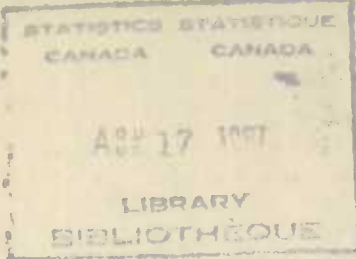


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POULTRY AND EGG PRODUCTION IN CANADA 1946

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POULTRY. The production of poultry meat in 1946 was somewhat below that of 1945. There was a total of 305,877,100 pounds, a decline of 1,212,300 pounds, or 0.39 per cent, from last year, but the value \$90,351,500 showed an increase of 7.0 per cent over the previous year, which totalled \$84,416,900.

Poultry meat is estimated to have brought in a cash income of \$70,884,500 to farm producers, while income in kind amounted to \$19,467,000.

The per capita domestic disappearance of poultry meat in which stocks, estimated urban and farm production, imports and exports are calculated, was 25.29 pounds.

Exports during the year were very small, being 2,181,800 pounds as compared with 11,162,000 in 1945.

Dealers began to draw on stocks in January. In March the Wartime Prices and Trade Board permitted persons selling direct to public eating places to charge 2 cents per pound extra. The market was firm in May with fowl and broilers as the main supply. To assist the producers the deficiency period was prolonged by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to July 1. The feed situation becoming difficult in June many light weight chickens came on the market and there was some packing for storage. Prices in the East in July were close to the ceiling and unfinished chickens continued to come to the market. Processing of these birds increased, but there was a decline in fowl offerings. In August the Special Products Board announced they were asking for offerings for the new export poultry contract to the United Kingdom.

There were very few turkeys offered in October for Thanksgiving but these birds dominated the market from the middle of December to Christmas. The Canadian supply was insufficient and many carloads were imported from the U.S.A.

EGGS. The decline in egg production to 343,841,000 dozens was expected. This quantity is a reduction of 7.25 per cent from the 373,952,000 dozens produced in 1945.

Calculating stocks, imports, estimated farm and urban production and exports the per capita disappearance was 24.12 dozen egg.

The total estimated value of egg production for 1946 was \$116,158,700, being \$2,788,500 less than the previous year. The cash income was \$85,936,100 while the income in kind totalled \$27,670,900. The remaining \$2,551,700 was a farm expense, being eggs used for hatching on farms.

Severe weather in the first two months of the year retarded marketings, but, with better weather in March, receipts increased although they were not so heavy as in 1945. Packing for export in April and heavy domestic demand used up the offerings, although the peak was reached in that month. Sugar dried eggs and shell eggs were exported to the Old Country. The market showed strength again in July but offerings were light. The tourist trade is thought to have helped this demand. Pullet eggs began to appear in July in British Columbia and in some Eastern points from early hatched chickens. More pullets came into production in August and in September pullet eggs increased. Surpluses became available so that Grade A Pullets were exported under the United Kingdom contract.

In October it became evident that the old birds were going out of production but it was well on in November before pullet eggs increased sufficiently to offset the decline, and towards the end of that month there was a surplus over domestic requirements, which increased in December, when the Special Products Board had heavy offerings.

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TABLE 1: FARM POULTRY MEAT - CANADA, 1941-46<sup>(1)</sup>

Year	SOLD OFF FARMS		FARM CONSUMED		TOTAL	
	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$
1941	181,947,100	30,598,600	38,046,600	6,324,100	219,993,700	36,922,700
1942	203,212,700	39,341,500	55,490,100	10,646,100	258,702,800	49,987,600
1943	207,605,300	51,244,100	57,792,800	14,256,200	265,398,100	65,500,200
1944	245,721,200	55,769,400	69,316,000	15,489,200	315,037,200	71,258,600
1945	239,616,500	66,187,300	67,472,900	18,321,300	307,089,400	84,416,900
1946	238,461,400	70,884,500	67,415,700	19,467,000	305,877,100	90,351,500

(1) Revised.

