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LIVE STOCK SURVEY, JUNE 1, 1944

Ottawa, October 3, 1944.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1, 1944 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 co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. A report on the spring pig crop was issued on August 30, 1944.

SUMMARY

A new high record of numbers of cattle on farms was established at June 1 of this year. The total of 10,346,000 head represents an increase of 7 per cent over numbers on farms a year previously. Numbers of sheep on farms also show a substantial increase over the previous year, reaching a total of 3,726,000, or nearly 8 per cent above those on hand at June 1, 1943. The downward trend that has been in evidence in numbers of horses continued into 1944 with 2,735,000 reported on farms, a decline of 40,000 from June 1, 1943. Another sharp increase in numbers of hens and chickens on farms at June 1 was reported this year, the total reaching 86,792,000 or nearly 16 per cent above the previous year.

The increase in numbers of cattle on farms was common to all provinces and was most marked in Saskatchewan where herds showed an increase of almost 18 per cent. Of the total of 10,346,000 cattle on farms, milk cows account for 3,930,000, an increase of 135,000 head during the past year. Numbers of cattle on farms have been increasing gradually throughout the war period and this increase is now being reflected in increased marketings of cattle and calves as well as an increase in total milk production.

The decline in numbers of horses on farms was common to all provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec and although the percentage declines were relatively small in all other provinces the reduction represents a continuation of the long-time trend. Sheep numbers show an increase for all provinces except Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba. The declines in these provinces were of a minor nature and were more than offset by increases in the other provinces. The most substantial increases occurred in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

As reported earlier numbers of hogs on farms at June 1, 1944 showed a decline of 5 per cent from the same date of 1943. The increase in numbers of hens and chickens on farms was common to all provinces and was particularly substantial in Saskatchewan, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Alberta. The continued demand for large quantities of eggs for export to the United Kingdom in dried form has encouraged the rapid expansion of the poultry industry. Final figures for numbers of turkeys on farms are not yet available for all provinces but indications are that supplies will be somewhat higher than in 1943 when numbers were relatively low.

With the exception of a few areas, the production of fodder and grain crops has been average or better in 1944. Feed supplies should, therefore, be satisfactory for the coming winter in most sections. The movement of feed grains from western to eastern Canada is expected to be on a substantially smaller scale as compared with 1943-44.

Table 1
Live Stock: Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada,
June 1, 1941 - 1944

Year	Horses	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
			(Thousands)	
1941 1/	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
1944	2,735	10,346	7,741	3,726

1/ Preliminary Census.

Table 2

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1943 and 1944

Province	1 9 4 3			1 9 4 4			1944 % of 1943 Total
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Pr. Ed. Island	46,300	54,300	100,600	45,800	58,700	104,500	103.9
Nova Scotia	104,300	108,200	212,500	108,700	122,900	231,600	109.0
New Brunswick	113,400	107,400	220,800	118,000	114,400	232,400	105.3
Quebec	1,018,900	886,200	1,905,100	1,071,300	958,700	2,030,000	106.6
Ontario	1,169,700	1,524,000	2,693,700	1,187,600	1,557,200	2,744,800	101.9
Manitoba	370,000	557,500	927,500	387,000	605,500	992,500	107.0
Saskatchewan	502,400	1,099,600	1,602,000	529,400	1,356,300	1,885,700	117.7
Alberta	376,000	1,251,000	1,627,000	385,500	1,357,300	1,742,800	107.1
British Columbia	93,700	282,300	376,000	96,300	282,000	381,500	101.5
CANADA	3,794,700	5,870,500	9,665,200	3,929,600	6,413,000	10,345,800	107.0

Table 3

Horses: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1943 and 1944

Province	1 9 4 3	1 9 4 4	1944 % of 1943
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	27,340	27,050	98.9
Nova Scotia	35,700	35,800	100.3
New Brunswick	47,500	46,700	98.3
Quebec	329,500	344,500	104.6
Ontario	522,200	506,600	97.0
Manitoba	298,500	289,800	97.1
Saskatchewan	824,400	819,500	99.4
Alberta	627,900	603,500	96.1
British Columbia	62,170	61,600	99.1
CANADA	2,775,210	2,735,050	98.6

Table 4

Sheep: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1943 and 1944

Province	1 9 4 3	1 9 4 4	1944 % of 1943
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	56,000	57,700	103.0
Nova Scotia	161,600	161,300	99.8
New Brunswick	107,000	111,300	104.0
Quebec	574,500	637,300	110.9
Ontario	737,500	736,800	99.9
Manitoba	327,000	319,050	97.6
Saskatchewan	463,000	530,900	114.7
Alberta	900,000	1,023,200	113.7
British Columbia	132,000	148,000	112.1
CANADA	3,458,600	3,725,550	107.7

Table 5

Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,
1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944
(Thousands)

Year	June 1	December 1
	No.	No.
1941 (Preliminary Census)	58,864	43,459
1942	68,106	49,781
1943	74,960	57,512
1944	86,792	

Table 6

Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1943 and 1944

Province	1 9 4 3	1 9 4 4	1944 % of 1943
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	1,063,300	1,222,300	115.0
Nova Scotia	1,601,000	1,947,000	121.6
New Brunswick	1,549,600	1,792,000	115.6
Quebec	9,654,900	12,255,000	126.9
Ontario	25,403,100	26,164,300	103.0
Manitoba	8,052,000	9,048,700	112.4
Saskatchewan	14,873,000	19,249,000	129.4
Alberta	9,202,000	10,959,000	119.1
British Columbia	3,561,600	4,155,000	116.7
CANADA	74,960,500	86,792,300	115.8



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TABLE 1			
1991-1992			
Province	1991	1992	1993
Alberta	1,234,567	1,234,567	1,234,567
British Columbia	2,345,678	2,345,678	2,345,678
Manitoba	345,678	345,678	345,678
Ontario	4,567,890	4,567,890	4,567,890
Quebec	5,678,901	5,678,901	5,678,901
Saskatchewan	678,901	678,901	678,901
Atlantic	789,012	789,012	789,012
Total	13,456,789	13,456,789	13,456,789