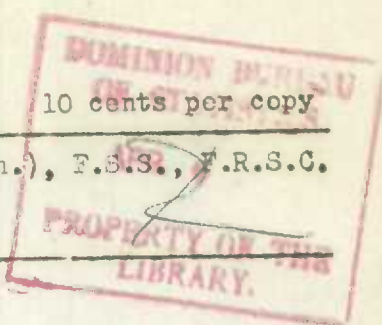


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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1942

Ottawa, April 5, 1943.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a second bulletin on the December Survey of Live Stock and Poultry dealing with the reports received on cattle, sheep, hens and chickens and turkeys. A detailed statement on hogs was released on March 1, 1943. The estimates are compiled from the card schedules returned by farmers and are prepared in cooperation with the provincial Departments of Agriculture.

CATTLE

A further sharp increase in the number of cattle on farms was reported at December 1, 1942. The 1942 figure of 8,833,700 head represents an increase of 7.1 per cent over the numbers on hand at the same date of 1941. All provinces except Nova Scotia shared in the increase but the most significant changes occurred in the three Prairie Provinces. The major part of the increase in total cattle numbers was in young stock and beef cattle rather than milk cows. Much of the increase was due to the tendency on the part of farmers to hold back young cattle for further feeding and restocking. Numbers of milk cows on farms showed increases in most provinces but in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario minor declines were reported.

SHEEP

Numbers of sheep on farms at December 1, 1942 totalled 2,482,700, an increase of 10.1 per cent over the corresponding date of 1941. Increases occurred in all provinces except New Brunswick and Ontario and were particularly marked in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. As a large proportion of the sheep on farms at December 1 are breeding stock, it can be expected that further increases will be forthcoming in 1943.

POULTRY

A further sharp increase is shown in the numbers of hens and chickens on farms at December 1, 1942. The total of 49,781,300 hens and chickens at December 1 represents an increase of 14.5 per cent over the 1941 figure. All provinces shared in the increase which was particularly marked in Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba. The December 1, 1942 turkey population at 3,040,500 represents an increase of 37.1 per cent over the comparable figure for 1941. All provinces except Nova Scotia showed an increase.

NOTE.- All estimates of live stock numbers in the following tables are based on the preliminary figures of the 1941 census and subsequent surveys of the Agricultural Branch. Owing to certain adjustments necessary as a result of the 1941 census, these figures are not strictly comparable with previously published figures for the years 1932 to 1941. At a future date the estimates for the intercensal years will be revised in the light of census information.

Table 1

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,

1941 and 1942

<u>Year</u>	<u>June 1</u>	<u>December 1</u>
	Thousands	
1941 1/	8,511	8,249
1942	8,945	8,834

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Table 2

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

	1941			1942			1942 Total % of 1941
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	
P. E. Island	44,740	43,360	88,100	45,100	46,800	91,900	104.3
Nova Scotia	107,960	90,780	198,740	104,500	93,100	197,600	99.4
New Brunswick	112,620	72,610	185,230	110,100	75,700	185,800	100.3
Quebec	1,030,000	602,000	1,632,000	1,036,100	597,100	1,633,200	100.1
Ontario	1,231,500	1,360,300	2,591,800	1,227,100	1,550,900	2,778,000	107.2
Manitoba	318,510	367,770	686,280	360,600	439,600	800,200	116.6
Saskatchewan	447,250	772,170	1,219,420	480,400	883,800	1,364,200	111.9
Alberta	371,620	967,680	1,339,300	376,500	1,086,000	1,462,500	109.2
British Columbia	87,150	221,130	308,280	92,000	228,300	320,300	103.9
Total - Canada	3,751,350	4,497,800	8,249,150	3,832,400	5,001,300	8,833,700	107.1

Table 3

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

Year	June 1	December 1
	Thousands	
1941 1/	2,862	2,254
1942	3,195	2,483

1/ Preliminary Census

Table 4

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

	1941	1942	1942 % of 1941
	No.	No.	
Prince Edward Island	27,560	29,000	105.2
Nova Scotia	95,550	99,900	104.6
New Brunswick	64,750	64,700	99.9
Quebec	498,000	544,700	109.4
Ontario	488,200	465,300	95.3
Manitoba	150,570	191,700	127.3
Saskatchewan	252,840	313,700	124.1
Alberta	590,310	684,400	115.9
British Columbia	86,420	89,300	103.3
Total - Canada	2,254,200	2,482,700	110.1

Table 5

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

Year	June 1	December 1
	Thousands	
1941 1/	58,864	43,459
1942	68,106	49,781

1/ Preliminary Census

Table 6

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

	1941	1942	1942 % of 1941
	No.	No.	
Prince Edward Island	629,510	769,600	122.3
Nova Scotia	763,970	883,400	115.6
New Brunswick	877,320	1,024,700	116.8
Quebec	8,608,000	9,402,200	109.2
Ontario	14,436,600	16,203,300	112.2
Manitoba	4,118,810	4,956,600	120.3
Saskatchewan	6,851,950	8,789,000	128.3
Alberta	5,457,950	5,925,300	108.6
British Columbia	1,714,830	1,827,200	106.6
Total - Canada	43,458,940	49,781,300	114.5

Table 7

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

	1941	1942	1942 % of 1941
	No.	No.	
Prince Edward Island	11,560	12,400	107.3
Nova Scotia	14,260	12,300	86.3
New Brunswick	26,620	37,100	139.4
Quebec	169,600	170,400	100.5
Ontario	457,100	643,600	140.8
Manitoba	364,080	537,600	147.7
Saskatchewan	661,560	1,079,100	163.1
Alberta	484,750	511,900	105.6
British Columbia	28,520	36,100	126.6
Total - Canada	2,218,050	3,040,500	137.1



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