TABLE 2: FARM POULTRY MEAT - DOMESTIC FOWL.  
Canada and Provinces - 1944-46

Place and Year	SOLD OFF FARMS		FARM CONSUMED		TOTAL	
	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$
<u>Canada</u>						
1944	207,548,000	46,425,000	64,792,000	14,375,000	272,340,000	60,800,000
1945	201,583,200	54,779,600	62,960,400	16,933,800	264,543,600	71,713,400
1946	203,153,000	58,640,000	63,237,400	17,976,000	266,390,400	76,616,000
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>						
1944	3,098,000	789,000	775,000	197,000	3,873,000	986,000
1945	2,684,000	832,000	671,000	208,000	3,355,000	1,040,000
1946	2,538,800	797,200	634,700	199,300	3,173,500	996,500
<u>Nova Scotia</u>						
1944	5,813,000	1,607,000	869,000	240,000	6,682,000	1,847,000
1945	5,397,500	1,700,300	806,500	254,000	6,204,000	1,954,300
1946	6,878,300	2,565,600	1,028,000	383,400	7,906,300	2,949,000
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
1944	4,655,000	1,177,000	1,022,000	258,000	5,677,000	1,435,000
1945	4,890,200	1,540,400	1,073,500	338,200	5,963,700	1,878,600
1946	4,631,600	1,931,400	1,016,400	423,800	5,648,000	2,355,200
<u>Quebec</u>						
1944	29,272,000	7,025,000	8,743,000	2,099,000	38,015,000	9,124,000
1945	25,820,000	7,487,800	7,712,400	2,236,600	33,532,400	9,724,400
1946	26,173,400	7,721,200	7,817,700	2,306,200	33,991,100	10,027,400
<u>Ontario</u>						
1944	61,683,000	15,589,000	19,479,000	4,923,000	81,162,000	20,512,000
1945	66,135,100	20,171,100	20,884,800	6,370,000	87,019,900	26,541,100
1946	69,015,600	21,947,000	21,794,300	6,930,600	90,809,900	28,877,600
<u>Manitoba</u>						
1944	21,332,000	3,297,000	6,737,000	1,041,000	28,069,000	4,338,000
1945	18,067,700	4,245,900	5,705,600	1,340,800	23,773,300	5,586,700
1946	17,974,000	4,313,800	5,676,200	1,362,300	23,650,200	5,676,100
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
1944	45,126,000	9,189,000	15,855,000	3,229,000	60,981,000	12,418,000
1945	43,044,800	9,900,300	15,123,800	3,478,500	58,168,600	13,378,800
1946	42,362,100	10,336,400	14,884,100	3,631,700	57,246,200	13,968,100
<u>Alberta</u>						
1944	26,039,000	5,397,000	8,679,000	1,799,000	34,718,000	7,196,000
1945	25,162,900	5,787,500	8,387,600	1,929,100	33,550,500	7,716,600
1946	23,889,200	5,781,200	7,963,500	1,927,200	31,852,700	7,708,400
<u>British Columbia</u>						
1944	10,530,000	2,355,000	2,633,000	589,000	13,163,000	2,944,000
1945	10,381,000	3,114,300	2,595,200	778,600	12,976,200	3,892,900
1946	9,690,000	3,246,200	2,422,500	811,500	12,112,500	4,057,700

(1) Fowl and Chickens.

