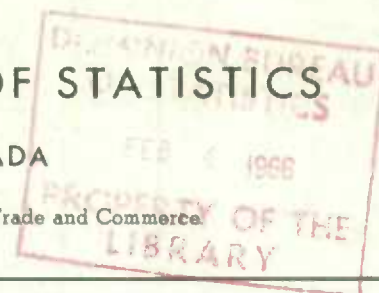


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Cattle - Sheep - Horses, December 1, 1965

CATTLE: Total cattle and calves on farms in Canada (1) at December 1, 1965 are estimated at 11,643,000, down 2.0 per cent from 11,900,000 at December 1, 1964. Numbers decreased 1.9 per cent in the West to 6,297,000 with Alberta registering a fractional increase and the others a decrease. The East at 5,346,000 had a 2.5 per cent decline caused by lower numbers in each province except Prince Edward Island which had a fractional increase. Except for December 1964 total cattle and calf numbers are still at a record high for this time of the year but the decline this year may be an indication of the beginning of the down-turn of the cattle cycle which began its rise in 1958.

Milk cow numbers decreased by 41,000 (1.5 per cent) thus continuing the decline which started in 1957. In the West milk cows were down by 45,000 from last year due to big decreases in Saskatchewan and Alberta. The East however, had a 4,000 head increase caused by a 16,000 rise in numbers in Quebec which more than offset declines in the other provinces. Yearling heifers being raised for milk in Canada dropped by 8.0 per cent to 571,500 with decreases of 10.7 and 7.2 per cent in the West and East respectively. Only Prince Edward Island had a slight increase in this category.

Beef cow numbers which have been rising steadily since 1941 rose only fractionally this year to 2,735,100. The West reported a 2.0 per cent increase but the East a 4.2 per cent decrease. Beef heifers and steers in Canada were estimated at 712,000 and 1,201,500, down 5.1 and 0.4 per cent respectively. Decreases were common to all provinces except Alberta (up in both categories) and Prince Edward Island (up slightly in beef heifers).

Calves, including beef and dairy types, decreased by 4.2 per cent to 3,407,000.

SHEEP: The total sheep and lamb numbers in Canada at December 1, 1965 is estimated at 765,000 down 8.2 per cent from 833,500 a year earlier. This is the lowest since 1940 when the estimating of sheep numbers at December commenced. In the West there were 434,000 down 11.4 per cent and in the East 331,000 down 3.6 per cent. The basic flock of sheep over one year old in Canada at 522,500 decreased by 8.5 per cent and lambs at 242,500 by 7.6 per cent. The decline was common to all provinces and uniformly larger, except for Saskatchewan, in the West than in the East.

HORSES: Estimated at 396,400 for December 1, 1965 the number of horses in Canada decreased by 4.7 per cent from 415,900 a year earlier. All provinces except British Columbia showed decreases. In the latter province numbers remained constant.

(1) Not including Newfoundland for which semi-annual estimates of livestock numbers are not available. The 1961 census reported the following numbers in that province at June 1 of that year: Cattle and Calves 7,320; Sheep 15,320; Horses 1,152.

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TABLE 1

CATTLE: Number on Farms, by Class and Province, December 1, 1965

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves(1)	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
thousand head								
Pr. Ed. Island	1.0	36.0	5.8	7.2	9.5	22.0	39.5	121.0
Nova Scotia	2.4	55.0	16.0	11.3	8.0	15.8	36.5	145.0
New Brunswick	2.5	52.0	13.3	11.0	5.5	7.7	35.0	127.0
Quebec	54.0	1,058.0	80.0	153.0	20.0	42.0	324.0	1,731.0
Ontario	35.0	925.0	342.0	255.0	200.0	555.0	910.0	3,222.0
Totals, East	94.9	2,126.0	457.1	437.5	243.0	642.5	1,345.0	5,346.0
Manitoba	20.0	170.0	310.0	40.0	62.0	90.0	315.0	1,007.0
Saskatchewan	38.0	165.0	820.0	26.0	136.0	135.0	655.0	1,975.0
Alberta	59.0	248.0	992.0	47.0	234.0	310.0	954.0	2,844.0
British Columbia	8.0	87.0	156.0	21.0	37.0	24.0	138.0	471.0
Totals, West	125.0	670.0	2,278.0	134.0	469.0	559.0	2,062.0	6,297.0
Totals, CANADA	219.9	2,796.0	2,735.1	571.5	712.0	1,201.5	3,407.0	11,643.0

(1) Calves reported to be the progeny of beef type bulls, as a proportion of total calves on hand, were:
 Prince Edward Island 47.8 per cent; Nova Scotia 47.2; New Brunswick 32.9; Quebec 9.7; Ontario 50.0;
 Manitoba 76.6; Saskatchewan 88.9; Alberta 88.5; British Columbia 75.4.

