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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY OF JUNE 1, 1967

Estimates of the number of poultry on farms in Canada(1) at June 1, 1967 are based on farmers' replies to the semi-annual farm survey and the Census count in 1966 together with hatchery data available through the Canada Department of Agriculture. The series of estimates previously published for June and December from 1961 to 1965 are not directly comparable to these data for 1966 and 1967. Revision of the estimates for the intercensal period will be published at a later date. The semi-annual estimates of poultry numbers provide a basis for monthly estimates of number of layers and egg production. Revised estimates of egg production for 1966 and the period January - June 1967 will appear in the July report "Production of Eggs", Cat. No. 23-003.

The total number of all poultry on farms in Canada(1) at June 1, 1967 is estimated at 89.6 million birds, up 5 per cent from the 84.9 million at June 1, 1966. The June 1, 1967 estimate includes 80,102,000 hens and chickens; 8,757,500 turkeys; 336,300 geese and 396,500 ducks.

The estimate of 80.1 million hens and chickens is 6 per cent more than the 75.2 million at June 1, 1966. Increases occurred in all four categories of hens and chickens. In the comparisons with 1966, Census data has been used for the total of all chickens, laying hens and pullets six months old and older, and pullets 2 to 6 months old intended for laying. Except for the Prairie Provinces, Census data for others under 2 months old have been adjusted downward to show closer relationship to hatchery statistics. A compensating upward adjustment of Census data was made for chicks under 2 months old.

The number of turkeys on farms at June 1 was 2 per cent lower than last year. The number of turkeys on farms increased in P.E.I., N.S., Alta. and B.C. but this was more than offset by decreases in the other provinces. There was a 1 per cent decline in geese on farms from a year ago and the number of ducks decreased by 3 per cent.

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⁽¹⁾ Current estimates for Newfoundland are not available. The Census of June 1, 1966 reports 422,524 head of poultry on farms. By class, the numbers reported were: hens and chickens, 417,836; turkeys, 3,264; geese, 966; ducks, 458.

TABLE 1. Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Province, at June 1, 1966-67

	Census	1967				J	une 1/67
	1966 total	Hens and chickens	Turkeys	Geese	Ducks		s a % of une 1/66
		thousands					
Prince Edward Island	365.5	334.0	4.5	4.8	2.8	346.1	95
Nova Scotia	2,841.5	2,724.0	67.0	1.5	0.9	2,793.4	98
New Brunswick	1,397.6	1,354.0	51.0	1.0	0.8	1,406.8	101
Quebec	20,013.1	19,985.0	1,540.0	7.0	59.0	21,591.0	108
Ontario	29,549.7	27,350.0	3,800.0	57.0	126.0	31,333.0	106
lanitoba	7,100.7	6,330.0	925.0	135.0	30.0	7,420.0	104
Saskatchewan	6,278.3	5,700.0	670.0	40.0	70.0	6,480.0	103
Alberta	9,562.9	8,400.0	1,100.0	80.0	85.0	9,665.0	101
British Columbia	7,830.8	7,925.0	600.0	10.0	22.0	8,557.0	109
Canada	84,940.1	80,102.0	8,757.5	336.3	396.5	89,592.3	105

TABLE 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1966-67

	Census June 1, 1966	Dec. 1, 1966	June 1, 1967	June 1/67 as a % of June 1/66
		thousands		%
A. Total hens and chickens:				
Prince Edward Island	352.5	267.0	334.0	95
Nova Scotia	2,800.9	2,225.0	2,724.0	97
New Brunswick	1,338.8	1,150.0	1,354.0	101
Quebec	18,399.3	18,920.0	19,985.0	109
Ontario	25,308.6	22,920.0	27,350.0	108
Manitoba	5,844.2	4,665.0	6,330.0	108
Saskatchewan	5,393.1	2,550.0	5,700.0	106
Alberta	8,440.4	4,790.0	8,400.0	100
British Columbia	7,345.8	6,640.0	7,925.0	108
Canada	75,223.6	64,127.0	80,102.0	106
B. Hens - Laying hens and pullets 6 months old or older:	5,			
Prince Edward Island	188.3	200.0	170.0	90
Nova Scotia	1,074.5	945.0	997.0	93
New Brunswick	456.5	510.0	434.0	95
Quebec	4,001.4	4,420.0	4,235.0	106
Ontario	8,486.3	8,970.0	9,750.0	115
Manitoba	2,417.0	2,395.0	2,545.0	105
Saskatchewan	1,425.7	1,460.0	1,350.0	95
Alberta	2,227.2	2,545.0	2,290.0	103
British Columbia	2,523.7	2,695.0	2,755.0	109
Canada	22,800.6	24,140.0	24,526.0	108

