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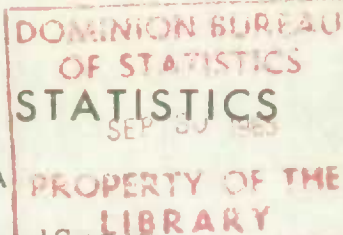
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REPORT OF LIVESTOCK SURVEYS HOGS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1965

The number of hogs on farms in Canada(1) at September 1, 1965 is estimated at 5,370,000 down 9 per cent from 5,873,000 at September 1, 1964. Numbers in Eastern Canada at 3,142,000 are down 6 per cent with the declines in Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick of 4, 10, and 13 per cent respectively more than offsetting the 15 and 5 per cent increases in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. In Western Canada there were 2,228,000 on farms at September 1, a decrease of 12 per cent from a year earlier. All provinces shared in the reduction with Manitoba numbers being down 9 per cent, and Alberta and British Columbia down 10 per cent. The drop was particularly sharp in Saskatchewan where numbers declined by 20 per cent.

For the period June, July, August, of 1965 the number of sows that farrowed are estimated at 280,300 down 2 per cent from 285,300 farrowed in the corresponding period last year. Farrowings in the East were up 1 per cent, but down 5 per cent in the West.

Farmers' replies to the September 1 survey indicate that fall quarter farrowings (September 1 to November 30) may be as much as 9 per cent above the equivalent 1964 period. The East and the West will have 12 and 5 per cent increases respectively. The high prices for hogs starting in May and the outlook for ample feed grain supplies, especially in the Prairie provinces, no doubt contributed to these prospective increases.

Farrowings for the period June 1 to November 30 are now forecasted to be 556,000, up 3 per cent from last year. Results obtained from a survey at June 1 indicated that a 3 per cent decrease for the June - November period was in prospect. However, the significant change in conditions which has occurred since that date, indicates that producers have changed their production plans and this has resulted in the upward revision of the forecast.

(1) Not including Newfoundland.

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Table 1. Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province,
at September 1, 1964 and 1965

Province	September 1, 1964			September 1, 1965			1965 Total as % of 1964 %
	6 months or over	Under 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under 6 months(1)	Total	
	- thousand head -						
P.E.I.	10.0	52.0	62.0	11.0	60.0	71.0	115
N.S.	11.0	47.0	58.0	11.0	50.0	61.0	105
N.B.	10.0	36.0	46.0	8.0	32.0	40.0	87
Que.	240.0	880.0	1,120.0	230.0	780.0	1,010.0	90
Ont.	420.0	1,630.0	2,050.0	410.0	1,550.0	1,960.0	96
EAST	691.0	2,645.0	3,336.0	670.0	2,472.0	3,142.0	94
Man.	109.0	396.0	505.0	110.0	350.0	460.0	91
Sask.	120.0	420.0	540.0	110.0	320.0	430.0	80
Alta.	380.0	1,070.0	1,450.0	385.0	915.0	1,300.0	90
B.C.	9.0	33.0	42.0	9.0	29.0	38.0	90
WEST	618.0	1,919.0	2,537.0	614.0	1,614.0	2,228.0	88
CANADA	1,309.0	4,564.0	5,873.0	1,284.0	4,086.0	5,370.0	91

(1) Of these, according to sample proportion, pigs under three months old are estimated as follows: P.E.I. 35.0; N.S. 31.0; N.B. 15.0; Que. 413.0; Ont. 618.0; Man. 159.0; Sask. 122.0; Alta. 397.0; B.C. 16.0.

Table 2. Sows Farrowed June to August 1964 and 1965; Sows Farrowed September to November 1964 and Sows Expected to Farrow September to November 1965

Province	June, July & August			September, October & November			June to Nov.
	Farrowed(1) 1964	Farrowed 1965	1965 as % of 1964	Farrowed 1964	Expected to farrow 1965	1965 as % of 1964	1965 as % of 1964
	- thousands -			- thousands -			%
Maritimes	9.3	10.3	111	8.7	9.7	111	111
Que.	60.0	59.0	98	50.0	65.0	130	113
Ont.	99.0	100.0	101	96.0	98.0	102	102
EAST	168.3	169.3	101	154.7	172.7	112	106
Man.	24.0	25.0	104	17.0	20.0	118	110
Sask.	23.0	19.0	83	17.0	19.0	112	95
Alta.	68.0	65.0	96	62.0	62.0	100	98
B.C.	2.0	2.0	100	2.0	2.0	100	100
WEST	117.0	111.0	95	98.0	103.0	105	100
CANADA	285.3	280.3	98	252.7	275.7	109	103

(1) Revised.