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## REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

HOGS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1958

At September 1, 1958 the number of hogs on farms in Canada\* is estimated to have totalled 6,849,000 head compared to 5,293,000 in September 1957. This is an increase of 29 per cent. Hogs on Eastern Canadian farms are estimated at 3,414,000 head, that is, 25 per cent more than a year previously. In the West hogs are estimated to have numbered 3,435,000 head, or 34 per cent above the September 1957 level.

From the June 1 survey the Dominion Bureau of Statistics had estimated that farrowings from June 1 to November 30 would be 660,000, or 40 per cent higher than in 1957. The September 1 survey agrees with this estimate of a 40 per cent increase in sows farrowing summer and fall litters. A slight shift in the increase between east and west was noticed in the September survey data, as what had appeared to be a 35 per cent rise in the east now stands at 36 per cent and the indication of a 47 per cent increase in the west at June 1 is now changed to 46 per cent.

The number of summer litters (that is, farrowings from June 1 to August 31) increased 32 per cent over 1957 to total an estimated 337,000. Increases were general all over the country, with the greatest rise (37 per cent) occurring in Western Canada where sows with summer litters numbered 153,000 head. In the East the increase amounted to 28 per cent, as an estimated 184,000 sows farrowed during the June to August period.

It appears that the increase in farrowing will continue as fall litters (September to November farrowings) are expected to reach 323,000 compared to 215,000 in 1957. This would be an increase of 50 per cent. Increases are expected in all provinces.

\*Not including Newfoundland.

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

	SEPTEMBER 1, 1957			SEPTEMBER 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.	8.0	41.0	49.0	9.5	48.5	58.0	118
N.S.	7.0	27.0	34.0	9.0	33.0	42.0	124
N.B.	11.0	45.0	56.0	14.0	50.0	64.0	114
Que.	205.0	765.0	970.0	260.0	940.0	1,200.0	124
Ont.	280.0	1,340.0	1,620.0	400.0	1,650.0	2,050.0	127
EAST	511.0	2,218.0	2,729.0	692.5	2,721.5	3,414.0	125
Man.	58.0	301.0	359.0	100.0	420.0	520.0	145
Sask.	100.0	590.0	690.0	160.0	840.0	1,000.0	145
Alta.	305.0	1,165.0	1,470.0	410.0	1,450.0	1,860.0	127
B.C.	9.0	36.0	45.0	15.0	40.0	55.0	122
WEST	472.0	2,092.0	2,564.0	685.0	2,750.0	3,435.0	134
CANADA	983.0	4,310.0	5,293.0	1,377.5	5,471.5	6,849.0	129

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed June to August 1957 and 1958; Sows Farrowed September to November 1957 and Sows Expected to Farrow September to November 1958

	JUNE, JULY & AUGUST			SEPT., OCTOBER & NOVEMBER			JUNE TO NOV.
	1957	1958	as % of 1957	1957	Expected to Farrow 1958	as % of 1957	1958 as % of 1957
	- thousands -		%	- thousands -		%	%
Maritimes	7.5	9.2	123	7.7	9.5	123	123
Quebec	48.0	65.0	135	44.0	55.0	125	130
Ontario	88.0	110.0	125	76.0	120.0	158	140
EAST	143.5	184.2	128	127.7	184.5	144	136
Manitoba	15.0	24.0	160	12.0	20.5	171	159
Sask.	28.0	41.0	146	17.0	30.0	176	158
Alberta	67.0	85.0	127	56.0	85.0	152	138
B.C.	2.0	3.0	150	2.0	3.0	150	150
WEST	112.0	153.0	137	87.0	138.5	159	146
CANADA	255.5	337.2	132	214.7	323.0	150	140