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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1945

HOGS

Ottawa, February 18, 1946.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the December live-stock survey containing information with respect to numbers of hogs on farms, the 1945 fall pig crop and the expected pig crop in the spring of 1946. The report is based on returns submitted by farmers as at December 1, 1945 and is prepared in co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

SUMMARY

The downward trend in Canadian hog production which commenced in the spring of 1944 is expected to continue through the first half of 1946. Based upon the number of sows bred to farrow, indications are that the spring pig crop of 1946 will be approximately 9 per cent smaller. The anticipated decrease will occur almost entirely in the Prairie Provinces although some reduction is also reported for the Maritime Provinces. Ontario, which has assumed the lead again as the most important producing province, shows an expected increase in the spring pig crop of more than 12 per cent and Quebec, an increase of 8.5 per cent.

Reports on the fall pig crop of 1945 indicate a reduction for all Canada of approximately 19 per cent. Reductions were common to all provinces with the greatest being shown for the Prairies. The smallest reduction, somewhat less than 6 per cent, is indicated in the province of Quebec. In Ontario the reduction in the 1945 fall pig crop was reported as 7.3 per cent.

Further evidence of the reduced spring and fall pig crops of 1945 is shown in a reduction in the hog population which is estimated at 5,853,100 for December 1, 1945 as compared with 7,646,800 for December 1, 1944. The December 1, 1945 hog numbers are 23.5 per cent smaller than a year ago. Again the greatest decreases in numbers were recorded for the Prairie Provinces which, during the years of heavy production, have been most important contributors to the available supplies of bacon for export.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1, 1938 to 1945

(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
1945	6,026	5,853

Table 2

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at December 1, 1944 and 1945

	1 9 4 4			1 9 4 5			1945 Total % of 1944 Total
	Under 6 months	Over 6 months	Total	Under 6 months	Over 6 months	Total	
P.E.I.	56,100	13,100	69,200	49,900	12,700	62,600	90.5
N.S.	63,800	17,400	81,200	52,300	15,800	68,100	83.9
N.B.	67,400	27,800	95,200	58,900	20,700	79,600	83.6
Que.	825,100	385,700	1,210,800	711,700	318,300	1,030,000	85.1
Ont.	1,456,700	353,500	1,810,200	1,364,100	350,200	1,714,300	94.7
Man.	377,800	192,900	570,700	274,200	126,400	400,600	70.2
Sask.	894,700	565,700	1,460,400	534,900	314,800	849,700	58.2
Alta.	1,461,300	811,800	2,273,100	1,078,800	514,200	1,593,000	70.1
B.C.	47,600	28,400	76,000	38,000	17,200	55,200	72.6
Total	5,250,500	2,396,300	7,646,800	4,162,800	1,690,300	5,853,100	76.5

Table 3

Number of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, June to November, 1944 and 1945

	1944		1945		1945 % of 1944	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
Pr. Ed. Island	70,400	61,700	61,400	51,900	87.2	84.1
Nova Scotia	76,000	65,000	66,600	56,200	87.6	86.5
New Brunswick	75,800	64,000	62,700	53,000	82.7	82.8
Quebec	1,151,600	984,700	1,099,000	927,400	95.4	94.2
Ontario	1,722,500	1,473,900	1,588,100	1,366,100	92.2	92.7
Manitoba	399,100	342,400	291,500	248,900	73.0	72.7
Saskatchewan	1,125,400	980,200	708,000	593,500	62.9	60.5
Alberta	1,829,800	1,545,200	1,399,600	1,176,200	76.5	76.1
British Columbia	63,900	55,200	57,600	48,000	90.1	87.0
Total	6,514,500	5,572,300	5,334,500	4,521,200	81.9	81.1

Table 4

Sows: Numbers Bred to Farrow, December to May, 1944-45 and 1945-46

	1944-45	1945-46	1945-46 % of 1944-45
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	6,700	6,000	89.6
Nova Scotia	6,900	6,900	100.0
New Brunswick	9,200	7,900	85.9
Quebec	147,600	160,200	108.5
Ontario	166,900	187,400	112.3
Manitoba	46,300	36,600	79.0
Saskatchewan	124,600	89,000	71.4
Alberta	197,500	149,100	75.5
British Columbia	8,500	6,300	74.1
Total	714,200	649,400	90.9

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/	1945 2/
January	15.1	29.4	20.5	21.4	20.0	21.4	18.1	18.3
February	15.1	31.1	20.0	20.4	20.0	21.4	18.1	18.3
March	18.6	31.1	20.5	17.6	19.7	22.0	18.2	18.3
April	19.8	27.9	18.9	17.7	19.5	22.0	18.2	18.4
May	20.9	25.2	24.2	21.0	18.9	21.9	18.2	18.5
June	23.2	30.3	31.0	22.0	18.3	21.2	18.3	19.0
July	29.6	34.8	31.7	23.1	19.4	20.5	18.3	19.1
August	31.1	31.1	32.2	24.9	21.3	16.2	18.3	19.2
September	34.1	22.3	31.3	22.1	21.0	16.2	18.3	19.5
October	26.9	23.3	26.1	22.3	23.4	16.1	18.3	18.4
November	28.9	23.7	21.0	22.4	23.5	16.5	18.3	18.2
December	29.5	21.2	23.4	21.1	23.5	16.7	18.3	18.2

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 and 1945 indicate ratio after taking into account equalization payment on price of barley and Dominion Government subsidy on price of hogs.



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