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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1940

Ottawa, August 22, 1940. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day a report on the June survey of live stock and poultry dealing with the numbers of hogs on farms, the 1940 spring pig crop, and numbers of sows to farrow in the fall of 1940. This report is based on information obtained from farmers and is prepared in cooperation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

SUMMARY

Hog production in Canada in 1940 will be the greatest recorded. The 1940 spring pig crop was 39 per cent greater than that of 1939 and farmers also reported an increase of 27 per cent in the number of sows expected to farrow in the fall of 1940. The increase in the spring pig crop resulted in a gain of 37 per cent in the number of hogs on farms at June 1, 1940. The total number of hogs on farms at that date is estimated at 5,882,000 which is the highest on record.

The increase in 1940 is a continuance of the upward trend in hog production which commenced in the spring of 1939. Two years of relatively favourable prices for hogs and an abundance of low priced feed have stimulated hog raising.

As a result of the increase in the pig crop, marketings will reach new highs during the remainder of this year and the early months of 1941. An increase of over 40 per cent is expected.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1

1931 to 1940 Thousands

Year	June 1	December 1	
	No.	No.	
1931	4,700	4,264	
1932	4,639	4,125	
1932	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	3,487	3,569	
1939	4,294	4,770	
1940	5,882		

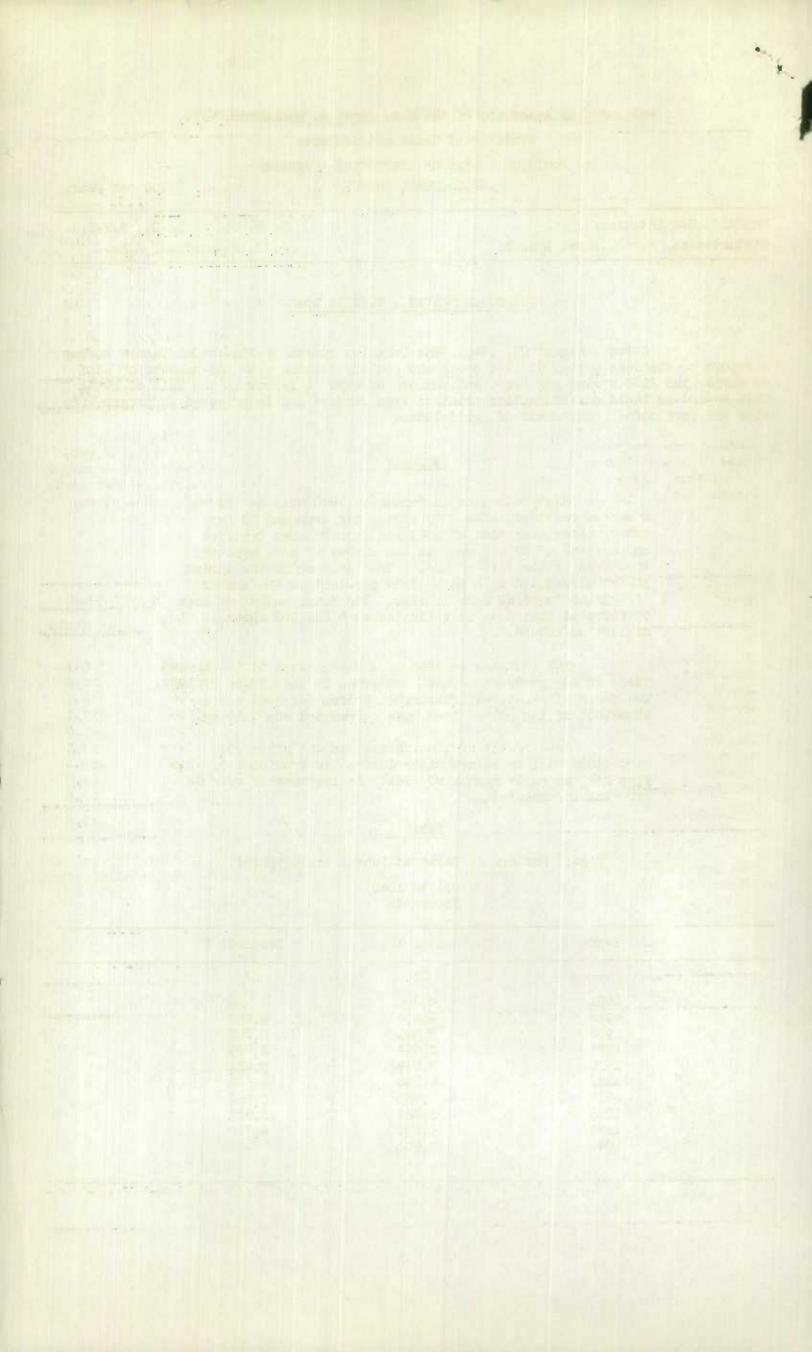


Table 2

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

		1939			194	0	
Province	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months		1940 % of 1939 Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
P. E. Island	38,300	9,800	48,100	43,000	10,200	53,200	110.6
Nova Scotia	32,100	12,500		37,600	15,200	52,800	
New Brunswick	63,000	24,200	87,200	70,800	26,300	97,100	
Quebec	555,300	188,700	744,000	699,100	237,800	936,900	
Ontario	1,121,000	425,100	1,546,100		,	1,997,900	
