

Subsection 11.—Census Statistics of Agriculture in the Prairie Provinces, 1921-46

Statistics illustrating the major changes that have taken place in agriculture in the Prairie Provinces for the quinquennial years 1921-46 will be found at pp. 390-396 of the 1948-49 edition of the Year Book.

Subsection 12.—Statistics of the Newfoundland Census of Agriculture, 1945

The latest Census of Newfoundland and the Coast of Labrador was taken in 1945. This Census covered both population and agriculture. Tabulations, at the request of Newfoundland, were carried out at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Some data on these subjects have already been published in census bulletins and as further tabulations are made, additional information will be made available.

The Census of Agriculture ascertained the number of those cultivating land by census districts by size of holding and area of improved land. Information was gathered by census districts on the condition of land and the area, production, value and sales of crops. Enumeration was also made of farm machinery and equipment, horses, ponies, swine, sheep, goats, cattle, animal products, dogs and poultry.

Agriculture is not of first importance in Newfoundland but plays a part in the economy supplementary to fishing and logging. Less than 0.5 p.c. of the total land surface is devoted to agriculture and only 35,574 persons cultivated land compared with 39,539 in the Census of 1935.

The following statement gives final figures on agriculture in Newfoundland and the Coast of Labrador.

TENURE AND UTILIZATION OF CULTIVATED LAND IN NEWFOUNDLAND, CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE, 1945

<i>Size of Holdings—</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Utilization of Occupied Land—</i>	<i>acres</i>
Under 1 acre.....	15,909	Improved.....	62,642
1-4 acres.....	14,523	Grain.....	186
5-10 ".....	3,106	Hay.....	46,864
11-50 ".....	1,700	Potatoes.....	12,149
Over 50 ".....	336	Turnips.....	1,616
Total Holdings.....	35,574	Cabbage.....	1,548
		Other vegetables.....	216
		Fruit.....	63
		Unimproved.....	74,633
		Pasture.....	14,280
		Woodland.....	60,353
		TOTAL AREA OF OCCUPIED LAND.....	137,275
<i>Number of Holdings by Area of Improved Land—</i>			
Less than 1 acre.....	17,379		
1-4 acres.....	15,489		
5-10 ".....	2,201		
11-50 ".....	498		
Over 50 ".....	7		

NUMBER AND VALUE OF LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY IN NEWFOUNDLAND, CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE, 1945

	<i>No.</i>		<i>No.</i>
Horses.....	9,795	Cattle.....	22,944
Ponies.....	4,954		
Swine.....	11,443	TOTAL, LIVE STOCK...	146,533
Sheep.....	85,802		
Goats.....	11,595	Hens and chickens.....	346,428
		TOTAL VALUE, LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY....	\$8,359,753