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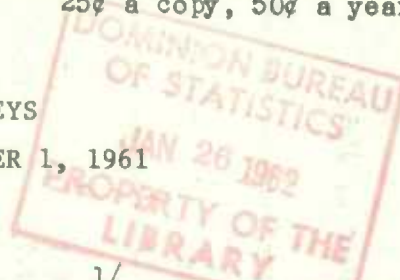
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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, DECEMBER 1, 1961



CATTLE: The number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada^{1/} at December 1, 1961 is estimated at 11,111,000, about 2 per cent greater than the year-earlier total of 10,897,000 head. The number of milk cows increased 70,000 to 3,200,000 head with most of the gain occurring in Quebec and Ontario. Holdings of beef cows increased in all provinces but Quebec for a net gain of 95,400, or over 4 per cent. Farm inventories of heifers, steers and calves were also greater than last year in Eastern Canada and these increases partially offset reduced holdings of these classes in the West. While the rate of increase is less than during the two previous years these estimates indicate that breeding stock has continued to increase, even in the West despite the adverse feed production season in 1961.

SHEEP: Estimated at 1,071,000 head, the number of sheep and lambs was about 5.5 per cent below the total at December 1, 1960. Except for Ontario, in which there was an increase, numbers of sheep and lambs were lower than a year ago in all provinces.

HORSES: The number of horses at December 1, 1961 is estimated at 516,000 head, down over 6 per cent from the year-earlier total. The decrease of 5 per cent in the East and almost 8 per cent in the West was a continuation of the consistent, long-term trend.

^{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, 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 1b.- Number of Cattle on Farms in Canada, by Class and Province, at December 1, 1961

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- thousand head -								
Pr. Edward Isld.	0.7	39.0	5.5	7.5	7.2	17.5	34.6	112.0
Nova Scotia	1.9	65.0	13.6	14.5	8.5	15.0	38.5	157.0
New Brunswick	2.5	67.0	10.0	12.3	4.5	6.0	36.7	139.0
Quebec	62.0	1,128.0	122.0	148.0	19.0	37.0	382.0	1,898.0
Ontario	42.0	1,072.0	300.0	297.0	184.0	466.0	939.0	3,300.0
Totals, East	109.1	2,371.0	451.1	479.3	223.2	541.5	1,430.8	5,606.0
Manitoba	16.0	208.0	217.0	39.0	54.0	63.0	260.0	857.0
Saskatchewan	35.0	246.0	625.0	37.0	127.0	126.0	560.0	1,756.0
Alberta	48.0	277.0	867.0	50.0	173.0	201.0	864.0	2,480.0
Br. Columbia	8.0	98.0	108.0	25.0	25.0	18.5	129.5	412.0
Totals, West	107.0	829.0	1,817.0	151.0	379.0	408.5	1,813.5	5,505.0
Totals, CANADA	216.1	3,200.0	2,268.1	630.3	602.2	950.0	3,244.3	11,111.0



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Table 2.- Number of Sheep on Farms in Canada, by Age Group and Province,
at December 1, 1960 and 1961

Province	1 9 6 0			1 9 6 1		
	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	13.5	2.5	16.0
Nova Scotia	33.0	8.0	41.0	30.0	6.0	36.0
New Brunswick	27.0	6.0	33.0	24.0	4.0	28.0
Quebec	114.0	28.0	142.0	98.0	26.0	124.0
Ontario	188.0	60.0	248.0	193.0	72.0	265.0
Totals, East	378.0	105.0	483.0	358.5	110.5	469.0
Manitoba	41.0	13.0	54.0	38.0	10.0	48.0
Saskatchewan	94.0	38.0	132.0	90.0	30.0	120.0
Alberta	263.0	145.0	408.0	248.0	131.0	379.0
Br. Columbia	45.0	13.0	58.0	43.0	12.0	55.0
Totals, West	443.0	209.0	652.0	419.0	183.0	602.0
Totals, CANADA	821.0	314.0	1,135.0	777.5	293.5	1,071.0

Table 3.- Number of Horses on Farms in Canada, by Province, at December 1, 1960 & 1961

Province	1960	1961	1961 as % of 1960
- thousand head -			%
Prince Edward Island	8.7	8.0	92
Nova Scotia	11.7	10.5	90
New Brunswick	12.2	11.5	94
Quebec	124.0	118.0	95
Ontario	92.0	88.0	96
Totals, East	248.6	236.0	95
Manitoba	55.0	50.0	91
Saskatchewan	114.0	103.0	90
Alberta	111.0	104.0	94
British Columbia	23.0	23.0	100
Totals, West	303.0	280.0	92
Totals, CANADA	551.6	516.0	94