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## REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1961

The total of all poultry on farms in Canada <sup>1/</sup> at June 1, 1961, estimated at 79.1 million birds, was 5 per cent higher than at June 1, 1960 when the comparable total was 75.6 million birds. The estimate for June 1, 1961 includes 70,780,000 hens and chickens; 7,697,000 turkeys, 264,000 geese and 391,000 ducks.

The estimate of 70.8 million hens and chickens is 3 per cent higher than the June 1960 estimate of 68.8 million. This increase occurred because a sizeable rise in the number of chicks more than offset the declines registered for the other categories of hens and chickens. The classifications of hens and chickens as reported in this year's survey are not quite the same as in previous years and, therefore, data for some categories are not fully comparable with previous estimates. Questions were altered to conform with the 1961 Census of Agriculture schedule.

The rise in the number of chicks under two months old occurred because more chicks were placed on farms in April and May than during the same months last year. Although 4.9 per cent fewer laying type chicks were placed in April and May than in 1960 there was a 37.0 per cent increase in broiler chick placements.

As the result of a substantial increase in turkey poult placements there were 25 per cent more turkeys on farms at June 1, 1961 compared to June 1, 1960. The number of geese was lower than last year while there were a few more ducks on farms than a year ago. Changes in the number of geese and ducks on farms are not directly related to changes in production as the proportion hatched after June 1 varies from year to year.

Estimates of poultry numbers on farms 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 semi-annual estimates of poultry numbers provide a basis for monthly estimates of number of layers and egg production. Revised monthly estimates of egg production for the period January-June will appear in the July report 'Production of Eggs', Catalogue Number 23-003.

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<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 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, 1960 & 1961

	1960 Total	1961					June 1, 1961 as a per cent of June 1, 1960
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	
		- thousand birds -					%
Prince Edward Island	705	570	11	6	7	594	84
Nova Scotia	2,272	2,500	28	2	1	2,531	111
New Brunswick	1,098	1,110	23	3	2	1,138	104
Quebec	10,951	12,000	745	8	61	12,814	117
Ontario	30,039	27,100	2,700	90	137	30,027	100
Manitoba	7,390	6,280	1,200	35	30	7,545	102
Saskatchewan	8,078	6,790	1,260	38	54	8,142	101
Alberta	9,939	9,230	1,280	70	72	10,652	107
British Columbia	5,177	5,200	450	12	27	5,689	110
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>75,649</b>	<b>70,780</b>	<b>7,697</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>79,132</b>	<b>105</b>

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1960 & 1961

	June 1, 1960		June 1, 1961		June 1, 1961 as a per cent of June 1, 1960
	- thousand birds -		%		
<b>A. Total Hens and Chickens</b>					
Prince Edward Island	670		570		85
Nova Scotia	2,250		2,500		111
New Brunswick	1,075		1,110		103
Quebec	10,260		12,000		117
Ontario	27,600		27,100		98
Manitoba	6,400		6,280		98
Saskatchewan	6,980		6,790		97
Alberta	8,820		9,230		105
British Columbia	4,740		5,200		110
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>68,795</b>		<b>70,780</b>		<b>103</b>
<b>B. Laying Hens and Pullets, 6 Months Old or Older</b>					
Prince Edward Island	360		320		89
Nova Scotia	1,085		1,220		112
New Brunswick	445		450		101
Quebec	3,195		3,100		97
Ontario	9,380		9,100		97
Manitoba	2,360		2,165		92
Saskatchewan	2,440		2,185		90
Alberta	2,825		2,730		97
British Columbia	1,940		2,015		104
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>24,030</b>		<b>23,285</b>		<b>97</b>

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1960 & 1961 (CONCL'D)

	June 1, 1960	June 1, 1961	June 1, 1961 as a per cent of June 1, 1960
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>C. Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old Intended for Laying</u>			
	(1)		
Prince Edward Island	90	50	56
Nova Scotia	325	300	92
New Brunswick	210	170	81
Quebec	1,065	1,080	101
Ontario	4,740	4,500	95
Manitoba	600	700	117
Saskatchewan	450	490	109
Alberta	1,000	965	96
British Columbia	680	725	107
CANADA	9,160	8,980	98
<u>D. Chicks Under 2 Months</u>			
	(2)		
Prince Edward Island	200	190	95
Nova Scotia	760	910	120
New Brunswick	370	450	122
Quebec	5,000	7,000	140
Ontario	11,900	12,000	101
Manitoba	3,000	3,065	102
Saskatchewan	3,700	3,755	101
Alberta	4,325	4,815	111
British Columbia	1,910	2,200	115
CANADA	31,165	34,385	110
<u>E. All Chickens, 2 Months and Older Not Intended for Laying</u>			
Prince Edward Island	20	10	50
Nova Scotia	80	70	88
New Brunswick	50	40	80
Quebec	1,000	820	82
Ontario	1,580	1,500	95
Manitoba	440	350	80
Saskatchewan	390	360	92
Alberta	670	720	107
British Columbia	210	260	124
CANADA	4,440	4,130	93

1/ Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old.

2/ Cocks and Cockerels, 2 Months and Over, therefore not fully comparable.





TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1960 & 1961

	June 1, 1960	June 1, 1961	June 1, 1961 as a per cent of June 1, 1960
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>TURKEYS</u>			
Prince Edward Island	20	11	55
Nova Scotia	19	28	147
New Brunswick	18	23	128
Quebec	630	745	118
Ontario	2,200	2,700	123
Manitoba	915	1,200	131
Saskatchewan	1,000	1,260	126
Alberta	975	1,280	131
British Columbia	400	450	112
CANADA	6,177	7,697	125
<u>G E E S E</u>			
Prince Edward Island	7	6	86
Nova Scotia	2	2	100
New Brunswick	3	3	100
Quebec	9	8	89
Ontario	109	90	83
Manitoba	40	35	88
Saskatchewan	40	38	95
Alberta	74	70	95
British Columbia	12	12	100
CANADA	296	264	89
<u>D U C K S</u>			
Prince Edward Island	8	7	88
Nova Scotia	1	1	100
New Brunswick	2	2	100
Quebec	52	61	117
Ontario	130	137	105
Manitoba	35	30	86
Saskatchewan	58	54	93
Alberta	70	72	103
British Columbia	25	27	108
CANADA	381	391	103