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MONTHLY POULTRY ESTIMATES

There were 37,412,000 dozen eggs net production during March 1949, while a year ago 40,961,000 dozens were produced. The reduction was due to a decrease in the average number of layers, which were 27,359,000 birds, or 9.9 per cent less than during March 1948. There was, however, an increase per 100 layers of 15 eggs. Farm eggs numbered 34,289,000 dozens and eggs produced elsewhere than on farms 3,123,000 dozens.

The cumulative net production of eggs for January to March inclusive totalled to 95,717,000 dozens as compared with 111,006,000 dozens last year for the same quarter. Of the 1949 figures 87,591,000 dozens were from farms.

The consumption sales of farm eggs during the month were 70.1 per cent of the total disposable; 7.2 per cent were sold for hatching; farm households used 14.9 per cent; a very small quantity, 0.3 per cent were used for hatching on farms, and 7.5 per cent were held over on farms for disposal in April.

Revisions of production and disposition of eggs are included this month. These revisions were based on the numbers of layers on farms as estimated from the semi-annual Survey of December 1, 1948, the figures for which have just been published.

NET EGG PRODUCTION - Cumulative - January - March

Province	1949 (Preliminary)			1948		
	Farm	Other <sup>1/</sup>	Total	Farm	Other <sup>1/</sup>	Total
	- thousand dozens -			- thousand dozens -		
Pr. Edward Island ...	1,516	51	1,567	1,468	50	1,518
Nova Scotia .....	3,525	698	4,223	3,517	697	4,214
New Brunswick .....	1,865	246	2,111	1,859	245	2,104
Quebec .....	16,607	1,943	18,550	15,491	1,812	17,303
Ontario .....	34,896	2,687	37,583	45,451	3,500	48,951
Manitoba .....	6,434	437	6,871	6,919	471	7,390
Saskatchewan .....	7,906	301	8,207	9,317	354	9,671
Alberta .....	8,140	423	8,563	10,220	532	10,752
British Columbia .....	6,702	1,340	8,042	7,586	1,517	9,103
CANADA .....	87,591	3,123	95,717	101,828	9,178	111,006

<sup>1/</sup> Elsewhere than on farms.

EGG PRODUCTION

March 1949 - Preliminary

Province	Average	Eggs	Total	Loss	Net Production		
	Layers <sup>1/</sup> on Farms	Per 100 Layers	Farm Laid		Farm	Other <sup>2/</sup>	Total
	thousand	No.	- - -	- - -	thousand dozens	- - -	- - -
Pr. Edward Island ..	1,82	1,573	632	3	629	21	650
Nova Scotia .....	1,028	1,679	1,439	15	1,424	282	1,706
New Brunswick .....	566	1,626	768	6	762	101	863
Quebec .....	4,653	1,548	6,003	38	5,965	698	6,663
Ontario .....	9,624	1,597	12,808	68	12,740	981	13,721
Manitoba .....	2,408	1,367	2,744	24	2,720	185	2,905
Saskatchewan .....	3,406	1,304	3,701	24	3,677	140	3,817
Alberta .....	3,319	1,380	3,816	36	3,780	197	3,977
British Columbia ....	1,873	1,673	2,611	19	2,592	518	3,110
CANADA .....	27,359	1,514	34,522	233	34,289	3,123	37,412

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Pr. Edward Island ...	522	1,353	589	4	585	20	605
Nova Scotia .....	1,000	1,669	1,390	13	1,377	273	1,650
New Brunswick .....	622	1,511	784	2	782	103	885
Quebec .....	4,788	1,451	5,790	55	5,735	671	6,406
Ontario .....	11,642	1,659	16,096	153	15,943	1,228	17,171
Manitoba .....	2,582	1,339	2,881	34	2,847	194	3,041
Saskatchewan .....	3,592	1,238	3,706	36	3,670	139	3,809
Alberta .....	3,559	1,262	3,742	48	3,694	192	3,886
British Columbia ....	2,056	1,719	2,945	22	2,923	585	3,508
CANADA .....	30,363	1,499	37,923	367	37,556	3,405	40,961

EGGS PER LAYER. Estimate for March 1949

<sup>3/</sup> Classified by Size of Flock of Domestic Fowl <sup>4/</sup>

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 ...	9.75	15.74	17.18	18.18	21.17	15.73
Nova Scotia .....	15.88	16.88	19.45	18.69	19.42	16.79
New Brunswick .....	14.95	16.00	21.35	20.51	19.93	16.26
Quebec .....	14.23	14.43	16.91	17.51	17.39	15.48
Ontario .....	11.80	14.45	15.89	17.63	17.28	15.97
Manitoba .....	10.05	9.56	14.88	16.13	16.45	13.67
Saskatchewan .....	8.55	11.46	13.99	14.71	17.30	13.04
Alberta .....	10.78	10.88	14.34	16.26	17.48	13.80
British Columbia ....	13.70	15.61	17.91	17.69	17.01	16.73

<sup>1/</sup> Layers of February 28 plus layers of March 31 divided by 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Elsewhere than on farms.

