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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1944

HOGS

Ottawa, August 30, 1944.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the June 1 numbers of hogs on farms in Canada, the 1944 spring pig crop and numbers of sows to farrow in the fall of 1944. This report is based on information obtained from farmers through the June live stock survey and is prepared in co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

SUMMARY

Hog production in Canada has passed its peak according to the recent June 1 survey of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Numbers of swine on farms at June 1, 1944 at 7,740,800 are 5 per cent below those of the same date of 1943 and a decline of 32 per cent is indicated in numbers of sows to farrow in the fall of this year. The relatively small decline in numbers at June 1 will probably not be reflected in commercial marketings as a higher percentage of total hog sales has been entering commercial channels this year in order to secure the advantage of government quality subsidies. It appears likely, however, that marketings in the early months of 1945 from fall farrowed pigs will be substantially below the marketings of the early months of 1944. Numbers of swine on farms were maintained or increased in the five eastern provinces and in British Columbia but declines are indicated in each of the three Prairie Provinces. These provinces also report the most serious declines in numbers of sows to farrow. Winter hog production increased rapidly in the Prairie Provinces during the war years to meet the increased demand for pork but it appears that farmers in that area are sharply reducing this phase of their production program.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,  
1938 to 1944  
(Thousands)

Year	June 1	December 1
	No.	No.
1938	3,487	3,569
1939	4,294	4,770
1940	5,882	6,117
1941	6,093	6,527
1942	7,125	7,751
1943	8,148	9,473
1944	7,741	



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Table 2

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1943 and 1944

Province	1 9 4 3			1 9 4 4			1944 %
	Under	Over	Total	Under	Over	Total	of 1943
	6 months	6 months		6 months	6 months		Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
P. E. Island	52,500	12,500	65,000	52,800	12,900	65,700	101.1
Nova Scotia	49,900	15,600	65,500	54,700	14,600	69,300	105.8
New Brunswick	71,800	22,600	94,400	78,400	25,900	104,300	110.5
Quebec	759,800	219,100	978,900	782,000	219,000	1,001,000	102.3
Ontario	1,524,500	361,100	1,885,600	1,534,600	365,400	1,900,000	100.8
Manitoba	625,000	252,000	877,000	432,000	192,000	624,000	71.2
Saskatchewan	1,332,000	422,600	1,754,600	1,198,600	400,800	1,599,400	91.2
Alberta	1,737,700	600,000	2,337,700	1,684,000	594,900	2,278,900	97.5
British Columbia	65,600	24,200	89,800	72,900	25,300	98,200	109.4
TOTAL - CANADA	6,218,800	1,929,700	8,148,500	5,890,000	1,850,800	7,740,800	95.0

Table 3

Number of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, December to May

Province	1942-43		1943-44		1943-44 % of 1942-43	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
P. E. Island	66,800	52,000	70,200	56,000	105.1	107.7
Nova Scotia	69,100	56,000	80,630	69,210	116.7	123.6
New Brunswick	97,600	74,500	95,200	73,600	97.5	98.8
Quebec	894,800	703,300	897,800	736,600	100.3	104.7
Ontario	1,943,200	1,554,600	1,659,700	1,377,600	85.4	88.6
Manitoba	808,400	590,600	583,500	450,000	72.2	76.2
Saskatchewan	1,461,400	1,157,900	1,358,000	1,107,300	92.9	95.6
Alberta	2,491,100	1,926,600	1,934,100	1,544,400	77.6	80.2
British Columbia	92,300	73,100	95,200	76,200	103.1	104.2
TOTAL - CANADA	7,924,700	6,188,600	6,774,330	5,490,910	85.5	88.7

Table 4

Sows: Numbers Expected to Farrow, June to November,  
1943 and 1944

Province	1 9 4 3	1 9 4 4	1944 % of 1943
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	7,600	6,500	85.5
Nova Scotia	8,800	7,300	83.0
New Brunswick	11,000	8,400	76.4
Quebec	96,900	76,300	78.7
Ontario	188,900	180,940	95.8
Manitoba	96,500	46,000	47.7
Saskatchewan	165,100	84,500	51.2
Alberta	281,100	174,300	62.0
British Columbia	11,500	9,400	81.7
TOTAL - CANADA	867,400	593,640	68.4