

# Hog Raising in Manitoba

During the past few months so many letters, asking questions about the growing of hogs, have been received by the Department of Animal Husbandry, that it has been thought advisable to publish for distribution a brief treatise on this subject. This awakening interest in hog raising is an indication that farmers are beginning to realize the value of the hog in utilizing the low grades of grain produced on the farm.

## STATUS OF THE SWINE INDUSTRY IN THE PROVINCE

As yet the growing of hogs is practically an undeveloped industry in the West. A very few farmers have been raising hogs more or less extensively for a number of years, but on the large majority of the farms, the sale of hogs as any appreciable part of the proceeds from the farm, is unknown. As shown by the following table, the number of hogs in the Province of Manitoba has been steadily increasing during the past six years :

Year	No. of hogs	Year	No. of hogs
1907	118,243	1910	176,212
1908	120,364	1911	192,386
1909	155,541	1912	216,640

Even though there has been an increase from year to year, the number of hogs in the Province at present is exceedingly small compared to the magnitude of other agricultural industries in the Province.

During the past six years there were marketed in Winnipeg live hogs as follows :

Year	No. of hogs	Year	No. of hogs
1907	81,629	1910	91,626
1908	145,269	1911	85,157
1909	128,073	1912	110,781

It must be remembered, however, that a considerable number of the hogs received in Winnipeg are from Saskatchewan points, and also that the number received does not take account of the vast number of hogs that are slaughtered by farmers themselves and by local butchers in the smaller towns. Yet, since Winnipeg is practically the only public live stock market in the Province, the small number of hogs received here does indicate that the average farmer of the Province is not raising hogs on a commercial basis.