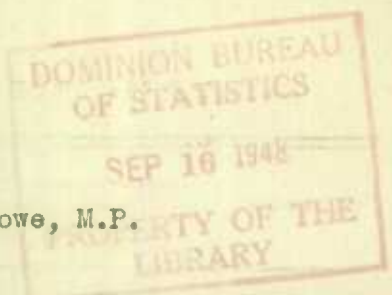


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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1948

S W I N E

Ottawa, September 15, 1948: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics today issues a report on the numbers of hogs on farms in Canada on June 1, as well as the spring pig production of 1948 and the numbers of sows expected to farrow in the fall of 1948. The information has been obtained through the co-operation of farmers in each province who supply data for a June live-stock survey. This report has been prepared in co-operation with the Provincial Governments.

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The number of hogs on farms in Canada at June 1, 1948, is estimated at 4,463,100, a decrease of 18.5 per cent from the 5,473,200 at June 1, 1947. Decreases took place in all provinces. The large numbers moved to markets during the early months of this year represented a considerable liquidation. The fall pig crop in 1947 was about 91 per cent of that in 1946. Farmers further reduced sow breedings and this year's spring pig crop, estimated at 3,522,700 pigs alive at weaning time, was 20.1 per cent below last year's. Based on reports at June 1, the fall pig crop this year will be almost 22 per cent below that of last year.

TABLE I: HOGS - NUMBERS ON FARMS IN CANADA AT JUNE 1, 1937 TO 1948  
(thousands)

Year	June 1	Year	June 1
1937	4,016	1943	8,148
1938	3,527	1944	7,741
1939	4,364	1945	6,026
1940	6,002	1946	4,910
1941	6,081	1947	5,473
1942	7,125	1948	4,463



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TABLE II: HOGS - NUMBERS ON FARMS AT JUNE 1, BY PROVINCES, 1948 AND 1947

Province	1948			1947			Total 1948 as % of 1947
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
P.E.I.	49,500	12,400	61,900	55,800	12,900	68,700	90.1
N.S.	36,200	11,600	47,800	43,600	16,300	59,900	79.8
N.B.	45,900	17,500	63,400	68,500	24,000	92,500	68.5
Que.	739,500	235,900	975,400	831,300	229,900	1,061,200	91.9
Ont.	1,383,000	385,800	1,768,800	1,741,200	503,500	2,244,700	78.8
Man.	183,400	73,100	256,500	266,800	80,400	347,200	73.9
Sask.	285,100	111,000	396,100	432,200	126,100	558,300	70.9
Alta.	606,500	227,400	833,900	753,800	210,300	964,100	86.5
B.C.	44,400	14,900	59,300	58,500	18,100	76,600	77.4
TOTAL - CANADA	3,373,500	1,089,600	4,463,100	4,251,700	1,221,500	5,473,200	81.5

TABLE III: NUMBERS OF PIGS BORN AND PIGS SAVED, <sup>1</sup>/ DECEMBER TO MAY, BY PROVINCES

Province	1947-48		1946-47		1947-48 as % of 1946-47	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
P.E.I.	68,200	50,500	72,500	56,500	93.8	89.4
N.S.	52,000	37,300	68,700	55,300	75.7	67.4
N.B.	64,900	47,400	100,100	73,300	64.8	64.7
Que.	990,600	787,700	1,105,500	867,900	89.6	90.8
Ont.	1,708,200	1,435,300	2,101,900	1,762,800	81.3	81.4
Man.	235,600	190,100	339,300	272,700	69.4	69.7
Sask.	359,600	291,300	571,200	450,300	63.0	64.7
Alta.	823,100	632,600	1,018,000	793,400	81.4	79.7
B.C.	66,500	50,500	82,200	68,900	80.9	73.3
TOTAL - CANADA	4,368,700	3,522,700	5,459,400	4,401,100	80.0	80.0

<sup>1</sup>/ Alive at weaning time.

TABLE IV: SOWS - NUMBERS EXPECTED TO FARROW JUNE TO NOVEMBER, BY PROVINCES, 1948 AND 1947

Province	1948	1947	1948 as % of 1947
	No.	No.	%
P.E.I.	7,000	8,440	82.9
N.S.	5,660	8,480	66.7
N.B.	6,610	11,230	59.1
Que.	89,640	109,700	81.7
Ont.	179,900	216,700	83.0
Man.	20,050	27,650	72.5
Sask.	25,920	38,150	67.9
Alta.	75,240	101,790	73.9
B.C.	6,780	9,200	73.7
TOTAL - CANADA	416,830	531,340	78.4