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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1957

These estimates of the number of poultry on farms in Canada^{1/} at June 1 are based on farmer's replies in the semi-annual survey and were prepared in co-operation with provincial officials.

The poultry portion of the 1956 Census report on livestock on farms was used as a base for making these estimates. The series of estimates previously published for June and December from 1952 to 1956 inclusive are not directly comparable to these estimates as they are subject to revision in the light of the 1956 Census report.

It was estimated that there were 77,168,000 birds on farms at June 1, 1957. This was an increase of 4,117,000 or 6 per cent from the total of 73,051,000 reported by the Census in 1956. The June 1 total is composed of 71,237,000 hens and chickens, 5,242,000 turkeys, 295,000 geese and 394,000 ducks.

The estimate of 71,237,000 hens and chickens shows an increase of 5 per cent or 3,702,000 from the Census figure of 67,535,000. This increase in numbers is shown by all classes except cocks and cockerels two months old and over. Hens and pullets increased 11 per cent to 23,420,000 (21,164,000 census 1956 figure rounded), pullets two months to six months old increased fractionally to 12,247,000 (12,221,000), cocks and cockerels decreased 7 per cent to 5,465,000 (5,897,000) and chicks under two months increased 7 per cent to 30,105,000 (28,254,000).

There were increases in all provinces except Prince Edward Island in the number of hens and pullets six months old and over. These birds comprise the laying flock, except for pullets under six months old that have already started to lay. By province, the estimates for June 1, 1957 (with the 1956 Census figures rounded to the nearest thousand in brackets) were: Prince Edward Island, 375,000 (385,000); Nova Scotia, 810,000 (773,000); New Brunswick, 430,000 (427,000); Quebec, 3,500,000 (3,216,000); Ontario, 8,900,000 (7,699,000); Manitoba, 2,150,000 (1,945,000); Saskatchewan, 2,655,000 (2,648,000); Alberta, 2,900,000 (2,642,000); and British Columbia, 1,700,000 (1,429,000).

Turkeys were estimated at 5,242,000, up 10 per cent from the 4,770,000 reported by the Census.

Geese and ducks at 295,000 and 394,000 decreased 10 and 6 per cent respectively.

^{1/} Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The Census of June 1, 1956 reports 108,707 head of poultry on farms. By classes, the number reported was: hens and chickens, 105,783; turkeys, 2,084; geese, 533; ducks, 307.

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TABLE 1. TOTAL POULTRY ON FARMS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, AT JUNE 1, 1957

Province	Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	June 1, 1957 as a per cent of June 1, 1956
						%
- thousand birds -						
Prince Edward Island	770	11	9	6	796	95
Nova Scotia	1,832	56	2	1	1,891	96
New Brunswick	1,090	42	4	2	1,138	97
Quebec	11,300	610	10	40	11,960	103
Ontario	27,825	1,650	96	124	29,695	112
Manitoba	6,350	780	34	40	7,204	107
Saskatchewan	8,100	900	48	67	9,115	100
Alberta	9,750	860	80	90	10,780	103
British Columbia	4,220	333	12	24	4,589	99
CANADA	71,237	5,242	295	394	77,168	106

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, AT JUNE 1, 1957

	June 1, 1957	June 1, 1956 Census	June 1, 1957 as a per cent of June 1, 1956
			%
- thousand birds -			
A. Total Hens and Chickens			
Prince Edward Island	770	812	95
Nova Scotia	1,832	1,909	96
New Brunswick	1,090	1,125	97
Quebec	11,300	10,882	104
Ontario	27,825	24,934	112
Manitoba	6,350	5,990	106
Saskatchewan	8,100	8,219	99
Alberta	9,750	9,444	103
British Columbia	4,220	4,221	100
CANADA	71,237	67,535	105
B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over			
Prince Edward Island	375	385	97
Nova Scotia	810	773	105
New Brunswick	430	427	101
Quebec	3,500	3,216	109
Ontario	8,900	7,699	116
Manitoba	2,150	1,945	111
Saskatchewan	2,655	2,648	100
Alberta	2,900	2,642	110
British Columbia	1,700	1,429	119
CANADA	23,420	21,164	111

TABLE 2. (CONCL'D) HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, AT JUNE 1, 1957.

Province	June 1, 1957	June 1, 1956 Census	June 1, 1957 as a per cent of June 1, 1956
- thousand birds -			%
C. <u>Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old</u>			
Prince Edward Island	80	73	110
Nova Scotia	587	642	91
New Brunswick	185	213	87
Quebec	1,700	1,824	93
Ontario	6,250	5,687	110
Manitoba	725	783	93
Saskatchewan	445	584	76
Alberta	1,225	1,367	90
British Columbia	1,050	1,048	100
CANADA	12,247	12,221	100
D. <u>Cocks and Cockerels 2 Months and Over</u>			
Prince Edward Island	25	32	78
Nova Scotia	60	82	73
New Brunswick	95	89	107
Quebec	1,200	1,262	95
Ontario	2,275	2,365	96
Manitoba	375	432	87
Saskatchewan	400	465	86
Alberta	875	880	99
British Columbia	160	289	55
CANADA	5,465	5,897	93
E. <u>Chicks Under 2 Months</u>			
Prince Edward Island	290	322	90
Nova Scotia	375	412	91
New Brunswick	380	396	96
Quebec	4,900	4,581	107
Ontario	10,400	9,182	113
Manitoba	3,100	2,830	110
Saskatchewan	4,600	4,521	102
Alberta	4,750	4,554	104
British Columbia	1,310	1,455	90
CANADA	30,105	28,254	107

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TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GESE AND DUCKS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCES, AT JUNE 1, 1957

Province	June 1, 1957	June 1, 1956 Census	June 1, 1957 as a per cent of June 1, 1956
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>TURKEYS</u>			
Prince Edward Island	11	14	79
Nova Scotia	56	54	104
New Brunswick	42	45	93
Quebec	610	632	97
Ontario	1,650	1,415	117
Manitoba	780	664	117
Saskatchewan	900	773	113
Alberta	860	820	105
British Columbia	333	354	94
CANADA	5,242	4,770	110
<u>GESE</u>			
Prince Edward Island	9	9	100
Nova Scotia	2	3	67
New Brunswick	4	4	100
Quebec	10	12	83
Ontario	96	96	100
Manitoba	34	48	71
Saskatchewan	48	52	92
Alberta	80	86	93
British Columbia	12	14	86
CANADA	295	326	90
<u>DUCKS</u>			
Prince Edward Island	6	5	120
Nova Scotia	1	2	50
New Brunswick	2	2	100
Quebec	40	45	89
Ontario	124	124	100
Manitoba	40	40	100
Saskatchewan	67	78	86
Alberta	90	99	91
British Columbia	24	24	100
CANADA	394	420	94