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MONTHLY POULTRY ESTIMATES

Hens in Canada, during April 1948, were estimated to have produced a net lay of 47,995,000 dozen eggs, of which 44,107,000 dozens were laid on farms and 3,888,000 dozens produced on less than one acre lots in cities, town, villages and hamlets. The gross lay per 100 layers was 1,681 eggs, while the average number of layers for the month totalled 31,809,000 birds for all provinces.

This issue of the Estimates contains revised data for January, February and March, based on revised estimates of birds on hand when related to the Survey of December 1, 1947 of numbers of poultry on farms, published on April 30, 1948. The revised cumulative net production from January to April inclusive was 153,464,000 dozen eggs laid on farms and 13,651,000 dozens laid elsewhere than on farms, a total net production of 167,115,000 dozens. During the same period 132,299,000 dozen eggs were sold by farmers and others for consumption and 7,449,500 dozens were sold for hatching while 26,022,500 dozens were used by producers on their own premises, including eggs used for hatching.

During April 37,417,600 dozen eggs were sold for market from farms and elsewhere at a total estimated value of \$14,486,300, and 2,297,600 dozens were sold for hatching for \$1,360,500, while 8,326,900 dozens were used by producers including hatching eggs.

EGG PRODUCTION, APRIL 1948 - Preliminary

| Province | Average Layers $\frac{1}{2}$ on Farms | Eggs per 100 Layers | Total Farm Laid | Loss | Net Production | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| | | | | | Farm | Other $\frac{2}{2}$ | Total |
| | thousands | No. | | | - thousand dozens - | | |
| Pr. Edward Island . | 589 | 1,593 | 782 | 5 | 777 | 26 | 803 |
| Nova Scotia | 977 | 1,862 | 1,516 | 16 | 1,500 | 297 | 1,797 |
| New Brunswick | 482 | 1,782 | 716 | 4 | 712 | 94 | 806 |
| Quebec | 5,247 | 1,654 | 7,233 | 69 | 7,164 | 838 | 8,002 |
| Ontario | 11,743 | 1,765 | 17,272 | 183 | 17,089 | 1,316 | 18,405 |
| Manitoba | 2,860 | 1,586 | 3,780 | 44 | 3,736 | 254 | 3,990 |
| Saskatchewan | 4,286 | 1,589 | 5,675 | 55 | 5,620 | 214 | 5,834 |
| Alberta | 3,568 | 1,503 | 4,468 | 53 | 4,415 | 230 | 4,645 |
| British Columbia .. | 2,057 | 1,819 | 3,118 | 24 | 3,094 | 619 | 3,713 |
| CANADA | 31,809 | 1,681 | 44,560 | 453 | 44,107 | 3,888 | 47,995 |

$\frac{1}{2}$ Layers of March 31 plus layers of April 30 divided by 2.
 $\frac{2}{2}$ Elsewhere than on farms.

