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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1956

The annual sample survey of Canadian^{1/} farms conducted each June by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with Provincial Government Departments provides the data from which the estimates in this report are derived.

Cattle: There has been a further increase in the number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada. The estimated 10,465,000 head at June 1, 1956 is 2.2 per cent above the June, 1955 number. Only Nova Scotia and New Brunswick indicated any decline in cattle numbers. Net increases amounted to 1 per cent in Eastern Canada and 3 1/2 per cent in the West. Cows kept for milking increased 1 per cent to 3,348,000. The increase was almost entirely attributable to Quebec, where the number rose from 1,121,000 in June, 1955 to 1,154,000 in June, 1956. Beef cattle increased significantly in some provinces, notably Ontario and Alberta. The Canada total of beef cows at June 1 was more than 2 1/2 per cent above June, 1955; heifers being raised for beef increased 4 per cent and steers over 10 per cent. Calves increased nearly 2 per cent. Yearling heifers being raised for milking purposes decreased 3 1/2 per cent, the drop being evident in all provinces.

Sheep: There was little change in the number of sheep and lambs estimated to be on farms at June 1, 1956. The total of 1,706,000 head is 1 per cent below the June 1, 1955 estimate of 1,722,700.

Horses: The number of farm horses continued to decrease in all provinces. The total of 851,500 was 5.5 per cent below the estimate for June 1, 1955.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.

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C A T T L E

Table 1a. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1956

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
Pr. Edward Is.	1,700	47,000	7,000	13,500	9,000	17,000	30,800	126,000
Nova Scotia	2,800	89,000	12,000	23,600	10,600	15,400	45,600	199,000
New Brunswick	6,000	98,000	7,000	23,000	7,000	6,400	52,600	200,000
Quebec	82,000	1,154,000	28,000	235,000	30,000	41,000	530,000	2,100,000
Ontario	48,000	1,060,000	320,000	335,000	225,000	425,000	680,000	3,093,000
Totals, East	140,500	2,448,000	374,000	630,100	281,600	504,800	1,339,000	5,718,000
Manitoba	17,000	208,000	116,000	52,000	42,000	60,000	200,000	695,000
Saskatchewan	28,000	280,000	369,000	68,000	140,000	175,000	430,000	1,490,000
Alberta	44,000	312,000	644,000	80,000	205,000	305,000	596,000	2,186,000
Br. Columbia	6,000	100,000	85,000	25,000	31,000	42,000	87,000	376,000
Totals, West	95,000	900,000	1,214,000	225,000	418,000	582,000	1,313,000	4,747,000
TOTALS, CANADA	235,500	3,348,000	1,588,000	855,100	699,600	1,086,800	2,652,000	10,465,000

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Table 1b. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, 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



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SHEEP and LAMBS

Table 2. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1955 and 1956

Province	1955			1956		
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total
Pr. Edward Is.	19,300	20,400	39,700	19,000	19,000	38,000
Nova Scotia	51,000	46,000	97,000	49,200	42,800	92,000
New Brunswick	34,000	32,000	66,000	34,300	32,700	67,000
Quebec	173,000	173,000	346,000	172,000	178,000	350,000
Ontario	203,000	210,000	413,000	199,000	212,000	411,000
Totals, East	480,300	481,400	961,700	473,500	484,500	958,000
Manitoba	28,000	29,000	57,000	26,000	25,000	51,000
Saskatchewan	85,000	74,000	159,000	86,000	74,000	160,000
Alberta	240,000	220,000	460,000	237,000	218,000	455,000
Br. Columbia	42,600	42,400	85,000	43,300	38,700	82,000
Totals, West	395,600	365,400	761,000	392,300	355,700	748,000
TOTALS, CANADA	875,900	846,800	1,722,700	865,800	840,200	1,706,000

HORSES

Table 3. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1955 and 1956

Province	1955	1956	1956 as % of 1955
Prince Edward Island	16,000	15,700	98.1
Nova Scotia	19,400	18,800	96.9
New Brunswick	23,000	22,000	95.7
Quebec	195,000	190,000	97.4
Ontario	155,000	142,000	91.6
Totals, East	408,400	388,500	95.1
Manitoba	82,000	78,000	95.1
Saskatchewan	206,000	195,000	94.7
Alberta	176,000	162,000	92.0
British Columbia	29,000	28,000	96.6
Totals, West	493,000	463,000	93.9
TOTALS, CANADA	901,400	851,500	94.5