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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1943

Ottawa, October 14, 1943.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1, 1943 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 September 13, 1943. 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

A further substantial increase of 8.1 per cent in numbers of cattle on farms is shown in the results of the June 1, 1943 survey as compared with a year previously. Numbers of sheep were also higher by 8.2 per cent but in the case of horses, there was a minor decline of 1.5 per cent. As previously reported, there was an increase of 14.4 per cent in the numbers of hogs on farms at June 1, 1943. Numbers of hens and chickens on farms increased by 10.1 per cent over the previous year but numbers of turkeys declined sharply to 80.8 per cent from 1942.

The increase in cattle numbers was common to all provinces but was most marked in the Prairies and in British Columbia where farmers and particularly ranchers have been holding back animals for restocking and further feeding. Milk cow numbers increased by 114,000 for the country as a whole and were higher in all provinces except Prince Edward Island where a minor decline was reported.

Numbers of horses declined slightly in all provinces except New Brunswick and British Columbia. Sheep numbers, on the other hand, were higher in all provinces with particularly good increases shown in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan. Higher returns from sheep and wool production have encouraged an expansion in sheep raising which has been substantial over the past two years.

The demand for live stock and live stock products both in Canada and abroad continues strong and although feed supplies are not as favourable in eastern Canada this year as a year ago, it would seem likely that farmers will maintain or increase the live stock production subject to the limitations of their resources of feed and labour. Converting all species of live stock and poultry to a common unit of grain-consuming animal units, the June 1943 total is 20,740,529 units compared with 19,230,000 units in 1942. The 1943 figure is up 7.8 per cent over 1942 and is the highest ever recorded.

A further increase of 10.1 per cent in hens and chicken numbers resulted from increases in all provinces with the sharpest expansion occurring in British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Numbers of hens and chickens are at an all time high. Turkey numbers declined in all provinces due mainly to unfavourable weather conditions during the hatching season.

Table 1

Live Stock: Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada  
June 1, 1941, 1942, 1943  
(Thousands)

Year	Horses	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
1941 <sup>1/</sup>	2,789	8,511	6,093	2,862
1942	2,816	8,945	7,125	3,197
1943	2,775	9,665	8,148	3,459

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary Census.

Table 2

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1942 and 1943

Province	1 9 4 2			1 9 4 3			1943 % of 1942 Total
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Pr. Ed. Island	46,600	51,800	98,400	46,300	54,300	100,600	102.2
Nova Scotia	104,100	99,900	204,000	104,300	108,200	212,500	104.2
New Brunswick	111,400	95,600	207,000	113,400	107,400	220,800	106.7
Quebec	996,700	784,300	1,781,000	1,018,900	886,200	1,905,100	107.0
Ontario	1,149,900	1,489,300	2,639,200	1,169,700	1,524,000	2,693,700	102.1
Manitoba	344,800	477,100	821,900	370,000	557,500	927,500	112.8
Saskatchewan	467,700	927,500	1,395,200	502,400	1,099,600	1,602,000	114.8
Alberta	366,800	1,102,200	1,469,000	376,000	1,251,000	1,627,000	110.8
British Columbia	92,500	236,500	329,000	93,700	282,300	376,000	114.3
TOTAL CANADA	3,680,500	5,264,200	8,944,700	3,794,700	5,870,500	9,665,200	108.1

Table 3

Horses: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1942 and 1943

Province	1942	1943	1943 % of 1942
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	27,940	27,340	97.9
Nova Scotia	35,840	35,700	99.6
New Brunswick	46,400	47,500	102.4
Quebec	335,300	329,500	98.3
Ontario	527,000	522,200	99.1
Manitoba	304,600	298,500	98.0
Saskatchewan	830,000	824,400	99.3
Alberta	647,000	627,900	97.0
British Columbia	62,000	62,170	100.3
TOTAL CANADA	2,816,080	2,775,210	98.5

Table 4

Sheep: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1942 and 1943

Province	1942	1943	1943 % of 1942
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	46,600	56,000	120.2
Nova Scotia	149,000	161,600	108.5
New Brunswick	93,900	107,000	114.0
Quebec	543,600	574,500	105.7
Ontario	688,900	737,500	107.1
Manitoba	311,400	327,000	105.0
Saskatchewan	410,000	463,000	112.9
Alberta	828,000	900,000	108.7
British Columbia	125,500	132,000	105.2
TOTAL CANADA	3,196,900	3,458,600	108.2



Table 5

Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1  
1941, 1942 and 1943  
(Thousands)

Year	June 1	December 1
1941 (Preliminary Census)	58,864	43,459
1942	68,106	49,781
1943	74,960	

Table 6

Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1942 and 1943

Province	1942	1943	1943 % of 1942
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	1,000,000	1,063,300	106.3
Nova Scotia	1,386,800	1,601,000	115.4
New Brunswick	1,313,000	1,549,600	118.0
Quebec	9,116,000	9,654,900	105.9
Ontario	23,325,300	25,403,100	108.9
Manitoba	7,239,700	8,052,000	111.2
Saskatchewan	13,127,000	14,873,000	113.3
Alberta	8,630,000	9,202,000	106.6
British Columbia	2,968,000	3,561,600	120.0
TOTAL CANADA	68,105,800	74,960,500	110.1

Table 7

Turkeys: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1942 and 1943

Province	1942	1943	1943 % of 1942
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	16,000	13,400	83.8
Nova Scotia	12,500	12,220	97.8
New Brunswick	46,500	31,700	68.2
Quebec	204,500	119,200	58.3
Ontario	685,400	668,300	97.5
Manitoba	883,700	511,600	57.9
Saskatchewan	942,500	889,000	94.3
Alberta	696,600	570,200	81.9
British Columbia	53,300	46,300	86.9
TOTAL CANADA	3,541,000	2,861,920	80.8

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