EGG PRODUCTION JANUARY TO MARCH 1948

First Revision 1/

| Province | | Average Layers 1/ on Farms thousands | Eggs per 100 Layers No. | Total Farm Laid | Loss | Net Production | | Total |
|----------|------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|----------------|----------|--------|
| | | | | | | Farm | Other 2/ | |
| P.E.I. | Jan. | 595 | 944 | 468 | 2 | 466 | 16 | 482 |
| | Feb. | 623 | 947 | 492 | 4 | 488 | 17 | 505 |
| | Mar. | 608 | 1,353 | 686 | 5 | 681 | 23 | 704 |
| N.S. | Jan. | 1,116 | 1,151 | 1,070 | 4 | 1,066 | 211 | 1,277 |
| | Feb. | 1,068 | 1,223 | 1,088 | 8 | 1,080 | 214 | 1,294 |
| | Mar. | 1,005 | 1,669 | 1,398 | 13 | 1,385 | 274 | 1,659 |
| N.B. | Jan. | 650 | 912 | 494 | 3 | 491 | 65 | 556 |
| | Feb. | 608 | 1,030 | 522 | 3 | 519 | 69 | 588 |
| | Mar. | 544 | 1,511 | 686 | 2 | 684 | 90 | 774 |
| QUE. | Jan. | 5,854 | 1,070 | 5,220 | 54 | 5,166 | 604 | 5,770 |
| | Feb. | 5,729 | 1,111 | 5,304 | 50 | 5,254 | 615 | 5,869 |
| | Mar. | 5,483 | 1,451 | 6,630 | 63 | 6,567 | 768 | 7,335 |
| ONT. | Jan. | 14,986 | 1,269 | 15,849 | 165 | 15,683 | 1,208 | 16,891 |
| | Feb. | 14,083 | 1,316 | 15,444 | 179 | 15,265 | 1,175 | 16,440 |
| | Mar. | 12,906 | 1,659 | 17,843 | 169 | 17,674 | 1,361 | 19,035 |
| MAN. | Jan. | 2,889 | 895 | 2,155 | 18 | 2,137 | 145 | 2,282 |
| | Feb. | 2,925 | 915 | 2,231 | 26 | 2,205 | 150 | 2,355 |
| | Mar. | 2,936 | 1,339 | 3,276 | 38 | 3,238 | 220 | 3,458 |
| SASK. | Jan. | 4,293 | 847 | 3,030 | 26 | 3,004 | 114 | 3,118 |
| | Feb. | 4,386 | 904 | 3,504 | 39 | 3,265 | 124 | 3,389 |
| | Mar. | 4,422 | 1,238 | 4,562 | 44 | 4,518 | 172 | 4,690 |
| ALTA. | Jan. | 4,172 | 1,014 | 3,526 | 30 | 3,496 | 182 | 3,678 |
| | Feb. | 4,006 | 975 | 3,255 | 31 | 3,224 | 168 | 3,392 |
| | Mar. | 3,787 | 1,262 | 3,983 | 52 | 3,931 | 204 | 4,135 |
| B.C. | Jan. | 2,307 | 1,243 | 2,390 | 15 | 2,375 | 475 | 2,850 |
| | Feb. | 2,191 | 1,331 | 2,430 | 18 | 2,412 | 482 | 2,894 |
| | Mar. | 2,168 | 1,719 | 3,106 | 23 | 3,083 | 617 | 3,700 |
| CANADA | Jan. | 36,862 | 1,113 | 34,201 | 317 | 33,884 | 3,020 | 36,904 |
| | Feb. | 35,619 | 1,148 | 34,070 | 358 | 33,712 | 3,014 | 36,726 |
| | Mar. | 33,859 | 1,495 | 42,170 | 409 | 41,761 | 3,729 | 45,490 |

1/ Revised in relation to the December 1, 1947 Survey of numbers of birds on farms, published on April 30.

2/ Elsewhere than on farms.

NET EGG PRODUCTION - Cumulative

January-April, 1948

| Province | Farm | Other 1/ | Total |
|----------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | |
| Prince Edward Island | 2,412 | 82 | 2,494 |
| Nova Scotia | 5,031 | 996 | 6,027 |
| New Brunswick | 2,406 | 318 | 2,724 |
| Quebec | 24,151 | 2,825 | 26,976 |
| Ontario | 65,711 | 5,060 | 70,771 |
| Manitoba | 11,316 | 769 | 12,085 |
| Saskatchewan | 16,407 | 624 | 17,031 |
| Alberta | 15,066 | 784 | 15,850 |
| British Columbia | 10,964 | 2,193 | 13,157 |
| CANADA | 153,464 | 13,651 | 167,115 |

1/ Elsewhere than on farms.

