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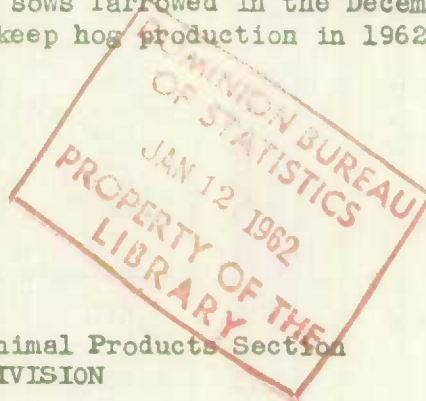
REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS HOGS, DECEMBER 1, 1961

Preliminary estimates, subject to revision after data from the 1961 Census become available, indicate that the number of hogs on farms in Canada^{1/} at December 1, 1961 was almost 3 per cent greater than a year earlier, having increased to 5,674,000 from 5,526,000 head. The number of hogs increased in Nova Scotia and Quebec but decreases in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Ontario resulted in a decline of about 2 per cent for the East as a whole. A decrease in British Columbia with increases in each of the prairie provinces brought about a net gain of 9 per cent in the West.

The fall pig crop (pigs saved from litters born during the six-month period ending November 30) of 4,336,000 head was about 4.5 per cent greater than the fall pig crop in 1960. This moderate increase was a sharp cut-back from intentions reported six months earlier, in the June 1 survey, when a possible gain of 18 per cent was indicated. The change reflects adjustment to the supply and price situation for feed.

According to intentions reported by farmers in the December 1961 Survey, about 611,400 sows are expected to farrow the 1962 spring pig crop. This is almost identical to the estimate of 612,800 sows farrowed in the December 1960 to May 1961 period and, if realized, would keep hog production in 1962 very close to the 1961 level of output.

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.



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Table 1.- Pigs: Totals on Farms, by Province, June 1 and December 1, 1960 and 1961

Province	June 1, 1960	Dec. 1, 1960	June 1, 1961	Dec. 1, 1961
- thousands -				
Prince Edward Is.	48	56	56	54
Nova Scotia	52	54	51	56
New Brunswick	59	60	56	56
Quebec	1,043	1,021	1,116	1,092
Ontario	1,880	1,950	1,870	1,805
Manitoba	380	390	453	425
Saskatchewan	585	545	700	620
Alberta	1,385	1,400	1,540	1,520
Br. Columbia	51	50	47	46
C A N A D A	5,483	5,526	5,889	5,674

Table 2.- Pigs: Numbers on Farms, by Age Group and Province, December 1, 1960 and 1961

Province	1 9 6 0			1 9 6 1			Total
	Over 6 months	Under 6 months	Total	Over 6 months	Under 6 months	Total	1961 as % of 1960
- thousands -							%
Prince Edward Is.	9	47	56	10	44	54	96
Nova Scotia	10	44	54	10	46	56	104
New Brunswick	13	47	60	12	44	56	93
Quebec	268	753	1,021	271	821	1,092	107
Ontario	400	1,550	1,950	400	1,405	1,805	93
Eastern Canada	700	2,441	3,141	703	2,360	3,063	98
Manitoba	113	277	390	120	305	425	109
Saskatchewan	210	335	545	234	386	620	114
Alberta	455	945	1,400	500	1,020	1,520	109
Br. Columbia	14	36	50	13	33	46	92
Western Canada	792	1,593	2,385	867	1,744	2,611	109
C A N A D A	1,492	4,034	5,526	1,570	4,104	5,674	103

Table 3.- Sows Farrowed, Pigs Born and Pigs Saved^{1/}, June to November, (Fall Pig Crop) 1960 and 1961

Province	1 9 6 0			::	1 9 6 1			:: Pigs Saved 1961 as % of 1960
	Sows	Pigs	Pigs ^{1/}		Sows	Pigs	Pigs ^{1/}	
	Farrowed	Born	Saved		Farrowed	Born	Saved	
	- thousands -							%
Pr. Edward Is.	6.2	60	49		6.0	57	46	94
Nova Scotia	6.0	55	45		6.4	58	48	107
New Brunswick	6.0	62	49		5.8	55	46	94
Quebec	103.0	965	810		114.0	1,059	886	109
Ontario	200.0	2,000	1,575		200.0	1,976	1,540	98
Eastern Canada	321.2	3,142	2,528		332.2	3,205	2,566	102
Manitoba	36.0	342	280		40.0	383	310	111
Saskatchewan	45.0	408	340		51.0	465	390	115
Alberta	132.0	1,205	965		133.0	1,237	1,035	107
Br. Columbia	4.8	45	37		4.3	41	35	95
Western Canada	217.8	2,000	1,622		228.3	2,126	1,770	109
C A N A D A	539.0	5,142	4,150		560.5	5,331	4,336	104

^{1/} Pigs alive at weaning time or alive, not yet weaned, at December 1.

Table 4.- Estimates of Sows Expected to Farrow December, 1961 to May, 1962, and Sows Farrowed December, 1960 to May, 1961

Province	Farrowed Spring Period 1961	Expected to Farrow Spring Period 1962	Intentions 1962 as % 1961
	- numbers -		%
Pr. Edward Island	6,300	6,400	102
Nova Scotia	5,800	6,800	117
New Brunswick	5,900	6,200	105
Quebec	121,000	122,000	101
Ontario	205,000	220,000	107
Eastern Canada	344,000	361,400	105
Manitoba	47,000	42,000	89
Saskatchewan	70,000	65,000	93
Alberta	147,000	138,000	94
Br. Columbia	4,800	5,000	104
Western Canada	268,800	250,000	93
C A N A D A	612,800	611,400	100



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Table 5.- Estimates of Sows Bred to Farrow, December, 1961 to February, 1962 and
Sows Farrowed December, 1960 to February, 1961

(Based on Quarterly Pig Surveys)

Province	Farrowed 1961 ^{1/}	Expected to Farrow 1962	1962 as % of 1961
	- numbers -		%
Maritimes	6,800	7,000	103
Quebec	60,000	65,000	108
Ontario	93,000	100,000	107
Eastern Canada	159,800	172,000	108
Manitoba	14,000	18,000	129
Saskatchewan	20,000	23,000	115
Alberta	60,000	70,000	117
British Columbia	11,800	2,000	111
Western Canada	95,800	113,000	118
CANADA	255,600	285,000	112

^{1/} Revised.

Table 6.- 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	21.2
July	19.8	29.1	25.2	20.0	20.4	18.1
August	19.6	29.8	24.4	19.5	20.2	16.5
September	20.6	28.5	20.6	19.3	21.2	15.7
October	21.9	23.3	18.9	17.9	18.6	15.7
November	21.5	21.6	18.4	17.8	20.1	15.1
December	22.4	22.9	18.4	17.8	22.5	14.5
Averages	18.4	25.5	23.4	18.5	18.7	18.6

- 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 1951 to 1960 it was 20.0.