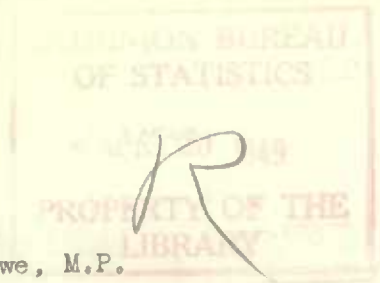


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POULTRY SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1948

Ottawa, Canada, 20th April 1949: The estimates of numbers of poultry on farms in Canada as calculated from the semi-annual Survey data obtained from farmers in each province on December 1, 1948 is issued to-day by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In the collection of the data the Bureau had not only the co-operation of farmers, but of provincial officials in all provinces and of school teachers in some.

S U M M A R Y

There were 39,726,500 head of poultry on farms at December 1, 1948, being 54.7 per cent of the number on hand on June 1, 1948 and 78.4 per cent of those on farms on December 1, 1947. Reductions were common to all provinces in varying degree for total birds, but not for each kind, some provinces showing increases in turkeys, geese and ducks.

There were 37,169,100 domestic fowl (hens, cocks and chickens) on farms, a reduction from December 1, 1947 of 21.4 per cent and of 46.7 per cent from June 1, 1948. While hens (including pullets of laying age) had increased by 19.4 per cent over the number on farms on June 1, 1948, they had decreased 18.5 per cent from the previous December. Pullets (not of laying age) decreased 38.2 per cent in a year, and cocks and cockerels declined by 36.3 per cent.

Of the grand total, turkeys were 1,851,700, or 25.8 per cent less than at the previous December; geese at 350,900 were 16 per cent less, while ducks were 17.3 per cent less with 354,800 on hand. In turkeys the Maritimes and British Columbia showed increases over the figures for December 1947. Geese increased in Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, while five provinces indicated increases in ducks.

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TABLE 1. TOTAL POULTRY ON FARMS. DECEMBER 1, 1948 By Provinces

Province	Domestic	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Per cent of	
	Fowl 1/ No.					No.	No.
P.E.I.	612,200	12,500	13,400	18,000	656,100	81.4	66.1
N. S.	1,198,900	35,800	8,100	5,500	1,248,300	87.7	66.7
N. B.	764,600	30,000	6,500	6,300	807,400	80.4	61.7
Que.	6,128,000	250,800	17,900	19,000	6,415,700	85.9	58.4
Ont.	13,338,000	372,000	169,000	168,000	14,047,000	65.4	55.3
Man.	3,126,500	221,200	28,800	28,600	3,405,100	88.0	46.3
Sask.	5,064,600	359,500	36,200	55,400	5,515,700	90.4	55.4
Alta.	4,466,300	426,900	64,000	46,000	5,003,200	87.9	48.1
B. C.	2,470,000	143,000	7,000	8,000	2,628,000	80.9	61.1
CANADA	37,169,100	1,851,700	350,900	354,800	39,726,500	78.4	54.7

TABLE 2. DOMESTIC FOWL: Numbers on Farms. December 1, 1948.

By Provinces, with comparative data for December 1, 1947 and June 1, 1948.

Province	December 1,	December 1,	June 1,	December 1, 1948 as per cent of	
	1948 No.	1947 No.	1948 No.	Dec. 1947 %	June 1948 %
A. TOTAL DOMESTIC FOWL^{1/}					
Prince Edward Island..	612,200	775,300	956,700	79.0	64.0
Nova Scotia	1,198,900	1,378,800	1,814,500	87.0	66.1
New Brunswick	764,600	959,900	1,265,000	79.7	60.4
Quebec	6,128,000	7,053,500	10,605,000	86.9	57.8
Ontario	13,338,000	20,473,000	24,450,000	65.1	54.6
Manitoba	3,126,500	3,533,000	7,034,600	88.5	44.4
Saskatchewan	5,064,600	5,469,000	9,590,000	92.6	52.8
Alberta	4,466,300	5,013,100	9,833,600	89.1	45.4
British Columbia	2,470,000	2,654,200	4,129,000	93.1	59.8
CANADA	37,169,100	47,309,800	69,678,400	78.6	53.3
B. HENS (INCLUDING PULLETS OF LAYING AGE)					
Prince Edward Island..	490,000	609,800	500,000	80.4	98.0
Nova Scotia	1,071,800	1,117,600	867,000	95.9	123.6
New Brunswick	602,200	722,200	550,000	83.4	109.5
Quebec	5,325,000	5,900,000	4,430,000	90.3	120.2
Ontario	11,754,000	16,800,000	9,000,000	70.0	130.6
Manitoba	2,557,500	2,837,800	2,294,000	90.1	111.5
Saskatchewan	3,664,600	3,903,800	3,400,000	93.9	107.8
Alberta	3,600,000	4,120,800	3,339,000	87.4	107.8
British Columbia	2,241,000	2,417,000	1,837,000	92.7	122.0
CANADA	31,306,100	38,429,000	26,217,000	81.5	119.4

^{1/} Hens, cocks and chickens.

