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LIVE STOCK SURVEY, JUNE 1, 1945

Ottawa, October 3, 1945. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1, 1945 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 31, 1945.

SUMMARY

Numbers of cattle on farms in Canada at June 1, 1945 reached the highest level yet recorded. The total of 10,759,000 head represented an increase of 4 per cent over the numbers at June 1, 1944. Cattle numbers have been increasing each year since 1940. Numbers of sheep on farms showed a slight decline from 3,725,550 at the first of June 1944 to 3,621,800 at the first of June 1945. This is a decline of 2.8 per cent and is the first decrease in numbers of these species of live stock since 1941. Numbers of horses on farms recorded a further reduction in 1945, declining by 5 1/2 per cent from the previous year to 2,584,800. Numbers of hens and chickens showed a small drop from approximately 86.8 million to 84.7 million, a decline of 2.4 per cent. Turkey numbers at June 1, 1945 recorded a .6 per cent increase over those of the previous year.

In the case of cattle most of the increase occurred in cattle other than milk cows. Milk cow numbers showed only a very slight increase, being placed at a total of 3,993,200 at the first of June 1945. The most marked increase in numbers occurred in Ontario and the western provinces, with slight declines being shown in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec. The present high numbers of cattle on farms is reflected in the record runs of cattle marketings being reported from stockyards.

All provinces showed a decrease in numbers of horses ranging from a reduction of 8.8 per cent in Manitoba to 1.1 per cent in New Brunswick. The total number of horses on farms reported for June 1, 1945 is the lowest since 1910 and is a reflection of the adoption of motor power.

An earlier report issued August 31, 1945 contained a statement on the numbers of hogs on farms as at June 1. This report showed a reduction of 22.2 per cent, bringing the numbers down to slightly below the 1941 level.

Table 1

Live Stock: Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada,
June 1, 1941 - 1945

Year	Horses	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
(Thousands)				
1941	2,789	8,517	6,081	2,840
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
1945	2,585	10,759	6,026	3,622

Table 2

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1944 and 1945

Province	1 9 4 4			1 9 4 5			1945 %
	Milk	Other	Total	Milk	Other	Total	of 1944
	Cows	Cattle		Cows	Cattle		Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
Pr. Ed. Island	45,800	58,700	104,500	47,000	58,900	105,900	101.3
Nova Scotia	108,700	122,900	231,600	109,400	117,300	226,700	97.9
New Brunswick	118,000	114,400	232,400	118,800	107,300	226,100	97.3
Quebec	1,071,300	958,700	2,030,000	1,103,700	907,900	2,011,600	99.1
Ontario	1,187,600	1,557,200	2,744,800	1,253,100	1,654,600	2,907,700	105.9
Manitoba	387,000	605,500	992,500	366,000	658,500	1,024,500	103.2
Saskatchewan	529,400	1,356,300	1,885,700	525,100	1,454,100	1,979,200	105.0
Alberta	385,500	1,357,300	1,742,800	376,400	1,483,800	1,860,200	106.7
British Columbia	96,300	285,200	381,500	98,700	318,000	416,700	109.2
CANADA	3,929,600	6,416,200	10,345,800	3,998,200	6,760,400	10,758,600	104.0

Table 3

Horses: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1944 and 1945

Province	1 9 4 4	1 9 4 5	1945 %
	No.	No.	of 1944
			%
Prince Edward Island	27,050	26,500	98.0
Nova Scotia	35,800	35,300	98.6
New Brunswick	46,700	46,200	98.9
Quebec	344,500	314,100	91.2
Ontario	506,600	491,300	97.0
Manitoba	289,800	264,200	91.2
Saskatchewan	819,500	782,800	95.5
Alberta	603,500	564,200	93.5
British Columbia	61,600	60,200	97.7
CANADA	2,735,050	2,584,800	94.5

Table 4

Sheep: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1944 and 1945

Province	1 9 4 4	1 9 4 5	1945 %
	No.	No.	of 1944
			%
Prince Edward Island	57,700	60,000	104.0
Nova Scotia	161,300	160,200	99.3
New Brunswick	111,300	113,400	101.9
Quebec	637,300	649,300	101.9
Ontario	736,800	724,300	98.3
Manitoba	319,050	287,600	90.1
Saskatchewan	530,900	513,200	96.7
Alberta	1,023,200	974,900	95.3
British Columbia	148,000	138,900	93.9
CANADA	3,725,550	3,621,800	97.2

Table 5

Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,
1941 to 1945
(Thousands)

Year	June 1	December 1
	No.	No.
1941	58,994	43,459
1942	68,106	49,781
1943	74,960	57,512
1944	86,792	61,918
1945	84,725	

Table 6

Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1944 and 1945

Province	1944	1945	1945 % of 1944
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	1,222,300	1,220,000	99.8
Nova Scotia	1,947,000	1,804,800	92.7
New Brunswick	1,792,000	1,869,400	104.3
Quebec	12,255,000	11,724,600	95.7
Ontario	26,164,300	27,279,000	104.3
Manitoba	9,048,700	8,937,300	98.8
Saskatchewan	19,249,000	17,626,900	91.6
Alberta	10,959,000	10,166,800	92.8
British Columbia	4,155,000	4,096,000	98.6
CANADA	86,792,300	84,724,800	97.6

Table 7

Turkeys: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1944 and 1945

Province	1944	1945	1945 % of 1944
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	8,900	8,000	89.9
Nova Scotia	16,500	19,000	115.2
New Brunswick	34,400	35,500	103.2
Quebec	154,400	301,900	195.5
Ontario	673,300	705,600	104.8
Manitoba	514,000	456,800	88.9
Saskatchewan	1,221,800	1,145,700	93.8
Alberta	627,400	576,500	91.9
British Columbia	55,500	76,600	138.0
CANADA	3,306,200	3,325,600	100.6

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