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REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1954

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES



Estimates of the numbers of cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada^{1/} at December 1, 1954 were derived from the annual sample survey conducted in co-operation with Provincial Departments.

Cattle: The numbers of cattle and calves on farms at December 1, 1954 were about 1 per cent greater than a year earlier. Alberta showed the largest increase (5.4 per cent) accounting for the greater part of an increase of 3 per cent for Western Canada as a whole. Nova Scotia and Ontario were the only provinces in which cattle numbers decreased and offset increases in other eastern provinces to result in a decrease of less than 0.5 per cent in Eastern Canada. Estimates for December 1, 1954, with 1953 estimates in brackets, were: Prince Edward Island, 117,000 (112,000); Nova Scotia, 199,000 (200,000); New Brunswick, 180,000 (176,000); Quebec, 1,769,000 (1,738,000); Ontario, 3,094,000 (3,150,000); Eastern Provinces total, 5,359,000 (5,376,000); Manitoba, 620,000 (617,000); Saskatchewan, 1,280,000 (1,264,000); Alberta, 1,868,000 (1,773,000); British Columbia, 346,000 (341,000); Western Provinces total, 4,114,000 (3,995,000); Canada total, 9,473,000 (9,371,000).

Milk cows were 1 per cent more numerous at December 1, 1954 than a year earlier having increased from 3,184,000 to 3,217,000 but heifers being raised for milk production decreased by 1.5 per cent. Beef cows estimated at 1,486,200 had increased 4 per cent.

Sheep: The number of sheep and lambs on farms at December 1, 1954 was estimated to be 1,183,500 as compared with 1,161,000 at December 1, 1953. Increases in Western Canada more than offset a small decrease in the East. The increase over last year is largely attributable to more lambs remaining on farms in Western Canada. This was probably due to adverse weather and feeding conditions during the early part of the fall.

Horses: The number of horses on farms decreased almost 10 per cent during the past year and for December 1, 1954 was estimated at 951,000.

^{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; 3,300 milk cows and heifers, 2,600 other cattle, 56,100 sheep, 10,500 horses kept elsewhere than on farms.

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CATTLE

Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at December 1, 1954

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
Pr. Edward Is.	1,200	46,000	5,800	12,500	7,700	10,800	33,000	117,000
Nova Scotia	3,000	90,000	11,200	26,000	10,400	14,300	44,100	199,000
New Brunswick	3,900	97,000	5,600	22,200	6,300	3,300	41,700	180,000
Quebec	58,000	1,060,000	45,600	224,000	40,400	33,000	308,000	1,769,000
Ontario	46,000	1,045,000	320,000	344,000	204,000	388,000	747,000	3,094,000
Totals, East	112,100	2,338,000	388,200	628,700	268,800	449,400	1,173,800	5,359,000
Manitoba	15,000	198,000	109,000	52,000	35,000	42,000	169,000	620,000
Saskatchewan	24,000	274,000	346,000	64,000	99,000	98,000	375,000	1,280,000
Alberta	39,000	306,000	565,000	77,000	159,000	166,000	556,000	1,868,000
Br. Columbia	5,800	101,000	78,000	27,000	25,000	27,200	82,000	346,000
Totals, West	83,800	879,000	1,098,000	220,000	318,000	333,200	1,182,000	4,114,000
Totals, Canada	195,900	3,217,000	1,486,200	848,700	586,800	782,600	2,355,800	9,473,000

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
Totals, East	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
Totals, West	83,000	863,000	1,037,000	217,000	320,000	326,000	1,149,000	3,995,000
Totals, Canada	200,200	3,184,000	1,425,000	861,200	589,100	780,500	2,331,000	9,371,000



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LIVE STOCK

Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at December 1, 1954 and 1953

Province	SHEEP and LAMBS					
	1 9 5 4			1 9 5 3		
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total
Fr. Edward Is.	18,900	4,600	23,500	17,700	4,600	22,300
Nova Scotia	48,000	11,000	59,000	46,900	14,100	61,000
New Brunswick	31,200	6,800	38,000	30,400	7,300	37,700
Quebec	170,000	42,000	212,000	171,000	41,000	212,000
Ontario	207,400	71,600	279,000	205,000	75,000	280,000
Totals, East	475,500	136,000	611,500	471,000	142,000	613,000
Manitoba	26,900	10,100	37,000	27,100	9,900	37,000
Saskatchewan	77,000	29,000	106,000	76,900	24,100	101,000
Alberta	226,800	150,200	377,000	240,000	123,000	363,000
Br. Columbia	41,600	10,400	52,000	40,600	6,400	47,000
Totals, West	372,300	199,700	572,000	384,600	163,400	548,000
Totals, Canada	847,800	335,700	1,183,500	855,600	305,400	1,161,000

HORSES

Province	1 9 5 4	1 9 5 3
Pr. Edward Is.	17,400	18,600
Nova Scotia	20,600	22,200
New Brunswick	25,000	28,000
Quebec	198,000	210,000
Ontario	168,000	194,300
Totals, East	429,000	473,100
Manitoba	86,000	96,000
Saskatchewan	217,000	244,000
Alberta	188,000	210,000
Br. Columbia	31,000	30,600
Totals, West	522,000	580,600
Totals, Canada	951,000	1,053,700