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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1960

The number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada increased almost 3.5 per cent to 11,501,000 head at June 1, 1960, compared with the estimated total of 11,120,000 at June 1, 1959. The increase in Western Canada, almost entirely in beef cattle, was more pronounced than in the East where a smaller general increase also occurred in dairy cattle.

Milk cow numbers increased moderately to 3,162,000 from 3,107,800 at June 1, 1959, reversing the trend of slowly decreasing numbers which has been in evidence since 1957. Almost all of the increase occurred in Eastern Canada where 2,335,000 milk cows account for almost 74 per cent of the Canada total. Quebec and Ontario together have 68 per cent of all the milk cows in Canada.

Cows kept mainly for beef purposes increased 1.1 per cent to 390,900 in Eastern Canada and 3.1 per cent to 1,750,500 in the West. Almost 82 per cent of Canada's beef cows are in the Western Provinces. With exports of feeder cattle reduced from the high levels of the previous two years there were increases of about 8 per cent and 3 per cent in steers and beef heifers, respectively, at June 1, 1960 compared to the numbers a year ago. The estimated number of calves was 4.5 per cent greater than at June 1, 1959.

Sheep: Sheep and lambs are estimated at 1,773,000 head at June 1, 1960, up 1 per cent from the June, 1959 total. A further increase of 7 per cent in the West more than offset a decrease of 6 per cent in the East.

Horses: The trend of decreasing horse numbers was continued and, at 571,500 head, the number on farms at June 1, 1960, was about 8 per cent below the estimate of 614,000 a year earlier.

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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C A T T L E

Table 1. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Class, by Province, at June 1, 1960

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- head -								
Pr. Ed. Island	1,000	41,000	5,000	8,800	7,700	16,500	32,000	112,000
Nova Scotia	2,300	68,000	11,400	15,300	8,200	15,100	39,700	160,000
New Brunswick	4,000	72,000	9,500	15,300	4,500	8,500	44,200	158,000
Quebec	85,000	1,114,000	90,000	180,000	26,000	53,000	539,000	2,087,000
Ontario	48,000	1,040,000	275,000	290,000	195,000	475,000	725,000	3,048,000
Totals, East	140,300	2,335,000	390,900	509,400	241,400	568,100	1,379,900	5,565,000
Manitoba	19,500	211,000	206,500	45,000	62,000	85,000	282,000	911,000
Saskatchewan	41,000	245,000	600,000	46,000	166,000	200,000	635,000	1,933,000
Alberta	55,000	277,000	831,000	57,000	230,000	330,000	885,000	2,665,000
Br. Columbia	8,500	94,000	113,000	26,000	28,500	32,000	125,000	427,000
Totals, West	124,000	827,000	1,750,500	174,000	486,500	647,000	1,927,000	5,936,000
Totals, Canada	264,300	3,162,000	2,141,400	683,400	727,900	1,215,100	3,306,900	11,501,000

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Table 2. 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

Table 3. Sheep: Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1959 and 1960

Province	June 1, 1959			June 1, 1960			1960 Total as % of
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	
	- head -						%
P.E.I.	17,000	17,000	34,000	17,500	16,500	34,000	100
Nova Scotia	41,000	37,000	78,000	39,000	34,000	73,000	94
New Brunswick	33,000	32,000	65,000	32,000	30,000	62,000	95
Quebec	144,000	146,000	290,000	130,000	136,000	266,000	92
Ontario	200,000	202,000	402,000	190,000	195,000	385,000	96
Totals, East	435,000	434,000	869,000	408,500	411,500	820,000	94
Manitoba	38,000	40,000	78,000	42,000	42,000	84,000	108
Saskatchewan	95,000	92,000	187,000	108,000	109,000	217,000	116
Alberta	278,000	252,000	530,000	285,000	270,000	555,000	105
Br. Columbia	48,000	49,000	97,000	47,000	50,000	97,000	100
Totals, West	459,000	433,000	892,000	482,000	471,000	953,000	107
Totals, Canada	894,000	867,000	1,761,000	890,500	882,500	1,773,000	101

Table 4. Horses: Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1959 and 1960

Province	June 1, 1959	June 1, 1960	1960 as % of 1959
	- head -		%
Prince Edward Island	10,600	9,100	86
Nova Scotia	14,000	12,100	86
New Brunswick	14,500	12,800	88
Quebec	138,000	129,000	93
Ontario	112,000	95,000	85
Totals, East	289,100	258,000	89
Manitoba	60,000	56,000	93
Saskatchewan	132,000	120,000	91
Alberta	120,000	115,000	96
British Columbia	23,000	22,500	98
Totals, West	335,000	313,500	94
Totals, Canada	624,100	571,500	92