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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1955

Estimates of the number of poultry on farms in Canada 1/ at June 1 are based on farmers' replies on a semi-annual mail survey questionnaire and were prepared in co-operation with provincial officials.

The estimated total number of poultry on farms at June 1, 1955 was 66,214,000 birds. There was a decrease of 5,616,000 birds, or 8 per cent, from the total of 71,830,000 birds at June 1, 1954. Total hens and chickens decreased by 8 per cent to 62,045,000. Small gains in the number of hens and chickens in Saskatchewan and Alberta were offset by decreases in all other Provinces. In spite of increases in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia, turkey numbers at 3,277,000 were down 3 per cent from last year. Decreases of geese in Ontario and Quebec offset increases in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta and resulted in a 2 per cent decrease from 366,000 to 357,000. Ducks at 535,000 increased in all Provinces except British Columbia and were 9 per cent more numerous than last year.

By age and sex groups, hens and chickens at June 1 (1954 figures in brackets) were estimated as: hens and pullets over 6 months old, 21,401,000 (21,235,000); pullets 6 weeks to 6 months old, 16,202,000 (19,376,000); cocks and cockerels over 6 weeks old, 7,277,000 (8,844,000); chicks up to 6 weeks old, 17,165,000 (18,154,000).

By provinces, the estimates for hens and pullets over 6 months old which comprise the laying flock except for pullets under 6 months that have already started to lay, were: Prince Edward Island, 470,000 (445,000); Nova Scotia, 740,000 (710,000); New Brunswick, 540,000 (480,000); Quebec, 3,476,000 (3,650,000); Ontario, 7,055,000 (7,300,000); Manitoba, 2,120,000 (2,000,000); Saskatchewan, 2,600,000 (2,500,000); Alberta, 2,850,000 (2,650,000); British Columbia, 1,550,000 (1,500,000).

1/ 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; 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, 1955

Province	Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at June 1, 1955 as a per cent of June 1, 1954
						%
- thousand birds -						
Prince Edward Island	930	8	21	16	975	96
Nova Scotia	1,623	35	4	3	1,665	98
New Brunswick	1,250	46	7	5	1,308	94
Quebec	9,282	420	14	57	9,773	86
Ontario	20,860	700	120	180	21,860	88
Manitoba	6,600	570	60	70	7,300	91
Saskatchewan	8,200	600	45	70	8,915	102
Alberta	9,400	570	72	114	10,156	100
British Columbia	3,900	328	14	20	4,262	95
CANADA	62,045	3,277	357	535	66,214	92

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, AS AT JUNE 1, 1955

	June 1, 1955	June 1, 1954	June 1, 1955 as a per cent of June 1, 1954
			%
- thousand birds -			
A. Total Hens and Chickens			
Prince Edward Island	930	970	96
Nova Scotia	1,623	1,670	97
New Brunswick	1,250	1,330	94
Quebec	9,282	10,859	85
Ontario	20,860	24,000	87
Manitoba	6,600	7,300	90
Saskatchewan	8,200	8,000	102
Alberta	9,400	9,350	101
British Columbia	3,900	4,130	94
CANADA	62,045	67,609	92
B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over			
Prince Edward Island	470	445	106
Nova Scotia	740	710	104
New Brunswick	540	480	112
Quebec	3,476	3,650	95
Ontario	7,055	7,300	97
Manitoba	2,120	2,000	106
Saskatchewan	2,600	2,500	104
Alberta	2,850	2,650	108
British Columbia	1,550	1,500	103
CANADA	21,401	21,235	101

TABLE 2. (CONT'D) HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, AS AT JUNE 1, 1955

Province	June 1, 1955	June 1, 1954	June 1, 1955 as a per cent of June 1, 1954
- thousand birds -			
C. Pullets, 6 Weeks to 6 Months Old			
Prince Edward Island	140	166	84
Nova Scotia	600	700	86
New Brunswick	290	320	91
Quebec	2,142	3,150	68
Ontario	6,685	8,300	81
Manitoba	1,680	1,750	96
Saskatchewan	1,300	1,200	108
Alberta	2,165	2,200	98
British Columbia	1,200	1,590	75
CANADA	16,202	19,376	84
D. Cocks and Cockerels Over 6 Weeks Old			
Prince Edward Island	55	84	65
Nova Scotia	68	70	97
New Brunswick	120	200	60
Quebec	1,354	1,800	75
Ontario	1,955	2,700	72
Manitoba	940	1,100	85
Saskatchewan	1,100	1,000	110
Alberta	1,435	1,500	96
British Columbia	250	390	64
CANADA	7,277	8,844	82
E. Chicks Up To 6 Weeks Old			
Prince Edward Island	265	275	96
Nova Scotia	215	190	113
New Brunswick	300	330	91
Quebec	2,310	2,259	102
Ontario	5,165	5,700	91
Manitoba	1,860	2,450	76
Saskatchewan	3,200	3,300	97
Alberta	2,950	3,000	98
British Columbia	900	650	138
CANADA	17,165	18,154	95

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TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, AS AT JUNE 1, 1955

Province	June 1, 1955	June 1, 1954	June 1, 1955 as a per cent of June 1, 1954
	- thousand birds -		%
	<u>TURKEYS</u>		
Prince Edward Island	8	15	53
Nova Scotia	35	30	117
New Brunswick	46	55	84
Quebec	420	460	91
Ontario	700	655	107
Manitoba	570	580	98
Saskatchewan	600	600	100
Alberta	570	650	88
British Columbia	328	320	102
CANADA	3,277	3,365	97
	<u>G E E S E</u>		
Prince Edward Island	21	20	105
Nova Scotia	4	4	100
New Brunswick	7	6	117
Quebec	14	15	93
Ontario	120	135	89
Manitoba	60	60	100
Saskatchewan	45	42	107
Alberta	72	70	103
British Columbia	14	14	100
CANADA	357	366	98
	<u>D U C K S</u>		
Prince Edward Island	16	15	107
Nova Scotia	3	3	100
New Brunswick	5	5	100
Quebec	57	56	102
Ontario	180	150	120
Manitoba	70	65	108
Saskatchewan	70	62	113
Alberta	114	110	104
British Columbia	20	24	83
CANADA	535	490	109