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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

JUNE 1960

The preliminary estimate of egg production in Canada ^{1/} during June was 36.2 million dozen, 3.5 per cent less than the estimate of 37.5 million dozen for the corresponding month last year. This decline can be attributed to a decrease of 6.9 per cent in the number of layers which more than offset the effects of an increase in the rate of lay. Revised estimates for the first six months of 1960, based on the Semi-Annual Crop and Livestock Survey, will be published in the July issue of this publication.

Between May and June 1960 a seasonal decline of 2.1 per cent in the number of layers, together with a lower rate of lay, resulted in a decline in production of 7.2 per cent.

Producer sales of market eggs during June are estimated at 30.6 million dozen compared with 31.9 million in June 1959. The average price of eggs to producers as reported in the monthly survey, decreased from 30.3 cents in May to 29.3 cents in June. The corresponding farm price reported in June 1959 was 31.3 cents.

The preliminary estimate of egg production for the first six months of 1960 was 228,395, a decrease of 6.0 per cent from the first half of 1959. Of the eggs produced up to the end of June, the three Maritimes accounted for 7.7 per cent; Quebec, 12.4 per cent; Ontario, 42.2 per cent; the Prairies, 29.3 per cent; and British Columbia, 8.4 per cent.

FROZEN EGG: Processing to frozen egg in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture during June 1960 was 3,749,062 pounds as compared with 5,295,453 pounds in June 1959.

^{1/} Exclusive of Newfoundland.

EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, JUNE, 1960

	Average No. of Layers ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	417	1,738	601
Nova Scotia	1,098	1,790	1,628
New Brunswick	452	1,704	638
Quebec	3,114	1,649	4,238
Ontario	10,558	1,839	16,085
Manitoba	2,326	1,600	3,076
Saskatchewan	2,520	1,488	3,085
Alberta	2,832	1,595	3,714
British Columbia	2,068	1,856	3,180
CANADA	25,385	1,727	36,245

EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, JUNE, 1959

	Average No. of Layers ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	383	1,806	574
Nova Scotia	1,321	1,934	2,116
New Brunswick	521	1,746	751
Quebec	3,817	1,642	5,166
Ontario	11,347	1,711	16,021
Manitoba	2,440	1,529	3,079
Saskatchewan	2,527	1,541	3,203
Alberta	2,860	1,472	3,463
British Columbia	2,051	1,829	3,102
CANADA	27,267	1,666	37,475

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

EGG DISPOSITION JUNE, 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.	476	517	117	115	84	69	20	15
N.S.	1,937	1,447	610	476	152	155	46	49
N.B.	595	475	240	199	149	158	59	64
Que.	4,028	3,152	1,478	1,069	878	845	313	278
Ont.	14,445	14,518	4,565	4,283	1,067	1,065	327	304
Man.	2,634	2,623	698	630	399	407	102	94
Sask.	2,288	2,152	565	491	913	931	216	203
Alta.	2,743	2,877	754	783	683	775	181	203
B.C.	2,765	2,839	959	934	242	245	82	78
CANADA	31,911	30,600	9,986	8,980	4,567	4,650	1,346	1,288

NET PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION OF EGGS
JANUARY TO THE END OF JUNE, 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.	3,321	3,901	2,766	3,313	441	433
N.S.	11,422	9,604	10,287	8,409	875	915
N.B.	4,679	4,086	3,663	3,042	901	936
Que.	33,748	28,310	27,090	21,784	5,126	5,058
Ont.	102,122	96,465	91,047	85,362	6,461	6,669
Man.	21,965	22,003	18,485	18,582	2,423	2,515
Sask.	23,221	21,678	17,127	15,524	5,391	5,570
Alta.	23,624	23,187	18,044	17,520	4,441	4,522
B.C.	18,969	19,161	16,702	16,804	1,430	1,531
CANADA	243,071	228,395	205,211	190,340	27,489	28,149

^{1/} Includes hatching eggs.

^{2/} Hatching eggs not included.

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