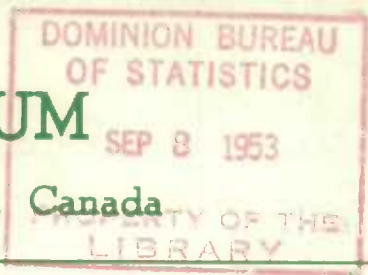


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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1953

Ottawa, September 4, 1953: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today estimates of the number of poultry on farms in Canada ^{1/} as at June 1, 1953. 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, 1953 was 66,451,000 birds, an increase of 1 percent from that reported by the June 1 survey at the same date in 1952. This total is composed of 62,960,000 domestic fowl (hens, cocks and chickens), 2,615,000 turkeys, 388,000 geese and 488,000 ducks.

The estimated number of domestic fowl increased by 2 percent from June 1, 1952. By classes the numbers (with the 1952 estimates in brackets), were; hens and pullets over 6 weeks 38,699,000 (37,987,000) cocks and cockerels over 6 weeks 8,322,000 (7,943,000), and chickens under 6 weeks 15,909,000 (15,802,000). The seasonal peak in hatching appears to have been slightly later than last year and the small increase in numbers at June 1, is in young birds.

The estimated number of turkeys at 2,615,000 showed a decrease of 17 percent from last year. This is in contrast to the large increase shown last year. During the same period geese increased 1 percent and ducks decreased 2 percent.

^{1/} 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.

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Table 1.- Total Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1953.

Province	Domestic Fowl ^{1/}	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at June 1, 1953 as a per cent of June 1, 1952
						%
- thousand birds -						
Pr. Edward Island	870	17	20	15	922	94
Nova Scotia	1,530	25	4	3	1,562	103
New Brunswick	1,090	50	6	5	1,151	96
Quebec	9,800	375	14	53	10,242	99
Ontario	23,400	568	147	168	24,283	112
Manitoba	6,190	355	59	63	6,667	92
Saskatchewan	7,900	470	45	63	8,478	90
Alberta	8,280	530	78	91	8,979	97
British Columbia	3,900	225	15	27	4,167	100
CANADA	62,960	2,615	388	488	66,451	101

	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1952	June 1, 1953 as a per cent of June 1, 1952
			%
- thousand birds -			
<u>A. Total Domestic Fowl ^{1/}</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	870	925	94
Nova Scotia	1,530	1,480	103
New Brunswick	1,090	1,145	95
Quebec	9,800	9,875	99
Ontario	23,400	20,700	113
Manitoba	6,190	6,667	93
Saskatchewan	7,900	8,680	91
Alberta	8,280	8,420	98
British Columbia	3,900	3,840	102
CANADA	62,960	61,732	102

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

Pr. Edward Island	415	436	95
Nova Scotia	670	595	113
New Brunswick	460	475	97
Quebec	3,300	3,500	94
Ontario	7,300	7,000	104
Manitoba	2,050	2,100	98
Saskatchewan	2,690	2,720	99
Alberta	2,600	2,550	102
British Columbia	1,280	1,320	97
CANADA	20,765	20,696	100

^{1/} Hens, cocks and chickens.

Table 2.- Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1953 (cont'd)

Province	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1952	June 1, 1953 as a per cent of June 1, 1952
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	143	166	86
Nova Scotia	568	592	96
New Brunswick	235	272	86
Quebec	2,803	2,910	96
Ontario	8,500	7,300	116
Manitoba	1,345	1,446	93
Saskatchewan	1,070	1,220	88
Alberta	1,790	1,770	101
British Columbia	1,480	1,615	92
CANADA	17,934	17,291	104
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	73	69	106
Nova Scotia	64	76	84
New Brunswick	149	172	87
Quebec	1,566	1,569	100
Ontario	3,100	2,500	124
Manitoba	830	913	91
Saskatchewan	850	1,050	81
Alberta	1,240	1,220	102
British Columbia	450	374	120
CANADA	8,322	7,943	105
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	239	254	94
Nova Scotia	198	217	91
New Brunswick	246	226	109
Quebec	2,131	1,896	112
Ontario	4,500	3,900	115
Manitoba	1,965	2,208	89
Saskatchewan	3,290	3,690	89
Alberta	2,650	2,880	92
British Columbia	690	531	130
CANADA	15,909	15,802	101



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Table 3. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1953

Province	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1952	June 1, 1953 as a per cent of June 1, 1952
- thousand birds -			
<u>TURKEYS</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	17	18	94
Nova Scotia	25	28	89
New Brunswick	50	44	114
Quebec	375	440	85
Ontario	568	692	82
Manitoba	355	418	85
Saskatchewan	470	587	80
Alberta	530	640	83
British Columbia	225	300	75
CANADA	2,615	3,167	83

Province	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1952	%
<u>GEESE</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	20	21	95
Nova Scotia	4	4	100
New Brunswick	6	5	120
Quebec	14	13	108
Ontario	147	137	107
Manitoba	59	62	95
Saskatchewan	45	43	105
Alberta	78	80	98
British Columbia	15	21	71
CANADA	388	386	101

Province	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1952	%
<u>DUCKS</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	15	15	100
Nova Scotia	3	3	100
New Brunswick	5	5	100
Quebec	53	49	108
Ontario	168	166	101
Manitoba	63	65	97
Saskatchewan	63	74	85
Alberta	91	95	96
British Columbia	27	25	108
CANADA	488	497	98