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REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1950SWINE

Ottawa, September 11, 1950: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today estimates of the numbers of swine on farms as at June 1, 1950 together with estimates of the spring pig crop and the number of sows expected to farrow during the fall period.

Estimated at 5,247,100, the number of swine on farms in Canada at June 1, 1950 was slightly above the estimate of 5,162,900 at June 1, 1949. (Since no farm survey is conducted in Newfoundland, these estimates do not include swine in that province. The 1945 Census, taken as of October 1, 1945, reported 11,443 swine in Newfoundland.) Increases occurred in all but the Prairie Provinces where decreases from last year's numbers were quite substantial. Estimates by provinces, figures for June 1, 1949 in brackets, are as follows: Prince Edward Island 67,800 (63,500); Nova Scotia 55,600 (49,800); New Brunswick 83,900 (76,500); Quebec 1,249,900 (1,116,300); Ontario 2,213,100 (2,193,100); Manitoba 269,400 (303,000); Saskatchewan 433,700 (458,600); Alberta 809,700 (847,100); British Columbia 64,000 (55,000).

The spring pig crop (pigs saved December 1949 to May 1950) was approximately the same as that of a year earlier. Actual farrowings thus fell considerably below the forecast based on farmers' breeding intentions reported at the beginning of December last year which indicated a probable 13 per cent increase. Spring farrowings were less in all provinces than these breeding intentions indicated, reflecting an adjustment in plans largely attributable to the relatively low hog-feed ratios which continued throughout the first half of the year. The average hog-barley ratio for the first six months of 1950 was 16.0 as compared with 19.1 during this period in 1949 and a 1939-49 average ratio of 20.4.

Breeding intentions reported in the survey at the end of May indicate a fall pig crop this year almost 3 per cent below that of 1949. Fall farrowings are expected to be less than last year in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and in the central provinces with moderate increases in the Maritime Provinces, Alberta and British Columbia. According to these estimates hog marketings during the fall of 1950 and the spring of 1951 should be almost equal to the volume of the 1949-50 fall-spring period.

TABLE 1: SWINE - NUMBERS ON FARMS AT JUNE 1, BY PROVINCES, 1950 AND 1949

Province	1 9 5 0			1 9 4 9			Total
	Under	Over	Total	Under	Over	Total	1950 as %
	6 months	6 months		6 months	6 months		of 1949
	- number -			- number -			%
P.E.I.	54,700	13,100	67,800	51,000	12,500	63,500	107
N.S.	45,000	10,600	55,600	37,800	12,000	49,800	112
N.B.	69,600	14,300	83,900	60,000	16,500	76,500	110
Que.	994,600	255,300	1,249,900	890,700	225,600	1,116,300	112
Ont.	1,756,000	457,100	2,213,100	1,749,400	443,700	2,193,100	101
Man.	202,600	66,800	269,400	227,700	75,300	303,000	88.9
Sask.	306,300	127,400	433,700	355,300	103,300	458,600	94.6
Alta.	579,000	230,700	809,700	649,500	197,600	847,100	95.6
B.C.	46,500	17,500	64,000	41,000	14,000	55,000	116
CANADA	4,054,300	1,192,800	5,247,100	4,062,400	1,100,500	5,162,900	102

TABLE 2: NUMBERS OF PIGS BORN AND PIGS SAVED 1/ DECEMBER TO MAY, BY PROVINCES
(Spring Pig Crop 1949 and 1950)

Province	1949-50		1948-49		1949-50 as % of 1948-49	
	Figs Born	Figs Saved	Figs Born	Figs Saved	Figs Born	Figs Saved
	- number -		- number -		%	%
P.E.I.	78,500	61,600	72,800	53,900	108	114
N.S.	65,100	51,700	57,000	46,900	114	110
N.B.	94,000	73,100	78,600	64,800	120	113
Que.	1,305,700	1,047,400	1,181,600	959,200	110	109
Ont.	2,213,300	1,809,400	2,124,000	1,777,000	104	102
Man.	276,600	214,000	282,600	235,300	97.9	90.9
Sask.	396,000	311,100	440,100	369,000	90.0	84.3
Alta.	767,500	597,600	796,600	671,100	96.3	89.0
B.C.	70,000	55,600	58,400	44,700	120	124
CANADA	5,266,700	4,221,500	5,091,700	4,221,900	103	100

1/ Alive at weaning time.TABLE 3: FARROWINGS: ESTIMATES OF SOWS BRED TO FARROW JUNE-NOVEMBER, 1950, AND
SOWS FARROWED JUNE-NOVEMBER, 1949

Province	1 9 5 0	1 9 4 9	1950 as % of 1949
	- number -		%
Prince Edward Island	8,300	7,500	111
Nova Scotia	6,000	5,440	110
New Brunswick	10,000	9,640	104
Quebec	116,700	118,500	98.5
Ontario	214,000	225,200	95.0
Manitoba	22,900	27,800	82.4
Saskatchewan	31,900	34,300	93.0
Alberta	93,800	90,400	104
British Columbia	7,900	7,000	113
CANADA	511,500	525,780	97.3