TABLE 2

CATTLE: Number on Farms, by Class and Province, December 1, 1964

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves(1)	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
thousand head								
Pr. Ed. Island	1.0	37.0	5.0	7.0	9.2	23.5	37.3	120.0
Nova Scotia	2.4	57.0	17.0	12.2	9.3	16.0	38.1	152.0
New Brunswick	2.6	56.0	13.7	12.0	6.0	9.3	39.4	139.0
Quebec	56.0	1,042.0	86.0	175.0	23.0	45.0	335.0	1,762.0
Ontario	37.0	930.0	355.0	265.0	205.0	565.0	950.0	3,307.0
Totals, East	99.0	2,122.0	476.7	471.2	252.5	658.8	1,399.8	5,480.0
Manitoba	20.0	177.0	315.0	40.0	73.0	102.0	342.0	1,069.0
Saskatchewan	38.0	185.0	806.0	35.0	150.0	137.0	687.0	2,038.0
Alberta	56.0	264.0	955.0	52.0	233.0	280.0	993.0	2,833.0
British Columbia	8.0	89.0	156.0	23.0	42.0	28.0	134.0	480.0
Totals, West	122.0	715.0	2,232.0	150.0	498.0	547.0	2,156.0	6,420.0
Totals, CANADA	221.0	2,837.0	2,708.7	621.2	750.5	1,205.8	3,555.8	11,900.0

(1) Calves reported to be the progeny of beef type bulls, as a proportion of total calves on hand, were: Quebec, 9.4 per cent; Ontario, 64.8; Manitoba, 74.0; Saskatchewan, 88.4; Alberta, 83.3; British Columbia, 66.1. Similar data for the Maritime Provinces were not available at time of publication.



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TABLE 3

SHEEP: Number on Farms in Canada, by Age Group and Province,
at December 1, 1964 and 1965

Province	1 9 6 4			1 9 6 5			1965 as % 1964
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	
	thousand head						%
Pr. Edward Isld.	7.0	1.5	8.5	7.0	1.0	8.0	94.1
Nova Scotia	22.0	4.0	26.0	20.0	4.0	24.0	92.3
New Brunswick	15.0	3.0	18.0	13.5	2.5	16.0	88.9
Quebec	66.0	17.0	83.0	62.0	15.0	77.0	92.8
Ontario	145.0	63.0	208.0	143.0	63.0	206.0	99.0
Totals, East	255.0	88.5	343.5	245.5	85.5	331.0	96.4
Manitoba	28.0	13.0	41.0	23.0	12.0	35.0	85.4
Saskatchewan	72.0	33.0	105.0	67.0	29.0	96.0	91.4
Alberta	175.0	115.0	290.0	152.0	105.0	257.0	88.6
Br. Columbia	41.0	13.0	54.0	35.0	11.0	46.0	85.2
Totals, West	316.0	174.0	490.0	277.0	157.0	434.0	88.6
Totals, CANADA	571.0	262.5	833.5	522.5	242.5	765.0	91.8

TABLE 4

HORSES: Number on Farms in Canada, by Province, at December 1,
1964 and 1965

Province	1964	1965	1965 as % 1964
	thousand head		%
Prince Edward Island	5.1	4.6	90.2
Nova Scotia	6.6	5.8	87.9
New Brunswick	6.7	6.0	89.6
Quebec	75.0	70.0	93.3
Ontario	81.0	78.0	96.3
Totals, East	174.4	164.4	94.3
Manitoba	39.0	37.0	94.9
Saskatchewan	82.5	78.0	95.1
Alberta	96.0	93.0	96.9
British Columbia	24.0	24.0	100.0
Totals, West	241.5	232.0	96.1
Totals, CANADA	415.9	396.4	95.3