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## REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1954

Estimates of the number of poultry on farms in Canada <sup>1/</sup> at June 1 are based on farmer's replies on a semi-annual mail survey questionnaire and were prepared in cooperation with provincial officials.

The total number of poultry on farms at June 1, 1954 is estimated at 71,695,000 birds, an increase of almost of 8 per cent from the estimate of 66,451,000 birds on farms at June 1, 1953. Total hens and chickens increased 7.4 per cent to 67,609,000 with gains in all provinces. Turkeys at 3,230,000 were 24 per cent above 1953 numbers at June 1 and increased in all provinces except Prince Edward Island while geese decreased 6 per cent in total to 366,000 with Manitoba and Quebec showing a small gain. The number of ducks at 490,000 total for all provinces shows no significant change from 488,000 at June 1, 1953, with decreases in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia being offset by increases in Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta.

Estimates for hens and chickens by age and sex groups at June 1, (1953 figures in brackets) are: hens and pullets over 6 months old, 21,235,000 (20,695,000); pullets 6 weeks to 6 months old, 19,376,000 (17,034,000); cocks and cockerels over 6 weeks old, 8,844,000 (7,922,000); chicks up to 6 weeks old, 18,154,000 (17,309,000).

The estimates, by provinces, for hens and pullets over 6 months old which comprise the laying flock except for pullets under 6 months that had already started to lay are as follows: Prince Edward Island, 445,000 (415,000); Nova Scotia, 710,000 (700,000); New Brunswick, 480,000 (460,000) Quebec, 3,650,000 (3,300,000); Ontario, 7,300,000 (7,200,000); Manitoba, 2,000,000 (2,050,000); Saskatchewan, 2,500,000 (2,690,000); Alberta, 2,650,000 (2,600,000); British Columbia, 1,500,000 (1,280,000).

<sup>1/</sup> Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The census of June 1, 1951 reports 76,429 head of poultry on farms. By classes the number reported was: hens and chickens 73,714, turkeys 1,553, geese 548 and ducks 614. Elsewhere than on farms there were 206,167 hens and chickens and 9,074 other poultry.

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Table 1.- Total Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1954

Province	Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at June 1, 1954 as a per cent of June 1, 1953
						%
- thousand birds -						
Pr. Edward Island	970	15	20	15	1,020	111
Nova Scotia	1,670	30	4	3	1,707	109
New Brunswick	1,330	55	6	5	1,396	121
Quebec	10,859	460	15	56	11,390	111
Ontario	24,000	655	135	150	24,940	103
Manitoba	7,300	500	60	65	7,925	119
Saskatchewan	8,000	600	42	62	8,704	103
Alberta	9,350	650	70	110	10,180	113
British Columbia	4,130	265	14	24	4,433	106
CANADA	67,609	3,230	366	490	71,695	108

Table 2. Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1954

	June 1, 1954	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1954 as a per cent of June 1, 1953
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>A. Total Hens and Chickens</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	970	870	111
Nova Scotia	1,670	1,530	109
New Brunswick	1,330	1,090	122
Quebec	10,859	9,800	111
Ontario	24,000	23,400	103
Manitoba	7,300	6,190	118
Saskatchewan	8,000	7,900	101
Alberta	9,350	8,280	113
British Columbia	4,130	3,900	106
CANADA	67,609	62,960	107
<u>B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	445	415	107
Nova Scotia	710	700	101
New Brunswick	480	460	104
Quebec	3,650	3,300	111
Ontario	7,300	7,200	101
Manitoba	2,000	2,050	98
Saskatchewan	2,500	2,690	93
Alberta	2,650	2,600	102
British Columbia	1,500	1,280	117
CANADA	21,235	20,695	103

Table 2. (cont'd) Hens and Chickens: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1954

Province	June 1, 1954	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1954 as a per cent of June 1, 1953
- thousand birds -			
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	166	143	116
Nova Scotia	700	568	123
New Brunswick	320	235	136
Quebec	3,150	2,803	112
Ontario	8,300	7,600 <u>1/</u>	109
Manitoba	1,750	1,345	130
Saskatchewan	1,200	1,070	112
Alberta	2,200	1,790	123
British Columbia	1,590	1,480	107
CANADA	19,376	17,034 <u>1/</u>	114
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	84	73	115
Nova Scotia	70	64	109
New Brunswick	200	149	134
Quebec	1,800	1,566	115
Ontario	2,700	2,700 <u>1/</u>	100
Manitoba	1,100	830	133
Saskatchewan	1,000	850	118
Alberta	1,500	1,240	121
British Columbia	390	450	87
CANADA	8,844	7,922 <u>1/</u>	112
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old.</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	275	239	115
Nova Scotia	190	198	96
New Brunswick	330	246	134
Quebec	2,259	2,131	106
Ontario	5,700	5,900 <u>1/</u>	97
Manitoba	2,450	1,965	125
Saskatchewan	3,300	3,290	100
Alberta	3,000	2,650	113
British Columbia	650	690	94
CANADA	18,154	17,309 <u>1/</u>	105

1/ Revised - while total hens and chickens remain unchanged from previous report for 1953 the distribution by age and sex groups is revised for Ontario.

Table 3. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1954

Province	June 1, 1954	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1954 as
			a per cent of June 1, 1953
- thousand birds -			
<u>TURKEYS</u>			
Pr. Edward Island	15	17	88
Nova Scotia	30	25	120
New Brunswick	55	50	110
Quebec	460	375	123
Ontario	655	568	115
Manitoba	500	355	141
Saskatchewan	600	470	128
Alberta	650	530	123
British Columbia	265	225	118
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>124</b>

Province	June 1, 1954	<u>GEESE</u> June 1, 1953	%
Pr. Edward Island	20	20	100
Nova Scotia	4	4	100
New Brunswick	6	6	100
Quebec	15	14	107
Ontario	135	147	92
Manitoba	60	59	102
Saskatchewan	42	45	93
Alberta	70	78	90
British Columbia	14	15	93
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>94</b>

Province	June 1, 1954	<u>DUCKS</u> June 1, 1953	%
Pr. Edward Island	15	15	100
Nova Scotia	3	3	100
New Brunswick	5	5	100
Quebec	56	53	106
Ontario	150	168	89
Manitoba	65	63	103
Saskatchewan	62	63	98
Alberta	110	91	121
British Columbia	24	27	89
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>100</b>