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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1956

The estimated total number of poultry on farms at June 1, 1956 was 68,440,000 birds, an increase of 2,226,000 or 3 percent from the total of 66,214,000 at the same date last year. Total hens and chickens increased 3 percent from 62,045,000 to 63,680,000 with increases in all provinces except New Brunswick and Ontario. The estimates indicate 4,014,000 turkeys on farms at June 1 compared to 3,337,000 last year with increases in all provinces except New Brunswick. The late spring has apparently delayed the gosling and duckling hatch this year and geese numbers dropped from 357,000 at June 1, 1955 to 326,000 this year and duck numbers from 535,000 to 420,000. Provincially all duck and geese estimates show decreases except geese in Quebec and Ontario and ducks in New Brunswick where the numbers remain unchanged.

There has been a change in the age classification for chicks, cockerels and pullets. This change was made to conform to the age classifications adopted for the 1956 Census of Agriculture. The break occurs at 2 months of age, rather than at six weeks as formerly. This change has the effect of increasing chick numbers and reducing cock and cockerel, and pullet numbers quite apart from any change in inventory numbers between the two years. The estimates for these age and sex classifications are, therefore, not fully comparable.

Hens and pullets over 6 months old totalled 22,010,000 as compared with 21,401,000 at the same date last year. The June 1, 1956 estimate for pullets, 2 months to six months was 13,267,000, cocks and cockerels over 2 months old 5,623,000 and chicks under 2 months old 22,780,000. Chicks and chickens excluding hens and pullets over 6 months old were estimated at 41,670,000, 3 percent above the 40,644,000 at June 1, 1955.

Estimates for hens and pullets over 6 months old by provinces with 1955 estimates in brackets were: Prince Edward Island, 450,000 (470,000), Nova Scotia 743,000 (740,000), New Brunswick 500,000 (540,000), Quebec 3,397,000 (3,476,000), Ontario 7,400,000 (7,055,000), Manitoba 2,245,000 (2,120,000), Saskatchewan 2,725,000 (2,600,000), Alberta 2,950,000 (2,850,000) British Columbia 1,590,000 (1,550,000).

Revised series of the semi-annual estimates of poultry numbers on farms during the intercensal period, 1941 to 1950 are detailed in Table 4 of this report. These figures now supercede all previously published estimates for the indicated areas and dates. The revisions have been made in line with the policy of accepting census counts of poultry as beginning and ending benchmarks and modifying the original estimates to conform to these criteria.

The 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.

^{1/} Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available.

TABLE 1. TOTAL POULTRY ON FARMS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, AS AT JUNE 1, 1956

Province	Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	Total at June 1, 1956 as a per cent of June 1, 1955
	- thousand birds -					%
Prince Edward Island	960	14	20	12	1,006	103
Nova Scotia	1,720	45	3	2	1,770	106
New Brunswick	1,240	40	6	5	1,291	99
Quebec	10,015	455	14	47	10,531	108
Ontario	19,700	875	120	150	20,845	95
Manitoba	6,850	760	50	60	7,720	105
Saskatchewan	8,525	750	38	43	9,366	105
Alberta	10,300	715	63	82	11,160	110
British Columbia	4,370	350	12	19	4,751	111
CANADA	63,680	4,014	326	420	68,440	103

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, AS AT JUNE 1, 1956

	June 1, 1956	June 1, 1955	June 1, 1956 as a per cent of June 1, 1955
	- thousand birds -		%
A. Total Hens and Chickens			
Prince Edward Island	960	930	103
Nova Scotia	1,720	1,623	106
New Brunswick	1,240	1,250	99
Quebec	10,015	9,282	108
Ontario	19,700	20,860	94
Manitoba	6,850	6,600	104
Saskatchewan	8,525	8,200	104
Alberta	10,300	9,400	110
British Columbia	4,370	3,900	112
CANADA	63,680	62,045	103
B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over			
Prince Edward Island	450	470	96
Nova Scotia	753	740	102
New Brunswick	500	540	93
Quebec	3,397	3,476	98
Ontario	7,400	7,055	105
Manitoba	2,245	2,120	106
Saskatchewan	2,725	2,600	105
Alberta	2,950	2,850	104
British Columbia	1,590	1,550	103
CANADA	22,010	21,401	103

