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POULTRY ESTIMATES

JANUARY 1950

The preliminary estimates of net production of eggs during January 1950 were 27,314,000 dozens, consisting of 24,961,000 dozens on farms and 2,353,000 dozens on other premises.

The average layers on farms during the month were 27,462,000 hens, the average "rate of lay" being 1,097 per 100 layers. Potential layers on January 31 were 29,763,600 of which "hens and pullets of laying age" numbered 27,005,100 and "pullets not yet of laying age" 2,758,500. This is the first issue of this report to include an estimate of potential layers.

Sales of eggs for consumption totalled 22,723,500 dozens valued at \$6,586,800, while consumption by producers amounted to 4,121,700 dozens worth \$1,156,000. Eggs sold for hatching were 389,700 dozens at a value of \$173,000 and 41,000 dozens, worth \$16,900, were used by producers for hatching.

Preliminary data of farm production of fowl and chicken meat are also included for the first time this month. It amounted to 7,892,700 pounds at a value of \$2,170,400, of which 3,855,100 pounds dressed weight were "killed for home use" on farms and were valued at \$1,152,300, while a total of 4,037,600 pounds dressed weight at a value of \$1,018,100 were sold alive and sold dressed.

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EGG PRODUCTION

January 1950 - 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 ..	517	891	384	1	383	13	396
Nova Scotia	1,097	1,139	1,042	3	1,039	206	1,245
New Brunswick	531	1,011	447	1	446	59	505
Quebec	4,578	1,109	4,231	22	4,209	492	4,701
Ontario	9,954	1,420	11,779	62	11,717	902	12,619
Manitoba	2,387	929	1,848	14	1,834	123	1,957
Saskatchewan	3,312	613	1,692	19	1,673	79	1,752
Alberta	3,160	691	1,820	16	1,804	108	1,912
British Columbia ...	1,926	1,161	1,864	8	1,856	371	2,227
CANADA	27,462	1,097	25,107	146	24,961	2,353	27,314

January 1949 - Final

Pr. Edward Island ..	460	1,016	390	1	389	13	402
Nova Scotia	1,014	1,160	980	12	968	192	1,160
New Brunswick	609	1,035	525	3	522	69	591
Quebec	4,799	1,319	5,274	34	5,240	613	5,853
Ontario	10,306	1,266	10,873	92	10,781	830	11,611
Manitoba	2,584	888	1,912	14	1,898	127	2,025
Saskatchewan	3,490	720	2,094	20	2,074	97	2,171
Alberta	3,432	739	2,114	25	2,089	125	2,214
British Columbia ...	1,934	1,260	2,030	11	2,019	404	2,423
CANADA	28,628	1,098	26,192	212	25,980	2,470	28,450

EGGS PER LAYER - Estimates for January 1950

^{3/} Classified by Size of Flock of Domestic Fowl ^{4/}

Province	1-49	50-99	100-199	200-499	500 & over	All Flocks
	birds	birds	birds	birds	birds	
	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs	eggs
Fr. Edward Island ..	8.56	8.56	8.90	11.73	11.98	8.91
Nova Scotia	10.33	8.33	16.72	16.42	18.18	11.39
New Brunswick	8.19	6.93	14.15	14.30	25.12	10.11
Quebec	8.20	9.59	14.46	15.03	17.47	11.09
Ontario	10.26	12.11	12.86	16.57	18.03	14.20
Manitoba	3.26	5.10	10.01	12.28	12.64	9.29
Saskatchewan	3.23	4.22	6.73	8.14	14.03	6.13
Alberta	2.47	3.80	6.32	9.58	13.20	6.91
British Columbia ...	5.00	6.36	9.08	9.14	14.71	11.61

^{1/} Layers of December 31 plus layers of January 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 - JANUARY 1950

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.	325.2	82,000	11.1	2,800	-	-	-	-
N.S.	786.7	272,200	155.8	53,900	5.6	2,600	1.1	500
N.B.	309.4	114,200	40.8	15,100	-	-	-	-
Que.	3,325.5	964,400	389.1	112,800	35.8	23,100	4.2	2,700
Ont.	10,191.0	2,833,100	784.7	218,100	224.0	91,200	17.2	7,000
Man.	1,510.4	374,600	101.2	25,100	-	-	-	-
Sask.	1,235.2	378,000	58.1	17,800	1.9	1,000	.1	2/
Alta.	1,421.8	382,500	85.3	23,000	6.0	3,200	.4	200
B.C.	1,660.2	597,700	332.0	119,500	77.8	34,600	15.6	6,900
CANADA	20,765.4	5,998,700	1,958.1	588,100	351.1	155,700	38.6	17,300

