

Subsection 4.—Live Stock

The growth of the live-stock industry in Canada from decade to decade is indicated in summary form in Table 11.

11.—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	2,845,008
All cattle.....	2,624,290	3,433,989	4,120,586	5,576,451	6,526,083	8,513,495	8,099,883	8,653,045
Milk cows.....	1,251,209	1,595,800	1,857,112	2,408,677	2,595,255	3,318,664 ¹	3,585,114 ¹	3,707,163 ²
Other cattle.....	1,373,081	1,838,189	2,263,474	3,167,774	3,930,828	5,194,831	4,514,769	4,945,882
Sheep.....	3,155,509	3,048,678	2,563,781	2,510,239	2,174,300	3,203,966	3,627,116	2,839,948
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 as obtained from the census data cannot be separated from the total numbers except for the past three census years. Table 12 gives the numbers of live stock on farms for those years.

12.—Live Stock on Farms, Censuses of 1921, 1931 and 1941

Item	1921	1931	1941
	No.	No.	No.
Horses.....	3,451,752	3,113,909	2,788,795
All cattle.....	8,369,489	7,973,031	8,517,007
Milk cows.....	3,228,633 ¹	3,523,001 ¹	3,626,025
Other cattle.....	5,140,856	4,450,030	4,890,982
Sheep.....	3,200,467	3,627,116	2,839,948
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.

However, annual estimates based on census data are made of numbers of animals on farms. The indexes in Table 13 are the estimates of live stock for the respective years expressed as percentages of the numbers on farms during the period 1935 to 1939. Table 14 gives the absolute figures by provinces for 1942-46 and Table 15 the average values per head of farm live stock in the same years.

13.—Index Numbers of Animals on Farms, 1937-46

(Average 1935-39=100)

NOTE.—Comparable figures for 1906-36 are given at pp. 211-212 of the 1945 Year Book.

Year	Horses	Milk Cows	Other Cattle	All Cattle	Sheep and Lambs	Swine
1937.....	100.4	101.7	102.7	102.3	99.6	102.0
1938.....	97.8	98.7	96.5	97.4	98.8	89.5
1939.....	97.5	97.4	95.1	96.1	94.4	110.8
1940.....	98.1	96.5	95.8	96.1	93.6	152.4
1941.....	98.4	95.9	99.1	97.7	92.1	154.4
1942.....	99.4	97.4	106.6	102.6	103.7	180.9
1943.....	98.0	100.4	118.9	110.9	112.2	206.9
1944.....	96.6	103.9	130.0	118.7	120.9	196.5
1945.....	91.2	105.8	137.0	123.4	117.5	153.0
1946.....	84.6	103.5	131.1	119.1	109.6	136.5