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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1944

HOGS

Ottawa, February 26, 1945.- 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 1944 fall pig crop, and numbers of sows to farrow in the spring of 1945. This report is based on information obtained from farmers and is prepared in co-operation with the provincial departments of agriculture.

SUMMARY

Numbers of hogs on farms at December 1, 1944 show a substantial decline from the record high figure of a year ago. The total of 7,646,800 head represents a decline of 19.3 per cent and a return to approximately the same level as at December 1, 1942. The decline was common to all provinces except Ontario and Nova Scotia where very little change is indicated. The provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, where production increased most rapidly in recent years, show the sharpest declines. A continuation of the contraction in hog production is indicated in an estimated reduction of 17.3 per cent in sows bred to farrow in the first six months of 1945. The hogs resulting from these farrowings together with those on hand at December 1, will constitute the marketings of 1945. Present indications are, therefore, that marketings in 1945 will be from 15 to 20 per cent below those of 1944.

Table 1

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

	June 1	December 1
1938	3,527	3,569
1939	4,364	4,770
1940	6,002	6,117
1941	6,081	6,527
1942	7,125	7,751
1943	8,148	9,473
1944	7,741	7,647

Table 2

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

	1943			1944			1944 Total % of 1943 Total
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	
P.E.I.	59,900	14,000	73,900	56,100	13,100	69,200	93.6
N.S.	62,000	17,600	79,600	63,800	17,400	81,200	102.0
N.B.	77,700	29,200	106,900	67,400	27,800	95,200	89.1
Que.	877,200	411,900	1,289,100	825,100	385,700	1,210,800	93.9
Ont.	1,458,800	350,600	1,809,400	1,456,700	353,500	1,810,200	100.0
Man.	599,300	263,900	863,200	377,800	192,900	570,700	66.1
Sask.	1,411,000	771,400	2,182,400	894,700	565,700	1,460,400	66.9
Alta.	2,001,600	975,800	2,977,400	1,461,300	811,800	2,273,100	76.3
B.C.	62,400	28,900	91,300	47,600	28,400	76,000	83.2
Total	6,609,900	2,863,300	9,473,200	5,250,500	2,396,300	7,646,800	80.7



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Table 3

Number of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, June to November, 1943 and 1944

	1943		1944		1944 % of 1943	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
Pr. Ed. Island	76,900	65,900	70,400	61,700	91.5	93.6
Nova Scotia	91,500	78,500	76,000	65,000	83.1	82.8
New Brunswick	100,400	83,400	75,800	64,000	75.5	76.7
Quebec	1,289,900	1,088,000	1,151,600	984,700	89.3	90.5
Ontario	1,717,200	1,500,300	1,722,500	1,473,900	100.3	98.2
Manitoba	645,200	553,400	399,100	342,400	61.9	61.9
Saskatchewan	1,492,200	1,289,800	1,125,400	980,200	75.4	76.0
Alberta	2,585,500	2,137,100	1,829,800	1,545,200	70.8	72.3
British Columbia	84,400	72,500	63,900	55,200	75.7	76.1
TOTAL - CANADA	8,083,200	6,868,900	6,514,500	5,572,300	80.6	81.1

Table 4

Sows: Numbers Bred to Farrow, December to May, 1943-44 and 1944-45

	1943-44	1944-45	1944-45 % of 1943-44
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	7,400	6,700	90.5
Nova Scotia	8,500	6,900	81.2
New Brunswick	12,000	9,200	76.7
Quebec	169,900	147,600	86.9
Ontario	169,200	166,900	98.6
Manitoba	65,300	46,300	70.9
Saskatchewan	155,700	124,600	80.0
Alberta	264,300	197,500	74.7
British Columbia	11,300	8,500	75.2
TOTAL - CANADA	863,600	714,200	82.7

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

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943 ^{1/}	1944 ^{2/}
January	15.1	29.4	20.5	21.4	20.0	21.4	18.1
February	15.1	31.1	20.0	20.4	20.0	21.4	18.1
March	18.6	31.1	20.5	17.6	19.7	22.0	18.2
April	19.8	27.9	18.9	17.7	19.5	22.0	18.2
May	20.9	25.2	24.2	21.0	18.9	21.9	18.2
June	23.2	30.3	31.0	22.0	18.3	21.2	18.3
July	29.6	34.8	31.7	23.1	19.4	20.5	18.3
August	31.1	31.1	32.2	24.9	21.3	16.2	18.3
September	34.1	22.3	31.3	22.1	21.0	16.2	18.3
October	26.9	23.3	26.1	22.3	23.4	16.1	18.3
November	28.9	23.7	21.0	22.4	23.5	16.5	18.3
December	29.5	21.2	23.4	21.1	23.5	16.7	18.3

^{1/} Figures for August and succeeding months indicate ratio calculated after adding equalization payment of 15 cents per bushel to the price of barley. ^{2/} Figures for 1944 indicate ratio after taking into account equalization payment on price of barley and Dominion Government subsidy on price of hogs.