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HOGS, MARCH 1, 1961

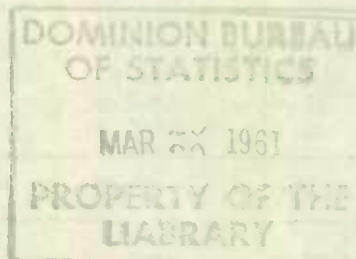
Farmers' replies to the March 1 hog survey indicate that the number of hogs on farms in Canada* was about 5,255,000 head, some 66,000 less than at March 1, 1960. An increase of 3 per cent in the East was offset by a decrease of 6 per cent in the West. With increased farrowings during the winter quarter there were more pigs under six months old on hand in both the East and the West, but the number of those 6 months old or over decreased 6 and 17 per cent, respectively, in these areas. More sows and gilts are being kept for breeding than last year and this retention, coupled with lower inventories than last year at the beginning of the quarter, has been reflected in decreased marketings. This situation is expected to change after mid-summer when marketings should exceed those of last year.

The number of sows that farrowed during the December-February period is estimated at 256,500, up 13 per cent from 227,000 during the corresponding period a year ago. This increase is more moderate than the 22 per cent increase forecast for this quarter on the basis of intentions reported in the survey at December 1, last.

However, it appears that part of the projected increase is merely delayed. According to intentions reported by farmers at March 1, farrowings during the spring quarter may be 26 per cent greater than last year, with increases of 18 and 34 per cent in Eastern and Western Canada, respectively.

If these indicated spring quarter farrowings are realized the total for the December to May period this year will be 660,000, up 20 per cent from the six-month total of 548,000 last year. This is a moderately greater increase than that of 16 per cent which was based on intentions reported for the half year in the December survey. According to the March 1 data December-May increases in farrowings could be 15 per cent in the East and 28 per cent in the West. Increases relative to last year are expected to be greatest in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

*Not including Newfoundland.



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Table 1.- Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at March 1, 1960 and 1961

Province	March 1, 1960			March 1, 1961			1961 Total as % of 1960
	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	
	- thousand head -						%
P.E.I.	9.5	37.5	47.0	10.0	34.0	44.0	94
N.S.	11.0	42.0	53.0	10.0	42.0	52.0	98
N.B.	15.5	34.5	50.0	12.0	47.0	59.0	118
Que.	280.0	700.0	980.0	270.0	760.0	1,030.0	105
Ont.	435.0	1,400.0	1,835.0	400.0	1,460.0	1,860.0	101
EAST	751.0	2,214.0	2,965.0	702.0	2,343.0	3,045.0	103
Man.	130.0	245.0	375.0	110.0	225.0	335.0	89
Sask.	240.0	290.0	530.0	200.0	295.0	495.0	93
Alta.	550.0	850.0	1,400.0	455.0	880.0	1,335.0	95
B.C.	17.0	34.0	51.0	13.0	32.0	45.0	88
WEST	937.0	1,419.0	2,356.0	778.0	1,432.0	2,210.0	94
CANADA	1,688.0	3,633.0	5,321.0	1,480.0	3,775.0	5,255.0	99

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed December 1959 to February 1960 vs. December 1960 to February 1961
Sows Farrowed March to May 1960 vs. Sows Expected to Farrow March to May 1961

Province	December, January, February			March, April, May			Dec. to May 1961 Total as % of 1960
	Farrowed 1960	Farrowed 1961	1961 Total as % of 1960	Farrowed 1960	Expected to Farrow 1961	1961 Total as % of 1960	
	- thousands -		%	- thousands -		%	%
Maritimes	7.0	7.5	107	10.5	13.5	129	120
Quebec	52.0	60.0	115	56.5	75.0	133	124
Ontario	86.0	93.0	108	109.0	120.0	110	109
EAST	145.0	160.5	111	176.0	208.5	118	115
Manitoba	12.0	14.0	117	24.0	30.0	125	122
Sask.	17.0	20.0	118	39.0	53.0	136	130
Alberta	51.0	60.0	118	79.0	108.0	137	129
B.C.	2.0	2.0	100	3.0	4.0	133	120
WEST	82.0	96.0	117	145.0	195.0	134	128
CANADA	227.0	256.5	113	321.0	403.5	126	120