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## REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1950

Ottawa, Canada, October 28, 1950: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day the estimates of the numbers of poultry on farms in Canada\* as at June 1, 1950. These estimates are based on reports from farmers, and were prepared in cooperation with provincial officials.

There was a total of 65.4 million head of poultry on farms in Canada at June 1, 1950, 10.0 per cent below the total on the same date in 1949. The total of domestic fowl (hens, cocks, and chickens) was 62.0 million head, being a decrease of 10.2 per cent compared to June 1, 1949.

Hens, including pullets of laying age are estimated to be 2.7 percent more than at the same time last year. All other classes of domestic fowl show decreases for the same period, pullets not yet of laying age showed a decline of 14.2 percent, cocks and cockerels were down 23.4 per cent and chicks under six weeks old were 14.7 percent less than at June 1, 1949.

All provinces except Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in layers. Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia reported increases in number of pullets not yet of laying age. Nova Scotia is the only province reporting an increase in cocks and cockerels. All provinces reported decreases in chicks under six weeks old as compared with a year ago.

Turkeys on farms in Canada are estimated to be 2.6 million, 4.7 per cent below the June 1, 1949 figure. Geese and ducks showed declines of 13.1 and 5.5 percent respectively compared to the June 1, 1949 figures.

\*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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2. TABLE 1. Total Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1950

Province	Domestic Fowl <sup>1/</sup>	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at June 1, 1950 as a per cent of	
						June 1949	Dec. 1949
- thousand birds -						%	%
P.E.I.	1,135	12	16	17	1,180	96.3	142.7
N.S.	1,886	55	18	12	1,971	99.6	155.6
N.B.	1,316	20	13	6	1,355	91.9	144.6
Que.	9,604 <sup>2/</sup>	529	13	88	10,234	84.4	137.4
Ont.	22,500	570	160	230	23,460	94.9	153.4
Man.	5,230	350	42.9	41.8	5,664.7	79.8	152.0
Sask.	8,104	290	22	33.1	8,449.1	88.7	168.7
Alta.	8,855	473	76	43	9,447	90.5	181.8
B.C.	3,370	260	10	18	3,658	89.8	133.7
CANADA	62,000	2,559	370.9	488.9	65,418.8	90.0	154.1

TABLE 2. Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1950

Province	June 1, 1950	June 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1949	June 1, 1950 as a per cent of	
				June 1949	Dec. 1949
- number -			%	%	
<b>A. Total Domestic Fowl <sup>1/</sup></b>					
P.E.I.	1,135,000	1,181,000	775,000	96.1	146.5
N.S.	1,886,000	1,902,000	1,199,000	99.2	157.3
N.B.	1,316,000	1,419,000	883,000	92.7	149.0
Que.	9,604,000 <sup>2/</sup>	11,551,000	6,938,000	83.1	138.4
Ont.	22,500,000	23,700,000	14,440,000	94.9	155.8
Man.	5,230,000	6,670,000	3,381,000	78.4	154.7
Sask.	8,104,000	9,043,000	4,612,000	89.6	175.7
Alta.	8,855,000	9,751,000	4,599,000	90.8	192.5
B.C.	3,370,000	3,814,000	2,492,000	88.4	135.2
CANADA	62,000,000	69,031,000	39,319,000	89.8	157.7
<b>B. Hens (Including Pullets of Laying Age)</b>					
P.E.I.	479,000	445,000	588,000	107.6	81.5
N.S.	816,000	833,000	1,076,000	98.0	75.8
N.B.	510,000	479,000	658,000	106.5	77.5
Que.	4,031,000 <sup>2/</sup>	3,791,000	5,785,000	106.3	69.7
Ont.	7,800,000	7,500,000	12,200,000	104.0	63.9
Man.	1,817,000	2,043,000	2,650,000	88.9	68.6
Sask.	2,847,000	2,854,000	3,362,000	99.8	84.7
Alta.	2,963,000	2,872,000	3,703,000	103.2	80.0
B.C.	1,660,000	1,500,000	2,156,000	110.7	77.0
CANADA	22,923,000	22,317,000	32,178,000	102.7	71.2

<sup>1/</sup> Hens, cocks and chickens.

<sup>2/</sup> Preliminary (subject to further analyses).