<sup>3/</sup> Farms are classified by size of flock at June 1 each year.

<sup>4/</sup> Hens, cocks and chickens.

EGG DISPOSITION - MARCH 1949

Province	SOLD - For Market				SOLD - For Hatching			
	Farm	Value	Other 2/	Value	Farm	Value	Other 2/	Value
	000 Doz.	\$	000 Doz.	\$	000 Doz.	\$	000 Doz.	\$
P. E. I.	558.3	203,200	19.0	6,900	21.5	13,700	.7	400
N. S.	1,065.4	460,300	210.9	91,100	4.6	2,700	.9	500
N. B.	579.2	257,200	76.5	34,000	-	-	-	-
Que.	4,008.2	1,667,400	469.0	195,100	398.3	296,700	46.6	34,700
Ont.	10,340.5	4,001,800	796.2	308,100	1,012.2	563,800	77.9	43,400
Man.	1,904.5	645,600	129.5	43,900	296.9	194,500	20.2	13,200
Sask.	2,353.6	772,000	89.4	29,300	439.8	261,700	16.7	9,900
Alta.	2,727.3	902,700	141.8	46,900	205.8	129,900	10.7	6,800
B. C.	2,025.4	860,800	405.1	172,200	243.2	151,800	48.6	30,300
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>25,562.4</b>	<b>9,771,000</b>	<b>2,337.4</b>	<b>927,500</b>	<b>2,622.3</b>	<b>1,614,800</b>	<b>222.3</b>	<b>139,200</b>

FARM USE

Province	Used for Food				Used for Hatching			
	Farm	Value	Other 2/	Value	Farm	Value	Other 2/	Value
	000 Doz.	\$	000 Doz.	\$	000 Doz.	\$	000 Doz.	\$
P. E. I.	61.1	21,600	2.1	700	1.4	700	.1	50
N. S.	360.8	152,300	71.4	30,100	7.7	3,900	1.5	800
N. B.	169.0	73,300	22.3	9,700	.8	400	.1	50
Que.	1,308.7	531,300	153.1	62,200	6.3	3,700	.7	400
Ont.	1,449.9	546,600	111.6	42,100	13.7	6,500	1.1	500
Man.	399.7	131,500	27.2	8,900	5.9	2,900	.4	200
Sask.	729.0	231,800	27.7	8,800	4.0	1,800	.2	100
Alta.	698.0	224,100	36.3	11,700	16.1	7,700	.8	400
B. C.	248.8	103,300	49.8	20,700	54.7	28,700	10.9	5,700
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>5,425.0</b>	<b>2,015,800</b>	<b>501.5</b>	<b>194,900</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>56,300</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>8,200</b>

2/ Elsewhere than on farms.

## EGG DISPOSITION - JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1949

First Revision 1/

Province		SOLD - FOR MARKET				SOLD - FOR HATCHING			
		Farm	Value	Other <u>2/</u>	Value	Farm	Value	Other <u>2/</u>	Value
		000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$
P.E.I.	Jan.	324.4	127,200	11.0	4,300	5.6	3,400	.2	100
	Feb.	396.4	141,100	13.5	4,800	12.6	7,200	.4	200
N. S.	Jan.	719.6	336,100	142.5	66,500	2.1	1,500	.4	300
	Feb.	749.7	341,900	143.4	67,700	3.5	1,900	.7	400
N. B.	Jan.	419.1	215,800	55.3	28,500	2.8	1,800	.4	300
	Feb.	393.5	184,200	51.9	24,300	32.9	19,500	4.3	2,500
QUE.	Jan.	4,220.3	1,759,900	493.8	205,900	104.1	81,800	12.2	9,600
	Feb.	4,063.9	1,625,600	475.5	190,200	250.8	181,300	29.3	21,200
ONT.	Jan.	9,569.3	3,913,800	736.8	301,400	297.2	173,900	22.9	13,400
	Feb.	8,634.3	3,401,900	664.8	261,900	764.6	401,400	58.9	30,900
MAN.	Jan.	1,423.2	538,000	96.8	36,600	8.0	4,800	.5	300
	Feb.	1,436.5	512,800	97.7	34,900	112.3	67,000	7.6	4,500
SASK.	Jan.	1,525.6	566,000	58.0	21,500	2.3	1,200	.1	100
	Feb.	1,330.5	456,400	50.6	17,400	194.8	103,000	7.4	3,900
ALTA.	Jan.	1,624.2	599,300	84.5	31,200	16.0	9,200	.8	500
	Feb.	1,575.7	537,300	81.9	27,900	125.0	70,600	6.5	3,700
B. C.	Jan.	1,857.8	843,400	371.6	168,700	58.8	34,300	11.8	6,900
	Feb.	1,573.8	679,900	314.8	136,600	199.4	116,400	40.0	23,400
CANADA	Jan.	21,683.5	8,899,500	2,050.3	864,600	496.9	311,900	49.3	31,500
	Feb.	20,154.3	7,881,100	1,899.1	765,700	1,695.9	968,300	155.1	90,700

