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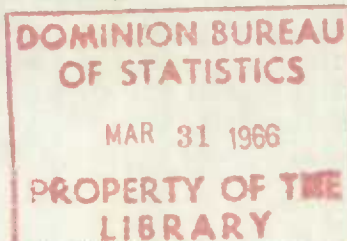
The number of hogs in Canada(1) at March 1, 1966 is estimated at 4,918,000 down 7 per cent from 5,300,000 at March 1, 1965 and down 2.5 per cent from the 5 year-average, 1961-1965 inclusive, of 5,038,000. In Eastern Canada numbers were down by 4 per cent with Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia having increases of 8 and 7 per cent respectively, Ontario unchanged, and New Brunswick and Quebec having decreases of 5 and 13 per cent. Western Canada had 12 per cent lower hog numbers with each province, except Manitoba, having a decrease. Manitoba had a 3 per cent increase whereas Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia had decreases of 18, 14, and 2 per cent respectively.

Sows farrowed in the winter quarter, (December, January, February) are estimated at 258,500 up 10 per cent from the 235,000 that farrowed in the same quarter of 1965. Farmers' reports at March 1 indicate that sows to farrow in the spring quarter (March, April, May) may be as high as 353,000 up 27 per cent from the 278,200 that farrowed in the same quarter of 1965. If these intentions are realized then the sows to farrow in the period December 1, 1965 to May 31, 1966 would be 611,500 up 19 per cent from 513,200 farrowings in the corresponding 6 months of 1965 and 16 per cent above the 5 year (1961-1965 inclusive) average of 523,700 for spring farrowings. At December 1, 1965 the indications were for a 10 per cent increase but the March reports show a marked upward revision in farrowing plans.

(1) Not including Newfoundland. The June 1, 1961 census reported 1,554 hogs in that province at that time. Hogs 6 months old and over 450, and those under 6 months old were 1,104.

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TABLE 1. Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at March 1, 1965 and 1966

Province	March 1, 1965			March 1, 1966			1966 Total as % of 1965
	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under- 6 months(1)	Total	
	- thousand head -						%
P.E.I.	9.0	51.0	60.0	11.0	54.0	65.0	108
N.S.	11.0	49.0	60.0	11.0	53.0	64.0	107
N.B.	7.0	33.0	40.0	9.0	29.0	38.0	95
Que.	240.0	735.0	975.0	285.0	560.0	845.0	87
Ont.	420.0	1,555.0	1,975.0	415.0	1,555.0	1,970.0	100
EAST	687.0	2,423.0	3,110.0	731.0	2,251.0	2,982.0	96
Man.	130.0	270.0	400.0	140.0	273.0	413.0	103
Sask.	165.0	250.0	415.0	140.0	202.0	342.0	82
Alta.	440.0	895.0	1,335.0	410.0	732.0	1,142.0	86
B.C.	10.0	30.0	40.0	11.0	28.0	39.0	98
WEST	745.0	1,445.0	2,190.0	701.0	1,235.0	1,936.0	88
CANADA	1,432.0	3,868.0	5,300.0	1,432.0	3,486.0	4,918.0	93

TABLE 2. Sows Farrowed December 1964 to February 1965 vs. December 1965 to February 1966
Sows Farrowed March to May 1965 vs. Sows Expected to Farrow March to May 1966

Province	DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY			MARCH, APRIL, MAY			DEC. TO MAY
	Farrowed 1965 (2)	Farrowed 1966	1966 Total as % of 1965	Farrowed 1965	Expected to Farrow 1966	1966 Total as % of 1965	
	- thousands -		%	- thousands -		%	%
Maritimes	7.0	8.5	121	10.2	11.7	115	117
Quebec	53.0	56.0	106	55.0	80.0	145	126
Ontario	88.0	99.0	112	102.0	111.0	109	111
EAST	148.0	163.5	110	167.2	202.7	121	116
Manitoba	16.0	17.0	106	24.0	31.0	129	120
Sask.	14.0	16.0	114	26.0	37.0	142	132
Alta.	55.0	60.0	109	59.0	80.0	136	123
B.C.	2.0	2.0	100	2.0	2.3	115	108
WEST	87.0	95.0	109	111.0	150.3	135	124
CANADA	235.0	258.5	110	278.2	353.0	127	119

(1) Of these, according to sample proportion, pigs under three months old are estimated as follows: Prince Edward Island 27.5; Nova Scotia 30.0; New Brunswick 15.0; Quebec 300.0; Ontario 616.0; Manitoba 111.0; Saskatchewan 88.0; Alberta 300.0; British Columbia 14.0.

(2) Revised.