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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1942

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1, 1942 survey of live stock and poultry dealing with numbers of the principal classes on farms. This report is based on information returned from farmers and is prepared in cooperation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. A report on the spring pig crop was issued on October 3, 1942. The 1941 data shown below are the preliminary figures of the 1941 census. Previously published estimates for the years 1932 to 1940 remain subject to revision in the light of the 1941 census figures.

SUMMARY

Moderate to substantial increases were reported for all of the principal classes of live stock on Canadian farms in the survey made at June 1, 1942. Numbers of cattle increased by 5.1 per cent over the 1941 figure; sheep numbers increased by 11.6 per cent; horses by 1 per cent and in the case of hogs the increase was 17 per cent. Very little change is indicated in cattle numbers for the five eastern provinces but in the Prairie Provinces the increases were 9.2 per cent in Alberta, 12.0 per cent in Saskatchewan and 16.8 per cent in Manitoba. With feed supplies more than adequate, it would seem likely that this tendency to increase will be continued.

The upward trend in numbers of horses on farms which commenced in 1939 was continued for the Dominion as a whole although the percentage increase was relatively small. Saskatchewan is the leading province in numbers of horses on farms and it was in this province that the greatest increase over 1941 was recorded.

There was a substantial gain of 11.6 per cent in numbers of sheep on farms at June 1 over those reported in the 1941 census. The increase was particularly marked in each of the three Prairie Provinces. Increases of a less important nature were shown for all the other provinces. Higher prices for live stock and live stock products as well as record supplies of feed grains at relatively low prices have been largely responsible for the increased live stock numbers. Converted to a basis of grain-consuming animal units, numbers of all species of live stock and poultry at June 1, 1942 totalled 19,230,000 units compared with 17,546,000 units in 1941. The 1942 figure is the highest ever recorded on Canadian farms.

A sharp increase of 15.7 per cent in the number of hens and chickens on farms at June 1, 1942 in comparison with the 1941 figure brought the total number to 68.1 million. This is the highest total ever recorded and will be reflected in greater egg production and supplies of poultry meat during 1942-43. Numbers of turkeys on farms at June 1 show a very substantial increase of 31.5 per cent over the number on hand at June 1, 1941.

Table 1

Live Stock: Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada
June 1, 1941 and 1942
Thousands

Year	Horses	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
1941 ^{1/}	2,789	8,511	6,093	2,862
1942	2,816	8,945	7,133	3,195

^{1/} Preliminary Census.

Table 2

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1941 and 1942

Province	1 9 4 1			1 9 4 2			1942 % of 1941 Total
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
Pr. Ed. Island	46,232	48,208	94,440	46,600	51,800	98,400	104.2
Nova Scotia	107,547	97,709	205,256	104,100	99,900	204,000	99.4
New Brunswick	113,954	91,917	205,871	111,400	95,600	207,000	100.5
Quebec	988,304	764,650	1,752,954	996,700	784,300	1,781,000	101.6
Ontario	1,142,008	1,499,038	2,641,046	1,149,900	1,489,300	2,639,200	99.9
Manitoba	304,560	399,275	703,835	344,800	477,100	821,900	116.8
Saskatchewan	435,406	810,131	1,245,537	467,700	927,500	1,395,200	112.0
Alberta	362,064	982,886	1,344,950	366,800	1,102,200	1,469,000	109.2
British Columbia	87,623	229,834	317,457	92,500	236,500	329,000	103.6
TOTAL CANADA	3,587,698	4,923,648	8,511,346	3,680,500	5,264,200	8,944,700	105.1

Table 3

Horses: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1941 and 1942

Province	1941	1942	1942 % of 1941
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	28,115	27,940	99.4
Nova Scotia	36,175	35,840	99.1
New Brunswick	44,961	46,400	103.2
Quebec	333,229	335,300	100.6
Ontario	533,639	527,000	98.8
Manitoba	301,702	304,600	101.0
Saskatchewan	803,893	830,000	103.2
Alberta	645,442	647,000	100.2
British Columbia	62,145	62,000	99.8
TOTAL CANADA	2,789,301	2,816,080	101.0

Table 4

Sheep: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1941 and 1942

Province	1941	1942	1942 % of 1941
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	43,977	46,600	106.0
Nova Scotia	137,948	147,000	106.6
New Brunswick	90,257	93,900	104.0
Quebec	527,479	543,600	103.1
Ontario	661,899	688,900	104.1
Manitoba	245,258	311,400	127.0
Saskatchewan	330,110	410,000	124.2
Alberta	702,451	828,000	117.9
British Columbia	123,116	125,500	101.9
TOTAL CANADA	2,862,495	3,194,900	111.6

Table 5

Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1
1941 and 1942
Thousands

	June 1	December 1
1941 (Preliminary Census)	58,864	48,986
1942	68,106	-

Table 6

Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1941 and 1942

Province	1941	1942	1942 % of 1941
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	796,655	1,000,000	125.5
Nova Scotia	1,103,408	1,386,800	125.7
New Brunswick	1,095,462	1,313,000	119.9
Quebec	8,057,432	9,116,000	113.1
Ontario	21,749,343	23,325,300	107.2
Manitoba	5,733,912	7,239,700	126.3
Saskatchewan	9,649,460	13,127,000	136.0
Alberta	7,901,126	8,630,000	109.2
British Columbia	2,777,591	2,968,000	106.9
TOTAL CANADA	58,864,389	68,105,800	115.7

Table 7

Turkeys: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1941 and 1942

Province	1941	1942	1942 % of 1941
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	14,922	16,000	107.2
Nova Scotia	14,490	12,500	86.3
New Brunswick	33,370	46,500	139.3
Quebec	172,266	204,500	118.7
Ontario	677,972	685,400	101.1
Manitoba	598,417	883,700	147.7
Saskatchewan	990,650	1,616,000	163.1
Alberta	659,614	696,600	105.6
British Columbia	42,103	53,300	126.6
TOTAL CANADA	3,203,804	4,214,500	131.5

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