TABLE 2. DOMESTIC FOWL: Numbers on Farms. December 1, 1948.

By Provinces, with comparative data for December 1, 1947 and June 1, 1948.

Province	December 1,	December 1,	June 1,	December 1, 1948	
	1948	1947	1948	as per cent of	
	No.	No.	No.	Dec. 1947	June 1948
				%	%
C. PULLETS (NOT OF LAYING AGE)					
Prince Edward Island..	60,000	78,000	140,000	76.9	42.9
Nova Scotia	25,000	82,400	320,000	30.3	7.8
New Brunswick	80,000	105,200	257,400	76.0	31.1
Quebec	310,000	457,100	2,300,000	67.8	13.5
Ontario	571,000	1,649,000	6,960,000	34.6	8.2
Manitoba	257,900	322,400	2,009,600	80.0	12.8
Saskatchewan	750,000	948,600	1,500,000	79.1	50.0
Alberta	441,600	455,900	2,320,000	96.9	19.0
British Columbia	83,000	71,500	1,394,000	116.1	6.0
CANADA	2,578,500	4,170,100	17,201,000	61.8	15.0
D. COCKS AND COCKERELS					
Prince Edward Island..	61,200	87,500	60,000	69.9	102.0
Nova Scotia	95,600	174,400	150,500	54.8	63.5
New Brunswick	79,800	132,500	162,600	60.2	49.1
Quebec	475,000	696,400	1,075,000	68.2	44.2
Ontario	837,000	1,984,000	2,640,000	42.2	31.7
Manitoba	302,100	372,800	792,600	81.0	38.1
Saskatchewan	620,000	616,600	1,090,000	100.6	56.9
Alberta	410,000	436,400	1,174,600	94.0	34.9
British Columbia	88,000	162,300	343,000	54.2	25.7
CANADA	2,968,700	4,662,900	7,488,300	63.7	39.6
E. CHICKS (UNDER 6 WEEKS OLD)					
Prince Edward Island..	1,000		256,700		0.4
Nova Scotia	6,500		477,000		1.4
New Brunswick	2,600		295,000		0.9
Quebec	18,000		2,800,000		0.6
Ontario	176,000		5,850,000		3.0
Manitoba	9,000		1,938,400		0.5
Saskatchewan	30,000		3,600,000		0.8
Alberta	14,700		3,000,000		0.5
British Columbia	58,000		555,000		10.5
CANADA	315,800		18,772,100		1.7



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TABLE 3. OTHER POULTRY: Numbers on Farms December 1, 1948.

By Provinces, with comparative data for December 1, 1947 and June 1, 1948.

Province	December 1,	December 1,	June 1,	December 1, 1948	
	1948	1947	1948	as per cent of	
	No.	No.	No.	Dec. 1947	June 1948
				%	%
A TURKEYS					
Prince Edward Island...	12,500	10,600	13,000	117.9	96.2
Nova Scotia	35,800	29,600	43,200	120.9	82.9
New Brunswick	30,000	25,500	27,000	117.6	111.1
Quebec	250,800	380,700	316,000	65.9	79.4
Ontario	372,000	549,000	530,000	67.8	70.2
Manitoba	221,200	266,900	252,600	82.9	87.6
Saskatchewan	359,500	550,600	300,000	65.3	119.8
Alberta	426,900	547,100	437,000	78.0	97.7
British Columbia	143,000	134,900	147,000	106.0	97.3
CANADA	1,851,700	2,494,900	2,065,800	74.2	89.6
B GEESE					
Prince Edward Island...	13,400	9,500	12,000	141.1	111.7
Nova Scotia	8,100	10,100	8,000	80.2	101.3
New Brunswick	6,500	10,200	9,500	63.7	68.4
Quebec	17,900	19,500	16,000	91.8	111.9
Ontario	169,000	218,000	170,000	77.5	99.4
Manitoba	28,800	31,400	35,800	91.7	80.4
Saskatchewan	36,200	34,400	32,000	105.2	113.1
Alberta	64,000	79,400	77,000	80.6	83.1
British Columbia	7,000	5,300	8,000	132.1	87.5
CANADA	350,900	417,800	368,300	84.0	95.3
C DUCKS					
Prince Edward Island...	18,000	10,100	11,000	178.2	163.6
Nova Scotia	5,500	4,300	5,000	127.9	110.0
New Brunswick	6,300	8,600	7,300	73.3	86.3
Quebec	19,000	19,000	57,000	100.0	33.3
Ontario	168,000	242,000	245,000	69.4	68.6
Manitoba	28,600	38,200	36,500	74.9	78.4
Saskatchewan	55,400	49,700	40,000	111.5	138.5
Alberta	46,000	49,500	52,600	92.9	87.5
British Columbia	8,000	7,700	14,000	103.9	57.1
CANADA	354,800	429,100	468,400	82.7	75.7