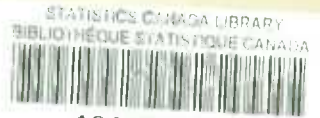


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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1949

Ottawa, March 11, 1950: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day estimates of the numbers of poultry on farms in Canada as at December 1, 1949. These estimates are based on reports from farmers, and were prepared in cooperation with provincial officials.

There was a total of 42,443,000 head of poultry on farms in Canada at December 1, 1949, 6.8 per cent more than the total on the same date in 1948. The total of domestic fowl (hens, cocks, and chickens) was 39,319,000 head, being an increase of 5.8 per cent over December 1, 1948.

Numbers of all classes of domestic fowl on farms in Canada showed increases over the previous December 1. Hens, including pullets of laying age, were greater by 6.0 per cent, pullets, not of laying age, by 4.5 per cent, cocks and cockerels by 33.6 per cent, and chicks under six weeks old by 52 per cent.

All provinces except Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in layers. New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported decreases in the number of pullets not yet of laying age. All provinces reported rather large increases in the number of cocks and cockerels on farms, Prince Edward Island being 87.9 per cent and British Columbia 71.6 per cent greater than at December 1, 1948. New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia all reported more chicks under six weeks old on farms than there were on the corresponding date in 1948.

Turkeys on farms in Canada showed an increase over December 1, 1948, being 29.1 per cent more. Quebec alone reported an increase of 91.4 per cent. Ducks also increased 14.1 per cent while geese decreased 6.5 per cent to 328,000.

*Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The Census of October 1, 1945 reported 346,428 head of domestic fowl. Turkeys, geese and ducks were not enumerated.

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TABLE 1.- Total Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1949

Province	Domestic Fowl ^{1/}	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at Dec. 1, 1949 as a per cent of	
						Dec. 1948	June 1949
- thousand birds -						%	%
Pr. Edward Island	775	18	14	20	827	126.0	67.5
Nova Scotia	1,199	50	10	8	1,267	101.5	64.0
New Brunswick	883	37	9	8	937	116.1	63.5
Quebec	6,938	480	16	16	7,450	116.1	61.4
Ontario	14,440	490	154	214	15,298	108.9	61.9
Manitoba	3,381	280	29	36	3,726	109.4	52.5
Saskatchewan	4,612	330	24	41	5,007	90.8	52.6
Alberta	4,599	480	65	51	5,195	103.8	49.8
British Columbia	2,492	226	7	11	2,736	104.1	67.2
CANADA	39,319	2,391	328	405	42,443	106.8	58.4

TABLE 2.- Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1949

Province	Dec. 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1948	June 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1949 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1948	June 1949
- number -			%	%	
A. Total Domestic Fowl ^{1/}					
Pr. Edward Island	775,000	612,200	1,181,000	126.6	65.6
Nova Scotia	1,199,000	1,198,900	1,902,000	100.0	63.0
New Brunswick	883,000	764,600	1,419,000	115.5	62.2
Quebec	6,938,000	6,128,000	11,551,000	113.2	60.1
Ontario	14,440,000	13,338,000	23,700,000	108.3	60.9
Manitoba	3,381,000	3,126,500	6,670,000	108.1	50.7
Saskatchewan	4,612,000	5,064,600	9,043,000	91.1	51.0
Alberta	4,599,000	4,466,300	9,751,000	103.0	47.2
British Columbia	2,492,000	2,470,000	3,814,000	100.9	65.3
CANADA	39,319,000	37,169,100	69,031,000	105.8	57.0
B. Hens (Including Pullets of Laying Age)					
Pr. Edward Island	588,000	490,000	445,000	120.0	132.1
Nova Scotia	1,076,000	1,071,800	833,000	100.4	129.2
New Brunswick	658,000	602,200	479,000	109.3	137.4
Quebec	5,785,000	5,325,000	3,791,000	108.6	152.6
Ontario	12,200,000	11,754,000	7,500,000	103.8	162.7
Manitoba	2,650,000	2,557,500	2,043,000	103.6	129.7
Saskatchewan	3,362,000	3,664,600	2,854,000	91.7	117.8
Alberta	3,703,000	3,600,000	2,872,000	102.9	129.0
British Columbia	2,156,000	2,241,000	1,500,000	96.2	143.7
CANADA	33,178,000	31,306,100	22,317,000	106.0	148.7

^{1/} Hens, cocks and chickens.

