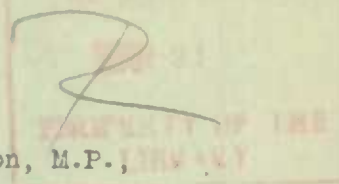


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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1944

Ottawa, March 29, 1945.- 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 and sheep. A detailed statement on hogs was released on February 26, 1945. The estimates are compiled from the card schedules returned by farmers and are prepared in co-operation with the provincial Departments of Agriculture.

CATTLE

Numbers of cattle on farms at December 1, 1944 reached a new peak for that date at 10,258,000 showing a substantial increase of 751,700 head or 7.9 per cent over the 1943 figure. The increase was common to all provinces but was particularly marked in the prairie provinces. The greatest increase occurred in Saskatchewan where numbers were 16.2 per cent higher at the end of 1944 than a year previously. Numbers of milk cows increased by 135,400 for Canada with small increases occurring in all provinces. Numbers of cattle on farms have increased continuously throughout the war period and the greater numbers on farms are now being reflected in marketings of both cattle and calves. These increased marketings are likely to continue for some time yet.

SHEEP

An increase of 88,500 or 3.2 per cent occurred in the numbers of sheep on farms at December 1, 1944 as compared with the same date in 1943. Numbers at December 1, 1944 totalled 2,821,500. The most important increases occurred in Saskatchewan and Quebec with very little change indicated in the other provinces. Marketings of sheep and lambs are now reflecting the increase in numbers on farms which has been in evidence for some years and should remain at relatively high levels throughout 1945.

Table 1

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,
1941 to 1944

	June 1	December 1
	(thousands)	
1941	8,517	8,249
1942	8,945	8,834
1943	9,665	9,506
1944	10,346	10,258



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Table 2

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

	1 9 4 3			1 9 4 4			1944 Total
	Milk	Other	Total	Milk	Other	Total	% of
	Cows	Cattle		Cows	Cattle		1943
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
P.E. Island	45,300	51,400	96,700	46,900	57,300	104,200	107.8
Nova Scotia	106,800	106,700	213,500	107,100	111,600	218,700	102.4
New Brunswick	110,500	88,700	199,200	114,800	95,900	210,700	105.8
Quebec	1,076,900	688,300	1,765,200	1,134,400	771,000	1,905,400	107.9
Ontario	1,238,700	1,547,600	2,876,300	1,259,600	1,580,800	2,840,400	101.9
Manitoba	378,500	496,500	875,000	384,500	576,600	961,100	109.8
Saskatchewan	517,600	1,096,400	1,614,000	552,800	1,323,100	1,875,900	116.2
Alberta	385,000	1,234,900	1,619,900	389,000	1,397,100	1,786,100	110.3
British Columbia	93,700	242,700	336,400	99,300	256,100	355,400	105.6
CANADA	3,953,000	5,553,200	9,506,200	4,088,400	6,169,500	10,257,900	107.9

Table 3

Sheep: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1
1941 to 1944

	June 1	December 1
	(thousands)	
1941	2,840	2,254
1942	3,197	2,483
1943	3,459	2,733
1944	3,726	2,822

Table 4

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

	1943	1944	1944 % of 1943
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island ...	30,300	30,800	101.7
Nova Scotia	103,700	99,100	95.6
New Brunswick	67,300	68,100	101.2
Quebec	568,100	620,900	109.3
Ontario	486,500	483,600	99.4
Manitoba	215,000	209,000	97.2
Saskatchewan	400,800	449,300	112.1
Alberta	775,800	775,200	99.9
British Columbia	85,500	85,500	100.0
CANADA	2,733,000	2,821,500	103.2