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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS HOGS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1962

The number of hogs on farms in Canada at September 1, 1962 at 5,310,000 was 5 per cent lower than the total of 5,580,000 at September 1, 1961 (inventory and farrowings at September 1, 1961, revised to 1961 Census). This indicates a very slight increase during the summer quarter since June 1 hog numbers were 6.7 per cent below year-earlier totals. Only Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Ontario showed increases in numbers of hogs on farms. The number of hogs on farms in the West was 20 per cent below year-earlier totals, reflecting the 1961 drought conditions with the resultant feed shortage.

The number of sows farrowed during the summer quarter (June 1 to August 31) was about 3 per cent above the 1961 level for this quarter. Quebec and Ontario had increases whereas the Maritimes and the West had less summer quarter farrowings than the corresponding period last year.

Fall farrowings (September 1 to November 30) are still expected to increase compared with 1961 fall farrowings. Farmers' reports at September 1 indicate an increase of 15 per cent in total, with a 28 per cent increase for the East, but a 3 per cent decrease for the West.

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 516,300, or about 7 per cent more than in 1961. The September survey results raise the prospective increase to 9 per cent and also show some regional changes. Instead of the 11.7 per cent decrease forecast for the West, a decrease from last year of 8 per cent is now expected in this area. For the East, however, there appears to be no change in intentions and farrowings for the whole six-month period are still expected to be 21 per cent higher than last year, as was also forecast from the June 1 replies.

1/ Not including Newfoundland.

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Table 1 .- Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at September 1, 1961 and 1962

Prov.	September 1, 1961			Sep	1962 Total		
	6 months or over	Under 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under 6 months	Total	as % of 1961
			- thousan	d head -			%
P.E.I.	9.5	46.5	56.0	10.0	42.0	52.0	93
N.S.	10.5	41.5	52.0	9.0	49.0	58.0	112
N.B.	10.0	41.0	51.0	8.0	37.0	45.0	88
Que.	225.0	765.0	990.0	270.0	800.0	1,070.0	108
Ont.	330.0	1,420.0	1,750.0	390.0	1,560.0	1,950.0	111
RAST	585.0	2,314.0	2,899.0	687.0	2,488.0	3,175.0	110
Man.	90.0	360.0	450.0	75.0	300.0	375.0	83
Sask.	140.0	540.0	680.0	110.0	345.0	455.0	67
Alta.	350.0	1,160.0	1,510.0	330.0	935.0	1,265.0	84
B.C.	11.0	30.0	41.0	10.0	30.0	40.0	98
West	591.0	2,090.0	2,681.0	525.0	1,610.0	2,135.0	80
CANADA	1,176.0	4,404.0	5,580.0	1,212.0	4,098.0	5,310.0	95

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed June to August 1961 and 1962; Sows Farrowed September to November 1961 and Sows Expected to Farrow September to November 1962

Prov.	JUNE, JULY & AUGUST			SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER			JUNE to NOV.
	Farrowed 1961	Farrowed	1962 as % of 1961	Farrowed 1/	Expected to Farrow 1962	1962 as % of 1961	1962 as % o: 1961
	- thousands -		%	- thousands -		%	%
Maritimes	7.3	7.2	99	7.4	8.2	111	105
Que.	52.5	60.0	114	45.7	56.0	123	118
Ont.	79.0	93.0	118	81.0	107.0	132	125
RAST	138.8	160.2	115	134.1	171.2	128	121
Man.	18.5	15.6	84	18.5	18.7	101	93
Sask.	26.0	20.5	79	18.5	16.0	86	82
Alta.	69.0	62.6	91	56.0	55.7	99	95
B.C.	1.8	1.6	89	1.7	1.9	112	100
WEST	115.3	100.3	87	94.7	92.3	97	92
CANADA	254.1	260.5	103	228.8	263.5	115	109

^{1/} Revised.