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Ottawa, February 23, 1939, 4 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics publishes today its annual report on farm values for the year 1938, comprising estimates of (1) the average value of farm lands, (2) the average wages of farm help and (3) the average values of farm live stock, wool and poultry. The estimates are compiled from the returns of crop correspondents.

AVERAGE VALUE OF FARM LANDS

The average value of occupied farm lands in Canada in 1938 was unchanged from 1937 at \$24 an acre. The average value includes improved and unimproved land, together with dwelling houses, barns, and all other farm buildings. Average values of farm land in Canada declined from \$38 per acre in 1928 to \$23 per acre in 1934, then rose to \$24 an acre in 1935, and have remained unchanged since that year. Increases in values in 1938 were reported in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and British Columbia, but these were offset by decreases in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. Values of lands in Quebec and Saskatchewan were reported the same in 1938 as in 1937. The average value for all Canada in 1938 was 65 per cent of that reported for 1926.

The average values per acre of occupied farm lands for 1938 were, in dollars, as follows, with the 1937 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island 36 (34); Nova Scotia 29 (32); New Brunswick 27 (26); Quebec 40 (40); Ontario 45 (46); Manitoba 16 (17); Saskatchewan 15 (15); Alberta 15 (16); British Columbia 60 (58); Canada 24 (24).

AVERAGE WAGES OF FARM HELP

Average cash wages of male farm help in Canada were reported at \$24 per month for the summer months of 1938 as compared with \$23 per month in 1937 and \$21 per month in 1936. The value of board furnished was estimated at \$17 per month in both 1937 and 1938. Increases in cash wages of summer help in 1938 were recorded in the Prairie Provinces, while decreases were recorded in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario. Wages of summer help in Nova Scotia and British Columbia were the same as in the previous year.

By provinces, combined wages and board for male and for female help per month during the summer season of 1938 were, in dollars, as follows, with the 1937 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island 33, 21 (36, 24); Nova Scotia 41, 23 (40, 23); New Brunswick 41, 23 (44, 24); Quebec 38, 22 (40, 23); Ontario 42, 30 (43, 29); Manitoba 39, 24 (37, 23); Saskatchewan 37, 23 (35, 23); Alberta 43, 27 (40, 27); British Columbia 50, 35 (49, 35).

For Canada average wages per year of male farm help increased from \$224 in 1937 to \$230 in 1938. The value of board furnished was reported at \$175 compared with \$176 in 1937. Yearly wages and board of male help for 1938 were \$405 and for 1937, \$400. Wages and board of female help at \$275, were \$3 higher than in 1937.

By provinces, combined yearly wages and board for male and for female help in 1938 were, in dollars, as follows, with the 1937 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island 364, 260 (374, 252); Nova Scotia 439, 277 (435, 272); New Brunswick 432, 247 (442, 248); Quebec 398, 235 (376, 232); Ontario 411, 303 (421, 312); Manitoba 373, 252 (367, 249); Saskatchewan 363, 247 (344, 233); Alberta 418, 289 (401, 282); British Columbia 522, 365 (513, 363).

VALUES OF FARM LIVE STOCK AND WOOL

For Canada, the average farm values per head of live stock in 1938 are as follows, with the 1937 values within brackets: Horses \$71 (\$72); milk cows \$40 (\$40); other cattle \$27 (\$25); total cattle \$33 (\$32); sheep \$5.79 (\$5.61); hogs \$13.21 (\$12.31).

The total numbers and values of farm live stock in Canada in 1938 are estimated as follows, with the 1937 figures within brackets: Horses 2,820,700, \$198,938,000 (2,882,990, \$206,957,000); milk cows 3,873,800, \$154,732,000 (3,940,400, \$156,467,000); other cattle 4,637,400, \$123,354,000 (4,900,100, \$123,731,000); total cattle 8,511,200, \$278,086,000 (8,840,500, \$280,198,000); sheep 3,415,000, \$19,761,000 (3,339,900, \$18,741,000); hogs 3,486,900, \$46,078,000 (3,963,300, \$48,802,000).

The total value of all these descriptions of farm live stock at June 1, 1938 amounted to \$542,863,000, a decrease of \$11,835,000 or 2 per cent as compared with \$554,698,000 in 1937. By provinces the total values are as follows, with the 1937 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island \$6,485,000 (\$6,347,000); Nova Scotia \$13,487,000 (\$13,797,000); New Brunswick \$14,189,000 (\$14,128,000); Quebec \$106,522,000 (\$107,872,000); Ontario \$178,420,000 (\$179,351,000); Manitoba \$47,023,000 (\$48,075,000); Saskatchewan \$75,898,000 (\$86,299,000); Alberta \$81,853,000 (\$80,064,000); British Columbia \$18,986,000 (\$18,765,000).

The average value per pound of unwashed wool in 1938 is estimated at 11 cents as compared with 16 cents in 1937.

NUMBERS AND VALUES OF FARM POULTRY

For Canada, the average values of farm poultry in 1938 are estimated, in cents, as follows, with the 1937 averages within brackets: Hens and chickens 68 (69); turkeys 189 (190); geese 145 (144); ducks 86 (85). The total numbers and values in 1938 are as follows, with the 1937 figures within brackets: Hens and chickens 53,774,600, \$36,793,000 (53,982,900, \$37,335,000); turkeys 2,039,600, \$3,859,000 (1,997,900, \$3,804,000); geese 807,000, \$1,167,000 (874,900, \$1,259,000); ducks 615,800, \$531,000 (654,400, \$556,000); total poultry 57,237,000, \$42,350,000 (57,510,100, \$42,954,000).

By provinces, the total values of all farm poultry in 1938 are estimated as follows, with the 1937 figures in brackets: Prince Edward Island \$696,000 (\$664,000); Nova Scotia \$952,000 (\$945,000); New Brunswick \$1,082,000 (\$1,172,000); Quebec \$7,021,000 (\$6,917,000); Ontario \$18,414,000 (\$18,934,000); Manitoba \$3,365,000 (\$3,064,000); Saskatchewan \$3,890,000 (\$4,544,000); Alberta \$3,822,000 (\$3,645,000); British Columbia \$3,108,000 (\$3,069,000).