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## POULTRY ESTIMATES

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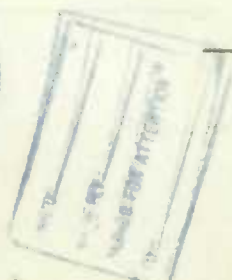
Total egg production in Canada during March is estimated at 34.8 million dozen, of which 31.9 million dozen were produced on farms. Production in March 1950 is practically unchanged from that during March last year, being less than 1 per cent greater.

The average number of layers on farms during March this year was 2 per cent higher than during the same month in 1949, the 1950 estimate being 25.8 million birds. The rate of lay during the month decreased from 1,511 last year to 1,491 eggs per 100 layers this year.

The three-month total (January to March) of farm laid eggs is estimated at 82.9 million dozen a decrease of about 1 per cent from the first quarter of 1949.

Sales of eggs by producers during March are estimated at 28.5 million dozen of which 2.2 million dozen were sold for hatching. The average farm price of eggs (excluding those for hatching) was 33.9 cents per dozen.

Frozen Eggs: Production of frozen eggs in March, including all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture and uninspected plants reporting to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was 1,549,000 pounds. Total production during the first quarter of 1950 was 6,764,000 pounds.



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TABLE 1A- Production on Farms and Elsewhere, by Provinces, March 1950, Preliminary

| Province            | Average                      | Eggs              | Total         | Loss       | Net Production |                 |               |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                     | Layers <u>1/</u><br>on Farms | per 100<br>Layers | Farm<br>Laid  |            | Farm           | Other <u>2/</u> | Total         |
|                     | 000                          | No.               | - - - - -     | - - - - -  | 000 doz.       | - - - - -       | - - - - -     |
| Pr. Edward Island   | 440                          | 1,430             | 525           | 1          | 524            | 18              | 542           |
| Nova Scotia .....   | 903                          | 1,607             | 1,269         | 7          | 1,262          | 250             | 1,512         |
| New Brunswick ...   | 592                          | 1,596             | 788           | 2          | 786            | 104             | 890           |
| Quebec .....        | 4,543                        | 1,495             | 5,660         | 36         | 5,624          | 658             | 6,282         |
| Ontario .....       | 9,100                        | 1,584             | 12,012        | 67         | 11,945         | 920             | 12,865        |
| Manitoba .....      | 2,402                        | 1,355             | 2,712         | 15         | 2,697          | 181             | 2,878         |
| Saskatchewan ....   | 3,170                        | 1,245             | 3,288         | 36         | 3,252          | 153             | 3,405         |
| Alberta .....       | 3,071                        | 1,414             | 3,618         | 28         | 3,590          | 215             | 3,805         |
| British Columbia.   | 1,600                        | 1,658             | 2,211         | 16         | 2,195          | 439             | 2,634         |
| <b>CANADA .....</b> | <b>25,821</b>                | <b>1,491</b>      | <b>32,083</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>31,875</b>  | <b>2,938</b>    | <b>34,813</b> |

TABLE 1B- Production on Farms and Elsewhere, by Provinces, March 1949, Final

| Province            | Average                      | Eggs              | Total         | Loss       | Net Production |                 |               |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                     | Layers <u>1/</u><br>on Farms | per 100<br>Layers | Farm<br>Laid  |            | Farm           | Other <u>2/</u> | Total         |
|                     | 000                          | No.               | - - - - -     | - - - - -  | 000 doz.       | - - - - -       | - - - - -     |
| Pr. Edward Island   | 432                          | 1,573             | 566           | 2          | 564            | 19              | 583           |
| Nova Scotia .....   | 898                          | 1,679             | 1,257         | 14         | 1,243          | 246             | 1,489         |
| New Brunswick ...   | 558                          | 1,626             | 756           | 6          | 750            | 99              | 849           |
| Quebec .....        | 4,288                        | 1,548             | 5,531         | 35         | 5,496          | 643             | 6,139         |
| Ontario .....       | 8,762                        | 1,597             | 11,661        | 62         | 11,599         | 893             | 12,492        |
| Manitoba .....      | 2,326                        | 1,367             | 2,650         | 23         | 2,627          | 176             | 2,803         |
| Saskatchewan ....   | 3,188                        | 1,304             | 3,464         | 22         | 3,442          | 162             | 3,604         |
| Alberta .....       | 3,200                        | 1,380             | 3,680         | 35         | 3,645          | 219             | 3,864         |
| British Columbia.   | 1,669                        | 1,673             | 2,327         | 17         | 2,310          | 462             | 2,772         |
| <b>CANADA .....</b> | <b>25,321</b>                | <b>1,511</b>      | <b>31,892</b> | <b>216</b> | <b>31,676</b>  | <b>2,919</b>    | <b>34,595</b> |

