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MONTHLY POULTRY ESTIMATES

The preliminary estimate of net egg production in Canada during 1949 was 330,374,000 dozens. This estimate was a decrease of 15 per cent from the final estimate of 388,579,000 dozens for 1948. The final revision for 1948 was 1.4 per cent higher than the preliminary estimate for 1948.

Preliminary figures of "Average Layers on Farms" for December increased by 2.4 per cent over the preliminary data for November, and "Eggs per Layer", at 10.56, increased 13.9 per cent, or 1.29 eggs, over November and 5.8 per cent over December 1948.

Net egg production for December was 26,911,000 dozens as compared with 27,663,000 dozens, the final figures for December 1948, which, however, were 2.9 per cent higher than the preliminary data for December 1948.

Sales for consumption totalled 22,088,300 dozens for a value of \$8,448,700, while producers used for food 3,672,400 dozens which were valued at \$1,344,000. Producers' reports indicate 147,000 dozens sold for hatching during December at a value of \$87,900.

NET EGG PRODUCTION - Cumulative - January to December

Province	1949 (Revised 1/)			1948 (Final)		
	Farm	Other 2/	Total	Farm	Other 2/	Total
	- thousand dozens -			- thousand dozens -		
Pr. Edward Island ...	5,385	182	5,567	5,872	200	6,072
Nova Scotia .....	12,277	2,431	14,708	12,977	2,569	15,546
New Brunswick .....	6,407	847	7,254	7,110	939	8,049
Quebec .....	53,083	6,211	59,294	60,131	7,035	67,166
Ontario .....	111,280	8,568	119,848	141,331	10,884	152,215
Manitoba .....	24,540	1,644	26,184	26,734	1,818	28,552
Saskatchewan .....	31,833	1,495	33,328	36,440	1,385	37,825
Alberta .....	33,404	2,005	35,409	37,380	1,944	39,324
British Columbia ....	23,984	4,798	28,782	28,191	5,639	33,830
CANADA .....	302,193	28,181	330,374	356,166	32,413	388,579

1/ Final from January to May; revised from June to October, preliminary for November and December.

2/ Elsewhere than on farms.

**E G G P R O D U C T I O N**  
December 1949 - Preliminary

Province	Average Layers 1/ on Farms	Eggs Per 100 Layers	Total Farm Laid	Loss	NET PRODUCTION		
					Farm	Other 2/	Total
	thousand	No.			thousand	dozens	
Pr. Edward Island ...	536	678	303	1	302	10	312
Nova Scotia .....	1,127	974	915	3	912	181	1,093
New Brunswick .....	544	828	375	-	375	50	425
Quebec .....	4,670	1,131	4,401	28	4,373	512	4,885
Ontario .....	10,337	1,253	10,794	56	10,738	827	11,565
Manitoba .....	2,447	936	1,909	12	1,897	127	2,024
Saskatchewan .....	3,292	647	1,775	20	1,755	82	1,837
Alberta .....	3,229	812	2,185	19	2,166	130	2,296
British Columbia ....	1,926	1,290	2,071	9	2,062	412	2,474
CANADA .....	28,108	1,056	24,728	148	24,580	2,331	26,911

December 1948 - Final

Pr. Edward Island ...	480	788	315	2	313	10	323
Nova Scotia .....	1,078	957	859	8	851	168	1,019
New Brunswick .....	606	826	417	3	414	55	469
Quebec .....	5,236	1,201	5,240	38	5,202	609	5,811
Ontario .....	11,318	1,143	10,780	68	10,712	825	11,537
Manitoba .....	2,583	854	1,838	12	1,826	124	1,950
Saskatchewan .....	3,600	613	1,839	16	1,823	69	1,892
Alberta .....	3,557	697	2,066	23	2,043	106	2,149
British Columbia ....	2,148	1,176	2,105	11	2,094	419	2,513
CANADA.....	30,606	998	25,459	181	25,278	2,385	27,663

