

Subsection 4.—Live Stock

The growth of the live-stock industry in Canada from decade to decade is indicated in summary form in Table 12.

12.—Live Stock in Canada, Censuses of 1871-1941

Item	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931	1941
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Horses.....	836,743	1,059,358	1,470,572	1,577,493	2,598,958	3,610,494	3,215,431	2,845,024
Cattle.....	2,624,290	3,433,989	4,120,586	5,576,451	6,526,083	8,519,484	8,099,883	8,653,384
Milk cows.....	1,251,209	1,595,800	1,857,112	2,408,677	2,595,255	3,324,653 ¹	3,585,114 ¹	3,705,083 ²
Other cattle.....	1,373,081	1,838,189	2,263,474	3,167,774	3,930,828	5,194,831	4,514,769	4,948,301
Sheep.....	3,155,509	3,048,678	2,563,781	2,510,239	2,174,300	3,203,966	3,627,116	2,840,092
Swine.....	1,366,083	1,207,619	1,733,850	2,353,828	3,634,778	3,404,730	4,774,828	6,174,309

¹ Cows in milk or in calf.

² Cows and heifers, two years old or over, kept mainly for milk purposes.

Live stock on farms cannot be separated from the total numbers except for the past three census years. Table 13 gives the numbers of live stock on farms for those years.

13.—Live Stock on Farms in Canada, Censuses of 1921, 1931 and 1941

Item	1921	1931	1941
	No.	No.	No.
Horses.....	3,451,752	3,113,909	2,788,705
Cattle.....	8,369,489	7,973,031	8,517,343
Milk cows.....	3,228,633 ¹	3,523,001 ¹	3,623,942 ²
Other cattle.....	5,140,856	4,450,030	4,893,401
Sheep.....	3,200,467	3,627,116	2,840,092
Swine.....	3,324,291	4,699,831	6,081,389

¹ Cows in milk or in calf.

² Cows and heifers, two years old or over, kept mainly for milk purposes.

Live stock and animal products statistics have recently undergone a revision back to 1906 to bring them to a comparable basis. The completely revised series of indexes showing the numbers of animals on farms is given in Table 14. These indexes are the numbers of live stock for the respective years expressed as percentages of the average numbers on farms during the period 1935 to 1939.

14.—Index Numbers of Animals on Farms in Canada, 1906-44

(Average 1935-39=100)

Year	Horses	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	All Cattle	Sheep and Lambs	Hogs
1906.....	69.3	71.5	91.1	82.6	82.5	85.8
1907.....	74.3	71.1	90.5	82.1	76.2	94.0
1908.....	79.4	70.3	87.9	80.3	77.2	90.0
1909.....	82.2	68.6	82.2	76.3	75.5	83.4
1910.....	87.5	68.6	79.5	74.7	72.8	83.9
1911.....	91.7	70.0	78.6	74.9	70.5	92.3
1912.....	95.1	71.2	80.9	76.7	70.4	93.5
1913.....	99.8	73.2	82.8	78.6	75.7	93.5
1914.....	105.6	73.7	83.6	79.3	74.9	92.4
1915.....	110.0	75.0	88.9	82.8	76.5	88.0
1916.....	111.8	76.2	93.6	86.0	75.7	90.4
1917.....	113.3	77.4	98.5	89.4	78.6	83.6
1918.....	118.1	76.7	108.4	94.7	85.5	93.4