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LIVE-STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1941

Hogs - Prairie Provinces

Ottawa, August 18, 1941 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June survey of live stock and poultry dealing with the numbers of hogs on farms, the 1941 spring pig crop, and numbers of sows to farrow in the fall of 1941, for the Prairie Provinces. This report is based on information obtained from farmers and is prepared in cooperation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

SUMMARY

Hog production in the Prairie Provinces continues to increase and on June 1, 1941 there were 12.5 per cent more hogs on farms than at the same date of 1940. The 1941 figure is the highest recorded for the Prairie Provinces. The increase was greatest in Alberta where numbers were 20.5 per cent higher. Little change was reported in Manitoba. There were increases of 8.3 per cent in pigs born and 8.7 per cent in pigs saved during the December to May period of 1940-41 as compared with the same months of 1939-40.

The continued upward trend in hog production has resulted from relatively strong hog prices in relation to the price of feed. An increase of 32.5 per cent in the numbers of sows bred to farrow during the period June to November 1941 as compared with the same period of 1940 indicates that increased marketings will continue throughout 1941 and in the early months of 1942.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1
Prairie Provinces 1931 to 1941

Year	June 1	December 1
	No.	No.
1931	2,391,200	2,058,900
1932	2,353,900	2,050,000
1933	1,861,900	1,765,000
1934	1,734,500	1,720,300
1935	1,507,000	1,617,300
1936	1,814,300	1,766,700
1937	1,456,700	1,227,700
1938	1,193,600	1,255,200
1939	1,774,200	1,966,900
1940	2,660,800	2,714,700
1941	2,992,400	

Table 2

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1940 and 1941

Province	1940			1941			1941 as % of 1940 Total
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
Manitoba	378,300	120,400	498,700	361,700	141,000	502,700	100.8
Saskatchewan	617,000	174,000	791,000	638,900	198,000	836,900	105.8
Alberta	1,043,200	327,900	1,371,100	1,253,300	399,500	1,652,800	120.5
Total Prairie Provinces	2,038,500	622,300	2,660,800	2,253,900	738,500	2,992,400	112.5

Table 3

Pigs: Numbers born and numbers saved, December 1940 to May 1941

Province	1939-40		1940-41		1940-41 % of 1939-40	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
Manitoba	517,600	397,400	501,650	387,100	96.9	97.4
Saskatchewan	1,068,300	830,600	1,084,800	842,200	101.5	101.4
Alberta	1,496,400	1,102,300	1,750,500	1,303,200	117.0	118.2
Total Prairie Provinces	3,082,300	2,330,300	3,336,950	2,532,500	108.3	108.7

Table 4

Sows: Numbers bred to farrow, June to November, 1940 and 1941

Province	1940	1941	1941 % of 1940
	No.	No.	%
Manitoba	33,900	44,760	132.0
Saskatchewan	52,400	75,900	144.8
Alberta	134,200	171,600	127.9
Total Prairie Provinces	220,500	292,260	132.5

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