EGGS PER LAYER - Estimate for December 1949

3/ Classified by Size of Flock of Domestic Fowl 4/

Province	1-49	50-99	100-199	200-499	500 & over	All
	birds	birds	birds	birds	birds	Flocks
	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs
Pr. Edward Island ....	6.79	5.00	8.61	9.61	12.49	6.78
Nova Scotia .....	8.44	7.48	14.43	15.94	15.29	9.74
New Brunswick .....	6.19	7.28	12.44	11.81	17.80	8.28
Quebec .....	6.71	12.00	13.78	15.70	17.09	11.31
Ontario .....	5.75	10.42	11.21	15.11	17.08	12.53
Manitoba .....	2.22	5.21	10.60	11.37	13.42	9.36
Saskatchewan .....	3.64	4.48	6.78	8.68	14.42	6.47
Alberta .....	3.37	5.48	7.47	10.65	14.07	8.12
British Columbia .....	5.85	7.21	10.01	10.44	16.12	12.90

- 1/ Layers of November 30 plus layers of December 31 divided by 2.  
 2/ Elsewhere than on farms.  
 3/ Farms are classified by size of flock at June 1 each year.  
 4/ Hens, cocks and chickens.

EGG DISPOSITION - DECEMBER 1949

Province	SOLD - for Market				SOLD - for Hatching			
	Farm	Value	Other 1/	Value	Farm	Value	Other 1/	Value
	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$
P.E.I.	239.6	79,300	8.1	2,700	-	-	-	-
N. S.	644.0	293,000	127.5	58,000	-	-	-	-
N. B.	265.7	124,300	35.1	16,400	-	-	-	-
Que.	3,666.6	1,441,000	429.0	168,600	13.8	9,700	1.6	1,100
Ont.	9,427.3	3,403,300	725.9	262,100	90.1	53,200	6.9	4,100
Man.	1,552.2	602,300	104.0	40,400	-	-	-	-
Sask.	1,249.9	418,700	58.7	19,700	15.8	8,600	.7	400
Alta.	1,775.9	626,900	106.6	37,500	7.2	4,100	.4	200
B.C.	1,893.5	712,000	378.7	142,400	8.8	5,400	1.8	1,100
CANADA	20,714.7	7,700,800	1,973.6	747,900	135.7	81,000	11.4	6,900

Used for Food by Producers

Used for Hatching by Producers

P.E.I.	45.0	14,400	1.5	500
N.S.	243.5	108,400	48.2	21,500
N.B.	102.3	46,900	13.5	6,200
Que.	653.3	250,200	76.4	29,300
Ont.	1,025.0	359,800	78.9	27,700
Man.	240.1	90,800	16.1	6,100
Sask.	486.2	158,000	22.9	7,400
Alta.	410.5	140,800	24.6	8,400
B.C.	153.7	56,300	30.7	11,300
CANADA	3,359.6	1,225,600	312.8	118,400

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FARM and OTHER

SALES

PRODUCER USE

	Consumption		Hatching		Consumption		Hatching	
	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$
P.E.I.	247.7	82,000	-	-	46.5	14,900	-	-
N.S.	771.5	351,000	-	-	291.7	129,900	-	-
N.B.	300.8	140,700	-	-	115.8	53,100	-	-
Que.	4,095.6	1,609,600	15.4	10,800	729.7	279,500	-	-
Ont.	10,153.2	3,665,400	97.0	57,300	1,103.9	387,500	-	-
Man.	1,656.2	642,700	-	-	256.2	96,900	-	-
Sask.	1,308.6	438,400	16.5	9,000	509.1	165,400	-	-
Alta.	1,882.5	664,500	7.6	4,300	435.1	149,200	-	-
B.C.	2,272.2	854,400	10.6	6,500	184.4	67,600	-	-
CANADA	22,688.3	8,448,700	147.1	87,900	3,672.4	1,344,000	-	-

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