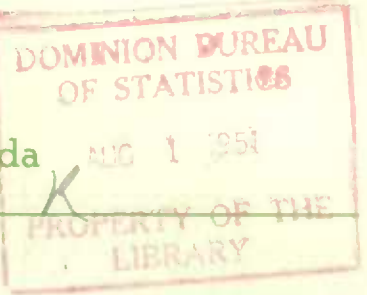


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## REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1951

Ottawa, July 31, 1951: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day estimates of the numbers of poultry on farms in Canada <sup>1/</sup> as at June 1, 1951. 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 June 1, 1951 was 74,665,000 birds an increase of 15 per cent from the same date in 1950. This total is composed of 71,116,000 domestic fowl (hens, cocks and chickens), 2,698,000 turkeys, 384,000 geese and 467,000 ducks.

The estimated number of domestic fowl increased by 16 per cent from June 1, 1950. By classes the numbers (with 1950 estimates in brackets,) were; hens and pullets over 6 weeks 37,508,000 (37,783,000), cocks and cockerels over 6 weeks 9,784,000 (7,601,000), and chicks under 6 weeks 23,824,000 (16,085,000). All provinces contributed to a total decline of 8 per cent from last year in the number of hens over 6 months old. Birds hatched during the 1951 season are above 1950 figures in all provinces.

The estimated number of turkeys at 2,698,000 showed an increase of 5 per cent compared with June 1, 1950. During the same period geese increased 4 per cent while ducks have declined 4 per cent.

<sup>1/</sup> 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 June 1, 1951

Province	Domestic Fowl <sup>1/</sup>	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at June 1, 1951	
						as a per cent of June 1950	Dec. 1950
- thousand birds -						%	%
P.E.I.	1,119	15	18	19	1,171	99	153
N.S.	2,171	45	16	13	2,245	144	164
N.B.	1,513	40	15	9	1,577	116	180
Que.	11,592	563	13	48	12,216	126	205
Ont.	25,952	638	160	206	26,956	115	194
Man.	6,166	327	50	60	6,603	117	221
Sask.	8,685	300	22	40	9,047	107	201
Alta.	10,328	530	78	50	10,986	116	235
B.C.	3,590	240	12	22	3,864	106	170
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>71,116</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>74,665</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>200</b>

Province	June 1, 1951	June 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1950	June 1, 1951 as	
				a per cent of June 1950	Dec. 1950
- number -				%	%
<b>A. Total Domestic Fowl <sup>1/</sup></b>					
P.E.I.	1,119,000	1,135,000	725,000	99	154
N.S.	2,171,000	1,886,000	1,300,000	115	167
N.B.	1,513,000	1,316,000	833,000	115	182
Que.	11,592,000	9,073,000	5,325,000	128	218
Ont.	25,952,000	22,500,000	13,000,000	115	200
Man.	6,166,000	5,230,000	2,636,000	118	234
Sask.	8,685,000	8,104,000	4,205,000	107	207
Alta.	10,328,000	8,855,000	4,203,000	117	246
B.C.	3,590,000	3,370,000	2,050,000	107	175
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>71,116,000</b>	<b>61,469,000</b>	<b>34,277,000</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>207</b>

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

P.E.I.	421,000	479,000	523,000	88	80
N.S.	762,000	816,000	1,022,000	93	75
N.B.	480,000	510,000	612,000	94	78
Que.	3,273,000	3,500,000	4,275,000	94	77
Ont.	7,120,000	7,800,000	10,450,000	91	68
Man.	1,700,000	1,817,000	2,025,000	94	84
Sask.	2,584,000	2,847,000	3,039,000	91	85
Alta.	2,827,000	2,963,000	3,345,000	95	85
B.C.	1,350,000	1,660,000	1,870,000	81	72
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>20,517,000</b>	<b>22,392,000</b>	<b>27,161,000</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>76</b>

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



Table 2.- Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1951 (cont'd)

