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The number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada increased over 5 per cent to 12,116,000 head at June 1, 1961, compared with the estimated total of 11,501,000 at June 1, 1960. Increases averaged 7 per cent in Western Canada and 3.5 per cent in the East and occurred in all provinces except New Brunswick. Most of the increase was in beef cattle and calves.

Milk cow numbers increased from 3,162,000 at June 1, 1960 to 3,236,000. Eastern provinces added 59,000 for a 2.5 per cent increase from last year; the West 15,000, or 1.8 per cent. The number of heifers being raised for milking purposes increased fractionally in the East and remained unchanged in the West.

Cows kept mainly for beef purposes increased 6.7 per cent to 417,200 in Eastern Canada and 8 per cent to 1,891,500 in the West. Numbers of beef heifers, steers and calves increased 6.5 per cent, 10.7 per cent, and 5.8 per cent, respectively, with greater average increases in the West than in the East.

SHEEP: The total number of sheep and lambs on farms at June 1 is estimated at 1,706,000, down about 4 per cent from June 1, 1960. Decreases in the sheep population were most pronounced in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. Ontario and Manitoba, with increases of 1 per cent and 7 per cent respectively, were the only provinces for which reports indicated increases in sheep numbers.

HORSES: The number of horses on farms at June 1, estimated at 534,400 head, was about 6 per cent lower than the estimate of 571,500 in 1960. The long-time trend of decreases remained unbroken in all provinces but British Columbia which had a small increase.

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. When census data for June 1, 1961 become available, preliminary annual estimates for the 1956-61 intercensal period will be revised to conform with trends indicated between the censuses of 1956 and 1961. Annual estimates are not available for 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, 1961

	Bulls	<u>Cows</u>		<u>Yearling Heifers</u>		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
				- head -				
Pr. Ed. Island	1,000	41,000	6,000	9,000	8,000	21,000	32,000	118,000
Nova Scotia	2,000	67,000	13,200	15,700	8,200	16,300	40,600	163,000
New Brunswick	4,000	70,000	10,000	14,000	5,000	8,400	43,600	155,000
Quebec	85,000	1,141,000	88,000	170,000	24,000	50,000	557,000	2,115,000
Ontario	48,000	1,075,000	300,000	305,000	208,000	504,000	770,000	3,210,000
Totals, East	140,000	2,394,000	417,200	513,700	253,200	599,700	1,443,200	5,761,000
Manitoba	19,500	212,000	223,500	46,000	70,500	101,000	293,500	966,000
Saskatchewan	42,000	251,000	650,000	45,000	179,000	245,000	678,000	2,090,000
Alberta	56,000	283,000	903,000	57,000	242,000	361,000	953,000	2,855,000
Br. Columbia	8,500	96,000	115,000	26,000	30,500	38,000	130,000	444,000
Totals, West	126,000	842,000	1,891,500	174,000	522,000	745,000	2,054,500	6,355,000
Totals, Canada	266,000	3,236,000	2,308,700	687,700	775,200	1,344,700	3,497,700	12,116,000

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Table 2.- Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Class, by Province, at June 1, 1960

		Cows		Yearling Heifers				
	Bulls	for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef	Steers	Calves	Total
				- 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



Table 3.- Sheep: Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1960 and 1961

Province	June 1, 1960			June 1, 1961			1961 Total as % of 1960 Total
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	
	- head -						%
P.E.I.	17,500	16,500	34,000	16,500	15,500	32,000	94
Nova Scotia	39,000	34,000	73,000	35,000	31,000	66,000	90
New Brunswick	32,000	30,000	62,000	28,000	26,000	54,000	87
Quebec	130,000	136,000	266,000	111,000	114,000	225,000	85
Ontario	190,000	195,000	385,000	192,000	196,000	388,000	101
Totals, East	408,500	411,500	820,000	382,500	382,500	765,000	93
Manitoba	42,000	42,000	84,000	44,000	46,000	90,000	107
Saskatchewan	108,000	109,000	217,000	100,000	103,000	203,000	94
Alberta	285,000	270,000	555,000	282,000	272,000	554,000	100
Br. Columbia	47,000	50,000	97,000	48,000	46,000	94,000	97
Totals, West	482,000	471,000	953,000	474,000	467,000	941,000	99
Totals, Canada	890,500	882,500	1,773,000	856,500	849,500	1,706,000	96

Table 4.- Horses: Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1960 and 1961

Province	June 1, 1960	June 1, 1961	1961 as % of 1960
	- head -		%
Prince Edward Island	9,100	8,400	92
Nova Scotia	12,100	11,000	91
New Brunswick	12,800	12,000	94
Quebec	129,000	122,000	95
Ontario	95,000	90,000	95
Totals, East	258,000	243,400	94
Manitoba	56,000	52,000	93
Saskatchewan	120,000	109,000	91
Alberta	115,000	107,000	93
British Columbia	22,500	23,000	102
Totals, West	313,500	291,000	93
Totals, Canada	571,500	534,400	94