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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 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. Estimated numbers at December 1, 1959 and at June 1, 1960 are included in this report for purposes of comparison.

Estimated at almost 50.4 million birds the total of all poultry on farms at December 1, 1960 was about 1 per cent lower than at December 1, 1959 when the comparable total was approximately 51.0 million birds. The number of hens and chickens declined slightly to 46.7 million from 47.0 million birds at December 1 last year. The Canada total for turkeys decreased 9 per cent and for geese by 6 per cent while the number of ducks was about the same as last year.

An increase of 15 per cent in the number of chicks under 2 months old kept the total number of all hens and chickens at almost the same level as a year ago. Although there were somewhat more hens 6 months old and older in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia decreases in the other provinces resulted in a 3 per cent decline in hens for Canada as a whole. There were 9 per cent fewer pullets 2-6 months old and 12 per cent fewer cocks and cockerels than at December 1, 1959.

Revised estimates of layers and egg production for the months June to December 1960, based on the semi-annual survey estimates, will be published in the report 'Production of Eggs' scheduled for release on February 25.

^{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 on farms there were 180,041 hens and chickens and 2,910 other poultry.

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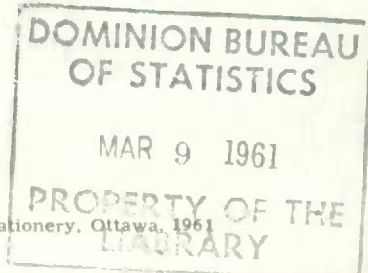


TABLE 1. TOTAL POULTRY ON FARMS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1959 & 60

	1959 Total	1960					Dec. 1, 1960 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1959
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	
		- thousand birds -					%
Prince Edward Island	538	435	18	7	9	469	87
Nova Scotia	1,848	1,890	22	2	1	1,915	104
New Brunswick	768	760	25	3	2	790	103
Quebec	8,921	8,600	500	10	58	9,168	103
Ontario	21,760	19,600	1,500	105	150	21,355	98
Manitoba	3,930	3,480	230	28	20	3,758	96
Saskatchewan	3,965	3,185	225	30	30	3,470	88
Alberta	5,155	4,750	370	60	50	5,230	101
British Columbia	4,075	3,990	180	9	20	4,199	103
CANADA	50,960	46,690	3,070	254	340	50,354	99

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1959 & 60

	Dec. 1, 1959	June 1, 1960	Dec. 1, 1960	Dec. 1, 1960 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1959
A. Total Hens and Chickens				
Prince Edward Island	515	670	435	84
Nova Scotia	1,820	2,250	1,890	104
New Brunswick	730	1,075	760	104
Quebec	8,460	10,260	8,600	102
Ontario	19,800	27,600	19,600	99
Manitoba	3,600	6,400	3,480	97
Saskatchewan	3,575	6,980	3,185	89
Alberta	4,640	8,820	4,750	102
British Columbia	3,835	4,740	3,990	104
CANADA	46,975	68,795	46,690	99
B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months and Over				
Prince Edward Island	350	360	335	96
Nova Scotia	1,160	1,085	1,210	104
New Brunswick	520	445	530	102
Quebec	3,800	3,195	3,590	94
Ontario	11,500	9,380	11,200	97
Manitoba	2,700	2,360	2,540	94
Saskatchewan	2,560	2,440	2,340	91
Alberta	3,170	2,825	3,075	97
British Columbia	2,125	1,940	2,140	101
CANADA	27,885	24,030	26,960	97

TABLE 2. (CONCL'D) HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1959 & 60

	Dec. 1, 1959	June 1, 1960	Dec. 1, 1960	Dec. 1, 1960 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1959
	- thousand birds -			%
C. <u>Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	115	90	67	58
Nova Scotia	150	325	170	113
New Brunswick	60	210	53	88
Quebec	700	1,065	615	88
Ontario	1,600	4,740	1,580	99
Manitoba	430	600	375	87
Saskatchewan	695	450	560	81
Alberta	680	1,000	620	91
British Columbia	500	680	440	88
CANADA	4,930	9,160	4,480	91
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D. <u>Cocks and Cockerels Over 2 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	43	20	27	63
Nova Scotia	90	80	60	67
New Brunswick	50	50	37	74
Quebec	900	1,000	685	76
Ontario	1,800	1,580	1,620	90
Manitoba	160	440	195	122
Saskatchewan	288	390	235	82
Alberta	260	670	285	110
British Columbia	110	210	120	109
CANADA	3,701	4,440	3,264	88
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E. <u>Chicks Up to 2 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	7	200	6	86
Nova Scotia	420	760	450	107
New Brunswick	100	370	140	140
Quebec	3,060	5,000	3,710	121
Ontario	4,900	11,900	5,200	106
Manitoba	310	3,000	370	119
Saskatchewan	32	3,700	50	156
Alberta	530	4,325	770	145
British Columbia	1,100	1,910	1,290	117
CANADA	10,459	31,165	11,986	115



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TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1959 & 60

	Dec. 1, 1959	June 1, 1960	Dec. 1, 1960	Dec. 1, 1960 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1959
	- thousand birds -			%
<u>TURKEYS</u>				
Prince Edward Island	7	20	18	257
Nova Scotia	25	19	22	88
New Brunswick	33	18	25	76
Quebec	400	630	500	125
Ontario	1,700	2,200	1,500	88
Manitoba	280	915	230	82
Saskatchewan	325	1,000	225	69
Alberta	400	975	370	93
British Columbia	205	400	180	88
CANADA	3,375	6,177	3,070	91
<u>G E E S E</u>				
Prince Edward Island	8	7	7	88
Nova Scotia	2	2	2	100
New Brunswick	3	3	3	100
Quebec	11	9	10	91
Ontario	110	109	105	95
Manitoba	30	40	28	93
Saskatchewan	35	40	30	86
Alberta	60	74	60	100
British Columbia	10	12	9	90
CANADA	269	296	254	94
<u>D U C K S</u>				
Prince Edward Island	8	8	9	112
Nova Scotia	1	1	1	100
New Brunswick	2	2	2	100
Quebec	50	52	58	116
Ontario	150	130	150	100
Manitoba	20	35	20	100
Saskatchewan	30	58	30	100
Alberta	55	70	50	91
British Columbia	25	25	20	80
CANADA	341	381	340	100