

### Section 3.—Marketing of Live Stock and Animal Products.<sup>1</sup>

The estimated value of farm live stock and poultry in Canada in 1931 was \$511,438,000, or 120.3 p.c. of the value of field crops grown during the year. In gross value of product the slaughtering and meat-packing industry, which is dependent chiefly on animal husbandry for its materials, has during recent years been one of the most important single manufacturing industries in Canada.

The Canada Year Book, 1922-23, contained on pages 594-595 a brief historical description of the development and present position of the live-stock industry in the Dominion, with statistics of farm animals compiled from the decennial censuses, 1871 to 1931. A summary of this data is given in Table 10.

**10.—Animals in Canada and Animals Killed or Sold by Farmers in Canada, by census years 1871-1931.**

Year.	Animals in Canada.			Animals Killed or Sold and Wool Sold.			
	Cattle. <sup>1</sup>	Sheep.	Swine.	Cattle. <sup>2</sup>	Sheep.	Swine.	Wool.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	lb.
1871.....	2,484,655	3,155,509	1,369,083	507,725	1,557,430	1,216,097	11,303,480
1881.....	3,382,396	3,048,678	1,207,619	657,681	1,496,465	1,302,503	11,309,786
1891.....	3,997,023	2,563,781	1,735,850	957,737	1,464,172	1,791,104	10,981,970
1901.....	5,576,451	2,510,239	2,353,828	1,086,353	1,329,141	2,497,636	10,657,597
1911 <sup>3</sup> .....	6,526,083	2,174,300	3,634,778	1,752,792 <sup>3</sup>	949,039 <sup>3</sup>	2,771,755 <sup>3</sup>	6,933,935
1921 <sup>4</sup> .....	8,519,484	3,203,966	3,404,730	1,616,626 <sup>3</sup>	1,027,969 <sup>3</sup>	1,779,257 <sup>3</sup>	12,338,268
1931 <sup>5</sup> .....	7,990,947	3,608,540	4,716,761	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup>Figures for 1871-91 do not include work oxen.

<sup>2</sup>Census taken as of June 1, while previous censuses were taken in April, so that a greater number of young animals is included.

<sup>3</sup>Animals slaughtered on farms were not included. The following figures are comparable with data given for the previous years (the 1911 amounts being partly estimated).—

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.
1911.....	1,915,059	1,097,016	4,282,624
1921.....	2,097,390	1,217,987	2,972,331

In Table 11 are given statistics showing the numbers of animals on farms for the years 1921 to 1932, expressed as percentages of the average numbers for the quinquennium 1921-25.

**11.—Index Numbers of Animals on Farms in Canada, calendar years 1921-32.**  
(Average number for 1921-25=100.)

Year.	Animals on Farms.				
	Horses.	Milch Cows.	Other Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.
1921.....	105.1	99.9	110.6	121.4	88.9
1922.....	100.6	100.2	102.2	107.8	90.3
1923.....	97.3	97.8	95.5	91.0	101.6
1924.....	98.9	99.7	98.0	85.7	117.0
1925.....	98.0	102.5	93.7	91.0	102.1
1926.....	93.7	102.7	80.9	103.8	100.6
1927.....	94.3	103.8	90.1	107.8	108.3
1928.....	93.1	101.1	85.3	112.9	103.8
1929.....	93.1	98.5	87.9	120.1	101.1
1930.....	90.8	98.6	89.8	122.1	92.3
1931.....	86.3	90.0	79.1	119.2	108.8
1932.....	85.2	96.9	83.6	120.4	107.0

**Live-Stock Marketings, 1931.**—The numbers of cattle and hogs sold at stockyards showed increases of 39,953 and 180,143 respectively in 1931 as compared with 1930. Cattle sold numbered 646,442 in 1931, 606,489 in 1930, 799,435 in 1929, 875,428 in 1928 and 958,872 in 1927. The total numbers of hogs sold were 1,084,582

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