Table 2.- Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1950 (cont'd)

Province	June 1, 1950	June 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1949	June 1, 1950 as a per cent of June 1, 1949
	- number -			%
<u>C. Pullets (not of Laying Age)</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	268,000	257,000	71,000	104.3
Nova Scotia	620,000	434,000	18,000	142.9
New Brunswick	293,000	316,000	103,000	92.7
Quebec	1,914,000	2,749,000	389,000	69.6
Ontario	6,900,000	7,300,000	730,000	94.5
Manitoba	1,289,000	1,643,000	294,000	78.5
Saskatchewan	1,357,000	1,734,000	553,000	78.3
Alberta	1,870,000	2,188,000	440,000	85.5
British Columbia	880,000	1,310,000	96,000	67.2
CANADA	15,391,000	17,931,000	2,694,000	85.8
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	110,000	180,000	115,000	61.1
Nova Scotia	250,000	228,000	101,000	109.6
New Brunswick	196,000	213,000	117,000	92.0
Quebec	1,279,000	1,977,000	714,000	64.7
Ontario	2,600,000	3,500,000	1,210,000	74.3
Manitoba	814,000	920,000	429,000	88.5
Saskatchewan	990,000	1,227,000	679,000	80.7
Alberta	1,047,000	1,265,000	451,000	82.8
British Columbia	315,000	410,000	151,000	76.8
CANADA	7,601,000	9,920,000	3,967,000	76.6
<u>E. Chicks (Under Six Weeks Old)</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	278,000	299,000	1,000	93.0
Nova Scotia	200,000	407,000	4,000	49.1
New Brunswick	317,000	411,000	5,000	77.1
Quebec	2,380,000	3,034,000	50,000	78.4
Ontario	5,200,000	5,400,000	300,000	96.3
Manitoba	1,310,000	2,064,000	8,000	63.5
Saskatchewan	2,910,000	3,228,000	18,000	90.1
Alberta	2,975,000	3,426,000	5,000	86.8
British Columbia	515,000	594,000	89,000	86.7
CANADA	16,085,000	18,863,000	480,000	85.3



TABLE 3. OTHER POULTRY ON FARMS, by Provinces, June 1, 1950

With comparative data for June 1, 1949 and December 1, 1949

Province	June 1,	June 1,	December 1,	June 1, 1950	
	1950	1949	1949	as per cent of	
	No.	No.	No.	June 1, 1949	December 1, 1949
				%	%
<u>A. TURKEYS</u>					
Prince Edward Island ...	12,000	15,000	18,000	80.0	66.7
Nova Scotia .....	55,000	49,000	50,000	112.2	110.0
New Brunswick .....	20,000	35,000	37,000	57.1	54.1
Quebec .....	529,000	504,000	480,000	105.0	110.2
Ontario .....	570,000	600,000	490,000	95.0	116.3
Manitoba .....	350,000	338,400	280,000	103.4	125.0
Saskatchewan .....	290,000	397,000	330,000	73.0	87.9
Alberta .....	473,000	523,000	480,000	90.4	98.5
British Columbia .....	260,000	225,000	226,000	115.6	115.0
CANADA .....	2,559,000	2,686,400	2,391,000	95.3	107.0
<u>B. GEESE</u>					
Prince Edward Island ...	16,000	16,000	14,000	100.0	114.3
Nova Scotia .....	16,000	16,000	10,000	100.0	160.0
New Brunswick .....	13,000	14,000	9,000	92.9	144.4
Quebec .....	13,000	20,000	16,000	65.0	81.2
Ontario .....	160,000	180,000	154,000	88.9	103.9
Manitoba .....	42,900	43,300	27,000	99.1	147.9
Saskatchewan .....	22,000	29,000	24,000	75.9	91.7
Alberta .....	76,000	97,000	65,000	78.4	116.9
British Columbia .....	10,000	9,000	7,000	111.1	142.9
CANADA .....	368,900	424,300	328,000	86.9	112.5
<u>C. DUCKS</u>					
Prince Edward Island ...	17,000	13,000	20,000	130.8	85.0
Nova Scotia .....	12,000	12,000	8,000	100.0	150.0
New Brunswick .....	6,000	7,000	8,000	85.7	75.0
Quebec .....	88,000	52,000	16,000	169.2	550.0
Ontario .....	230,000	240,000	214,000	95.8	107.5
Manitoba .....	41,800	48,600	36,000	86.0	116.1
Saskatchewan .....	33,100	53,000	41,000	62.5	80.7
Alberta .....	43,000	68,000	51,000	63.2	84.3
British Columbia .....	18,000	24,000	11,000	75.0	163.6
CANADA .....	488,900	517,600	405,000	94.5	120.7