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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1961

The total of all poultry on farms in Canada ^{1/} at December 1, 1961 estimated at 54.0 million birds, was about 7 percent higher than at December 1, 1960 when the comparable total was 50.3 million birds. The estimate for December 1, 1961 includes 49,654,000 hens and chickens; 3,765,000 turkeys; 224,000 geese and 317,000 ducks.

The estimate of 49.7 million hens and chickens is 6 percent higher than the December 1960 estimate of 46.7 million. Although the number of hens and pullets 6 months old and over was down 4 percent from the number on farms a year earlier, a substantial increase occurred in the number of birds in other chicken categories. The estimate for pullets 2 to 6 months old is 19 percent above the corresponding estimate at December 1, 1960. Both the number of pullets already laying and those not yet laying at December 1 were greater than a year earlier. 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.

Reflecting the substantial increase in turkey poult placements there were 23 percent more turkeys on farms at December 1, 1961 than at December 1, 1960. There were fewer geese and ducks on farms than a year ago. Year-to-year changes in the numbers left on farms at December 1, however, do not directly reflect changes in production. The proportion of total production marketed before December 1 varies from year to year.

Estimates of poultry numbers on farms are based on semi-annual mailed questionnaire surveys conducted in cooperation 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 June-December will appear in the February report 'Production of Eggs', Catalogue Number 23-003.

^{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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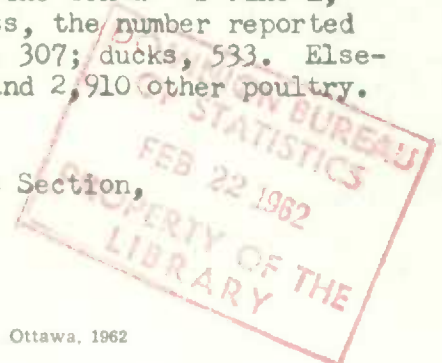


TABLE 1. TOTAL POULTRY ON FARMS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1960 & 61

	1960 Total	1961				Total	Dec. 1, 1961 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1960
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks		
- thousand birds -							%
Prince Edward Island	469	368	10	5	6	389	83
Nova Scotia	1,915	2,080	20	2	1	2,103	110
New Brunswick	790	846	30	3	2	881	112
Quebec	9,168	10,300	615	12	62	10,989	120
Ontario	21,355	20,400	1,900	92	150	22,542	106
Manitoba	3,758	3,700	290	25	15	4,030	107
Saskatchewan	3,470	2,925	290	25	25	3,265	94
Alberta	5,230	4,735	400	50	40	5,225	100
British Columbia	4,199	4,300	210	10	16	4,536	108
CANADA	50,354	49,654	3,765	224	317	53,960	107

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1960 & 61

	Dec. 1, 1960	June 1, 1961	Dec. 1, 1961	Dec. 1, 1961 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1960
- thousand birds -				
<u>A. Total Hens and Chickens</u>				
Prince Edward Island	435	570	368	85
Nova Scotia	1,890	2,500	2,080	110
New Brunswick	760	1,110	846	111
Quebec	8,600	12,000	10,300	120
Ontario	19,600	27,100	20,400	104
Manitoba	3,480	6,280	3,700	106
Saskatchewan	3,185	6,790	2,925	92
Alberta	4,750	9,230	4,735	100
British Columbia	3,990	5,200	4,300	108
CANADA	46,690	70,780	49,654	106
<u>B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months and Over</u>				
Prince Edward Island	335	320	274	82
Nova Scotia	1,210	1,220	1,230	102
New Brunswick	530	450	540	102
Quebec	3,590	3,100	3,635	101
Ontario	11,200	9,100	11,100	99
Manitoba	2,540	2,165	2,475	97
Saskatchewan	2,340	2,185	1,870	80
Alberta	3,075	2,730	2,860	93
British Columbia	2,140	2,015	2,030	95
CANADA	26,960	23,285	26,014	96

TABLE 2. (CONCL'D) HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1960 & 61

	Dec. 1, 1960	June 1, 1961	Dec. 1, 1961	Dec. 1, 1961 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1960
	- thousand birds -			%
<u>C. Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	67	50	61	91
Nova Scotia	170	300	210	124
New Brunswick	53	170	80	151
Quebec	615	1,080	810	132
Ontario	1,580	4,500	1,780	113
Manitoba	375	700	470	125
Saskatchewan	560	490	720	129
Alberta	620	965	580	94
British Columbia	440	725	635	144
CANADA	4,480	8,980	5,346	119

<u>D. Chicks Under 2 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	6	190	9	150
Nova Scotia	450	910	530	118
New Brunswick	140	450	176	126
Quebec	3,710	7,000	4,800	129
Ontario	5,200	12,000	6,020	116
Manitoba	370	3,065	495	134
Saskatchewan	50	3,755	95	190
Alberta	770	4,815	920	119
British Columbia	1,290	2,200	1,430	111
CANADA	11,986	34,385	14,475	121

<u>E. All Chickens 2 Months or Older Not Intended for Laying</u>				
Prince Edward Island	27	10	24	89
Nova Scotia	60	70	110	183
New Brunswick	37	40	50	135
Quebec	685	820	1,055	154
Ontario	1,620	1,500	1,500	93
Manitoba	195	350	260	133
Saskatchewan	235	360	240	102
Alberta	285	720	375	132
British Columbia	120	260	205	171
CANADA	3,264	4,130	3,819	117



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TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1960 & 1961

	Dec. 1, 1960	June 1, 1961	Dec. 1, 1961	Dec. 1, 1961 as a per cent of Dec. 1, 1960
- thousand birds -				
<u>TURKEYS</u>				
Prince Edward Island	18	11	10	56
Nova Scotia	22	28	20	91
New Brunswick	25	23	30	120
Quebec	500	745	615	123
Ontario	1,500	2,700	1,900	127
Manitoba	230	1,200	290	126
Saskatchewan	225	1,260	290	129
Alberta	370	1,280	400	108
British Columbia	180	450	210	117
CANADA	3,070	7,697	3,765	123

<u>GEESE</u>				
Prince Edward Island	7	6	5	71
Nova Scotia	2	2	2	100
New Brunswick	3	3	3	100
Quebec	10	8	12	120
Ontario	105	90	92	88
Manitoba	28	35	25	89
Saskatchewan	30	38	25	83
Alberta	60	70	50	83
British Columbia	9	12	10	111
CANADA	254	264	224	88

<u>DUCKS</u>				
Prince Edward Island	9	7	6	67
Nova Scotia	1	1	1	100
New Brunswick	2	2	2	100
Quebec	58	61	62	107
Ontario	150	137	150	100
Manitoba	20	30	15	75
Saskatchewan	30	54	25	83
Alberta	50	72	40	80
British Columbia	20	27	16	80
CANADA	340	391	317	93