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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1962

Estimates of the numbers of cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada at June 1, 1962 as derived from the June farm survey, comparable Census data for June 1, 1961 and revised estimates for December 1, 1961 based on the new Census benchmarks are included in this report. Totals shown in the tables are for nine provinces because semi-annual estimates for Newfoundland are not available.

CATTLE

The number of cattle and calves on farms at June 1, 1962, estimated at 12,075,000 head, was 1.2 per cent greater than the Census total of 11,933,800 in June 1961. There was an increase of 3.4 per cent in the East but a decrease of 0.7 per cent in the West. Beef cows, steers and calves increased from numbers reported in 1961 while other classes decreased slightly.

The number of milk cows dropped 1 per cent, to 2,955,500, with most of the decline taking place in the West. Yearling heifers being raised for milk production declined 3.3 per cent from the Census total.

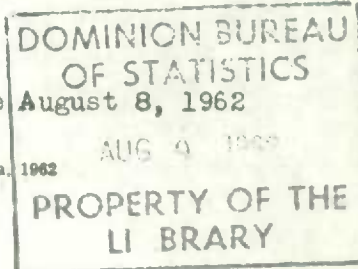
The number of beef cows continued to increase, rising 6.0 per cent in the East and almost 3 per cent in the West, 3.3 per cent in total. Both beef heifer and steer numbers declined in the West as the result of last year's low feed crop, but with sharp increases for these classes in the East, particularly for steers in Ontario, the nine-province total of beef heifers was practically unchanged from last year while the number of steers increased 4.5 per cent. There were also almost 2 per cent more calves at June 1, 1962 than were reported in the 1961 Census.

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There were significant changes in the composition of the cattle herd between the Censuses of 1956 and 1961. During this five-year period total numbers of cattle increased about 9 per cent. The number of milk cows decreased slightly while that of beef cows increased 24 per cent. In 1956 beef cows comprised 37.4 per cent of total cows while in 1961 the proportion had increased to 43.9 per cent.

Increases in the beef classes of cattle generally, were slightly under-estimated from the semi-annual surveys during the intercensal period, but milk cows and calves were reported too high.

Revisions of the semi-annual survey estimates made during the intercensal period, 1956-1961, to conform to beginning and ending Census benchmarks, will be published at a later date for all classes of livestock.

SHEEP

Total sheep and lambs at June 1, 1962 are estimated at 1,433,000 head, down 7.4 per cent from the Census total of 1,548,200 in 1961. The decrease from last year amounted to almost 9 per cent in the West and 5.6 per cent in the East.

The Census total for sheep in 1961 was 4.4 per cent below that of 1956. In the five years between these Censuses sheep numbers decreased 25.7 per cent in Eastern Canada, with the decline most severe in Quebec at 42.5 per cent. These decreases were not fully reflected in semi-annual survey estimates between 1956 and 1961. In the West, sheep numbers were 23.1 per cent higher in 1961 than in 1956. Preliminary semi-annual estimates indicated an even greater increase and require downward revision.

HORSES

The number of horses on farms continues to decline and the estimate of 477,200 head at June 1, 1962 is 6.5 per cent below the year-earlier Census total of 510,600.

Between the Census years 1956 and 1961 the number of horses on farms in the nine provinces declined about 35 per cent from 782,100 to 510,600 head. The five-year decline amounted to 40 per cent in the East and 30 per cent in the West.

The 1961 Census reports show the numbers of livestock on farms in Newfoundland as follows:- Cattle, 7,320; sheep, 15,320; horses, 1,152; and pigs, 1,554.

Because of a change in definition of a 'Census Farm' all livestock numbers reported by the 1961 Census are somewhat lower than they would have been without the change of definition. Canada totals (including Newfoundland) on holdings that would have been called farms in the 1951 and 1956 Censuses are as follows: Horses, 27,714; cattle, 46,719; sheep, 12,204; pigs, 10,404.

TABLE 1.

CATTLE.- Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1962

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- '000 head -								
Pr. Ed. Island	1.5	38.5	5.6	9.0	10.0	24.4	32.0	121.0
Nova Scotia	2.7	62.0	15.4	15.3	9.5	17.2	40.9	163.0
New Brunswick	4.0	64.0	11.8	14.5	6.4	10.2	45.1	156.0
Quebec	75.0	1,032.0	72.0	213.0	27.0	59.0	478.0	1,956.0
Ontario	45.0	970.0	340.0	286.0	232.0	620.0	775.0	3,268.0
Totals, East	128.2	2,166.5	444.8	537.8	284.9	730.8	1,371.0	5,664.0
Manitoba	20.0	188.0	248.0	46.0	75.0	107.0	298.0	982.0
Saskatchewan	39.0	229.0	693.0	48.0	177.0	195.0	699.0	2,080.0
Alberta	57.0	280.0	900.0	67.0	271.0	380.0	908.0	2,863.0
British Columbia	9.0	92.0	133.5	26.0	46.5	48.0	131.0	486.0
Totals, West	125.0	789.0	1,974.5	187.0	569.5	730.0	2,036.0	6,411.0
Totals, CANADA	253.2	2,955.5	2,419.3	724.8	854.4	1,460.8	3,407.0	12,075.0

TABLE 2.

