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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, DECEMBER 1, 1963

CATTLE: Total cattle and calves on farms in Canada^{1/} at December 1, 1963, are estimated at 11,552,000 an increase of 3.1 per cent from the estimated total of 11,206,000 at December 1, 1962. For Western Canada and for each of the Prairie Provinces the numbers were up by almost 7 per cent. A decrease of about 1 per cent occurred in the East with declines in three provinces more than offsetting increases in Quebec and Prince Edward Island.

For Canada as a whole increases over December, 1962 occurred in beef cow numbers, (5.9 per cent), beef heifers, (6.0 per cent), steers, (5.6 per cent), and calves, (4.5 per cent). This pattern is fairly uniform across the country except that in the East yearling heifers for beef, and calves, decreased by 1.6 and 3.2 per cent, respectively.

The number of milk cows decreased by 38,000 during the year; 22,000 in the East to 2,101,000 and 16,000 in the West to 742,000. Quebec with an increase of 10,000 was the only province in which the number of milk cows increased.

SHEEP: The total number of sheep and lambs on farms at December 1, 1963 was estimated at 860,000, down about 3 per cent from last year's revised total of 885,500. The decrease occurred mainly in the East as the West showed very little change from last year. Numbers of sheep 1 year old and older decreased in all provinces, but the carryover of lambs at December 1 was greater in 1963 than in 1962 in each of the Western provinces and in Prince Edward Island.

HORSES: The estimate of the total number of horses on farms at December 1, 1963, is 436,800, a decrease of 4.6 per cent from the year-earlier total of 457,800. The decrease was general across the country except for slight increases in Ontario and British Columbia.

^{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, 1963

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	5.1	7.9	8.0	20.0	39.0	117.0
Nova Scotia	2.3	59.0	15.4	13.5	8.7	15.1	39.0	153.0
New Brunswick	2.8	57.0	13.0	13.0	6.0	7.7	38.5	138.0
Quebec	56.0	1,019.0	88.0	184.0	23.0	45.0	340.0	1,755.0
Ontario	38.0	930.0	352.0	267.0	200.0	540.0	915.0	3,242.0
Totals, East	100.1	2,101.0	473.5	485.4	245.7	627.8	1,371.5	5,405.0
Manitoba	19.0	180.0	284.0	41.0	69.0	97.0	330.0	1,020.0
Saskatchewan	36.0	200.0	740.0	37.0	156.0	144.0	645.0	1,958.0
Alberta	52.0	272.0	904.0	58.0	214.0	276.0	935.0	2,711.0
British Columbia	8.0	90.0	142.0	23.0	40.0	25.0	130.0	458.0
Totals, West	115.0	742.0	2,070.0	159.0	479.0	542.0	2,040.0	6,147.0
Totals, CANADA	215.1	2,843.0	2,543.5	644.4	724.7	1,169.8	3,411.5	11,552.0

TABLE 2

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



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TABLE 3.

SHEEP: Number on Farms in Canada, by Age Group and Province,
at December 1, 1962 and 1963

Province	1962 ^{1/}			1963			1963 as % 1962
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	
	- thousand head -						%
Pr. Edward Isld.	9.4	1.6	11.0	8.2	2.3	10.5	95.5
Nova Scotia	27.0	6.0	33.0	24.0	5.0	29.0	87.9
New Brunswick	21.0	4.5	25.5	17.0	3.5	20.5	80.4
Quebec	76.0	19.0	95.0	70.0	18.0	88.0	92.6
Ontario	153.0	62.0	215.0	148.0	59.0	207.0	96.3
Totals, East	286.4	93.1	379.5	267.2	87.8	355.0	93.5
Manitoba	34.0	11.0	45.0	32.0	13.0	45.0	100.0
Saskatchewan	77.0	29.0	106.0	74.0	33.0	107.0	100.9
Alberta	209.0	90.0	299.0	185.0	110.0	295.0	98.7
Br. Columbia	46.0	10.0	56.0	45.0	13.0	58.0	103.6
Totals, West	366.0	140.0	506.0	336.0	169.0	505.0	99.8
Totals, CANADA	652.4	233.1	885.5	603.2	256.8	860.0	97.1

^{1/} Revised.

TABLE 4.

HORSES: Number on Farms in Canada, by Province, at December 1,
1962 & 1963

Province	1962	1963	1963 as % 1962
	- thousand head -		%
Prince Edward Island	6.6	5.8	87.9
Nova Scotia	7.7	7.0	90.9
New Brunswick	8.0	7.0	87.5
Quebec	88.0	81.0	92.0
Ontario	83.0	84.0	101.2
Totals, East	193.3	184.8	95.6
Manitoba	44.0	41.0	93.2
Saskatchewan	92.0	86.0	93.5
Alberta	104.0	100.0	96.2
British Columbia	24.5	25.0	102.0
Totals, West	264.5	252.0	95.3
Totals, CANADA	457.8	436.8	95.4