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ANNUAL LIVESTOCK INVENTORY - JANUARY 1, 1941

Livestock on Illinois farms had an inventory value of \$255,217,000 on January 1, 1941, an increase of 1 percent over a year earlier, despite a decrease of 5 percent in total number, according to the annual inventory estimates made by the ILLINOIS and U. S. DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE. At the same time the value of chickens and turkeys on farms was placed at \$15,047,000, up 6 percent from a year ago. The value per head increased \$3.70 for cattle, 90 cents for sheep, and 40 cents for hogs, and decreased \$12.00 for horses and \$16.00 for mules in comparison with a year earlier. The sharpest change in livestock numbers occurred in hogs, where there was a decrease from 5,750,000 January 1, 1940 to 5,175,000 on January 1, 1941. This drop of 10 percent resulted from a decrease in the 1940 pig crop and unusually heavy marketings prior to January 1, 1941. Horse numbers declined 7 percent and mules 2 percent. There are now only a third as many horses and mules on Illinois farms as there were in the record high year of 1915. Sheep numbers showed no change. The number of all cattle increased 5 percent to stand at 3,061,000 head January 1, 1941. This total has been exceeded only two times in the past 74 years. Most of the increase was in beef cattle since the increase in milk cow numbers was but 2 percent.

The upswing in total livestock numbers on farms in the United States that started in 1938 tended to level off during 1940. Reported decreases on January 1, 1941 were 12 percent for hogs and about 2 percent for horses and mules compared with a year earlier. All cattle numbers increased over 4 percent and the present total of 71,666,000 head has only been exceeded in 3 other years. The number of milk cows and heifers 2 years old and over kept for milk increased about 2 percent. Stock sheep increased about 2 percent during 1940 and the January 1, 1941 number established a new high record for over 50 years. The total inventory value of livestock on farms January 1, 1941 of \$4,921,313,000 was 3 percent larger than a year earlier and the largest since 1930. The number of chickens decreased about 4 percent and turkeys about 18 percent.

LIVESTOCK OF ALL AGES ON FARMS - JANUARY 1, 1940 AND 1941

| | ILLINOIS | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| | Numbers | Per Head | Value Total | Numbers | Per Head | Value Total |
| <u>HORSES</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 615,000 | \$77.00 | \$47,261,000 | 10,602,000 | \$77.36 | \$820,127,000 |
| 1941 | 572,000 | 65.00 | 37,104,000 | 10,364,000 | 68.21 | 706,940,000 |
| <u>MULES</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 89,000 | 97.00 | 8,650,000 | 4,309,000 | 114.56 | 493,653,000 |
| 1941 | 87,000 | 81.00 | 7,051,000 | 4,238,000 | 105.72 | 448,062,000 |
| <u>ALL CATTLE</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 2,915,000 | 46.50 | 135,564,000 | 68,801,000 | 40.60 | 2,793,466,000 |
| 1941 | 3,061,000 | 50.20 | 153,786,000 | 71,666,000 | 43.42 | 3,111,925,000 |
| <u>MILK COWS</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 1,145,000 | 63.00 | 72,135,000 | 25,397,000 | 57.24 | 1,453,756,000 |
| 1941 | 1,168,000 | 66.00 | 77,088,000 | 25,917,000 | 60.86 | 1,577,250,000 |
| <u>MILK HEIFERS</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 258,000 | | | 5,434,000 | | |
| 1941 | 268,000 | | | 5,545,000 | | |
| <u>SHEEP 1/</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 948,000 | 6.60 | 6,258,000 | 54,549,000 | 6.30 | 343,825,000 |
| 1941 | 947,000 | 7.50 | 7,111,000 | 55,880,000 | 6.72 | 375,631,000 |
| <u>HOGS</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 5,750,000 | 9.30 | 53,746,000 | 60,207,000 | 7.81 | 470,242,000 |
| 1941 | 5,175,000 | 9.70 | 50,165,000 | 52,983,000 | 8.31 | 440,073,000 |
| <u>CHICKENS</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 22,953,000 | .60 | 13,772,000 | 429,042,000 | .604 | 258,997,000 |
| 1941 | 22,020,000 | .67 | 14,753,000 | 413,934,000 | .653 | 270,265,000 |
| <u>TURKEYS</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 150,000 | 2.40 | 360,000 | 8,567,000 | 2.18 | 18,679,000 |
| 1941 | 120,000 | 2.45 | 294,000 | 7,030,000 | 2.30 | 16,178,000 |
| <u>TOTAL, 5 SPECIES 2/</u> | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 10,317,000 | | 251,479,000 | 198,468,000 | | 4,921,313,000 |
| 1941 | 9,842,000 | | 255,217,000 | 195,131,000 | | 5,082,631,000 |

1/ Includes sheep and lambs on feed;

2/ Includes horses, mules, cattle, sheep, and hogs.

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