

National Defence

With the consent of the house, Mr. Speaker, I should like to place on the record the tables upon which these statements are based.

Mr. Speaker: Is that request agreed to?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Gardiner: The tables are as follows:

HOG PRICES			
1956			
	Toronto	Winnipeg	Chicago (Dr. Equiv)
Jan. 5	23.50	20.50	15.60
12	23.07	20.50	15.33
19	23.10	20.50	15.86
26	23.87	20.58	17.86
Average	23.47	20.52	
Feb. 2	23.19	20.75	19.20
9	23.75	20.75	17.53
16	23.50	20.92	16.40
23	23.50	21.67	16.20
Average	23.51	21.04	
Mar. 2	23.62	21.33	16.40

HOG PRICES			
1957			
	Toronto	Winnipeg	Chicago (Dr. Equiv)
Jan. 5	31.33	28.12	23.67
12	31.50	29.08	23.41
19	31.50	29.30	24.61
26	32.12	29.75	25.05
Average	31.64	29.12	24.20
Feb. 2	32.50	30.41	24.80
9	33.06	31.05	24.00
16	34.13	32.26	22.93
23	34.01	32.75	22.73
Average	33.45	31.63	23.60
Mar. 2	31.25	29.79	22.70
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GRADINGS		
	1956	1957
Jan. 5	123,155	86,874
12	135,909	127,500
19	131,559	108,241
26	133,518	112,798
Total	524,141	435,413
Feb. 2	118,247	114,963
9	134,933	115,351
16	109,150	120,028
23	120,454	109,467
To date	1,006,925	895,222
Mar. 2	126,883	99,312
Average weekly domestic disappearance pork:		
Jan. 1956	102,200 hogs	
1957	97,200 hogs	

PORK IN COLD STORAGE		
	1956	1957
Jan. 1	18.8 mil. lb.	9.2 mil. lb.
Feb. 1	26.9 " "	10.5 " "
23	28.2 " "	11.9 " "

WHOLESALE PORK PRICES—TORONTO

	1956	1957
Fresh Loin		
Jan. 4	40.0¢	55.0¢
11	39.6	54.6
18	39.7	54.1
25	40.6	54.7
Feb. 1	40.5	55.2
8	40.9	56.2
15	40.1	57.1
22	39.9	56.5
Smoked ham boneless		
Jan. 4	64.2¢	75.9¢
11	63.8	77.7
18	64.3	77.4
25	64.0	77.7
Feb. 1	65.0	78.4
8	67.3	79.1
15	68.0	79.6
22	67.2	80.9
New York shoulder		
Jan. 4	32.8¢	44.2¢
11	32.3	44.4
18	31.7	43.1
25	32.2	43.8
Feb. 1	31.6	44.4
8	32.2	45.5
15	31.5	46.3
22	31.0	45.9

Relationship—Hog and cattle prices

The 20 year average 1937-56 shows the price of good steers as 95 per cent of the price for live B1 hogs. Recently this figure has been only 74-75 per cent despite the fact that cattle prices are about \$1 above a year ago.

Mr. E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister a question. From the figures he has put on the record, is it not true that it is the old story, namely that if the producer has some hogs, there is no price; and if he has a price, there are no hogs?

Mr. Gardiner: Mr. Speaker, this is hardly the question period. However, I should like to reply to my hon. friend and remind him that a poor farmer is the one who acts in that way; that is, he does not have any hogs when the price is up and he has hogs when the price is down.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

UNITED NATIONS—STATEMENT ON INCREASE IN CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY FORCE

Hon. R. O. Campney (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, on February 5 I informed the house that the United Nations had requested that Canada augment its contribution to the United Nations emergency force, Middle East, by providing additional army administrative personnel of the types already there and by providing a reconnaissance unit of approximately 105 officers and men equipped with scout cars and other necessary equipment.