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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

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Estimated production of eggs in Canada (1) during August 1964 was 34.0 million dozen was 2.7 per cent more than the 33.1 million dozen produced in August 1963. The estimated number of layers at 25.7 million was 4.4 per cent higher than a year earlier while the rate of lay decreased by 1.7 per cent to 1,603 eggs per 100 layers.

Sales of market eggs during August are estimated at 29.8 million dozen compared with 29.3 million dozen in August 1963. The average price of eggs to producers as reported in the monthly survey was 34.6 cents per dozen in August and 31.2 cents per dozen in July. The corresponding farm prices reported in August and July 1963 were 39.0 and 38.0 cents, respectively.

According to preliminary estimates, egg production in the first eight months of 1964 was 290.7 million dozen, up 3.7 per cent from the 280.2 million dozen produced during the corresponding period of 1963.

FROZEN EGGS: Processing to frozen egg in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture during the 4 week period ending August 29 was 1,720,892 pounds as compared with 1,273,742 pounds during the corresponding period in 1963.

TURKEY SURVEY - August 1, 1964: The estimated number of turkeys at August 1, 1964 (1963 figures in brackets) was as follows: Maritime Provinces, 76,000 (100,000); Quebec, 1,115,000 (1,050,000); Ontario, 4,370,000 (3,850,000); Manitoba 1,200,000 (1,200,000); Saskatchewan, 870,000 (975,000); Alberta, 900,000 (1,040,000); British Columbia, 435,000 (390,000); and Canada, 8,966,000 (8,605,000).

The estimated output of turkeys for the period January-July 1964 amounted to 3,784,000 birds. Between August 1 and Thanksgiving the expected output is 3,892,000 birds and between Thanksgiving and Christmas 4,533,000 birds. Thus it is anticipated that there will be an output of 12,209,000 birds in 1964 compared to 11,309,000 birds in 1963, an increase of 8.0 per cent (see page 4). The average weight of the birds produced will be less than a year earlier because of a larger proportion of broilers in the 1964 output. In terms of turkey meat production this output in 1964 is expected to be approximately 154,500,000 pounds compared to 146,317,000 pounds in 1963, an increase of 5.6 per cent.

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TABLE 1. Egg Production, By Province, August 1964

	Average Number of layers (1)	Eggs per 100 layers	Net egg production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island.....	218	1,613	290
Nova Scotia.....	1,002	1,921	1,588
New Brunswick.....	568	1,574	740
Quebec.....	4,382	1,590	5,762
Ontario.....	9,905	1,674	13,732
Manitoba.....	2,532	1,516	3,174
Saskatchewan.....	1,816	1,216	1,803
Alberta.....	2,433	1,433	2,866
British Columbia.....	2,821	1,744	4,074
Canada.....	25,677	1,603	34,029

(1) The average of the estimated number of layers at the beginning and end of the month.

TABLE 2. Egg Production, By Province, August 1963

	Average number of layers (1)	Eggs per 100 layers	Net egg production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island.....	271	1,530	342
Nova Scotia.....	1,084	1,893	1,690
New Brunswick.....	560	1,470	680
Quebec.....	3,888	1,594	5,128
Ontario.....	9,711	1,723	13,847
Manitoba.....	2,153	1,535	2,723
Saskatchewan.....	1,814	1,283	1,913
Alberta.....	2,346	1,486	2,864
British Columbia.....	2,774	1,717	3,942
Canada.....	24,601	1,630	33,129

(1) The average of the estimated number of layers at the beginning and end of the month.

TABLE 3. Egg Disposition, August, 1963 and 1964

	Sold for market				Used for food by producers			
	Quantity		Value		Quantity		Value	
	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964
	'000 doz.		\$'000		'000 doz.		\$'000	
Prince Edward Island	293	247	104	90	44	39	15	14
Nova Scotia.....	1,590	1,473	663	552	73	81	30	30
New Brunswick.....	591	648	267	299	87	90	38	41
Quebec.....	4,397	4,901	1,882	1,877	509	530	213	198
Ontario.....	12,740	12,470	5,083	4,389	634	708	247	242
Manitoba.....	2,424	2,838	807	834	257	280	83	80
Saskatchewan.....	1,361	1,211	464	367	541	575	179	168
Alberta.....	2,257	2,195	765	674	525	592	173	176
British Columbia....	3,672	3,788	1,414	1,212	154	161	58	50
Canada.....	29,325	29,771	11,449	10,294	2,824	3,056	1,036	999

TABLE 4. Net Production and Disposition of Eggs
January to the End of August 1963 and 1964

	Production		Disposition			
	Net production(1)		Sold for market(2)		Used for food by producers	
	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964
	'000 doz.		'000 doz.		'000 doz.	
Prince Edward Island	2,886	2,859	2,483	2,472	321	311
Nova Scotia.....	13,258	12,328	12,254	11,266	628	607
New Brunswick.....	6,286	6,498	5,483	5,721	712	707
Quebec.....	44,080	46,296	37,540	38,678	4,356	4,448
Ontario.....	114,827	118,406	104,240	106,786	5,466	5,661
Manitoba.....	24,554	27,918	21,509	24,689	2,096	2,161
Saskatchewan.....	19,406	18,858	14,501	13,491	4,387	4,793
Alberta.....	24,213	25,685	18,526	19,744	4,354	4,472
British Columbia....	30,673	31,829	28,339	29,396	1,195	1,239
Canada.....	280,183	290,677	244,875	252,243	23,515	24,399

(1) Includes hatching eggs.

(2) Hatching eggs not included.

TABLE 5. Estimated Output of Turkeys, Canada, By Province, 1963 - 1964

	<u>Jan - July</u>		<u>Aug - Dec</u>		<u>Jan - Dec</u>		%
	1963	1964	1963	1964 (1)	1963	1964 (1)	
- '000 birds -							
P.E.I.....	-	2	8	9	8	11	137.5
N.S.....	40	51	51	31	91	82	90.1
N.B.....	1	12	27	22	28	34	121.4
Que.....	668	828	1,079	1,144	1,747	1,972	112.9
Ont.....	1,913	2,205	3,667	4,187	5,580	6,392	114.6
Man.....	160	165	1,077	1,077	1,237	1,242	100.4
Sask.....	100	69	921	816	1,021	885	86.7
Alta.. ..	185	175	873	733	1,058	908	85.8
B.C.....	178	277	361	406	539	683	126.7
Canada.....	3,245	3,784	8,064	8,425	11,309	12,209	108.0

(1) Forecast