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## REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1962

Estimates of poultry numbers on farms in Canada <sup>1/</sup> 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, 1961 and June 1, 1962 are included in this report for purposes of comparison.

In addition to December 1, 1962 poultry estimates this report also contains a revised series of semi-annual estimates of poultry numbers on farms during the intercensal period, 1956 to 1960. These figures now supersede all previously published estimates for the indicated areas and dates. Original estimates were modified to conform with census benchmarks. It should be noted that the sum of the 1961 census figures for 'chicks', 'pullets' and 'others' was reallocated among these three groups so that the resultant adjusted census figures agreed more closely with hatchery placement data. The 1961 census and adjusted census figures are given in the "Report on The Poultry Survey of June 1, 1962."

Estimated at 53.4 million birds the total of all poultry on farms at December 1, 1962 was almost the same as the comparable total for December 1, 1961. The estimated number of hens and chickens declined to 48.5 million from 49.1 million birds at December 1 last year. The Canada total for turkeys increased 14 per cent while the number of geese and ducks declined 11 and 13 per cent respectively.

Revised estimates of layers and egg production for the months June to December 1962, based on the semi-annual survey estimates, will be published in the monthly report 'Production of Eggs' Catalogue No. 23-003 scheduled for release on February 25.

<sup>1/</sup> 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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TOTAL POULTRY ON FARMS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1961 & 62

TABLE 1

	1961 Total	1962					Dec. 1/62 as a % of Dec. 1/61 %	
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total		
			- thousand birds -					
P.E.I.	348	320	8	4	3	335	96	
N.S.	1,788	1,830	45	2	2	1,879	105	
N.B.	823	787	26	2	1	816	99	
Que.	11,593	11,600	710	11	54	12,375	107	
Ont.	21,466	19,325	2,400	65	120	21,910	102	
Man.	4,126	3,570	350	40	15	3,975	96	
Sask.	3,280	2,725	215	25	20	2,985	91	
Alta.	5,165	4,040	360	65	50	4,515	87	
B.C.	4,946	4,280	270	8	16	4,574	92	
CANADA	53,535	48,477	4,384	222	281	53,364	100	

HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1961 & 62

TABLE 2

	Dec. 1,	June 1,	Dec. 1,	Dec. 1/62
	1961	1962	1962	as a % of Dec. 1/61 %
	- thousand birds -			
<b>A. Total Hens and Chickens</b>				
Prince Edward Island	329	440	320	97
Nova Scotia	1,755	2,015	1,830	104
New Brunswick	780	1,070	787	101
Quebec	10,920	12,680	11,600	106
Ontario	19,345	23,485	19,325	100
Manitoba	3,700	5,465	3,570	96
Saskatchewan	2,940	5,850	2,725	93
Alberta	4,680	8,370	4,040	86
British Columbia	4,675	5,540	4,280	92
CANADA	49,124	64,915	48,477	99
<b>B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months and Over</b>				
Prince Edward Island	225	228	245	109
Nova Scotia	1,035	930	1,100	106
New Brunswick	510	470	560	110
Quebec	4,020	3,600	4,065	101
Ontario	10,650	9,260	10,270	96
Manitoba	2,400	2,135	2,260	94
Saskatchewan	2,300	1,745	2,000	87
Alberta	2,710	2,400	2,360	87
British Columbia	2,400	2,255	2,420	101
CANADA	26,250	23,023	25,280	96

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TABLE 2

	Dec. 1, 1961	June 1, 1962	Dec. 1, 1962	Dec. 1/62 as a % of Dec. 1/61 %
- thousand birds -				
<u>C. Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	58	60	46	79
Nova Scotia	180	225	185	103
New Brunswick	85	140	55	65
Quebec	825	925	720	87
Ontario	1,350	2,475	1,665	123
Manitoba	445	555	500	112
Saskatchewan	265	365	300	113
Alberta	270	900	195	72
British Columbia	520	710	550	106
CANADA	3,998	6,355	4,216	105

D. Chicks Under 2 Months Old

Prince Edward Island	9	138	9	100
Nova Scotia	415	800	445	107
New Brunswick	135	430	137	101
Quebec	4,825	7,335	5,900	122
Ontario	5,925	10,680	6,355	107
Manitoba	515	2,535	510	99
Saskatchewan	95	3,430	115	121
Alberta	940	4,360	845	90
British Columbia	1,455	2,300	1,200	82
CANADA	14,314	32,008	15,516	108

E. All Chickens 2 Months or Older Not Intended for Laying

Prince Edward Island	37	14	20	54
Nova Scotia	125	60	100	80
New Brunswick	50	30	35	70
Quebec	1,250	820	915	73
Ontario	1,420	1,070	1,035	73
Manitoba	340	240	300	88
Saskatchewan	280	310	310	111
Alberta	760	710	640	84
British Columbia	300	275	110	37
CANADA	4,562	3,529	3,465	76



TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1961 & 62.

