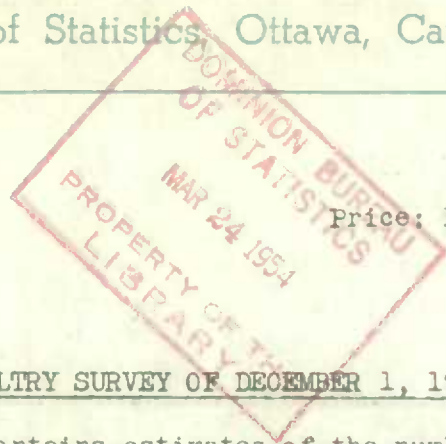


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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1953

This memorandum contains estimates of the numbers of poultry on farms in Canada ^{1/} as at December 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 December 1, 1953 was 42,858,000 birds, an increase of 5 per cent over the estimates for the same date in 1952. This total is composed of 39,660,000 domestic fowl (hens, cocks and chickens), 2,408,000 turkeys, 366,000 geese and 424,000 ducks.

The estimated number of domestic fowl increased by 7 per cent from December 1, 1952. By classes the numbers (with 1952 estimates in brackets) were: hens and pullets 32,896,000 (32,494,000); cocks and cockerels 3,959,000 (3,350,000); and chicks 2,805,000 (1,281,000). The combined total of hens and pullets was 1 per cent more than at the same date last year. The number of cocks and cockerels on farms increased by 18 per cent while the number of chicks up to six weeks old more than doubled, increasing from 1,281,000 at December 1, 1952 to 2,805,000 at December 1, 1953. These increases may be attributable to the growing importance of the broiler industry and to a levelling off in the seasonality of chick purchases for flock replacement.

The estimated number of turkeys at 2,408,000 showed a decrease of 15 per cent compared with December 1, 1952. During the same period geese decreased 2 per cent and ducks 14 per cent.

^{1/} Current estimated for Newfoundland are not available. The Census of June 1, 1951 reported 73,714 head of domestic fowl, 1,553 turkeys, 548 geese and 614 ducks on farms and 204,469 domestic fowl and 10,772 other poultry elsewhere than on farms.

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

Province	Domestic Fowl ^{1/}	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total
- thousand birds -					
P.E.I.	660	15	17	18	710
N.S.	1,400	23	3	2	1,428
N.B.	885	31	5	5	926
Que.	6,450	440	14	46	6,950
Ont.	16,000	620	135	160	16,915
Man.	3,370	300	45	43	3,758
Sask.	3,740	310	41	60	4,151
Alta.	4,275	459	90	75	4,899
B. C.	2,880	210	16	15	3,121
CANADA	39,660	2,408	366	424	42,858

Table 2. Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1953

	Dec. 1, 1953	June 1, 1953	Dec. 1, 1952	Dec. 1, 1953 as a per cent of	
				June 1953	Dec. 1952
- 1000 birds -					
<u>A. Total Domestic Fowl ^{1/}</u>					
P.E.I.	660	870	620	76	106
N.S.	1,400	1,530	1,350	92	104
N.B.	885	1,090	800	81	111
Que.	6,450	9,800	5,270	66	122
Ont.	16,000	23,400	13,750	68	116
Man.	3,370	6,190	3,525	54	96
Sask.	3,740	7,900	4,620	47	81
Alta.	4,275	8,280	4,640	52	92
B.C.	2,880	3,900	2,550	74	113
CANADA	39,660	62,960	37,125	63	107
<u>B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over.</u>					
P.E.I.	395	415	429	95	92
N.S.	805	700	860	115	94
N.B.	620	460	590	135	105
Que.	3,700	3,300	3,530	112	105
Ont.	10,800	7,300	10,400	148	104
Man.	2,300	2,050	2,300	112	100
Sask.	2,220	2,690	2,500	83	89
Alta.	2,910	2,600	2,750	112	106
B.C.	1,800	1,280	1,830	141	98
CANADA	25,550	20,795	25,189	123	101

^{1/} Hens, cocks and chickens.

Table 2.- Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces,
as at December 1, 1953 (continued)

Province	Dec. 1, 1953	June 1, 1953	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1, 1953 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1952
- '000 birds -				%
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	180	143	140	129
Nova Scotia	245	568	220	111
New Brunswick	166	235	155	107
Quebec	1,350	2,803	940	144
Ontario	2,400	8,500	1,900	126
Manitoba	670	1,345	800	84
Saskatchewan	975	1,070	1,400	70
Alberta	930	1,790	1,350	69
British Columbia	430	1,480	400	108
CANADA	7,346	17,934	7,305	101
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	79	73	45	176
Nova Scotia	90	64	50	180
New Brunswick	90	149	50	180
Quebec	800	1,566	500	160
Ontario	1,300	3,100	1,000	130
Manitoba	380	830	400	95
Saskatchewan	530	850	700	76
Alberta	350	1,240	485	72
British Columbia	340	450	120	283
CANADA	3,959	8,322	3,350	118
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	6	239	6	100
Nova Scotia	260	198	220	118
New Brunswick	9	246	5	180
Quebec	600	2,131	300	200
Ontario	1,500	4,500	450	333
Manitoba	20	1,965	25	80
Saskatchewan	15	3,290	20	75
Alberta	85	2,650	55	155
British Columbia	310	690	200	155
CANADA	2,805	15,909	1,281	219



Table 3.- Other Poultry on Farms, by Provinces, December 1, 1953
Compared with June 1, 1953 and December 1, 1952

Province	Dec. 1, 1953	June 1, 1953	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1, 1953 as per cent of	
				June 1, Dec. 1, 1953	Dec. 1, 1952
	- '000 birds -			%	%
	<u>TURKEYS</u>				
Prince Edward Island	15	17	11	88	136
Nova Scotia	23	25	30	92	77
New Brunswick	31	50	35	62	89
Quebec	440	375	475	117	93
Ontario	620	568	700	109	89
Manitoba	300	355	300	84	100
Saskatchewan	310	470	460	66	67
Alberta	459	530	585	87	78
British Columbia	210	225	240	93	88
CANADA	2,408	2,615	2,836	92	85
	<u>G E E S E</u>				
Prince Edward Island	17	20	16	85	106
Nova Scotia	3	4	4	75	75
New Brunswick	5	6	3.5	83	143
Quebec	14	14	13	100	108
Ontario	135	147	150	92	90
Manitoba	45	59	34	76	132
Saskatchewan	41	45	52	91	79
Alberta	90	78	80	115	112
British Columbia	16	15	20	107	80
CANADA	366	388	372.5	94	98
	<u>D U C K S</u>				
Prince Edward Island	18	15	17	120	106
Nova Scotia	2	3	2	67	100
New Brunswick	5	5	5	100	100
Quebec	46	53	50	87	92
Ontario	160	168	200	95	80
Manitoba	43	63	32	68	134
Saskatchewan	60	63	80	95	75
Alberta	75	91	90	82	83
British Columbia	15	27	16	56	94
CANADA	424	488	492	87	86