1/ Revised in relation to the December 1, 1948 Survey of numbers of birds on farms, published on April 20, 1949.

2/ Elsewhere than on farms.

## EGG DISPOSITION - JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1949

First Revision 1/

FARM USE

Province		Used for Food				Used for Hatching			
		Farm	Value	Other 2/	Value	Farm	Value	Other 2/	Value
		000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$
P.E.I.	Jan.	49.7	19,000	1.7	600	-	-	-	-
	Feb.	52.0	18,000	1.8	600	-	-	-	-
N. S.	Jan.	253.9	116,000	50.3	23,000	1.1	600	.2	100
	Feb.	306.4	136,700	60.7	27,100	1.2	600	.2	100
N. B.	Jan.	103.8	52,400	13.7	6,900	-	-	-	-
	Feb.	139.6	63,900	18.4	8,400	-	-	-	-
QUE.	Jan.	907.7	369,400	106.2	43,200	75.1	45,100	8.8	5,300
	Feb.	1,003.1	391,200	117.4	45,800	22.8	12,800	2.7	1,500
ONT.	Jan.	1,141.2	455,300	87.9	35,100	35.6	17,700	2.7	1,300
	Feb.	1,364.6	524,000	105.1	40,400	58.8	27,000	4.5	2,100
MAN.	Jan.	352.8	129,800	24.0	8,800	-	-	-	-
	Feb.	318.1	110,400	21.6	7,500	2.1	1,000	.1	50
SASK.	Jan.	521.7	188,300	19.8	7,100	-	-	-	-
	Feb.	546.5	182,000	20.8	6,900	11.9	5,200	.5	200
ALTA.	Jan.	423.2	151,900	22.0	7,900	6.9	3,300	.4	200
	Feb.	509.7	168,700	26.5	8,800	2.5	1,100	.1	50
B. C.	Jan.	165.0	73,300	33.0	14,700	31.6	16,400	6.3	3,300
	Feb.	186.6	78,700	37.3	15,700	45.0	22,900	9.0	4,600
CANADA	Jan.	3,919.0	1,555,400	358.6	147,300	150.3	83,100	18.4	10,200
	Feb.	4,426.6	1,673,600	409.6	161,200	144.3	70,600	17.1	8,600

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## EGG PRODUCTION. JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1949

First Revision 1/

Province		Average Layers <u>1/</u> on Farms thousands	Eggs per 100 Layers No.	Total Farm Laid	Loss	Net Production		
						Farm	Other <u>2/</u> thousand dozen	Total
P.E.I.	Jan.	487	1,016	412	1	411	14	425
	Feb.	489	1,174	478	2	476	16	492
N. S.	Jan.	1,072	1,160	1,036	13	1,023	203	1,226
	Feb.	1,052	1,236	1,084	6	1,078	213	1,291
N. B.	Jan.	612	1,035	528	3	525	69	594
	Feb.	604	1,153	580	2	578	76	654
QUE.	Jan.	4,965	1,319	5,457	35	5,422	634	6,056
	Feb.	4,743	1,331	5,260	40	5,220	611	5,831
ONT.	Jan.	10,718	1,266	11,308	95	11,213	863	12,076
	Feb.	10,399	1,271	11,014	71	10,943	843	11,786
MAN.	Jan.	2,526	888	1,870	14	1,856	126	1,982
	Feb.	2,445	919	1,872	14	1,858	126	1,984
SASK.	Jan.	3,589	720	2,153	21	2,132	81	2,213
	Feb.	3,541	721	2,128	31	2,097	80	2,177
ALTA.	Jan.	3,486	739	2,147	25	2,122	110	2,232
	Feb.	3,435	789	2,258	20	2,238	116	2,354
B. C.	Jan.	2,028	1,260	2,129	11	2,118	424	2,542
	Feb.	1,938	1,244	2,009	17	1,992	398	2,390
CANADA	Jan.	29,483	1,101	27,040	218	26,822	2,524	29,346
	Feb.	28,646	1,118	26,683	203	26,480	2,479	28,959

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