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## REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1953 CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES

This memorandum contains comparisons of the numbers of cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada at December 1, 1953 and December 1, 1952 according to estimates derived from the semi-annual survey. These surveys are conducted in co-operation with Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

Cattle: At December 1, 1953 cattle in total were approximately 5 per cent more numerous than at December 1, 1952 with increases of 6 per cent and 4 per cent for Eastern and Western Canada respectively. Estimates for 1953 by province and area (1952 estimates in brackets) were: Prince Edward Island, 112,000 (106,300); Nova Scotia, 200,000 (191,000); New Brunswick, 176,000 (176,000); Quebec, 1,738,000 (1,633,000); Ontario, 3,150,000 (2,949,000); Eastern Provinces total 5,376,000 (5,055,300); Manitoba, 617,000 (600,000); Saskatchewan, 1,264,000 (1,271,000); Alberta, 1,773,000 (1,660,000); British Columbia, 341,000 (320,000); Western Provinces total, 3,995,000 (3,851,000); Canada total, 9,371,000 (8,906,300).

Milk cows at December 1, 1953 numbered 6 per cent more than a year earlier but increased 7 per cent in the East as compared with 2 per cent in the West. The number of beef cows, yearling heifers being raised for beef, steers and calves also increased moderately. Yearling heifers being raised for milking purposes decreased about 5 per cent in the West.

Sheep: The number of sheep and lambs on farms in Canada at December 1, 1953, estimated at 1,161,000, was about 5 per cent greater than a year ago. Eastern Canada showed a gain of 3 per cent. In the West a gain of 15 per cent in Alberta more than offset decreases in the other provinces resulting in a net gain of 7 per cent for the region as a whole.

Horses: The number of horses on farms continued to decrease in all provinces. Estimated at 1,053,700, the total for Canada was about 7 per cent below that at December 1, 1952.

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1/ Not including Newfoundland for which the latest official data are those of the 1951 Census of Agriculture which showed, to the nearest hundred, 4,100 milk cows and heifers, 3,900 other cattle, 17,500 sheep and 2,900 horses on farms and 3,300 milk cows and heifers, 2,600 other cattle, 56,100 sheep, 10,500 horses and 1,300 hogs kept elsewhere than on farms.

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# CATTLE

Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at December 1, 1953

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
Pr. Edward Is.	1,100	45,000	5,500	11,600	6,500	10,700	31,600	112,000
Nova Scotia	3,100	89,000	11,000	25,300	9,400	15,600	46,600	200,000
New Brunswick	4,000	94,000	6,000	22,800	6,200	3,200	39,800	176,000
Quebec	59,000	1,023,000	45,500	224,500	47,000	35,000	304,000	1,738,000
Ontario	50,000	1,070,000	320,000	360,000	200,000	390,000	760,000	3,150,000
Eastern Canada	117,200	2,321,000	388,000	644,200	269,100	454,500	1,182,000	5,376,000
Manitoba	15,000	196,000	107,000	52,000	36,000	46,000	165,000	617,000
Saskatchewan	24,000	276,000	325,000	66,000	100,000	104,000	369,000	1,264,000
Alberta	38,000	294,000	528,000	73,000	157,000	150,000	533,000	1,773,000
Br. Columbia	6,000	97,000	77,000	26,000	27,000	26,000	82,000	341,000
Western Canada	83,000	863,000	1,037,000	217,000	320,000	326,000	1,149,000	3,995,000
C A N A D A	200,200	3,184,000	1,425,000	861,200	589,100	780,500	2,331,000	9,371,000

# CATTLE

Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at December 1, 1952

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
Pr. Edward Is.	1,400	41,000	6,400	13,000	5,300	9,200	30,000	106,300
Nova Scotia	3,100	84,000	10,000	25,000	7,500	16,000	45,400	191,000
New Brunswick	4,000	92,000	4,500	25,500	5,300	3,200	41,500	176,000
Quebec	58,000	940,000	39,000	225,000	40,000	31,000	300,000	1,633,000
Ontario	51,000	1,011,000	282,000	355,000	189,000	355,000	706,000	2,949,000
Eastern Canada	117,500	2,168,000	341,900	643,500	247,100	414,400	1,122,900	5,055,300
Manitoba	15,000	193,000	100,000	56,000	35,000	41,000	160,000	600,000
Saskatchewan	25,000	280,000	308,000	73,000	98,000	111,000	376,000	1,271,000
Alberta	37,000	281,000	482,000	74,000	143,000	142,000	501,000	1,660,000
Br. Columbia	5,900	91,000	72,000	26,200	27,400	24,100	73,400	320,000
Western Canada	82,900	845,000	962,000	229,200	303,400	318,100	1,110,400	3,851,000
C A N A D A	200,400	3,013,000	1,303,900	872,700	550,500	732,500	2,233,300	8,906,300





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LIVE STOCK

Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at December 1, 1953 and 1952

<u>Province</u>	<u>SHEEP and LAMBS</u>					
	1953			1952		
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total
Pr. Edward Is.	17,700	4,600	22,300	19,300	3,700	23,000
Nova Scotia	46,900	14,100	61,000	45,500	11,500	57,000
New Brunswick	30,400	7,300	37,700	29,200	7,800	37,000
Quebec	171,000	41,000	212,000	167,600	42,400	210,000
Ontario	205,000	75,000	280,000	200,500	66,500	267,000
Eastern Canada	471,000	142,000	613,000	462,100	131,900	594,000
Manitoba	27,100	9,900	37,000	29,100	9,900	39,000
Saskatchewan	76,900	24,100	101,000	75,000	28,000	103,000
Alberta	240,000	123,000	363,000	221,100	94,900	316,000
Br. Columbia	40,600	6,400	47,000	39,600	13,400	53,000
Western Canada	384,600	163,400	548,000	364,800	146,200	511,000
C A N A D A	855,600	305,400	1,161,000	826,900	278,100	1,105,000

HORSES

<u>Province</u>	1953	1952
Pr. Edward Is.	18,600	19,100
Nova Scotia	22,200	23,600
New Brunswick	28,000	28,900
Quebec	210,000	219,000
Ontario	194,300	214,000
Eastern Canada	473,100	504,600
Manitoba	96,000	102,000
Saskatchewan	244,000	267,000
Alberta	210,000	231,000
Br. Columbia	30,600	31,200
Western Canada	580,600	631,200
C A N A D A	1,053,700	1,135,800