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POULTRY ESTIMATES

MAY - 1950

Egg production in Canada during May this year is estimated at 36.4 million dozen. This compares with an estimated 35.8 million dozen in April 1950 and 34.9 million dozen in May 1949. Estimated production in 1950 up to the end of May is running 2.9 per cent greater than during the first five months in 1949.

The estimate of the average number of laying hens and pullets on farms during May is 23.0 million birds, a decrease of 2.9 per cent from the April average number but an increase of 2.9 per cent over the May 1949 figure.

The rate of lay during May rose to 1,750 eggs per 100 layers from the estimate of 1,673 eggs in April. The May 1949 estimate was 1,727 eggs.

Sales of eggs by producers during May are estimated at 30.3 million dozens, of which one million dozens were sold for hatching.

FROZEN EGGS: Production of frozen eggs during May in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture and in uninspected plants reporting to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was 3,242,000 pounds.

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

Province	Average	Eggs	Total	Loss	Net Production		
	Layers <u>1/</u> on Farms	per 100 Layers	Farm Laid		Farm	Other <u>2/</u>	Total
	000	No.			000 doz.		
Pr. Edward Island .	408	1,888	642	1	641	22	663
Nova Scotia	838	2,051	1,422	3	1,429	283	1,712
New Brunswick	525	1,835	819	3	816	108	924
Quebec	3,874	1,692	5,463	35	5,428	635	6,063
Ontario	8,066	1,753	11,783	75	11,708	902	12,610
Manitoba	1,911	1,674	2,666	21	2,645	177	2,822
Saskatchewan	3,008	1,727	4,328	32	4,296	202	4,498
Alberta	2,906	1,715	4,153	45	4,108	246	4,354
British Columbia ..	1,500	1,851	2,314	18	2,296	459	2,755
CANADA	23,046	1,750	33,600	233	33,367	3,034	36,401

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

Province	Average	Eggs	Total	Loss	Net Production		
	Layers <u>1/</u> on Farms	per 100 Layers	Farm Laid		Farm	Other <u>2/</u>	Total
	000	No.			000 doz.		
Pr. Edward Island .	438	1,764	644	3	641	22	663
Nova Scotia	840	1,817	1,271	11	1,260	249	1,509
New Brunswick	491	1,866	764	5	759	100	859
Quebec	3,767	1,742	5,468	42	5,426	635	6,061
Ontario	7,558	1,676	10,556	66	10,490	808	11,298
Manitoba	2,016	1,789	3,006	26	2,980	200	3,180
Saskatchewan	2,921	1,718	4,132	32	4,100	195	4,295
Alberta	2,845	1,745	4,127	49	4,078	245	4,323
British Columbia ..	1,517	1,727	2,196	16	2,180	426	2,606
CANADA	22,393	1,727	32,224	250	31,974	2,890	34,864

1/ Layers of April 30 plus layers of May 31 divided by 2.

2/ Elsewhere than on farms.

TABLE 2: Number of Eggs Laid per Layer, by Size of Flock,^{1/} by Provinces, May 1950

Province	No. of Birds					All Flocks
	1-49	50-99	100-199	200-499	500 & over	
- eggs -						
Pr. Edward Island .	19.34	18.09	18.09	25.61	25.61	18.88
Nova Scotia	19.29	21.01	20.84	24.43	24.43	20.51
New Brunswick	18.04	19.17	18.51	17.89	17.89	18.35
Quebec	16.66	16.43	17.57	18.31	16.85	16.92
Ontario	17.57	17.72	16.96	17.73	17.96	17.53
Manitoba	15.24	17.29	17.87	15.83	15.27	16.74
Saskatchewan	18.70	15.82	17.45	18.04	19.78	17.27
Alberta	18.03	17.53	16.66	17.02	17.53	17.15
British Columbia ..	16.30	17.76	18.78	19.78	18.64	18.51

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

Province	1950 - Preliminary			1949		
	Farm	Other	Total	Farm	Other	Total
- 000 doz.						
Pr. Edward Island .	2,496	85	2,581	2,669	91	2,760
Nova Scotia	6,029	1,194	7,223	5,771	1,142	6,913
New Brunswick	3,466	458	3,924	3,412	451	3,863
Quebec	26,570	3,108	29,678	26,444	3,094	29,538
Ontario	59,668	4,595	64,263	54,049	4,162	58,211
Manitoba	12,091	810	12,901	12,286	824	13,110
Saskatchewan	14,933	703	15,636	16,026	753	16,779
Alberta	15,970	957	16,927	16,167	970	17,137
British Columbia ..	10,566	2,113	12,679	10,666	2,134	12,800
CANADA	151,789	14,023	165,812	147,490	13,621	161,111

^{1/} Farms are classified by size of flock at June 1 each year; flocks include hens, cocks and chickens.



EGG DISPOSITION - MAY 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 .	543	156	18	5	6	3	a/	a/
Nova Scotia	1,072	405	212	80	2	1	a/	a/
New Brunswick	584	224	77	30	-	-	-	-
Quebec	4,072	1,519	476	178	100	64	12	7
Ontario	10,036	3,422	773	263	300	142	23	11
Manitoba	2,192	592	147	40	188	100	13	7
Saskatchewan	3,235	825	152	39	147	86	7	4
Alberta	3,145	833	189	50	41	21	2	1
British Columbia ..	2,034	791	407	158	103	62	21	12
CANADA	26,913	8,767	2,451	843	887	479	78	42

	Used for Food by Producers				Used for Hatching by Producers			
	000 doz.	\$000	000 doz.	\$000	000 doz.	\$000	000 doz.	\$000
Pr. Edward Island .	76	21	3	1	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	368	135	73	27	15	8	3	2
New Brunswick	218	82	29	11	8	3	1	a/
Quebec	1,389	504	163	59	41	21	5	2
Ontario	1,386	459	107	35	37	15	3	1
Manitoba	320	83	21	6	18	7	1	a/
Saskatchewan	861	211	40	10	59	25	3	1
Alberta	853	218	51	13	59	23	4	1
British Columbia ..	193	73	39	15	8	4	2	1
CANADA	5,664	1,786	526	177	245	106	22	8

	SALES		FARM AND OTHER		PRODUCER USE			
	Consumption		Hatching		Consumption		Hatching	
	000 doz.	\$000	000 doz.	\$000	000 doz.	\$000	000 doz.	\$000
Pr. Edward Island .	561	161	6	3	79	22	-	-
Nova Scotia	1,284	485	2	1	441	162	18	10
New Brunswick	661	254	-	-	247	93	9	3
Quebec	4,548	1,697	112	71	1,552	563	46	23
Ontario	10,809	3,685	323	153	1,493	494	40	16
Manitoba	2,339	632	201	107	341	89	19	7
Saskatchewan	3,387	864	154	90	901	221	62	26
Alberta	3,334	883	43	22	904	231	63	24
British Columbia ..	2,441	949	124	74	232	88	10	5
CANADA	29,364	9,610	965	521	6,190	1,963	267	114

a/ Less than 1,000.

1/ Elsewhere than on farms.