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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

February 1962

The estimated production of eggs in Canada ^{1/} during February at 36.0 million dozen was 0.4 percent less than the 36.1 million dozen produced in February 1961. The estimated number of layers at 27.9 million was 0.3 percent higher than a year earlier while the rate of lay decreased moderately to 1,559 per 100 layers from 1,567. The slight increase over February last year in the estimates of layers indicates the effect of summer pullet placements in 1961. A decrease of about 10 percent in the production of eggs between January and February is largely attributable to the difference in length of month.

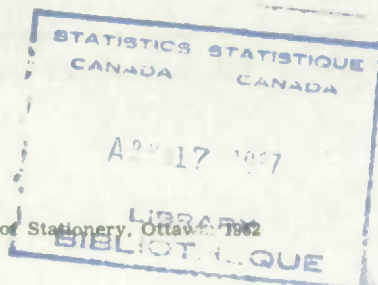
Producer sales of market eggs during February at 30.3 million dozen were approximately the same as a year earlier. The average price of eggs to producers, as reported in the monthly survey was 31.1 cents per dozen in January and 33.2 cents per dozen in February. The corresponding farm prices reported in January and February 1961 were 30.1 and 32.1 cents, respectively.

FROZEN EGGS: Processing to frozen egg during the four week period ending March 3 in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture was 2,072,085 pounds as compared with 1,234,568 pounds during the corresponding period in 1961.

1/ Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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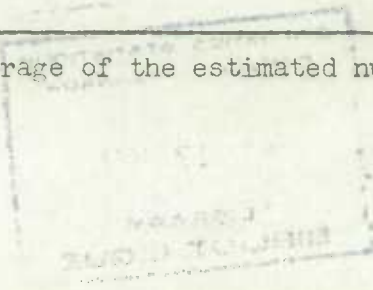
EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, FEBRUARY, 1962

	Average	Eggs	Net Egg
	No. of Layers ^{1/}	per 100 Layers	Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	372	1,332	410
Nova Scotia	1,248	1,453	1,504
New Brunswick	487	1,506	608
Quebec	3,988	1,587	5,230
Ontario	11,422	1,628	15,388
Manitoba	2,625	1,521	3,303
Saskatchewan	2,462	1,355	2,749
Alberta	2,897	1,456	3,480
British Columbia	2,407	1,657	3,303
CANADA	27,908	1,559	35,975

EGG PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCE, FEBRUARY, 1961

	Average	Eggs	Net Egg
	No. of Layers ^{1/}	per 100 Layers	Production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	410	1,262	429
Nova Scotia	1,212	1,546	1,555
New Brunswick	545	1,456	658
Quebec	3,798	1,579	4,968
Ontario	10,982	1,630	14,838
Manitoba	2,638	1,525	3,326
Saskatchewan	2,718	1,455	3,260
Alberta	3,120	1,483	3,823
British Columbia	2,403	1,632	3,251
CANADA	27,826	1,567	36,108

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



EGG DISPOSITION FEBRUARY, 1961 and 1962

	SOLD FOR MARKET				USED FOR FOOD BY PRODUCERS			
	Quantity		Value		Quantity		Value	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
	'000 doz.		\$'000		'000 doz.		\$'000	
P.E.I.	345	340	98	106	70	62	19	19
N.S.	1,394	1,337	570	543	116	119	46	47
N.B.	518	462	223	204	125	133	52	57
Que.	3,953	4,187	1,427	1,541	736	751	258	269
Ont.	13,174	13,701	4,426	4,672	998	1,061	325	351
Man.	2,792	2,807	692	744	401	413	95	105
Sask.	2,376	1,953	575	535	819	742	190	196
Alta.	2,902	2,620	737	749	710	675	173	186
B.C.	2,881	2,934	1,000	986	218	216	73	70
CANADA	30,335	30,341	9,748	10,080	4,193	4,172	1,231	1,300

NET PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION OF EGGS
JANUARY TO THE END OF FEBRUARY, 1961 and 1962

	PRODUCTION		DISPOSITION			
	Net Production ^{1/}		Sold for Market ^{2/}		Used for Food by Producers	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
	'000 doz.		'000 doz.		'000 doz.	
P.E.I.	861	857	706	722	132	122
N.S.	3,241	3,306	2,929	2,985	232	233
N.B.	1,358	1,316	1,088	1,030	244	264
Que.	10,548	11,069	8,539	8,994	1,505	1,515
Ont.	31,530	32,239	28,339	29,008	2,008	2,081
Man.	7,051	7,101	6,064	6,173	795	796
Sask.	6,877	5,759	5,138	4,234	1,666	1,463
Alta.	8,237	7,367	6,477	5,772	1,456	1,354
B.C.	6,651	6,954	5,935	6,239	437	416
CANADA	76,354	75,968	65,215	65,157	8,475	8,244

^{1/} Includes hatching eggs.

^{2/} Hatching eggs not included.

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