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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1963

The total of all poultry on farms in Canada ^{1/} at December 1, 1963 estimated at 56.2 million birds, was about 5 per cent higher than at December 1, 1962 when the comparable total was 50.4 million birds. The estimate for December 1, 1963 includes 52,185,000 hens and chickens; 3,510,000 turkeys; 211,400 geese and 256,800 ducks.

The estimate of 52.2 million hens and chickens is 8 per cent higher than the December 1962 estimate of 48.5 million. Although the number of hens and pullets 6 months old and over was down 5 per cent 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 36 per cent above the corresponding estimate at December 1, 1962. Both the number of pullets already laying and those not yet laying at December 1 were greater than a year earlier.

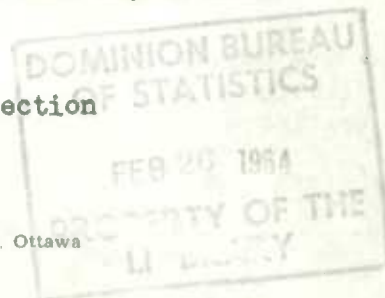
There were 20 per cent fewer turkeys on farms at December 1, 1963 than at December 1, 1962. This flock reduction was the result of a shift to earlier marketing of turkeys in 1963 together with moderately lower poult placements during the season. There were also fewer geese and ducks on farms than a year ago. Year-to-year changes in the numbers left on farms at December 1 does 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 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 June-December will appear in the January report 'Production of Eggs', Catalogue Number 23-003.

^{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 number reported were: hens and chickens, 227,929; turkeys, 2,468; geese, 467; ducks, 521. Elsewhere than 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, 1962 & 63

TABLE 1

	1962 Total	1963					Total	Dec. 1/63 as a % of Dec. 1/62 %
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	- thousand birds -		
P.E.I.	335.0	330.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	341.0	102	
N.S.	1,879.0	1,810.0	42.0	1.0	1.0	1,854.0	99	
N.B.	816.0	875.0	14.0	1.4	0.8	891.2	109	
Que.	12,375.0	12,630.0	680.0	12.0	47.0	13,369.0	108	
Ont.	21,910.0	19,720.0	1,980.0	60.0	125.0	21,885.0	100	
Man.	3,975.0	4,090.0	200.0	40.0	15.0	4,345.0	109	
Sask.	2,985.0	2,810.0	140.0	25.0	15.0	2,990.0	100	
Alta.	4,515.0	4,850.0	300.0	60.0	35.0	5,245.0	116	
B.C.	4,574.0	5,070.0	150.0	7.0	16.0	5,243.0	115	
CANADA	53,364.0	52,185.0	3,510.0	211.4	256.8	56,163.2	105	

HENS AND CHICKENS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1962 & 63

TABLE 2

	Dec. 1,	June 1,	Dec. 1,	Dec. 1/63 as a % of Dec. 1/62 %
	1962	1963	1963	
- thousand birds -				
A. Total Hens and Chickens				
Prince Edward Island	320.0	435.0	330.0	103
Nova Scotia	1,830.0	2,250.0	1,810.0	99
New Brunswick	787.0	1,050.0	875.0	111
Quebec	11,600.0	13,255.0	12,630.0	109
Ontario	19,325.0	23,740.0	19,720.0	102
Manitoba	3,570.0	5,700.0	4,090.0	115
Saskatchewan	2,725.0	6,130.0	2,810.0	103
Alberta	4,040.0	8,200.0	4,850.0	120
British Columbia	4,280.0	5,770.0	5,070.0	118
CANADA	48,477.0	66,530.0	52,185.0	108
B. Hens and Pullets, 6 Months and Over				
Prince Edward Island	245.0	240.0	250.0	102
Nova Scotia	1,100.0	1,050.0	1,080.0	98
New Brunswick	560.0	472.0	550.0	98
Quebec	4,065.0	3,305.0	3,640.0	90
Ontario	10,270.0	8,700.0	9,440.0	92
Manitoba	2,260.0	2,055.0	2,240.0	99
Saskatchewan	2,000.0	1,690.0	1,850.0	93
Alberta	2,360.0	2,170.0	2,500.0	106
British Columbia	2,420.0	2,420.0	2,425.0	100
CANADA	25,280.0	22,102.0	23,975.0	95