Province	June 1, 1951	June 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1950	June 1, 1951 as a per cent of June 1, 1950
	- number -			%
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old. 1/</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	236,000	268,000	126,000	88
Nova Scotia	843,000	620,000	110,800	136
New Brunswick	330,000	293,000	128,000	113
Quebec	2,428,000	1,914,000	479,000	127
Ontario	7,560,000	6,900,000	1,150,000	110
Manitoba	1,266,000	1,289,000	312,000	98
Saskatchewan	1,272,000	1,357,000	646,000	94
Alberta	1,911,000	1,870,000	514,000	102
British Columbia	1,145,000	880,000	60,000	130
CANADA	16,991,000	15,391,000	3,525,800	110
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old.</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	96,000	110,000	75,000	87
Nova Scotia	325,000	250,000	163,700	130
New Brunswick	320,000	196,000	92,000	163
Quebec	1,883,000	1,279,000	536,000	147
Ontario	3,620,000	2,600,000	1,050,000	139
Manitoba	858,000	814,000	295,000	105
Saskatchewan	1,049,000	990,000	508,000	106
Alberta	1,288,000	1,047,000	342,000	123
British Columbia	345,000	315,000	60,000	110
CANADA	9,784,000	7,601,000	3,121,700	129
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old.</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	366,000	278,000	1,000	132
Nova Scotia	241,000	200,000	3,500	120
New Brunswick	383,000	317,000	1,000	121
Quebec	4,008,000	2,380,000	35,000	168
Ontario	7,652,000	5,200,000	350,000	147
Manitoba	2,342,000	1,310,000	4,000	179
Saskatchewan	3,780,000	2,910,000	12,000	130
Alberta	4,302,000	2,975,000	2,000	145
British Columbia	750,000	515,000	60,000	146
CANADA	23,824,000	16,085,000	468,500	148

1/ Previous June 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.


**TABLE 3. OTHER POULTRY ON FARMS, by Provinces, June 1, 1951**

With comparative data for June 1, 1950 and December 1, 1950

Province	June 1,	June 1,	December 1,	June 1, 1951	
	1951	1950	1950	as per cent of	
	No.	No.	No.	June 1, 1950	December 1, 1950
				%	%
<b>A. TURKEYS</b>					
Pr. Edward Island ...	15,000	12,000	9,000	125	167
Nova Scotia .....	45,000 <sup>1/</sup>	55,000	58,000		
New Brunswick .....	40,000 <sup>1/</sup>	20,000	25,000		
Quebec .....	563,000	529,000	610,000	106	92
Ontario .....	638,000	570,000	560,000	112	114
Manitoba .....	327,000	350,000	290,000	93	113
Saskatchewan .....	300,000	290,000	240,000	103	125
Alberta .....	530,000	473,000	385,000	112	138
British Columbia ....	240,000	260,000	200,000	92	120
<b>CANADA .....</b>	<b>2,698,000</b>	<b>2,559,000</b>	<b>2,378,000</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>B. GEESE</b>					
Pr. Edward Island ...	18,000	16,000	14,000	112	129
Nova Scotia .....	16,000	16,000	9,000	100	178
New Brunswick .....	15,000	13,000	10,000	115	150
Quebec .....	13,000	13,000	13,000	100	100
Ontario .....	160,000	160,000	157,000	100	102
Manitoba .....	50,000	42,900	33,000	117	152
Saskatchewan .....	22,000	22,000	20,000	100	110
Alberta .....	78,000	76,000	56,000	103	139
British Columbia ....	12,000	10,000	10,000	120	120
<b>CANADA .....</b>	<b>384,000</b>	<b>368,900</b>	<b>322,000</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>C. DUCKS</b>					
Pr. Edward Island ...	19,000	17,000	19,000	112	100
Nova Scotia .....	13,000	12,000	6,000	108	217
New Brunswick .....	9,000	6,000	6,000	150	150
Quebec .....	48,000	88,000	22,000	55	218
Ontario .....	206,000	230,000	210,000	90	98
Manitoba .....	60,000	41,800	30,000	144	200
Saskatchewan .....	40,000	33,100	31,000	121	129
Alberta .....	50,000	43,000	32,000	116	156
British Columbia ....	22,000	18,000	9,000	122	244
<b>CANADA .....</b>	<b>467,000</b>	<b>488,900</b>	<b>365,000</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>128</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Check data indicates that 1950 estimates were too high in Nova Scotia and too low in New Brunswick. Adjustments have been made in 1951 estimates. Correction to earlier estimates will be undertaken after Census data become available.