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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

February, 1959

Fewer eggs were produced in Canada ^{1/} in February than in January. This resulted from a seasonal decline both in the number of layers and in the number of eggs produced per layer. February production amounted to 37,754,000 dozen. This is 9.1 per cent lower than the January production but 3.1 per cent higher than in February last year. Average egg production per layer declined from 16.2 in January to 15.0 and is approximately the same as in February 1958.

The estimated number of laying hens and pullets increased to 30,309,000 up 3.5 per cent from 29,270,000 in February 1958. In the East there was an increase of 8.5 per cent in the laying flock which more than offset a decrease of 3.5 per cent in the West.

Producers sold 31.9 million dozen eggs for market during February compared with 36.2 million dozen during the previous month and 30.9 million dozen in February 1958. Receipts at registered egg grading stations in February, as reported by the Canada Department of Agriculture, were 7.5 per cent greater than in February, 1958. There was an increase of 16.5 per cent in the East, but a decrease of 7.6 per cent in the West.

FROZEN EGGS: Processing to frozen egg in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture during February 1959 was 1,438,284 pounds as compared with 1,305,434 pounds in February 1958.

^{1/} Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, FEBRUARY, 1959

	Average No. of Layers ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	423	1,305	459
Nova Scotia	1,206	1,691	1,695
New Brunswick	553	1,465	671
Quebec	4,492	1,463	5,435
Ontario	12,020	1,572	15,645
Manitoba	2,886	1,503	3,586
Saskatchewan	3,227	1,371	3,650
Alberta	3,130	1,392	3,595
British Columbia	2,372	1,534	3,018
CANADA	30,309	1,505	37,754

EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, FEBRUARY, 1958

	Average No. of Layers ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	416	1,389	481
Nova Scotia	1,038	1,702	1,467
New Brunswick	526	1,507	658
Quebec	3,750	1,477	4,583
Ontario	11,506	1,532	14,589
Manitoba	2,632	1,617	3,519
Saskatchewan	3,358	1,440	3,996
Alberta	3,792	1,395	4,366
British Columbia	2,252	1,582	2,951
CANADA	29,270	1,501	36,610

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

EGG DISPOSITION FEBRUARY, 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.	401	378	109	110	63	64	17	18
N.S.	1,304	1,513	554	578	130	140	54	52
N.B.	521	512	218	221	121	138	49	58
Que.	3,663	4,480	1,381	1,738	726	758	266	287
Ont.	12,917	13,882	4,482	4,942	961	1,024	324	354
Man.	2,987	3,074	857	855	340	361	94	97
Sask.	3,043	2,750	816	740	781	798	201	207
Alta.	3,459	2,678	934	806	618	677	161	197
B.C.	2,590	2,668	1,075	934	222	213	90	72
CANADA	30,885	31,935	10,426	10,924	3,962	4,173	1,256	1,342

NET PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION OF EGGS
JANUARY TO THE END OF FEBRUARY, 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.	953	934	806	776	124	127
N.S.	3,090	3,445	2,773	3,096	249	266
N.B.	1,343	1,355	1,077	1,061	239	263
Que.	9,727	11,248	7,927	9,325	1,446	1,533
Ont.	31,619	33,354	28,411	29,839	1,951	2,065
Man.	7,487	7,510	6,527	6,573	698	726
Sask.	8,399	7,548	6,662	5,862	1,559	1,579
Alta.	9,364	7,606	7,647	5,966	1,337	1,335
B.C.	6,166	6,291	5,499	5,633	421	393
CANADA	78,148	79,291	67,329	68,131	8,024	8,287

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