TABLE 2. (CONT'D) HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, JUNE 1, 1956 and 1955

	- thousand birds -					
	Pullets		Cocks & Cockerels			
	1956 ^{1/}	1955 ^{2/}	1956 ^{3/}	1955 ^{4/}		
Prince Edward Island	160	140	60	55		
Nova Scotia	577	600	50	68		
New Brunswick	260	290	100	120		
Quebec	1,815	2,142	1,163	1,354		
Ontario	5,300	6,685	1,350	1,955		
Manitoba	1,315	1,680	700	940		
Saskatchewan	1,000	1,300	800	1,100		
Alberta	1,790	2,165	1,160	1,435		
British Columbia	1,050	1,200	240	250		
CANADA	13,267	16,202	5,623	7,277		

	Chicks		All Chicks & Chickens other than Hens		
	1956 ^{5/}	1955 ^{6/}	1956	1955	1956 as % of 1955
	Prince Edward Island	290	265	510	460
Nova Scotia	340	215	967	883	110
New Brunswick	380	300	740	710	104
Quebec	3,640	2,310	6,618	5,806	114
Ontario	5,650 ^{7/}	5,165	12,300	13,805	89
Manitoba	2,590	1,860	4,605	4,480	103
Saskatchewan	4,000	3,200	5,800	5,600	104
Alberta	4,400	2,950	7,350	6,550	112
British Columbia	1,490	900	2,780	2,350	118
CANADA	22,780	17,165	41,670	40,644	103

^{1/} 2 months to 6 months old

^{3/} Over 2 months old

^{5/} Under 2 months old

^{7/} The general farm sample contains inadequate representation of specialized broiler production. According to hatchery output data there were upwards of 4,000,000 chicks not accounted for by this estimate in 1956 as compared with roughly 3,000,000 in 1955.

^{2/} 6 weeks to 6 months old

^{4/} Over 6 weeks old

^{6/} Up to 6 weeks old

TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, AS AT JUNE 1, 1956

Province	June 1, 1956	June 1, 1955	June 1, 1956 as a per cent of June 1, 1955
	- thousand birds -		%
	<u>TURKEYS</u>		
Prince Edward Island	14	8	175
Nova Scotia	45	35	129
New Brunswick	40	46	87
Quebec	455	420	108
Ontario	875	700	125
Manitoba	760	630	121
Saskatchewan	760	600	127
Alberta	715	570	125
British Columbia	350	328	107
CANADA	4,014	3,337	120
	<u>GEESE</u>		
Prince Edward Island	20	21	95
Nova Scotia	3	4	75
New Brunswick	6	7	86
Quebec	14	14	100
Ontario	120	120	100
Manitoba	50	60	83
Saskatchewan	38	45	84
Alberta	63	72	88
British Columbia	12	14	86
CANADA	326	357	91
	<u>DUCKS</u>		
Prince Edward Island	12	16	75
Nova Scotia	2	3	67
New Brunswick	5	5	100
Quebec	47	57	82
Ontario	150	180	83
Manitoba	60	70	86
Saskatchewan	43	70	61
Alberta	82	114	72
British Columbia	19	20	95
CANADA	420	535	79

Table 4. - Number of Poultry on Farms in Canada ^{1/}, by Provinces,
at June 1, 1941 to 1950 and December 1, 1941 to 1950

(Interdental Revisions)

