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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

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Production of eggs in Canada 1/ during December 10Tr=20UE estimated at 40,815 thousand dozen, was 0.1 percent more than the 40,765 thousand dozen produced in December 1960. Although there were 1.4 percent fewer layers than a year earlier the rate of lay increased from 1,636 to 1,663 eggs per hundred layers. In November there were 2.0 percent fewer layers than a year earlier. Revised estimates for the last 7 months of 1961 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 8.0 percent higher than in November. This was due to a seasonal increase of 7.4 percent in the rate of lay and a 0.5 percent increase in the number of layers. A year earlier December layers were 1.1 percent less than in November.

Producer sales of market eggs during December are estimated at 35.6 million dozen compared with 35.3 million dozen in December 1960. The average price of eggs to producers, as reported in the monthly sample surveys, was 40.3 cents per dozen in November and 32.9 cents per dozen in December. The corresponding farm prices reported in November and December 1960 were 40.6 and 35.8 cents, respectively.

FROZEN EGG: Processing to frozen egg during the four week period ending December 30 in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture was 809,291 pounds as compared with 224,308 pounds during the corresponding period in 1960.

1/ Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, DECEMBER, 1961

	Average No. of Layers	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	1000	No.	1000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	307	1,236	315
Nova Scotia	1,358	1,519	1,712
New Brunswick	606	1,514	762
luebec	4,282	1,692	5,996
ntario	11,992	1,748	17,371
lani toba	2,851	1,654	3,895
askatchewan	2,745	1,449	3,285
llberta	3,040	1,534	3,845
British Columbia	2,469	1,778	3,634
CANADA	29,650	1,663	40,815

EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, DECEMBER, 1960

	Average 1/ No. of Layers	Eggs per 100 Layers	Net Egg Production
	1000	No.	1000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	398	1,160	383
Nova Scotia	1,328	1,579	1,740
New Brunswick	576	1,450	694
Quebec	4,170	1,630	5,632
Ontario	12,094	1,704	17,082
Manitoba	2,794	1,600	3,697
Saskatchewan	2,905	1,530	3,674
Alberta	3,333	1,551	4,273
British Columbia	2,478	1,748	3,590
CANADA	30,076	1,636	40,765

<sup>1/</sup> The average of the estimated number of layers at the beginning and end of the month.

EGG DISPOSITION DECEMBER, 1960 and 1961

	SOLD FOR MARKET			USED FOR FOOD BY PRODUCERS				
	Quanti ty 1960 1961		Value 1960 1961		Quantity 1960 1961		Value 1960 1961	
	1960		\$1(				1960	
	•000	doz.	Φ.(	200	•000	doz.	\$1(	200
P.E.I.	326	253	124	91	50	56	19	20
N.S.	1,591	1,563	719	666	98	104	43	43
N.B.	577	647	271	270	110	112	51	46
Que.	4,615	4,935	1,915	1,801	773	773	313	274
Ont.	15,485	15,840	5,544	5,085		1,079	365	336
Man.	3,231	3,406	892	865	413	432	110	105
Sask.	2,835	2,544	822	728	834	732	234	202
Alta.	3,434	3,085	1,116	941	762	690	240	204
B.C.	3,240	3,298	1,244	1,250	227	207	85	76
CANADA	35,334	35,571	12,647	11,697	4,317	4,185	1,460	1,306

NET PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION OF EGGS JANUARY TO THE END OF DECEMBER, 1960 and 1961

	PROD	UCTION	DISPOSITION					
	Net Production1		Sold for	r Market <sup>2</sup> /	Used for Food by Producers			
	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961		
	1000 doz.		1000	1000 doz.		1000 doz.		
P.E.I.	6,086	4,774	5,128	3,848	793	741		
N.S.	21,439	21,030	19,381	19,055	1,630	1,433		
N.B.	8,130	8,258	6,348	6,577	1,661	1,521		
Que.	58,641	62,124	46,648	49,348	9,477	8,947		
Ont.	193,762	191,151	174,160	171,177	12,726	11,787		
Man.	39,857	38,285	33,896	31,895	4,883	4,792		
Sask.	39,248	35,858	28,237	25,390	10,462	9,383		
Alta.	45,456	46,093	35,164	35,806	8,854	8,121		
B.C.	38,431	39,683	34,148	35,617	2,852	2,511		
CANADA	451,050	447,256	383,110	378,713	53,338	49,236		

<sup>1/</sup> Includes hatching eggs.
2/ Hatching eggs not included.

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