TABLE 3. FARM POULTRY MEAT: TURKEYS  
Canada and Provinces - 1944-46

Year	SOLD OFF FARMS		FARM CONSUMED		TOTAL	
	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$
<u>Canada</u>						
1944	28,580,000	7,137,000	3,900,000	973,000	32,480,000	8,110,000
1945	28,545,800	9,103,100	3,892,600	1,241,400	32,438,400	10,344,500
1946	26,394,900	9,751,300	3,599,100	1,329,400	29,994,000	11,080,700
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>						
1944	74,000	20,000	11,000	3,000	85,000	23,000
1945	79,200	27,700	10,300	3,800	90,000	31,500
1946	96,000	38,700	13,200	5,300	109,200	44,000
<u>Nova Scotia</u>						
1944	141,000	42,000	19,000	6,000	160,000	48,000
1945	164,700	60,900	22,500	8,400	187,200	69,300
1946	246,000	123,300	33,000	16,500	279,000	139,800
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
1944	293,000	83,000	39,000	11,000	332,000	94,000
1945	304,100	112,500	41,500	15,400	345,600	127,900
1946	206,400	107,100	27,600	14,300	234,000	121,400
<u>Quebec</u>						
1944	1,922,000	541,000	263,000	74,000	2,185,000	615,000
1945	2,646,300	952,700	360,900	129,900	3,007,200	1,082,600
1946	2,476,800	1,005,600	338,400	137,400	2,815,200	1,143,000
<u>Ontario</u>						
1944	5,619,000	1,602,000	767,000	218,000	6,386,000	1,820,000
1945	5,588,400	2,067,700	762,000	281,900	6,350,400	2,349,600
1946	5,290,800	2,232,700	721,200	304,300	6,012,000	2,537,000
<u>Manitoba</u>						
1944	4,290,000	1,072,000	586,000	147,000	4,876,000	1,219,000
1945	3,858,600	1,138,300	526,200	155,200	4,384,800	1,293,500
1946	3,142,800	1,071,700	428,400	146,100	3,571,200	1,217,800
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
1944	10,418,000	2,431,000	1,421,000	331,000	11,839,000	2,762,000
1945	10,042,600	2,962,500	1,369,400	404,000	11,412,000	3,366,500
1946	8,109,600	2,749,200	1,105,200	374,700	9,214,800	3,123,900
<u>Alberta</u>						
1944	5,350,000	1,204,000	729,000	164,000	6,079,000	1,368,000
1945	5,174,400	1,526,400	705,600	208,200	5,880,000	1,734,600
1946	5,610,000	1,924,200	765,600	262,600	6,375,600	2,186,800
<u>British Columbia</u>						
1944	473,000	142,000	65,000	19,000	538,000	161,000
1945	687,500	254,400	93,700	34,600	781,200	289,000
1946	1,216,500	498,800	166,500	68,200	1,383,000	567,000



TABLE 4: FARM POULTRY MEAT: GEESE  
Canada and Provinces - 1944-46.

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Place and Year	SOLD OFF FARMS		FARM CONSUMED		TOTAL	
	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$
<u>Canada</u>						
1944	5,731,000	1,351,000	333,000	77,000	6,064,000	1,428,000
1945	5,585,800	1,236,800	325,200	72,500	5,911,000	1,309,300
1946	5,365,000	1,515,600	312,000	88,100	5,677,000	1,603,700
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>						
1944	128,500	29,000	7,000	2,000	128,000	31,000
1945	128,500	32,100	7,500	1,900	136,000	34,000
1946	141,000	45,000	8,000	2,600	149,000	47,600
<u>Nova Scotia</u>						
1944	75,000	21,000	4,000	1,000	79,000	22,000
1945	69,900	17,500	4,100	1,000	74,000	18,500
1946	73,000	30,900	4,000	1,700	77,000	32,600
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
1944	88,000	23,000	5,000	1,000	93,000	24,000
1945	93,600	23,400	5,400	1,400	99,000	24,800
1946	85,000	36,800	5,000	2,200	90,000	39,000
<u>Quebec</u>						
1944	321,000	81,000	19,000	5,000	340,000	86,000
1945	317,500	81,000	18,500	4,700	336,000	85,700
1946	265,000	76,800	15,000	4,400	280,000	81,200
<u>Ontario</u>						
1944	2,580,000	684,000	150,000	39,000	2,730,000	723,000
1945	2,597,800	662,000	151,200	39,000	2,749,000	701,000
1946	2,525,000	813,000	147,000	47,300	2,672,000	860,300
<u>Manitoba</u>						
1944	658,000	118,000	33,000	7,000	696,000	125,000
1945	672,800	117,700	39,200	6,900	712,000	124,600
1946	717,000	154,200	42,000	8,000	759,000	163,200
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
1944	854,000	172,000	50,000	10,000	904,000	182,000
1945	789,000	138,100	46,000	8,000	835,000	146,100
1946	728,000	165,300	42,000	9,500	770,000	174,800
<u>Alberta</u>						
1944	965,000	203,000	56,000	11,000	1,021,000	214,000
1945	850,500	148,800	49,500	8,700	900,000	157,500
1946	764,000	172,700	45,000	10,200	809,000	182,900
<u>British Columbia</u>						
1944	69,000	20,000	4,000	1,000	73,000	21,000
1945	66,200	16,200	3,800	900	70,000	17,100
1946	67,000	20,900	4,000	1,200	71,000	22,100

TABLE 5: FARM POULTRY MEAT: DUCKS  
Canada and Provinces - 1944-46.

