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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1940

HOGS

Ottawa, February 3, 1941.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the December survey of live stock and poultry dealing with the numbers of hogs on farms, the 1940 fall pig crop, intentions to market and farm-slaughter hogs and numbers of sows to farrow in the spring of 1941. This report is based on information obtained from farmers and is prepared in cooperation with the provincial departments of agriculture.

SUMMARY

A further increase in the production of hogs is anticipated in 1941 if farmers' intentions as reported at the first of December 1940 are carried out. It is expected that the spring pig crop will be about two per cent greater than the spring pig crop of 1940. Increases in the spring pig crop will occur in Ontario, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia. In Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, smaller spring pig crops are reported than in 1940.

Numbers of hogs on farms at December 1, 1940 were the highest ever recorded, amounting to 6,117,200. This is an increase of 28 per cent over numbers at December 1, 1939 and exceeds the total at June 1, 1940 by 235,000. The greatest increases in numbers have occurred in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Marketings and farm slaughter of hogs for the period December 1940 to May 1941 will be 35 per cent greater than in the corresponding period of 1939-40, if farmers' intentions are carried out. Increases in marketings in this period are anticipated in all provinces with the greatest gain in the Prairie Provinces.

Anticipation of a greater demand for bacon and pork products as the result of the war and relatively favourable prices for hogs are responsible for the greatly increased production. In addition, the feed situation has been improved during the past two years by good yields of feed grain crops. Expansion in production has been greatest in western Canada where surplus feed grains were available. The declines in production in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces in 1941 resulted from higher feed prices in relation to the price of hogs.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1931 to 1940
Thousands

Year	June 1	December 1
1931	4,700	4,264
1932	4,639	4,125
1933	3,801	3,588
1934	3,654	3,649
1935	3,549	3,951
1936	4,145	4,422
1937	3,963	3,680
1938	3,437	3,569
1939	4,294	4,770
1940	5,882	6,117

Table 2

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at December 1, 1939 and 1940

	1939			1940			1940 Total % of 1939 Total
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Pr. Ed. Island	35,600	14,800	50,400	37,100	17,500	54,600	108.3
Nova Scotia	36,500	19,500	56,000	44,600	23,300	67,900	121.2
New Brunswick	58,400	30,500	88,900	61,700	29,300	91,000	102.4
Quebec	514,600	334,900	849,500	599,200	339,000	938,200	110.4
Ontario	1,249,800	442,400	1,692,200	1,585,000	559,500	2,144,500	126.7
Manitoba	228,300	130,200	358,500	300,000	162,700	462,700	129.1
Saskatchewan	342,000	239,600	581,600	506,100	312,600	818,700	140.8
Alberta	703,600	323,200	1,026,800	929,000	504,300	1,433,300	139.6
British Columbia	39,900	25,800	65,700	69,400	36,900	106,300	161.8
Total - Canada	3,208,700	1,560,900	4,769,600	4,132,100	1,985,100	6,117,200	128.3

Table 3

Number of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, June to November, 1939 and 1940

	1939		1940		1940 % of 1939	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
Pr. Ed. Island	61,300	52,700	63,900	54,600	104.2	103.6
Nova Scotia	60,500	51,900	75,100	64,100	124.1	123.5
New Brunswick	93,600	80,500	105,000	87,800	112.2	109.1
Quebec	862,100	727,500	1,027,900	852,900	119.2	117.2
Ontario	1,448,700	1,229,200	1,917,500	1,621,000	132.4	131.9
Manitoba	284,100	235,900	364,500	306,000	128.3	129.7
Saskatchewan	456,300	382,700	660,800	553,300	144.8	144.6
Alberta	1,108,300	917,500	1,424,600	1,155,800	128.5	126.0
British Columbia	57,400	47,700	95,700	79,700	166.7	167.1
Total - Canada	4,432,300	3,725,600	5,735,000	4,775,200	129.4	128.2

Table 4

Hogs: Numbers Intended for Farm Slaughter and Market
December to May, 1939-40 and 1940-41

	1939-40	1940-41	1940-41 % of 1939-40
	No.	No.	
Prince Edward Island	47,200	49,400	104.7
Nova Scotia	34,300	45,300	132.1
New Brunswick	55,500	59,900	107.9
Quebec	498,700	602,200	120.8
Ontario	1,062,200	1,297,000	122.1
Manitoba	204,700	297,000	145.1
Saskatchewan	336,600	556,200	165.2
Alberta	621,900	944,800	151.9
British Columbia	44,200	83,400	188.7
Total - Canada	2,905,300	3,935,200	135.4

TABLE 1							
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Grain	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000	120,000	125,000	130,000
Oil	50,000	52,000	54,000	56,000	58,000	60,000	62,000
Wool	20,000	21,000	22,000	23,000	24,000	25,000	26,000
Meat	30,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	34,000	35,000	36,000
Other	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000	16,000
Total	210,000	219,000	228,000	237,000	246,000	255,000	264,000

TABLE 2							
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Grain	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000	120,000	125,000	130,000
Oil	50,000	52,000	54,000	56,000	58,000	60,000	62,000
Wool	20,000	21,000	22,000	23,000	24,000	25,000	26,000
Meat	30,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	34,000	35,000	36,000
Other	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000	16,000
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Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Grain	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000	120,000	125,000	130,000
Oil	50,000	52,000	54,000	56,000	58,000	60,000	62,000
Wool	20,000	21,000	22,000	23,000	24,000	25,000	26,000
Meat	30,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	34,000	35,000	36,000
Other	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000	16,000
Total	210,000	219,000	228,000	237,000	246,000	255,000	264,000

Table 5

Sows: Numbers Bred to Farrow, December to May, 1939-40 and 1940-41

	1939-40	1940-41	1940-41 % of 1939-40
	No.	No.	
Prince Edward Island	7,300	6,900	94.5
Nova Scotia	7,700	7,600	98.7
New Brunswick	13,200	11,200	84.8
Quebec	153,300	135,900	88.6
Ontario	181,700	185,800	102.3
Manitoba	48,700	50,000	102.7
Saskatchewan	105,300	110,700	105.1
Alberta	178,500	200,900	112.5
British Columbia	10,000	11,000	110.0
Total - Canada	705,700	720,000	102.0

Table 6

Hog-Barley Ratio

Number of Bushels of Barley Equivalent in Price
To 100 Pounds of Bacon Hog at Winnipeg
Long Time Average 17.2

	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
January	23.8	17.3	28.7	10.0	15.1	29.4	20.5
February	26.5	18.5	28.7	10.2	15.1	31.1	20.0
March	25.0	19.8	26.5	10.9	18.6	31.1	20.5
April	24.7	19.7	26.8	12.4	19.8	27.9	18.9
May	24.9	23.5	27.1	12.6	20.9	25.2	24.2
June	22.6	28.3	28.0	14.6	23.2	30.3	31.0
July	21.2	29.6	20.3	14.4	29.6	34.8	31.7
August	15.5	33.9	17.1	19.5	31.1	31.1	32.2
September	14.7	29.2	15.6	17.9	34.1	22.3	31.3
October	15.9	29.3	13.5	14.5	26.9	23.3	26.1
November	15.1	27.5	12.7	15.0	28.9	23.7	21.0
December	14.8	27.5	10.7	16.1	29.5	21.2	23.4



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