

January 1, 1947 Annual Livestock Report^a

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NORTH DAKOTA: All species of livestock on North Dakota farms declined during 1946 according to the Annual Livestock Inventory Report released by the Federal Agricultural Statistician of the United States Department of Agriculture at Fargo. Hog numbers declined 20 percent from January 1, 1946 to January 1, 1947, sheep declined 16 percent during the same period, horses 16 percent and all cattle and calves 7 percent. Turkeys on farms January 1, 1947 were down 20 percent from a year earlier and chicken numbers were down 13 percent.

Values per head, however, for each species of livestock were higher than a year earlier. The total value of cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules in North Dakota on January 1, 1947 is placed at \$199,881,000—20 percent over January 1, 1946 and 75 percent over the ten-year (1936-45) average. Chickens on farms January 1, 1947 are valued at \$6,804,000—one percent lower than last year; turkeys are valued at \$442,000—11 percent lower than the previous year.

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Livestock on Farms, January 1, 1940-47, for North Dakota

| Year | Horses | All Cattle | Milk ¹ Cows ² | Stock Sheep ³ | Hogs | Chickens | Turkey |
|--|--------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Number on Farms January 1 (Thousand Head) | | | | | | | |
| 1936-45 Ave. | 364 | 1,479 | 558 | 859 | 544 | 4,978 | 236 |
| 1940 | 360 | 1,313 | 520 | 870 | 464 | 4,537 | 239 |
| 1941 | 356 | 1,444 | 562 | 983 | 441 | 4,628 | 336 |
| 1942 | 352 | 1,617 | 590 | 1,052 | 587 | 5,448 | 323 |
| 1943 | 341 | 1,733 | 608 | 1,020 | 957 | 6,911 | 297 |
| 1944 | 314 | 1,915 | 620 | 898 | 1,101 | 7,197 | 178 |
| 1945 | 286 | 1,915 | 583 | 754 | 640 | 6,288 | 153 |
| 1946 | 240 | 1,781 | 525 | 618 | 621 | 6,108 | 99 |
| 1947 | 202 | 1,656 | 488 | 519 | 497 | 5,316 | 79 |
| Farm Value Per Head January 1 (Dollars) | | | | | | | |
| 1936-45 Ave. | 57.60 | 47.40 | 65.10 | 7.39 | 17.30 | .70 | 2.94 |
| 1940 | 57.00 | 40.60 | 55.00 | 6.70 | 9.00 | .45 | 1.95 |
| 1941 | 50.00 | 43.50 | 59.00 | 7.30 | 10.20 | .48 | 2.00 |
| 1942 | 46.00 | 53.60 | 72.00 | 8.60 | 20.80 | .71 | 2.35 |
| 1943 | 52.00 | 70.50 | 97.00 | 10.00 | 29.10 | .93 | 4.90 |
| 1944 | 50.00 | 66.50 | 93.00 | 9.20 | 21.90 | 1.10 | 4.55 |
| 1945 | 37.00 | 66.30 | 92.00 | 8.70 | 26.90 | 1.12 | 4.75 |
| 1946 | 25.00 | 74.70 | 104.00 | 9.90 | 30.70 | 1.12 | 5.90 |
| 1947 | 30.00 | 97.80 | 135.00 | 13.80 | 45.60 | 1.28 | 5.50 |
| Total Farm Value January 1 (Thousand Dollars) | | | | | | | |
| 1936-45 Ave. | 21,504 | 74,075 | 37,026 | 6,466 | 10,725 | 3,780 | 735 |
| 1940 | 20,520 | 53,308 | 28,600 | 5,829 | 4,176 | 2,042 | 730 |
| 1941 | 17,768 | 62,816 | 33,158 | 7,136 | 4,507 | 2,221 | 672 |
| 1942 | 16,346 | 86,673 | 42,480 | 9,047 | 12,211 | 3,868 | 941 |
| 1943 | 17,724 | 122,091 | 58,976 | 10,150 | 27,864 | 6,427 | 1,138 |
| 1944 | 15,573 | 127,348 | 57,660 | 8,254 | 24,118 | 7,917 | 870 |
| 1945 | 10,582 | 126,964 | 53,636 | 6,560 | 17,216 | 7,043 | 737 |
| 1946 | 6,000 | 133,041 | 54,600 | 6,118 | 19,065 | 6,841 | 495 |
| 1947 | 6,060 | 161,957 | 65,880 | 7,162 | 22,663 | 6,804 | 472 |

¹Included in all cattle.

²Cows and heifers two years and older kept for milk.

³Does not include sheep and lambs on feed as follows: 1940—88,000; 1941—130,000; 1942—175,000; 1943—150,000; 1944—162,000; 1945—165,000; 1946—168,000; 1947—125,000; and 120,000 the 1936-45 ten-year average.