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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1948

H O G S

Ottawa, March 12, 1949: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the December live stock survey containing information with respect to numbers of hogs on farms, the 1948 fall pig crop and the expected pig crop in the spring of 1949. The report is based on returns submitted by farmers as at December 1, 1948 and is prepared in cooperation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

S U M M A R Y

The total number of hogs on farms in Canada at December 1, 1948 is estimated at 4,604,200 which is approximately 14 per cent below the 5,381,200 total at December 1, 1947. While decreases occurred in all provinces they were more pronounced in the Prairie Provinces where they were slightly over 20 per cent.

The fall pig crop was about 90 per cent of that in 1947. Marketings during 1948 were, however, greater in relation to total numbers on farms than in 1947. Increased farmer interest in swine production is indicated. The fall pig crop at 90 per cent of 1947 was considerably above the forecast based on breeding intentions reported at the end of May. Breeding intentions reported in December 1948 were even more encouraging and indicate that the spring pig crop this year may be expected to be almost 20 per cent larger than last year. Increases are indicated for all provinces with the greatest change expected to occur in Manitoba where a 37 per cent increase is anticipated. However, the substantial rise in the central provinces, with increases of 22 and 19 per cent indicated for Ontario and Quebec respectively, will have the most significant effect on the size of this year's spring pig crop.

TABLE I

Numbers of Hogs on Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1938 to 1948

		June 1	December 1
		- thousands -	
1938	.....	3,527	3,569
1939	.....	4,364	4,770
1940	.....	6,002	6,117
1941	.....	6,081	6,385
1942	.....	7,125	7,751
1943	.....	8,148	9,473
1944	.....	7,741	7,636
1945	.....	6,026	5,853
1946	.....	4,910 ^{1/}	5,459 ^{1/}
1947	.....	5,473	5,381
1948	.....	4,463	4,604

^{1/} Includes revisions based on census data for the Prairie Provinces and revised figures for British Columbia.

TABLE II

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at December 1, 1948 and 1947

	1 9 4 8			1 9 4 7			Total
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	1948 as % of 1947
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
P.E.I.	45,000	12,200	57,200	48,600	13,400	62,000	92
N.S.	40,000	14,000	54,000	45,800	16,600	62,400	87
N.B.	51,500	19,500	71,000	59,700	24,000	83,700	85
Que.	667,200	272,000	939,200	814,100	320,300	1,134,400	83
Ont.	1,556,600	464,800	2,021,400	1,700,000	489,400	2,189,400	92
Man.	169,000	93,500	262,500	213,900	123,300	337,200	78
Sask.	208,900	135,000	343,900	244,500	189,100	433,600	79
Alta.	553,500	238,700	792,200	667,000	334,100	1,001,100	79
B.C.	44,000	18,800	62,800	54,100	23,300	77,400	81
TOTAL	3,335,700	1,268,500	4,604,200	3,847,700	1,533,500	5,381,200	86

TABLE III

Number of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, June to November, 1948 and 1947

	1 9 4 8		1 9 4 7		1948 as % of 1947	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
Pr. Ed. Island	57,800	49,200	59,400	49,500	97	99
Nova Scotia	52,600	43,200	59,600	48,600	88	89
New Brunswick	63,000	53,600	75,300	62,000	84	86
Quebec	908,500	762,300	987,700	824,400	92	92
Ontario	1,832,300	1,587,700	2,001,300	1,712,800	92	93
Manitoba	202,800	177,400	254,100	216,300	80	82
Saskatchewan	259,400	223,000	290,600	258,900	89	86
Alberta	692,900	583,400	811,600	687,700	85	85
British Columbia	63,200	52,400	73,300	60,800	86	86
T O T A L	4,152,500	3,532,200	4,612,900	3,921,000	90	90

TABLE IV

Farrowings: Estimates of Sows Bred to Farrow December 1948 to May 1949

and

Sows Farrowed December 1947 to May 1948

	1948-49	1947-48	1948-49 as % of 1947-48
	No.	No.	%
Pr. Ed. Island	7,000	6,820	103
Nova Scotia	5,500	5,100	108
New Brunswick	8,100	6,850	118
Quebec	125,600	105,980	119
Ontario	216,000	177,200	122
Manitoba	35,600	25,920	137
Saskatchewan	44,700	42,630	105
Alberta	95,600	86,200	111
British Columbia	6,700	6,460	104
T O T A L	544,800	463,160	118



HOG-BARLEY RATIO ^{1/}

Number of Bushels of Barley Equivalent in Price
to 100 Pounds of Bacon Hog at Winnipeg, 1939-49

(Long-time average = 17.2)

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January ..	29.4	20.5	21.4	20.0	21.4	18.1	18.3	17.1	20.7	17.1	21.0
February .	31.1	20.0	20.4	20.0	21.4	18.1	18.3	17.3	21.4	19.6	
March	31.1	20.5	17.6	19.7	22.0	18.2	18.3	17.1	19.7	20.6	
April	27.9	18.9	17.7	19.5	22.0	18.2	18.4	18.3	18.1	19.3	
May	25.2	24.2	21.0	18.9	21.9	18.2	18.5	18.3	18.1	18.7	
June	30.3	31.0	22.0	18.3	21.2	18.3	19.0	18.4	18.1	19.2	
July	34.8	31.7	23.1	19.4	20.5	18.3	19.1	18.4	18.1	19.9	
August ...	31.1	32.2	24.9	21.3	16.2	18.3	18.0	20.3	18.1	22.8	
September.	22.3	31.3	22.1	21.0	16.2	18.3	18.2	21.0	19.6	24.1	
October ..	23.3	26.1	22.3	23.4	16.1	18.3	17.2	19.6	17.8	22.4	
November..	23.7	21.0	22.4	23.5	16.5	18.3	17.0	19.5	14.4	20.7	
December .	21.2	23.4	21.1	23.5	16.7	18.3	17.0	19.5	13.9	21.7	

^{1/} Includes advance equalization payment on barley from August 1943 to March 1947 inclusive and the Dominion Government subsidy on the price of hogs January 1944 to date.