Manitoba	226,000	85,000	311,000	378,300	120,400	498,700	
Saskatchewan	350,200	119,800	470,000	617,000	174,000	791,000	
Alberta	750,800	242,400	993,200	1,043,200		1,371,100	
British Columbia	36,800	13,000	49,800	67,000	16,100	83,100	
TOTAL-CANADA	3,173,500	1,120,500	4,294,000	4,434,100	1,447,700	5,881,800	137.0

Hog numbers at June 1, 1940 totalled 5,882,000, which is the largest number ever recorded on Canadian farms, exceeding the June 1, 1939 count by 1,588,000. Gains in numbers were shown in all provinces. The greatest numerical increases occurred in Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan, while the greatest percentage increases took place in the western provinces where most of the decline in hog production had taken place.

Table 3

Number of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, December to May

Province	1938-39		193940		1939-40 % of 1938-39	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
P. E. Island	71,000	50,900	75,900	53,500	106.9	105.1
Nova Scotia	53,000	41,800	65,900	52,200	124.3	124.9
New Brunswick	99,500	79,900	113,300	92,200	113.9	115.4
Quebec	952,900	761,700	1,206,800	968,100	126.6	127.1
Ontario	1,460,800	1,154,000	1,905,100	1,512,300	130.4	131.0
Mani toba	342,200	256,400	517,600	397,400	151.3	155.0
Saskatchewan	598,700	459,800	1,068,300	830,600	178.4	180.6
Alberta	1,068,000	795,900	1,496,400	1,102,300	140.1	138.5
British Columbia	53,700	40,100	84,200	64,600	156.8	161.1
TOTAL- CANADA	4,699,800	3,640,500	6,533,500	5,073,200	139.0	139.4

The 1940 spring pig crop was 39 per cent greater than that of 1939 and was the largest recorded to date. The greatest percentage increases occurred in Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario.

Table 4
Sows: Numbers Bred to Farrow, June to November 1939 and 1940

Province	1939	1940	1940 % of 1939
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	6,000	6,300	105.0
Nova Scotia	4,600	6,300	137.0
New Brunswick	7,700	8,400	109.1
Quebec	78,500	91,600	116.7
Ontario	140,800	185,000	131.4
Manitoba	27,200	33,900	124.6
Saskatchewan	39,600	52,400	132.3
Alberta	104,400	134,200	128.5
British Columbia	4,800	6,800	141.7
TOTAL_CANADA	413,600	524,900	126.9



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