Province and Year	June 1				:	December 1			
	Hens & Chick's	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks		Hens & Chick's	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks
- thousand birds -									
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>									
1941	807	15	19	10	:	772	14	17	11
1942	1,001	16	20	12	:	780	14	17	13
1943	945	13	13	9	:	897	14	16	10
1944	1,066	9	15	12	:	850	10	13	13
1945	1,074	8	16	13	:	866	9	15	15
1946	1,009	10	17	9	:	777	9	13	10
1947	1,163	13	16	9	:	719	11	13	10
1948	880	13	16	9	:	597	12	16	12
1949	1,082	15	19	11	:	646	16	16	15
1950	920	13	18	14	:	565	12	16	16
<u>Nova Scotia</u>									
1941	1,113	15	6	4	:	779	13	6	4
1942	1,336	14	6	5	:	842	11	6	4
1943	1,471	11	6	4	:	1,044	7	5	4
1944	1,724	14	5	5	:	1,137	13	5	5
1945	1,544	15	4	5	:	1,095	14	4	4
1946	1,775	17	4	4	:	1,187	14	4	4
1947	2,006	26	4	4	:	1,224	22	4	3
1948	1,605	31	4	3	:	947	26	4	3
1949	1,637	35	5	4	:	966	27	5	3
1950	1,588	29	5	4	:	1,016	26	5	3
<u>New Brunswick</u>									
1941	1,102	33	9	4	:	870	30	8	4
1942	1,300	46	10	5	:	988	37	9	4
1943	1,344	32	9	5	:	1,107	32	9	5
1944	1,532	34	8	6	:	1,067	30	8	5
1945	1,598	36	8	6	:	1,008	29	7	5
1946	1,587	25	7	5	:	1,090	23	7	5
1947	1,664	32	7	5	:	915	25	7	6
1948	1,212	27	6	5	:	760	23	6	5
1949	1,322	35	7	4	:	860	27	7	4
1950	1,124	36	6	4	:	705	25	6	4

^{1/} Excluding Newfoundland.

Table 4. - Number of Poultry on Farms in Canada^{1/}, by Provinces,
at June 1, 1941 to 1950 and December 1, 1941 to 1950 (continued)

(Intercensal Revisions)

Province and Year	June 1				:	December 1			
	Hens & Chick's	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks		Hens & Chick's	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks
	- thousand birds -								
<u>Quebec</u>	:								
1941	8,063	173	46	36	:	6,610	169	44	20
1942	9,190	192	43	54	:	7,010	170	39	20
1943	9,270	190	33	48	:	7,670	169	35	22
1944	11,690	196	37	83	:	9,190	179	33	23
1945	11,130	251	36	64	:	7,010	220	25	20
1946	11,130	229	30	70	:	7,790	210	29	23
1947	12,260	323	25	57	:	6,370	304	20	16
1948	9,430	295	16	52	:	5,400	240	17	15
1949	10,160	388	20	48	:	6,050	365	16	15
1950	7,900	402	14	84	:	4,760	450	13	18
<u>Ontario</u>	:								
1941	21,764	678	296	319	:	14,147	454	284	306
1942	23,063	690	280	322	:	15,913	649	269	309
1943	24,824	676	288	320	:	18,122	588	256	307
1944	25,496	681	289	319	:	18,357	586	251	306
1945	26,176	720	289	337	:	18,061	583	246	273
1946	27,091	685	276	322	:	19,500	575	235	261
1947	27,789	771	230	276	:	19,452	563	205	218
1948	22,934	549	158	215	:	12,614	384	156	148
1949	21,964	622	164	206	:	13,398	510	141	183
1950	20,739	594	142	191	:	12,029	582	139	174
<u>Eastern Canada</u>	:								
1941	32,849	914	376	373	:	23,178	680	359	345
1942	35,890	958	359	398	:	25,533	881	340	350
1943	37,854	922	349	386	:	28,840	810	321	348
1944	41,508	934	354	425	:	30,601	818	310	352
1945	41,522	1,030	353	425	:	28,040	855	297	317
1946	42,592	966	334	410	:	30,344	831	288	303
1947	44,882	1,165	282	351	:	28,680	925	249	253
1948	36,061	915	200	284	:	20,318	685	199	183
1949	36,165	1,095	215	273	:	21,920	945	185	220
1950	32,271	1,074	185	297	:	19,075	1,095	179	215

^{1/} Excluding Newfoundland.

Table 4. - Number of Poultry on Farms in Canada ^{1/}, by Provinces,
at June 1, 1941 to 1950 and December 1, 1941 to 1950 (continued)

(Intercensal Revisions)

