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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

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Production of eggs in Canada ^{1/} during December, ~~estimated at~~ 41.8 million dozen, was 2.0 per cent more than the 41.0 million dozen produced in December 1959. Although there were slightly fewer layers than a year earlier the rate of lay increased from 1,605 to 1,638 eggs per hundred layers. Revised estimates for the last 7 months of 1960, based on the December Semi-Annual Crop and Livestock Survey, will be published in the January issue of this report.

Egg production during December was 3.8 per cent higher than in November. The normal seasonal increase occurred because a higher rate of lay more than offset a 1.0 per cent decrease in the number of layers.

Producer sales of market eggs during December are estimated at 36.4 million dozen compared with 36.0 million in December 1959. The average price of eggs to producers as reported in the monthly survey was 40.6 cents per dozen in November and 35.9 in December. The corresponding farm prices reported in November and December 1959 were 34.1 and 27.0 cents, respectively.

The preliminary estimate of egg production during 1960 was 457.1 million dozen, a decrease of .6 per cent or 2.9 million dozen less than in 1959. For each of the first 6 months of the year less eggs were produced than in the corresponding months of 1959 while the opposite was true for the last six months of the year.

FROZEN EGG: Processing to frozen egg in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture during December 1960 was 181,580 pounds as compared with 498,126 pounds in December 1959.

^{1/} Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, DECEMBER, 1960

	Average No. of Layers ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	392	1,160	377
Nova Scotia	1,370	1,579	1,796
New Brunswick	574	1,450	692
Quebec	4,392	1,630	5,933
Ontario	12,682	1,704	17,911
Manitoba	2,796	1,600	3,700
Saskatchewan	2,768	1,530	3,500
Alberta	3,436	1,551	4,405
British Columbia	2,430	1,748	3,520
CANADA	30,840	1,638	41,834

EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, DECEMBER, 1959

	Average ^{1/} No. of Layers	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	425	1,162	411
Nova Scotia	1,296	1,516	1,633
New Brunswick	570	1,254	592
Quebec	4,159	1,561	5,372
Ontario	12,494	1,703	17,619
Manitoba	3,010	1,591	3,961
Saskatchewan	3,222	1,462	3,888
Alberta	3,308	1,505	4,116
British Columbia	2,388	1,730	3,426
CANADA	30,872	1,605	41,018

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

EGG DISPOSITION, DECEMBER 1959 and 1960

	SOLD FOR MARKET				USED FOR FOOD BY PRODUCERS			
	Quantity		Value		Quantity		Value	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	'000 doz.		'\$000		'000 doz.		'\$000	
P.E.I.	345	321	87	122	60	50	15	19
N.S.	1,466	1,639	528	741	140	98	49	43
N.B.	480	576	218	271	108	110	48	51
Que.	4,469	4,918	1,430	2,041	723	773	224	313
Ont.	16,212	16,324	4,393	5,844	1,052	1,050	275	365
Man.	3,540	3,237	616	893	395	413	65	110
Sask.	3,035	2,661	662	772	851	834	177	234
Alta.	3,350	3,560	764	1,157	723	762	158	240
B.C.	3,123	3,175	1,018	1,219	232	227	73	85
CANADA	36,020	36,411	9,716	13,060	4,284	4,317	1,084	1,460

NET PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION OF EGGS
JANUARY TO THE END OF DECEMBER, 1959 and 1960

	PRODUCTION		DISPOSITION			
	Net Production ^{1/}		Sold for Market ^{2/}		Used for Food by Producers	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	'000 doz.		'000 doz.		'000 doz.	
P.E.I.	5,604	6,131	4,666	5,114	796	786
N.S.	21,576	21,713	19,511	19,636	1,692	1,628
N.B.	8,163	8,181	6,420	6,343	1,604	1,650
Que.	64,378	59,658	52,364	47,791	9,477	9,520
Ont.	195,662	197,190	176,186	177,421	12,467	12,691
Man.	40,115	39,988	34,274	33,916	4,629	4,868
Sask.	41,784	38,801	30,891	27,638	10,184	10,424
Alta.	44,661	46,811	34,725	36,543	8,563	8,804
B.C.	38,061	38,667	34,017	34,320	2,737	2,843
CANADA	460,004	457,140	393,054	388,722	52,149	53,214

^{1/} Includes hatching eggs.

^{2/} Hatching eggs not included.

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