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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1962

Estimates of the number of poultry on farms in Canada ^{1/} at June 1, 1962 are based on farmer's replies to the semi-annual farm survey and the Census count in 1961 together with hatchery data available through the Canada Department of Agriculture. The series of estimates previously published for June and December from 1956 to 1960 are not directly comparable to these data for 1961 and 1962. Revision of the estimates for the intercensal period will be published at a later date.

The total of all poultry on farms at June 1, 1962 estimated at 72.2 million birds, was 7 per cent lower than at June 1, 1961 when the comparable Census total was 77.8 million birds. The estimate for June 1, 1962 includes 64,915,000 hens and chickens; 6,648,000 turkeys; 283,000 geese and 383,000 ducks.

The estimate of 64.9 million hens and chickens is 6 per cent lower than the 69.4 million on farms at June 1, 1961. Although there were 3 per cent more hens than a year earlier this increase was more than offset by declines of 7 per cent for pullets, 11 per cent for chicks, and 20 per cent for other classes, principally broilers.

In these comparisons with 1961 the Census data have been used for the total of all chickens, and for laying hens and pullets six months old and older. Census data for chicks under 2 months old have been adjusted upward to show closer relationship to hatchery statistics. A compensating downward adjustment of Census data was made for pullets under six months old, and for other birds 2 months old and older, not intended for laying.

As the result of a decrease in turkey poult hatch there were 13 per cent fewer turkeys on farms at June 1, 1962 than a year earlier. Decreases in the number of turkeys occurred in every province except Ontario where a modest 2 per cent increase occurred. The number of geese and ducks were 10 and 24 per cent lower than last year respectively.

^{1/} Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The Census of June 1, 1961 reports 231,385 head of poultry on farms. By class, the numbers reported were: hens and chickens, 227,929; turkeys, 2,468; geese, 467; ducks, 521. Elsewhere than on farms there were 61,003 hens and chickens and 1,305 other poultry.

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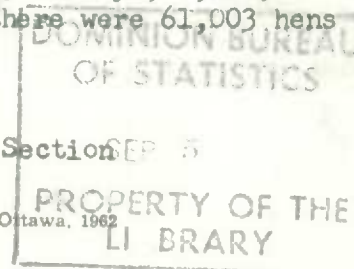


TABLE 1. POULTRY ON FARMS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1961 & 1962

	Census 1961 Total	1962					June 1/62 as a % of June 1/61 %
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	
		- thousand birds -					
P.E.I.	529.0	440.0	10.0	5.5	2.0	457.5	86
N.S.	2,232.0	2,015.0	38.0	1.3	1.2	2,055.5	92
N.B.	1,076.0	1,070.0	25.0	1.2	0.8	1,097.0	102
Que.	13,731.0	12,680.0	625.0	8.0	54.0	13,367.0	97
Ont.	27,645.0	23,485.0	2,800.0	68.0	150.0	26,503.0	96
Man.	7,534.0	5,465.0	970.0	70.0	25.0	6,530.0	87
Sask.	8,270.0	5,850.0	860.0	40.0	45.0	6,795.0	82
Alta.	10,572.0	8,370.0	820.0	80.0	80.0	9,350.0	88
B.C.	6,174.0	5,540.0	500.0	9.0	25.0	6,074.0	98
CANADA	77,763.0	64,915.0	6,648.0	283.0	383.0	72,229.0	93

