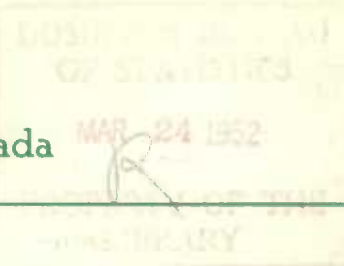


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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1951

Ottawa, March 24, 1952: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day estimates of the numbers of poultry on farms in Canada ^{1/} as at December 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 December 1, 1951 was 45,972,000 birds an increase of 23 per cent from the same date in 1950. This total is composed of 42,717,000 domestic fowl (hens, cocks and chickens), 2,436,000 turkeys, 362,000 geese and 457,000 ducks.

The estimated number of domestic fowl increased by 25 per cent from December 1, 1950. By classes the numbers (with 1950 estimates in brackets,) were; hens and pullets 36,138,000 (30,687,000), cocks and cockerels 5,183,000 (3,122,000), and chicks 1,396,000 (468,500). The combined total of hens and pullets was greater in all provinces than at December 1, 1950. The number of cocks and cockerels was higher in all provinces except Nova Scotia, and chick numbers rose in all provinces.

The estimated number of turkeys at 2,436,000 showed an increase of 2 per cent compared with December 1, 1950. During the same period geese increased 12 per cent and ducks 25 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 Dec. 1, 1951

Province	Domestic Fowl ^{1/}	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at Dec. 1, 1951 as a per cent of	
						June 1951	Dec. 1950
- thousand birds -						%	%
P.E.I.	800	10	18	21	849	73	111
N.S.	1,490	46	11	8	1,555	69	113
N.B.	1,077	35	11	7	1,130	72	129
Que.	7,300	650	13	32	7,995	65	134
Ont.	15,400	420	150	240	16,210	60	116
Man.	3,270	275	48	44	3,637	55	122
Sask.	5,000	270	24	36	5,330	59	119
Alta.	5,780	500	77	56	6,413	58	137
B.C.	2,600	230	10	13	2,853	74	126
CANADA	42,717	2,436	362	457	45,972	62	123

	Dec. 1, 1951	June 1, 1951	Dec. 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1951 as a per cent of	
				June 1951	Dec. 1950

- 1000 birds -

A. Total Domestic Fowl ^{1/}

P.E.I.	800	1,119	725	71	110
N.S.	1,490	2,171	1,300	69	115
N.B.	1,077	1,513	833	71	129
Que.	7,300	11,592	5,325	63	137
Ont.	15,400	25,952	13,000	59	118
Man.	3,270	6,166	2,636	53	124
Sask.	5,000	8,685	4,205	58	119
Alta.	5,780	10,328	4,203	56	138
B.C.	2,600	3,590	2,050	72	127
CANADA	42,717	71,116	34,277	60	125

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

P.E.I.	408	421	523	97	78
N.S.	1,015	762	1,022	133	99
N.B.	576	480	612	120	94
Que.	4,575	3,273	4,275	140	107
Ont.	10,700	7,120	10,450	150	102
Man.	1,970	1,700	2,025	116	97
Sask.	2,500	2,584	3,039	97	82
Alta.	3,250	2,827	3,345	115	97
B.C.	2,100	1,350	1,870	156	112
CANADA	27,094	20,517	27,161	132	100

^{1/} Hens, cocks and chickens.

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

Province	Dec. 1, 1951	June 1, 1951	Dec. 1, 1950	Dec. 1, 1951 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1950
- 1000 birds -				
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old. 1/</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	280	236	126	222
Nova Scotia	280	843	110.8	253
New Brunswick	323	330	128	252
Quebec	1,340	2,428	479	280
Ontario	2,500	7,560	1,150	217
Manitoba	868	1,266	312	278
Saskatchewan	1,590	1,272	646	246
Alberta	1,643	1,911	514	320
British Columbia	220	1,145	60	367
CANADA	9,044	16,991	3,525.8	257
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old.</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	109	96	75	145
Nova Scotia	134	325	163.7	82
New Brunswick	169	320	92	184
Quebec	1,035	1,883	536	193
Ontario	1,500	3,620	1,050	143
Manitoba	408	858	295	138
Saskatchewan	895	1,049	508	176
Alberta	843	1,288	342	246
British Columbia	90	345	60	150
CANADA	5,183	9,784	3,121.7	166
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old.</u>				
Pr. Edward Island	3	366	1	
Nova Scotia	61	241	3.5	
New Brunswick	9	383	1	
Quebec	350	4,008	35	
Ontario	700	7,652	350	
Manitoba	24	2,342	4	
Saskatchewan	15	3,780	12	
Alberta	44	4,302	2	
British Columbia	190	750	60	
CANADA	1,396	23,824	468.5	

1/ Previous December surveys have specified "Pullets not yet of laying age but over 6 weeks old. The wording has now been changed to coincide with the Census classification.



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Table 3. OTHER POULTRY ON FARMS, by Provinces, Dec. 1, 1951
 With comparative data for June 1, 1951 and December 1, 1950

Province	Dec. 1, 1951	June 1, 1951	December 1, 1950	June 1, 1951 as per cent of	
				June 1, 1951	December 1, 1950
- 1000 birds -				%	%
TURKEYS					
Pr. Edward Island	10	15	9	67	111
Nova Scotia	46	45	58	102	1/
New Brunswick	35	40	25	88	1/
Quebec	650	563	610	115	107
Ontario	420	638	560	66	75
Manitoba	275	327	290	84	95
Saskatchewan	270	300	240	90	112
Alberta	500	530	385	94	130
British Columbia	230	240	200	96	115
CANADA	2,436	2,698	2,378	90	102
GEESE					
Pr. Edward Island	18	18	14	100	129
Nova Scotia	11	16	9	69	122
New Brunswick	11	15	10	73	110
Quebec	13	13	13	100	100
Ontario	150	160	157	94	96
Manitoba	48	50	33	96	145
Saskatchewan	24	22	20	109	120
Alberta	77	78	56	99	138
British Columbia	10	12	10	83	100
CANADA	362	384	322	94	112
DUCKS					
Pr. Edward Island	21	19	19	111	111
Nova Scotia	8	13	6	62	133
New Brunswick	7	9	6	78	117
Quebec	32	48	22	67	145
Ontario	240	206	210	117	114
Manitoba	44	60	30	73	147
Saskatchewan	36	40	31	90	116
Alberta	56	50	32	112	175
British Columbia	13	22	9	59	144
CANADA	457	467	365	98	125

1/ 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.