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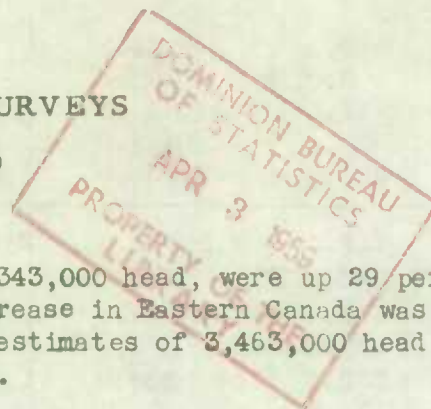
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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

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Hogs on farms in Canada*, estimated at 6,343,000 head, were up 29 per cent above the March 1, 1958 total. The apparent increase in Eastern Canada was 31 per cent versus 27 per cent in the West with estimates of 3,463,000 head on farms in the East and 2,880,000 head in the West.

The number of sows that farrowed during the period December 1 to February 28 is estimated at 282,700 compared to 214,800 during the corresponding period a year ago, or an increase of 32 per cent. Farrowings on Eastern farms rose 45% and there was a 13 per cent increase in the West.

Farrowings from March 1 to May 31 can be expected to increase 16 per cent. The prospects, as reported, are that some 475,800 sows will farrow this spring compared to 408,800 in 1958. Increases are expected in all provinces, although the greater rise was indicated for Eastern Canada.

Information from the December 1 Survey had indicated that farrowings from December 1 to May 31 would total 765,300, or 23 per cent more than during the corresponding six months a year earlier. The March 1 Survey data revise this estimate downward slightly as they point to a 22 per cent rise, to 758,500 litters. What had appeared at December 1 to be a 36 per cent rise in the East now is estimated at 33 per cent, but the December indication of an 8 per cent increase in the West now stands at 10 per cent.

It should be noted that the estimates of sows expected to farrow during any stated period are derived from farmers' reports to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at a definite survey date, and they should be construed only as indications of farmers' intentions at that date.

*Not including Newfoundland.

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Table 1.- Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at March 1, 1958 and 1959

Province	March 1, 1958			March 1, 1959			1959 Total as % of 1958
	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	
	- thousand head -						%
P.E.I.	10.0	34.5	44.5	10.0	48.0	58.0	130
N.S.	8.0	21.0	29.0	12.0	32.0	44.0	152
N.B.	16.5	35.0	51.5	18.0	38.0	56.0	109
Que.	225.0	665.0	890.0	305.0	865.0	1,170.0	131
Ont.	400.0	1,230.0	1,630.0	475.0	1,660.0	2,135.0	131
EAST	659.5	1,985.5	2,645.0	820.0	2,643.0	3,463.0	131
Man.	125.0	175.0	300.0	165.0	260.0	425.0	142
Sask.	275.0	250.0	525.0	360.0	360.0	720.0	137
Alta.	570.0	830.0	1,400.0	700.0	980.0	1,680.0	120
B.C.	14.5	28.5	43.0	18.0	37.0	55.0	128
WEST	984.5	1,283.5	2,268.0	1,243.0	1,637.0	2,880.0	127
CANADA	1,644.0	3,269.0	4,913.0	2,063.0	4,280.0	6,343.0	129

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed December 1957 to February 1958 vs. December 1958 to February 1959;
Sows Farrowed March to May 1958 vs. Sows Expected to Farrow March to May 1959

Province	December, January, February			March, April, May		Dec. to May	
	Farrowed ^{1/} 1958	Farrowed 1959	1959 Total as % of 1958	Farrowed 1958	Expected to Farrow 1959	1959 Total as % of 1958	1959 Total as % of 1958
	- thousands -			- thousands -		%	
Maritimes	5.5	6.7	122	11.1	14.8	133	130
Quebec	45.0	65.0	144	69.0	80.0	116	127
Ontario	75.0	110.0	147	115.0	150.0	130	137
EAST	125.5	181.7	145	195.1	244.8	125	133
Manitoba	12.0	14.0	117	33.0	37.0	112	113
Sask.	20.0	21.0	105	71.0	74.0	104	104
Alberta	55.0	64.0	116	107.0	116.0	108	111
B.C.	2.3	2.0	87	2.7	4.0	148	120
WEST	89.3	101.0	113	213.7	231.0	108	110
CANADA	214.8	282.7	132	408.8	475.8	116	122

^{1/} Revised.