

MOMMA SOW AND BABY HAVE AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR IN THEIR PEN

1,147 reported cases of rabies are confirmed

There were 1,147 confirmed cases of rabies in Canada in the 12-month period ended March 31, reports the Health of Animals Branch, Canada Department of Agriculture.

Although it was an increase of 53 over the previous 12 months, the total was less than half of the record 2,550 cases in 1956-57. As in previous years, wildlife accounted for the majority of cases—752. The balance included 262 farm animals, 79 dogs and 50 cats.

The disease followed the pattern of other years, reaching a peak in the winter and tapering off in the spring to a low summer incidence, reports the contagious diseases division.

Ontario with 270 had the largest number of cases, Manitoba had 196, Quebec, 90, the Northwest Territories 2. For the first time in recent years, rabies was uncovered in southeastern Saskatchewan near the Manitoba border where 14 cases were confirmed.

Ontario counties with the largest number of cases were Carleton Place, 85; Huron, 60; Perth and Wellington, 58 each; Simcoe, 46; Waterloo, 41; Durham, 39; and Grey, 35.

Rural municipalities in Manitoba having the most cases were Woodward, 21; Hamiota, 20; Blanshard and Shoal Lake, 11 each.

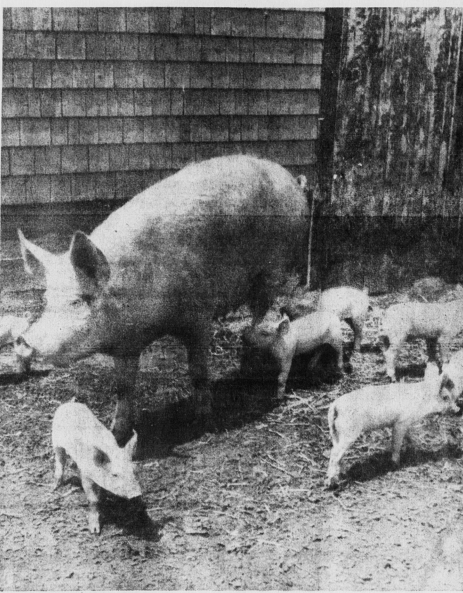
In Quebec, counties with the most cases were Argenteuil, 15; Prévost, 8, and Chateauguay, 5.

Fortunately, rabies has not become established in the dog population and there has not been an instance of a dog transmitting the disease to another dog.

Every one of the 70 cases involving dogs resulted from the animals encountering diseased foxes and other wildlife.

In view of this, federal veterinarians urge owners to keep their dogs on a leash or tied up, have them vaccinated, and report all suspected cases of rabies to the nearest federal veterinarian's office.

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Island's largest sow battery is owned by Fitzpatrick bros.

A couple of enterprising young farmers, Edward and Leonard Fitzpatrick, have the province's largest sow battery operation at 16-Mile House, and they also are feeding some 800 weaning pigs to market weight in an adjoining building.

The brothers started with York and Landrace animals, have culled out about 25 per cent of the original dams and are still weeding out some of the sows as they strive for the best stock obtainable.

Just now they have a 13-month old Lacombe boar which they are crossing with the other animals. The main idea, apparently is to cross the new breed with a York-Landrace cross to see what improvement, if any, it will effect in their operation.

85 PER CENT

The operation of feeding the weaners to maturity is just getting rightly underway, but the brothers found they averaged slightly better than 86 per cent Grade A carcasses from the 16 hogs they marketed last year.

They believe the lengthy Lacombe boar may improve this average, but they are awaiting the result of the experiment, and no litters sired by the new animal have grown to maturity as yet.

The hog breeders are averaging approximately 10 weaner pigs to a sow—in one count they got 27 weaner pigs from 10 sows—and they have raised as many as 15 weaners from several Landrace sows.

But sometimes, they explain single litter counts are misleading. One of their Landrace sows produced only two pigs in her first litter, and the natural tendency would be to cull her immediately—but the brothers kept her and she produced 15 pigs in each of her last two litters, the broomsaid with satisfaction.

The goal is to go as high as 125 sows in their battery, and to raise between 1,800 and 2,000 market pigs per year, they said.

SLIM MARGIN

The price for market animals was as high as \$28.50 per hundredweight last year, but it was down to a scanty \$24 when the winter dropped around for a chat, and that leaves a mighty slim margin on which to work.

The brothers tried restricted feeding on one lot of 30 pigs last year—they fed about 150 pounds daily at around five months of age—but they are not sure that restricted feeding is the answer to better quality and more economical hog raising. They believe that good grades can be obtained with the right type of animals, and their experience has borne that out.

The pelleted feed is spilled on the concrete floor and the animals eat it from there. There is no hopper or trough feeding. And there is no waste, either, Edward and Leonard insisted.

USE NO STRAW

It must be a lot of work feeding the animals that way, it was suggested. But the reply was a

firm negative. "We spend only one hour and 20 minutes per day feeding the 800 pigs and doing the daily cleaning chore," they explained. Water is available in bowls.

Here's one idea that will surprise many farmers: the Fitzpatricks do not use any straw for bedding. They don't use any straw at all. But their pigs are clean, they insisted, and they were clean, just as they

There is no trouble with dampness on the concrete floor, and the Fitzpatrick men suggest it may be because they dumped 50 big truckloads of sand on the ground and that is under the concrete floor.

The pigs keep the feeding spot on the floor clean. "You can train pigs to do nearly anything, if you start them young enough," Edward explained.

The sow battery building is 32 feet by 132 feet. The pens are seven feet by eight feet and that includes the creeps for the little pigs that—measure 20 inches by five feet.

The pens in the feeder house are nine by 20 feet. Each pen provides space for 30 feeders, and the Fitzpatricks plan on increasing that to 35 pigs, they said.

They plan on each sow averaging a little better than two litters per year. The oldest sow in the battery is five years old, and has farrowed eight litters to date.

Looking at the big pile of bags of feed, I asked them if they have much trouble with rats. They have had no rats, but did have some trouble with mice until they brought rats into the barn, and the mice problem has since virtually disappeared.

NO FROST PROBLEM

They use heat lamps in the creeps for the pigs from birth to two weeks in cold weather. But there's no problem of frost in the barn. "We worked in our

shirt sleeves in the feeder barn during the coldest days of last winter," they said.

The Fitzpatricks are running feed tests on some of their hogs and measuring such things as the days the animals take to grow to maturity. But none of the reports are available yet, they explained.

The brothers were mixed farmers at first and kept some 12 to 15 sows; then they deci-

ed on the large-scale effort.

They grow 90 to 100 acres of grain each year—they averaged 67 bushels per acre with Herta barley last year—but feed the grain mostly to the 50 head of cattle; 12 of them are milk cows.

They get enough manure from the pigs and the cattle to cover approximately 250 acres of clear land in all.

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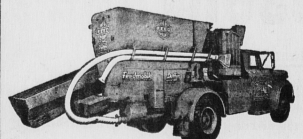


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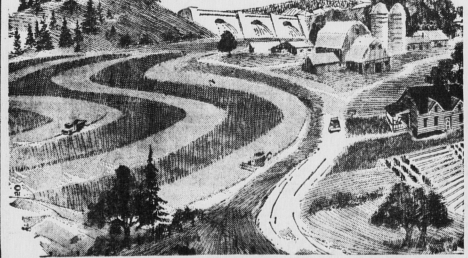
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