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Total poultry on farms in Canada <sup>1/</sup> at June 1, 1959 estimated at 81,655,000 birds, showed a 1 per cent decrease from the 82,624,000 on hand at the same date last year. The estimate for June 1, 1959 comprises 73,510,000 hens and chickens; 7,562,000 turkeys; 308,000 geese; and 405,000 ducks.

The estimate of 73,510,000 hens and chickens is 3 per cent lower than the June 1958 estimate of 75,730,000. Their number decreased in six of the nine provinces, while Nova Scotia and British Columbia registered increases of 12 and 10 per cent respectively. Manitoba had substantially the same number of hens and chickens as last year.

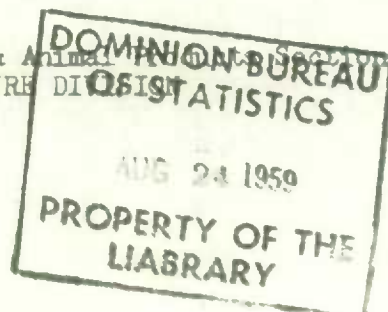
Although there was a decline in the total number of hens and chickens, hens and pullets, 6 months old and over rose by 7 per cent to 25,140,000 from 23,495,000 at June 1, 1958. This category comprised the bulk of the layers at June 1 as, except for some specialized producers, only a small proportion of the pullets is laying at that date. The lower chick and pullet numbers at June 1 this year indicate that there are fewer layer replacements available than last year. However, the number of layers on farms for the remaining months of this year is also dependent on mortality and the severity of culling.

A <sup>23</sup> 21 per cent increase in turkeys, which are estimated at 7,432,000 <sup>562</sup> compared to 6,157,000 at June 1, 1958 was due to a marked increase in all provinces except Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The estimates for both geese and ducks are 3 per cent lower than last year with geese decreasing to 308,000 from 318,000 and ducks to 405,000 from 419,000.

These estimates of poultry numbers on farms in Canada at June 1 are based on farmers' replies in the semi-annual mail survey and were prepared in co-operation with Provincial Officials. The estimates for June 1, 1958 are included for purposes of comparison.

<sup>1/</sup> Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The Census of June 1, 1956 reports 108,707 head of poultry on farms. By class, the number reported was: hens and chickens, 105,783; turkeys, 2,084; geese, 307; ducks, 533. Elsewhere than on farms there were 180,041 hens and chickens and 2,910 other poultry.

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TABLE 1. POULTRY ON FARMS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1958 & 1959

	1958 Total	1959					June 1, 1959 as a per cent of June 1, 1958
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	
		- thousand birds -					%
Prince Edward Island	772	740	15	9	7	771	100
Nova Scotia	2,038	2,190	32	2	1	2,225	109
New Brunswick	1,186	1,090	35	4	2	1,131	95
Quebec	12,038	10,500	750	10	53	11,313	94
Ontario	33,355	29,500	2,660	110	130	32,400	97
Manitoba	8,016	7,000	1,250	42	36	8,328	104
Saskatchewan	9,565	8,000	1,320	45	60	9,425	99
Alberta	10,943	9,690	1,050	75	85	10,900	100
British Columbia	4,711	4,800	450	11	31	5,292	112
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>82,624</b>	<b>73,510</b>	<b>7,562</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>81,785</b>	<b>99</b>

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1958 & 1959

	June 1, 1958	June 1, 1959	June 1, 1959 as a per cent of June 1, 1958
<b>A. Total Hens and Chickens</b>			
Prince Edward Island	745	740	99
Nova Scotia	1,960	2,190	112
New Brunswick	1,125	1,090	97
Quebec	11,310	10,500	93
Ontario	31,165	29,500	95
Manitoba	6,980	7,000	100
Saskatchewan	8,300	8,000	96
Alberta	9,800	9,690	99
British Columbia	4,345	4,800	110
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>75,730</b>	<b>73,510</b>	<b>97</b>
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<b>B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over</b>			
Prince Edward Island	370	370	100
Nova Scotia	900	1,150	128
New Brunswick	395	435	110
Quebec	3,325	3,670	110
Ontario	8,910	9,700	109
Manitoba	2,215	2,480	112
Saskatchewan	2,650	2,560	97
Alberta	3,010	2,925	97
British Columbia	1,720	1,850	108
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>23,495</b>	<b>25,140</b>	<b>107</b>

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1958 & 1959 (CONCL'D)

	June 1, 1958	June 1, 1959	June 1, 1959 as a per cent of June 1, 1958
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>C. Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old</u>			
Prince Edward Island	66	105	159
Nova Scotia	470	350	74
New Brunswick	215	240	112
Quebec	1,735	1,465	84
Ontario	5,965	5,425	91
Manitoba	765	650	85
Saskatchewan	475	480	101
Alberta	1,340	1,245	93
British Columbia	750	710	95
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>11,781</b>	<b>10,670</b>	<b>91</b>
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<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels 2 Months and Over</u>			
Prince Edward Island	24	25	104
Nova Scotia	50	40	80
New Brunswick	90	55	61
Quebec	1,250	1,065	85
Ontario	2,290	1,875	82
Manitoba	520	370	71
Saskatchewan	475	560	118
Alberta	950	850	89
British Columbia	200	240	120
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>5,849</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>87</b>
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<u>E. Chicks Under 2 Months</u>			
Prince Edward Island	285	240	84
Nova Scotia	540	650	120
New Brunswick	425	360	85
Quebec	5,000	4,300	86
Ontario	14,000	12,500	89
Manitoba	3,480	3,500	101
Saskatchewan	4,700	4,400	94
Alberta	4,500	4,670	104
British Columbia	1,675	2,000	119
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>34,605</b>	<b>32,620</b>	<b>94</b>



TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1958 &amp; 1959

	June 1, 1958	June 1, 1959	June 1, 1959 as a per cent of June 1, 1958
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>TURKEYS</u>			
Prince Edward Island	12	15	125
Nova Scotia	75	32	43
New Brunswick	55	35	64
Quebec	670	750	112
Ontario	1,950	2,660	136
Manitoba	950	1,250	132
Saskatchewan	1,145	1,320	115
Alberta	975	1,050	108
British Columbia	325	450	138
CANADA	6,157	7,562	123
<u>G E E S E</u>			
Prince Edward Island	9	9	100
Nova Scotia	2	2	100
New Brunswick	4	4	100
Quebec	12	10	83
Ontario	110	110	100
Manitoba	42	42	100
Saskatchewan	50	45	90
Alberta	78	75	96
British Columbia	11	11	100
CANADA	318	308	97
<u>D U C K S</u>			
Prince Edward Island	6	7	117
Nova Scotia	1	1	100
New Brunswick	2	2	100
Quebec	46	53	115
Ontario	130	130	100
Manitoba	44	36	82
Saskatchewan	70	60	86
Alberta	90	85	94
British Columbia	30	31	103
CANADA	419	405	97