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CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, DECEMBER 1, 1959

CATTLE: The number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada^{1/} at December 1, 1959 increased almost 4 per cent to 10,489,000 head from the estimate of 10,112,000 at December 1, 1958 and was 1 per cent above the previous record high, of 10,379,000 for December numbers, in 1956. The increase from last year was largely attributable to continued build-up of beef cow numbers and a significantly larger inventory of calves. These classes increased in all provinces. Beef cows, at 2,084,000 were up almost 6 per cent from last year and calves at 3,015,000 head were up 8 per cent to indicate increased holdings on feed and for stocking purposes. The number of milk cows, estimated at 3,072,000, was practically unchanged with increases in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario slightly more than offsetting decreases in all other provinces. Yearling heifers being raised for milking increased almost 2 per cent to 626,600.

SHEEP: The number of sheep and lambs on farms at December 1, 1959, estimated at 1,188,000 head, was 4 per cent above the corresponding estimate for 1958. Sheep over 1 year old totalled 844,000 as compared with 798,300, while lambs at 344,000 were up only 1,700 from 342,300 at December 1, 1958. While there was a significant decrease of sheep numbers in Quebec there were marked increases of mature sheep in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. The number of lambs held over at December 1, was substantially higher in Alberta than last year but was only moderately changed in most provinces.

HORSES: The number of horses on farms decreased about 7 per cent to 593,000.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland for which semi-annual estimates are not available. The last census reported 13,647 cattle, 79,466 sheep and 11,611 horses in that province at June 1, 1956.

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Table 1a.- Number of Cattle on Farms in Canada, by Class and Province, at December 1, 1958

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- thousand head -								
Pr. Edward Isld.	0.9	40.3	4.3	7.4	7.0	12.8	31.3	104.0
Nova Scotia	2.2	70.0	9.0	14.6	7.2	11.0	37.0	151.0
New Brunswick	3.0	75.5	8.0	14.4	3.5	5.9	37.7	148.0
Quebec	57.0	1,048.0	100.0	162.0	20.0	32.0	305.0	1,724.0
Ontario	42.0	1,007.0	270.0	256.0	180.0	415.0	775.0	2,945.0
Totals, East	105.1	2,240.8	391.3	454.4	217.7	476.7	1,186.0	5,072.0
Manitoba	17.0	212.0	183.0	43.0	49.0	60.0	231.0	795.0
Saskatchewan	33.0	250.0	538.0	46.0	131.0	130.0	507.0	1,635.0
Alberta	45.0	273.0	760.0	50.0	157.0	190.0	770.0	2,245.0
Br. Columbia	7.0	91.0	97.0	21.0	24.0	20.0	105.0	365.0
Totals, West	102.0	826.0	1,578.0	160.0	361.0	400.0	1,613.0	5,040.0
Totals, CANADA	207.1	3,066.8	1,969.3	614.4	578.7	876.7	2,799.0	10,112.0

Table 1b.- Number of Cattle on Farms in Canada, by Class and Province, at December 1, 1959

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- thousand head -								
Pr. Edward Isld.	0.8	40.0	4.4	7.5	6.5	12.0	32.8	104.0
Nova Scotia	2.2	68.0	10.6	14.6	7.0	12.5	37.1	152.0
New Brunswick	2.7	72.0	8.3	13.5	3.4	5.7	38.4	144.0
Quebec	60.0	1,064.0	116.0	159.0	21.0	36.0	338.0	1,794.0
Ontario	43.0	1,008.0	297.0	272.0	180.0	440.0	810.0	3,050.0
Totals, East	108.7	2,252.0	436.3	466.6	217.9	506.2	1,256.3	5,244.0
Manitoba	18.0	211.0	197.0	42.0	51.0	67.0	246.0	832.0
Saskatchewan	35.0	246.0	556.0	42.0	125.0	121.0	553.0	1,678.0
Alberta	49.0	270.0	795.0	51.0	160.0	180.0	850.0	2,355.0
Br. Columbia	7.5	93.0	100.0	25.0	22.5	22.0	110.0	380.0
Totals, West	109.5	820.0	1,648.0	160.0	358.5	390.0	1,759.0	5,245.0
Totals, CANADA	218.2	3,072.0	2,084.3	626.6	576.4	896.2	3,015.3	10,489.0

Table 2.- Number of Sheep on Farms in Canada, by Age Group and Province,
at December 1, 1958 and 1959

Province	1 9 5 8			1 9 5 9		
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total
- thousand head -						
Pr. Edward Isld.	15.8	2.8	18.6	16.0	3.0	19.0
Nova Scotia	37.0	10.0	47.0	36.0	9.0	45.0
New Brunswick	31.0	6.0	37.0	30.0	6.0	36.0
Quebec	140.0	35.0	175.0	127.0	31.0	158.0
Ontario	182.0	68.0	250.0	193.0	62.0	255.0
Totals, East	405.8	121.8	527.6	402.0	111.0	513.0
Manitoba	35.5	13.5	49.0	37.0	14.0	51.0
Saskatchewan	80.0	35.0	115.0	92.0	34.0	126.0
Alberta	232.0	155.0	387.0	270.0	170.0	440.0
Br. Columbia	45.0	17.0	62.0	43.0	15.0	58.0
Totals, West	392.5	220.5	613.0	442.0	233.0	675.0
Totals, CANADA	798.3	342.3	1,140.6	844.0	344.0	1,188.0

Table 3.- Number of Horses on Farms in Canada, by Province, at December 1, 1958 and
1959

Province	1958	1959	1959 as % of 1958
	- thousand head -		%
Prince Edward Island	11.4	10.2	89
Nova Scotia	14.6	13.1	90
New Brunswick	15.7	13.7	87
Quebec	140.0	132.0	94
Ontario	105.0	99.0	94
Totals, East	286.7	268.0	93
Manitoba	62.0	59.0	95
Saskatchewan	139.0	126.0	91
Alberta	125.0	117.0	94
British Columbia	24.0	23.0	96
Totals, West	350.0	325.0	93
Totals, CANADA	636.7	593.0	93