Used for Food by Producers

Used for Hatching by Producers

P.E.I.	60.3	14,600	2.1	500	1.3	700	2/	2/
N.S.	241.9	81,300	47.9	16,100	3.3	1,300	.7	300
N.B.	121.9	43,800	16.1	5,800	-	-	-	-
Que.	804.5	225,300	94.1	26,400	4.5	2,100	.5	200
Ont.	1,269.2	340,100	97.7	26,200	-	-	-	-
Man.	338.7	80,600	22.7	5,400	-	-	-	-
Sask.	428.7	126,900	20.1	6,000	1.9	800	.1	2/
Alta.	388.9	100,700	23.3	6,000	-	-	-	-
B.C.	119.7	41,900	23.9	8,400	23.9	9,600	4.8	1,900
CANADA	3,773.8	1,055,200	347.9	100,800	34.9	14,500	6.1	2,400

FARM and OTHER

SALES

PRODUCER USE

	SALES				PRODUCER USE			
	Consumption		Hatching		Consumption		Hatching	
	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$	000 doz.	\$
P.E.I.	336.3	84,800	-	-	62.4	15,100	1.3	700
N.S.	942.5	326,100	6.7	3,100	289.8	97,400	4.0	1,600
N.B.	350.2	129,300	-	-	138.0	49,600	-	-
Que.	3,714.6	1,077,200	40.0	25,800	898.6	251,700	5.0	2,300
Ont.	10,975.7	3,051,200	241.2	98,200	1,366.9	366,300	-	-
Man.	1,611.6	399,700	-	-	361.4	86,000	-	-
Sask.	1,293.3	395,800	2.0	1,000	448.8	132,900	2.0	800
Alta.	1,507.1	405,500	6.4	3,400	412.2	106,700	-	-
B.C.	1,992.2	717,200	93.4	41,500	143.6	50,300	28.7	11,500
CANADA	22,723.5	6,586,800	389.7	173,000	4,121.7	1,156,000	41.0	16,900

^{1/} Elsewhere than on farms.^{2/} Less than 50.

POTENTIAL LAYERS ON FARMS: Preliminary January 31, 1950

	Hens and Pullets of laying age	Pullets not yet of laying age	Total Potential layers
	No.	No.	No.
P.E.I.	472,800	47,900	520,700
N.S.	1,062,000	29,000	1,091,000
N.B.	523,100	92,700	615,800
Que.	4,442,800	485,900	4,928,700
Ont.	9,664,400	1,291,400	10,955,800
Man.	2,360,200	203,800	2,564,000
Sask.	3,319,800	177,600	3,497,400
Alta.	3,224,000	280,300	3,504,300
B.C.	1,936,000	149,900	2,085,900
CANADA	27,005,100	2,758,500	29,763,600

PRODUCTION OF FOWL AND CHICKEN MEAT ON FARMS: Preliminary January 1950

	Sold Alive for Killing		Sold Dressed		Killed for home use		Total estimated production	
	Weight <u>1/</u> lb.	Value <u>2/</u> \$	Weight lb.	Value <u>2/</u> \$	Weight <u>1/</u> lb.	Value <u>2/</u> \$	Weight <u>1/</u> lb.	Value <u>2/</u> \$
P.E.I.	40,600	10,900	50,400	16,300	166,900	54,100	257,900	81,300
N.S.	59,300	20,400	218,400	83,000	120,000	45,600	397,700	149,000
N.B.	14,900	4,300	26,900	10,600	140,100	55,300	181,900	70,200
Que.	214,400	46,100	186,700	58,200	416,000	129,800	817,100	234,100
Ont.	1,951,100	417,500	285,000	95,200	1,093,900	365,400	3,330,000	878,100
Man.	404,500	112,000	70,700	18,700	466,100	123,100	941,300	253,800
Sask.	6,900	1,400	236,500	57,200	681,400	164,900	924,800	223,500
Alta.	51,700	9,500	62,400	17,200	633,000	174,700	747,100	201,400
B.C.	83,300	18,500	73,900	21,100	137,700	39,400	294,900	79,000
CANADA	2,826,700	640,600	1,210,900	377,500	3,855,100	1,152,300	7,892,700	2,170,400

1/ Dressed weight.

2/ Farm value.