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MONTHLY POULTRY ESTIMATESMARCH 1948

The farms of Canada had 32,288,000 layers during the month of March, according to a first estimate made from monthly poultry reports received from a corps of correspondents in each province. These layers produced a total of 40,294,000 dozen eggs. After deducting a loss of 389,000 dozens, there was a net production 39,905,000 dozens for distribution. The gross production was at the average rate of 1,498 eggs per 100 layers. Net non-farm production, shown here as "Other", was estimated at 3,515,000 dozen eggs. The grand total net production was, therefore, 43,420,000 dozen eggs.

The cumulative first estimate of net production from January 1 to March 31 totalled 94,428,000 dozen farm eggs and 8,386,000 dozen "Other" eggs, a grand total of 102,814,000 dozens.

Total sales of farm and "Other" eggs for market and for hatching were 36,111,900 dozens, while 6,825,400 dozens were used on farms and in other producers' homes for fresh consumption, storing or preserving and for hatching. This disposition includes eggs carried forward from the last day of February for disposal in March, any remainder being fresh eggs on hand on farms at the end of March.

MARCH EGG PRODUCTION - Preliminary

1948	Average Layers $\frac{1}{}$ on Farms	Eggs per 100 Layers	Total Farm Laid	Loss	NET PRODUCTION		
					Farm	Other $\frac{2}{}$	Total
	'000	No.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Pr. Edward Island .	608	1,353	686	5	681	23	704
Nova Scotia .....	734	1,669	1,020	10	1,010	200	1,210
New Brunswick .....	544	1,511	686	2	684	90	774
Quebec .....	4,662	1,451	5,637	53	5,584	653	6,237
Ontario .....	12,906	1,659	17,843	169	17,674	1,361	19,035
Manitoba .....	2,936	1,339	3,276	38	3,238	220	3,458
Saskatchewan .....	4,422	1,238	4,562	44	4,518	172	4,690
Alberta .....	3,308	1,262	3,478	45	3,433	179	3,612
British Columbia ..	2,168	1,719	3,106	23	3,083	617	3,700
CANADA .....	32,288	1,498	40,294	389	39,905	3,515	43,420

$\frac{1}{}$  Layers of February 29 plus layers of March divided by 2.

$\frac{2}{}$  Elsewhere than on farms.

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NET EGG PRODUCTION - Preliminary

January - March

1948	Farm		Other 1/	Total
	'000 dozens			
Prince Edward Island ..	1,493	50		1,543
Nova Scotia .....	2,539	502		3,041
New Brunswick .....	1,600	211		1,811
Quebec .....	14,489	1,695		16,184
Ontario .....	40,370	3,109		43,479
Manitoba .....	7,133	485		7,618
Saskatchewan .....	10,190	387		10,577
Alberta .....	9,300	484		9,784
British Columbia .....	7,314	1,463		8,777
CANADA .....	94,428	8,386		102,814

MARCH EGG DISPOSITION - Preliminary

1948	SOLD						Total Sold
	FOR MARKET			FOR HATCHING			
	Farm	Other 1/	Total	Farm	Other 1/	Total	
'000 dozens							
Pr. Edward Is.	538.0	18.3	556.3	34.9	1.2	36.1	592.4
Nova Scotia ..	780.0	154.4	934.4	15.9	3.1	19.0	953.4
New Brunswick.	504.7	66.6	571.3	12.8	1.7	14.5	585.8
Quebec .....	4,103.6	480.1	4,583.7	101.0	11.8	112.8	4,696.5
Ontario .....	14,667.3	1,129.4	15,796.7	919.0	70.8	989.8	16,786.5
Manitoba .....	2,210.2	150.3	2,360.5	456.7	31.1	487.8	2,848.3
Saskatchewan .	3,007.5	114.3	3,121.8	463.5	17.6	481.1	3,602.9
Alberta .....	2,569.7	133.6	2,703.3	153.4	8.0	161.4	2,864.7
Br. Columbia .	2,352.6	470.5	2,823.1	298.6	59.7	358.3	3,181.4
CANADA ....	30,733.6	2,717.5	33,451.1	2,455.8	205.0	2,660.8	36,111.9

USED BY PRODUCERS 2/

'000 dozens

	Farm	Other 1/	Total
Prince Edward Island ..	76.2	2.6	78.8
Nova Scotia .....	202.2	40.0	242.2
New Brunswick .....	149.5	19.7	169.2
Quebec .....	1,342.2	157.0	1,499.2
Ontario .....	1,969.4	151.6	2,121.0
Manitoba .....	526.5	35.8	562.3
Saskatchewan .....	1,000.8	38.0	1,038.8
Alberta .....	658.4	34.2	692.6
British Columbia .....	351.1	70.2	421.3
CANADA .....	6,276.3	549.1	6,825.4

1/ Elsewhere than on farms.

2/ Including eggs used for hatching.