

Subsection 4.—Livestock and Poultry

Livestock.—Two main features of the livestock industry in 1962 as compared to 1961 were higher prices, especially for cattle and hogs, and larger domestic supplies of feed because of a better grain crop in Western Canada. As a result, there was a substantial increase in the value of livestock marketed through commercial channels. The estimated value of total sales to public stockyards, direct shipments to packing plants and direct on export amounted to \$910,400,000, an increase of \$76,900,000 or 9 p.c. over 1961. The higher prices more than offset the reduction in marketings of cattle, sheep and lambs.

Cattle and calves on farms at June 1, 1962 were estimated at 12,075,000, an increase of 1.2 p.c. over the 1961 Census total of 11,933,700 and an all-time high. There was an increase of 3.4 p.c. in Eastern Canada but a decrease of 0.7 p.c. in the west. Beef cow numbers continued their advance as did steers and calves but other classes decreased slightly. Between 1956 and 1961 total cattle numbers increased about 9 p.c., beef cows increased 24 p.c. and milk cows decreased slightly. Total sheep and lambs at June 1, 1962 were estimated at 1,433,000 head, down 7.4 p.c. from the June 1961 Census total of 1,548,200. In the five years between censuses, sheep numbers decreased by 25.7 p.c. in Eastern Canada but increased by 23.1 p.c. in the western provinces. Hog numbers in Canada at June 1, 1962 at 4,973,000 were down 6.7 p.c. from the June 1961 Census total of 5,331,200; a decrease of 22.5 p.c. in Western Canada was partly compensated for by an increase of 8.1 p.c. in the eastern provinces. Horse numbers continued to decline and were estimated at 477,200 at June 1, 1962, 6.5 p.c. below the year-earlier Census total of 510,600. These comparisons relate only to nine provinces, being exclusive of Newfoundland and the Territories.

15.—Livestock on Farms, by Province, as at June 1, 1961 and 1962

Province and Item	1961 ¹	1962	Province and Item	1961 ¹	1962
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Newfoundland—			Manitoba—		
Horses.....	1,152	..	Horses.....	50,798	46,000
Milk cows ²	2,760	..	Milk cows ²	195,869	188,000
Other cattle.....	4,560	..	Other cattle.....	799,691	794,000
Sheep.....	15,320	..	Sheep.....	81,325	76,000
Swine.....	1,554	..	Swine.....	431,462	331,000
Prince Edward Island—			Saskatchewan—		
Horses.....	7,867	7,000	Horses.....	110,314	98,000
Milk cows ²	39,589	38,500	Milk cows ²	241,113	229,000
Other cattle.....	81,470	82,500	Other cattle.....	1,879,994	1,851,000
Sheep.....	23,926	22,000	Sheep.....	188,961	174,000
Swine.....	54,873	49,000	Swine.....	640,801	429,000
Nova Scotia—			Alberta—		
Horses.....	8,917	8,000	Horses.....	113,222	109,000
Milk cows ²	64,047	62,000	Milk cows ²	287,932	280,000
Other cattle.....	99,643	101,000	Other cattle.....	2,591,467	2,583,000
Sheep.....	64,654	58,000	Sheep.....	496,882	445,000
Swine.....	46,856	52,000	Swine.....	1,469,969	1,200,000
New Brunswick—			British Columbia—		
Horses.....	9,317	8,200	Horses.....	23,907	25,000
Milk cows ²	67,306	64,000	Milk cows ²	91,889	92,000
Other cattle.....	92,853	92,000	Other cattle.....	369,887	394,000
Sheep.....	53,896	50,000	Sheep.....	102,816	98,000
Swine.....	47,126	45,000	Swine.....	41,628	42,000
Quebec—			Yukon and N.W.T.—		
Horses.....	97,430	91,000	Horses.....	233	..
Milk cows ²	1,006,744	1,032,000	Milk cows ²	16	..
Other cattle.....	908,486	924,000	Other cattle.....	190	..
Sheep.....	194,665	171,000	Sheep.....	3	..
Swine.....	912,125	970,000	Swine.....	2	..
Ontario—			Totals—		
Horses.....	88,864	85,000	Horses.....	512,021	477,200
Milk cows ²	992,396	970,000	Milk cows ²	2,989,661	2,955,500
Other cattle.....	2,123,282	2,298,000	Other cattle.....	8,951,523	9,119,500
Sheep.....	341,086	339,000	Sheep.....	1,563,534	1,433,000
Swine.....	1,686,340	1,855,000	Swine.....	5,332,736	4,973,000

¹ Census.

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