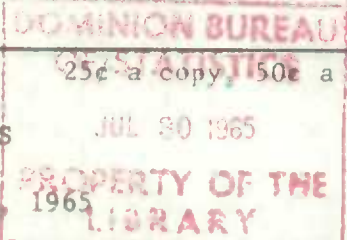


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## REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1965

**CATTLE:** The total number of cattle and calves in Canada(1) at June 1 this year is estimated at a record 13,001,000 up 1.4 per cent from 12,817,000 at June 1, 1964. Numbers in the East increased by about 1 per cent to 5,771,000 although both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had decreases. In the West numbers increased by almost 2 per cent to reach 7,230,000 with an increase common to each of these provinces.

Milk cow numbers for the country as a whole are estimated at 2,885,000, down 0.7 per cent from last year. Although numbers went up fractionally in the East to 2,181,000 due to increases in Quebec and Prince Edward Island, this was more than offset by the 4.6 per cent decline in the West where the numbers fell to 704,000. Milk heifer numbers fell by 6.4 per cent to 648,000 with decreases of 5.2 per cent and 10 per cent in the East and West, respectively.

Numbers of beef cows rose by 5.2 per cent to 2,870,800. In the East the numbers rose to 482,800 up fractionally from last year and in the West they increased by 6.1 per cent to 2,388,000. Beef heifers and steers at 995,600 and 1,723,300 rose 0.3 and 2.9 per cent respectively. In the East beef heifers rose by 1.5 per cent and steers by 7.9 but in the West the numbers of beef heifers remained constant and steers decreased by 1.3 per cent.

**SHEEP:** Total sheep and lambs were estimated at 1,167,000 a new low for the country and 9 per cent below the 1,286,500 at June 1, 1964. In the East numbers decreased by 5 per cent to 525,000 and in the West by 12 per cent to 642,000. Sheep one year old or older decreased by 7.3 per cent for the country as a whole to 591,000. In the East numbers of mature sheep decreased by 4.4 per cent and in the West by 9.5 per cent.

**HORSES:** The number of horses in Canada decreased further by 6 per cent to 398,000. In the East numbers declined by 7 per cent and in the West by 5 per cent.

A characteristic of the survey at this time was the higher rates of death loss reported for both cattle and sheep especially in the West. The severe winter no doubt largely contributed to this.

(1) Not including Newfoundland.

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

Provinces	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
		- '000 head -						
Prince Edward 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
British 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

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TABLE 1. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Class, by Province, at June 1, 1965

Provinces	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves(1)	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- '000 head -								
Prince Edward Island .....	1.3	39.0	6.0	7.8	10.6	29.6	35.7	130.0
Nova Scotia .....	2.6	57.0	17.5	12.3	10.0	18.6	39.0	157.0
New Brunswick .....	3.7	56.0	15.3	11.9	7.0	12.1	44.0	150.0
Quebec .....	76.0	1,086.0	81.0	187.0	28.0	61.0	471.0	1,990.0
Ontario .....	42.0	943.0	363.0	275.0	244.0	700.0	777.0	3,344.0
Totals, East .....	125.6	2,181.0	482.8	494.0	299.6	821.3	1,366.7	5,771.0
Manitoba .....	23.0	176.0	332.0	42.0	84.0	128.0	365.0	1,150.0
Saskatchewan .....	45.0	178.0	858.0	35.0	197.0	240.0	787.0	2,340.0
Alberta .....	67.0	262.0	1,028.0	55.0	360.0	476.0	947.0	3,195.0
British Columbia .....	9.0	88.0	170.0	22.0	55.0	58.0	143.0	545.0
Totals, West .....	144.0	704.0	2,388.0	154.0	696.0	902.0	2,242.0	7,230.0
Totals, Canada .....	269.6	2,885.0	2,870.8	648.0	995.6	1,723.3	3,608.7	13,001.0

(1) Calves reported to be the progeny of beef type bulls, as a proportion of total calves on hand, were: Prince Edward Island, 44.4 per cent; Nova Scotia, 52.7; New Brunswick, 33.1; Quebec, 7.7; Ontario, 49.0; Manitoba, 77.5; Saskatchewan, 89.9; Alberta, 88.9; British Columbia, 72.5.





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TABLE 3. Numbers on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1964 and 1965

Province	1 9 6 4			1 9 6 5			1965 Total as % of 1964 Total
	Sheep 1 year old or older	Lambs	Total	Sheep 1 year old or older	Lambs	Total	
	- thousand head -						%
P.E.I. ....	9.0	9.0	18.0	7.0	7.0	14.0	78
N.S. ....	25.0	22.0	47.0	23.0	21.0	44.0	94
N.B. ....	17.5	17.0	34.5	16.0	16.0	32.0	93
Que. ....	74.0	70.0	144.0	69.0	64.0	133.0	92
Ont. ....	154.0	156.0	310.0	152.0	150.0	302.0	97
Totals, East .....	279.5	274.0	553.5	267.0	258.0	525.0	95
Man. ....	33.0	33.0	66.0	29.0	28.0	57.0	86
Sask. ....	80.0	85.0	165.0	74.0	76.0	150.0	91
Alta. ....	199.0	210.0	409.0	180.0	175.0	355.0	87
B.C. ....	46.0	47.0	93.0	41.0	39.0	80.0	86
Totals, West .....	358.0	375.0	733.0	324.0	318.0	642.0	88
Canada .....	637.5	649.0	1,286.5	591.0	576.0	1,167.0	91

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TABLE 4. Numbers on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1964 and 1965

Province	June 1, 1964	June 1, 1965	1965 as % of 1964
	- thousand head -		%
P.E.I. ....	5.3	4.8	91
N.S. ....	6.6	6.1	92
N.B. ....	6.8	6.1	90
Que. ....	78.0	71.0	91
Ont. ....	83.0	79.0	95
Totals, East .....	179.7	167.0	93
Man. ....	39.0	37.0	95
Sask. ....	84.0	79.0	94
Alta. ....	96.0	92.0	96
B.C. ....	25.0	23.0	92
Totals, West .....	244.0	231.0	95
Canada .....	423.7	398.0	94