CATTLE.- Numbers on Farms, by Province, June 1, 1961 (Census)

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- '000 head -								
Pr. Ed. Island	1.7	39.6	5.4	9.0	9.5	23.6	32.3	121.1
Nova Scotia	2.8	64.0	13.9	16.0	8.9	16.8	41.3	163.7
New Brunswick	4.3	67.3	11.1	15.7	6.6	9.4	45.8	160.2
Quebec	76.4	1,006.7	70.5	222.6	26.9	61.5	450.6	1,915.2
Ontario	46.5	992.4	318.7	287.3	218.4	494.6	757.8	3,115.7
Totals, East	131.7	2,170.0	419.6	550.6	270.3	605.9	1,327.8	5,475.9
Manitoba	19.9	195.9	236.4	49.9	78.8	121.2	293.5	995.6
Saskatchewan	40.2	241.1	670.1	53.4	195.9	233.7	686.7	2,121.1
Alberta	57.1	287.9	890.2	68.7	270.6	392.0	912.9	2,879.4
British Columbia	8.6	91.9	124.7	27.1	41.1	44.7	123.7	461.8
Totals, West	125.8	816.8	1,921.4	199.1	586.4	791.6	2,016.8	6,457.9
Totals, CANADA	257.5	2,986.8	2,341.0	749.7	856.7	1,397.5	3,344.6	11,933.8

TABLE 3.

CATTLE.- Numbers on Farms, by Province, December 1, 1961
(Revised on Census Base)

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- '000 head -								
Pr. Ed. Island	1.1	37.5	5.1	7.4	8.5	19.9	35.0	114.5
Nova Scotia	2.7	62.3	14.3	14.9	9.1	15.5	39.2	158.0
New Brunswick	2.8	64.2	11.4	13.8	5.7	7.1	39.0	144.0
Quebec	56.0	996.0	92.0	196.0	21.0	46.0	318.0	1,725.0
Ontario	41.0	985.0	318.0	279.0	194.0	459.0	922.0	3,198.0
Totals, East	103.6	2,145.0	440.8	511.1	238.3	547.5	1,353.2	5,339.5
Manitoba	17.0	191.0	231.0	43.0	61.0	75.0	263.0	881.0
Saskatchewan	34.0	236.0	643.0	44.0	140.0	121.0	567.0	1,785.0
Alberta	49.0	281.0	858.0	61.0	195.0	219.0	837.0	2,500.0
British Columbia	8.0	94.0	118.0	26.0	34.0	22.0	125.0	427.0
Totals, West	108.0	802.0	1,850.0	174.0	430.0	437.0	1,792.0	5,593.0
Totals, CANADA	211.6	2,947.0	2,290.8	685.1	668.3	984.5	3,145.2	10,932.5

TABLE 4.

SHEEP.- Numbers on Farms, June 1, 1961 (Census); December 1, 1961 (Revised) and June 1, 1962

Province	June 1, 1961 (Census)			December 1, 1961 (Revised)			June 1, 1962		
	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total
	- '000 head -								
Pr. Ed. Island	12.0	11.9	23.9	10.0	2.0	12.0	11.0	11.0	22.0
Nova Scotia	34.6	30.0	64.6	29.0	6.0	35.0	30.0	28.0	58.0
New Brunswick	27.6	26.3	53.9	24.0	4.0	28.0	25.0	25.0	50.0
Quebec	96.8	97.9	194.7	85.0	21.0	106.0	85.0	86.0	171.0
Ontario	171.5	169.6	341.1	170.0	56.0	226.0	170.0	169.0	339.0
Totals, East	342.5	335.7	678.2	318.0	87.0	405.0	321.0	319.0	640.0
Manitoba	40.1	41.2	81.3	35.0	9.0	44.0	36.0	40.0	76.0
Saskatchewan	97.5	91.5	189.0	85.0	31.0	116.0	88.0	86.0	174.0
Alberta	250.8	246.1	496.9	221.0	119.0	340.0	225.0	220.0	445.0
British Columbia	51.8	51.0	102.8	46.5	14.5	61.0	50.0	48.0	98.0
Totals, West	440.2	429.8	870.0	387.5	173.5	561.0	399.0	394.0	793.0
Totals, CANADA	782.7	765.5	1,548.2	705.5	260.5	966.0	720.0	713.0	1,433.0

TABLE 5.

HORSES.- Numbers on Farms in Canada^{1/}, by Province, at June 1, 1961 (Census),
December 1, 1961 (Revised) and June 1, 1962

Province	June 1, 1961 (Census)	Dec. 1, 1961 (Revised)	June 1, 1962
	- '000 head -		
Prince Edward Island	7.9	7.6	7.0
Nova Scotia	8.9	8.6	8.0
New Brunswick	9.3	8.9	8.2
Quebec	97.4	94.0	91.0
Ontario	88.9	87.0	85.0
Totals, East	212.4	206.1	199.2
Manitoba	50.8	48.0	46.0
Saskatchewan	110.3	104.0	98.0
Alberta	113.2	111.0	109.0
British Columbia	23.9	24.0	25.0
Totals, West	298.2	287.0	278.0
Totals, CANADA	510.6	493.1	477.2

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.

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