

# City and Central

## PEI Supremacy Maintained In Production Of Swine

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Although the sky appears a bit cloudy on the Canadian Swine picture at the present time, we have the knowledge that such periods of unsatisfactory returns are usually followed by brighter conditions. There may be small reason for hope that prices of all farm products will soon return to the high level enjoyed in recent years. In hog production, we can expect little improvement at least before

lead with well over 50 percent grade A hogs. Considering the high merit of the breeding stock available to at least 70 percent if a little more care were given to the matter of finish and to the weights of the hogs shipped by Island farmers. Our swine producers are losing thousands of dollars by shipping so many hogs which dress under 140 lbs. or over 170 lbs. Even greater loss is the result of marketing hogs carrying too much fat.

Both these leaks in the profit bucket are under the control of the farmer. If every hog were weighed and shipped within the proper weights, the first loss could be prevented. A little more attention to the selection of prospective brood sows and the use of lighter, bulkier rations after the pig reaches 125 lbs live weight would eliminate this second profit loss.

A recent survey of 10,000 P.E.I. hogs slaughtered during a five week period showed that 23 percent were outside the proper weights. On these 2300 hogs the discounts totalled about 10,000 dollars, or about 4.25 dollars per hog.

On our Island annual hog production this loss due to bad weights would amount to 100,000 dollars. The practice of guessing weights or using a tape measure to girth a pig is costing our Island swine producers a loss which they can ill afford. It is surprising to note that it is the small producer who shows the greater degree of carelessness in this matter of weights.

This is one more point of evidence that greater efficiency usually accompanies greater volume of production. It may explain in part why the large producers are on the increase while some small producers are going out of business. This trend is evident in poultry as well as hogs.

While on the problem of weights, it might be worth mentioning that in the above survey it was found

over 80 percent of the hogs graded A when the carcasses dressed close to 145 lbs. When the dressed weight ranged around 165 lbs., about 60 percent graded A. The average carcass weight for all hogs is about 157 lbs. This indicates that too many hogs are being held too long. If our Island farmers would weigh every hog immediately before shipping and ship at 155 to 205 lbs. live weight we could raise the quality of our hogs to 80 percent grade A and by doing so automatically make a three cent per pound raise in the price on one quarter of our production.

The same survey showed that over 25 percent of our Island hogs are too fat when shipped. The average loss in discounts was close to 3 dollars per head. This extra, unwanted fat took extra feed to produce and thus was the cause of an additional loss. This is another leak in the dyke. It is a leak which can be controlled by the producer by exercising a little more care in the selection of breeding stock and in the use of less fattening and less expensive finishing rations.

These two important leaks, added to the loss of small pigs at farrowing, plus the results of worm infestations and disease, make the difference between efficient and inefficient swine husbandry and, in the end, the difference between profit and loss.

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**PROTESTANT SOCIAL** Welfare Services will be the topic discussed at a public meeting at the Y.M.C.A. at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6. Special speaker, Miss Mary L. MacLeod, director of the Halifax Welfare Bureau.

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early 1957. The present large hog population in North America coupled with the great surplus of grain both in Canada and the U.S. give promise that pork products will continue in heavy supply at least till the end of 1956.

Over the next ten years or more there is great promise that the North American meat supply may begin to fall short of the demand from the rapidly increasing population. This annual increase in population in Canada and the U.S. is now over three million. Ten years from now there may be over thirty million more mouths to feed. It is a question if the production of meat products can keep pace with this increase in demand. This brighter outlook may be small consolation to the swine producer who must realize a profit in the meantime, but it is a factor worth remembering in a long range swine program.

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