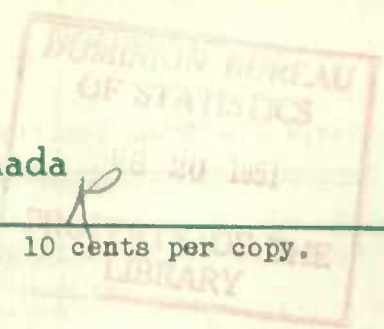


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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1950

Ottawa, February 20, 1951: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today estimates of the numbers of poultry on farms in Canada ^{1/} as at December 1, 1950. The estimates are based on reports from farmers, and were prepared in cooperation with provincial officials.

The estimated total number of poultry on farms at December 1 was 37,342,000 head, a decrease of 12 per cent from the same date in 1949. This total is composed of 34,277,000 domestic fowl, (hens, cocks and chickens) 2,378,000 turkeys, 322,000 geese and 365,000 ducks.

The estimates number of domestic fowl declined 13 per cent from a year ago. By classes the numbers (with 1949 estimates in brackets) were; hens and pullets 30,687,000 (35,872,000), cocks and cockerels 3,122,000 (3,967,000), chicks 468,500 (480,000). The combined total of hens and pullets decreased in all provinces. The number of cocks and cockerels declined in all provinces except Nova Scotia, while chicks were higher than last year only in Ontario.

The estimated number of turkeys showed a decrease of only 1 per cent compared with December 1 a year ago. Geese declined 2 per cent and ducks 10 per cent.

^{1/} 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, 1950.

Province	Domestic Fowl ^{1/}	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at Dec. 1, 1950 as a per cent of	
						Dec. 1949	June 1950
		- thousand birds				%	%
Pr. Edward Island	725	9	14	19	767	93	65
Nova Scotia	1,300	58	9	6	1,373	108	70
New Brunswick	833	25	10	6	874	93	65
Quebec	5,325	610	13	22	5,970	80	62
Ontario	13,000	560	157	210	13,927	91	59
Manitoba	2,636	290	33	30	2,989	80	53
Saskatchewan	4,205	240	20	31	4,496	90	53
Alberta	4,203	386	56	32	4,677	90	50
British Columbia	2,050	200	10	9	2,269	83	62
CANADA	34,277	2,378	322	365	37,342	88	58

Province	Dec. 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1949	June 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1950 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1949	June 1950
		- number -		%	%
A. Total Domestic Fowl ^{1/}					
Pr. Edward Island	725,000	775,000	1,135,000	94	64
Nova Scotia	1,300,000	1,199,000	1,886,000	108	69
New Brunswick	833,000	883,000	1,316,000	94	63
Quebec	5,325,000	6,938,000	9,073,000 ^{2/}	77	59
Ontario	13,000,000	14,440,000	22,500,000	90	58
Manitoba	2,636,000	3,381,000	5,230,000	78	50
Saskatchewan	4,205,000	4,612,000	8,104,000	91	52
Alberta	4,203,000	4,599,000	8,855,000	91	47
British Columbia	2,050,000	2,492,000	3,370,000	82	61
CANADA	34,277,000	39,319,000	61,469,000 ^{2/}	87	56

B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over.

Pr. Edward Island	523,000	588,000	479,000	89	109
Nova Scotia	1,022,000	1,076,000	816,000	95	125
New Brunswick	612,000	658,000	510,000	93	120
Quebec	4,275,000	5,785,000	3,500,000 ^{2/}	74	122
Ontario	10,450,000	12,200,000	7,800,000	86	134
Manitoba	2,025,000	2,650,000	1,817,000	76	111
Saskatchewan	3,039,000	3,362,000	2,847,000	90	107
Alberta	3,345,000	3,703,000	2,963,000	90	113
British Columbia	1,870,000	2,156,000	1,660,000	87	113
CANADA	27,161,000	32,178,000	22,392,000 ^{2/}	84	121

^{1/} Hens, cocks and chickens.^{2/} Revised.