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

2/ Elsewhere than on farms.

TABLE 2- Number of Eggs Laid per Layer, by Size of Flock, <sup>1/</sup>  
by Provinces, March 1950

| Province          | No. of Birds |       |         |         |            | All Flocks |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|---------|---------|------------|------------|
|                   | 1-49         | 50-99 | 100-199 | 200-499 | 500 & over |            |
| - eggs -          |              |       |         |         |            |            |
| Pr. Edward Island | 14.40        | 14.40 | 13.26   | 18.82   | 18.29      | 14.30      |
| Nova Scotia ..... | 16.97        | 13.43 | 19.60   | 20.54   | 20.38      | 16.87      |
| New Brunswick ... | 13.84        | 18.52 | 17.99   | 20.18   | 20.06      | 15.96      |
| Quebec .....      | 13.94        | 14.40 | 16.11   | 17.10   | 16.35      | 14.95      |
| Ontario .....     | 15.80        | 14.24 | 15.47   | 17.10   | 16.96      | 15.84      |
| Manitoba .....    | 9.58         | 11.33 | 14.09   | 15.53   | 15.30      | 13.55      |
| Saskatchewan .... | 9.08         | 9.43  | 14.62   | 13.74   | 19.42      | 12.45      |
| Alberta .....     | 8.87         | 12.19 | 14.51   | 16.64   | 16.53      | 14.14      |
| British Columbia. | 14.23        | 15.08 | 15.10   | 14.71   | 18.00      | 16.58      |

TABLE 3- Eggs: Production on Farms and Elsewhere, by Provinces, January to  
March 1949 and 1950

| Province          | 1950 - Preliminary |       |        | 1949   |       |        |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|                   | Farm               | Other | Total  | Farm   | Other | Total  |
| - 000 doz. -      |                    |       |        |        |       |        |
| Pr. Edward Island | 1,287              | 44    | 1,331  | 1,398  | 48    | 1,446  |
| Nova Scotia ..... | 3,284              | 651   | 3,935  | 3,222  | 638   | 3,860  |
| New Brunswick ... | 1,770              | 234   | 2,004  | 1,855  | 245   | 2,100  |
| Quebec .....      | 14,306             | 1,673 | 15,979 | 15,770 | 1,845 | 17,615 |
| Ontario .....     | 35,341             | 2,721 | 38,062 | 32,840 | 2,529 | 35,369 |
| Manitoba .....    | 6,473              | 434   | 6,907  | 6,510  | 436   | 6,946  |
| Saskatchewan .... | 6,731              | 317   | 7,048  | 7,589  | 357   | 7,946  |
| Alberta .....     | 7,682              | 461   | 8,143  | 7,994  | 480   | 8,474  |
| British Columbia. | 5,996              | 1,199 | 7,195  | 6,212  | 1,242 | 7,454  |
| CANADA .....      | 82,870             | 7,734 | 90,604 | 83,390 | 7,820 | 91,210 |

<sup>1/</sup> Farms are classified by size of flock at June 1 each year; flocks include hens, cocks and chickens.