TABLE 3

	Dec. 1, 1961	June 1, 1962	Dec. 1, 1962	Dec. 1/62 as a % of Dec. 1/61 %
- thousand birds -				
<u>TURKEYS</u>				
Prince Edward Island	10	10	8	80
Nova Scotia	30	38	45	150
New Brunswick	40	25	26	65
Quebec	605	625	710	117
Ontario	1,900	2,800	2,400	126
Manitoba	350	970	350	100
Saskatchewan	290	860	215	74
Alberta	370	820	360	97
British Columbia	245	500	270	110
CANADA	3,840	6,648	4,384	114
<u>G E E S E</u>				
Prince Edward Island	5	5.5	4	80
Nova Scotia	2	1.3	2	100
New Brunswick	2	1.2	2	100
Quebec	11	8.0	11	100
Ontario	71	68.0	65	92
Manitoba	60	70.0	40	67
Saskatchewan	25	40.0	25	100
Alberta	65	80.0	65	100
British Columbia	8	9.0	8	100
CANADA	249	283.0	222	89
<u>D U C K S</u>				
Prince Edward Island	4	2.0	3	75
Nova Scotia	1	1.2	2	200
New Brunswick	1	0.8	1	100
Quebec	57	54.0	54	95
Ontario	150	150.0	120	80
Manitoba	16	25.0	15	94
Saskatchewan	25	45.0	20	80
Alberta	50	80.0	50	100
British Columbia	18	25.0	16	89
CANADA	322	383.0	281	87

INTERCENSAL REVISION OF JUNE ESTIMATES OF POULTRY NUMBERS 1956 to 1960  
(in thousands)

TABLE 4

	Total Hens & Chickens	Hens & Pullets & Over 6 mos.	Pullets 2 mos. to 6 mos.	Cocks & Cockerels Over 2 mos.	Chicks up to 2 mos.	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks
<u>P.E.I.</u>								
<u>J U N E</u>								
1956	812	385	73	32	322	14	9	5
1957	756	369	70	25	292	11	9	6
1958	728	356	64	24	284	12	9	5
1959	667	328	94	25	220	15	9	5
1960	588	309	69	20	190	20	7	5
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<u>N.S.</u>								
1956	1,909	773	642	82	412	54	3	2
1957	1,807	764	572	60	411	57	3	1
1958	1,890	808	509	50	523	79	4	1
1959	2,141	1,047	429	40	625	52	3	1
1960	2,037	955	292	80	710	32	2	1
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<u>N.B.</u>								
1956	1,125	427	213	89	396	45	4	2
1957	1,120	433	160	95	432	42	3	2
1958	1,137	392	180	90	475	55	3	2
1959	1,077	425	200	55	397	35	3	2
1960	1,054	437	162	50	405	25	2	2
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<u>Que.</u>								
1956	10,882	3,216	1,824	1,262	4,581	632	12	45
1957	11,269	3,500	1,700	1,200	4,869	610	10	40
1958	11,978	3,325	1,735	1,250	5,668	670	12	46
1959	11,520	3,670	1,465	1,065	5,320	750	10	53
1960	11,485	3,195	1,065	1,000	6,225	630	9	52
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<u>Ont.</u>								
1956	24,934	7,699	5,687	2,365	9,182	1,415	96	124
1957	28,175	8,853	5,884	2,112	11,326	1,650	91	121
1958	27,028	8,853	4,060	1,972	12,143	1,950	100	124
1959	26,457	9,639	3,598	1,499	11,721	2,660	95	121
1960	24,808	9,262	3,026	1,172	11,348	2,200	89	118

