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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1943

Ottawa, September 13, 1943.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1 numbers of hogs on farms in Canada, the 1943 spring pig crop and numbers of sows to farrow in the fall of 1943. This report is based on information obtained from farmers through the June live stock survey and is prepared in cooperation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

SUMMARY

The numbers of hogs on Canadian farms reached a new high record at June 1, 1943 and at that date were almost double the 1939 figure. The June 1, 1943 estimate of 8,148,000 head was more than 1 million head higher than that of the same date a year previously. The increase in numbers over last year was common to all provinces. The most substantial increase occurred in the province of Saskatchewan, while in Ontario only a minor change was recorded.

Further substantial increases in hog production are indicated by the farmers' reports of numbers of sows expected to farrow during the fall months of 1943. An increase of almost 38 per cent is revealed for Canada as a whole but for the province of Ontario a slight decrease has been reported.

Increased marketings of hogs during the final months of 1943 are indicated by an increase of 13.6 per cent in the number of pigs saved at weaning time during the period December 1942 to May 1943 in comparison with the corresponding months of 1941-42. The increase was particularly substantial in the Prairie Provinces.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1

1938 to 1943
(Thousands)

Year	June 1	December 1
	No.	No.
1938	3,487	3,569
1939	4,294	4,770
1940	5,882	6,117
1941	6,133	6,527
1942	7,133	7,751
1943	8,148	

Table 2

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1942 and 1943

Province	1 9 4 2			1 9 4 3			1943 % of 1942 Total
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
P.E. Island	46,200	11,600	57,800	52,500	12,500	65,000	112.5
Nova Scotia	41,800	12,100	53,900	49,900	15,600	65,500	121.5
New Brunswick	66,400	18,100	84,500	71,800	22,600	94,400	111.7
Quebec	693,000	166,300	859,300	759,800	219,100	978,900	113.9
Ontario	1,504,000	357,300	1,861,300	1,524,500	361,100	1,885,600	101.3
Manitoba	593,200	114,800	708,000	625,000	252,000	877,000	123.9
Saskatchewan	1,086,100	239,300	1,325,400	1,332,000	422,600	1,754,600	132.4
Alberta	1,602,200	490,800	2,093,000	1,737,700	600,000	2,337,700	111.7
British Columbia	63,400	18,600	82,000	65,600	24,200	89,800	109.5
TOTAL - CANADA	5,696,300	1,428,900	7,125,200	6,218,800	1,929,700	8,148,500	114.4

Table 3

Number of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, December to May

Province	1941-42		1942-43		1942-43 % of 1941-42	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
P.E. Island	58,900	48,400	66,800	52,000	113.4	107.4
Nova Scotia	51,100	42,600	69,100	56,000	135.2	131.5
New Brunswick	86,400	70,000	97,600	74,500	113.0	106.4
Quebec	850,300	698,200	894,800	703,300	105.2	100.7
Ontario	1,864,800	1,506,900	1,943,200	1,554,600	104.2	103.2
Manitoba	461,200	357,100	808,400	590,600	175.3	165.4
Saskatchewan	1,181,300	963,500	1,461,400	1,157,900	123.7	120.2
Alberta	2,105,100	1,680,700	2,491,100	1,926,600	118.3	114.6
British Columbia	99,000	82,300	92,300	73,100	93.2	88.8
TOTAL - CANADA	6,758,100	5,449,700	7,924,700	6,188,600	117.3	113.6

Table 4

Sows: Numbers Expected to Farrow, June to November
1942 and 1943

Province	1 9 4 2	1 9 4 3	1943 % of 1942
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	5,700	7,600	133.3
Nova Scotia	5,600	8,800	157.1
New Brunswick	7,800	11,000	141.0
Quebec	75,300	96,900	128.7
Ontario	195,700	188,900	96.5
Manitoba	51,000	96,500	189.2
Saskatchewan	74,800	165,100	220.7
Alberta	205,500	281,100	136.8
British Columbia	8,700	11,500	132.2
TOTAL - CANADA	630,100	867,400	137.7