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REPORT ON THE LIVE STOCK SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1954

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Estimates of the number of hogs on farms in Canada ^{1/}as at June 1, 1954, the spring pig crop and the number of sows to farrow during the six month period, June to November, are based on farmers' replies to the June Live Stock Survey. The estimates were prepared in co-operation with provincial Departments of Agriculture.

Hogs on farms at June 1, 1954, estimated at 5,141,000, were 16 per cent above the 4,447,000 at June 1, 1953. Increases occurred in all provinces but Nova Scotia where there was no change. June inventory this year was 19 per cent higher in Western Canada and 13 per cent in the East than last year. Estimates of total numbers by provinces, figures for June 1, 1953 in brackets, are as follows: Prince Edward Island, 70,000 (57,000); Nova Scotia, 39,000 (39,000); New Brunswick, 67,000 (56,000); Quebec, 1,051,000 (867,000); Ontario, 1,560,000 (1,450,000); Total, Eastern Canada, 2,787,000 (2,469,000); Manitoba, 360,000 (237,000); Saskatchewan, 539,000 (469,000); Alberta, 1,408,000 (1,180,000); British Columbia, 47,000 (42,000); Total, Western Canada, 2,354,000 (1,978,000); Total on farms in Canada, not including Newfoundland, 5,141,000 (4,447,000).

The spring pig crop (December, 1953 to May, 1954) with 4,215,000 pigs alive at weaning age was 16 per cent above that of 1953. The increase was 20 per cent in Western Canada and about 14 per cent in Eastern Canada. The number of sows that farrowed during this period, estimated at 577,000 was 9 per cent below the forecast made six months ago on the basis of intentions reported by farmers at December 1. This larger than usual departure from reported intentions may be due in part to the uncertainty in breeding a large proportion of gilts or to a definite cut back in fear of falling prices with heavy marketings this fall.

According to intentions reported by farmers at June 1, it is expected that about 585,000 sows will farrow during the June to November period this year. This is 27 per cent more than the 460,500 sows farrowed for the fall pig crop last year. The increase forecast amounts to 35 per cent in Western Canada and 22 per cent in Eastern Canada.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland for which the latest official data are those of the 1951 Census of Agriculture. At that date there were 1,700 hogs on farms and 1,300 elsewhere than on farms in Newfoundland.

Prepared in Live Stock Section, Agriculture Division

Table 1: Hogs - Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, at June 1, 1954 and 1953

Province	1954			1953			1954 as % of 1953
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	
- thousand head -							
Prince Edward Island	56	14	70	43.0	14.0	57	123
Nova Scotia	30	9	39	31.4	7.6	39	100
New Brunswick	52	15	67	41.0	15.0	56	120
Quebec	832	219	1,051	663.0	204.0	867	121
Ontario	1,260	300	1,560	1,180.0	270.0	1,450	108
Total, East	2,230	557	2,787	1,958.4	510.6	2,469	113
Manitoba	280	80	360	220.2	66.8	287	125
Saskatchewan	417	122	539	355.0	114.0	469	115
Alberta	1,048	360	1,408	883.0	297.0	1,180	119
British Columbia	31	16	47	28.0	14.0	42	112
Total, West	1,776	578	2,354	1,486.2	491.8	1,978	119
Total, Canada	4,006	1,135	5,141	3,444.6	1,002.4	4,447	116

Table 2: Sows Farrowed, Pigs Born and Pigs Saved ^{1/} by Provinces,
December to May, (Spring Pig Crop), 1954 and 1953

Province	Dec. 1953 to May 1954			Dec. 1952 to May 1953			Pigs Saved 1954 as % of 1953
	Sows	Pigs	Pigs	Sows	Pigs	Pigs	
	Farrowed	Born	Saved	Farrowed	Born	Saved	
- thousand head -							
Prince Edward Is.	7.7	75	58	6.0	56.3	43.9	132
Nova Scotia	3.8	39	31	4.3	44.0	32.2	96
New Brunswick	7.7	74	55	5.4	53.0	42.0	131
Quebec	116.0	1,080	875	90.0	858.0	706.0	124
Ontario	185.0	1,830	1,335	145.0	1,457.0	1,249.0	107
Total, East	320.2	3,098	2,354	250.7	2,468.3	2,073.1	114
Manitoba	38.0	347	290	33.8	310.0	234.2	124
Saskatchewan	61.4	532	432	53.0	458.0	368.0	117
Alberta	153.0	1,375	1,107	125.0	1,135.0	923.0	120
British Columbia	4.4	41	32	4.0	38.0	29.5	108
Total, West	256.8	2,295	1,861	215.8	1,941.0	1,554.7	120
Total, Canada	577.0	5,393	4,215	466.5	4,409.3	3,627.8	116

^{1/} Alive at weaning time.

Table 3: Estimates of Sows to Farrow, June to November, 1954
and Sows Farrowed, June to November, 1953

Province	Expected to Farrow, 1954	Farrowed, 1953	1954 as % of 1953
- thousand head -			
Prince Edward Is.	8.4	7.5	112
Nova Scotia	4.6	4.1	112
New Brunswick	8.5	7.0	121
Quebec	117.0	97.0	121
Ontario	198.0	161.0	123
Total, East	336.5	276.6	122
Manitoba	33.0	26.0	127
Saskatchewan	46.6	34.0	137
Alberta	164.0	120.0	137
British Columbia	5.3	3.9	136
Total, West	248.9	183.9	135
Total, Canada	585.4	460.5	127

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