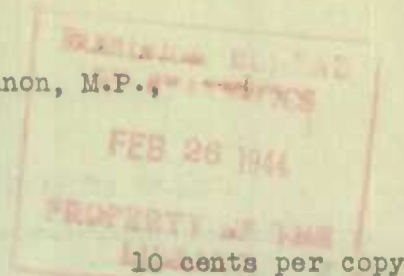


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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1943

HOGS

Ottawa, February 25, 1944.- 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 1943 fall pig crop, and numbers of sows to farrow in the spring of 1944. 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 at December 1, 1943 reached the highest level in all time. The total of 9,473,000 head represents an increase of 1,723,000 head or 22 per cent over the corresponding date for 1942. The increase was common to all provinces with the exception of Ontario and was particularly marked in each of the three Prairie Provinces. The high number of hogs on farms at December 1 has been reflected in marketings during the past two months and indicates that marketings will continue heavy throughout the first half of 1944.

As at December 1 an over-all decrease of 7.5 per cent was indicated in sows expected to farrow during the spring of 1944 but in the light of additional bonus payments to hog producers announced early in January it is not unlikely that the indicated downward trend has been reversed. The reduction was particularly marked in Ontario and recent reports indicate a sharp increase in the demand for breeding stock and young pigs. Hogs from these late breedings will start to appear on the market late in 1944.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1938 to 1943  
(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 .....	7,125	7,751
1943 .....	8,148	9,473

1/ Preliminary census.

Table 2

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

	1942			1943			1943 Total % of 1942 Total
	Under 6 Months No.	Over 6 Months No.	Total No.	Under 6 Months No.	Over 6 Months No.	Total No.	
P.E.I.	52,300	14,000	66,300	59,900	14,000	73,900	111.5
N.S.	47,700	15,300	63,000	62,000	17,600	79,600	126.3
N.B.	64,800	24,700	89,500	77,700	29,200	106,900	119.4
Que.	717,900	376,600	1,094,500	877,200	411,900	1,289,100	117.8
Ont.	1,620,900	398,400	2,019,300	1,458,800	350,600	1,809,400	89.6
Man.	460,500	235,500	696,000	599,300	263,900	863,200	124.0
Sask.	826,400	541,600	1,368,000	1,411,000	771,400	2,182,400	159.5
Alta.	1,452,300	817,400	2,269,700	2,001,600	975,800	2,977,400	131.2
B.C.	56,100	28,200	84,300	62,400	28,900	91,300	108.3
Total	5,298,900	2,451,700	7,750,600	6,609,900	2,863,300	9,473,200	122.2

Table 3

Number of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, June to November, 1942 and 1943

	1942		1943		1943 % of 1942	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
Pr. Ed. Island	56,400	47,900	76,900	65,900	136.3	137.6
Nova Scotia	49,200	42,900	91,500	78,500	186.0	183.0
New Brunswick	80,600	69,000	100,400	83,400	124.6	120.9
Quebec	1,026,400	872,500	1,289,900	1,088,000	125.7	124.7
Ontario	1,934,600	1,646,200	1,717,200	1,500,300	88.8	91.1
Manitoba	486,700	417,400	645,200	553,400	132.6	132.6
Saskatchewan	823,500	687,700	1,492,200	1,289,800	181.2	187.6
Alberta	1,692,600	1,400,000	2,585,500	2,137,100	152.8	152.6
British Columbia	75,400	66,200	84,400	72,500	111.9	109.5
TOTAL - CANADA	6,225,400	5,249,800	8,083,200	6,868,900	129.8	130.8

Table 4

Sows: Numbers Bred to Farrow, December to May, 1942-43 and 1943-44

	1942-43	1943-44	1943-44 % of 1942-43
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	6,200	7,400	119.4
Nova Scotia	6,600	8,500	128.8
New Brunswick	10,900	12,000	110.1
Quebec	167,300	169,900	101.6
Ontario	233,800	169,200	72.4
Manitoba	74,900	65,300	87.2
Saskatchewan	159,400	155,700	97.7
Alberta	264,200	264,300	100.0
British Columbia	10,400	11,300	108.7
TOTAL - CANADA	933,700	863,600	92.5

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

	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943 <sup>1/</sup>
January	28.7	10.0	15.1	29.4	20.5	21.4	20.0	21.4
February	28.7	10.2	15.1	31.1	20.0	20.4	20.0	21.4
March	26.5	10.9	18.6	31.1	20.5	17.6	19.7	22.0
April	26.8	12.4	19.8	27.9	18.9	17.7	19.5	22.0
May	27.1	12.6	20.9	25.2	24.2	21.0	18.9	21.9
June	28.0	14.6	23.2	30.3	31.0	22.0	18.3	21.2
July	20.3	14.4	29.6	34.8	31.7	23.1	19.4	20.5
August	17.1	19.5	31.1	31.1	32.2	24.9	21.3	(16.2) 20.4
September	15.6	17.9	34.1	22.3	31.3	22.1	21.0	(16.2) 20.3
October	13.5	14.5	26.9	23.3	26.1	22.3	23.4	(16.1) 20.2
November	12.7	15.0	28.9	23.7	21.0	22.4	23.5	(16.5) 20.8
December	10.7	16.1	29.5	21.2	23.4	21.1	23.5	(16.7) 21.1

<sup>1/</sup> Figures in brackets indicate ratio calculated after adding equalization payment of 15 cents per bushel to the price of barley.