Province and Year	June 1				:	December 1			
	Hens & Chick's	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	:	Hens & Chick's	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks
- thousand birds -									
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<u>Manitoba</u>									
1941	5,748	601	64	57	:	4,254	511	45	56
1942	6,916	850	80	112	:	4,288	540	56	63
1943	7,064	516	74	81	:	4,804	449	52	80
1944	7,645	574	68	92	:	4,663	453	57	82
1945	7,501	594	62	116	:	4,051	360	54	68
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1946	7,108	357	67	78	:	3,838	312	54	62
1947	7,675	440	73	78	:	4,375	267	55	39
1948	6,895	265	57	43	:	3,723	221	46	33
1949	6,824	326	58	57	:	3,821	280	46	47
1950	5,402	370	57	50	:	2,863	290	48	37
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<u>Saskatchewan</u>									
1941	9,731	922	87	71	:	8,466	1,012	72	70
1942	12,067	1,488	100	102	:	8,447	997	65	64
1943	11,457	830	58	73	:	9,545	857	73	96
1944	13,902	982	72	110	:	9,799	900	78	122
1945	12,248	833	65	94	:	7,095	575	53	76
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1946	10,611	592	61	75	:	6,685	630	57	77
1947	11,990	626	56	72	:	5,624	426	44	50
1948	8,488	300	48	43	:	4,881	360	44	51
1949	9,232	497	48	59	:	4,775	414	32	44
1950	7,640	380	35	40	:	4,126	297	31	38
:									
<u>Alberta</u>									
1941	7,953	656	116	95	:	6,044	531	93	68
1942	8,558	740	116	122	:	5,991	540	84	78
1943	9,166	623	96	100	:	6,770	616	94	102
1944	10,593	753	135	107	:	7,309	697	113	117
1945	9,652	671	128	92	:	5,871	562	97	77
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1946	9,047	568	100	82	:	5,519	511	88	72
1947	9,771	657	95	86	:	4,885	545	80	60
1948	7,780	413	85	60	:	4,252	376	76	61
1949	7,961	477	87	70	:	4,252	429	78	56
1950	7,238	416	63	60	:	3,691	374	60	60

1/ Excluding Newfoundland.



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at June 1, 1941 to 1950 and December 1, 1941 to 1950 (continued)

(Intercensal Revisions)

Province and Year	June 1				:	December 1			
	Hens & Chick's	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks		Hens & Chick's	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks
- thousand birds -									
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<u>British Columbia</u>									
1941	2,713	42	7	25	:	2,252	34	6	12
1942	2,903	53	7	24	:	1,800	36	6	12
1943	3,283	46	8	18	:	2,232	33	6	12
1944	3,581	56	7	17	:	2,358	32	5	11
1945	3,554	77	7	15	:	2,304	40	5	10
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1946	3,825	108	8	18	:	2,474	54	6	11
1947	3,825	175	9	16	:	2,170	135	6	9
1948	3,337	147	7	15	:	1,980	143	6	8
1949	3,446	225	9	20	:	2,170	226	7	11
1950	3,228	260	12	18	:	1,969	200	11	9
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<u>Western Canada</u>									
1941	26,145	2,291	274	248	:	21,016	2,088	216	206
1942	30,444	3,131	303	360	:	20,526	2,118	211	217
1943	30,970	2,015	236	272	:	23,351	1,955	225	290
1944	35,721	2,365	282	326	:	24,129	2,082	253	332
1945	32,955	2,175	262	317	:	19,321	1,537	209	231
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1946	30,591	1,625	236	253	:	18,516	1,507	205	222
1947	33,261	1,898	233	252	:	17,054	1,373	185	158
1948	26,500	1,125	197	161	:	14,836	1,100	172	153
1949	27,463	1,525	202	206	:	15,018	1,349	163	158
1950	23,508	1,426	167	168	:	12,649	1,161	150	144
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1941	58,994	3,205	650	621	:	44,194	2,768	575	551
1942	66,334	4,089	662	758	:	46,059	2,994	551	567
1943	68,824	2,937	585	658	:	52,191	2,765	546	638
1944	77,229	3,299	636	751	:	54,730	2,900	563	684
1945	74,477	3,205	615	742	:	47,361	2,392	506	548
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1946	73,183	2,591	570	663	:	48,860	2,338	493	525
1947	78,143	3,063	515	603	:	45,734	2,298	434	411
1948	62,561	2,040	397	445	:	35,154	1,785	371	336
1949	63,628	2,620	417	479	:	36,938	2,294	348	378
1950	55,779	2,500	352	465	:	31,724	2,256	329	359
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^{1/} Excluding Newfoundland.