

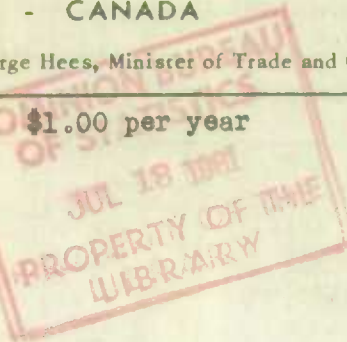


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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS
HOGS, JUNE 1, 1961

Preliminary estimates indicate that the number of hogs on farms in Canada at June 1 was about 7 per cent greater this year than in 1960, having increased from 5,483,000 to 5,889,000. The total number of hogs increased in Prince Edward Island, Quebec and the Prairie Provinces but decreased slightly in other provinces. The average increase in the West was 14 per cent compared to 2 per cent in the East. There were fewer hogs over six months old in most of the provinces but the number of pigs from winter and spring litters, under six months old at June 1, was about 12 per cent greater than last year. Hog marketings are therefore expected to be greater than last year during the summer and fall months.

The spring pig crop (pigs saved from litters born during the six-month period ending May 31) increased 4 per cent in the East and 22 per cent in the West and, in total, was 11 per cent greater than last year. The number of pigs saved per sow that farrowed decreased slightly to an average of 7.66 this year from 7.71 in the spring of 1960.

According to intentions reported by farmers at June 1, about 635,000 sows were expected to farrow during the six-month period from June 1 to November 30 this year. This would be an increase of 18 per cent from the estimated farrowings during the same period last year. June, July and August farrowings were expected to amount to 347,000, up 17 per cent from last year. However, since these intentions were reported at June 1, widespread drought has prevailed in the Prairie Provinces and a very low grain yield is now in prospect. Considerable modification from reported intentions for fall farrowings may occur due to the feed situation.

Canada totals reported are for nine provinces only. Annual estimates for Newfoundland are not included. 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, 1960 and 1961

	June 1, 1960			June 1, 1961			Total Hogs
	Under 6 Months	6 Months or Older	Total	Under 6 Months	6 Months or Older	Total	June '61 as % June 1960
- thousand head -							%
Pr. Ed. Isld.	39	9	48	47	9	56	117
Nova Scotia	42	10	52	41	10	51	98
New Brunswick	45	14	59	45	11	56	95
Quebec	809	234	1,043	876	240	1,116	107
Ontario	1,500	380	1,880	1,560	310	1,870	99
Totals, East	2,435	647	3,082	2,569	580	3,149	102
Manitoba	275	105	380	350	103	453	119
Saskatchewan	405	180	585	538	162	700	120
Alberta	940	445	1,385	1,105	435	1,540	111
Br. Columbia	36	15	51	35	12	47	92
Totals, West	1,656	745	2,401	2,028	712	2,740	114
CANADA	4,091	1,392	5,483	4,597	1,292	5,889	107

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed, Pigs Born, and Pigs Saved^{1/}, by Province, December to May (Spring Pig Crop), 1960 and 1961

	December 1959 to May 1960			December 1960 to May 1961			Saved '61 as % Saved '60
	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Sows Farrowed	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	%
- thousand head -							%
Pr. Ed. Isld.	5.5	53	44	6.3	62	50	114
Nova Scotia	6.0	55	44	5.8	50	42	95
New Brunswick	6.0	56	46	5.9	55	46	100
Quebec	108.5	1,010	882	121.0	1,113	912	103
Ontario	195.0	1,890	1,520	205.0	2,006	1,590	105
Totals, East	321.0	3,064	2,536	344.0	3,286	2,640	104
Manitoba	36.0	341	280	47.0	417	353	126
Saskatchewan	56.0	508	410	70.0	643	544	133
Alberta	130.0	1,180	960	147.0	1,366	1,120	117
British Columbia	5.0	46	39	4.8	47	36	92
Totals, West	227.0	2,075	1,689	268.8	2,473	2,053	122
CANADA	548.0	5,139	4,225	612.8	5,759	4,693	111

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

Table 3.- Sows Expected to Farrow June 1 to November 30, 1961, and Sows Farrowed June 1 to November 30, 1960, by Province

	Farrowed 1960	Expected to Farrow 1961	1961 as % of 1960
	- thousand head -		%
Prince Edward Island	6.2	7.0	113
Nova Scotia	6.0	7.0	117
New Brunswick	6.0	6.2	103
Quebec	103.0	114.0	111
Ontario	200.0	230.0	115
Totals, East	321.2	364.2	113
Manitoba	36.0	45.0	125
Saskatchewan	45.0	60.0	133
Alberta	132.0	160.0	121
British Columbia	4.8	6.0	125
Totals, West	217.8	271.0	124
CANADA	539.0	635.2	118

Table 4.- Sows Expected to Farrow June 1 to August 31, 1961, and Sows Farrowed June 1 to August 31, 1960, by Province

	Farrowed 1960	Expected to Farrow 1961	1961 as % of 1960
	- thousand head -		%
Maritimes	9.8	10.0	102
Quebec	57.0	70.0	123
Ontario	110.0	118.0	107
Totals, East	176.8	198.0	112
Manitoba	20.0	25.0	125
Saskatchewan	26.5	32.0	121
Alberta	71.0	90.0	127
British Columbia	2.5	2.5	100
Totals, West	120.0	149.5	125
CANADA	296.8	347.5	117



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Table 5.- Hog-Barley Ratios, by Month, 1956-1961

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	16.3	23.0	22.7	18.2	16.9	23.0
February	16.3	25.8	25.0	18.1	15.8	22.5
March	15.2	24.7	26.2	17.9	15.5	21.0
April	14.3	24.3	26.4	18.3	16.4	19.6
May	14.7	25.1	28.1	18.5	17.5	19.9
June	18.8	28.3	27.5	19.6	19.5	
July	19.8	29.1	25.2	20.0	20.4	
August	19.6	29.8	24.4	19.5	20.2	
September	20.6	28.5	20.6	19.3	21.2	
October	21.9	23.2	18.9	17.9	18.6	
November	21.5	21.6	18.4	17.8	20.1	
December	22.4	22.9	18.4	17.8	22.5	
Averages	18.4	25.5	23.4	18.5	18.7	

- 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.