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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1946SWINE

Ottawa, September 5, 1946.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics today issues a report on the numbers of swine on farms in Canada on June 1, as well as the spring pig production of 1946 and the numbers of sows expected to farrow in the fall of 1946. The information has been obtained through the co-operation of farmers in each province who supply data for a June live-stock survey. This report has been prepared in co-operation with the Provincial Governments.

SUMMARY

The reduction in hog numbers, which has been continuing since the high point in December 1943, is again in evidence, according to the June 1, 1946 survey of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. On that date the number of hogs on farms in Canada totalled 5,377,300 as compared with 6,025,600 on June 1, 1945. While there were small increases in Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario, the other provinces showed declines. The reductions in New Brunswick and in British Columbia were not great, but in Saskatchewan there were only 75.2 per cent and in Alberta only 75.1 per cent of the numbers on farms in 1945, while Nova Scotia had 82.6 per cent and Manitoba 82.5 per cent of the 1945 totals. The net reduction for Canada was 10.8 per cent.

The number of sows expected to farrow has, however, declined very little, having dropped from a figure of 512,500 last year to 507,900 this year. These figures are a strong indication that the downward trend in hog production is beginning to level off. On June 1, 1945 the number of sows expected to farrow was 86.3 per cent of the June 1, 1944 expectations. This year the number is 99.1 per cent of 1945. In all the eastern provinces there is a decided increase, from 4.3 per cent in Prince Edward Island to as high as 26.7 per cent in Nova Scotia. The most significant increase is in Ontario where 214,700 sows are expected to farrow as compared with 199,900 on June 1, 1945. This is an increase of 7.4 per cent. The western provinces all showed declines, but these reductions are all much less than in 1945.

Table 1

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1 and December 1,  
1937 to 1946  
(Thousands)

Year	June 1	December 1
	No.	No.
1937	4,016	3,680
1938	3,527	3,569
1939	4,364	4,770
1940	6,002	6,117
1941	6,081	6,385
1942	7,125	7,751
1943	8,148	9,473
1944	7,741	7,636
1945	6,026	5,853
1946	5,377	

Table 2

Hogs: Numbers on Farms at June 1, 1945 and 1946

	1945			1946			1946 Total % of 1945 Total
	Under 6 months	Over 6 months	Total	Under 6 months	Over 6 months	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
P.E.I.	49,700	10,800	60,500	52,300	12,000	64,300	106.3
N.S.	45,900	12,800	58,700	36,300	12,200	48,500	82.6
N.B.	64,200	18,100	82,300	59,700	18,200	77,900	94.7
Que.	675,200	168,500	843,700	687,000	181,000	868,000	102.9
Ont.	1,555,600	423,400	1,979,000	1,576,800	436,500	2,013,300	101.7
Man.	347,000	110,000	457,000	266,000	111,000	377,000	82.5
Sask.	761,200	245,400	1,006,600	561,800	195,200	757,000	75.2
Alta.	1,101,700	367,600	1,469,300	846,000	258,000	1,104,000	75.1
B.C.	50,500	18,000	68,500	51,800	15,500	67,300	98.2
Total	4,651,000	1,374,600	6,025,600	4,137,700	1,239,600	5,377,300	89.2

Table 3

Numbers of Pigs Born and Pigs Saved, December to May

Province	1944-45		1945-46		1945-46 % of 1944-45	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
P. E. Island	71,000	57,000	71,100	55,200	100.1	96.8
Nova Scotia	61,800	51,000	64,200	53,400	103.9	104.7
New Brunswick	76,100	62,900	77,400	60,300	101.7	95.9
Quebec	844,000	687,800	898,800	711,400	106.5	103.4
Ontario	1,701,700	1,600,000	1,938,200	1,591,300	113.9	99.5
Manitoba	470,000	383,500	357,300	282,000	75.1	73.5
Saskatchewan	896,800	705,200	658,000	562,000	73.4	79.7
Alberta	1,380,900	1,087,400	969,000	847,000	70.2	77.9
British Columbia	72,700	56,400	62,900	52,000	86.5	92.2
TOTAL-CANADA	5,581,000	4,691,200	5,096,900	4,214,600	91.3	89.8

Table 4

Sows: Numbers Expected to Farrow, June to November,  
1945 and 1946

Province	1945	1946	1946 % of 1945
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	7,000	7,300	104.3
Nova Scotia	6,000	7,600	126.7
New Brunswick	7,300	8,600	117.8
Quebec	75,200	87,100	115.8
Ontario	199,900	214,700	107.4
Manitoba	34,000	32,200	94.7
Saskatchewan	51,900	47,000	90.6
Alberta	124,100	97,000	78.2
British Columbia	7,100	6,400	90.1
TOTAL - CANADA	512,500	507,900	99.1