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HOGS, MARCH 1, 1967

The number of hogs on farms in Canada(1) at March 1, 1967 is estimated at 5,551,000 up 13 per cent from the 4,918,000 estimated for March 1, 1966, and 10 per cent above the 5 year average (1962-1966 inclusive) of 5,056,400. Estimates were higher for all provinces. In Eastern Canada hog numbers were 9 per cent higher than a year earlier with increases ranging from 2 to 6 per cent for Ontario and the Maritimes and 19 per cent for Quebec. In Western Canada the increase was 19 per cent ranging from 8 per cent for British Columbia to 23 per cent for Manitoba.

Sows farrowed in the winter quarter, (December, January, February) are estimated at 295,300 up 17 per cent from 253,200 that farrowed in the similar quarter of 1966. Sows expected to farrow in the spring quarter (March, April, May) are estimated at 353,500 up 18 per cent from 300,600 that farrowed in the corresponding quarter of 1966. If these expectations materialize, sows to farrow in the period December 1, 1966 to May 31, 1967, could be 648,800 up 17 per cent from the 551,800 farrowings in the corresponding 6 months of 1966 and 23 per cent above the 5 year (1962-1966 inclusive) average of 528,700. This estimate is slightly higher than the forecast of 641,700 made last December. DOMINION BUREAU

(1) Not including Newfoundland. The June 1961 Census reported 1,554 of which 450 were 6 months old and over, and 1,104 were under 6 months.

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TABLE 1. Hogs: Number on Farms, by Age Group and Province, at March 1, 1966 and 1967

	March 1, 1966			March 1, 1967			1967 Total
Province	6 months or over	Under- 6 months	Total	6 months or over	Under- 6 months(1)	Total	as % of 1966
			thousand	head			%
P.E.T.	11.0	54.0	65.0	11.0	55.0	66.0	102
N.S.	11.0	53.0	64.0	11.0	57.0	68.0	106
N.B.	9.0	29.0	38.0	9.0	30.0	39.0	103
Que.	285.0	560.0	845.0	335.0	670.0	1,005.0	119
Ont.	415.0	1,555.0	1,970.0	468.0	1,608.0	2,076.0	105
EAST	731.0	2,251.0	2,982.0	834.0	2,420.0	3,254.0	109
Man.	140.0	273.0	413.0	150.0	358.0	508.0	123
Sask.	140.0	202.0	342.0	172.0	235.0	407.0	119
Alta.	410.0	732.0	1,142.0	430.0	910.0	1,340.0	117
B.C.	11.0	28.0	39.0	12.0	30.0	42.0	108
WEST	701.0	1,235.0	1,936.0	764.0	1,533.0	2,297.0	119
CANADA	1,432.0	3,486.0	4,918.0	1,598.0	3,953.0	5,551.0	113

TABLE 2. Sows Farrowed December 1965 to February 1966 vs. December 1966 to February 1967 Sows Farrowed March to May 1966 vs. Sows Expected to Farrow March to May 1967

Province	DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY			M	DEC.TO MAY		
	Farrowed 1966 (2)	Farrowed 1967	1967 Total as % of 1966	Farrowed 1966	Expected to Farrow 1967	1967 Total as % of 1966	1967 Total as % of 1966
	thousands		%	thousands		%	%
P.E.I.	3.7	3.7	100	4.3	4.7	109	105
N.S.	2.0	3.3	114	3.8	4.2	111	112
N.B.	1.6	2.0	125	2.4	3.0	125	125
Que.	58.0	68.0	117	65.0	81.0	125	121
Ont.	99.0	110.0	111	104.0	115.0	111	111
EAST	165.2	187.0	113	179.5	207.9	116	115
Man.	17.0	20.0	118	30.0	34.0	113	115
Sask.	16.0	19.0	119	29.0	36.0	124	122
Alta.	53.0	67.0	126	60.0	73.0	122	124
B.C.	2.0	2.3	115	2.1	2.6	124	120
WEST	88.0	108.3	123	121.1	145.6	121	122
CANADA	253.2	295.3	117	300.6	353.5	118	117

⁽¹⁾ Of these, according to sample proportion, pigs under three months old are estimated as follows: Prince Edward Island 29.0; Nova Scotia 31.0; New Brunswick 16.0; Quebec 360.0; Ontario 700.0; Manitoba 133.0; Saskatchewan 101.0; Alberta 400.0; British Columbia 16.0. March 1, 1966 revised estimate for pigs under three months Alberta is 350.0

⁽²⁾ Revised.