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The regular annual inventory of livestock in Poland carried out by the Central Statistical Office has shown an increase in the number of head of cattle maintained per 100 hectares of arable land of about 33 per cent since 1959, the year of the great meat shortage in Poland. These figures were contained in a report in the July 30 "Trybuna Ludu". In terms of absolute figures, the number of head of cattle per 100 hectares of arable land has risen from 44.5 in 1959 to 59.5 at present and is the highest ever recorded in Poland.

The increase in number of head during the past statistidal year has been 4.7 per cent.

This increase has encompassed all voivodships, but has been particularly notable in the western and northern regions of the country.

At the same time the CSO has noted that there has been a concurrent rejuvenation of the cattle herds, with the increase in the number of young cattle during the past year registered at nearly 11 per cent. This further assures the market of a better supply of beef and veal as well as of dairy products. "Trybuna Ludu" attributes this trend among farmers to improve the quality of their herds to the policy pursued by the regime in the last few years whereby there has been some easing off in compulsory deliveries as well as numerous prize cattle contests, dissemination of professional advice regarding modern methods of fattening cattle for market, proper stable construction, etc.

On July 30, Radio Warsaw II reported that the general meat purchase plan for July had been 150 per cent fulfilled. However, the further development of meat production is dependent, of course, on this year's harvest results whose outlook is for something less than the 1961 harvest, principally due to disastrous spring weather in wide areas of the country. Polish negotiations with the US to obtain 1.5 million tons of grain for 1962-63 have been delayed by the deliberations of the US Congress. Poland requires imports of over 2 million tons of grain annually.

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