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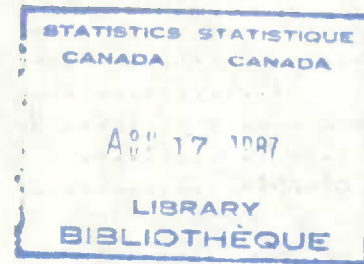
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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

December 1966



Estimated production of eggs in Canada(1) during December at 37.8 million dozen was 0.8 per cent more than the 37.5 million dozen produced in December 1965. The estimated number of layers at 27.3 million was virtually the same as a year earlier and the rate of lay increased 0.8 per cent to 1,671 eggs per 100 layers.

Sales of market eggs during December are estimated at 33.4 million dozen, 0.5 per cent more than in December, 1965. The average price of eggs to producers as reported in the monthly sample survey was 45.9 cents per dozen in December and 46.6 cents per dozen in November. The corresponding farm prices reported in December and November 1965 were 44.7 and 45.7 cents, respectively.

According to preliminary estimates egg production in 1966 was 415.6 million dozen, a decrease of 4.0 per cent from the 432.8 million dozen produced during 1965.

EGG PRODUCTS: Frozen and other egg products from registered premises during the 4 week period ending December 31 was 934,228 pounds as compared with 314,200 pounds during the corresponding period in 1965 according to figures published by the Canada Department of Agriculture.

(1) Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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TABLE 1. Egg Production, by Province, December 1966

	Average number of layers(1)	Eggs per 100 layers	Net egg production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island	218	1,465	265
Nova Scotia.....	1,116	1,921	1,772
New Brunswick.....	540	1,700	754
Quebec.....	4,910	1,584	6,423
Ontario.....	10,086	1,698	14,204
Manitoba.....	2,768	1,708	3,913
Saskatchewan.....	1,735	1,599	2,294
Alberta.....	2,784	1,577	3,627
British Columbia.....	3,178	1,730	4,553
Canada.....	27,335	1,671	37,805

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

TABLE 2. Egg Production, by Province, December 1965

	Average number of layers(1)	Eggs per 100 layers	Net egg production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island.....	260	1,454	314
Nova Scotia.....	1,076	1,795	1,595
New Brunswick.....	614	1,554	791
Quebec.....	4,649	1,655	6,349
Ontario.....	10,354	1,706	14,653
Manitoba.....	2,818	1,662	3,882
Saskatchewan.....	1,826	1,492	2,251
Alberta.....	2,769	1,519	3,470
British Columbia.....	2,976	1,702	4,197
Canada.....	27,342	1,657	37,502

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

TABLE 3. Egg Disposition, December 1965 and 1966

	Sold for market				Used for food by producers			
	Quantity		Value		Quantity		Value	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	'000 doz.		\$'000		'000 doz.		\$'000	
Prince Edward Island	268	232	123	118	35	27	16	14
Nova Scotia.....	1,491	1,657	748	868	68	67	33	34
New Brunswick.....	713	658	397	365	67	73	37	40
Quebec.....	5,467	5,550	2,712	2,886	492	490	239	250
Ontario.....	13,270	12,805	6,263	6,146	727	681	336	320
Manitoba.....	3,537	3,562	1,330	1,339	261	259	96	95
Saskatchewan.....	1,723	1,709	608	656	503	552	173	206
Alberta.....	2,860	2,977	1,050	1,093	502	545	179	195
British Columbia ...	3,907	4,268	1,633	1,852	140	133	57	56
Canada.....	33,236	33,418	14,864	15,323	2,795	2,827	1,166	1,210

TABLE 4. Net Production and Disposition of Eggs
January to the End of December 1965 and 1966

	Production		Disposition			
	Net production(1)		Sold for market(2)		Used for food by producers	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	'000 doz.					
Prince Edward Island	3,944	3,351	3,328	2,797	482	426
Nova Scotia.....	18,450	19,570	16,931	18,034	927	867
New Brunswick.....	9,189	8,628	8,018	7,492	1,016	966
Quebec.....	77,013	71,436	65,938	60,247	6,485	6,121
Ontario.....	170,701	160,130	153,431	142,276	8,809	8,653
Manitoba.....	42,584	40,228	37,952	35,588	3,302	3,152
Saskatchewan.....	25,379	23,203	17,871	16,166	6,906	6,388
Alberta.....	36,654	37,972	28,104	29,461	6,816	6,625
British Columbia....	48,881	51,095	45,325	47,431	1,765	1,734
Canada.....	432,795	415,613	376,898	359,492	36,508	34,932

(1) Includes hatching eggs.

(2) Hatching eggs not included.

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