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## REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF DECEMBER 1, 1965

The total of all poultry on farms in Canada (1) at December 1, 1965 estimated at 62.4 million birds, was about 8 per cent higher than at December 1, 1964 when the comparable total was 57.8 million birds. The estimate for December 1, 1965 includes 57,714,000 hens and chickens; 4,206,000 turkeys; 183,900 geese and 271,900 ducks.

The estimate of 57.7 million hens and chickens is 8 per cent higher than the December 1964 estimate of 53.6 million. Although the number of laying hens 6 months old and over was down 3 per cent and the number of pullets 2 months to 6 months old was down 9 per cent from December 1, 1964 the number of chicks increased by 31 per cent. There were 15 per cent more egg-type pullet chicks placed during the latter half of 1965 compared to the same period in 1964. The number of layers is expected to remain below year earlier levels until at least mid 1966. Spring placements will determine whether or not this situation will persist through the balance of the year.

There were 12 per cent more turkeys on farms at December 1, 1965 than at December 1, 1964. Increases in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia more than offset declines in the other five provinces. There were fewer geese but more ducks on farms than a year ago. Year-to-year changes in the numbers left on farms at December 1 do 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 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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TABLE 1. Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Province, as at December 1, 1964-65

	1964 Total	1965					Total	Dec. 1/65
		Hens and Chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Dec. 1/64		
thousand birds								
%								
Prince Edward Island	332.0	295.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	305.0	92	
Nova Scotia.....	1,849.6	2,119.0	60.0	0.9	0.9	2,180.8	118	
New Brunswick.....	892.0	975.0	12.0	1.0	1.0	989.0	111	
Quebec.....	13,985.0	15,500.0	830.0	7.0	48.0	16,385.0	117	
Ontario.....	23,025.0	21,250.0	2,400.0	65.0	135.0	23,850.0	104	
Manitoba.....	4,735.0	4,335.0	200.0	40.0	15.0	4,590.0	97	
Saskatchewan.....	2,780.0	2,400.0	100.0	15.0	20.0	2,535.0	91	
Alberta.....	5,020.0	4,940.0	300.0	45.0	35.0	5,320.0	106	
British Columbia....	5,196.0	5,900.0	300.0	6.0	15.0	6,221.0	120	
Canada.....	57,814.6	57,714.0	4,206.0	183.9	271.9	62,375.8	108	

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

	Dec. 1,	June 1,	Dec. 1,	Dec. 1/65
	1964	1965	1965	as a % of Dec. 1/64
thousand birds				
%				
<b>A. Total hens and chickens</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	319.0	435.0	295.0	92
Nova Scotia.....	1,800.0	2,210.0	2,119.0	118
New Brunswick.....	865.0	1,150.0	975.0	113
Quebec.....	13,200.0	14,860.0	15,500.0	117
Ontario.....	20,850.0	23,665.0	21,250.0	102
Manitoba.....	4,425.0	5,820.0	4,335.0	98
Saskatchewan.....	2,625.0	5,300.0	2,400.0	91
Alberta.....	4,600.0	7,800.0	4,940.0	107
British Columbia.....	4,940.0	6,200.0	5,900.0	119
Canada.....	53,624.0	67,440.0	57,714.0	108
<b>B. Hens and Pullets, 6 months and over:</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	260.0	250.0	245.0	94
Nova Scotia.....	940.0	980.0	984.0	105
New Brunswick.....	570.0	480.0	560.0	98
Quebec.....	4,385.0	3,830.0	4,170.0	95
Ontario.....	9,950.0	9,155.0	9,500.0	95
Manitoba.....	2,725.0	2,400.0	2,550.0	94
Saskatchewan.....	1,825.0	1,625.0	1,675.0	92
Alberta.....	2,600.0	2,325.0	2,630.0	101
British Columbia.....	2,540.0	2,575.0	2,790.0	110
Canada.....	25,795.0	23,620.0	25,104.0	97

