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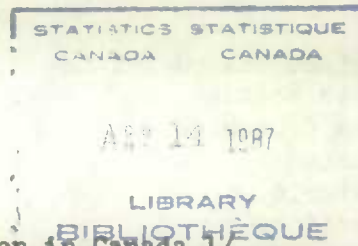
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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

December, 1959



The preliminary estimate of egg production in Canada ^{1/} during December at 41,755,000 dozen was 1.2 per cent higher than the 41,265,000 dozen produced during the same month last year. A higher rate of lay more than offset a 1.0 per cent decrease in the number of layers. Revised estimates for the last 7 months of 1959, based on the December Semi-annual Crop and Livestock Survey, will be published in the January issue of this publication.

Producers sold 36.8 million dozen eggs for market during December compared with 36.4 million dozen in December 1958 and 33.7 million dozen in November 1959. The average value of eggs sold for market declined from 34.3 cents in November 1959 to 27.2 cents per dozen in December. The average value of eggs sold for market in December 1958 was 35.4 cents per dozen.

The preliminary estimate of egg production during 1959 was 462,099,000 dozen an increase of 2.7 per cent or 12,280,000 dozen more than in 1958. Although production on the prairies was 4.3 per cent less than in 1958 all other regions had increases. These amounted to 11.5 per cent in the Maritimes, 10.2 per cent in Quebec, 3.3 in Ontario and 5.0 per cent in British Columbia.

FROZEN EGGS: Processing to frozen egg in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture during December 1959 was 498,126 pounds as compared with 384,439 pounds in December 1958.

^{1/} Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, DECEMBER, 1959

	Average No. of Layers ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	357	1,162	345
Nova Scotia	1,474	1,516	1,858
New Brunswick	665	1,254	691
Quebec	4,389	1,561	5,669
Ontario	12,892	1,703	18,180
Manitoba	3,010	1,591	3,961
Saskatchewan	2,894	1,462	3,493
Alberta	3,308	1,505	4,116
British Columbia	2,400	1,730	3,442
CANADA	31,389	1,607	41,755

EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, DECEMBER, 1958

	Average No. of Layers ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	380	1,150	363
Nova Scotia	1,268	1,570	1,650
New Brunswick	566	1,313	616
Quebec	4,418	1,573	5,749
Ontario	12,884	1,687	18,024
Manitoba	3,027	1,521	3,811
Saskatchewan	3,358	1,412	3,921
Alberta	3,410	1,444	4,069
British Columbia	2,386	1,550	3,062
CANADA	31,697	1,572	41,265

^{1/} The average of the estimated number of layers at the beginning and end of the month.

EGG DISPOSITION DECEMBER, 1958 and 1959

	SOLD FOR MARKET				USED FOR FOOD BY PRODUCERS			
	Quantity		Value		Quantity		Value	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	'000 doz.		\$'000		'000 doz.		\$'000	
P.E.I.	306	283	109	72	49	60	17	15
N.S.	1,529	1,704	667	613	104	140	44	49
N.B.	496	581	245	264	115	108	56	48
Que.	4,858	4,821	2,026	1,543	775	723	315	224
Ont.	16,517	16,753	5,963	4,540	1,046	1,052	367	275
Man.	3,401	3,538	901	616	385	395	98	65
Sask.	3,106	2,639	857	575	815	851	217	177
Alta.	3,347	3,353	1,001	764	694	723	201	158
B.C.	2,799	3,140	1,114	1,024	189	232	73	73
CANADA	36,359	36,812	12,883	10,011	4,172	4,284	1,388	1,084

NET PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION OF EGGS

JANUARY TO THE END OF DECEMBER, 1958 and 1959

	PRODUCTION		DISPOSITION			
	Net Production		Sold for Market		Used for Food by Producers	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	'000 doz.		'000 doz.		'000 doz.	
P.E.I.	5,583	5,348	4,664	4,416	773	796
N.S.	19,342	22,494	17,459	20,452	1,555	1,692
N.B.	7,720	8,567	6,085	6,834	1,500	1,604
Que.	59,488	65,564	48,365	54,035	9,192	9,477
Ont.	191,408	197,736	171,458	178,647	12,078	12,467
Man.	39,990	40,115	34,420	34,286	4,423	4,629
Sask.	43,202	40,373	32,709	29,503	9,801	10,184
Alta.	47,602	44,661	37,811	34,746	8,475	8,563
B.C.	35,484	37,241	31,679	33,233	2,599	2,737
CANADA	449,819	462,099	384,650	396,152	50,396	52,149

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