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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

December 1967

Preliminary estimates show that egg production in Canada ⁽¹⁾ rose by 7.5 per cent from December 1966 to December 1967. The number of layers increased by 5.1 per cent from December 1966 to December 1967 and the rate of lay increased by 1.6 per cent. The preliminary estimate of egg production in 1967 at 443.3 million dozen was 7.5 per cent higher than the 412.5 million dozen produced in 1966.

According to the D.B.S. monthly sample survey, poultry producers received an average of 33.4 cents per dozen in December 1967 compared with 45.8 cents in December 1966.

Eggs in cold storage and egg stations as of January 1, 1968 show a rise of 69.9 per cent over the previous year. Frozen eggs rose by 140.8 per cent while shell eggs remained unchanged.

Egg products: Frozen and other egg products from registered premises, during the five week period ending December 30, was 859,075 pounds as compared with 934,228 pounds during the corresponding period in 1966. (Source "Poultry Market Report" Canada Department of Agriculture).

Summary Table, Canada, December, 1966-67

	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1967	Per cent change
Average no. of layers ('000)	27,057	28,428	+5.1
Eggs per 100 layers	1,669	1,696	+1.6
Egg production ('000 doz.)	37,382	40,180	+7.5
Farm price of eggs sold for market (¢ per doz.)	45.8	33.4	-27.1
	Jan. 1967 ⁽²⁾ (Revised)	Jan. 1968 ⁽²⁾ (Preliminary)	Per cent change
	'000 doz.		%
Shell eggs in cold storage and egg stations ...	2,310	2,310	100.0
Frozen and other egg products (1.3 lb. per doz.)	2,280	5,490	240.8

(1) Exclusive of Newfoundland

(2) On the first business day of the month.

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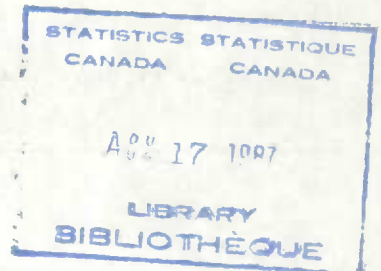


TABLE 1. Egg Production, December 1966 and 1967

	Average No. of layers (1)		Eggs per 100 layers		Egg production	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	'000		number		'000 doz.	
P.E.I.	232	212	1,465	1,400	282	247
N.S.	1,040	1,187	1,921	1,870	1,652	1,850
N.B.	571	502	1,700	1,620	798	678
Que.	5,014	5,028	1,584	1,644	6,560	6,888
Ont.	9,887	10,762	1,698	1,738	13,924	15,587
Man.	2,823	3,382	1,708	1,685	3,990	4,749
Sask.	1,651	1,480	1,599	1,580	2,183	1,949
Alta.	2,856	2,986	1,577	1,559	3,720	3,879
B.C.	2,983	2,889	1,730	1,808	4,273	4,353
Total	27,057	28,428	1,669	1,696	37,382	40,180

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

TABLE 2. Egg Disposition, December 1966 and 1967

	Sold for market						Used for food by producers			
	Quantity		Value		Farm price		Quantity		Value	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	'000 doz.		\$'000		per doz.		'000 doz.		\$'000	
P.E.I.	259	221	132	90	51.0	40.9	17	20	8	8
N.S.	1,568	1,766	822	775	52.4	43.9	36	36	19	15
N.B.	733	613	407	291	55.5	47.4	42	42	23	19
Que.	5,879	6,175	3,057	2,192	52.0	35.5	298	330	152	114
Ont.	12,794	14,433	6,141	4,951	48.0	34.3	412	436	194	145
Man.	3,729	4,481	1,402	1,264	38.0	28.2	170	176	62	48
Sask.	1,772	1,521	680	491	38.4	32.3	378	395	141	124
Alta.	3,232	3,405	1,186	1,025	36.7	30.1	383	369	137	107
B.C.	4,028	4,110	1,748	1,204	43.4	29.3	93	91	39	26
Total ..	33,994	36,725	15,575	12,283	45.8	33.4	1,829	1,895	775	606

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TABLE 3. Production and Disposition of Eggs
January to the end of December 1966 and 1967

	Production(1)		Disposition			
			Sold for market(2)		Used for food by producers	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	'000 doz.					
Prince Edward Island	3,242	3,013	2,840	2,618	273	291
Nova Scotia	19,641	19,461	18,515	18,296	472	475
New Brunswick	8,789	8,452	8,060	7,664	558	567
Quebec	75,238	79,296	66,453	70,405	3,716	3,874
Ontario	156,159	169,213	141,712	154,577	5,234	5,155
Manitoba	41,427	46,637	37,873	43,123	2,064	2,048
Saskatchewan	22,233	21,823	17,213	16,501	4,367	4,582
Alberta	37,598	41,994	31,047	35,527	4,661	4,530
British Columbia ...	48,134	53,375	44,995	50,263	1,205	1,165
Total	412,461	443,264	368,708	398,974	22,550	22,687

(1) Includes hatching eggs.

(2) Hatching eggs not included.

TABLE 4. Egg Production Chick Placements 1966 and 1967

Source: Canada Department of Agriculture

	4 week period ending December 23			January to December 23		
	1966	1967	1967 as a % of 1966	1966	1967	1967 as a % of 1966
	'000		%	'000		%
Nfld.	11	6	54.5	166	173	104.2
P.E.I.	15	—	—	166	162	97.6
N.S.	48	102	212.5	980	1,195	121.9
N.B.	17	11	64.7	396	421	106.3
Que.	305	272	89.2	4,228	3,616	85.5
Ont.	609	568	93.4	8,275	8,809	106.5
Man.	159	131	82.4	2,926	3,016	103.1
Sask.	8	25	312.3	2,175	1,937	89.1
Alta.	69	80	115.9	2,571	2,466	95.9
B.C.	173	116	67.1	2,848	2,838	99.6
Canada	1,411	1,314	93.1	24,731	24,632	99.6



TABLE 5. Eggs in Cold Storages and Egg Stations, Canada(1)
(on the first business day of the month)

	Jan. 1967 Revised	Jan. 1968 preliminary	Jan. 1968 as a % of Jan. 1967	Dec. 1967 revised
	'000 doz.		%	'000 doz.
Shell eggs	2,310	2,310	100.0	2,340
Eggs in transit	—	—	—	30
Frozen eggs (1.3 lb. per doz.)	2,280	5,490	240.8	6,510
Total	4,590	7,800	169.9	8,880

(1) Exclusive of Newfoundland.

TABLE 6. Stocks of Poultry Meat, Canada(1)
(Eviscerated Weight Basis)
(on the first business day of the month)

	Jan. 1967 revised	Jan. 1968 preliminary	Jan. 1968 as a % of Jan. 1967	Dec. 1967 revised
	'000 lb.		%	'000 lb.
Total Fowl & Chicken	22,333	20,778	93.0	18,964
(a) Chicken under 4 lb.	11,770	10,702	90.9	8,829
(b) Chicken 4 lb. & over	6,284	3,325	52.9	3,892
(c) Fowl	4,279	6,751	157.8	6,243
Total turkey	30,349	32,905	108.4	64,246
(a) Up to 10 lb.	4,493	4,928	109.7	6,637
(b) Over 10 lb. & under 16 lb.	9,435	9,179	97.3	20,860
(c) 16 lb. & over	16,421	18,798	114.5	36,749
Duck	548	547	99.8	1,014
Goose	238	467	196.2	638
Unclassified	2,150	1,799	83.7	2,480
Total Poultry	55,618	56,496	101.6	87,342

(1) Exclusive of Newfoundland.