

8.—Estimated Numbers of Farm Live Stock, 1913-1918—concluded.

Live Stock.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Alberta—						
Horses.....	484,809	519,424	544,772	634,188	718,317	791,246
Milch cows.....	168,376	179,068	183,974	277,324	325,861	328,702
Other cattle.....	610,917	633,032	660,000	882,766	1,209,433	1,362,880
Total cattle.....	779,293	812,100	843,974	1,160,090	1,535,294	1,691,582
Sheep.....	178,015	211,001	238,579	292,620	276,966	332,179
Swine.....	350,692	397,123	229,696	603,554	730,237	601,534
British Columbia—						
Horses.....	60,518	60,705	61,355	61,312	55,124	44,131
Milch cows.....	35,599	35,702	37,944	39,318	49,005	50,965
Other cattle.....	100,183	99,091	100,439	103,101	191,338	195,165
Total cattle.....	135,782	134,793	138,383	142,419	240,343	246,130
Sheep.....	45,000	45,000	46,404	46,269	43,858	45,291
Swine.....	34,541	39,021	38,543	37,829	37,688	39,805

Values of Farm Live Stock and of Wool.—Table 9 shows the average values per head of farm animals, as estimated from the reports of crop correspondents of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the year 1917, as compared with the years 1909, 1910, 1914, 1915 and 1916. Horses and cattle other than milch cows are divided according to age, and the unit value for swine is 100 lb. live weight. The table gives also an estimate of the value per lb. of unwashed and washed wool. On the whole, there was in 1917 but little change reported in the value per head of horses; in some of the provinces the value remained stationary, or even declined. For cattle, sheep and swine, however, values were substantially higher than in 1916 and were higher than in any previous year for which records have been collected. For Canada, the average value of horses three years old and over was \$167, as compared with \$160 in 1916, milch cows were \$84 as against \$70; cattle between one year old and three years averaged \$52 against \$43; sheep were \$14.93, against \$10.48 and swine \$17.33 against \$11.98 per live cwt. in 1916. The average value of wool was 59 cents per lb. unwashed and 75 cents per lb. washed. Crop correspondents were requested to ascertain as nearly as possible the average value per head of each description of farm animal, and for calculation of total values these averages were applied to the total number of farm animals as returned in June, 1917. The results as shown in Table 10 were as follows: Horses \$429,123,000, as compared with \$418,686,000 in 1916; milch cows \$274,081,000, as against \$198,896,000, other cattle \$270,595,000, as against \$204,477,000, sheep \$35,576,000, as against \$20,927,000 and swine \$92,886,000, as against \$60,700,000. The total value of farm live stock in Canada was estimated to be \$1,102,261,000, as compared with \$903,686,000 in 1916. In 1917, for the first time, the total value of farm live stock exceeded one billion dollars.