EGG DISPOSITION - APRIL 1948

| Province | SOLD - For Market | | | Value | SOLD - For Hatching | | | Value |
|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------|---------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| | Farm | Other 1/ | Total | | Farm | Other 1/ | Total | |
| | - thousand dozens - | | | \$ | - thousand dozens - | | | \$ |
| P.E.I. | 654.4 | 22.2 | 676.6 | 241,500 | 47.0 | 1.6 | 48.6 | 31,900 |
| N.S. | 1,149.7 | 227.6 | 1,377.3 | 508,800 | 4.8 | 1.0 | 5.8 | 4,000 |
| N.B. | 542.4 | 71.6 | 614.0 | 233,900 | .8 | .1 | .9 | 500 |
| Que. | 5,082.0 | 594.6 | 5,676.6 | 2,406,900 | 122.1 | 14.3 | 136.4 | 89,500 |
| Ont. | 14,624.8 | 1,126.1 | 15,750.9 | 6,316,100 | 713.8 | 55.0 | 768.8 | 405,200 |
| Man. | 2,755.5 | 137.4 | 2,943.0 | 1,059,500 | 419.6 | 28.5 | 448.1 | 259,400 |
| Sask. | 3,793.8 | 144.2 | 3,938.0 | 1,394,100 | 487.2 | 18.5 | 505.7 | 304,900 |
| Alta. | 3,162.8 | 164.5 | 3,327.3 | 1,191,200 | 164.2 | 8.5 | 172.7 | 96,400 |
| B.C. | 2,594.9 | 519.0 | 3,113.9 | 1,074,300 | 175.5 | 35.1 | 210.6 | 168,700 |
| CANADA | 34,360.4 | 3,057.2 | 37,417.6 | 14,486,300 | 2,135.0 | 162.6 | 2,297.6 | 1,360,500 |

1/ Elsewhere than on farms.

EGG DISPOSITION - APRIL 1948

| Province | USED BY PRODUCERS 2/ | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|
| | Farm | Other 1/ | Total |
| | - thousand dozens - | | |
| Prince Edward Island | 76.4 | 2.6 | 79.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 333.1 | 66.0 | 399.1 |
| New Brunswick | 179.8 | 23.7 | 203.5 |
| Quebec | 1,846.6 | 216.1 | 2,062.7 |
| Ontario | 2,104.9 | 162.1 | 2,267.0 |
| Manitoba | 568.9 | 38.7 | 607.6 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,211.8 | 46.0 | 1,257.8 |
| Alberta | 970.5 | 50.5 | 1,021.0 |
| British Columbia | 357.7 | 71.5 | 429.2 |
| CANADA | 7,649.7 | 677.2 | 8,326.9 |

1/ Elsewhere than on farms.

2/ Including eggs used for hatching.

