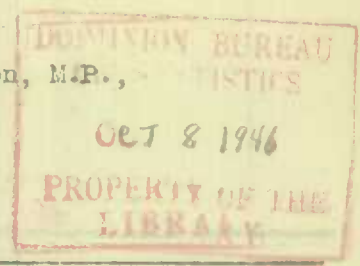


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LIVE STOCK SURVEY, JUNE 1, 1946

Ottawa, October 7, 1946.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1, 1946 survey of live stock 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 September 5, 1946.

SUMMARY

Estimates of the numbers of principal species of live stock on farms in Canada at June 1, 1946 showed an appreciable reduction from those of the previous year. The decline in hog numbers, already reported in a previous release, has been accompanied by reductions in horses, cattle and sheep. Cattle numbers after reaching an all-time peak at June 1, 1945, show a reduction at June 1, 1946 of 3.5 per cent. Most of this has occurred in the Prairie Provinces. Milk cow numbers, estimated at 3,913,900 at June 1, 1946 are 84,300 below those of a year ago. Numbers of horses on farms which have been declining for some years, again indicate a reduction in 1946 of 7.3 per cent. The principal decreases have occurred in the Prairie Provinces. Numbers of sheep on farms are below those of a year ago with an over-all reduction for Canada of 6.7 per cent. The only province showing a gain over last year in sheep numbers is Saskatchewan where a very slight increase is recorded.

Table 1

Live Stock: Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada
at June 1, 1942-46

Year	Horses	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep and Lambs
	'000	'000	'000	'000
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
1946	2,397	10,385	5,377	3,378



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Table 2

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1945 and 1946

Province	1 9 4 5			1 9 4 6			1946 % of 1945
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
Pr. Ed. Island	47,000	58,900	105,900	45,800	56,200	102,000	96.3
Nova Scotia	109,400	117,300	226,700	103,400	114,300	217,700	96.0
New Brunswick	118,800	107,300	226,100	115,800	102,600	218,400	96.6
Quebec	1,103,700	907,900	2,011,600	1,098,200	873,700	1,971,900	98.0
Ontario	1,253,100	1,654,600	2,907,700	1,250,600	1,617,900	2,868,500	98.7
Manitoba	366,000	658,500	1,024,500	349,400	635,600	985,000	96.1
Saskatchewan	525,100	1,454,100	1,979,200	501,500	1,362,400	1,863,900	94.2
Alberta	376,400	1,483,800	1,860,200	353,700	1,414,400	1,768,100	95.0
British Columbia	98,700	318,000	416,700	95,500	294,000	389,500	93.5
CANADA	3,998,200	6,760,400	10,758,600	3,913,900	6,471,100	10,385,000	96.5

Table 3

Horses: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1945 and 1946

Province	1 9 4 5		1 9 4 6		1946 % of 1945
	No.		No.		%
Prince Edward Island	26,500		25,450		96.0
Nova Scotia	35,300		34,500		97.7
New Brunswick	46,200		44,700		96.8
Quebec	314,100		317,500		101.1
Ontario	491,300		467,000		95.1
Manitoba	264,200		242,000		91.6
Saskatchewan	782,800		707,800		90.4
Alberta	564,200		501,000		88.8
British Columbia	60,200		56,900		94.5
CANADA	2,584,800		2,396,850		92.7

Table 4

Sheep and Lambs: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1945 and 1946

Province	1 9 4 5		1 9 4 6		1946 % of 1945
	No.		No.		%
Prince Edward Island	60,000		55,100		91.8
Nova Scotia	160,200		154,200		96.3
New Brunswick	113,400		104,300		92.0
Quebec	649,300		595,300		91.7
Ontario	724,300		701,000		96.8
Manitoba	287,600		229,000		79.6
Saskatchewan	513,200		518,400		101.0
Alberta	974,900		896,400		91.9
British Columbia	138,900		124,700		89.8
CANADA	3,621,800		3,378,400		93.3