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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1954

This memorandum contains estimates of the numbers of poultry on farms in Canada 1/ as at December 1, 1954. 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, 1954 was 43,590,000 birds, an increase of 2 per cent over the estimates for the same date in 1953. This total is composed of 40,159,000 hens and chickens, 2,642,000 turkeys, 337,000 geese and 452,000 ducks.

The estimated total number of hens and chickens increased by 1 per cent from December 1, 1953. By classes the numbers (with 1953 estimates in brackets) were: hens and pullets 6 months old and over 27,405,000 (25,550,000); pullets under six months old 7,163,000 (7,346,000); cocks and cockerels 3,834,000 (3,959,000); and chicks 1,757,000 (2,805,000). The number of hens and pullets over six months old was 7 per cent more than at the same date last year while pullets under six months old showed a decrease of 2 per cent. The number of cocks and cockerels on farms decreased by 3 per cent while the decrease in the number of chicks amounted to 37 per cent reflecting the substantial reduction in hatch during October and November in 1954 as compared with 1953.

The estimated number of turkeys at 2,642,000 showed an increase of 15 per cent compared with December 1, 1953. Increases occurred in all provinces but Nova Scotia.

1/ Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The Census of June 1, 1951 reported 73,714 hens and chickens, 1,553 turkeys, 548 geese, and 614 ducks on farms; 204,469 hens and chickens and 10,772 other poultry elsewhere than on farms.

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

Province	Domestic Fowl ^{1/}	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total
- thousand birds -					
P.E.I.	739	19	18	20	796
N.S.	1,390	18	4	3	1,415
N.B.	1,050	40	6	5	1,101
Que.	6,085	460	12	60	6,617
Ont.	15,700	690	125	157	16,672
Man.	3,605	360	45	40	4,050
Sask.	4,020	375	43	63	4,501
Alta.	4,770	430	70	90	5,360
B.C.	2,800	250	14	14	3,078
CANADA	40,159	2,642	337	452	43,590

Table 2. Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces, as at December 1, 1954

	Dec. 1, 1954	June 1, 1954	Dec. 1, 1953	Dec. 1, 1954 as a per cent of	
				June 1954	Dec. 1953
- thousand birds -					
A. Total Domestic Fowl^{1/}					
P.E.I.	739	970	660	76	112
N.S.	1,390	1,670	1,400	83	99
N.B.	1,050	1,330	885	79	119
Que.	6,085	10,859	6,450	56	94
Ont.	15,700	24,000	16,000	65	98
Man.	3,605	7,300	3,370	49	107
Sask.	4,020	8,000	3,740	50	107
Alta.	4,770	9,350	4,275	51	112
B.C.	2,800	4,130	2,880	68	97
CANADA	40,159	67,609	39,660	59	101
B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over.					
P.E.I.	425	445	395	96	108
N.S.	970	710	805	137	120
N.B.	780	480	620	162	126
Que.	3,700	3,650	3,700	101	100
Ont.	11,500	7,300	10,800	158	106
Man.	2,550	2,000	2,300	128	111
Sask.	2,380	2,500	2,220	95	107
Alta.	3,200	2,650	2,910	121	110
B.C.	1,900	1,500	1,800	127	106
CANADA	27,405	21,235	25,550	129	107

^{1/} Hens, cocks and chickens.

Table 2. Domestic Fowl: Numbers on Farms, by Provinces,
as at December 1, 1954 (continued)

Province	Dec. 1, 1954	June 1, 1954	Dec. 1, 1953	Dec. 1, 1954 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1953
- '000 birds -				%
<u>C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	210	166	180	117
Nova Scotia	175	700	245	71
New Brunswick	160	320	166	96
Quebec	1,288	3,150	1,350	95
Ontario	2,050	8,300	2,400	85
Manitoba	660	1,750	670	99
Saskatchewan	1,080	1,200	975	111
Alberta	1,140	2,200	930	123
British Columbia	400	1,590	430	93
CANADA	7,163	19,376	7,346	98
<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	102	84	79	129
Nova Scotia	70	70	90	78
New Brunswick	100	200	90	111
Quebec	744	1,800	800	93
Ontario	1,250	2,700	1,300	96
Manitoba	380	1,100	380	100
Saskatchewan	548	1,000	530	103
Alberta	400	1,500	350	114
British Columbia	240	390	340	71
CANADA	3,834	8,844	3,959	97
<u>E. Chicks Up to 6 Weeks Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	2	275	6	33
Nova Scotia	175	190	260	67
New Brunswick	10	330	9	111
Quebec	353	2,259	600	59
Ontario	900	5,700	1,500	60
Manitoba	15	2,450	20	75
Saskatchewan	12	3,300	15	80
Alberta	30	3,000	85	35
British Columbia	260	650	310	84
CANADA	1,757	18,154	2,805	63



Table 3. Other Poultry on Farms, by Provinces, December 1, 1954
Compared with June 1, 1954 and December 1, 1953

Province	Dec. 1, 1954	June 1, 1954	Dec. 1, 1953	Dec. 1, 1954 as per cent of	
				June 1, 1954	Dec. 1, 1953
				%	%
- '000 birds -					
<u>TURKEYS</u>					
Prince Edward Island	19	15	15	127	127
Nova Scotia	18	30	23	60	78
New Brunswick	40	55	31	65	116
Quebec	460	460	440	100	105
Ontario	690	655	620	105	111
Manitoba	360	580 <u>1/</u>	300	62	120
Saskatchewan	375	600	310	62	121
Alberta	430	650	350 <u>1/</u>	66	123
British Columbia	250	320 <u>1/</u>	210	78	119
CANADA	2,542	3,365 <u>1/</u>	2,299 <u>1/</u>	78	115
<u>1/ Revised</u>					
<u>G E E S E</u>					
Prince Edward Island	18	20	17	90	106
Nova Scotia	4	4	3	100	133
New Brunswick	6	6	5	100	120
Quebec	12	15	14	80	86
Ontario	125	135	135	93	93
Manitoba	45	60	45	75	100
Saskatchewan	43	42	41	102	105
Alberta	70	70	90	100	78
British Columbia	14	14	16	100	88
CANADA	337	366	366	92	92
<u>D U C K S</u>					
Prince Edward Island	20	15	18	133	111
Nova Scotia	3	3	2	100	150
New Brunswick	5	5	5	100	100
Quebec	60	56	46	107	130
Ontario	157	150	160	105	98
Manitoba	40	65	43	62	93
Saskatchewan	63	62	60	102	105
Alberta	90	110	75	82	120
British Columbia	14	24	15	58	93
CANADA	452	490	424	92	107