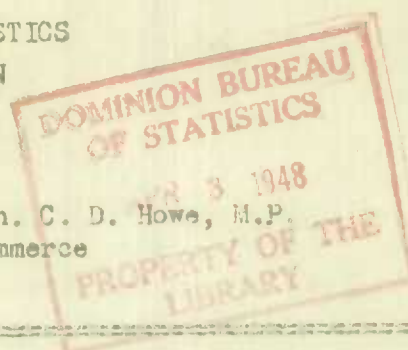


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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1947

Ottawa, April 2, 1948: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a second bulletin on the December Survey of Live Stock and Poultry. This bulletin deals with reports received on cattle, sheep and lambs and horses. A detailed statement on swine was released on March 12, 1948. The estimates are compiled from schedules returned by farmers and are prepared in co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

CATTLE

The number of cattle on farms in Canada at December 1, 1947 is estimated at 8,943,500, a decline of 72,000 or slightly less than 1 per cent from the same date a year earlier. Reductions occurred in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia. Slight increases took place in the other provinces. The number of milk cows at 3,666,600 is 50,000 below December 1, 1946 with decreases common to all provinces except New Brunswick and Ontario. Increased marketings since the date of the survey indicate that some liquidation of cattle is taking place. This adjustment of numbers to the feed supply suggests a somewhat more pronounced downward trend for the remaining part of the feeding season.

SHEEP

The number of sheep on farms in Canada estimated at 1,586,700 is 11 per cent lower than at December 1, 1946. Substantial reductions have occurred in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and British Columbia where increases are reported. Survey returns indicate that the 1948 spring lamb crop will be smaller in all provinces. Where increases in number over December 1946 have occurred they appear to be due to holding over last year's lambs for later marketing.

HORSES

The numbers of horses on farms continue to decline, the December 1, 1947 estimate at 1,979,400 being 11.8 per cent below the estimate for the same date in 1946. Decreases occurred in all provinces.

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TABLE I

Cattle: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1941 to 1947

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	.....	9,665	9,016 <sup>1/</sup>
1947	.....	9,718	8,944

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

TABLE II

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

Province	1947			1946 <sup>1/</sup>			1947 Total
	Milk	Other	Total	Milk	Other	Total	% of
	Cows	Cattle		Cows	Cattle		1946
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
P.E.I.	40,300	46,500	86,800	43,700	48,100	91,800	94.6
N.S.	96,400	94,600	191,000	101,500	97,700	199,200	95.9
N.B.	107,200	79,300	186,500	107,100	74,900	182,000	102.5
Que.	1,104,300	691,700	1,796,000	1,136,400	711,200	1,847,600	97.2
Ont.	1,256,400	1,590,700	2,847,100	1,237,800	1,536,400	2,774,200	102.6
Man.	264,600	437,400	702,000	275,200	429,700	695,900	100.9
Sask.	385,700	918,200	1,303,900	397,700	861,200	1,258,900	103.6
Alta.	318,100	1,191,200	1,509,300	320,000	1,291,400	1,611,400	93.7
B.C.	93,600	227,300	320,900	97,200	257,600	354,800	90.4
CANADA	3,666,600	5,276,900	8,943,500	3,716,600	5,299,200	9,015,800	99.2

<sup>1/</sup> Figures for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are revised as result of the 1946 Census.

TABLE III

Sheep and Lambs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1941-47

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	.....	2,942	1,782 <sup>1/</sup>
1947	.....	2,707	1,587

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

TABLE IV

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

Province	1947	1946 <sup>1/</sup>	1947 % of 1946
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island .....	27,300	21,900	124.6
Nova Scotia .....	80,000	86,200	92.8
New Brunswick .....	51,000	47,900	106.5
Quebec .....	342,200	390,000 <sup>2/</sup>	87.7
Ontario .....	385,600	433,700	88.9
Manitoba .....	86,500	99,700	86.8
Saskatchewan .....	177,200	190,600	93.0
Alberta .....	372,000	449,100	82.8
British Columbia .....	64,900	63,100	102.9
CANADA .....	1,586,700	1,782,200	89.0

<sup>1/</sup> Figures for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are revised as result of the 1946 Census.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.





TABLE V

Horses: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1941 to 1947

Year		June 1	December 1
		'000	'000
1941	.....	2,789	2,886
1942	.....	2,816	2,886
1943	.....	2,775	2,845
1944	.....	2,735	2,780
1945	.....	2,585	2,663
1946	.....	2,200	2,243 <sup>1/</sup>
1947	.....	2,032	1,979

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

TABLE VI

Horses: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at December 1, 1947 and 1946

Province	1947	1946 <sup>1/</sup>	1947 as % of 1946
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island ..	23,700	25,700	92.2
Nova Scotia .....	32,100	34,600	92.8
New Brunswick .....	42,900	44,200	97.1
Quebec .....	315,700	394,400	80.0
Ontario .....	451,000	477,000	94.5
Manitoba .....	181,600	211,200	86.0
Saskatchewan .....	486,600	561,500	86.7
Alberta .....	393,800	440,000	89.5
British Columbia .....	52,000	54,600	95.2
CANADA .....	1,979,400	2,243,200	88.2

<sup>1/</sup> Figures for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are revised as result of the 1946 Census.