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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1948

Ottawa, October 9, 1948: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1, 1948 survey of live stock dealing with numbers of the principal classes on farms. This report is based on information received from farmers and is prepared in cooperation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. A report on swine was issued on September 15, 1948.

S U M M A R Y

Estimates of the numbers of live stock on farms in Canada at June 1, 1948 indicate a decrease for each of the principal kinds of farm animals as compared with the numbers at June 1, 1947. Hogs, as reported in the Bureau's press release of September 15, estimated at 4,463,100, were 18.5 per cent below last year. Cattle numbers at 9,470,300 had declined 2.6 per cent. There was, however, no significant change in the number of cows and heifers 2 years old and over kept mainly for milking purposes. Slight increases in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta were almost completely offset by decreases in the other provinces.

The number of horses on farms decreased 6.3 per cent from last year and at a total of 1,904,900 has now fallen below 2 million for the first time since 1906. Sheep numbers decreased substantially to 2,250,800, almost 17 per cent below last year.

LIVE STOCK: Numbers of Principal Species on Farms in Canada at June 1, 1944-48

Year	Horses	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep and Lambs
	'000	'000	'000	'000
1944	2,735	10,346	7,741	3,726
1945	2,585	10,759	6,026	3,622
1946	2,200	9,665	4,910	2,942
1947	2,032	9,718	5,473	2,707
1948	1,905	9,470	4,463	2,251

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NUMBERS OF LIVE STOCK ON FARMS, CANADA, JUNE 1, 1948 AND 1947

CATTLE

Province	1948			1947			Total 1948 as % of 1947
	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
P. E. Island	42,400	52,300	94,700	43,000	52,300	95,300	99.4
Nova Scotia	95,400	96,600	192,000	98,200	104,900	203,100	94.5
New Brunswick	102,900	94,300	197,200	111,200	97,400	208,600	94.5
Quebec	1,129,400	886,500	2,015,900	1,120,800	912,700	2,033,500	99.1
Ontario	1,260,700	1,603,300	2,864,000	1,252,600	1,622,400	2,875,000	99.6
Manitoba	262,300	461,400	723,700	266,700	511,900	778,600	92.9
Saskatchewan	387,000	1,049,500	1,436,500	393,500	1,117,800	1,511,300	95.1
Alberta	327,000	1,257,300	1,584,300	315,900	1,338,100	1,654,000	95.8
Br. Columbia	53,600	268,400	362,000	95,500	263,200	358,700	100.9
CANADA	3,700,700	5,769,600	9,470,300	3,697,400	6,020,700	9,718,100	97.4

HORSES

Province	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 7	1948 as % of 1947
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	23,100	23,800	97.1
Nova Scotia	32,100	32,800	97.9
New Brunswick	42,300	43,100	98.1
Quebec	314,500	316,300	99.3
Ontario	423,600	451,200	93.8
Manitoba	178,800	195,300	91.6
Saskatchewan	463,300	504,900	91.8
Alberta	376,600	410,900	91.7
British Columbia	50,600	53,300	94.9
CANADA	1,904,900	2,031,900	93.7

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Province	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 7	1948 as % of 1947
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	42,800	48,600	88.1
Nova Scotia	130,700	138,000	94.7
New Brunswick	79,300	95,100	83.4
Quebec	475,000	571,700	83.1
Ontario	575,500	667,500	86.2
Manitoba	140,900	181,000	77.8
Saskatchewan	253,300	285,300	88.8
Alberta	448,600	613,800	73.1
British Columbia	104,700	105,900	98.9
CANADA	2,250,800	2,706,900	83.2