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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

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The regular quarterly survey of pigs on farms carried out on September 1 sets the number of pigs in Canada^{1/} at 7,055,000 head, or 3 per cent above the September 1958 estimate of 6,849,000 head. A pertinent comparison is that of the June 1 estimate in 1959 which was 11 per cent above the June 1958 level. The September 1 pig population on farms in Eastern Canada is estimated at 3,780,000 head, which is 11 per cent higher than a year ago. In the West the estimate of 3,275,000 pigs is 5 per cent below that of September 1, 1958.

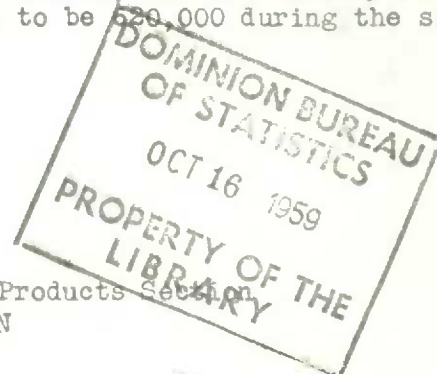
The number of summer litters (that is, farrowings from June 1 to August 31) decreased 7 per cent from the 1958 level to an estimated 312,000. Decreases were general except in the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, with the most drastic cut (20 per cent) occurring in Saskatchewan. The slackening off of farrowing activity was common to both East and West, the decreases being 6 per cent and 7 per cent respectively.

The number of 1959 fall litters (September 1 to November 30 farrowings) may be expected to be just a trifle higher (1 per cent) than in 1958, with decreases in Quebec and Alberta, no change in Manitoba, and moderate increases in other areas.

Information from the June 1 survey had indicated that farrowings from June 1 to November 30 would total 651,000, or 2 per cent more than in 1958. The September survey indicates some modifications of farmers' intentions at June 1, as the net result of the summer and fall farrowings discussed above is a 3 per cent decrease in both Eastern and Western Canada and, of course, for the country as a whole, and the number of farrowings is now expected to be 620,000 during the six months.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.

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

	September 1, 1958			September 1, 1959			1959
	6 months	Under	Total	6 months	Under	Total	Total
	or over	6 months		or over	6 months		as % of 1958
	- thousand head -						%
P.E.I.	9.5	48.5	58.0	12.0	53.0	65.0	112
N.S.	9.0	33.0	42.0	13.0	42.0	55.0	131
N.B.	14.0	50.0	64.0	15.0	55.0	70.0	109
Que.	260.0	940.0	1,200.0	265.0	1,035.0	1,300.0	108
Ont.	400.0	1,650.0	2,050.0	430.0	1,860.0	2,290.0	112
EAST	692.5	2,721.5	3,414.0	735.0	3,045.0	3,780.0	111
Man.	100.0	420.0	520.0	105.0	435.0	540.0	104
Sask.	160.0	840.0	1,000.0	175.0	685.0	860.0	86
Alta.	410.0	1,450.0	1,860.0	450.0	1,350.0	1,800.0	97
B.C.	15.0	40.0	55.0	15.0	60.0	75.0	136
WEST	685.0	2,750.0	3,435.0	745.0	2,530.0	3,275.0	95
CANADA	1,377.5	5,471.5	6,849.0	1,480.0	5,575.0	7,055.0	103

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed June to August 1958 and 1959; Sows Farrowed September to November 1958 and Sows Expected to Farrow September to November 1959

	JUNE, JULY & AUGUST			SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER			JUNE TO NOV.
	Farrowed ^{1/}	Farrowed	1959	Farrowed	Expected	1959	1959
	1958	1959	as % of 1958	1958	to Farrow 1959	as % of 1958	as % of 1958
	- thousands -		%	- thousands -		%	%
Maritimes	9.2	9.4	102	8.9	10.0	112	107
Quebec	65.0	63.0	97	55.0	50.0	91	94
Ontario	110.0	100.0	91	115.0	120.0	104	98
EAST	184.2	172.4	94	178.9	180.0	101	97
Manitoba	24.0	22.0	92	20.0	20.0	100	95
Sask.	41.0	33.0	80	27.0	30.0	111	93
Alta.	82.0	80.0	98	78.0	75.0	96	97
B.C.	3.0	4.6	153	2.3	3.5	152	153
WEST	150.0	139.6	93	127.3	128.5	101	97
CANADA	334.2	312.0	93	306.2	308.5	101	97

^{1/} Revised.