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CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, DECEMBER 1, 1962

CATTLE: The number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada^{1/} at December 1, 1962 is estimated at 11,206,000, an increase of 2.5 per cent from the year-earlier total of 10,932,500 head. The net increase in eastern Canada was 2 per cent with gains in Ontario and Quebec more than offsetting decreases in the Maritime Provinces. Numbers in western Canada increased by 3 per cent.

The number of milk cows decreased by 1 per cent in the East and 5.5 per cent in the West, slightly over 2 per cent in total, with Quebec the only province having more milk cows than a year ago. The number of yearling heifers being raised for milk production also decreased, by almost 4 per cent. Beef classes of cattle and calves, on the other hand, all increased. The number of beef cows rose about 5 per cent in both eastern and western Canada, beef heifers were up about 2.3 per cent and calves 3.8 per cent while the number of steers was 12.5 per cent greater than at December 1, 1961, reflecting an increase in the number of cattle on feed in Canada.

SHEEP: Estimated at 870,500 head, the number of sheep and lambs was about 10 per cent below the total of 966,000 at December 1, 1961. Decreases from 405,000 to 364,500 in the East and from 561,000 to 506,000 in the West were approximately at the same rate. Decreases were common to all provinces but Manitoba where the number of sheep increased to 45,000 from 44,000 a year ago.

HORSES: The number of horses at December 1, 1962 is estimated at 457,800, down slightly over 7 per cent from the year-earlier total of 493,100. Except for a very moderate increase in British Columbia the number of horses declined in all provinces, continuing the long-term trend.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland for which the semi-annual estimates of livestock numbers are not available.

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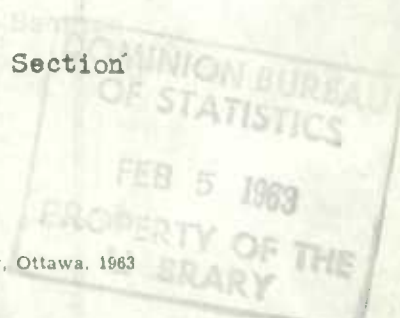


TABLE 1

CATTLE: Number on Farms, by Class and Province, December 1, 1962

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- thousand head -								
Pr. Ed. Island	1.0	36.0	5.0	7.7	8.0	18.3	37.0	113.0
Nova Scotia	2.4	60.0	15.7	13.2	8.7	15.0	40.0	155.0
New Brunswick	2.6	60.0	11.6	13.0	6.0	7.0	38.8	139.0
Quebec	55.0	1,009.0	88.0	186.0	21.0	41.0	341.0	1,741.0
Ontario	38.0	958.0	344.0	269.0	206.0	525.0	960.0	3,300.0
Totals, East	99.0	2,123.0	464.3	488.9	249.7	606.3	1,416.8	5,448.0
Manitoba	18.0	182.0	251.0	44.0	65.0	99.0	295.0	954.0
Saskatchewan	34.0	212.0	681.0	41.0	141.0	135.0	589.0	1,833.0
Alberta	50.0	273.0	877.0	60.0	192.0	247.0	841.0	2,540.0
Br. Columbia	8.0	91.0	129.0	25.0	36.0	20.0	122.0	431.0
Totals, West	110.0	758.0	1,938.0	170.0	434.0	501.0	1,847.0	5,758.0
Totals, CANADA	209.0	2,881.0	2,402.3	658.9	683.7	1,107.3	3,263.8	11,206.0

TABLE 2

CATTLE: Number on Farms, by Class and Province, December 1, 1961
(Revised on Census Base)

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



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TABLE 3.

SHEEP: Number on Farms in Canada, by Age Group and Province,
at December 1, 1961 and 1962

Province	1961 (Revised)			1 9 6 2			1962 as % of 1961
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	
- thousand head -							%
Pr. Edward Isl ^d .	10.0	2.0	12.0	9.4	1.6	11.0	91.7
Nova Scotia	29.0	6.0	35.0	27.0	6.0	33.0	94.3
New Brunswick	24.0	4.0	28.0	21.0	4.5	25.5	91.1
Quebec	85.0	21.0	106.0	76.0	19.0	95.0	89.6
Ontario	170.0	56.0	226.0	153.0	47.0	200.0	88.5
Totals, East	318.0	87.0	405.0	286.4	78.1	364.5	90.0
Manitoba	35.0	9.0	44.0	34.0	11.0	45.0	102.3
Saskatchewan	85.0	31.0	116.0	77.0	29.0	106.0	91.4
Alberta	221.0	119.0	340.0	199.0	100.0	299.0	87.9
Br. Columbia	46.5	14.5	61.0	46.0	10.0	56.0	91.8
Totals, West	387.5	173.5	561.0	356.0	150.0	506.0	90.2
Totals, CANADA	705.5	260.5	966.0	642.4	228.1	870.5	90.1

TABLE 4.

HORSES: Number on Farms in Canada, by Province, at December 1,
1961 & 1962

Province	1961 (Revised)	1962	1962 as % of 1961
	- thousand head -		%
Prince Edward Island	7.6	6.6	86.8
Nova Scotia	8.6	7.7	89.5
New Brunswick	8.9	8.0	89.9
Quebec	94.0	88.0	93.6
Ontario	87.0	83.0	95.4
Totals, East	206.1	193.3	93.8
Manitoba	48.0	44.0	91.7
Saskatchewan	104.0	92.0	88.5
Alberta	111.0	104.0	93.7
British Columbia	24.0	24.5	102.1
Totals, West	287.0	264.5	92.2
Totals, CANADA	493.1	457.8	92.8