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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - JUNE 1, 1947

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Ottawa, September 16, 1947: 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 1947 and the numbers of sows expected to farrow in the fall of 1947. 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

On June 1, 1947 the number of hogs on farms in Canada totalled 5,473,200 as compared with 4,910,200 a year earlier, an increase of 11.5 per cent. The downward trend that commenced early in 1944 has thus been reversed. Last December all provinces from Ontario eastward showed gains. An increase in hog production in all provinces was indicated by the June survey with the greatest percentage increases in Nova Scotia (23.5 per cent) and Quebec (22.3 per cent). The numerical increases in Quebec and Ontario are the most significant in the over-all situation due to the importance of swine production in those provinces. While the gain in the Prairie Provinces has not been as great as in other regions it does indicate a similar trend.

The 1947 spring pig crop was 10.5 per cent greater than that of 1946 hence it is expected that marketings will be considerably greater during the last quarter of 1947 than during the same period a year ago.

An increase of 6.9 per cent in the estimate of the number of sows bred to farrow during the six months following the date of the survey indicates that hog production will continue to increase. Increased farrowings are anticipated in all provinces except Saskatchewan. The seriousness of the feed situation, particularly in Ontario and Quebec, which has developed since farmers reported their intentions for the fall pig crop, and which has led to the marketing of a considerable number of sows, will tend to reduce the increase somewhat from the 6.9 per cent indicated at June 1.

TABLE 1

HOGS: NUMBERS ON FARMS AT JUNE 1, 1937 TO 1947

(thousands)

Year	June 1	Year	June 1
1937	4,016	1943	8,148
1938	3,527	1944	7,741
1939	4,364	1945	6,026
1940	6,002	1946	4,910 1/
1941	6,081	1947	5,473
1942	7,125		

1/ Includes revisions in accordance with preliminary census data for the Prairie Provinces.

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TABLE 2

HOGS: NUMBERS ON FARMS AT JUNE 1, 1946 AND 1947

Province	1946			1947			1947 Total % of 1946 Total
	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
P.E.I.	52,300	12,000	64,300	55,800	12,900	68,700	106.8
N.S.	36,300	12,200	48,500	43,600	16,300	59,900	123.5
N.B.	59,700	18,200	77,900	68,500	24,000	92,500	118.7
Que.	687,000	181,000	868,000	831,300	229,900	1,061,200	122.3
Ont.	1,576,800	436,500	2,013,300	1,741,200	503,500	2,244,700	111.5
Man.	237,200 1/	70,800 1/	308,000 1/	266,800	80,400	347,200	112.7
Sask.	400,200 1/	123,100 1/	523,300 1/	432,200	126,100	558,300	106.7
Alta.	725,800 1/	213,800 1/	939,600 1/	753,800	210,300	964,100	102.6
B.C.	51,800	15,500	67,300	58,500	18,100	76,600	113.8
TOTAL	3,827,100	1,083,100	4,910,200	4,251,700	1,221,500	5,473,200	111.5

TABLE 3

NUMBERS OF PIGS BORN AND PIGS SAVED, DECEMBER TO MAY

Province	1945-46		1946-47		1946-47 % of 1945-46	
	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved	Pigs Born	Pigs Saved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%
P. E. Island	71,100	55,200	72,500	56,500	102.0	102.4
Nova Scotia	64,200	53,400	68,700	55,300	107.0	103.6
New Brunswick	77,400	60,300	100,100	73,300	129.3	121.6
Quebec	898,800	711,400	1,105,500	867,900	123.0	122.0
Ontario	1,938,200	1,591,300	2,101,900	1,762,800	108.4	110.8
Manitoba	304,600 2/	240,100 2/	339,300	272,700	111.4	113.6
Saskatchewan	533,100 2/	433,400 2/	571,200	450,300	107.1	103.9
Alberta	972,000 2/	786,600 2/	1,018,000	793,400	104.7	100.9
British Columbia	62,900	52,000	82,200	68,900	130.7	132.5
TOTAL - CANADA	4,922,300	3,983,700	5,459,400	4,401,100	110.9	110.5

TABLE 4

SOWS: NUMBERS EXPECTED TO FARROW, JUNE TO NOVEMBER, 1946 AND 1947

Province	1946	1947	1947 % of 1946
	No.	No.	%
P. E. Island	7,300	8,440	115.6
Nova Scotia	7,600	8,480	111.6
New Brunswick	8,600	11,230	130.6
Quebec	87,100	109,700	125.9
Ontario	214,700	216,700	100.9
Manitoba	27,490 2/	27,650	100.6
Saskatchewan	39,030 2/	38,150	97.7
Alberta	98,830 2/	101,790	103.0
British Columbia	6,400	9,200	143.8
TOTAL - CANADA	497,050	531,340	106.9

1/ Census data.

2/ Revised on basis of preliminary census data.