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Report on the Live Stock Survey of June 1, 1952

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Ottawa, September 23, 1952: This memorandum contains estimates of the numbers of hogs on farms in Canada 1/ as at June 1, 1952, together with estimates of the spring pig crop and the number of sows to farrow during the fall period. These estimates are based on farmers' replies in the June Live Stock Survey and were prepared in cooperation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

The number of hogs on farms at June 1, 1952, estimated at 5,741,000 was 17 per cent higher than the census figure of 4,914,300 on hand at June 1, 1951. Increases took place in all provinces, with June inventory 23 per cent higher in Western Canada and 13 per cent higher in Eastern Canada than last year. Estimates, by provinces, (figures for June 1, 1951 in brackets) are as follows: Prince Edward Island 77,000 (72,500); Nova Scotia 51,000 (48,200); New Brunswick 83,000 (78,400); Quebec 1,312,000 (1,108,300); Ontario 1,937,000 (1,755,500); Manitoba 399,000 (338,000); Saskatchewan 646,000 (533,300); Alberta 1,170,000 (930,700); British Columbia 66,000 (49,400).

The spring pig crop (December, 1951 to May, 1952) was 17 per cent above that of the previous year. Increases were most pronounced in the Western Provinces and Quebec amounting to 22, 20, 22, 32 and 22 per cent for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Quebec respectively. Western Canada as a whole showed a 22 per cent increase in pigs alive at weaning time as against a 14 per cent increase in Eastern Canada.

Based on intentions reported by farmers at June 1 it is estimated that about 517,100 sows are expected to farrow during the June to November period this year. This is 3 per cent below the number of sows farrowed during the corresponding period last year. Prospective decreases in the fall pig crop are noted in all provinces except Alberta and British Columbia.

1/ Except for the Province of Newfoundland

Table 1: Hogs - Numbers on Farms at June 1, by Provinces, 1952 and 1951

Province	1952			Census, 1951			Total 1952 as % of 1951
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	
P.E.I.	61,000	16,000	77,000	57,600	14,900	72,500	106
N.S.	41,000	10,000	51,000	37,300	10,900	48,200	106
N.B.	62,000	21,000	83,000	59,000	19,400	78,400	106
Que.	1,051,000	261,000	1,312,000	883,500	224,800	1,108,300	111
Ont.	1,550,000	387,000	1,937,000	1,422,900	332,600	1,755,500	110
Man.	315,000	84,000	399,000	264,700	73,300	338,000	118
Sask.	504,000	142,000	646,000	419,700	113,600	533,300	121
Alta.	870,000	300,000	1,170,000	714,600	216,100	930,700	126
B.C.	46,000	20,000	66,000	34,800	14,600	49,400	134
CANADA	4,500,000	1,241,000	5,741,000	3,894,100	1,020,200	4,914,300	117

Table 2: Numbers of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved^{1/} December to May,
by Provinces (Spring Pig Crop 1952 and 1951)

Province	1951-52		1950-51		1951-52 as % of 1950-51	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
P.E.I.	81,000	63,000	74,000	60,000	109	105
N.S.	54,000	43,000	47,000	39,000	115	110
N.B.	85,000	65,000	75,000	62,000	113	105
Que.	1,410,000	1,129,000	1,132,000	929,000	125	122
Ont.	2,016,000	1,647,000	1,837,000	1,500,000	110	110
Man.	434,000	336,000	328,000	275,000	132	122
Sask.	615,500	522,000	539,000	434,000	114	120
Alta.	1,138,500	908,000	921,000	746,000	124	122
B.C.	62,000	49,000	45,000	37,000	138	132
CANADA	5,996,000	4,762,000	4,998,000	4,082,000	118	117

^{1/} Alive at weaning timeTable 3: Farrowings - Estimates of Sows to Farrow June-November, 1952
and Sows Farrowed June-November, 1951

Province	1952	1951	1952 as % of 1951
P.E.I.	8,200	10,900	75
N.S.	4,700	5,800	81
N.B.	7,800	8,300	94
Que.	111,000	125,000	89
Ont.	199,000	205,000	97
Man.	31,000	31,300	99
Sask.	35,200	39,600	89
Alta.	112,300	97,000	116
B.C.	7,900	7,600	104
CANADA	517,100	530,500	97