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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1946

Ottawa, March 3, 1947.- 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, sheep and lambs and horses. A detailed statement on hogs was released on February 14, 1947. The estimates are compiled from the card schedules returned by farmers and are prepared in co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

CATTLE

The down trend in numbers of cattle on farms in Canada, first evident in results of the December 1945 survey, has continued, according to the estimates obtained from the December 1946 survey. Numbers of all cattle on farms in Canada at December 1 are estimated at 9,748,000, a decline of 213,000 from the same date a year ago, or slightly over 2 per cent. Reductions occurred in all provinces except Quebec where numbers at December 1, 1946 are slightly above the corresponding date of 1945. The greatest decreases are indicated in the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Numbers of milk cows at 3,959,300 are 53,300 below those of a year ago. The decline in milk cows is common to all provinces except Quebec.

SHEEP

Sheep numbers at December 1, 1946, estimated at 2,186,000, are appreciably below the peak recorded at December 1, 1944 of 2,822,000. The reduction below last year amounts to 11 per cent, with the major declines recorded in the Maritimes and the four western provinces.

HORSES

Numbers of horses on farms continue to decline with the December 1, 1946 numbers 7 1/2 per cent below those of a year ago. While decreases are common to all provinces, the greatest are shown for the Prairie Provinces.

Table 1

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,  
1941 to 1946

Year	June 1	December 1
	'000	'000
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
1946 .....	10,385	9,748

Table 2

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

Province	1 9 4 5			1 9 4 6			1946 Total
	Milk	Other	Total	Milk	Other	Total	% of
	Cows	Cattle		Cows	Cattle		1945
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
P.E.I.	46,900	55,200	102,100	43,700	48,100	91,800	89.9
N.S.	105,600	104,600	210,200	101,500	97,700	199,200	94.8
N.B.	113,300	82,600	195,900	107,100	74,900	182,000	92.9
Que.	1,127,900	671,900	1,799,800	1,136,400	711,200	1,847,600	102.7
Ont.	1,259,200	1,563,100	2,822,300	1,237,800	1,536,400	2,774,200	98.3
Man.	363,200	541,600	904,800	353,400	465,800	819,200	90.5
Sask.	533,900	1,261,900	1,795,800	533,400	1,181,700	1,715,100	95.5
Alta.	364,900	1,406,400	1,771,300	348,800	1,414,900	1,763,700	99.6
B.C.	97,700	260,900	358,600	97,200	257,600	354,800	98.9
CANADA	4,012,600	5,948,200	9,960,800	3,959,300	5,788,300	9,747,600	97.9

Table 3

Sheep and Lambs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1941-46

Year	June 1	December 1
	'000	'000
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
1946 .....	3,378	2,186

Table 4

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

Province	1945	1946	1946 % of 1945
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island ....	28,000	21,900	78.2
Nova Scotia .....	95,400	86,200	90.4
New Brunswick .....	54,400	47,900	88.1
Quebec .....	543,900	512,500	94.2
Ontario .....	440,100	433,700	98.5
Manitoba .....	145,000	94,300	65.0
Saskatchewan .....	393,600	355,500	90.3
Alberta .....	680,800	571,000	83.9
British Columbia .....	74,600	63,100	84.6
CANADA .....	2,455,800	2,186,100	89.0

Table 5

Horses: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,  
1941 to 1946

Year	June 1	December 1
	'000	'000
1941	2,789	1,917
1942	2,816	2,886
1943	2,775	2,845
1944	2,735	2,780
1945	2,585	2,663
1946	2,397	2,463

Table 6

Horses: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at December 1,  
1944 and 1945

Province	1945	1946	1946 as % of 1945
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	27,100	25,700	94.8
Nova Scotia	35,000	34,600	98.9
New Brunswick	45,500	44,200	97.1
Quebec	400,800	394,400	98.4
Ontario	504,800	477,000	94.5
Manitoba	255,700	236,000	92.3
Saskatchewan	791,000	706,700	89.3
Alberta	546,200	490,100	89.7
British Columbia	57,000	54,600	95.8
CANADA	2,663,100	2,463,300	92.5

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