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REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1953

H O G S

Estimates of the number of hogs on farms in Canada¹/as at June 1, 1953 are based on farmers' replies to the June Live Stock Survey and were prepared in cooperation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. Estimates of the spring pig crop and of the number of sows expected to farrow during the fall period, June to November, are included.

Hogs on farms at June 1, 1953, estimated at 4,447,000, amounted to 23 per cent less than the 5,741,000 at June 1, 1952. Decreases took place in all provinces but Alberta with the June inventory 13 per cent lower in Western Canada and 29 per cent lower in Eastern Canada than last year. The estimates by provinces, (figures for June 1, 1952 in brackets) are as follows: Prince Edward Island 57,000 (77,000); Nova Scotia 39,000 (51,000); New Brunswick 56,000 (83,000); Quebec 867,000 (1,312,000); Ontario 1,450,000 (1,937,000); Manitoba 287,000 (399,000); Saskatchewan 469,000 (646,000); Alberta 1,180,000 (1,170,000); British Columbia 42,000 (66,000).

The spring pig crop (December, 1952 to May, 1953) was 24 per cent below that of the previous year with substantial decreases in all provinces except Alberta. Number of pigs alive at weaning time was 14 per cent less in the West and 30 per cent less in the East than in the spring of 1952.

According to intentions reported by farmers at June 1 it is estimated that 480,600 sows will farrow during the June to November period this year. This would be 5 per cent less than the number that farrowed during the corresponding period last year with a decrease of 11 per cent in Eastern Canada partially offset by an increase of 5 per cent in the West.

¹/ Excluding Newfoundland.

Table I: Hogs - Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at June 1, 1952 and 1953

Province	1952			1953			1953 as % of 1952
	Under 6 months	Over 6 months	Total	Under 6 months	Over 6 months	Total	
- thousand head -							
P.E.I.	61.0	16.0	77.0	43.0	14.0	57.0	74
N.S.	41.0	10.0	51.0	31.4	7.6	39.0	76
N.B.	62.0	21.0	83.0	41.0	15.0	56.0	67
Que.	1,051.0	261.0	1,312.0	663.0	204.0	867.0	66
Ont.	1,550.0	387.0	1,937.0	1,180.0	270.0	1,450.0	75
Total East	2,765.0	695.0	3,460.0	1,958.4	510.6	2,469.0	71
Man.	315.0	84.0	399.0	220.2	66.8	287.0	72
Sask.	504.0	142.0	646.0	355.0	114.0	469.0	73
Alta.	870.0	300.0	1,170.0	883.0	297.0	1,180.0	101
B.C.	46.0	20.0	66.0	28.0	14.0	42.0	64
Total West	1,735.0	546.0	2,281.0	1,486.2	491.8	1,978.0	87
Total Canada	4,500.0	1,241.0	5,741.0	3,444.6	1,002.4	4,447.0	77

Table II: Sows Farrowed, Pigs Born and Pigs Saved ^{1/} by Provinces
December to May, (Spring Pig Crop), 1952 and 1953

Province	Dec. 1951 to May 1952			Dec. 1952 to May 1953			Pigs Saved 1953 as % of 1952
	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	
- thousand head -							
P.E.I.	8.6	81.0	63.0	6.0	56.3	43.9	70
N.S.	5.4	54.0	43.0	4.3	44.0	32.2	75
N.B.	9.0	85.0	65.0	5.4	53.0	42.0	65
Que.	157.0	1,410.0	1,129.0	90.0	858.0	706.0	63
Ont.	207.0	2,016.0	1,647.0	145.0	1,457.0	1,249.0	76
Total East	387.0	3,646.0	2,947.0	250.7	2,468.3	2,073.1	70
Man.	49.2	434.0	336.0	33.8	310.0	234.2	70
Sask.	70.9	615.5	522.0	53.0	458.0	368.0	70
Alta.	124.6	1,138.5	908.0	125.0	1,135.0	923.0	102
B.C.	6.8	62.0	49.0	4.0	38.0	29.5	60
Total West	251.5	2,250.0	1,815.0	215.8	1,941.0	1,554.7	86
Total Canada	638.5	5,896.0	4,762.0	466.5	4,409.3	3,627.8	76

^{1/} Alive at weaning time.

Table III: Estimates of Sows to Farrow, June to November, 1953
and Sows Farrowed, June to November, 1952

Province	Expected to Farrow, 1953	Farrowed, 1952	1953 as % of 1952
P.E.I.	7,300	7,100	103
N.S.	4,900	4,900	100
N.B.	6,600	6,800	97
Que.	97,000	109,000	89
Ont.	165,000	186,000	89
Total East	280,800	313,800	89
Man.	31,800	28,000	114
Sask.	34,000	40,000	85
Alta.	130,000	117,000	111
B.C.	4,000	5,100	78
Total West	199,800	190,100	105
Total Canada	480,600	503,900	95

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