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CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1957

Estimates of the numbers of cattle, sheep, and horses on farms in Canada ^{1/} at June 1, 1957 are based on farmers' replies to the Annual June Survey conducted by mail, in co-operation with Provincial Departments. For purposes of comparison the tables include the June 1, 1956 census figures as well as revised estimates derived from the December 1, 1956 sample survey of livestock on Canadian farms.

CATTLE: In comparison with the situation in June 1956, the number of cattle and calves on farms has risen 2.6 per cent to an estimated total of 11,296,000 head. Only the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia indicated decreases. The greatest increase (6.2 per cent) occurred in Alberta. Net increases amounted to 1.7 per cent in Eastern Canada and 3.4 per cent in the West. Cows kept for milking (3,147,000) decreased slightly in every province except Quebec where they are estimated to have increased 2.4 per cent. The Canada total of milk cows declined fractionally. Heifers being raised for milking purposes dropped 3.7 per cent in Eastern Canada, 4.3 per cent in Western Canada, and 3.8 per cent for the country as a whole. In contrast, cows kept for beef purposes rose 6.6 per cent in Eastern Canada and 4.8 per cent in the western provinces. The estimated 1,985,600 beef cows on farms in Canada is 5.2 per cent above the June 1956 census figure. Other beef cattle (heifers and steers) rose almost 10 per cent in Eastern Canada and nearly 7 per cent in the West.

SHEEP: A net increase of 7.7 per cent in sheep numbers in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia and a net decrease of 1.5 per cent in the eastern provinces resulted in an increase of 2.5 per cent nationally. Total sheep and lambs at June 1 are estimated at 1,661,000 head, compared to the 1956 census count of 1,619,700.

HORSES: The number of horses on farms continues to decrease and, at 730,100 head are approximately 7 per cent below the census total of 782,100 reported a year ago.

The sample surveys have not yet been extended to the Province of Newfoundland. The June 1956 census showed the following livestock on farms there: 8,085 head of cattle, including 3,689 cows kept for milking; 18,540 sheep and lambs; 1,715 horses.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.

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CATTLE

Table 1a: Numbers on Farms in Canada 1/, by Province, at June 1, 1957

| | Bulls | <u>Cows</u> | | <u>Yearling Heifers</u> | | Steers | Calves | Total |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | for Milk | for Beef | for Milk | for Beef | | | |
| | - head - | | | | | | | |
| Prince Edward Island | 2,300 | 43,500 | 5,800 | 9,900 | 10,000 | 19,500 | 32,000 | 123,000 |
| Nova Scotia | 3,300 | 79,000 | 11,800 | 18,200 | 9,000 | 15,700 | 40,000 | 177,000 |
| New Brunswick | 5,500 | 84,000 | 9,000 | 19,000 | 5,000 | 8,500 | 50,000 | 181,000 |
| Quebec | 88,000 | 1,080,000 | 85,000 | 210,000 | 34,000 | 60,000 | 483,000 | 2,040,000 |
| Ontario | 54,000 | 1,012,000 | 270,000 | 258,000 | 200,000 | 479,000 | 697,000 | 2,970,000 |
| Totals, East | 153,100 | 2,298,500 | 381,600 | 515,100 | 258,000 | 582,700 | 1,302,000 | 5,491,000 |
| Manitoba | 21,000 | 220,000 | 180,000 | 53,000 | 62,000 | 101,000 | 248,000 | 885,000 |
| Saskatchewan | 39,000 | 261,000 | 546,000 | 56,000 | 192,000 | 260,000 | 566,000 | 1,920,000 |
| Alberta | 54,000 | 280,000 | 770,000 | 56,000 | 267,000 | 408,000 | 765,000 | 2,600,000 |
| British Columbia | 8,000 | 67,500 | 102,000 | 20,500 | 30,000 | 54,000 | 92,000 | 400,000 |
| Totals, West | 122,000 | 848,500 | 1,604,000 | 185,500 | 551,000 | 823,000 | 1,671,000 | 5,805,000 |
| Totals, Canada | 275,100 | 3,147,000 | 1,985,600 | 700,600 | 809,000 | 1,405,700 | 2,973,000 | 11,296,000 |

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Table 1b. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1956 (Census)
and December 1, 1956 (revised)