Place and Year	SOLD OFF FARMS		FARM CONSUMED		TOTAL	
	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$	lb.	Value \$
<u>Canada</u>						
1944	3,862,200	856,400	291,000	64,200	4,153,200	920,600
1945	3,901,700	976,100	294,700	73,600	4,196,400	1,049,700
1946	3,548,500	977,600	267,200	73,500	3,815,700	1,051,100
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>						
1944	65,000	15,800	5,000	1,200	70,000	17,000
1945	79,200	22,200	6,000	1,700	85,200	23,900
1946	58,200	18,000	4,200	1,300	62,400	19,300
<u>Nova Scotia</u>						
1944	31,000	8,300	3,000	700	34,000	9,000
1945	51,900	14,500	3,900	1,100	55,800	15,600
1946	35,400	13,700	2,400	900	37,800	14,600
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
1944	36,000	9,300	3,000	800	39,000	10,100
1945	37,600	10,500	3,800	1,100	41,400	11,600
1946	31,800	13,400	2,400	1,000	34,200	14,400
<u>Quebec</u>						
1944	396,200	97,900	28,000	6,900	424,200	104,800
1945	342,000	97,500	25,800	7,300	367,800	104,800
1946	376,200	108,300	28,200	8,100	404,400	116,400
<u>Ontario</u>						
1944	1,574,000	401,500	119,000	30,300	1,693,000	431,800
1945	1,700,800	484,700	128,000	36,500	1,828,800	521,200
1946	1,653,600	506,000	124,200	38,000	1,777,800	544,000
<u>Manitoba</u>						
1944	475,000	67,000	36,000	5,000	511,000	72,000
1945	502,200	103,000	37,800	7,700	540,000	110,700
1946	344,500	74,100	26,000	5,600	370,500	79,700
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
1944	648,000	127,400	49,000	9,600	697,000	137,000
1945	617,700	123,500	46,500	9,300	664,200	132,800
1946	522,600	117,100	39,600	8,900	562,200	126,000
<u>Alberta</u>						
1944	584,000	116,900	44,000	8,700	628,000	125,600
1945	524,500	107,600	39,500	8,000	564,000	115,600
1946	466,200	108,200	35,400	8,200	501,600	116,400
<u>British Columbia</u>						
1944	53,000	12,300	4,000	1,000	57,000	13,300
1945	45,800	12,600	3,400	900	49,200	13,500
1946	60,000	18,800	4,800	1,500	64,800	20,300



TABLE 6: FARM EGGS: PRODUCTION AND VALUE.  
Canada - 1941-46 and Provinces - 1944-46

Place and Year	LAYERS	Per Hen No.	PRODUCTION		
	No.		Total Doz.	Average Price Cents per Doz.	Value \$
Canada					
1941	25,874,000	113.4	244,468,000	21.4	52,212,000
1942	29,236,000	115.2	280,688,000	29.0	81,493,000
1943	32,725,000	115.7	315,608,000	31.9	100,537,000
1944	37,245,000	116.3	360,948,000	29.4	106,269,000
1945	37,929,000	118.3	373,952,000	31.8	118,947,200
1946	35,006,500	118.9	346,841,000	33.5	116,158,700
Prince Edward Island					
1944	660,000	103	5,665,000	31.4	1,780,000
1945	695,000	110	6,371,000	31	1,974,600
1946	654,000	110	5,995,000	32.6	1,952,500
Nova Scotia					
1944	1,090,000	110.9	10,082,000	32.8	3,309,000
1945	1,065,000	115	10,206,000	36	3,649,900
1946	1,061,400	120	10,614,000	40.2	4,264,900
New Brunswick					
1944	950,000	107	8,471,000	31.9	2,705,000
1945	991,000	111	9,167,000	35	3,224,300
1946	735,400	111	6,802,000	38.7	2,633,000
Quebec					
1944	5,392,000	118	53,022,000	31.9	16,901,000
1945	5,628,000	118	55,342,000	34	18,718,100
1946	5,099,000	118	50,140,000	38.6	19,353,800
Ontario					
1944	10,466,000	122.9	107,276,000	34.1	36,562,000
1945	11,457,000	125	119,344,000	37	44,208,000
1946	11,101,800	125	115,644,000	35.7	41,327,900
Manitoba					
1944	3,891,000	111	35,992,000	26.2	9,430,000
1945	4,111,000	112	38,370,000	28	10,740,700
1946	3,815,000	112	35,607,000	29.6	10,550,000
Saskatchewan					
1944	7,700,000	110.3	70,583,000	23.9	16,894,000
1945	7,051,000	110	64,634,000	25.5	16,427,200
1946	5,936,900	110	54,422,000	27.2	14,801,200
Alberta					
1944	4,603,000	109	41,811,000	24.9	10,406,000
1945	4,473,000	115	42,866,000	25.5	10,853,600
1946	4,000,000	115	38,333,000	29.3	11,220,500
British Columbia					
1944	2,493,000	134.9	28,046,000	29.5	8,282,000
1945	2,458,000	135	27,652,000	33	9,150,800
1946	2,603,000	135	29,284,000	34.3	10,054,900

