

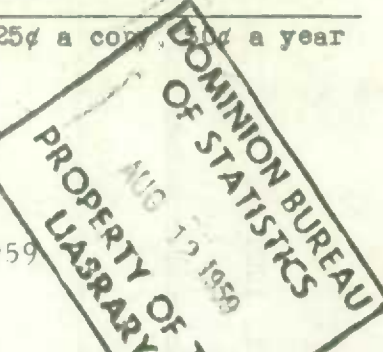


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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1959

The number of cattle on farms in Canada changed very little over the twelve-month period June 1, 1958 to June 1, 1959, rising only 1 per cent. Cattle and calves together totalled 11,120,000 head at June 1 this year compared to 11,001,000 head in 1958 and 11,296,000 in 1957. In Eastern Canada, where they are estimated at 5,397,000, the increase was less than 1 per cent. In the West total cattle increased nearly 2 per cent to number 5,723,000 head.

For the third consecutive year milk cow numbers decreased fractionally (0.7 per cent for the whole of Canada, 0.4 per cent for Eastern Canada and 1.6 per cent in Western Canada). The estimate of 3,108,000 head is the lowest since 1953. Small declines have occurred in the Maritimes and the Prairie Provinces, and the survey indicated virtually no change in milk cow numbers in other provinces.

Cows kept mainly for beef purposes increased in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, and now total 2,085,000 head, up 4 per cent from June 1958. This class of cattle has been increasing steadily relative to all cattle for the past twenty years or more. Prior to World War II they constituted about 6 per cent of all cattle and this proportion has now been increased to nearly 19 per cent. Yearling heifers being raised for beef purposes and steers both decreased, under the continuing influence of a strong market for feeder cattle.

Sheep: Sheep and lambs are estimated at 1,761,000 head at June 1, 1959, an increase of 3 per cent from the June 1958 total. A 7 per cent increase in Western Canada more than offset a 2 per cent decrease in the East.

Horses: The number of horses on farms continues to decrease and, at 624,000 head, is approximately 8 per cent below the June 1958 estimate of 675,000 horses.

The estimates contained in this report are based on farmers' replies to the annual June mail survey conducted by the Agriculture Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with Provincial Departments. The survey was not conducted in the Province of Newfoundland and the Canada totals shown in this report are nine-province totals only.

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CATTLE

Table 1. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Class, by Province, at June 1, 1959

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
				- head -				
Pr. Ed. Island	1,500	40,800	5,300	8,400	8,100	15,400	29,500	109,000
Nova Scotia	2,500	69,000	10,700	15,300	7,700	13,200	38,600	157,000
New Brunswick	4,300	75,000	8,700	15,600	4,200	7,400	45,800	161,000
Quebec	82,000	1,083,000	82,000	184,000	25,000	47,000	497,000	2,000,000
Ontario	48,000	1,015,000	280,000	275,000	190,000	445,000	717,000	2,970,000
Totals, East	138,300	2,282,800	386,700	498,300	235,000	528,000	1,327,900	5,397,000
Manitoba	20,000	214,000	194,000	47,000	59,000	78,000	271,000	883,000
Saskatchewan	40,000	248,000	575,000	47,000	158,000	182,000	600,000	1,850,000
Alberta	55,000	272,000	820,000	56,000	227,000	290,000	850,000	2,570,000
Br. Columbia	8,000	91,000	109,000	24,000	27,000	44,000	117,000	420,000
Totals, West	123,000	825,000	1,698,000	174,000	471,000	594,000	1,838,000	5,723,000
Totals, Canada	261,300	3,107,800	2,084,700	672,300	706,000	1,122,000	3,165,900	11,120,000

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Table 2. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Class, by Province, at June 1, 1958

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
Pr. Ed. Island	1,500	42,400	5,700	9,200	8,700	15,000	31,500	114,000
Nova Scotia	2,500	71,300	10,000	15,700	7,700	12,600	37,200	157,000
New Brunswick	4,500	80,500	8,500	17,000	4,200	7,600	47,700	170,000
Quebec	84,000	1,082,000	80,000	190,000	27,000	50,000	477,000	1,990,000
Ontario	50,000	1,015,000	278,000	277,000	193,000	437,000	695,000	2,945,000
Totals, East	142,500	2,291,200	382,200	508,900	240,600	522,200	1,288,400	5,376,000
Manitoba	20,000	218,000	180,000	50,000	58,000	82,000	257,000	865,000
Saskatchewan	39,000	254,000	555,000	50,000	167,000	205,000	590,000	1,860,000
Alberta	53,000	275,000	785,000	57,000	228,000	300,000	802,000	2,500,000
Br. Columbia	7,500	91,000	102,000	21,000	30,000	48,500	100,000	400,000
Totals, West	119,500	838,000	1,622,000	178,000	483,000	635,500	1,749,000	5,625,000
Totals, Canada	262,000	3,129,200	2,004,200	686,900	723,600	1,157,700	3,037,400	11,001,000

Table 3. Sheep: Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1958 and 1959

Province	June 1, 1958 ^{1/}			June 1, 1959			1959 Total as % of 1958 Total
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	
	- head -						%
P.E.I.	16,500	16,500	33,000	17,000	17,000	34,000	103
Nova Scotia	41,000	39,000	80,000	41,000	37,000	78,000	98
New Brunswick	34,000	33,000	67,000	33,000	32,000	65,000	97
Quebec	157,000	163,000	320,000	144,000	146,000	290,000	91
Ontario	190,000	193,000	383,000	200,000	202,000	402,000	105
Totals, East	438,500	444,500	883,000	435,000	434,000	869,000	98
Manitoba	38,000	40,000	78,000	38,000	40,000	78,000	100
Saskatchewan	85,000	90,000	175,000	95,000	92,000	187,000	107
Alberta	252,000	235,000	487,000	278,000	252,000	530,000	109
Br. Columbia	45,000	45,000	90,000	48,000	49,000	97,000	108
Totals, West	420,000	410,000	830,000	459,000	433,000	892,000	107
Totals, Canada	858,500	854,500	1,713,000	894,000	867,000	1,761,000	103

^{1/} Alberta and Totals, Canada estimates revised.

Table 4. Horses: Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1958 and 1959

Province	June 1, 1958	June 1, 1959	1959 as % of 1958
	- head -		%
Prince Edward Island	12,500	10,600	85
Nova Scotia	15,000	14,000	93
New Brunswick	16,500	14,500	88
Quebec	147,000	138,000	94
Ontario	115,000	112,000	97
Totals, East	306,000	289,100	94
Manitoba	65,000	60,000	92
Saskatchewan	148,000	132,000	89
Alberta	132,000	120,000	91
British Columbia	24,000	23,000	96
Totals, West	369,000	335,000	91
Totals, Canada	675,000	624,100	92