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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1942

HOGS

Ottawa, March 1, 1943.— 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 1942 fall pig crop, and numbers of sows to farrow in the spring of 1943. This report is based on information obtained from farmers and is prepared in cooperation with the provincial departments of agriculture.

SUMMARY

Numbers of hogs on farms reached an all-time record on December 1, 1942
The expansion in the hog industry which has been under way since the outbreak of war was maintained in all provinces except Ontario where a minor decline occurred. In this province, however, as well as in all others, the numbers of sows expected to farrow during the spring of 1943 shows a marked rise over that of a year ago. Further very substantial increases in hog production are indicated for the Prairie Provinces and although numbers are very much smaller in the Maritime Provinces, a sharp increase in hog production is indicated for that area.

The relationship of hog prices to feed prices remains relatively favourable to the hog producer and it may be expected, therefore, that subject to the limitations of labour and housing, hog production will continue to expand in 1943.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers of Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1938 to 1942 (Thousands)

	June 1	December 1
1938	3,487	3,569
1939	4,294	4.770
1940	5,882	6.117
1941 1/	6,093	6.527
1942	7,133	7.751

^{1/} Preliminary Census.

Table 2

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at December 1, 1941 and 1942

	1941				1942 Total		
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	% of 1941 Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	Mo.	No.	%
Pr. Ed. Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia.	314,900 578,900 ,199,900	196,300 426,600 636,800	2,063,700	52,300 47,700 64,800 717,900 1,620,900 460,500 826,400 1,452,300 56,100	398,400 235,500 541,600 817,400	63,000	119.7 125.5 122.8 128.8 97.8 136.2 136.1 123.6
Total - Canada 4	,370,400	2,156,900	6,527,300	5,298,900	2,451,700	7,750,600	118.7