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

	Dec. 1, 1964	June 1, 1965	Dec. 1, 1965	Dec. 1/65 as a % of Dec. 1/64
	thousand birds			%
<b>C. Pullets - Pullets, 2 months to 6 months old intended for laying:</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	40.0	45.0	29.0	72
Nova Scotia.....	230.0	200.0	215.0	93
New Brunswick.....	60.0	135.0	70.0	117
Quebec.....	980.0	910.0	1,040.0	106
Ontario.....	2,250.0	1,960.0	1,850.0	82
Manitoba.....	650.0	470.0	590.0	91
Saskatchewan.....	300.0	330.0	250.0	83
Alberta.....	355.0	655.0	340.0	96
British Columbia.....	640.0	710.0	640.0	100
Canada.....	5,505.0	5,415.0	5,024.0	91
<b>D. Chicks - Chicks under 2 months old:</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	4.0	125.0	9.0	225
Nova Scotia.....	460.0	980.0	800.0	174
New Brunswick.....	215.0	485.0	315.0	147
Quebec.....	6,720.0	9,120.0	8,950.0	133
Ontario.....	7,250.0	11,450.0	8,700.0	120
Manitoba.....	720.0	2,700.0	945.0	131
Saskatchewan.....	250.0	3,100.0	325.0	130
Alberta.....	1,100.0	4,280.0	1,640.0	149
British Columbia.....	1,500.0	2,600.0	2,130.0	142
Canada.....	18,219.0	34,840.0	23,814.0	131
<b>E. Others - All chickens, 2 months and older not intended for laying:</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	15.0	15.0	12.0	80
Nova Scotia.....	170.0	50.0	120.0	71
New Brunswick.....	20.0	50.0	30.0	150
Quebec.....	1,115.0	1,000.0	1,340.0	120
Ontario.....	1,400.0	1,100.0	1,200.0	86
Manitoba.....	330.0	250.0	250.0	76
Saskatchewan.....	250.0	245.0	150.0	60
Alberta.....	545.0	540.0	330.0	61
British Columbia.....	260.0	315.0	340.0	131
Canada.....	4,105.0	3,565.0	3,772.0	92



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

	Dec. 1, 1964	June 1, 1965	Dec. 1, 1965	Dec. 1/65 as a % of Dec. 1/64
	thousand birds			%
<b>A. Turkeys:</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	6.0	10.0	4.0	67
Nova Scotia.....	48.0	70.0	60.0	125
New Brunswick.....	25.0	31.0	12.0	48
Quebec.....	725.0	900.0	830.0	114
Ontario.....	2,000.0	3,400.0	2,400.0	120
Manitoba.....	255.0	1,000.0	200.0	78
Saskatchewan.....	120.0	770.0	100.0	83
Alberta.....	325.0	900.0	300.0	92
British Columbia.....	235.0	525.0	300.0	128
Canada.....	3,739.0	7,606.0	4,206.0	112
<b>E. Geese:</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	4.0	6.0	4.0	100
Nova Scotia.....	0.6	0.9	0.9	150
New Brunswick.....	1.4	0.8	1.0	71
Quebec.....	10.0	8.0	7.0	70
Ontario.....	65.0	55.0	65.0	100
Manitoba.....	40.0	100.0	40.0	100
Saskatchewan.....	20.0	30.0	15.0	75
Alberta.....	60.0	75.0	45.0	75
British Columbia.....	8.0	8.0	6.0	75
Canada.....	209.0	283.7	183.9	88
<b>C. Ducks:</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	3.0	2.3	2.0	67
Nova Scotia.....	1.0	1.0	0.9	90
New Brunswick.....	0.6	0.6	1.0	167
Quebec.....	50.0	60.0	48.0	96
Ontario.....	110.0	140.0	135.0	123
Manitoba.....	15.0	40.0	15.0	100
Saskatchewan.....	15.0	50.0	20.0	133
Alberta.....	35.0	80.0	35.0	100
British Columbia.....	13.0	25.0	15.0	115
Canada.....	242.6	398.9	271.9	112