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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1952

This memorandum contains estimates of the numbers of poultry on farms in Canada <sup>1/</sup> as at December 1, 1952. 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, 1952 was 40,826,000 birds, a decrease of 3 per cent from the revised <sup>2/</sup> estimates for the same date in 1951. This total is composed of 37,125,000 domestic fowl (hens, cocks and chickens), 2,836,000 turkeys, 372,500 geese and 492,000 ducks.

The estimated number of domestic fowl decreased by 5 per cent from December 1, 1951. By classes the numbers (with 1951 estimates in brackets) were: hens and pullets 32,494,000 (33,419,000); cocks and cockerels 3,350,000 (4,710,000); and chicks 1,281,000 (1,141,000). The combined total of hens and pullets was 3 per cent less than at the same date last year. The number of cocks and cockerels was 29 per cent lower than at December 1, 1951, but chick numbers were slightly higher than a year ago.

The estimated number of turkeys at 2,836,000 showed an increase of 31 per cent compared with December 1, 1951. During the same period geese increased 9 per cent and ducks 11 per cent.

<sup>1/</sup> Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The Census of June 1, 1951 reported 73,714 head of domestic fowl, 1,553 turkeys, 584 geese and 614 ducks.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised on basis of Census of Agriculture information for June 1, 1951.

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

Province	Domestic Fowl <sup>1/</sup>	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total
- thousand birds -					
P.E.I.	620	11	16	17	664
N.S.	1,350	30	4	2	1,386
N.B.	800	35	3.5	5	843.5
Que.	5,270	475	13	50	5,808
Ont.	13,750	700	150	200	14,800
Man.	3,525	300	34	32	3,891
Sask.	4,620	460	52	80	5,212
Alta.	4,640	585	80	90	5,395
B. C.	2,550	240	20	16	2,826
CANADA	37,125	2,836	372.5	492	40,825.5

	Dec. 1, 1952	June 1, 1952	Dec. 1, 1951	Dec. 1, 1952 as a per cent of	
				June 1952	Dec. 1951
- 1000 birds -					

A. Total Domestic Fowl <sup>1/</sup>

P.E.I.	620	925	690	67	90
N.S.	1,350	1,480	1,100	91	123
N.B.	800	1,145	880	70	91
Que.	5,270	9,875	6,370	53	83
Ont.	13,750	20,700	14,950	66	92
Man.	3,525	6,667	3,490	53	101
Sask.	4,620	8,680	4,710	53	98
Alta.	4,640	8,420	4,700	55	99
B. C.	2,550	3,840	2,380	66	107
CANADA	37,125	61,732	39,270	60	95

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

P.E.I.	429	436	369	98	116
N.S.	860	595	712	145	121
N.B.	590	475	514	124	115
Que.	3,530	3,500	3,859	101	91
Ont.	10,400	7,000	10,300	149	101
Man.	2,300	2,100	2,150	110	107
Sask.	2,500	2,720	2,500	92	100
Alta.	2,750	2,550	2,830	108	97
B. C.	1,830	1,320	1,750	139	105
CANADA	25,189	20,696	24,984	122	101

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

Table 2.- Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces,  
as at December 1, 1952 (continued)

Province	Dec. 1, 1952	June 1, 1952	Dec. 1, 1951	Dec. 1, 1952 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1951
	- '000 birds -			%
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	140	166	196	71
Nova Scotia	220	592	244	90
New Brunswick	155	272	218	71
Quebec	940	2,910	1,375	68
Ontario	1,900	7,300	2,550	75
Manitoba	800	1,446	900	89
Saskatchewan	1,400	1,220	1,412	99
Alberta	1,350	1,770	1,200	112
British Columbia	400	1,615	340	118
<b>C A N A D A</b>	<b>7,305</b>	<b>17,291</b>	<b>8,435</b>	<b>87</b>
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	45	69	122	37
Nova Scotia	50	76	82	61
New Brunswick	50	172	141	35
Quebec	500	1,569	823	61
Ontario	1,000	3,500	1,600	62
Manitoba	400	913	433	92
Saskatchewan	700	1,050	783	89
Alberta	485	1,220	626	77
British Columbia	120	374	100	120
<b>C A N A D A</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>7,943</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>71</b>
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	6	254	3	
Nova Scotia	220	217	62	
New Brunswick	5	226	7	
Quebec	300	1,896	313	
Ontario	450	3,900	500	
Manitoba	25	2,208	7	
Saskatchewan	20	3,690	15	
Alberta	55	2,880	44	
British Columbia	200	531	190	
<b>C A N A D A</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>15,802</b>	<b>1,141</b>	





Table 3.- Other Poultry on Farms, by Provinces, December 1, 1952  
With Comparative Data for June 1, 1952 and December 1, 1951

Province	Dec. 1,	June 1,	Dec. 1,	Dec. 1, 1952	
	1952	1952	1951	as per cent of	
	- '000 birds -			June 1, 1952	Dec. 1, 1951
				%	%
<u>TURKEYS</u>					
Prince Edward Island	11	18	17	61	65
Nova Scotia	30	28	31	107	97
New Brunswick	35	44	35	80	100
Quebec	475	440	406	108	117
Ontario	700	692	440	101	159
Manitoba	300	418	261	72	115
Saskatchewan	460	587	363	78	127
Alberta	585	640	380	91	154
British Columbia	240	300	234	80	103
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>3,167</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>131</b>
<u>GEESE</u>					
Prince Edward Island	16	21	20	76	80
Nova Scotia	4	4	6	100	67
New Brunswick	3.5	5	6	70	58
Quebec	13	13	13	100	100
Ontario	150	137	130	109	115
Manitoba	34	62	55	55	62
Saskatchewan	52	43	37	121	141
Alberta	80	80	62	100	129
British Columbia	20	21	12	95	167
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>372.5</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>109</b>
<u>DUCKS</u>					
Prince Edward Island	17	15	17	113	100
Nova Scotia	2	3	3	67	67
New Brunswick	5	5	3	100	167
Quebec	50	49	47	102	106
Ontario	200	166	190	120	105
Manitoba	32	65	54	49	59
Saskatchewan	80	74	45	108	178
Alberta	90	95	71	95	127
British Columbia	16	25	12	64	133
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>111</b>