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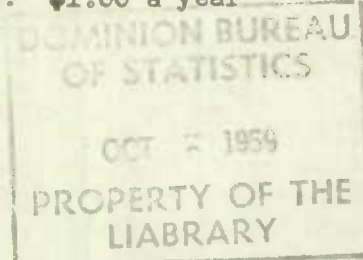
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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

HOGS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1960



The number of hogs on farms in Canada^{1/} at September 1, 1960, estimated at 5,637,000 head, was 20 per cent less than the total of 7,055,000 head at September 1, 1959. The decrease of 20 per cent is identical to that at June 1 in comparison with year earlier numbers. The fact that the relative decrease did not widen between June and September, together with reported increases in sow breedings and farrowings now occurring, indicates that the decline in farm inventories of hogs, which commenced early in the last half of 1959, has been arrested.

The pig population in Eastern Canada at September 1 was 3,150,000 head, 17 per cent lower than last year. In the West the decrease was 24 per cent to a total of 2,487,000 head. Except for Nova Scotia, where there was an increase of 11 per cent from last September, decreases occurred in all provinces.

The number of sows that farrowed during the summer quarter (June 1 to August 31) was about 2 per cent below the 1959 level. Estimates based on the hog survey of September 1 indicate that summer farrowings increased 2 per cent in the East from 183,100 last year to 187,000 but that they decreased 7 per cent in the West, from 141,000 to 131,000.

The number of sows to farrow in the September to November period is now expected to be 13 per cent greater than last year in the East and to be about equal to last year in the West, resulting in an increase of 8 per cent for Canada as a whole in this quarter.

Farmers' intentions reported at June 1 had indicated that farrowings from June 1 to November 30 this year would total 543,900, or 9 per cent less than in 1959. The September survey indicates that these intentions have been changed. With strengthening prices more sows have been bred and it is now expected that 614,000 sows may farrow during the six month period. This would be an increase of almost 3 per cent from last year rather than the decrease of 9 per cent previously forecast. Increases beyond previously reported intentions are common to all provinces but are greater in the Eastern than in the Western provinces.

1/ Not including Newfoundland.

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Table 1.- Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at September 1, 1959 and 1960

	September 1, 1959			September 1, 1960			1960
	6 months or over	Under 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under 6 months	Total	Total as % of 1959 %
- thousand head -							
P.E.I.	12.0	53.0	65.0	8.0	49.0	57.0	88
N.S.	13.0	42.0	55.0	10.0	51.0	61.0	111
N.B.	15.0	55.0	70.0	11.0	48.0	59.0	84
Que.	265.0	1,035.0	1,300.0	215.0	835.0	1,050.0	81
Ont.	430.0	1,860.0	2,290.0	363.0	1,560.0	1,923.0	84
EAST	735.0	3,045.0	3,780.0	607.0	2,543.0	3,150.0	83
Man.	105.0	435.0	540.0	80.0	325.0	405.0	75
Sask.	175.0	685.0	860.0	130.0	490.0	620.0	72
Alta.	450.0	1,350.0	1,800.0	360.0	1,050.0	1,410.0	78
B.C.	15.0	60.0	75.0	12.0	40.0	52.0	69
WEST	745.0	2,530.0	3,275.0	582.0	1,905.0	2,487.0	76
CANADA	1,480.0	5,575.0	7,055.0	1,189.0	4,448.0	5,637.0	80

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed June to August 1959 and 1960; Sows Farrowed September to November 1959 and Sows Expected to Farrow September to November 1960

	JUNE, JULY & AUGUST			SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER			JUNE TO NOV.
	Farrowed ^{1/} 1959	Farrowed 1960	1960 as % of 1959	Farrowed 1959	Expected to Farrow 1960	1960 as % of 1959	1960 as % of 1959
- thousands -			%	- thousands -			%
Maritimes	10.1	10.0	99	9.2	10.0	109	104
Quebec	63.0	57.0	90	55.0	55.0	100	95
Ontario	110.0	120.0	109	100.0	120.0	120	114
EAST	183.1	187.0	102	164.2	185.0	113	107
Manitoba	24.0	20.0	83	20.0	18.0	90	86
Sask.	33.0	32.5	98	23.5	22.5	96	97
Alta.	80.0	76.0	95	65.0	68.0	105	99
B.C.	4.0	2.5	63	2.0	2.5	125	83
WEST	141.0	131.0	93	110.5	111.0	100	96
CANADA	324.1	318.0	98	274.7	296.0	108	103

^{1/} Revised.