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LIBRARYREPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1965

The total number of all poultry on farms in Canada (1) at June 1, 1965 is estimated at 75.7 million birds, down slightly from the 75.8 million at June 1, 1964. The June 1, 1965 estimate includes 67,440,000 hens and chickens; 7,606,000 turkeys; 283,700 geese and 398,900 ducks.

The estimate of 67.4 million hens and chickens is 2 per cent less than the June 1964 estimate of 68.6 million. Although there were somewhat more "hens" and "chicks" than a year earlier this was more than offset by substantial declines of 16 and 23 per cent respectively in "others" and "pullets".

The number of turkeys on farms at June 1 was 16 per cent higher than last year with increases occurring in all provinces. While there were 3 per cent fewer geese on farms than a year ago the number of ducks increased by 5 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, 1964-65

	1964 total	1965					June 1/65 as a % of June 1/64
		Hens and chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	
thousands							%
Prince Edward Island	459.6	435.0	10.0	6.0	2.3	453.3	99
Nova Scotia	2,158.5	2,210.0	70.0	0.9	1.0	2,281.9	106
New Brunswick	1,086.6	1,150.0	31.0	0.8	0.6	1,182.4	109
Quebec	14,427.0	14,860.0	900.0	8.0	60.0	15,828.0	110
Ontario	27,571.0	23,665.0	3,400.0	55.0	140.0	27,260.0	99
Manitoba	7,248.0	5,820.0	1,000.0	100.0	40.0	6,960.0	96
Saskatchewan	6,840.0	5,300.0	770.0	30.0	50.0	6,150.0	90
Alberta	9,515.0	7,800.0	900.0	75.0	80.0	8,855.0	93
British Columbia ...	6,524.0	6,200.0	525.0	8.0	25.0	6,758.0	104
Canada	75,829.7	67,440.0	7,606.0	283.7	398.9	75,728.6	100

TABLE 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1964-65

	June 1, 1964	June 1, 1965	June 1/65 as a % of June 1/64
A. Total hens and chickens:			
Prince Edward Island	445.0	435.0	98
Nova Scotia	2,110.0	2,210.0	105
New Brunswick	1,070.0	1,150.0	107
Quebec	13,640.0	14,860.0	109
Ontario	24,450.0	23,665.0	97
Manitoba	6,270.0	5,820.0	93
Saskatchewan	6,050.0	5,300.0	88
Alberta	8,600.0	7,800.0	91
British Columbia	5,990.0	6,200.0	104
Canada	68,625.0	67,440.0	98
B. Hens - Laying hens and pullets, 6 months old or older:			
Prince Edward Island	245.0	250.0	102
Nova Scotia	875.0	980.0	112
New Brunswick	470.0	480.0	102
Quebec	3,475.0	3,830.0	110
Ontario	9,100.0	9,155.0	101
Manitoba	2,240.0	2,400.0	107
Saskatchewan	1,690.0	1,625.0	96
Alberta	2,280.0	2,325.0	102
British Columbia	2,510.0	2,575.0	103
Canada	22,885.0	23,620.0	103

TABLE 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1964-65 - Concluded

	June 1, 1964	June 1, 1965	June 1/65 as a % of June 1/64
thousands			
C. Pullets - Pullets, 2 months to 6 months old intended for laying:			
Prince Edward Island	70.0	45.0	64
Nova Scotia	220.0	200.0	91
New Brunswick	150.0	135.0	90
Quebec	1,215.0	910.0	75
Ontario	2,700.0	1,960.0	73
Manitoba	750.0	470.0	63
Saskatchewan	360.0	330.0	92
Alberta	860.0	655.0	76
British Columbia	740.0	710.0	96
Canada	7,065.0	5,415.0	77
D. Chicks - Chicks under 2 months old:			
Prince Edward Island	110.0	125.0	114
Nova Scotia	900.0	980.0	109
New Brunswick	380.0	485.0	128
Quebec	8,000.0	9,120.0	114
Ontario	11,300.0	11,450.0	101
Manitoba	2,900.0	2,700.0	93
Saskatchewan	3,700.0	3,100.0	84
Alberta	4,800.0	4,280.0	89
British Columbia	2,350.0	2,600.0	111
Canada	34,440.0	34,840.0	101
E. Others - All chickens, 2 months and older not intended for laying:			
Prince Edward Island	20.0	15.0	75
Nova Scotia	115.0	50.0	43
New Brunswick	70.0	50.0	71
Quebec	950.0	1,000.0	105
Ontario	1,350.0	1,100.0	81
Manitoba	380.0	250.0	66
Saskatchewan	300.0	245.0	82
Alberta	660.0	540.0	82
British Columbia	390.0	315.0	81
Canada	4,235.0	3,565.0	84



TABLE 3. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1964-65

	June 1, 1964	June 1, 1965	June 1/65 as a % of June 1/64
thousands			
A. Turkeys:			
Prince Edward Island	9.0	10.0	111
Nova Scotia	47.0	70.0	149
New Brunswick	15.0	31.0	207
Quebec	710.0	900.0	127
Ontario	2,910.0	3,400.0	117
Manitoba	885.0	1,000.0	113
Saskatchewan	705.0	770.0	109
Alberta	750.0	900.0	120
British Columbia	500.0	525.0	105
Canada	6,531.0	7,606.0	116
B. Geese:			
Prince Edward Island	4.0	6.0	150
Nova Scotia	0.8	0.9	112
New Brunswick	1.0	0.8	80
Quebec	10.0	8.0	80
Ontario	78.0	55.0	71
Manitoba	75.0	100.0	133
Saskatchewan	35.0	30.0	86
Alberta	80.0	75.0	94
British Columbia	9.0	8.0	89
Canada	292.8	283.7	97
C. Ducks:			
Prince Edward Island	1.6	2.3	144
Nova Scotia	0.7	1.0	143
New Brunswick	0.6	0.6	100
Quebec	67.0	60.0	90
Ontario	133.0	140.0	105
Manitoba	18.0	40.0	222
Saskatchewan	50.0	50.0	100
Alberta	85.0	80.0	94
British Columbia	25.0	25.0	100
Canada	380.9	398.9	105