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Canadian Social Trends

February 2009 online edition

The February 2009 online edition of *Canadian Social Trends*, released today, features the article "Who participates in active leisure?"

This article examines factors influencing the active leisure participation of Canadians aged 20 and over using data from the 1992 and 2005 General Social Survey on time use.

The February 2009 online edition of *Canadian Social Trends*, no. 87 (11-008-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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Livestock estimates

As of January 1, 2009

Farm inventories of cattle, hogs and sheep all declined between January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009, reflecting market uncertainty and rising input costs.

Hog inventories were down 10.2% to 12.4 million. Cattle producers reported 13.2 million head as of January 1 this year, down 5.1% compared with same period a year earlier. Sheep and lamb numbers fell 2.1% to 808,200 head.

Rising input costs, due in part to increased feed grain prices and market uncertainty, had an impact on producers in all three sectors, and exerted downward pressure on profits.

In addition, Country of Origin Labeling legislation in the United States created an uncertain marketplace for Canadian producers. In the case of hogs, the Canadian government put the Cull Breeding Swine Program in place to help hog producers reduce the size of their herds.

Livestock inventories at January 1

	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Cattle		Hogs		Sheep	
	thousands of head					
Canada	13,895	13,180	13,810	12,400	825	808
Atlantic	272	270	256	161	30	30
Quebec	1,345	1,340	3,990	3,900	245	244
Ontario	1,884	1,705	3,652	3,104	230	215
Manitoba	1,355	1,280	2,810	2,680	62	61
Saskatchewan	2,870	2,650	1,180	810	88	82
Alberta	5,560	5,380	1,800	1,630	125	127
British Columbia	610	555	122	116	45	49

Note: Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

Hogs

The decline in hog numbers in 2008 continued a three-year downward trend. The breeding herd alone, mainly sows and gilts, declined 7.1% to 1.4 million head.

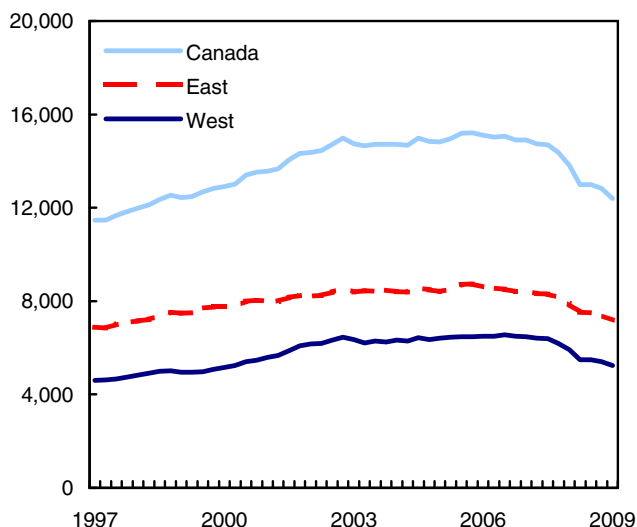
Despite the recent decline in the Canadian dollar, hog producers are still facing financial pressures. Lower prices drove down revenues for hogs sold for domestic slaughter and for export.

Over the last decade, hog production has evolved toward complete market integration in North America. American hog finishing operations took advantage of

an ample local corn supply and fed it to weaners born from the breeding and farrowing operations in Canada. In addition, a shortage or a loss of slaughter capacity on one side of the border has been offset by sufficient capacity on the other side.

Total hog inventories trend down

thousands of head



Beef and dairy

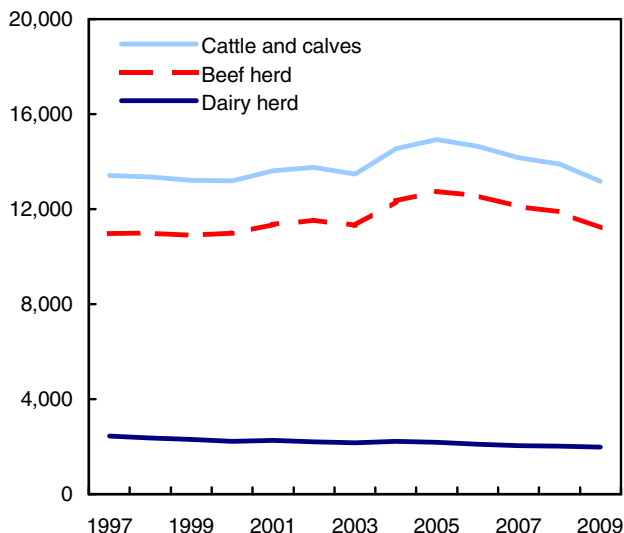
The national cattle inventory has been declining during the past four years. Between January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009, the dairy herd fell 2.5%, while the beef herd fell 5.6%. The beef herd shows no sign of rebuilding, as the number of cows is down 6.6% and the number of replacement heifers is down 9.7%.

On January 1 this year, there were 86,520 farm operations reporting beef herds, down 3.8% from the same period a year earlier.

Beef numbers fell last year in the four major beef producing provinces: Alberta (-3.3%), Saskatchewan (-8.0%), Manitoba (-6.1%) and Ontario (-14.5%). These declines continued long-term downward trends. Combined, these provinces accounted for 89.0% of the Canadian beef herd.

Cattle inventories drop

thousands of head at January 1



Sheep

Between January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009, the national sheep and lamb inventory declined 2.1% to 808,200 head. Lamb and mutton production has

slowed in recent years due to major challenges such as loss of export markets and domestic demand.

On the other hand, lamb imports to be fed and slaughtered in Canada have increased since 2006 to levels similar to those of the early 1990s.

Market receipts from the sale of sheep and lambs between January and September 2008 were down from the same period in 2007. Relatively strong prices helped offset the decline.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0004, 003-0026, 003-0028, 003-0030 to 003-0032 and 003-0083 to 003-0097.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3460.

The publications *Cattle Statistics*, 2009, Vol. 8, no. 1 (23-012-XWE, free), *Hog Statistics*, Vol. 8, no. 1 (23-010-XWE, free) and *Sheep Statistics*, 2009, Vol. 8, no. 1 (23-011-XIE, free), are now available online. From the *Publications* module of our website under *All subjects*, choose *Agriculture*.

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Book publishing industry

2007

Data on the book publishing industry are now available for the reference year 2007.

Note: The Annual Survey of Service Industries: Book Publishers collects financial and operating data needed to produce statistics on the book publishers industry in Canada. These data are aggregated with information from other sources to produce official estimates of the national and provincial economic production of the book publishers industry in Canada.

Available on CANSIM: table 361-0007.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3105.

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Wool disposition and farm value

2007

The quantity, price and farm value of purchased wool and wool for home use are now available for 2007 by province and for Canada.

Available on CANSIM: table 003-0097.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3460.

The publication *Sheep Statistics*, 2009, Vol. 8, no. 1 (23-011-XIE, free), is now available online. From the *Publications* module of our website under *All subjects*, choose *Agriculture*.

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Supply and disposition of refined petroleum products

November 2008

Data on the supply and disposition and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for November.

Available on CANSIM: tables 134-0001 and 134-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

The November 2008 issue of *The Supply and Disposition of Refined Petroleum Products in Canada*, Vol. 63, no. 11 (45-004-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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Sheep statistics

January 2009

New data tables are now available for January.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0094 and 003-0097.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3460.

The publication *Sheep Statistics*, 2009, Vol. 8, no. 1 (23-011-XIE, free), is now available online. From the *Publications* module of our website under *All subjects*, choose *Agriculture*.

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