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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1955

Estimates of the numbers of cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada^{1/} at June 1, 1955 are based on farmers' replies to the annual June sample survey conducted, by mail, in co-operation with Provincial Departments.

Cattle. The total number of cattle and calves on farms increased 285,000, or almost 3 per cent to 10,239,000 at June 1, 1955 as compared with 9,954,000 at June 1, 1954. Increases are indicated in all provinces except British Columbia. Total numbers in Eastern and Western Provinces, respectively, were about 2.5 and 3.5 per cent higher than last year. The number of cows kept for milking purposes increased almost 2.5 per cent, beef cows and heifers 1 per cent, steers 10 per cent and calves almost 5 per cent while bulls and the number of yearling heifers being raised for milking purposes decreased.

Sheep. Total sheep and lambs estimated at 1,722,700, increased 6,300 from the revised estimate of 1,716,400 on farms at June 1, 1954. The net decrease in Eastern Provinces was offset by a larger net increase in Western Provinces. Most pronounced changes were a 4.7 per cent decrease in Quebec and a 4.5 per cent increase in Alberta.

Horses. The number of horses continued to decrease in all provinces and at 901,400 at June 1, 1955 was about 92,000 or over 9 per cent less than a year earlier.

^{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

Table 1a. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at June 1, 1955

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
Pr. Edward Is.	1,600	47,300	7,000	13,500	9,200	13,400	33,000	125,000
Nova Scotia	3,000	90,000	12,500	26,000	12,000	15,500	46,000	205,000
New Brunswick	5,800	98,000	7,500	24,000	8,000	5,700	53,000	202,000
Quebec	79,000	1,121,000	30,000	237,000	37,000	44,000	510,000	2,058,000
Ontario	48,000	1,058,000	307,000	351,000	211,000	408,000	683,000	3,066,000
Totals, East	137,400	2,414,300	364,000	651,500	277,200	486,600	1,325,000	5,656,000
Manitoba	16,500	201,000	118,000	52,500	41,000	53,000	192,000	674,000
Saskatchewan	28,000	280,000	378,000	70,000	128,000	150,000	416,000	1,450,000
Alberta	44,000	315,000	605,000	86,000	195,000	255,000	585,000	2,085,000
Br. Columbia	6,000	102,000	82,000	26,500	31,000	37,500	89,000	374,000
Totals, West	94,500	898,000	1,183,000	235,000	395,000	495,500	1,282,000	4,583,000
TOTALS, CANADA	231,900	3,312,300	1,547,000	886,500	672,200	982,100	2,607,000	10,239,000

CATTLE

Table 1b. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at June 1, 1954

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
Pr. Edward Is.	1,600	46,500	6,500	13,500	8,400	12,600	30,900	120,000
Nova Scotia	3,000	90,000	12,000	26,000	11,000	16,500	45,500	204,000
New Brunswick	5,100	96,500	6,300	26,000	7,600	4,000	49,500	195,000
Quebec	78,000	1,078,000	33,000	245,000	45,000	45,000	466,000	1,990,000
Ontario	51,000	1,045,000	312,000	361,000	210,000	362,000	670,000	3,011,000
Totals, East	138,700	2,356,000	369,800	671,500	282,000	440,100	1,261,900	5,520,000
Manitoba	17,000	198,000	115,000	57,000	40,000	48,000	185,000	660,000
Saskatchewan	28,000	276,000	362,000	70,000	118,000	130,000	403,000	1,387,000
Alberta	44,000	303,000	598,000	82,000	193,000	235,000	555,000	2,010,000
Br. Columbia	6,200	100,000	86,000	27,000	31,000	40,800	86,000	377,000
Totals, West	95,200	877,000	1,161,000	236,000	382,000	453,800	1,229,000	4,434,000
TOTALS, CANADA	233,900	3,233,000	1,530,800	907,500	664,000	893,900	2,490,900	9,954,000



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SHEEP and LAMBS

Table 2. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at June 1, 1955 and 1954

Province	1955			1954		
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total
Pr. Edward Is.	19,300	20,400	39,700	19,300	20,100	39,400
Nova Scotia	51,000	46,000	97,000	52,500	46,500	99,000
New Brunswick	34,000	32,000	66,000	34,300	31,700	66,000
Quebec	173,000	173,000	346,000	177,000	186,000	363,000
Ontario	203,000	210,000	413,000	201,000	209,000	410,000
Totals, East	480,300	481,400	961,700	484,100	493,300	977,400
Manitoba	28,000	29,000	57,000	29,200	30,800	60,000
Saskatchewan	85,000	74,000	159,000	84,000 ^{1/}	72,000 ^{1/}	156,000 ^{1/}
Alberta	240,000	220,000	460,000	232,300 ^{1/}	207,700 ^{1/}	440,000 ^{1/}
Br. Columbia	42,600	42,400	85,000	42,400	40,600	83,000
Totals, West	395,600	365,400	761,000	387,900	351,100	739,000
TOTALS, CANADA	875,900	846,800	1,722,700	872,000	844,400	1,716,400

^{1/} Revised.

HORSES

Table 3. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, at June 1, 1955 and 1954

Province	1955	1954
Prince Edward Island	16,000	17,600
Nova Scotia	19,400	21,700
New Brunswick	23,000	26,000
Quebec	195,000	204,000
Ontario	155,000	176,000
Totals, East	408,400	445,300
Manitoba	82,000	91,000
Saskatchewan	206,000	229,000
Alberta	176,000	197,000
British Columbia	29,000	31,000
Totals, West	493,000	548,000
TOTALS, CANADA	901,400	993,300