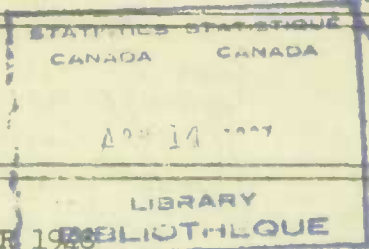


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MONTHLY POULTRY ESTIMATES

In this issue is the preliminary estimate of total production of eggs in Canada for the year 1948, subject to revision after the data of the poultry survey of December 1, 1948 have been published.

The total net production on farms for the 12 months was estimated at 351,203,000 dozen eggs, while eggs produced elsewhere than on farms were estimated as 31,873,000 dozens, a grand total net production of 383,076,000 dozens as compared with 407,376,000 dozens in 1947.

December 1948 net production amounted to 23,914,000 dozen eggs on farms, as compared with 28,812,000 dozens during December 1947, a decrease of 17 per cent. Including eggs produced elsewhere, the total December net production was 26,156,000 dozens. The increase per hen observed during 1948 was continued into December, when 9.90 eggs were produced by each hen as compared with 9.21 eggs in December, 1947. There was a decrease in the mean number of layers during the month, which were 29,208,000 birds, while in December 1947 the mean number of layers totalled 37,827,000 birds.

Eggs sold for consumption during December were estimated at 22,113,800 dozens at a total value of \$9,515,900.

NET EGG PRODUCTION - Cumulative - January - December

Province	1948			1947		
	Farm	Other ^{1/}	Total	Farm	Other ^{1/}	Total
	- thousand dozens -			- thousand dozens -		
Pr. Edward Island ...	5,832	199	6,031	6,288	214	6,502
Nova Scotia	12,029	2,382	14,411	10,796	2,148	12,944
New Brunswick	7,118	940	8,058	7,696	1,023	8,719
Quebec	58,269	6,817	65,086	61,274	7,204	68,478
Ontario	138,407	10,658	149,065	154,160	11,921	166,081
Manitoba	26,716	1,816	28,532	27,534	1,882	29,416
Saskatchewan	36,638	1,393	38,031	39,164	1,492	40,656
Alberta	37,640	1,958	39,598	37,718	1,972	39,690
British Columbia	28,554	5,710	34,264	29,066	5,824	34,890
CANADA	351,203	31,873	383,076	373,696	33,680	407,376

^{1/} Elsewhere than on farms.

2.

EGG PRODUCTION

December 1948 - Preliminary

Province	Average Layers ^{1/} on Farms thousand	Eggs Per 100 Layers No.	Total Farm Laid	Loss	Net Production		
					Farm thousand	Other ^{2/} dozens	Total
Pr. Edward Island ...	467	788	307	2	305	10	315
Nova Scotia	804	957	641	6	635	126	761
New Brunswick	592	826	408	2	406	54	460
Quebec	4,709	1,201	4,713	35	4,678	547	5,225
Ontario	10,477	1,143	9,979	63	9,916	764	10,680
Manitoba	2,577	854	1,834	12	1,822	124	1,946
Saskatchewan	3,684	613	1,882	16	1,866	71	1,937
Alberta	3,657	697	2,124	23	2,101	109	2,210
British Columbia	2,241	1,176	2,197	12	2,185	437	2,622
CANADA	29,208	990	24,085	171	23,914	2,242	26,156

DECEMBER 1947

Pr. Edward Island ...	585	791	385	2	383	14	397
Nova Scotia	1,116	916	852	4	848	178	1,026
New Brunswick	696	703	407	3	404	61	465
Quebec	5,860	907	4,429	46	4,383	549	4,932
Ontario	16,024	1,055	14,088	103	13,985	1,127	15,112
Manitoba	2,846	758	1,800	15	1,785	132	1,917
Saskatchewan	4,113	598	2,050	20	2,030	81	2,111
Alberta	4,162	803	2,785	26	2,759	154	2,913
British Columbia	2,425	1,114	2,251	16	2,235	459	2,694
CANADA	37,827	921	29,047	235	28,812	2,755	31,567

EGGS PER LAYER. Estimates for December 1948

^{3/} Classified by Size of Flock of Domestic Fowl ^{4/}

Province	1-49	50-99	100-199	200-499	500 & over	All Flocks
	birds	birds	birds	birds	birds	
	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs
Pr. Edward Island ...	6.06	5.47	10.61	8.61	13.63	7.88
Nova Scotia	7.98	6.72	15.15	12.48	16.59	9.57
New Brunswick	6.17	9.29	11.53	11.59	14.65	8.26
Quebec	8.88	9.99	13.72	15.91	18.04	12.01
Ontario	9.46	7.74	8.33	15.11	16.02	11.43
Manitoba	2.80	4.22	9.15	11.84	12.58	8.54
Saskatchewan	1.18	5.19	5.99	8.38	11.65	6.13
Alberta	2.09	4.25	6.46	10.19	12.79	6.97
British Columbia	6.31	5.77	8.91	7.02	14.85	11.76

^{1/} Layers of November 30 plus layers of December 31 divided by 2.^{2/} Elsewhere than on farms.^{3/} Farms are classified by size of flock at June 1 each year.^{4/} Hens, cocks and chickens.

EGG DISPOSITION - DECEMBER 1948

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Province	SOLD - For Market				SOLD - For Hatching			
	Farm	Other ^{1/}	Total	Value	Farm	Other ^{1/}	Total	Value
	- thousand dozens -			\$	- thousand dozens -			\$
P.E.I.	242.7	8.3	251.0	111,400	-	-	-	-
N.S.	496.7	98.3	595.0	240,400	2.7	.5	3.2	2,100
N.B.	293.7	38.8	332.5	167,200	-	-	-	-
Que.	3,848.7	450.3	4,299.0	1,865,800	19.8	2.3	22.1	16,200
Ont.	8,840.6	680.7	9,521.3	4,075,100	126.3	9.7	136.0	82,300
Man.	1,481.9	100.8	1,582.7	686,900	3.9	.3	4.2	2,800
Sask.	1,385.7	52.7	1,438.4	631,500	-	-	-	-
Alta.	1,674.2	87.1	1,761.3	748,600	6.9	.4	7.3	4,100
B.C.	1,943.8	388.8	2,332.6	989,000	23.1	4.6	27.7	16,600
CANADA	20,208.0	1,905.8	22,113.8	9,515,900	182.7	17.8	200.5	124,100

EGG DISPOSITION - DECEMBER 1948

Province	USED BY PRODUCERS ^{2/}		
	Farm	Other ^{1/}	Total
	- - - - thousand dozens - - - -		
Pr. Edward Island	59.5	2.0	61.5
Nova Scotia	138.8	27.5	166.3
New Brunswick	95.7	12.6	108.3
Quebec	751.9	88.0	839.9
Ontario	957.7	73.7	1,031.4
Manitoba	317.8	21.6	339.4
Saskatchewan	466.7	17.7	484.4
Alberta	450.7	23.4	474.1
British Columbia	196.5	39.3	235.8
CANADA	3,435.3	305.8	3,741.1

^{1/} Elsewhere than on farms.

^{2/} Including eggs used for hatching.

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