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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

CATTLE - SHEEP - HORSES, JUNE 1, 1967.

Estimates of numbers of cattle, sheep, and horses on farms in Canada at June 1, 1967 with comparable Census data for June 1, 1966 are included in this report. Revisions of the semi-annual survey estimates for the intercensal period, 1961-1966, will be published at a later date for all classes of livestock. Totals shown in the text and the following tables do not include Newfoundland. The 1966 Census count shows the following numbers of livestock on farms in that province with the 1961 figures in brackets: Cattle 8,554 (7,320); pigs 7,307 (1,554); sheep 14,381 (15,320); horses 1,061, (1,152).

CATTLE

Cattle and calf numbers on farms in Canada at June 1, 1967 were estimated at 12,781,000, 1 per cent less than the Census total of 12,878,800 at June 1, 1966 but still 7 per cent above the Census total at June 1, 1961. Compared with a year earlier, Ontario cattle and calf numbers increased by one per cent; Quebec numbers remained virtually the same while numbers in all other provinces decreased. The net effect of these changes resulted in no appreciable change in cattle numbers in Eastern Canada whereas numbers in Western Canada declined by 2 per cent.

Numbers of milk cows in Canada continued to decline during the 12 months from June 1, 1966 through June 1, 1967. Increases noted in Ontario and Quebec were not sufficient to offset the effects of declines in other provinces. Numbers of yearling heifers being raised for milk production decreased 3 per cent from June 1, 1966. Smaller numbers were noted in all provinces except in Prince Edward Island and Ontario where numbers increased by 4.5 and 3.5 per cent respectively.

Beef cow numbers in Canada were lower at June 1 this year than on the corresponding date for the previous year for the first time since 1949. Numbers were up in the East but this increase was not enough to offset the effect of declines in the West. Numbers of beef heifers in Canada were 3 per cent higher than a year earlier, the only class of cattle to show an increase during the 12 months under review.

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Steer numbers in Canada declined by 2 per cent during the 12 months from June 1, 1966 to June 1, 1967. An increase was noted in Eastern Canada but a decrease in the Western provinces was more than sufficient to offset this gain.

Beef cows increased by 28 per cent during the 1961-1966 intercensal period, and milk cows decreased by 10 per cent. Beef cows now comprise about 53 per cent of total cows compared with 44 per cent in 1961.

SHEEP

Total numbers of sheep and lambs at June 1, 1967 are estimated at 962,500 head, down 4 per cent from the Census total in 1966. The decrease from the previous year amounted to 3 per cent in the East and 5 per cent in the West.

The Census count for sheep and lambs in 1966 was one-third lower than the number in 1961. During this intercensal period numbers in the West decreased by 37 per cent and in Eastern Canada by almost one-third.

HORSES

Horses in Canada at June 1, 1967 are estimated at 369,800 head down about 4 per cent from the 1966 Census count of 386,200 head. British Columbia was the only province with more horses on farms in 1967 than in 1966.

During the intercensal period 1961 to 1966 horse numbers in Canada declined by 24 per cent. This followed a 35 per cent decrease during the 1956-1961 intercensal period, and brought the numbers in 1966 to less than half those reported in 1956.

TABLE 1

CATTLE - Numbers on Farms, by Province, December 1, 1966

(Revised on Census Base)

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- '000 head -								
Prince Edward Island ...	1.4	35.5	6.4	8.4	8.1	20.0	37.2	117.0
Nova Scotia	1.8	50.5	17.6	11.7	9.6	13.8	35.0	140.0
New Brunswick	2.3	49.5	14.5	10.5	5.2	7.0	31.0	120.0
Quebec	47.0	975.0	88.0	170.0	21.0	48.0	267.0	1,616.0
Ontario	33.0	912.0	337.0	237.0	215.0	536.0	891.0	3,161.0
Totals, East	85.5	2,022.5	463.5	437.6	258.9	624.8	1,261.2	5,154.0
Manitoba	19.0	144.0	338.0	30.0	74.0	111.0	304.0	1,020.0
Saskatchewan	40.0	145.0	845.0	26.0	152.0	162.0	645.0	2,015.0
Alberta	55.0	242.0	1,076.0	45.0	255.0	338.0	1,079.0	3,090.0
British Columbia	11.0	81.0	159.0	21.0	33.0	25.0	140.0	470.0
Totals, West	125.0	612.0	2,418.0	122.0	514.0	636.0	2,168.0	6,595.0
Totals, CANADA	210.5	2,634.5	2,881.5	559.6	772.9	1,260.8	3,429.2	11,749.0

TABLE 2.

CATTLE.- Numbers on Farms, by Province, June 1, 1966 (Census)

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef			
- '000 head -								
Pr. Ed. Island ...	1.6	37.3	7.4	8.9	10.6	25.7	33.7	125.2
Nova Scotia	2.3	52.4	17.9	12.6	10.1	16.3	36.0	147.6
New Brunswick	3.6	52.2	14.6	11.7	7.0	9.4	38.0	136.5
Quebec	64.7	995.3	82.9	198.2	25.9	64.2	366.4	1,797.6
Ontario	38.9	908.7	346.7	245.5	237.9	641.1	718.2	3,137.0
Totals, East ...	111.1	2,045.9	469.5	476.9	291.5	756.7	1,192.3	5,343.9
Manitoba	20.8	150.1	348.1	35.6	99.4	149.8	347.4	1,151.2
Saskatchewan	46.1	153.8	879.0	30.2	223.2	266.8	798.9	2,398.0
Alberta	64.3	243.0	1,119.1	51.1	361.5	521.2	1,079.5	3,439.7
British Columbia .	10.9	81.1	171.3	21.7	51.7	57.3	152.0	546.0
Totals, West ...	142.1	628.0	2,517.5	138.6	735.8	995.1	2,377.8	7,534.9
Totals, CANADA .	253.2	2,673.9	2,987.0	615.5	1,027.3	1,751.8	3,570.1	12,878.8

TABLE 3.

