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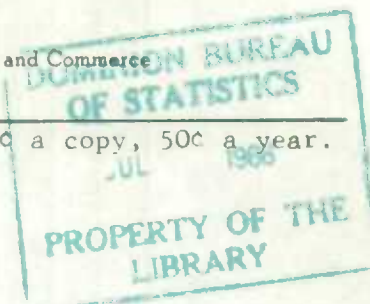
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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1966



CATTLE: The total number of cattle and calves in Canada(1) at June 1, 1966 is estimated at 12,546,000 down 3.5 per cent from 13,001,000 at June 1, 1965 but 8 per cent above the 1961-1965 average of 12,426,000. All provinces have lower numbers with Eastern and Western Canada having declines of 4 and 3 per cent respectively. All classes of cattle, except steers, are also down. Steer numbers increased fractionally.

Milk cow numbers are estimated at 2,799,000 down 3 per cent from the 2,885,000 at June 1, 1965 and 4 per cent below the 1961-1965 average of 2,929,600. In the East milk cows are 2 per cent lower and in the West 7 per cent below last year. All provinces have less milk cows. Milk heifers are down by 9 per cent. This reduction is also common to both the East and the West.

Beef cows have declined by 4 per cent to 2,768,800 and beef heifers by 9 per cent. All provinces, except British Columbia, had lower numbers of beef cows and beef heifers. In British Columbia beef cows are up by 2,000 but beef heifers are down.

Unusually high cow slaughter has reduced the breeding herd, as the estimates show, and arrested the up-trend in the current cycle of cattle numbers which has gone on since 1958.

SHEEP: Total sheep and lambs are estimated at 1,094,000 down 6 per cent from 1,169,000 at June 1, 1965 and down 19 per cent from the 1961-1965 average of 1,356,000. All provinces have lower sheep numbers with the East and the West having declines of 5 and 8 per cent respectively. Sheep 1 year old and over at 545,400 are down by 8 per cent from 592,000 at June 1, 1965, and lambs are 5 per cent lower. The downward trend in sheep numbers is thus continuing.

HORSES: These are estimated at 380,000, down 5 per cent from 398,000 at June 1, 1965 and 16 per cent below the 1961-1965 average of 451,600. Decreases are common to all provinces except British Columbia where horse numbers increased by 2 per cent.

(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. 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 2. Numbers on Farms in Canada, by Class, by Province, at June 1, 1966

Provinces	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves(1)	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- '000 head -								
Prince Edward Island	1.4	37.0	5.6	7.8	9.8	26.8	34.6	123.0
Nova Scotia	2.5	54.0	16.3	11.2	8.6	17.6	35.8	146.0
New Brunswick	3.5	51.0	13.9	10.9	5.7	11.0	39.0	135.0
Quebec	72.0	1,082.0	76.0	163.0	22.0	50.0	452.0	1,917.0
Ontario	39.0	917.0	330.0	259.0	234.0	700.0	755.0	3,234.0
Totals, East	118.4	2,141.0	441.8	451.9	280.1	805.4	1,316.4	5,555.0
Manitoba	21.0	167.0	308.0	40.0	80.0	131.0	342.0	1,089.0
Saskatchewan	42.0	160.0	834.0	30.0	179.0	238.0	770.0	2,253.0
Alberta	66.0	245.0	1,013.0	50.0	312.0	506.0	926.0	3,118.0
British Columbia ...	9.0	86.0	172.0	21.0	54.0	50.0	139.0	531.0
Totals, West	138.0	658.0	2,327.0	141.0	625.0	925.0	2,177.0	6,991.0
Totals, Canada .	256.4	2,799.0	2,768.8	592.9	905.1	1,730.4	3,493.4	12,546.0

(1) Estimates of calves sired by beef type bulls not continued.

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TABLE 3. Numbers on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1965 and 1966

Province	1 9 6 5			1 9 6 6			1966 Total as % of 1965 Total
	Sheep 1 year old or older	Lambs	Total	Sheep 1 year old or older	Lambs	Total	
- thousand head -							%
P.E.I.	8.0(1)	8.0(1)	16.0(1)	7.4	7.6	15.0	94
N.S.	23.0	21.0	44.0	21.0	19.0	40.0	91
N.B.	16.0	16.0	32.0	14.0	15.0	29.0	91
Que.	69.0	64.0	133.0	63.0	59.0	122.0	92
Ont.	152.0	150.0	302.0	147.0	149.0	296.0	98
Totals, East	268.0	259.0	527.0	252.4	249.6	502.0	95
Man.	29.0	28.0	57.0	24.0	23.0	47.0	82
Sask.	74.0	76.0	150.0	70.0	68.0	138.0	92
Alta.	180.0	175.0	355.0	163.0	170.0	333.0	94
B.C.	41.0	39.0	80.0	36.0	38.0	74.0	92
Totals, West	324.0	318.0	642.0	293.0	299.0	592.0	92
Canada	592.0	577.0	1,169.0	545.4	548.6	1,094.0	94

(1) Revised.

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TABLE 4. Numbers on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1965 and 1966

Province	June 1, 1965	June 1, 1966	1966 as % of 1965
- thousand head -			%
P.E.I.	4.8	4.3	90
N.S.	6.1	5.6	92
N.B.	6.1	5.6	92
Que.	71.0	66.0	93
Ont.	79.0	76.0	96
Totals, East	167.0	157.5	94
Man.	37.0	34.0	92
Sask.	79.0	76.0	96
Alta.	92.0	89.0	97
B.C.	23.0	23.5	102
Totals, West	231.0	222.5	96
Canada	398.0	380.0	95