

D.B.S. MEMORANDUM

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, Canada

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA

1010770009

1952 No. 2.

Price: 10 cents per copy.

REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1952

Ottawa, August 27, 1952: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today estimates of the number of poultry on farms in Canada ^{1/} as at June 1, 1952. The estimates are based on reports from farmers and were prepared in cooperation with provincial officials.

The poultry portion of the 1951 census report on livestock issued June 20, 1952 was used as a base for making these estimates. The estimates made for December 1, 1951 are not directly comparable and are subject to revision in the light of the 1951 census report.

The estimated total number of poultry on farms at June 1, 1952 was 65,782,000 birds a decrease of 2 percent from that reported by the census at the same date in 1951. This total is composed of 61,732,000 domestic fowl (hens, cocks and chickens), 3,167,000 turkeys, 386,000 geese and 497,000 ducks.

The estimated number of domestic fowl decreased by 4 percent from June 1, 1951. By classes the numbers (with the 1951 rounded census figures in brackets,) were; hens and pullets over 6 weeks 37,987,000 (36,733,000) cocks and cockerels over 6 weeks 7,943,000 (9,294,000), and chickens under 6 weeks 15,802,000 (18,514,000). In spite of an increase in hens and pullets over 6 months old the decreases in other classes of domestic fowl were sufficient to cause a small overall decrease in domestic fowl. The chicks hatched in approved hatcheries in 1951 were down in all provinces except the Prairie provinces where an increased hatch over 1951 was reported.

The estimated number of turkeys at 3,167,000 showed an increase of 25 percent over last year. During the same period geese increased 10 percent and ducks 14 percent.

Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The census of June 1, 1951 reports 76,429 head of poultry. By classes the number reported was: domestic fowl 73,714, turkeys 1,553, geese 548 and ducks 614.

Prepared in Live Stock Section, AGRICULTURE DIVISION

Table 1.- Total Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1952.

Province	Domestic Fowl 1/	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at June 1, 1952 as a per cent of Census 1951
						%
- thousand birds -						
Pr. Edward Island	925	18	21	15	979	95
Nova Scotia	1,480	28	4	3	1,515	91
New Brunswick	1,145	44	5	5	1,199	93
Quebec	9,875	440	13	49	10,377	98
Ontario	20,700	692	137	166	21,695	88
Manitoba	6,667	418	62	65	7,212	105
Saskatchewan	8,680	587	43	74	9,384	103
Alberta	8,420	640	80	95	9,235	104
British Columbia	3,840	300	21	25	4,186	112
CANADA	61,732	3,167	386	497	65,782	97
						June 1, 1952 as a per cent of Census 1951
- 1000 birds -						%
<u>A. Total Domestic Fowl 1/</u>						
Pr. Edward Island	925				978	95
Nova Scotia	1,480				1,630	91
New Brunswick	1,145				1,231	93
Quebec	9,875				10,090	98
Ontario	20,700				23,767	87
Manitoba	6,667				6,458	103
Saskatchewan	8,680				8,587	101
Alberta	8,420				8,348	101
British Columbia	3,840				3,452	111
CANADA	61,732				64,541	96
<u>B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over.</u>						
Pr. Edward Island	436				382	114
Nova Scotia	595				545	109
New Brunswick	475				426	112
Quebec	3,500				3,010	116
Ontario	7,000				6,838	102
Manitoba	2,100				1,874	112
Saskatchewan	2,720				2,592	105
Alberta	2,550				2,447	104
British Columbia	1,320				1,092	121
CANADA	20,696				19,206	108

1/ Hens, cocks and chickens.

Table 2.- Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1952 (cont'd)

Province	June 1, 1952	Census 1951	June 1, 1952 as a per cent of Census 1951
	- number -		%
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	166	165	101
Nova Scotia	592	626	95
New Brunswick	272	303	90
Quebec	2,910	2,994	97
Ontario	7,300	7,709	95
Manitoba	1,446	1,357	107
Saskatchewan	1,220	1,180	103
Alberta	1,770	1,808	98
British Columbia	1,615	1,385	117
CANADA	17,291	17,527	99
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	69	114	61
Nova Scotia	76	156	49
New Brunswick	172	178	97
Quebec	1,569	1,695	93
Ontario	2,500	3,810	66
Manitoba	913	856	107
Saskatchewan	1,050	912	115
Alberta	1,220	1,194	102
British Columbia	374	379	99
CANADA	7,943	9,294	85
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	254	317	80
Nova Scotia	217	303	72
New Brunswick	226	324	70
Quebec	1,896	2,391	79
Ontario	3,900	5,410	72
Manitoba	2,208	2,371	93
Saskatchewan	3,690	3,903	95
Alberta	2,880	2,899	99
British Columbia	531	596	89
CANADA	15,802	18,514	85

Table 3. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1952.

Province	June 1, 1952	Census 1951	June 1, 1952 as a per cent of Census 1951
- 1000 birds -			
<u>TURKEYS</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	18	16	112
Nova Scotia	28	31	90
New Brunswick	44	42	105
Quebec	440	423	104
Ontario	692	666	104
Manitoba	418	311	134
Saskatchewan	587	400	147
Alberta	640	395	162
British Columbia	300	243	123
CANADA	3,167	2,527	125
<u>GEESE</u>			
Province	June 1, 1952	Census 1951	%
Pr. Edward Island	21	20	105
Nova Scotia	4	5	80
New Brunswick	5	6	83
Quebec	13	14	93
Ontario	137	139	99
Manitoba	62	55	113
Saskatchewan	43	34	126
Alberta	80	65	123
British Columbia	21	14	150
CANADA	386	352	110
<u>DUCKS</u>			
Province	June 1, 1952	Census 1951	%
Pr. Edward Island	15	15	100
Nova Scotia	3	4	75
New Brunswick	5	5	100
Quebec	49	50	98
Ontario	166	165	101
Manitoba	65	65	100
Saskatchewan	74	51	145
Alberta	95	62	153
British Columbia	25	20	125
CANADA	497	437	114