CATTLE.- Numbers on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1967

	Bulls	Cows		Yearling Heifers		Steers	Calves	Total	1967 Total as % of 1966 Total
		for Milk	for Beef	for Milk	for Beef				
Pr. Ed. Island ...	1.6	36.5	7.9	9.3	10.0	24.5	32.2	122.0	97
Nova Scotia	2.1	50.0	19.3	11.6	9.9	16.4	36.7	146.0	99
New Brunswick	3.4	48.5	16.0	11.5	7.5	9.5	34.6	131.0	96
Quebec	64.0	1,004.0	84.0	186.0	26.0	62.0	370.0	1,796.0	100
Ontario	37.0	925.0	345.0	254.0	244.0	645.0	715.0	3,165.0	101
Totals, East ...	108.1	2,064.0	472.2	472.4	297.4	757.4	1,188.5	5,360.0	100
Manitoba	20.0	142.0	342.0	32.0	96.0	145.0	335.0	1,112.0	97
Saskatchewan	48.0	145.0	885.0	27.0	215.0	260.0	788.0	2,368.0	99
Alberta	65.0	235.0	1,104.0	48.0	400.0	503.0	1,050.0	3,405.0	99
British Columbia .	12.0	82.0	165.0	20.0	50.0	57.0	150.0	536.0	98
Totals, West ...	145.0	604.0	2,496.0	127.0	761.0	965.0	2,323.0	7,421.0	98
Totals, CANADA .	253.1	2,668.0	2,968.2	599.4	1,058.4	1,722.4	3,511.5	12,781.0	99
1967 Total as % of 1966 Total	100	100	99	97	103	98	98	99	

TABLE 4.

SHEEP.- Numbers on Farms, by Province, June 1, 1966 (Census); December 1, 1966 (Revised) and June 1, 1967

Province	December 1, 1966 (Revised)			June 1, 1966 (Census)			June 1, 1967			1967 Total as % of 1966 Total
	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total	
	'000 head									%
Pr. Ed. Island	6.2	1.2	7.4	7.3	7.8	15.1	7.2	7.3	14.5	96
Nova Scotia	19.0	5.0	24.0	19.9	19.0	38.9	20.0	18.0	38.0	98
New Brunswick	13.0	3.0	16.0	13.9	14.3	28.2	14.0	13.0	27.0	96
Quebec	54.0	13.0	67.0	58.6	53.8	112.4	55.0	51.0	106.0	94
Ontario	131.0	49.0	180.0	133.1	132.3	265.4	134.0	125.0	259.0	98
Totals, East	223.2	71.2	294.4	232.8	227.2	460.0	230.2	214.3	444.5	97
Manitoba	24.0	9.0	33.0	25.2	25.3	50.5	23.0	23.0	46.0	91
Saskatchewan	54.0	32.0	86.0	64.8	63.0	127.8	61.0	59.0	120.0	94
Alberta	138.0	92.0	230.0	152.2	149.2	301.4	152.0	135.0	287.0	95
British Columbia	30.0	9.0	39.0	34.1	31.8	65.9	32.0	33.0	65.0	99
Totals, West	246.0	142.0	388.0	276.3	269.3	545.6	268.0	250.0	518.0	95
Totals, CANADA	469.2	213.2	682.4	509.1	496.5	1,005.6	498.2	464.3	962.5	96

TABLE 5.

HORSES.- Numbers on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1966 (Census),
December 1, 1966 (Revised) and June 1, 1967

	Dec. 1, 1966 (Revised)	June 1, 1966 (Census)	June 1, 1967
	'000		
Prince Edward Island	4.8	5.0	4.5
Nova Scotia	5.6	5.7	5.5
New Brunswick	5.9	6.1	5.8
Quebec	60.0	62.1	57.0
Ontario	76.0	75.4	74.0
Totals, East	152.3	154.3	146.8
Manitoba	36.0	37.0	37.0
Saskatchewan	70.0	74.7	69.0
Alberta	85.0	93.7	90.0
British Columbia	26.5	26.5	27.0
Totals, West	217.5	231.9	223.0
Totals, CANADA	369.8	386.2	369.8

TABLE 6.

LIVESTOCK - Comparison of Livestock Numbers at June 1, 1966 (Census) Versus
June 1, 1961 (Census), and June 1, 1967 Versus June 1, 1966 (Census) Canada(1)

Type of Livestock	June 1, 1961 (Census)	June 1, 1966 (Census)	June 1 1967	1966 as % of 1961	1967 as % of 1966
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Bulls	257.5	253.2	253.1	98	100
Cows - Milk	2,986.8	2,673.9	2,668.0	90	100
Beef	2,341.0	2,987.0	2,968.2	128	99
Yearling Heifers-					
Milk	749.7	615.5	599.4	82	97
Beef	856.7	1,027.3	1,058.4	120	103
Steers	1,397.5	1,751.8	1,722.4	125	98
Calves	3,344.6	3,570.1	3,511.5	107	98
Total	11,933.8	12,878.8	12,781.0	108	99
Sheep	782.7	509.1	498.2	65	98
Lambs	765.6	496.5	464.3	65	94
Total	1,548.3	1,005.6	962.5	65	96
Horses	510.6	386.2	369.8	76	96

(1) Not including Newfoundland.

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