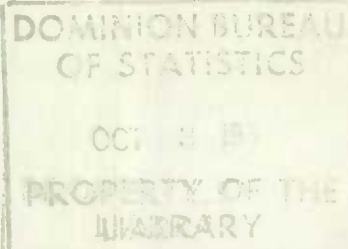


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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS
HOGS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1961

The number of hogs on farms in Canada^{1/} at September 1, 1961, estimated at 6,170,000, was 9 per cent greater than the total of 5,637,000 head at September 1, 1960. This indicates that moderate expansion has continued during the summer quarter, since June 1 hog numbers were 7 per cent above year-earlier totals. Except for Quebec, however, expansion has been less than was anticipated from data reported at June 1. The slowing down of the expansion in hog production no doubt results from the smaller grain crop in the West and rising feed prices.

The number of sows that farrowed during the summer quarter (June 1 to August 31) was about 3 per cent above the 1960 level for this quarter. Quebec and the Prairie Provinces had increases, Ontario was unchanged while the Maritime area and British Columbia had less summer quarter farrowings than last year.

Fall farrowings (September 1 to November 30) are still expected to increase substantially compared with last year. Farmers' reports at September 1 indicate an increase of 30 per cent in total with 32 and 27 per cent increases in the East and West, respectively.

Farmers' intentions reported at June 1 had indicated that for Canada as a whole farrowings from June 1 to November 30 this year might total 635,000, or 18 per cent more than in 1960. The September survey results modify the prospective increase to 15 per cent and also show regional changes. Instead of the 24 per cent increase previously forecast for the West a rise from last year of not more than 15 per cent is now expected in this area. However, in the East, with substantial increases still indicated for the September to November quarter, expected farrowings for the whole six-month period may exceed those of last year by about 16 per cent rather than by 13 per cent as forecast from the June 1 replies.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.

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

	September 1, 1960			September 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.	8.0	49.0	57.0	8.5	49.5	58.0	102
N.S.	10.0	51.0	61.0	10.0	47.0	57.0	93
N.B.	11.0	48.0	59.0	9.5	49.5	59.0	100
Que.	215.0	835.0	1,050.0	260.0	940.0	1,200.0	114
Ont.	363.0	1,560.0	1,923.0	295.0	1,655.0	1,950.0	101
EAST	607.0	2,543.0	3,150.0	583.0	2,741.0	3,324.0	106
Man.	80.0	325.0	405.0	90.0	385.0	475.0	117
Sask.	130.0	490.0	620.0	145.0	595.0	740.0	119
Alta.	360.0	1,050.0	1,410.0	385.0	1,200.0	1,585.0	112
B.C.	12.0	40.0	52.0	9.0	37.0	46.0	88
WEST	582.0	1,905.0	2,487.0	629.0	2,217.0	2,846.0	114
CANADA	1,189.0	4,448.0	5,637.0	1,212.0	4,958.0	6,170.0	109

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed June to August 1960 and 1961; Sows Farrowed September to November 1960 and Sows Expected to Farrow September to November 1961

	JUNE, JULY & AUGUST			SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER			JUNE TO NOV.
	Farrowed ^{1/} 1960	Farrowed 1961	1961 as % of 1960	Farrowed 1960	Expected to Farrow 1961	1961 as % of 1960	1961 as % of 1960
	- thousands -		%	- thousands -		%	%
Maritimes	9.8	8.0	82	8.4	11.0	131	104
Quebec	57.0	62.0	109	46.0	60.0	130	118
Ontario	110.0	110.0	100	90.0	120.0	133	115
EAST	176.8	180.0	102	144.4	191.0	132	116
Manitoba	20.0	21.0	105	16.0	19.0	119	111
Sask.	26.5	27.0	102	18.5	25.0	135	116
Alta.	71.0	75.8	107	61.0	77.2	127	116
B.C.	2.5	2.2	88	2.3	2.8	122	104
WEST	120.0	126.0	105	97.8	124.0	127	115
CANADA	296.8	306.0	103	242.2	315.0	130	115

^{1/} Revised.