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LIVE STOCK SURVEY, JUNE 1, 1947

Ottawa, October 11, 1947.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1, 1947 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 16, 1947.

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SUMMARY

The June 1, 1947 estimates of the number of live stock on farms show an increase for cattle and hogs and a decline for sheep and horses as compared with revised figures for 1946. An increase of 11.5 per cent in hog numbers was reported in a previous release. Cattle numbers, after reaching an all-time peak at June 1, 1945 showed a reduction in 1946 and this year an increase of .5 per cent over the year previous. Increases occurred in Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta whereas other provinces showed declines. The number of horses declined 7.7 per cent this year compared with 1946, while a decrease of 8.0 per cent occurred in sheep numbers. All provinces contributed to the reduction in horse and sheep numbers.

Table 1

Live Stock: Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada
at June 1, 1942-47

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 <u>1/</u>	2,200	9,665	4,910	2,942
1947	2,032	9,718	5,473	2,707

1/ Revised in accordance with preliminary census data for the Prairie Provinces



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Table 2

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1947 and 1946

Province	1 9 4 7			1 9 4 6			1947 %
	Milk	Other	Total	Milk	Other	Total	of 1946
	Cows	Cattle		Cows	Cattle		Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
Pr. Ed. Island	43,000	52,300	95,300	45,800	56,200	102,000	93.4
Nova Scotia	98,200	104,900	203,100	103,400	114,300	217,700	93.3
New Brunswick	111,200	97,400	208,600	115,800	102,600	218,400	95.5
Quebec	1,120,800	912,700	2,033,500	1,098,200	873,700	1,971,900	103.1
Ontario	1,252,600	1,622,400	2,875,000	1,250,600	1,617,900	2,868,500	100.2
Manitoba	266,700	511,900	778,600	276,900*	522,700*	799,600*	97.4
Saskatchewan	393,500	1,117,800	1,511,300	399,000*	1,100,000*	1,499,000*	100.8
Alberta	315,900	1,338,100	1,654,000	326,200*	1,272,200*	1,598,400*	103.5
British Columbia	95,500	263,200	358,700	95,500	294,000	389,500	92.1
CANADA	3,697,400	6,020,700	9,718,100	3,711,400	5,953,600	9,665,000	100.5

* Preliminary Census data.

Table 3

Horses: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1947 and 1946

Province	1 9 4 7		1 9 4 6		1947 %
					of 1946
	No.		No.		%
Prince Edward Island	23,800		25,500		93.3
Nova Scotia	32,800		34,500		95.1
New Brunswick	43,100		44,700		96.4
Quebec	316,600		317,500		99.7
Ontario	451,200		466,700 ^{1/}		96.7
Manitoba	195,300		215,100 ^{2/}		90.8
Saskatchewan	504,900		570,400 ^{2/}		88.5
Alberta	410,900		469,000 ^{2/}		87.6
British Columbia	53,300		56,900		93.7
CANADA	2,031,900		2,200,300		92.3

Table 4

Sheep and Lambs: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1947 and 1946

Province	1 9 4 7		1 9 4 6		1947 %
					of 1946
	No.		No.		%
Prince Edward Island	48,600		55,100		88.2
Nova Scotia	138,000		154,200		89.5
New Brunswick	95,100		104,300		91.2
Quebec	571,700		595,300		96.0
Ontario	667,500		701,000		95.2
Manitoba	181,000		205,500 ^{2/}		88.1
Saskatchewan	285,300		334,600 ^{2/}		85.3
Alberta	613,800		666,800 ^{2/}		91.5
British Columbia	105,900		124,700		84.9
CANADA	2,706,900		2,941,500		92.0

^{1/} Revised

^{2/} Preliminary census data.