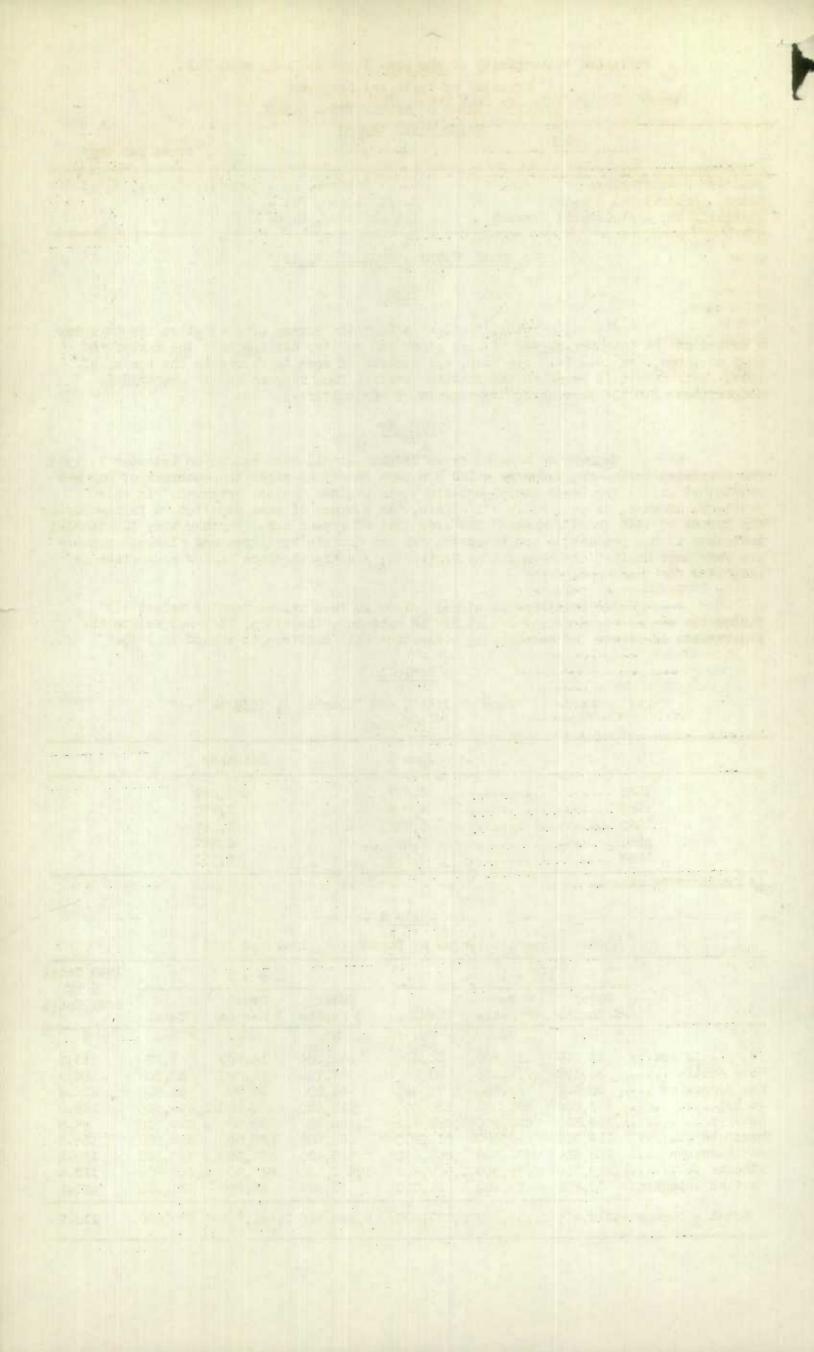


Table 3

Number of Figs Born and Figs Saved, June to Hovember, 1941 and 1942

	1941		1	942	1942 % of 1941		
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Figs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	7/0	95	
Pr. Ed. Island	43,700	35_900	56,400	47.900	129.1	133.4	
Nova Scotia	47,100	39,800	49,200	42,900	104.5	107.8	
New Brunswick	57,200	47,800	80,600	69,000	140.9	144.4	
quebec	909,000	761,000	1,026,400	872,500	112.9	114.7	
Ontario	1,891,700	1,602,100	1,934,600	1,646,200	102.3	102.8	
Manitoba	361,100	304,000	486.700	417,400	134.8	137.3	
Saskatchewan	621,200	527,900	823,500	687,700	132.6	130.3	
Alberta	1,390,600	1,143,300	1,692,600	1,400,000	121.7	122.5	
British Columbia	64,400	54,700	75,400	66,200	117.1	121.0	
Total - Canada	5,386,000	4,516,500	6,225,400	5,249,800	115.6	116.2	

Sows: Numbers Bred to Farrow, December to May, 1941-42 and 1942-43

	1941-42	1942-43	1942-43 % of 1941-42
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	4,800	6,200	129.2
Nova Scotia	5,100	6,600	129.4
New Brunswick	8,400	10,900	129.8
Quebec	131.000	167,300	127.7
Ontario	204,000	233,800	114.6
Manitoba	64.700	74,900	115.8
Saskatchewan	122,300	159,400	130.3
Alberta	220,400	264,200	119.9
British Columbia	9,000	10,400	115.6
Total - Canada	769,700	933,700	121.3

Table 5
Hog-Barley Ratio

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

	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
January	17.3	28.7	10.0	15.1	29.4	20.5	21.4	20.0
February	18.5	28.7	10.2	15.1	31.1	20.0	20.4	20.0
Narch	19.8	26.5	10.9	18.6	31.1	20.5	17.6	19.7
April	19.7	26.8	12.4	19.8	27.9	18.9	17.7	19.5
May	23.5	27.1	12.6	20.9	25.2	24.2	21.0	18.9
June	28.3	28.0	14.6	23.2	30.3	31.0	22.0	18.3
July	29.6	20.3	14.4	29.6	34.8	31.7	23.1	19.4
August	33.9	17.1	19.5	31.1	31.1	32.2	24.9	21.3
September	29.2	15.6	17.9	34.1	22.3	31.3	22.1	21.0
October	29.3	13.5	14.5	26.9	23.3	26.1	22.3	23.4
November	27.5	12.7	15.0	28.9	23.7	21.0	22.4	23.5
December	27.5	10.7	16.1	29.5	21.2	23.4	21.1	23.5



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