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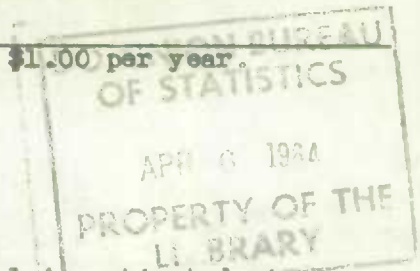
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REPORT ON LIVESTOCK SURVEYS HOGS, MARCH 1, 1964



The number of Hogs on farms in Canada^{1/} at March 1 is estimated at 5,124,000, an 8 per cent increase over 4,756,000 at March 1, 1963. Increases occurred in all provinces except New Brunswick, where there was a 3 per cent drop, and Ontario, with no change. Eastern and Western Canada had 4 and 15 per cent increases respectively from year-earlier totals. Manitoba, (31 per cent), and Nova Scotia, (25 per cent) showed the largest percentage increases in hog numbers. At December 1 farmers' replies indicated total numbers of hogs on farms at that time were up 7 per cent from December 1, 1962. The increase to 8 per cent for the year-to-year comparison at March 1 appears to indicate that a very moderate build-up continued during the quarter despite increased marketings compared to last year.

Sows farrowed in the winter quarter, (December, January, February), are estimated at 232,000, a 9 per cent increase over the same three months a year ago. Reported intentions to farrow in the second quarter, (March-May) are 2 per cent above last year in the East and 22 per cent higher in the West, giving a 10 per cent increase for Canada as a whole. If these intentions to farrow are realized then farrowings for the 6-month period, December 1, 1963 to May 31, 1964, (573,000), will be 10 per cent above the 521,700 sows farrowed in the equivalent period last year. This represents a slight upward revision from the 8.8 per cent increase forecast at December 1. Most of the increase in farrowings for the spring pig crop is expected to occur in the West, up 23 per cent, compared to a rise of 2 per cent in the East.

The exceptional increase of 50 per cent in expected second-quarter farrowings in Saskatchewan may be partly attributed to the program under which premiums are paid to qualifying purchasers of bred gilts or sows.

1/ Not including Newfoundland.

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Table 1.- Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at March 1, 1963 and 1964

Province	March 1, 1963			March 1, 1964			1964 Total as % of 1963
	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	
	- thousand head -						%
P.E.I.	13.0	30.0	43.0	15.0	35.0	50.0	116
N.S.	10.0	38.0	48.0	13.0	47.0	60.0	125
N.B.	10.0	28.0	38.0	8.0	29.0	37.0	97
Que.	250.0	680.0	930.0	270.0	750.0	1,020.0	110
Ont.	470.0	1,490.0	1,960.0	470.0	1,490.0	1,960.0	100
EAST	753.0	2,266.0	3,019.0	776.0	2,351.0	3,127.0	104
Man.	98.0	200.0	298.0	122.0	268.0	390.0	131
Sask.	165.0	165.0	330.0	170.0	210.0	380.0	115
Alta.	370.0	705.0	1,075.0	410.0	780.0	1,190.0	111
B.C.	12.0	22.0	34.0	11.0	26.0	37.0	109
WEST	645.0	1,092.0	1,737.0	713.0	1,284.0	1,997.0	115
CANADA	1,398.0	3,358.0	4,756.0	1,489.0	3,635.0	5,124.0	108

Table 2.- Sows Farrowed December 1962 to February 1963 vs. December 1963 to February 1964
Sows Farrowed March to May 1963 vs. Sows Expected to Farrow March to May 1964

Province	DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY			MARCH, APRIL, MAY			DEC TO MAY
	Farrowed 1963	Farrowed 1964	1964 Total as % of 1963	Farrowed 1963	Expected to Farrow 1964	1964 Total as % of 1963	1964 Total as % of 1963
	- thousands -		%	- thousands -		%	%
Maritimes	5.4	6.3	117	10.6	10.7	101	106
Quebec	53.0	56.0	106	70.0	69.0	99	102
Ontario	90.0	90.0	100	105.0	110.0	105	103
EAST	148.4	152.3	103	185.6	189.7	102	102
Manitoba	12.0	14.0	117	26.0	26.0	100	105
Sask.	11.0	12.0	109	29.0	43.6	150	139
Alta.	40.0	52.2	130	66.0	78.0	118	123
B.C.	1.2	1.5	125	2.5	2.7	108	114
WEST	64.2	79.7	124	123.5	150.3	122	123
CANADA	212.6	232.0	109	309.1	340.0	110	110