EGG DISPOSITION, JANUARY TO MARCH, 1948

First Revision 1/

| | | S O L D | | | | USED BY PRODUCERS 2/ | | | | | | |
|--------|------|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| | | For Market | | | For Hatching | | | USED BY PRODUCERS 2/ | | | | |
| | | Farm | Other 3/ | Total | Value | Farm | Other 3/ | Total | Value | Farm | Other 3/ | Total |
| | | - thousand dozens - | | | \$ | - thousand dozens - | | | \$ | - thousand dozens - | | |
| P.E.I. | Jan. | 382.4 | 13.0 | 395.4 | 150,600 | 12.6 | .4 | 13.0 | 8,400 | 59.7 | 2.0 | 61.7 |
| | Feb. | 372.9 | 12.7 | 385.6 | 136,900 | 23.4 | .8 | 24.2 | 15,800 | 93.1 | 3.2 | 96.3 |
| | Mar. | 538.0 | 18.3 | 556.3 | 197,500 | 34.9 | 1.2 | 36.1 | 21,600 | 76.2 | 2.6 | 78.8 |
| N.S. | Jan. | 830.0 | 164.3 | 994.3 | 425,600 | 25.5 | 5.0 | 30.5 | 21,700 | 205.0 | 40.6 | 245.6 |
| | Feb. | 832.7 | 164.9 | 997.6 | 409,000 | 19.2 | 3.8 | 23.0 | 16,000 | 218.3 | 43.2 | 261.5 |
| | Mar. | 1,069.7 | 211.8 | 1,281.5 | 542,100 | 21.8 | 4.3 | 26.1 | 18,600 | 277.2 | 54.9 | 332.1 |
| N.B. | Jan. | 384.1 | 50.7 | 434.8 | 191,300 | 11.4 | 1.5 | 12.9 | 8,700 | 104.5 | 13.8 | 118.3 |
| | Feb. | 376.8 | 49.7 | 426.5 | 166,300 | 11.8 | 1.6 | 13.4 | 9,000 | 123.3 | 16.3 | 139.6 |
| | Mar. | 504.7 | 66.6 | 571.3 | 221,700 | 12.8 | 1.7 | 14.5 | 9,100 | 149.5 | 19.7 | 169.2 |
| QUE. | Jan. | 4,065.9 | 475.7 | 4,541.6 | 1,934,700 | 26.8 | 3.1 | 29.9 | 20,500 | 996.4 | 116.6 | 1,113.0 |
| | Feb. | 3,951.0 | 462.3 | 4,413.3 | 1,818,300 | 110.4 | 12.9 | 123.3 | 81,400 | 1,053.9 | 123.3 | 1,177.2 |
| | Mar. | 4,825.4 | 564.6 | 5,390.0 | 2,226,100 | 118.7 | 13.9 | 132.6 | 82,700 | 1,578.3 | 184.7 | 1,763.0 |
| ONT. | Jan. | 13,733.8 | 1,057.5 | 14,791.3 | 6,212,300 | 445.7 | 34.3 | 480.0 | 252,500 | 1,304.1 | 100.4 | 1,404.5 |
| | Feb. | 12,846.5 | 989.2 | 13,835.7 | 5,520,400 | 782.5 | 60.3 | 842.8 | 461,900 | 1,581.4 | 121.8 | 1,703.2 |
| | Mar. | 14,667.3 | 1,129.4 | 15,796.7 | 6,350,300 | 919.0 | 70.8 | 989.8 | 515,700 | 1,969.4 | 151.6 | 2,121.0 |
| MAN. | Jan. | 1,752.1 | 119.1 | 1,871.2 | 718,500 | - | - | - | - | 384.3 | 26.1 | 410.4 |
| | Feb. | 1,577.6 | 107.3 | 1,684.9 | 606,600 | 179.3 | 12.2 | 191.5 | 113,200 | 396.8 | 27.0 | 423.8 |
| | Mar. | 2,210.2 | 150.3 | 2,360.5 | 861,600 | 456.7 | 31.1 | 487.8 | 279,000 | 526.5 | 35.8 | 562.3 |
| SASK. | Jan. | 2,251.7 | 85.6 | 2,337.3 | 888,200 | 3.2 | .1 | 3.3 | 2,200 | 663.6 | 25.2 | 688.8 |
| | Feb. | 2,295.4 | 87.2 | 2,382.6 | 833,900 | 204.1 | 7.8 | 211.9 | 128,000 | 673.2 | 25.6 | 698.8 |
| | Mar. | 3,007.5 | 114.3 | 3,121.8 | 1,092,600 | 463.5 | 17.5 | 481.1 | 281,400 | 1,000.8 | 38.0 | 1,038.8 |
| ALTA. | Jan. | 2,842.0 | 147.8 | 2,989.8 | 1,142,100 | 22.4 | 1.2 | 23.6 | 13,900 | 623.7 | 32.4 | 656.1 |
| | Feb. | 2,388.5 | 124.2 | 2,512.7 | 879,400 | 135.4 | 7.0 | 142.4 | 84,700 | 611.0 | 31.8 | 642.8 |
| | Mar. | 2,946.2 | 153.2 | 3,099.4 | 1,084,800 | 175.8 | 9.1 | 184.9 | 106,900 | 754.8 | 39.2 | 794.0 |
| B.C. | Jan. | 2,100.0 | 420.0 | 2,520.0 | 940,000 | 53.7 | 10.7 | 64.4 | 50,100 | 237.8 | 47.6 | 285.4 |
| | Feb. | 1,971.8 | 394.4 | 2,366.2 | 816,300 | 175.5 | 35.1 | 210.6 | 135,000 | 240.1 | 48.0 | 288.1 |
| | Mar. | 2,352.6 | 470.5 | 2,823.1 | 974,000 | 298.6 | 59.7 | 358.3 | 268,700 | 351.1 | 70.2 | 421.3 |
| CANADA | Jan. | 28,342.0 | 2,533.7 | 30,875.7 | 12,603,300 | 601.3 | 56.3 | 657.6 | 378,000 | 4,579.1 | 404.7 | 4,983.8 |
| | Feb. | 26,613.2 | 2,391.9 | 29,005.1 | 11,187,100 | 1,641.6 | 141.5 | 1,783.1 | 1,045,000 | 4,991.1 | 440.2 | 5,431.3 |
| | Mar. | 32,121.6 | 2,879.0 | 35,000.6 | 13,550,700 | 2,501.8 | 209.4 | 2,711.2 | 1,583,700 | 6,685.8 | 596.7 | 7,282.5 |

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