| | Bulls | Cows | | Yearling Heifers | | Steers | Calves | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | for Milk | for Beef | for Milk | for Beef | | | |
| - h e a d - | | | | | | | | |
| June 1, 1956 Census | | | | | | | | |
| Prince Edward Island | 2,224 | 43,811 | 5,245 | 10,213 | 9,354 | 20,879 | 31,974 | 123,700 |
| Nova Scotia | 3,563 | 82,805 | 11,543 | 19,009 | 9,271 | 17,903 | 43,331 | 187,425 |
| New Brunswick | 5,823 | 85,581 | 7,921 | 18,805 | 6,349 | 8,803 | 50,363 | 183,645 |
| Quebec | 89,046 | 1,054,297 | 73,610 | 224,447 | 35,838 | 56,863 | 468,078 | 2,002,179 |
| Ontario | 54,720 | 1,025,907 | 259,477 | 262,324 | 187,773 | 412,239 | 699,230 | 2,901,670 |
| Manitoba | 20,978 | 222,990 | 169,808 | 53,070 | 62,498 | 94,422 | 247,714 | 871,480 |
| Saskatchewan | 37,065 | 272,226 | 514,619 | 58,575 | 189,745 | 243,064 | 553,738 | 1,869,032 |
| Alberta | 50,940 | 282,200 | 733,920 | 60,249 | 247,576 | 359,901 | 714,425 | 2,449,211 |
| British Columbia | 8,408 | 90,157 | 111,969 | 21,952 | 37,873 | 52,452 | 100,048 | 422,859 |
| TOTALS, CANADA | 272,767 | 3,159,974 | 1,888,112 | 728,644 | 786,277 | 1,266,526 | 2,908,901 | 11,011,201 |
| December 1, 1956 (Revised) | | | | | | | | |
| Prince Edward Island | 1,500 | 43,000 | 5,000 | 8,500 | 7,500 | 18,000 | 34,500 | 118,000 |
| Nova Scotia | 3,200 | 81,000 | 11,500 | 18,000 | 8,300 | 15,000 | 40,000 | 177,000 |
| New Brunswick | 4,000 | 83,000 | 8,700 | 17,000 | 5,300 | 7,000 | 41,000 | 166,000 |
| Quebec | 64,000 | 1,039,000 | 115,000 | 195,000 | 28,000 | 40,000 | 294,000 | 1,775,000 |
| Ontario | 47,000 | 1,000,000 | 280,000 | 255,000 | 190,000 | 440,000 | 770,000 | 2,982,000 |
| Manitoba | 19,500 | 219,000 | 176,000 | 49,000 | 57,500 | 81,000 | 230,000 | 832,000 |
| Saskatchewan | 34,500 | 263,000 | 505,000 | 52,000 | 160,000 | 182,500 | 523,000 | 1,720,000 |
| Alberta | 48,000 | 276,000 | 715,000 | 56,000 | 208,000 | 237,000 | 720,000 | 2,260,000 |
| British Columbia | 7,500 | 88,000 | 101,000 | 21,000 | 27,000 | 33,500 | 96,000 | 374,000 |
| TOTALS, CANADA | 229,200 | 3,092,000 | 1,917,200 | 671,500 | 691,600 | 1,054,000 | 2,748,500 | 10,404,000 |



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Table 2. Numbers on Farms in Canada,^{1/} by Province, at June 1, 1956,
December 1, 1956 and June 1, 1957

| Province | June 1, 1956 (Census) | | | Dec. 1/56 Revised Total -head- | June 1, 1957 | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | Sheep over 1 year old | Lambs | Total | | Sheep over 1 year old | Lambs | Total |
| P. E. I. | 16,832 | 16,524 | 33,356 | 18,500 | 16,800 | 16,200 | 33,000 |
| Nova Scotia | 45,937 | 37,278 | 83,215 | 50,000 | 44,000 | 39,000 | 83,000 |
| New Brunswick | 32,868 | 31,112 | 63,980 | 38,000 | 33,500 | 32,500 | 66,000 |
| Quebec | 169,191 | 169,409 | 338,600 | 195,000 | 165,000 | 166,000 | 331,000 |
| Ontario | 192,310 | 201,501 | 393,811 | 240,000 | 192,000 | 195,000 | 387,000 |
| Totals, East | 457,138 | 455,824 | 912,962 | 541,500 | 451,300 | 448,700 | 900,000 |
| Manitoba | 37,810 | 35,313 | 73,123 | 47,000 | 36,000 | 35,000 | 71,000 |
| Saskatchewan | 80,413 | 62,283 | 142,696 | 102,000 | 81,000 | 73,000 | 154,000 |
| Alberta | 219,407 | 185,413 | 404,820 | 335,000 | 226,000 | 224,000 | 450,000 |
| Br. Columbia | 45,364 | 40,689 | 86,053 | 53,000 | 42,500 | 43,500 | 86,000 |
| Totals, West | 382,994 | 323,698 | 706,692 | 537,000 | 385,500 | 375,500 | 761,000 |
| TOTALS, CANADA | 840,132 | 779,522 | 1,619,654 | 1,078,500 | 836,800 | 824,200 | 1,661,000 |

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Table 3. Numbers on Farms in Canada,^{1/} by Province, at June 1, 1956 (Census),
December 1, 1956 (Revised) and June 1, 1957

| Province | June 1, 1956 (Census) | Dec. 1, 1956 (Revised) | June 1, 1957 |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | | - head - | |
| Prince Edward Island | 14,557 | 14,500 | 13,800 |
| Nova Scotia | 17,865 | 17,500 | 16,700 |
| New Brunswick | 19,256 | 19,000 | 18,200 |
| Quebec | 163,565 | 157,000 | 155,000 |
| Ontario | 139,661 | 127,000 | 130,000 |
| Totals, East | 354,904 | 335,000 | 333,700 |
| Manitoba | 75,055 | 73,000 | 71,000 |
| Saskatchewan | 170,769 | 164,000 | 160,000 |
| Alberta | 154,672 | 147,000 | 140,000 |
| British Columbia | 26,729 | 26,500 | 25,400 |
| Totals, West | 427,225 | 410,500 | 396,400 |
| TOTALS, CANADA | 782,129 | 745,500 | 730,100 |

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.