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TABLE 2

	Dec. 1, 1962	June 1, 1963	Dec. 1, 1963	Dec. 1/63 as a % of Dec. 1/62
- thousand birds -				
<u>C. Pullets, 2 Months to 6 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	46.0	64.0	48.0	104
Nova Scotia	185.0	210.0	160.0	86
New Brunswick	55.0	137.0	70.0	127
Quebec	720.0	835.0	1,040.0	144
Ontario	1,665.0	2,400.0	2,290.0	138
Manitoba	500.0	630.0	700.0	140
Saskatchewan	300.0	385.0	415.0	138
Alberta	195.0	855.0	350.0	179
British Columbia	550.0	710.0	645.0	117
CANADA	4,216.0	6,226.0	5,718.0	136

<u>D. Chicks Under 2 Months Old</u>				
Prince Edward Island	9.0	118.0	7.0	78
Nova Scotia	445.0	850.0	480.0	108
New Brunswick	137.0	405.0	220.0	161
Quebec	5,900.0	8,310.0	6,500.0	110
Ontario	6,355.0	11,440.0	6,790.0	107
Manitoba	510.0	2,665.0	720.0	141
Saskatchewan	115.0	3,710.0	265.0	230
Alberta	845.0	4,445.0	1,400.0	166
British Columbia	1,200.0	2,275.0	1,710.0	143
CANADA	15,516.0	34,218.0	18,092.0	117

<u>E. All Chickens 2 Months or Older Not Intended for Laying</u>				
Prince Edward Island	20.0	13.0	25.0	125
Nova Scotia	100.0	140.0	90.0	90
New Brunswick	35.0	36.0	35.0	100
Quebec	915.0	805.0	1,450.0	158
Ontario	1,035.0	1,200.0	1,200.0	116
Manitoba	300.0	350.0	430.0	143
Saskatchewan	310.0	345.0	280.0	90
Alberta	640.0	730.0	600.0	94
British Columbia	110.0	365.0	290.0	264
CANADA	3,465.0	3,984.0	4,400.0	127



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TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS: NUMBERS ON FARMS, BY PROVINCE, AS AT DECEMBER 1, 1962 & 63

TABLE 3

	Dec. 1, 1962	June 1, 1963	Dec. 1, 1963	Dec. 1/63 as a % of Dec. 1/62 %
	- thousand birds -			
<u>TURKEYS</u>				
Prince Edward Island	8.0	10.0	4.0	50
Nova Scotia	45.0	45.0	42.0	93
New Brunswick	26.0	18.0	14.0	54
Quebec	710.0	600.0	680.0	96
Ontario	2,400.0	2,900.0	1,980.0	83
Manitoba	350.0	970.0	200.0	57
Saskatchewan	215.0	810.0	140.0	65
Alberta	360.0	765.0	300.0	83
British Columbia	270.0	455.0	150.0	56
CANADA	4,384.0	6,573.0	3,510.0	80

	<u>G E E S E</u>			
Prince Edward Island	4.0	5.0	5.0	125
Nova Scotia	2.0	1.0	1.0	50
New Brunswick	2.0	1.1	1.4	70
Quebec	11.0	9.0	12.0	109
Ontario	65.0	58.0	50.0	72
Manitoba	40.0	85.0	40.0	100
Saskatchewan	25.0	40.0	25.0	100
Alberta	65.0	90.0	60.0	92
British Columbia	8.0	10.0	7.0	87
CANADA	222.0	309.1	211.4	95

	<u>D U C K S</u>			
Prince Edward Island	3.0	1.7	2.0	67
Nova Scotia	2.0	0.9	1.0	50
New Brunswick	1.0	0.5	0.8	80
Quebec	54.0	64.0	47.0	87
Ontario	120.0	130.0	125.0	104
Manitoba	15.0	20.0	15.0	100
Saskatchewan	20.0	50.0	15.0	75
Alberta	50.0	85.0	35.0	70
British Columbia	16.0	24.0	16.0	100
CANADA	281.0	376.1	256.8	91