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1961 & 1962

	Census		June 1/62 as a % of June 1/61 %
	June 1, 1961	June 1, 1962	
	- thousand birds -		
A. Total Hens and Chickens			
Prince Edward Island	509.0	440.0	86
Nova Scotia	2,185.0	2,015.0	92
New Brunswick	1,040.0	1,070.0	103
Quebec	12,935.0	12,680.0	98
Ontario	24,708.0	23,485.0	95
Manitoba	6,267.0	5,465.0	87
Saskatchewan	6,925.0	5,850.0	84
Alberta	9,205.0	8,370.0	91
British Columbia	5,610.0	5,540.0	99
CANADA	69,384.0	64,915.0	94
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B. Hens - Laying hens and pullets, 6 months old or older			
Prince Edward Island	263.0	228.0	87
Nova Scotia	1,029.0	930.0	90
New Brunswick	434.0	470.0	108
Quebec	3,195.0	3,600.0	113
Ontario	8,941.0	9,260.0	104
Manitoba	2,078.0	2,135.0	103
Saskatchewan	1,883.0	1,745.0	93
Alberta	2,430.0	2,400.0	99
British Columbia	2,085.0	2,255.0	108
CANADA	22,338.0	23,023.0	103

TABLE 2. HENS AND CHICKENS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1961 & 1962 (CONCL'D)

	Adjusted Census June 1, 1961	June 1, 1962	June 1/62 as a % of June 1/61
	- thousand birds -		%
C. <u>Pullets</u> - Pullets, 2 months to 6 months old intended for laying			
Prince Edward Island	44.0	60.0	136
Nova Scotia	231.0	225.0	97
New Brunswick	129.0	140.0	109
Quebec	890.0	925.0	104
Ontario	2,725.0	2,475.0	91
Manitoba	662.0	555.0	84
Saskatchewan	508.0	365.0	72
Alberta	952.0	900.0	95
British Columbia	658.0	710.0	108
CANADA	6,799.0	6,355.0	93

D. <u>Chicks</u> - Chicks under 2 months old			
Prince Edward Island	182.0	138.0	76
Nova Scotia	848.0	800.0	94
New Brunswick	437.0	430.0	98
Quebec	7,900.0	7,335.0	93
Ontario	12,000.0	10,680.0	89
Manitoba	3,069.0	2,535.0	83
Saskatchewan	3,959.0	3,430.0	87
Alberta	4,934.0	4,360.0	88
British Columbia	2,498.0	2,300.0	92
CANADA	35,827.0	32,008.0	89

E. <u>Others</u> - All chickens, 2 months and older not intended for laying			
Prince Edward Island	20.0	14.0	70
Nova Scotia	77.0	60.0	78
New Brunswick	40.0	30.0	75
Quebec	950.0	820.0	86
Ontario	1,042.0	1,070.0	103
Manitoba	458.0	240.0	52
Saskatchewan	575.0	310.0	54
Alberta	889.0	710.0	80
British Columbia	369.0	275.0	75
CANADA	4,420.0	3,529.0	80



TABLE 3. TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AT JUNE 1, 1961 & 1962

	Census		June 1/62
	June 1, 1961	June 1, 1962	As A % Of June 1/61
	- thousand birds -		%
<u>TURKEYS</u>			
Prince Edward Island	11.5	10.0	87
Nova Scotia	44.4	38.0	86
New Brunswick	33.8	25.0	74
Quebec	732.0	625.0	85
Ontario	2,745.1	2,800.0	102
Manitoba	1,144.7	970.0	85
Saskatchewan	1,244.7	860.0	69
Alberta	1,184.0	820.0	69
British Columbia	527.6	500.0	95
CANADA	7,667.8	6,648.0	87
<u>G E E S E</u>			
Prince Edward Island	5.7	5.5	96
Nova Scotia	1.6	1.3	81
New Brunswick	1.6	1.2	75
Quebec	7.3	8.0	110
Ontario	69.9	68.0	97
Manitoba	84.2	70.0	83
Saskatchewan	44.6	40.0	90
Alberta	89.8	80.0	89
British Columbia	9.6	9.0	94
CANADA	314.3	283.0	90
<u>D U C K S</u>			
Prince Edward Island	2.5	2.0	80
Nova Scotia	1.1	1.2	109
New Brunswick	1.0	0.8	80
Quebec	56.6	54.0	95
Ontario	122.1	150.0	66
Manitoba	38.1	25.0	66
Saskatchewan	55.8	45.0	81
Alberta	93.3	80.0	86
British Columbia	26.9	25.0	93
CANADA	397.4	383.0	76