## EGG DISPOSITION - MARCH 1950

| Province          | Sold - for Market |       |          |       | Sold - for Hatching |       |          |       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------|----------|-------|---------------------|-------|----------|-------|
|                   | Farm              | Value | Other 1/ | Value | Farm                | Value | Other 1/ | Value |
|                   | 000 doz.          | \$000 | 000 doz. | \$000 | 000 doz.            | \$000 | 000 doz. | \$000 |
| Pr. Edward Island | 428               | 129   | 15       | 4     | 20                  | 8     | 1        | a/    |
| Nova Scotia ..... | 926               | 365   | 183      | 72    | 11                  | 6     | 2        | 1     |
| New Brunswick ... | 564               | 223   | 74       | 29    | -                   | -     | -        | -     |
| Quebec .....      | 4,148             | 1,547 | 485      | 181   | 275                 | 151   | 32       | 18    |
| Ontario .....     | 9,818             | 3,397 | 756      | 262   | 654                 | 347   | 50       | 27    |
| Manitoba .....    | 1,891             | 543   | 127      | 36    | 277                 | 125   | 19       | 8     |
| Saskatchewan .... | 2,213             | 615   | 104      | 29    | 260                 | 120   | 12       | 6     |
| Alberta .....     | 2,524             | 720   | 151      | 43    | 224                 | 101   | 13       | 6     |
| British Columbia. | 1,617             | 636   | 323      | 127   | 275                 | 154   | 55       | 31    |
| CANADA .....      | 24,129            | 8,175 | 2,218    | 783   | 1,996               | 1,012 | 184      | 97    |

|                   | Used for Food by Producers |       |     |     | Used for Hatching by Producers |    |    |    |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|----|----|----|
|                   |                            |       |     |     |                                |    |    |    |
| Pr. Edward Island | 71                         | 21    | 2   | 1   | -                              | -  | -  | -  |
| Nova Scotia ..... | 313                        | 120   | 62  | 24  | 3                              | 2  | 1  | a/ |
| New Brunswick ... | 228                        | 88    | 30  | 12  | -                              | -  | -  | -  |
| Quebec .....      | 1,122                      | 407   | 131 | 48  | -                              | -  | -  | -  |
| Ontario .....     | 1,410                      | 474   | 109 | 36  | -                              | -  | -  | -  |
| Manitoba .....    | 460                        | 127   | 31  | 9   | 9                              | 4  | 1  | a/ |
| Saskatchewan .... | 666                        | 179   | 31  | 8   | -                              | -  | -  | -  |
| Alberta .....     | 709                        | 195   | 43  | 12  | 4                              | 2  | a/ | a/ |
| British Columbia. | 200                        | 76    | 40  | 15  | 52                             | 28 | 10 | 6  |
| CANADA .....      | 5,179                      | 1,687 | 479 | 165 | 68                             | 36 | 12 | 6  |

## FARM and OTHER

|                   | SALES       |       |          |       | PRODUCER USE |       |          |       |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|----------|-------|--------------|-------|----------|-------|
|                   | Consumption |       | Hatching |       | Consumption  |       | Hatching |       |
|                   | 000 doz.    | \$000 | 000 doz. | \$000 | 000 doz.     | \$000 | 000 doz. | \$000 |
| Pr. Edward Island | 443         | 133   | 21       | 8     | 73           | 22    | -        | -     |
| Nova Scotia ..... | 1,109       | 437   | 13       | 7     | 375          | 144   | 4        | 2     |
| New Brunswick ... | 638         | 252   | -        | -     | 258          | 100   | -        | -     |
| Quebec .....      | 4,633       | 1,728 | 307      | 169   | 1,253        | 455   | -        | -     |
| Ontario .....     | 10,574      | 3,659 | 704      | 374   | 1,519        | 510   | -        | -     |
| Manitoba .....    | 2,018       | 579   | 296      | 133   | 491          | 136   | 10       | 4     |
| Saskatchewan .... | 2,317       | 644   | 272      | 126   | 697          | 187   | -        | -     |
| Alberta .....     | 2,675       | 763   | 237      | 107   | 752          | 207   | 4        | 2     |
| British Columbia  | 1,940       | 763   | 330      | 185   | 240          | 91    | 62       | 34    |
| CANADA .....      | 26,347      | 8,958 | 2,180    | 1,109 | 5,658        | 1,852 | 80       | 42    |

a/ Less than 500.

1/ Elsewhere than on farms.