

65.—World's Live Stock at Dates Nearest to 1913 and 1924.

Description.	Number at date nearest—		Increase (+) or decrease (—).	
	1913.	1924.	No.	p.c.
	000 head.	000 head.	000 head.	
Horses.....	106,796	98,600	— 8,196	— 7.7
Cattle.....	510,315	556,925	+ 46,610	+ 9.1
Sheep.....	560,008	531,407	— 28,601	— 5.1
Swine.....	183,348	188,456	+ 5,108	+ 2.8

It thus appears that, as compared with pre-war figures, there has been a considerable increase (9 p.c.) in cattle, a smaller increase (3 p.c.) in swine, but a reduction in horses (8 p.c.) and in sheep (5 p.c.).

Dairy Production of Various Countries.—Table 66 shows the estimated number of milch cows and the production of butter and cheese in various countries of the world. It is compiled from a monograph entitled "Milk and Milk Products: Statistical Survey of Production and Trade," published in 1924 by the International Agricultural Institute at Rome.

66.—Estimated Number of Milch Cows and Production of Butter and Cheese in Named Countries.

Countries.	Milch Cows. ¹	Butter.	Cheese.
	No.	lb.	lb.
Czechoslovakia.....	2,027,847	2,952,000 ²	8,557,000 ²
Denmark.....	1,310,893	254,000,000 ²	55,100,000 ²
Finland.....	1,218,622	20,832,000 ²	7,258,000 ²
France.....	7,169,670	75,403,000 ²	277,007,000 ²
Germany.....	8,206,170	77,482,000 ²	34,500,000 ²
Great Britain and Ireland.....	4,606,902	280,000,000 ²	108,000,000 ²
Netherlands.....	1,085,713	117,773,000 ²	181,229,000 ²
Norway.....	720,176	2,551,000 ²	24,457,000 ²
Sweden.....	1,739,000	61,318,000 ²	36,986,000 ²
Switzerland.....	760,000	28,700,000 ²	122,000,000 ²
Canada.....	3,324,653	215,179,000 ²	135,821,000 ²
United States.....	24,082,000	1,778,500,000 ²	375,000,000 ²
Argentina.....	3,294,987	73,617,000 ²	47,512,000 ²
Chile.....	202,151	2,512,000 ²	6,271,000 ²
Japan.....	53,750	1,205,000 ²	—
Union of South Africa.....	2,263,778	21,873,000 ²	5,340,000 ²
Australia.....	2,419,809	267,072,000 ²	32,655,000 ²
New Zealand.....	1,116,828	132,481,000 ²	142,076,000 ²

¹ 1922 or nearest year available. ² Total production. ³ Production of creameries and factories only.

For butter the principal exporting countries, with the quantity exported in 1923, are as follows:—Denmark 246,160,000 lb; New Zealand 140,012,000 lb.; Argentina 62,360,000 lb.; Netherlands 52,770,000 lb. Countries importing butter are led by Great Britain and Ireland with 574,033,000 lb. France imported 23,200,000 lb. and was followed by Belgium with 21,342,000 lb. and Switzerland with 14,684,000 lb. For cheese the principal exporting countries in 1923 were:—New Zealand 161,444,000 lb.; Netherlands 136,647,000 lb.; Canada 116,202,000 lb.; Italy 50,389,000 lb.; France 33,227,000 lb.; and Switzerland 39,045,000 lb.; whilst for imports Great Britain and Ireland took 318,220,000 lb.; the United States 64,420,000 lb.; France 54,297,000 lb.; Germany 24,930,000 lb.; and Italy 10,228,000 lb.