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HOGS, JUNE 1, 1960

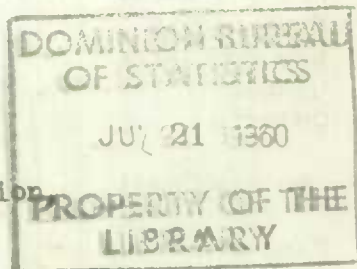
The number of hogs on farms in Canada at June 1, this year, estimated at 5,483,000 head, was a decrease of 20 per cent from 6,872,000 head at June 1, 1959. Decreases occurred in all provinces but Nova Scotia. Reductions were more pronounced in the Western Provinces where the cut-back averaged 25 per cent compared with 16 per cent in the East.

The spring pig crop (pigs saved from litters born during the six-month period ending May 31) amounted to 4,225,000 and was 21 per cent less than in 1959. The number of pigs saved per sow farrowed increased from an average of 7.55 in the spring of 1959 to 7.71 this year. This may be attributed to the fact that with reduced breeding more careful selection of sows was made and fewer gilts were bred.

According to intentions reported by farmers at June 1 summer and fall farrowing of 543,900 sows is expected during the six-month period June 1 to November 30. This would be 91 per cent of estimated farrowings during the same period last year. However, reported intentions indicate that farrowings during the first three months of this period i.e. June 1 to August 30 might reach 329,500 as compared with 324,100 last year, an increase of 2 per cent. This is an indication that with gradually strengthening prices there was considerable late breeding for the spring pig crop and a higher than usual proportion of the farrowings would occur in June and July.

Canada totals shown in this report are nine-province totals only. The 1956 Census reported 1,820 pigs on farms in Newfoundland.

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Table 1.-Number of Pigs on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at June 1, 1959 and 1960

	June 1, 1959			June 1, 1960			Total Hogs
	Under 6 Months	6 Months or Older	Total	Under 6 Months	6 Months or Older	Total	June '60 as % June 1959
- thousand head -							%
Pr. Ed. Isld.	52	11	63	39	9	48	76
Nova Scotia	39	12	51	42	10	52	102
New Brunswick	54	16	70	45	14	59	84
Quebec	1,020	270	1,290	809	234	1,043	81
Ontario	1,775	425	2,200	1,500	380	1,880	85
Totals, East	2,940	734	3,674	2,435	647	3,082	84
Manitoba	370	135	505	275	105	380	75
Saskatchewan	600	245	845	405	180	585	69
Alberta	1,230	550	1,780	940	445	1,385	78
British Columbia	50	18	68	36	15	51	75
Totals, West	2,250	948	3,198	1,656	745	2,401	75
C A N A D A	5,190	1,682	6,872	4,091	1,392	5,483	80

Table 2. - Sows Farrowed, Pigs Born, and Pigs Saved ^{1/}, by Province, December to May (Spring Pig Crop), 1959 and 1960

	December 1958 to May 1959			December 1959 to May 1960			Saved '60
	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	as % Saved '59
- thousand head -							%
Pr. Ed. Isld.	7.3	69	56	5.5	53	44	79
Nova Scotia	5.6	53	41	6.0	55	44	107
New Brunswick	7.3	67	55	6.0	56	46	84
Quebec	137.0	1,230	1,055	108.5	1,010	882	84
Ontario	235.0	2,220	1,800	195.0	1,890	1,520	84
Totals, East	392.2	3,639	3,007	321.0	3,064	2,536	84
Manitoba	50.0	455	380	36.0	341	280	74
Saskatchewan	82.0	700	610	56.0	508	410	67
Alberta	173.0	1,520	1,270	130.0	1,180	960	76
British Columbia	7.2	61	51	5.0	46	39	76
Totals, West	312.2	2,736	2,311	227.0	2,075	1,689	73
C A N A D A	704.4	6,375	5,318	548.0	5,139	4,225	79

^{1/} Alive at weaning time or still nursing at survey date.

Table 3. - Sows Expected to Farrow June 1 to November 30, 1960, and Sows Farrowed June 1 to November 30, 1959, by Province

	Farrowed 1959	Expected to Farrow 1960	1960 as % of 1959
	- thousand head -		%
Prince Edward Island	6.5	6.0	92
Nova Scotia	6.0	6.0	100
New Brunswick	6.8	6.5	96
Quebec	118.0	104.0	88
Ontario	210.0	205.0	98
Totals, East	347.3	327.5	94
Manitoba	44.0	36.0	82
Saskatchewan	56.5	46.0	81
Alberta	145.0	130.0	90
British Columbia	6.0	4.4	73
Totals, West	251.5	216.4	86
C A N A D A	598.8	543.9	91

Table 4. - Sows Expected to Farrow June 1 to August 31, 1960, and Sows Farrowed June 1 to August 31, 1959 by Province

	Farrowed 1959	Expected to Farrow 1960	1960 as % of 1959
	- thousand head -		%
Maritimes	10.1	11.0	109
Quebec	63.0	57.0	90
Ontario	110.0	125.0	114
Totals, East	183.1	193.0	105
Manitoba	24.0	21.5	90
Saskatchewan	33.0	32.5	98
Alberta	80.0	79.0	99
British Columbia	4.0	3.5	88
Totals, West	141.0	136.5	97
C A N A D A	324.1	329.5	102



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Table 5. - Hog-Barley Ratios, by Month, 1955-1960

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January	16.2	16.3	23.0	22.7	18.2	16.9
February	15.3	16.3	25.8	25.0	18.1	15.8
March	16.0	15.2	24.7	26.2	17.9	15.5
April	15.9	14.3	24.3	26.4	18.3	16.4
May	17.0	14.7	25.1	28.1	18.5	17.5
June	19.7	18.8	28.3	27.5	19.6	
July	19.0	19.8	29.1	25.2	20.0	
August	19.4	19.6	29.8	24.4	19.5	
September	19.7	20.6	28.5	20.6	19.3	
October	16.4	21.9	23.2	18.9	17.9	
November	16.3	21.5	21.6	18.4	17.8	
December	16.4	22.4	22.9	18.4	17.8	
Averages	17.2	18.4	25.5	23.4	18.5	

- Note -

The hog-barley ratio is the number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley required to equal the value of 100 pounds B1 (Live) hogs, both prices at Winnipeg. The long-time average ratio (1913-1949, 1930 omitted due to extreme abnormality) was 18.3. The average ratio 1939-1949 was 20.4 and for 1949 to 1958 it was 19.9.