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The total number of all poultry on farms in Canada (1) at June 1, 1966 is estimated at 79.8 million birds, up 5 per cent from the 76.0 million at June 1, 1965. The June 1, 1966 estimate includes 70,523,000 hens and chickens; 8,571,000 turkeys; 280,600 geese and 409,300 ducks.

The estimate of 70.5 million hens and chickens is 4 per cent more than the June 1965 estimate of 67.7 million. Although there were fewer "hens" than a year earlier this was more than offset by substantial increases in "Pullets", "Chicks" and "Others".

The number of turkeys on farms at June 1 was 13 per cent higher than last year. Although there were minor numerical increases in N.B. and B.C. by far the greatest increases occurred in Ontario and Quebec. The number of turkeys on farms decreased in P.E.I., N.S. and the Prairie Provinces. While there were 1 per cent fewer geese on farms than a year ago the number of ducks increased by 3 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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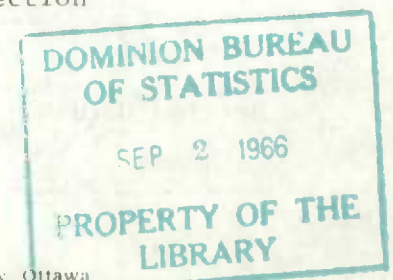
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Table 1. Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1965-66

	1965 total	1966					June 1/66 as a % of June 1/65
		Hens and chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks	Total	
thousands							%
Prince Edward Island	453.3	355.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	367.0	81
Nova Scotia	2,281.9	2,478.0	38.0	0.8	0.9	2,517.7	110
New Brunswick	1,182.4	1,200.0	58.0	0.8	0.4	1,259.2	106
Quebec	16,068.0	16,530.0	1,230.0	7.0	66.0	17,833.0	111
Ontario	27,260.0	24,230.0	4,060.0	55.0	145.0	28,490.0	105
Manitoba	6,960.0	5,940.0	980.0	100.0	40.0	7,060.0	101
Saskatchewan	6,150.0	4,735.0	735.0	30.0	55.0	5,555.0	90
Alberta	8,855.0	8,310.0	835.0	75.0	80.0	9,300.0	105
British Columbia ...	6,758.0	6,745.0	630.0	7.0	20.0	7,402.0	110
Canada	75,968.6	70,523.0	8,571.0	280.6	409.3	79,783.9	105

Table 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1965-66

	thousands		June 1/66 as a % of June 1/65
	June 1, 1965	June 1, 1966	
thousands			
A. Total hens and chickens:			
Prince Edward Island	435.0	355.0	82
Nova Scotia	2,210.0	2,478.0	112
New Brunswick	1,150.0	1,200.0	104
Quebec	15,100.0	16,530.0	109
Ontario	23,665.0	24,230.0	102
Manitoba	5,820.0	5,940.0	102
Saskatchewan	5,300.0	4,735.0	89
Alberta	7,800.0	8,310.0	107
British Columbia	6,200.0	6,745.0	109
Canada	67,680.0	70,523.0	104
B. Hens - Laying hens and pullets, 6 months old or older:			
Prince Edward Island	250.0	205.0	82
Nova Scotia	980.0	1,050.0	107
New Brunswick	480.0	450.0	94
Quebec	4,070.0	3,810.0	94
Ontario	9,155.0	8,700.0	95
Manitoba	2,400.0	2,360.0	98
Saskatchewan	1,625.0	1,465.0	90
Alberta	2,325.0	2,255.0	97
British Columbia	2,575.0	2,695.0	105
Canada	23,860.0	22,990.0	96

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Table 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1965-66 - Concluded

	June 1, 1965	June 1, 1966	June 1/66 as a % of June 1/65
	thousands		%
C. Pullets - Pullets, 2 months to 6 months old intended for laying:			
Prince Edward Island	45.0	40.0	89
Nova Scotia	200.0	250.0	125
New Brunswick	135.0	108.0	80
Quebec	910.0	1,220.0	134
Ontario	1,960.0	2,200.0	112
Manitoba	470.0	600.0	128
Saskatchewan	330.0	370.0	112
Alberta	655.0	765.0	117
British Columbia	710.0	835.0	118
Canada	5,415.0	6,388.0	118
D. Chicks - Chicks under 2 months old:			
Prince Edward Island	125.0	98.0	78
Nova Scotia	980.0	1,100.0	112
New Brunswick	485.0	610.0	126
Quebec	9,120.0	10,300.0	113
Ontario	11,450.0	12,230.0	107
Manitoba	2,700.0	2,695.0	100
Saskatchewan	3,100.0	2,685.0	87
Alberta	4,280.0	4,750.0	111
British Columbia	2,600.0	2,990.0	115
Canada	34,840.0	37,458.0	108
E. Others - All chickens, 2 months and older not intended for laying:			
Prince Edward Island	15.0	12.0	80
Nova Scotia	50.0	78.0	156
New Brunswick	50.0	32.0	64
Quebec	1,000.0	1,200.0	120
Ontario	1,100.0	1,100.0	100
Manitoba	250.0	285.0	114
Saskatchewan	245.0	215.0	88
Alberta	540.0	540.0	100
British Columbia	315.0	225.0	71
Canada	3,565.0	3,687.0	103



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Table 3. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1965-66

	June 1, 1965	June 1, 1966	June 1/66 as a % of June 1/65
	thousands		%
A. Turkeys:			
Prince Edward Island	10.0	5.0	50
Nova Scotia	70.0	38.0	54
New Brunswick	31.0	58.0	187
Quebec	900.0	1,230.0	137
Ontario	3,400.0	4,060.0	119
Manitoba	1,000.0	980.0	98
Saskatchewan	770.0	735.0	95
Alberta	900.0	835.0	93
British Columbia	525.0	630.0	120
Canada	7,606.0	8,571.0	113
B. Geese:			
Prince Edward Island	6.0	5.0	83
Nova Scotia	0.9	0.8	89
New Brunswick	0.8	0.8	100
Quebec	8.0	7.0	88
Ontario	55.0	55.0	100
Manitoba	100.0	100.0	100
Saskatchewan	30.0	30.0	100
Alberta	75.0	75.0	100
British Columbia	8.0	7.0	88
Canada	283.7	280.6	99
C. Ducks:			
Prince Edward Island	2.3	2.0	87
Nova Scotia	1.0	0.9	90
New Brunswick	0.6	0.4	67
Quebec	60.0	66.0	110
Ontario	140.0	145.0	104
Manitoba	40.0	40.0	100
Saskatchewan	50.0	55.0	110
Alberta	80.0	80.0	100
British Columbia	25.0	20.0	80
Canada	398.9	409.3	103