Table 2.- Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1949 (cont'd)

Province	Dec. 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1948	June 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1949 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1948	June 1949
	- number -			%	%
C. Pullets (not of Laying Age)					
Pr. Edward Island	71,000	60,000	257,000	118.3	27.6
Nova Scotia	18,000	25,000	434,000	72.0	41.5
New Brunswick	103,000	80,000	316,000	128.8	32.6
Quebec	389,000	310,000	2,749,000	125.5	14.2
Ontario	730,000	571,000	7,300,000	127.8	10.0
Manitoba	294,000	257,900	1,643,000	114.0	17.9
Saskatchewan	553,000	750,000	1,734,000	73.7	31.9
Alberta	440,000	441,600	2,188,000	99.6	20.1
British Columbia	96,000	83,000	1,310,000	115.7	7.3
CANADA	2,694,000	2,578,500	17,931,000	104.5	15.0
D. Cocks and Cockerels					
Pr. Edward Island	115,000	61,200	180,000	187.9	63.9
Nova Scotia	101,000	95,600	228,000	105.6	44.3
New Brunswick	117,000	79,800	213,000	146.6	54.9
Quebec	714,000	475,000	1,977,000	150.3	36.1
Ontario	1,210,000	837,000	3,500,000	144.5	34.6
Manitoba	429,000	302,100	920,000	142.0	46.6
Saskatchewan	679,000	620,000	1,227,000	109.5	55.3
Alberta	451,000	410,000	1,265,000	110.0	35.7
British Columbia	151,000	88,000	410,000	171.6	36.8
CANADA	3,967,000	2,968,700	9,920,000	133.6	40.0
E. Chicks (Under Six Weeks Old)					
Pr. Edward Island	1,000	1,000	299,000	100.0	0.33
Nova Scotia	4,000	6,500	407,000	61.5	0.98
New Brunswick	5,000	2,600	411,000	192.3	1.22
Quebec	50,000	18,000	3,034,000	277.8	1.65
Ontario	300,000	176,000	5,400,000	170.5	5.56
Manitoba	8,000	9,000	2,064,000	88.9	0.39
Saskatchewan	18,000	30,000	3,228,000	60.0	0.56
Alberta	5,000	14,700	3,426,000	34.0	0.15
British Columbia	89,000	58,000	594,000	153.4	1.50
CANADA	430,000	315,800	18,863,000	152.0	2.54

Table 3.- Turkeys: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1949

Province	Dec. 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1948	June 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1949 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1948	June 1949
			- number -	%	%
Fr. Edward Island	18,000	12,500	15,000	144.0	120.0
Nova Scotia	50,000	35,800	49,000	139.7	102.0
New Brunswick	37,000	30,000	35,000	123.3	105.7
Quebec	480,000	250,800	504,000	191.4	95.2
Ontario	490,000	372,000	600,000	131.7	81.7
Manitoba	280,000	221,200	338,400	126.6	82.7
Saskatchewan	330,000	359,500	397,000	91.8	83.1
Alberta	480,000	426,900	523,000	112.4	91.8
British Columbia	226,000	143,000	225,000	158.0	100.4
CANADA	2,391,000	1,851,700	2,686,400	129.1	89.0

Table 4.- Geese: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1949

Province	Dec. 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1948	June 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1949 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1948	June 1949
			- number -	%	%
Fr. Edward Island	14,000	13,400	16,000	104.5	87.5
Nova Scotia	10,000	8,100	16,000	123.5	62.5
New Brunswick	9,000	6,500	14,000	138.5	64.3
Quebec	16,000	17,900	20,000	89.4	80.0
Ontario	154,000	169,000	180,000	91.1	85.6
Manitoba	29,000	28,800	43,300	100.7	67.0
Saskatchewan	24,000	36,200	29,000	66.3	82.8
Alberta	65,000	64,000	97,000	101.6	67.0
British Columbia	7,000	7,000	9,000	100.0	77.8
CANADA	328,000	350,900	424,300	93.5	77.3

Table 5.- Ducks: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1949

Province	Dec. 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1948	June 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1949 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1948	June 1949
			- number -	%	%
Fr. Edward Island	20,000	18,000	13,000	111.1	153.8
Nova Scotia	8,000	5,500	12,000	145.5	66.7
New Brunswick	8,000	6,300	7,000	127.0	114.3
Quebec	16,000	19,000	52,000	84.2	30.8
Ontario	214,000	168,000	240,000	127.4	89.2
Manitoba	36,000	28,600	48,600	125.9	74.1
Saskatchewan	41,000	55,400	53,000	74.0	77.4
Alberta	51,000	46,000	68,000	110.9	75.0
British Columbia	11,000	8,000	24,000	137.5	45.8
CANADA	405,000	354,800	517,600	114.1	78.2