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<u>J U N E</u>								
<u>Man.</u>								
1956	5,990	1,945	783	432	2,830	664	48	40
1957	6,350	2,132	725	393	3,100	772	55	42
1958	6,980	2,178	765	557	3,480	932	62	52
1959	7,000	2,420	650	430	3,500	1,214	70	46
1960	6,400	2,283	600	517	3,000	880	77	49
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<u>Sask.</u>								
1956	8,219	2,648	584	465	4,521	773	52	78
1957	8,129	2,571	445	440	4,673	900	48	67
1958	6,334	2,492	475	576	4,791	1,145	50	70
1959	8,055	2,338	480	742	4,495	1,320	45	60
1960	7,060	2,163	450	568	3,879	1,000	40	58
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<u>Alta.</u>								
1956	9,444	2,642	1,367	880	4,554	820	86	99
1957	9,750	2,851	1,225	923	4,751	846	92	98
1958	9,800	2,890	1,340	1,050	4,520	945	90	105
1959	9,690	2,745	1,245	970	4,731	1,001	86	94
1960	8,820	2,641	1,000	779	4,400	915	85	85
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<u>B.C.</u>								
1956	4,221	1,429	1,048	289	1,455	354	14	24
1957	4,280	1,709	926	173	1,472	344	11	24
1958	4,468	1,732	738	232	1,766	346	9	30
1959	5,004	1,861	689	299	2,155	495	8	31
1960	5,009	1,998	663	251	2,097	454	10	25
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<u>Can.</u>								
1956	67,536	21,164	12,221	5,896	28,253	4,771	324	419
1957	71,636	23,182	11,707	5,421	31,326	5,232	322	401
1958	72,343	23,026	9,866	5,801	33,650	6,134	339	435
1959	71,611	24,473	8,850	5,125	33,163	7,542	329	413
1960	67,261	23,243	7,327	4,437	32,254	6,156	321	395

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TABLE 5

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<u>P.E.I.</u>								
<u>D E C E M B E R</u>								
1956	546	339	137	67	3	15	10	9
1957	479	303	118	52	6	12	10	8
1958	491	310	106	61	14	13	9	7
1959	473	317	96	53	7	7	8	8
1960	387	288	67	26	6	18	7	9
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<u>N.S.</u>								
1956	1,519	1,090	128	109	192	40	3	2
1957	1,379	963	114	60	242	43	3	1
1958	1,637	1,083	153	70	331	51	4	1
1959	1,616	1,046	146	90	334	40	2	1
1960	1,666	1,065	195	60	346	36	2	1
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<u>N.B.</u>								
1956	719	496	109	70	44	50	4	2
1957	709	481	72	45	111	40	3	2
1958	787	486	88	61	152	56	3	2
1959	738	517	79	50	92	33	2	2
1960	774	530	78	37	129	30	2	2
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<u>Que.</u>								
1956	7,442	3,760	1,290	850	1,542	615	11	39
1957	8,074	3,575	1,125	1,025	2,349	550	10	50
1958	9,385	3,500	1,200	1,330	3,355	670	12	60
1959	8,840	3,800	700	900	3,440	400	11	50
1960	8,969	3,590	615	685	4,079	500	10	58
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<u>Ont.</u>								
1956	17,954	11,400	1,100	1,950	3,504	1,100	100	135
1957	19,781	11,934	1,506	2,228	4,113	1,485	92	137
1958	22,674	11,527	2,296	2,413	6,438	1,500	95	134
1959	18,948	11,432	1,379	1,439	4,698	1,700	95	140
1960	18,661	11,059	1,351	1,201	5,050	1,500	86	136





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<u>Man.</u>									
	<u>D E C E M B E R</u>								
1956	3,150	2,400	350	190	210	325	38	25	
1957	3,200	2,454	350	181	215	341	49	26	
1958	3,700	2,605	460	285	350	422	52	30	
1959	3,600	2,635	430	225	310	272	50	26	
1960	3,480	2,457	375	278	370	221	54	28	
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<u>Sask.</u>									
1956	4,010	3,249	283	473	5	315	41	42	
1957	3,934	3,361	153	405	15	310	38	44	
1958	3,717	3,160	162	387	8	280	38	40	
1959	3,601	3,089	138	342	32	325	35	30	
1960	3,226	2,678	214	284	50	225	30	30	
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<u>Alta.</u>									
1956	4,700	3,970	130	340	260	410	65	60	
1957	4,940	4,090	169	414	267	403	80	60	
1958	5,200	3,844	148	710	498	398	75	64	
1959	4,640	3,527	129	474	510	381	69	61	
1960	4,750	3,293	200	512	745	347	69	61	
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<u>B.C.</u>									
1956	2,900	1,950	281	110	559	235	11	17	
1957	3,013	2,076	323	130	484	212	10	16	
1958	3,673	2,014	401	174	1,084	213	8	18	
1959	3,998	2,138	431	137	1,292	226	7	25	
1960	4,218	2,204	380	143	1,491	204	8	20	
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<u>Can.</u>									
1956	42,940	28,654	3,808	4,159	6,319	3,105	283	331	
1957	45,509	29,237	3,930	4,540	7,802	3,396	295	344	
1958	51,264	28,529	5,014	5,491	12,230	3,603	296	356	
1959	46,454	28,501	3,528	3,710	10,715	3,384	279	343	
1960	46,131	27,164	3,475	3,226	12,266	3,081	268	345	