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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, DECEMBER 1, 1960

CATTLE: The number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada^{1/} at December 1, 1960 is estimated at 10,897,000. This is an increase of about 4 per cent from the year-earlier total of 10,489,000 head. Again, as between 1958 and 1959 when the total number increased at the same rate, most of the increase was due to a further build-up of beef cow numbers in the West and a generally larger carry-over of steers and calves on feed. There were 7.5 per cent more steers than at December 1, 1959 with increases of 14.6 and 2 per cent in the West and East, respectively, only British Columbia showing a decrease. Calves were 6 per cent more numerous with only New Brunswick having fewer than a year ago. The number of milk cows has been relatively stable but increases during 1960 in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia resulted in a net rise of 58,000 to 3,130,000 head.

SHEEP: Estimated at 1,135,000 head the number of sheep and lambs was 4.5 per cent lower than at December 1, 1959. Sheep over 1 year old declined from 844,000 to 821,000 and lambs from 344,000 to 314,000. By province, decreases were most marked in Quebec and Alberta. Only Manitoba and Saskatchewan had more sheep than a year ago while numbers in Prince Edward Island and British Columbia were unchanged.

HORSES: The number of horses at December 1, 1960 is estimated at 551,600 head. The decrease during the year averaged 7 per cent in both eastern and western provinces.

^{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, 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 1b.- Number of Cattle on Farms in Canada, by Class and Province, at December 1, 1960

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- thousand head -								
Pr. Edward Isld.	0.7	40.0	4.5	7.8	5.8	14.2	35.0	108.0
Nova Scotia	2.0	67.0	11.8	14.6	7.9	13.7	40.0	157.0
New Brunswick	2.6	70.0	9.4	12.5	4.0	6.3	38.2	143.0
Quebec	61.0	1,095.0	126.0	152.0	21.0	38.0	367.0	1,860.0
Ontario	43.0	1,036.0	282.0	283.0	172.0	444.0	870.0	3,130.0
Totals, East	109.3	2,308.0	433.7	469.9	210.7	516.2	1,350.2	5,398.0
Manitoba	17.0	208.0	212.0	42.0	53.0	77.0	268.0	877.0
Saskatchewan	37.0	244.0	595.0	41.0	139.0	153.0	591.0	1,800.0
Alberta	49.0	275.0	825.0	51.0	161.0	200.0	870.0	2,431.0
Br. Columbia	7.5	95.0	107.0	26.0	20.5	17.0	118.0	391.0
Totals, West	110.5	822.0	1,739.0	160.0	373.5	447.0	1,847.0	5,499.0
Totals, CANADA	219.8	3,130.0	2,172.7	629.9	584.2	963.2	3,197.2	10,897.0

Table 2.- Number of Sheep on Farms in Canada, by Age Group and Province,
at December 1, 1959 and 1960

Province	1 9 5 9			1 9 6 0		
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total
- thousand head -						
Pr. Edward Isld.	16.0	3.0	19.0	16.0	3.0	19.0
Nova Scotia	36.0	9.0	45.0	33.0	8.0	41.0
New Brunswick	30.0	6.0	36.0	27.0	6.0	33.0
Quebec	127.0	31.0	158.0	114.0	28.0	142.0
Ontario	193.0	62.0	255.0	188.0	60.0	248.0
Totals, East	402.0	111.0	513.0	378.0	105.0	483.0
Manitoba	37.0	14.0	51.0	41.0	13.0	54.0
Saskatchewan	92.0	34.0	126.0	94.0	38.0	132.0
Alberta	270.0	170.0	440.0	263.0	145.0	408.0
Br. Columbia	43.0	15.0	58.0	45.0	13.0	58.0
Totals, West	442.0	233.0	675.0	443.0	209.0	652.0
Totals, CANADA	844.0	344.0	1,188.0	821.0	314.0	1,135.0

Table 3.- Number of Horses on Farms in Canada, by Province, at December 1, 1959 and 1960

Province	1959	1960	1960 as % of 1959
	- thousand head -		%
Prince Edward Island	10.2	8.7	85
Nova Scotia	13.1	11.7	89
New Brunswick	13.7	12.2	89
Quebec	132.0	124.0	94
Ontario	99.0	92.0	93
Totals, East	268.0	248.6	93
Manitoba	59.0	55.0	93
Saskatchewan	126.0	114.0	90
Alberta	117.0	111.0	95
British Columbia	23.0	23.0	100
Totals, West	325.0	303.0	93
Totals, CANADA	593.0	551.6	93