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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1943

Ottawa, March 28, 1944.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day 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 February 25, 1944. The estimates are compiled from the card schedules returned by farmers and are prepared in cooperation with the provincial Departments of Agriculture.

CATTLE

Numbers of cattle on farms at December 1, 1943 at 9,506,200 show a substantial increase of 672,500 head or 7.6 per cent over the 1942 figure. The increase was common to all provinces although there was very little change in Ontario, and Saskatchewan had the greatest increase, numbers being 18.3 per cent higher at the end of 1943 than a year previously. Numbers of milk cows increased by 120,600 for Canada with relatively small increases occurring in all provinces. The continued increase in numbers of cattle on farms indicates that farmers were still holding back young cattle for further feeding and restocking and it is probable that the greater numbers on farms will be reflected in marketings over the next few years.

SHEEP

An increase of 250,300 head or 10.1 per cent occurred in the numbers of sheep on farms at December 1. The December 1, 1943 figure totalled 2,733,000. The increase was common to all provinces except British Columbia and was particularly marked in the case of Saskatchewan. The tendency towards increased numbers of sheep on farms has been in evidence for several years and as the December 1 figures represent a high proportion of breeding stock it may be expected that the increase will continue into 1944.

POULTRY

Numbers of poultry on farms at December 1, 1943 increased sharply over those of the previous year. In the case of hens and chickens the increase for the country as a whole amounted to 7,731,200 birds or 15.5 per cent, giving a total of 57,512,500 on hand at December 1, 1943. The increase was greater than 10 per cent in all the provinces and exceeded 20 per cent in Saskatchewan and in Nova Scotia. Numbers of turkeys on farms at December 1, 1943 amounted to 3,077,300, an increase of 36,800 over the comparable figure for 1942. Increases occurred only in Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Table 1

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,
1941, 1942 and 1943

Year	June 1	December 1
	(thousands)	
1941 1/	8,511	8,249
1942	8,945	8,834
1943	9,665	9,506

1/ Preliminary Census.

Table 2

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

	1 9 4 2			1 9 4 3			1943 Total
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	% of 1942
P.E. Island	45,100	46,800	91,900	45,300	51,400	96,700	105.2
Nova Scotia	104,500	93,100	197,600	106,800	106,700	213,500	108.0
New Brunswick	110,100	75,700	185,800	110,500	88,700	199,200	107.2
Quebec	1,036,100	597,100	1,633,200	1,076,900	688,300	1,765,200	108.1
Ontario	1,227,100	1,550,900	2,778,000	1,238,700	1,547,600	2,786,300	100.3
Manitoba	360,600	439,600	800,200	378,500	496,500	875,000	109.3
Saskatchewan	480,400	883,800	1,364,200	517,600	1,096,400	1,614,000	118.3
Alberta	376,500	1,086,000	1,462,500	385,000	1,234,900	1,619,900	110.8
British Columbia	92,000	228,300	320,300	93,700	242,700	336,400	105.0
CANADA	3,832,400	5,001,300	8,833,700	3,953,000	5,553,200	9,506,200	107.6

Table 3

Sheep: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1
1941, 1942 and 1943

Year	June 1	December 1
	(thousands)	
1941 ^{1/}	2,862	2,254
1942	3,197	2,483
1943	3,459	2,733

^{1/} Preliminary Census.

Table 4

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

	1942	1943	1943 % of 1942
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island.	29,000	30,300	104.5
Nova Scotia	99,900	103,700	103.8
New Brunswick	64,700	67,300	104.0
Quebec	544,700	568,100	104.3
Ontario	465,300	486,500	104.6
Manitoba	191,700	215,000	112.2
Saskatchewan	313,700	400,800	127.8
Alberta	684,400	775,800	113.4
British Columbia	89,300	85,500	95.7
CANADA	2,482,700	2,733,000	110.1

Table 5

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

Year	June 1	December 1
	(thousands)	
1941 ^{1/}	58,864	43,459
1942	68,106	49,781
1943	74,960	57,512

^{1/} Preliminary Census.

Table 6

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

	1942	1943	1943 % of 1942
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	769,600	897,500	116.6
Nova Scotia	883,400	1,091,500	123.6
New Brunswick	1,024,700	1,156,800	112.9
Quebec	9,402,200	10,388,400	110.5
Ontario	16,203,300	18,597,800	114.8
Manitoba	4,956,600	5,679,000	114.6
Saskatchewan	8,789,000	10,676,300	121.5
Alberta	5,925,300	6,860,600	115.8
British Columbia	1,827,200	2,164,600	118.5
CANADA	49,781,300	57,512,500	115.5

Table 7

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

	1942	1943	1943 % of 1942
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	12,400	14,900	120.2
Nova Scotia	12,300	8,500	69.1
New Brunswick	37,100	32,500	87.6
Quebec	170,400	168,700	99.0
Ontario	643,600	582,400	90.5
Manitoba	537,600	460,700	85.7
Saskatchewan	1,079,100	1,216,000	112.7
Alberta	511,900	560,400	109.5
British Columbia	36,100	33,200	92.0
CANADA	3,040,500	3,077,300	101.2



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TABLE 1		TABLE 2	
Year	Value	Year	Value
1980	100.0	1980	100.0
1981	101.2	1981	101.2
1982	102.5	1982	102.5
1983	103.8	1983	103.8
1984	105.1	1984	105.1
1985	106.4	1985	106.4
1986	107.7	1986	107.7
1987	109.0	1987	109.0
1988	110.3	1988	110.3
1989	111.6	1989	111.6
1990	112.9	1990	112.9
1991	114.2	1991	114.2
1992	115.5	1992	115.5
1993	116.8	1993	116.8
1994	118.1	1994	118.1
1995	119.4	1995	119.4
1996	120.7	1996	120.7
1997	122.0	1997	122.0
1998	123.3	1998	123.3
1999	124.6	1999	124.6
2000	125.9	2000	125.9
2001	127.2	2001	127.2
2002	128.5	2002	128.5
2003	129.8	2003	129.8
2004	131.1	2004	131.1
2005	132.4	2005	132.4
2006	133.7	2006	133.7
2007	135.0	2007	135.0
2008	136.3	2008	136.3
2009	137.6	2009	137.6
2010	138.9	2010	138.9
2011	140.2	2011	140.2
2012	141.5	2012	141.5
2013	142.8	2013	142.8
2014	144.1	2014	144.1
2015	145.4	2015	145.4
2016	146.7	2016	146.7
2017	148.0	2017	148.0
2018	149.3	2018	149.3
2019	150.6	2019	150.6
2020	151.9	2020	151.9
2021	153.2	2021	153.2
2022	154.5	2022	154.5
2023	155.8	2023	155.8
2024	157.1	2024	157.1
2025	158.4	2025	158.4
2026	159.7	2026	159.7
2027	161.0	2027	161.0
2028	162.3	2028	162.3
2029	163.6	2029	163.6
2030	164.9	2030	164.9