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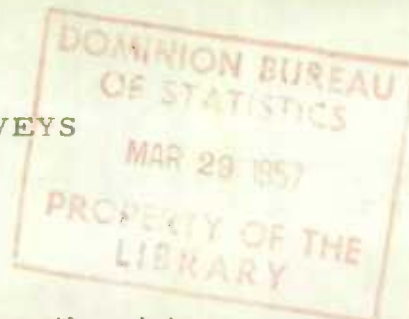


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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

HOGS, MARCH 1, 1957



Estimates of the number of sows farrowing the winter and spring (December to May) pig crop in Canada indicate an 8 per cent increase over the same season in 1956. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' estimate at December 1, 1956 had pointed out that Canadian farmers were planning for a 6 per cent increase. Upward revisions of the December estimate of intentions are evident in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia, with no change in plans noted in the other provinces.

The prospects now are for a 7 per cent increase in farrowings in Eastern Canada and a 9 per cent rise in the West. Compared to the 1956 spring pig crop, increased numbers of litters are planned by breeders in all provinces except Quebec and British Columbia, where virtually no change from last year is evident.

Winter (December-February) farrowings were nearly 14 per cent below those of the previous winter, so that farrowing activity from March to the end of May will have to equal the indicated increase of 22 per cent if the six-month estimate of an 8 per cent rise is to be achieved. March-May 1957 litters, according to producers' reports, will be higher than those in 1956 in all provinces, with Ontario (up 28 per cent) and Alberta (up 26 per cent) farmers leading the way. British Columbia (up 7 per cent) and Quebec (up 11 per cent) hog-producers are apparently expanding at a slower rate.

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Table 1.- Sows Farrowed Dec., 1956 to Feb., 1957, Corresponding Three Months of Previous Year, and March-May, 1956, and Sows Expected to Farrow March-May, 1957

	December, January, February			March, April, May		
	Farrowed Dec.1955- Feb.1956	Farrowed Dec.1956- Feb.1957	1957 as % of 1 9 5 6	Farrowed March-May 1 9 5 6	Expected to Farrow March-May 1 9 5 7	1957 as % of 1 9 5 6
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Maritime Prov.	5.0	4.5	90.0	10.2	12.5	123
Quebec	55.0	45.5	82.7	76.0	84.5	111
Ontario	90.0	86.0	95.6	94.0	120.0	128
Eastern Canada	150.0	136.0	90.7	180.2	217.0	120
Manitoba	10.5	7.5	71.4	24.5	28.0	114
Saskatchewan	13.7	11.0	80.3	51.3	63.0	123
Alberta	51.0	40.0	78.4	87.0	110.0	126
Br. Columbia	1.8	1.5	83.3	2.8	3.0	107
Western Canada	77.0	60.0	77.9	155.6	204.0	123
Totals, CANADA	227.0	196.0	86.3	345.8	421.0	122

Table 2.- Sows to Farrow December 1, 1956, to May 31, 1957 and Sows Farrowed December 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956

	Dec.1955- May 1956	Dec.1956 to May 1957		1956-57 Estimate as % of 1955-56	
		Previous ^{1/} Estimate	Current Estimate	Previous ^{1/} Estimate	Current Estimate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Maritime Prov.	15.2	16.5	17.0	109.0	112.0
Quebec	131.0	130.0	130.0	99.0	99.0
Ontario	184.0	200.0	206.0	109.0	112.0
Eastern Canada	330.2	346.5	353.0	105.0	107.0
Manitoba	35.0	35.0	35.5	100.0	101.0
Saskatchewan	65.0	74.0	74.0	114.0	114.0
Alberta	138.0	150.0	150.0	109.0	109.0
Br. Columbia	4.6	4.2	4.5	91.0	98.0
Western Canada	242.6	263.2	264.0	108.0	109.0
Totals, CANADA	572.8	609.7	617.0	106.0	108.0

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