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

Province	Dec. 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1949	June 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1950 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1949	June 1950
			- number -	%	%
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old. ^{1/}</u>					
Pr. Edward Island	126,000	71,000	268,000	177	47
Nova Scotia	110,800	18,000	620,000	616	18
New Brunswick	128,000	103,000	293,000	124	44
Quebec	479,000	389,000	1,914,000	123	25
Ontario	1,150,000	730,000	6,900,000	158	17
Manitoba	312,000	294,000	1,289,000	106	24
Saskatchewan	646,000	553,000	1,357,000	117	48
Alberta	514,000	440,000	1,870,000	117	27
British Columbia	60,000	96,000	880,000	62	7
CANADA	3,525,800	2,694,000	15,391,000	131	23
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old.</u>					
Pr. Edward Island	75,000	115,000	110,000	65	68
Nova Scotia	163,700	101,000	250,000	162	65
New Brunswick	92,000	117,000	196,000	79	47
Quebec	536,000	714,000	1,279,000	75	42
Ontario	1,050,000	1,210,000	2,600,000	87	40
Manitoba	295,000	429,000	814,000	69	36
Saskatchewan	508,000	679,000	990,000	75	51
Alberta	342,000	451,000	1,047,000	76	33
British Columbia	60,000	151,000	315,000	40	19
CANADA	3,121,700	3,967,000	7,601,000	79	41
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old.</u>					
Pr. Edward Island	1,000	1,000	278,000	100	
Nova Scotia	3,500	4,000	200,000	88	
New Brunswick	1,000	5,000	317,000	20	
Quebec	35,000	50,000	2,380,000	70	
Ontario	350,000	300,000	5,200,000	117	
Manitoba	4,000	8,000	1,310,000	50	
Saskatchewan	12,000	18,000	2,910,000	67	
Alberta	2,000	5,000	2,975,000	40	
British Columbia	60,000	89,000	515,000	67	
CANADA	468,500	480,000	16,085,000	98	

^{1/} Previous surveys have specified "Pullets not yet of laying age but over 6 weeks old". The wording has now been changed to coincide with the classification to be used in the 1951 Census.

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Table 3.- Turkeys: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1950

Province	Dec. 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1949	June 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1950 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1949	June 1950
	- number -			%	%
P.E.I.	9,000	18,000	12,000	50	75
N.S.	58,000	50,000	55,000	116	105
N.B.	25,000	37,000	20,000	68	125
Que.	610,000	480,000	529,000	127	115
Ont.	560,000	490,000	570,000	114	98
Man.	290,000	280,000	350,000	104	83
Sask.	240,000	330,000	290,000	73	83
Alta.	385,000	480,000	473,000	80	82
B.C.	200,000	226,000	260,000	88	77
CANADA	2,378,000	2,391,000	2,559,000	99	93

Table 4.- Geese: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1950

Province	Dec. 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1949	June 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1950 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1949	June 1950
	- number -			%	%
P.E.I.	14,000	14,000	16,000	100	88
N.S.	9,000	10,000	16,000	90	56
N.B.	10,000	9,000	13,000	111	77
Que.	13,000	16,000	13,000	81	100
Ont.	157,000	154,000	160,000	102	98
Man.	33,000	29,000	42,900	114	77
Sask.	20,000	24,000	22,000	83	91
Alta.	56,000	65,000	76,000	86	74
B.C.	10,000	7,000	10,000	143	100
CANADA	322,000	328,000	368,900	98	87

Table 5.- Ducks: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1950

Province	Dec. 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1949	June 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1950 as a per cent of	
				Dec. 1949	June 1950
	- number -			%	%
P.E.I.	19,000	20,000	17,000	95	112
N.S.	6,000	8,000	12,000	75	50
N.B.	6,000	8,000	6,000	75	100
Que.	22,000	16,000	88,000	138	25
Ont.	210,000	214,000	230,000	98	91
Man.	30,000	36,000	41,800	83	72
Sask.	31,000	41,000	33,100	76	94
Alta.	32,000	51,000	43,000	63	74
B.C.	9,000	11,000	18,000	82	50
CANADA	365,000	405,000	488,900	90	75