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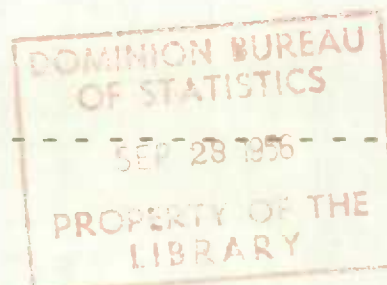
REPORT ON LIVE STOCK SURVEYS

HOGS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1956

According to estimates based on farmers' reports at September 1, the number of sows that farrowed in the June to August quarter of 1956 was about 5.4 per cent lower than in 1955. This represents 263,100 litters born during the quarter this year compared to 278,000 in 1955.

Expected farrowings in September - October - November this year are estimated at 223,600, about 15 per cent below the number farrowed during the fall of 1955. The summer and fall total, therefore, is now expected to be 486,700 litters, or 10 per cent below the corresponding pig crop in 1955. This constitutes a downward revision from breeding and farrowing intentions reported at June 1, on the basis of which it was estimated that June to November farrowings would total 503,700. The anticipated 10 per cent decrease from last year results from a 12.2 per cent fall in Eastern Canada and a 6.3 per cent drop in the West. The June survey had pointed to probable decreases of 6 1/2 per cent in the East and over 7 per cent in the West, with only a 6.8 per cent drop in the total for Canada.

Compared to last year, fewer June to November farrowings are expected in all provinces, with the greatest drop (22 per cent) expected in Manitoba and the least (1 per cent) in Saskatchewan. Farmers in the larger hog-producing provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Alberta indicate that farrowings will be 5.7 per cent, 15.7 per cent, and 3.8 per cent, respectively, below those of June to November, 1955.



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Table 1.- Sows Farrowed June to August, 1956 and 1955, and September-November, 1955, and Sows Expected to Farrow September - November, 1956

	June to August			September to November		
	Farrowed June- Aug.1956	Farrowed June- Aug.1955	1956 as % of 1 9 5 5	Expected to Farrow Sept.-Nov. 1 9 5 6	Farrowed Sept.-Nov. 1 9 5 5	1956 as % of 1 9 5 5
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Maritime Provinces	6.6	8.5	77.6	7.4	9.0	82.2
Quebec	66.0	67.0	98.5	50.0	56.0	89.3
Ontario	80.0	93.0	86.0	81.0	98.0	82.7
Eastern Canada	152.6	168.5	90.6	138.4	163.0	84.9
Manitoba	13.5	17.5	77.1	10.5	13.3	78.9
Saskatchewan	30.0	26.0	115.4	12.5	16.9	74.0
Alberta	65.0	63.5	102.4	60.0	66.5	90.2
British Columbia	2.0	2.5	80.0	2.2	2.7	81.5
Western Canada	110.5	109.5	100.9	85.2	99.4	85.7
TOTALS, CANADA	263.1	278.0	94.6	223.6	262.4	85.2

Table 2.- Sows to Farrow June 1, 1956 to November 30, 1956 and Sows Farrowed June 1 to November 30, 1955

	To Farrow June to Nov. 1956		Farrowed June-Nov. 1 9 5 5	1956 Estimates as % of 1955	
	Previous ^{1/} Estimate	Current Estimate		Previous ^{1/} Estimate	Current Estimate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Maritime Provinces	16.1	14.0	17.5	92.0	80.0
Quebec	110.0	116.0	123.0	89.4	94.3
Ontario	184.0	161.0	191.0	96.3	84.3
Eastern Canada	310.1	291.0	331.5	93.5	87.8
Manitoba	24.0	24.0	30.8	77.9	77.9
Saskatchewan	40.0	42.5	42.9	93.2	99.1
Alberta	125.0	125.0	130.0	96.2	96.2
British Columbia	4.6	4.2	5.2	88.5	80.8
Western Canada	193.6	195.7	208.9	92.7	93.7
TOTALS, CANADA	503.7	486.7	540.4	93.2	90.1

^{1/} Based on June 1, 1956 Survey data.