TABLE 7: FARM EGGS: DISTRIBUTION AND VALUE. 1946

## A. - SOLD OFF FARMS

PROVINCE	MARKET EGGS		HATCHING EGGS		TOTAL	
	Doz.	Value \$	Doz.	Value \$	Doz.	Value \$
Prince Edward Island	4,436,000	1,428,400	84,000	47,000	4,520,000	1,475,400
Nova Scotia	5,413,000	2,165,200	234,000	147,400	5,647,000	2,312,600
New Brunswick	4,421,000	1,693,200	197,000	109,900	4,618,000	1,803,100
Quebec	29,081,000	11,108,900	1,905,000	1,024,900	30,986,000	12,133,800
Ontario	90,202,000	31,931,500	5,782,000	2,555,600	95,984,000	34,487,100
Manitoba	26,349,000	7,641,200	1,068,000	555,400	27,417,000	8,196,600
Saskatchewan	34,286,000	9,222,900	871,000	402,400	35,157,000	9,625,300
Alberta	22,616,500	6,536,200	1,073,300	500,200	23,689,800	7,036,400
British Columbia	24,598,500	8,215,900	1,112,800	649,900	25,711,300	8,865,800
CANADA	241,403,000	79,943,400	12,327,100	5,992,700	253,730,100	85,936,100

## B. - USED ON FARMS.

PROVINCE	CONSUMED		FOR HATCHING		TOTAL	
	Doz.	Value \$	Doz.	Value \$	Doz.	Value \$
Prince Edward Island	1,343,000	419,000	132,000	58,100	1,475,000	477,100
Nova Scotia	4,829,000	1,883,300	138,000	69,000	4,967,000	1,952,300
New Brunswick	2,027,000	756,100	157,000	73,800	2,184,000	829,900
Quebec	18,101,000	6,735,600	1,053,000	484,400	19,154,000	7,220,000
Ontario	18,272,000	6,285,600	1,333,000	555,200	19,660,000	6,840,800
Manitoba	7,727,000	2,163,600	463,000	189,800	8,190,000	2,353,400
Saskatchewan	17,524,000	4,538,700	1,741,000	637,200	19,265,000	5,175,900
Alberta	13,646,500	3,807,400	996,700	376,700	14,643,200	4,184,100
British Columbia	3,338,400	1,081,600	234,300	107,500	3,572,700	1,189,100
CANADA	86,807,900	27,670,900	6,303,000	2,551,700	93,110,900	30,222,600

TABLE 8: DOMESTIC DISAPPEARANCE OF EGGS AND POULTRY IN CANADA, 1941-46

YEAR	EGGS		TOTAL POULTRY		HENS AND CHICKENS	
	Total	Per Capita	Total	Per Capita	Total	Per Capita
	Doz.	Doz.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1941.....	234,006,649	20.34	224,733,473*	19.53	184,147,568	16.00
1942.....	256,788,735	22.03	274,198,343*	23.52	216,121,216	18.54
1943.....	279,754,361	23.68	269,870,888*	22.85	230,453,066	19.51
1944.....	291,681,000	24.36	315,156,514*	26.32	270,037,094	22.55
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	TURKEYS		GEESE		DUCKS	
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1942.....	47,752,934	4.09	6,071,395	0.52	4,057,462	0.35
1943.....	30,938,415	2.62	5,959,241	0.50	3,510,731	0.30
1944.....	34,012,653	2.84	6,337,228	0.53	4,299,844	0.36
1945.....	35,532,900	2.93	6,167,700	0.51	4,437,200	0.37
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