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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1960

Estimates of poultry numbers on farms in Canada ^{1/} are based on semi-annual mailed questionnaire surveys conducted in co-operation with provincial government departments at June 1 and December 1 and on hatchery statistics compiled by the Canada Department of Agriculture. The estimates for June 1, 1959 are included for purposes of comparison.

The total of all poultry on farms at June 1, 1960 estimated at 75.6 million birds was 8 per cent lower than at June 1, 1959 when the comparable total was 81.8 million birds. The estimate for June 1, 1960 includes 68.8 million hens and chickens; 6.2 million turkeys; .3 million geese and .4 million ducks.

The estimate of 68.8 million hens and chickens is 6 per cent lower than the June 1959 estimate of 73.5 million. Their number declined in all provinces except Nova Scotia where a 3 per cent increase occurred. The decreases ranged from 13 per cent in Saskatchewan to 1 per cent in both New Brunswick and British Columbia. The large egg producing provinces of Quebec and Ontario registered declines of 2 and 6 per cent respectively.

There were fewer birds than at June 1, 1959 in each category of hens and chickens. Hens and pullets, 6 months old and over declined by 4 per cent. 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. A 14 per cent decrease in the number of pullets 2 months to 6 months old indicates that there will be fewer layer replacements from this age category than was the case last year. The estimated number of chicks at June 1 covers both broiler and laying types so that the year-to-year change for this category does not necessarily reflect the change in layer replacements from this age group. According to hatch data laying type chick placement during April and May 1960 was 14 per cent less than for the same months last year.

As the result of a decline in turkey poult placements there were 18 per cent fewer turkeys on farms at June 1, 1960 compared to June 1, 1959. The number of geese and ducks was moderately lower than last year.

^{1/} 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 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, 1959 & 1960

	1959 Total	1960				Total	June 1, 1960 as a per cent of June 1, 1959
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks		
- thousand birds -							%
Prince Edward Island	771	670	20	7	8	705	91
Nova Scotia	2,225	2,250	19	2	1	2,272	102
New Brunswick	1,131	1,075	18	3	2	1,098	97
Quebec	11,313	10,260	630	9	52	10,951	97
Ontario	32,400	27,600	2,200	109	130	30,039	93
Manitoba	8,328	6,400	915	40	35	7,390	89
Saskatchewan	9,425	6,980	1,000	40	58	8,078	86
Alberta	10,900	8,820	975	74	70	9,939	91
British Columbia	5,292	4,740	400	12	25	5,177	98
CANADA	81,785	68,795	6,177	296	381	75,649	92

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1959 & 1960

	June 1, 1959	June 1, 1960	June 1, 1960 as a per cent of June 1, 1959	
- thousand birds -				%
A. Total Hens and Chickens				
Prince Edward Island	740	670	91	
Nova Scotia	2,190	2,250	103	
New Brunswick	1,090	1,075	99	
Quebec	10,500	10,260	98	
Ontario	29,500	27,600	94	
Manitoba	7,000	6,400	91	
Saskatchewan	8,000	6,980	87	
Alberta	9,690	8,820	91	
British Columbia	4,800	4,740	99	
CANADA	73,510	68,795	94	
B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old and Over				
Prince Edward Island	370	360	97	
Nova Scotia	1,150	1,085	94	
New Brunswick	435	445	102	
Quebec	3,670	3,195	87	
Ontario	9,700	9,380	97	
Manitoba	2,480	2,360	95	
Saskatchewan	2,560	2,440	95	
Alberta	2,925	2,825	97	
British Columbia	1,850	1,940	105	
CANADA	25,140	24,030	96	

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1959 & 1960 (CONCL'D)

	June 1, 1959	June 1, 1960	June 1, 1960 as a per cent of June 1, 1959
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>C. Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old</u>			
Prince Edward Island	105	90	86
Nova Scotia	350	325	93
New Brunswick	240	210	88
Quebec	1,465	1,065	73
Ontario	5,425	4,740	87
Manitoba	650	600	92
Saskatchewan	480	450	94
Alberta	1,245	1,000	80
British Columbia	710	680	96
CANADA	10,670	9,160	86

<u>D. Cocks and Cockerels 2 Months and Over</u>			
Prince Edward Island	25	20	80
Nova Scotia	40	80	200
New Brunswick	55	50	91
Quebec	1,065	1,000	94
Ontario	1,875	1,580	84
Manitoba	370	440	119
Saskatchewan	560	390	70
Alberta	850	670	79
British Columbia	240	210	88
CANADA	5,080	4,440	87

<u>E. Chicks Under 2 Months</u>			
Prince Edward Island	240	200	83
Nova Scotia	650	760	117
New Brunswick	360	370	103
Quebec	4,300	5,000	116
Ontario	12,500	11,900	95
Manitoba	3,500	3,000	86
Saskatchewan	4,400	3,700	84
Alberta	4,670	4,325	93
British Columbia	2,000	1,910	96
CANADA	32,620	31,165	96



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TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1959 & 1960

	June 1, 1959	June 1, 1960	June 1, 1960 as a per cent of June 1, 1959
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>TURKEYS</u>			
Prince Edward Island	15	20	133
Nova Scotia	32	19	59
New Brunswick	35	18	51
Quebec	750	630	84
Ontario	2,660	2,200	83
Manitoba	1,250	915	73
Saskatchewan	1,320	1,000	76
Alberta	1,050	975	93
British Columbia	450	400	89
CANADA	7,562	6,177	82
<u>G E E S E</u>			
Prince Edward Island	9	7	78
Nova Scotia	2	2	100
New Brunswick	4	3	75
Quebec	10	9	90
Ontario	110	109	99
Manitoba	42	40	95
Saskatchewan	45	40	89
Alberta	75	74	99
British Columbia	11	12	109
CANADA	308	296	96
<u>D U C K S</u>			
Prince Edward Island	7	8	114
Nova Scotia	1	1	100
New Brunswick	2	2	100
Quebec	53	52	98
Ontario	130	130	100
Manitoba	36	35	97
Saskatchewan	60	58	97
Alberta	85	70	82
British Columbia	31	25	81
CANADA	405	381	94