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## REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1964

The total number of all poultry on farms in Canada(1) at June 1, 1964 estimated at 75.8 million birds was 3 per cent higher than at June 1, 1963 when the comparable total was 73.8 million birds. The estimate of June 1, 1964 includes 68,625,000 hens and chickens; 6,535,000 turkeys; 292,800 geese and 380,900 ducks.

The estimate of 68.6 million hens and chickens is 3 per cent higher than the June 1963 estimate of 66.5 million. Increases occurred in all provinces except Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan where decreases of 6 and 1 per cent respectively took place. For Canada as a whole there were more birds in each category of hens and chickens than there were a year earlier.

The estimated number of turkeys on farms at June 1 was about 1 per cent lower than last year. Increases are indicated in Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia while Ontario remains unchanged. All other provinces had less. There were 5 per cent fewer geese on farms than a year ago but the number of ducks increased by 1 per cent.

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', Cat. No. 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 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, 1963-64

	1963 total	1964					June 1/64 as a % of June 1/63
		Hens and chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	
		thousands					%
Prince Edward Island	451.7	445.0	9.0	4.0	1.6	459.6	100.2
Nova Scotia .....	2,296.9	2,110.0	47.0	0.8	0.7	2,158.5	94
New Brunswick .....	1,069.6	1,070.0	15.0	1.0	0.6	1,086.6	102
Quebec .....	13,928.0	13,640.0	710.0	10.0	67.0	14,427.0	104
Ontario .....	26,838.0	24,450.0	2,910.0	78.0	133.0	27,571.0	103
Manitoba .....	6,775.0	6,270.0	885.0	75.0	18.0	7,248.0	107
Saskatchewan .....	7,030.0	6,050.0	705.0	35.0	50.0	6,840.0	97
Alberta .....	9,140.0	8,600.0	750.0	80.0	85.0	9,515.0	104
British Columbia ...	6,259.0	5,990.0	500.0	9.0	25.0	6,524.0	104
Canada .....	73,788.2	68,625.0	6,525.0 <sup>3/</sup>	292.8	380.9	75,829.7	103

TABLE 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1963-64

	June 1, 1963	June 1, 1964	June 1/64 as a % of June 1/63
	thousands		%
<b>A. Total hens and chickens:</b>			
Prince Edward Island .....	435.0	445.0	102
Nova Scotia .....	2,250.0	2,110.0	94
New Brunswick .....	1,050.0	1,070.0	102
Quebec .....	13,255.0	13,640.0	103
Ontario .....	23,740.0	24,450.0	103
Manitoba .....	5,700.0	6,270.0	110
Saskatchewan .....	6,130.0	6,050.0	99
Alberta .....	8,200.0	8,600.0	105
British Columbia .....	5,770.0	5,990.0	104
Canada .....	66,530.0	68,625.0	103
<b>B. Hens - Laying hens and pullets, 6 months old or older:</b>			
Prince Edward Island .....	240.0	245.0	102
Nova Scotia .....	1,050.0	875.0	83
New Brunswick .....	472.0	470.0	100
Quebec .....	3,305.0	3,475.0	105
Ontario .....	8,700.0	9,100.0	105
Manitoba .....	2,055.0	2,240.0	109
Saskatchewan .....	1,690.0	1,690.0	100
Alberta .....	2,170.0	2,280.0	105
British Columbia .....	2,420.0	2,510.0	104
Canada .....	22,102.0	22,885.0	104

TABLE 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1963-64 - Concluded

	June 1, 1963	June 1, 1964	June 1/64 as a % of June 1/63
	thousands		%
<b>C. <u>Pullets</u> - Pullets, 2 months to 6 months old intended for laying:</b>			
Prince Edward Island .....	64.0	70.0	109
Nova Scotia .....	210.0	220.0	105
New Brunswick .....	137.0	150.0	109
Quebec .....	835.0	1,215.0	146
Ontario .....	2,400.0	2,700.0	112
Manitoba .....	630.0	750.0	119
Saskatchewan .....	385.0	360.0	94
Alberta .....	855.0	860.0	101
British Columbia .....	710.0	740.0	104
Canada .....	6,226.0	7,065.0	114
<b>D. <u>Chicks</u> - Chicks under 2 months old:</b>			
Prince Edward Island .....	118.0	110.0	93
Nova Scotia .....	850.0	900.0	106
New Brunswick .....	405.0	380.0	94
Quebec .....	8,310.0	8,000.0	96
Ontario .....	11,440.0	11,300.0	99
Manitoba .....	2,665.0	2,900.0	109
Saskatchewan .....	3,710.0	3,700.0	100
Alberta .....	4,445.0	4,800.0	108
British Columbia .....	2,275.0	2,350.0	103
Canada .....	34,218.0	34,440.0	101
<b>E. <u>Others</u> - All chickens, 2 months and older not intended for laying:</b>			
Prince Edward Island .....	13.0	20.0	154
Nova Scotia .....	140.0	115.0	82
New Brunswick .....	36.0	70.0	194
Quebec .....	805.0	950.0	118
Ontario .....	1,200.0	1,350.0	112
Manitoba .....	350.0	380.0	109
Saskatchewan .....	345.0	300.0	87
Alberta .....	730.0	660.0	90
British Columbia .....	365.0	390.0	107
Canada .....	3,984.0	4,235.0	106



TABLE 3. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1963-64

	June 1, 1963	June 1, 1964	June 1/64 as a % of June 1/63
	thousands		%
<b>A. Turkeys:</b>			
Prince Edward Island .....	10.0	9.0	90
Nova Scotia .....	45.0	47.0	104
New Brunswick .....	18.0	15.0	83
Quebec .....	600.0	710.0	118
Ontario .....	2,900.0	2,910.0	100
Manitoba .....	970.0	885.0	91
Saskatchewan .....	810.0	705.0	87
Alberta .....	765.0	750.0	98
British Columbia .....	455.0	500.0	110
Canada .....	6,573.0	6,525.0	99
<b>B. Geese:</b>			
Prince Edward Island .....	5.0	4.0	80
Nova Scotia .....	1.0	0.8	80
New Brunswick .....	1.1	1.0	91
Quebec .....	9.0	10.0	111
Ontario .....	68.0	78.0	115
Manitoba .....	85.0	75.0	88
Saskatchewan .....	40.0	35.0	88
Alberta .....	90.0	80.0	89
British Columbia .....	10.0	9.0	90
Canada .....	309.1	292.8	95
<b>C. Ducks:</b>			
Prince Edward Island .....	1.7	1.6	94
Nova Scotia .....	0.9	0.7	78
New Brunswick .....	0.5	0.6	120
Quebec .....	64.0	67.0	105
Ontario .....	130.0	133.0	102
Manitoba .....	20.0	18.0	90
Saskatchewan .....	50.0	50.0	100
Alberta .....	85.0	85.0	100
British Columbia .....	24.0	25.0	104
Canada .....	376.1	380.9	101