TABLE 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1966-67 - Concluded

	Census June 1, 1966	Dec. 1, 1966	June 1,1967	June 1/6 as a % or June 1/6
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C. Pullets - Pullets, 2 months 6 months old intended for laying:	to			
Prince Edward Island	68.0	45.0	80.0	118
Nova Scotia	405.1	290.0	375.0	93
New Brunswick	120.3	85.0	130.0	108
Quebec	1,842.6	1,720.0	1,770.0	96
Ontario	2,672.0	2,850.0	3,050.0	114
Manitoba	733.9	925.0	845.0	115
Saskatchewan	432.2	250.0	390.0	90
Alberta	970.3	520.0	920.0	95
British Columbia	918.3	930.0	1,040.0	113
Canada	8,162.7	7,615.0	8,600.0	105
D. <u>Chicks</u> - Chicks under 2 mont old:	(1)	ALTE TO		
Prince Edward Island	92.2	15.0	81.0	88
Nova Scotia	1,166.3	850.0	1,194.0	102
New Brunswick	685.0	495.0	705.0	103
Quebec	11,075.3	10,090.0	12,400.0	112
Ontario	12,708.3	9,600.0	12,950.0	102
Manitoba	2,423.2	1,030.0	2,700.0	111
Saskatchewan	3,121.0	450.0	3,610.0	116
Alberta	4,590.6	1,485.0	4,635.0	101
British Columbia	3,300.0	2,385.0	3,460.0	105
Canada	39,161.9	26,400.0	41,735.0	107
E. Others - All chickens, 2 mor and older not intended for	•			
laying:	(1)			
Prince Edward Island	4.0	7.0	3.0	75
Nova Scotia	155.0	140.0	158.0	102
New Brunswick	77.0	60.0	85.0	110
Quebec	1,480.0	2,690.0	1,580.0	107
Ontario	1,442.0	1,500.0	1,600.0	111
Manitoba	270.1	315.0	240.0	89
Saskatchewan	414.2	390.0	350.0	84
Alberta	652.4	240.0	555.0	85
British Columbia	603.8	630.0	670.0	111
Canada	5,098.5	5,972.0	5,241.0	103

⁽¹⁾ Except for the Prairie Provinces the Census figures for 'others' have been adjusted downward with corresponding upward revisions for 'chicks'.



TABLE 3. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks on Farms, by Province, at June 1, 1966-67

	Census June 1, 1966	Dec. 1, 1966	June 1, 1967	June 1/67 as a % of June 1/66
		thousands		%
A. Turkeys:				
Prince Edward Island	4.3	3.0	4.5	105
Nova Scotia	38.3	19.0	67.0	175
New Brunswick	57.1	40.0	51.0	89
Quebec	1,549.7	1,100.0	1,540.0	99
Ontario	4,044.4	2,600.0	3,800.0	94
Manitoba	1,091.4	240.0	925.0	85
Saskatchewan	776.8	95.0	670.0	86
Alberta	951.1	230.0	1,100.0	116
British Columbia	454.8	315.0	600.0	132
Canada	8,967.9	4,642.0	8,757.5	98
3. Geese:				
Prince Edward Island	5.6	5.0	4.8	86
Nova Scotia	1.4	1.0	1.5	107
New Brunswick	1.0	1.0	1.0	100
Quebec	7.1	7.0	7.0	99
Ontario	60.8	59.0	57.0	94
Manitoba	133.9	50.0	135.0	101
Saskatchewan	37.5	15.0	40.0	107
Alberta	79.9	40.0	80.0	100
British Columbia	11.5	8.0	10.0	87
Canada	338.7	186.0	336.3	99
Ducks:				
Prince Edward Island	3.1	3.0	2.8	90
Nova Scotia	0.9	1.0	0.9	100
New Brunswick	0.7	1.0	0.8	114
Quebec	57.0	43.0	59.0	104
Ontario	135.9	125.0	126.0	93
Manitoba	31.2	20.0	30.0	96
Saskatchewan	70.9	15.0	70.0	99
Alberta	91.5	20.0	85.0	93
British Columbia	18.7	9.0	22.0	118
Canada	409.9	237.0	396.5	97