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At March 1, 1958 the number of hogs on farms in Canada\* is estimated to have totalled 4,913,000 head compared to 4,135,000 head a year previously. This is an increase of some 19 per cent. In the Eastern provinces it is estimated there were 2,645,000 hogs on farms, or 10 per cent more than at the same date in 1957. The increase in Western Canada is more marked, the total rising 31 per cent to 2,268,000 hogs.

The number of winter litters (that is, farrowings from December 1 to the end of February) increased 21 per cent over those of the previous winter, to reach a total of 204,500. Farrowing activity on farms east of Manitoba increased 14 per cent, as 125,500 litters were farrowed compared to 110,200 a year ago. While not so numerous, the number of winter litters in the Prairies and British Columbia increased more than did those in the East, as 79,000 farrowings occurred in the West, or 33 per cent more than during the three months December 1956 to February 1957.

There seems to be plenty of evidence that the build-up in the hog population will continue for a while longer as the prospects are for a 31 per cent rise in farrowings March to May 1958 compared to the spring quarter in 1957. The expectations are that 428,500 sows will farrow this spring, against 326,800 sows estimated to have farrowed March to May 1957. Again the greater increase (38 per cent) is indicated in Western Canada, where 230,500 sows are expected to have litters. Eastern Canadian farmers are looking towards a 24 per cent rise, to 198,000 farrowings.

At December 1, 1957 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics had estimated that December 1957 to May 1958 farrowings would be 23 per cent higher than in those months a year previously. The March survey results now indicate that the increase will be 28 per cent. The December estimate of a 19 per cent increase in Eastern Canada has risen slightly to 20 per cent. In the West, what had appeared to be a 27 per cent increase now is estimated at 37 per cent, with each of the Prairie Provinces showing evidence of increased breeding activity.

With the issuance of this report the Dominion Bureau of Statistics publishes for the first time official estimates of the number of hogs on farms at March 1.

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\*Not including Newfoundland.

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Table 1.- Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at March 1, 1957 and 1958

	March 1, 1957			March 1, 1958			1958 Total as % of 1957
	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	
	- thousand head -						%
P.E.I.	10.0	36.0	46.0	10.0	34.5	44.5	97
N.S.	7.0	21.0	28.0	8.0	21.0	29.0	104
N.B.	15.0	28.0	43.0	16.5	35.0	51.5	120
Que.	240.0	510.0	750.0	225.0	665.0	890.0	119
Ont.	333.0	1,200.0	1,533.0	400.0	1,230.0	1,630.0	106
<b>EAST</b>	<b>605.0</b>	<b>1,795.0</b>	<b>2,400.0</b>	<b>659.5</b>	<b>1,985.5</b>	<b>2,645.0</b>	<b>110</b>
Man.	100.0	135.0	235.0	125.0	175.0	300.0	128
Sask.	210.0	190.0	400.0	275.0	250.0	525.0	131
Alta.	390.0	670.0	1,060.0	570.0	830.0	1,400.0	132
B.C.	14.0	26.0	40.0	14.5	28.5	43.0	108
<b>WEST</b>	<b>714.0</b>	<b>1,021.0</b>	<b>1,735.0</b>	<b>984.5</b>	<b>1,283.5</b>	<b>2,268.0</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>1,319.0</b>	<b>2,816.0</b>	<b>4,135.0</b>	<b>1,644.0</b>	<b>3,269.0</b>	<b>4,913.0</b>	<b>119</b>

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed December 1956 to February 1957 vs. December 1957 to February 1958;  
Sows Farrowed March to May 1957 vs. Sows Expected to Farrow March to May 1958

	December, January, February			March, April, May			Dec. to May
	1958 Total	1958 Total	1958 Total	Expected	1958 Total	Expected	
	Farrowed	Farrowed	as % of	Farrowed to	Farrowed	as % of	as % of
	1957	1958	1957	1957	1958	1957	1957
	- thousands -			- thousands -			%
Maritimes	4.2	5.5	131	9.7	12.0	124	126
Quebec	35.0	45.0	129	57.0	74.0	130	129
Ontario	71.0	75.0	106	93.0	112.0	120	114
<b>EAST</b>	<b>110.2</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>159.7</b>	<b>198.0</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>120</b>
Manitoba	7.5	10.7	143	23.9	34.0	142	142
Sask.	12.3	16.0	130	54.0	74.0	137	136
Alberta	38.0	50.0	132	87.0	120.0	138	136
B.C.	1.5	2.3	153	2.2	2.5	114	130
<b>WEST</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>167.1</b>	<b>230.5</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>169.5</b>	<b>204.5</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>326.8</b>	<b>428.5</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>128</b>