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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1945

Ottawa, March 14, 1946.- 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 18, 1946. The estimates are compiled from the card schedules returned by farmers and are prepared in co-operation with the provincial Departments of Agriculture.

CATTLE

Estimates of numbers of cattle on farms at December 1, 1945 showed a decline of nearly 3 per cent from the estimate of numbers for the same date in 1944. Numbers at December 1, 1945 totalled 9,960,800 as compared with 10,257,900 in 1944. Decreases of over 4 per cent occurred in the provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Numbers of milk cows on farms at December 1, 1945 were only slightly below those of the previous year, the reduction amounting to 1.9 per cent. The decrease in cattle numbers is a result of the very heavy marketings in 1945, particularly in the last half of the year.

SHEEP

Numbers of sheep on farms at December 1, 1945 at 2,455,800 head are 13 per cent smaller than a year ago. This is the lowest number reported for the December 1 count since 1941. The decrease in sheep numbers was common to all provinces, with New Brunswick, Quebec and the four western provinces indicating the heaviest reductions.

Table 1

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,
1941 to 1945

	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
1945	10,759	9,961



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Table 2

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

	1 9 4 4			1 9 4 5			1945 Total
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	% of 1944
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
P.E. Island	46,900	57,300	104,200	46,900	55,200	102,100	98.0
Nova Scotia	107,100	111,600	218,700	105,600	104,600	210,200	96.1
New Brunswick	114,800	95,900	210,700	113,300	82,600	195,900	93.0
Quebec	1,134,400	771,000	1,905,400	1,127,900	671,900	1,799,800	94.5
Ontario	1,259,600	1,580,800	2,840,400	1,259,200	1,563,100	2,822,300	99.4
Manitoba	384,500	576,600	961,100	363,200	541,600	904,800	94.1
Saskatchewan	552,800	1,323,100	1,875,900	533,900	1,261,900	1,795,800	95.7
Alberta	389,000	1,397,100	1,786,100	364,900	1,406,400	1,771,300	99.2
Br. Columbia	99,300	256,100	355,400	97,700	260,900	358,600	100.9
CANADA	4,088,400	6,169,500	10,257,900	4,012,600	5,948,200	9,960,800	97.1

Table 3

Sheep: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1
1941 to 1945

	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
1945	3,622	2,456

Table 4

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

	1944	1945	1945 % of 1944
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	30,800	28,000	90.9
Nova Scotia	99,100	95,400	96.3
New Brunswick	68,100	54,400	79.9
Quebec	620,900	543,900	87.6
Ontario	483,600	440,100	91.0
Manitoba	209,000	145,000	69.4
Saskatchewan	449,300	393,600	87.6
Alberta	775,200	680,800	87.8
British Columbia	85,500	74,600	87.3
CANADA	2,821,500	2,455,800	87.0