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CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, DECEMBER 1, 1966

**CATTLE:** The total number of cattle and calves on farms in Canada (1) at December 1, 1966 is estimated at 11,453,000 down 2 percent from 11,643,000 at December 1, 1965. This figure is only slightly larger than the 1961-65 average of 11,446,700. In the East cattle numbers increased by 1 percent to 5,379,000 with decreases in all provinces except Ontario where numbers increased by 2 percent. Numbers decreased by 4 percent in the West to 6,074,000 with decreases in all four provinces.

Milk cow numbers in Canada decreased 34,000 (1 percent) from December 1, 1965 thus continuing the decline started in 1957. In the East numbers fell by only 4,000 (1 percent) due to a slight increase in Quebec and no change in Ontario. Numbers in the West decreased by 30,000 (5 percent) with all provinces having declines. Yearling milk heifers in Canada dropped by 4 percent to 549,500 down 3 and 5 percent in the East and West respectively.

Numbers of beef cows in Canada decreased by 65,100 (2 percent) from December 1, 1965 with numbers in the East decreasing by 18,100 (4 percent) and in the West by 47,000 (2 percent). Beef heifers at 679,600 were down 5 percent from last December. Numbers were up in the East by 2 percent and in the West down by 8 percent. Steers increased by 4 percent to reach a record December high of 1,249,700. The increase of 4 percent was common to both the East and the West.

Calves decreased by 2 percent to 3,329,800.

**SHEEP:** Total sheep and lamb numbers on farms in Canada (1) at December 1, 1966 are estimated at 754,500 down 1 percent from 765,000 at December 1, 1965. This is the lowest since 1940 when the estimating of sheep numbers at December commenced. Numbers in the East were up by 1 percent and in the West down by 3 percent. All provinces reported decreases except Ontario and Nova Scotia. The basic flock of sheep, one year and over, decreased by 4 percent to 502,200 while lamb numbers were 4 percent higher.

**HORSES:** The number of horses on farms in Canada (1) at December 1, 1966 is estimated at 362,800 down 8 percent from 396,400 last year. Numbers declined 6 and 10 percent in the East and West, respectively. Decreases occurred in all provinces.

(1) Not including Newfoundland. The 1961 Census livestock figures for that province were: 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, 1966

Province	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total	1966 Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef				as % of
									1965 Total
thousand head									%
Pr. Ed. Island	1.0	35.0	4.4	7.4	7.5	20.6	38.1	114.0	94
Nova Scotia	2.0	52.0	15.9	10.4	8.0	15.0	34.7	138.0	95
New Brunswick	2.4	48.0	13.7	9.7	4.1	8.1	32.0	118.0	93
Quebec	53.0	1,062.0	80.0	140.0	18.0	37.0	330.0	1,720.0	99
Ontario	34.0	925.0	325.0	255.0	210.0	590.0	950.0	3,289.0	102
Totals, East	92.4	2,122.0	439.0	422.5	247.6	670.7	1,384.8	5,379.0	101
Manitoba	19.0	160.0	298.0	37.0	58.0	96.0	297.0	965.0	96
Saskatchewan	37.0	151.0	802.0	25.0	120.0	143.0	602.0	1,880.0	95
Alberta	56.0	243.0	972.0	44.0	218.0	320.0	919.0	2,772.0	97
British Columbia	8.0	86.0	159.0	21.0	36.0	20.0	127.0	457.0	97
Totals, West	120.0	640.0	2,231.0	127.0	432.0	579.0	1,945.0	6,074.0	96
Totals, CANADA	212.4	2,762.0	2,670.0	549.5	679.6	1,249.7	3,329.8	11,453.0	98
1966 Total as % of 1965 Total	97	99	98	96	95	104	98	98	

TABLE 2

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

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	5.8	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



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TABLE 3

SHEEP: Number on Farms in Canada, by Age Group and Province,  
at December 1, 1965 and 1966

Province	1 9 6 5			1 9 6 6			1966 as % 1965
	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	Sheep over 1 year old	Lambs	Total	
	thousand head						%
Pr. Edward Isld.	7.0	1.0	8.0	6.2	1.3	7.5	94
Nova Scotia	20.0	4.0	24.0	20.0	5.0	25.0	104
New Brunswick	13.5	2.5	16.0	13.0	3.0	16.0	100
Quebec	62.0	15.0	77.0	58.0	18.0	76.0	99
Ontario	143.0	63.0	206.0	145.0	65.0	210.0	102
Totals, East	245.5	85.5	331.0	242.2	92.3	334.5	101
Manitoba	23.0	12.0	35.0	22.0	8.0	30.0	86
Saskatchewan	67.0	29.0	96.0	58.0	32.0	90.0	94
Alberta	152.0	105.0	257.0	148.0	108.0	256.0	100
Br. Columbia	35.0	11.0	46.0	32.0	12.0	44.0	96
Totals, West	277.0	157.0	434.0	260.0	160.0	420.0	97
Totals, CANADA	522.5	242.5	765.0	502.2	252.3	754.5	99

TABLE 4

HORSES: Number on Farms in Canada, by Province, at December 1,  
1965 and 1966

Province	1965	1966	1966 as % 1965
	thousand head		%
Prince Edward Island	4.6	4.1	89
Nova Scotia	5.8	5.4	93
New Brunswick	6.0	5.3	88
Quebec	70.0	63.0	90
Ontario	78.0	77.0	99
Totals, East	164.4	154.8	94
Manitoba	37.0	33.0	89
Saskatchewan	78.0	71.0	91
Alberta	93.0	81.0	87
British Columbia	24.0	23.0	96
Totals, West	232.0	208.0	90
Totals, CANADA	396.4	362.8	92