that these series are intercensal estimates and are published subject to revision when the results of the 1951 Census are made known.

**CATTLE** - The milk cow population (cows and heifers two years old and over kept mainly for milk purposes) in Canada at December 1, 1951 is estimated at 3,513,000, up slightly from the 3,497,000 on farms a year ago. The increase in the five Eastern Provinces was about 1 per cent but this was largely offset by a decrease of over 1 per cent in the four Western Provinces. For all cattle and calves, including milk cows, there was a general increase in 1951, the number in Eastern Canada being 10 per cent above last year and in Western Canada 6 per cent. The British Columbian cattle population was virtually unchanged over a year ago.

Totals by provinces (1950 estimates in brackets) were: Prince Edward Island 97,000 (94,000); Nova Scotia 206,000 (196,000); New Brunswick 184,000 (175,000); Quebec 1,834,000 (1,730,000); Ontario 3,137,000 (2,781,000); Manitoba 663,000 (615,000); Saskatchewan 1,176,000 (1,092,000); Alberta 1,346,000 (1,289,000); British Columbia 319,000 (320,000).

**SHEEP** - The number of sheep and lambs on farms in Canada at December 1, 1951 increased by 3 per cent over a year ago. The gain in Eastern Canada was 5 per cent but there was only a nominal increase in the West. It would appear that the build-up of flocks which began in 1950 is continuing.

**HORSES** - The number of horses kept on farms again dropped off rather sharply to 1,421,000 at December 1, 1951 as compared with 1,595,000 the previous year. The decrease in the east was about 12 per cent and about 10 per cent in the west. This continues the steady downward trend in numbers which began in 1942.

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<sup>1/</sup> The farm surveys have not yet been extended to the Province of Newfoundland.

CATTLE: Numbers on Farms in Canada, at June 1 and December 1, 1941 to 1951

Year		June 1	Dec. 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	.....	9,045	8,292
1951	.....	9,333	8,962

CATTLE: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at December 1, 1950 and 1951

Province	1950			1951			1951 Total % of 1950
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	
- thousands -							
P.E.I.	41	53	94	42	55	97	102
N.S.	96	100	196	98	108	206	106
N.B.	99	76	175	100	84	184	105
Que.	1,101	629	1,730	1,124	710	1,834	106
Ont.	1,206	1,575	2,781	1,211	1,926	3,137	113
Eastern Canada	2,543	2,433	4,976	2,575	2,883	5,458	110
Man.	231	384	615	229	434	663	108
Sask.	338	754	1,092	330	846	1,176	108
Alta.	290	999	1,289	286	1,060	1,346	104
B.C.	95	225	320	93	226	319	99.7
Western Canada	954	2,362	3,316	938	2,566	3,504	106
Canada	3,497	4,795	8,292	3,513	5,449	8,962	108

SHEEP and LAMBS: Numbers on Farms in Canada, June 1 and Dec. 1, 1941 to 1951

Year	June 1	Dec. 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
1951 .....	1,968	1,302

SHEEP and LAMBS: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at Dec. 1, 1950 and 1951

Province	1950	1951	1951 Total % of 1950
- thousands -			
Prince Edward Island	25	28	110
Nova Scotia	76	80	105
New Brunswick	41	46	112
Quebec	227	236	104
Ontario	306	318	104
Eastern Canada	675	708	105
Manitoba	68	71	104
Saskatchewan	149	156	104
Alberta	317	307	97.1
British Columbia	59	60	102
Western Canada	593	594	100
Canada	1,268	1,302	103





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HORSES: Numbers on Farms in Canada, at June 1 and Dec. 1, 1941 to 1951

Year		June 1	Dec. 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	1,595
1951	.....	1,505	1,421

HORSES: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at Dec. 1, 1950 and 1951

Province	1950	1951	1951 Total % of 1950
- thousands -			
Prince Edward Island	22	20	92.7
Nova Scotia	29	27	91.8
New Brunswick	37	36	96.3
Quebec	272	261	96.3
Ontario	356	288	80.9
Eastern Canada	716	632	88.3
Manitoba	151	136	90.5
Saskatchewan	381	339	89.0
Alberta	302	272	90.0
British Columbia	45	41	92.0
Western Canada	879	788	89.8
Canada	1,595	1,421	89.1