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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1964 BRARY

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CATTLE: The number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada(1) at June 1 this year is estimated at 12,817,000 head, a rise of 4.2 per cent from last year's June 1 total of 12,305,000. Increases took place in all provinces but New Brunswick. Numbers on farms in the East rose 1.1 per cent to 5,721,000 head and in the West 6.8 per cent to 7,096,000. The net increase was entirely in beef cattle and calves.

The number of milk cows rose slightly in the East to 2,168,000 with increases in Quebec and Ontario, but fell 3 per cent in the West to 738,000 resulting in a net decrease of 8,500 on the whole. The number of yearling heifers being raised for milk production fell about 26,000 to 692,000 head.

The number of beef cows increased by 200,000 or almost 8 per cent, to 2,730,000 with 479,000 in Eastern and 2,251,000 in Western Canada. Beef heifers and steers increased 9.5 and 12.1 per cent respectively to reach a combined total of 2,667,800 head compared with an estimated 2,401,200 head at June 1, 1963, and reflecting a substantial increase of cattle on feed in Canada.

SHEEP: Total sheep and lambs on farms at June 1, 1964 are estimated at 1,286,500 down 4 per cent from 1,340,000 at June 1, 1963. Eastern Canada had a 5 per cent decrease and the West was down 3 per cent. All provinces except Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan showed decreases. The basic flock of sheep 1 year old or older decreased by 29,000 from 666,500 at June 1, 1963 to 637,500 at June 1, 1964.

HORSES: The number of horses on farms in Canada at June 1, 1964 is estimated at 423,700 head, down 5 per cent from 447,800 at June 1, 1963. Decreases were common to all provinces except British Columbia which had a 2 per cent increase over last year.

(1) Not including Newfoundland.

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Table 1.-Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Class, by Province, at June 1, 1963

		Cows		Yearling Heifers				Total	
	Bulls	for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef	Steers	Calves		
				~ 1000 h	ead -				
Pr. Ed. Island	1.5	37.0	6.0	8.5	10.0	23.5	34.5	121.0	
Nova Scotia	2.6	59.5	16.0	14.2	9.5	16.7	39.5	158.0	
New Brunswick	4.0	59.0	14.0	14.0	7.0	10.5	45.5	154.0	
Quebec	76.0	1,048.0	77.0	212.0	28.0	61.0	478.0	1,980.0	
Ontario	45.0	950.0	350.0	290.0	230.0	600.0	780.0	3,245.0	
Totals, East	129.1	2,153.5	463.0	538.7	284.5	711.7	1,377.5	5,658.0	
Manitoba	21.0	182.0	275.0	46.0	83.0	125.0	333.0	1,065.0	
Saskatchewan	42.0	211.0	733.0	42.0	193.0	211.0	715.0	2,147.0	
Alberta	59.0	277.0	915.0	67.0	295.0	402.0	920.0	2,935.0	
Br. Columbia	9.0	91,0	144.0	24.0	51.0	45.0	136.0	500.0	
Totals, West	131.0	761.0	2,067.0	179.0	622.0	783.0	2,104.0	6,647.0	
Totals, Canada	260.1	2,914.5	2,530.0	717.7	906.5	1,494.7	3,481.5	12,305.0	-

Table 2.-Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Class, by Province, at June 1, 1964

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers				Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef	Steers	Calves	Total
				- 1000 h	ead -			
Pr. Ed. Island	1.4	37.0	6.4	8,4	11.0	26.8	33.0	124.0
Nova Scotia	2.5	59.0	16.6	13.6	10.3	17.2	39.8	159.0
New Brunswick	4.0	58.0	14.0	14.0	7.0	11.5	44.5	153.0
Quebec	75.0	1,060.0	83.0	200.0	27.0	61.0	476.0	1,982.0
Ontario	43.0	954.0	359.0	285.0	240.0	645.0	777.0	3,303.0
Totals, East	125.9	2,168.0	479.0	521.0	295.3	761.5	1,370.3	5,721.0
Manitoba	23.0	182.0	314.0	46.0	86.0	137.0	351.0	1,139.0
Saskatchewan	43.0	193.0	812.0	41.0	208.0	240.0	763.0	2,300.0
Alberta	63.0	274.0	967.0	61.0	354.0	480.0	936.0	3,135.0
Br. Columbia	9.0	89.0	158.0	23.0	49.0	57.0	137.0	522.0
Totals, West	138.0	738.0	2,251.0	171.0	697.0	914.0	2,187.0	7,096.0
Totals, Canada	263.9	2,906.0	2,730.0	692.0	992.3	1,675.5	3,557.3	12,817.0



SHEEP

Table 3. - Numbers on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1963 and 1964

	1 9	6 3		1 9	1964 Total			
	Sheep 1 year old or older		Total	Sheep 1 year old or older	Lambs Total		as % of	
			- thousa	nd head -			%	
P.E.I.	9.5	8.5	18.0	9.0	9.0	18.0	100	
N.S.	27.0	24.0	51.0	25.0	22.0	47.0	92	
N.B.	21.0	20.0	41.0	17.5	17.0	34.5	84	
Que.	77.0	75.0	152.0	74.0	70.0	144.0	95	
Ont.	160.0	161.0	321.0	154.0	156.0	310.0	97	
Totals, Eas	t 294.5	288.5	583.0	279.5	274.0	553.5	95	
Man.	35.0	38.0	73.0	33.0	33.0	66.0	90	
Sask.	80.0	84.0	164.0	80.0	85.0	165.0	101	
Alta.	210.0	214.0	424.0	199.0	210.0	409.0	96	
B.C.	47.0	49.0	96.0	46.0	47.0	93.0	97	
Totals, Wes	t 372.0	385.0	757.0	358.0	375.0	733.0	97	
CANADA	666.5	673.5	1,340.0	637.5	649.0	1,286.5	96	

HORSES

Table 4. - Numbers on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1963 and 1964

	June 1, 1963	June 1, 1964	1964 as % of 1963	
		- thousand head -	%	
P.E.I.	6.2	5.3	85	
N.S.	7.3	6.6	90	
N.B.	7.3	6.8	93	
Que.	84.0	78.0	93	
Ont.	84.0	83.0	99	
Totals, East	188.8	179.7	95	
Man.	42.5	39.0	92	
Sask.	89.0	84.0	94	
Alta.	103.0	96.0	93	
B.C.	24.5	25.0	102	
Totals, West	259.0	244.0	94	
CANADA	447.8	423.7	95	