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REPORT ON THE POULTRY SURVEY  
OF DECEMBER 1, 1969

RAPPORT SUR L'ENQUÊTE DU 1<sup>ER</sup> DÉCEMBRE  
1969 SUR L'AVICULTURE

Estimates of the number of poultry on farms in Canada(1) at December 1, 1969 are based on farmers' replies to the semi-annual farm survey together with hatchery data available through the Canada Department of Agriculture. The semi-annual estimates of poultry numbers provide a basis for monthly estimates of the number of layers and egg production. Revised estimates of production for 1969 will appear in the January report "Production of Eggs", Cat. No. 23-003.

The total number of all poultry on farms in Canada(1) at December 1, 1969 is estimated at 78.3 million birds, up 9.1 per cent from the 71.7 million at December 1, 1968. The December 1, 1969 estimate includes 73,983,000 hens and chickens; 3,878,000 turkeys; 151,800 geese and 253,500 ducks. The estimate of 74.0 million hens and chickens is 10.5 per cent higher than the 66.9 million at December 1, 1968.

The number of turkeys on farms at December 1 was 11.2 per cent lower than last year. Although the number of turkeys on farms increased in N.B., P.Q. and B.C. this was more than offset by decreases in the other provinces.

(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.

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Les estimations du nombre de volailles dans les fermes du Canada(1) au 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 1969 sont basées sur les réponses des cultivateurs à l'enquête agricole semestrielle, en plus des données sur les couvoirs obtenues par l'entremise du ministère canadien de l'Agriculture. Les estimations semestrielles du nombre de volailles fournissent une base pour les estimations mensuelles du nombre de pondeuses et de la production d'oeufs. Les estimations révisées de la production de 1969 apparaîtront dans le rapport de janvier intitulé "Production d'oeufs" (No. de cat. 23-003).

Le nombre total de volailles dans les fermes du Canada(1) au 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 1969 est évalué à 78.3 millions, augmentation de 9.1 p. 100 par rapport aux 71.7 millions du 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 1968. L'estimation du 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 1969 comprend 73,983,000 poules et poulets; 3,878,000 dindes; 151,800 oies et 253,500 canards. L'estimation de 74.0 millions de poules et de poulets est de 10.5 p. 100 plus élevé aux 66.9 millions du 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 1968.

Le nombre de dindes dans les fermes au 1<sup>er</sup> décembre était de 11.2 p. 100 moins élevé qu'un an plus tôt. Quoiqu'il a augmenté au Nouveau-Brunswick, au Québec et en Colombie-Britannique, mais cette avance n'a pas compensé la baisse dans les autres provinces.

(1) On ne possède pas d'estimation courante pour Terre-Neuve. Lors du recensement du 1<sup>er</sup> juin 1966, on a dénombré 422,524 volailles dans les fermes. Par catégorie, les chiffres déclarés étaient: poules et poulets, 417,836; dindes, 3,264; oies, 966; canards, 458.

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TABLE 1. Poultry on Farms in Canada, by Province, as at December 1, 1968-69

TABLEAU 1. Volailles dans les fermes au Canada, par province, 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 1968-69

|                      | 1968<br>Total<br>—<br>Total de<br>1968 | 1969  |                        |                    |                       |          | 1969 as<br>% 1968<br>—<br>1969 en %<br>de 1968 |
|----------------------|--|---|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|
|                      |  | Hens and<br>Chickens<br>—<br>Poules et<br>poulets | Turkeys<br>—<br>Dindes | Geese<br>—<br>Oies | Ducks<br>—<br>Canards | Total    |  |
|                      |  |   |                        |                    |                       |          |  |
|                      |  | '000  |                        |                    |                       |          | %  |
| P.E.I. — Î.P.É. .... | 261.0                                  | 261.0   | 3.0                    | 3.0                | 3.0                   | 270.0    | 103.4  |
| N.S. — N.É. ....     | 2,652.4                                | 2,567.0   | 35.0                   | 0.9                | 1.0                   | 2,603.9  | 98.2   |
| N.B. — N.B. ....     | 1,367.7                                | 1,455.0   | 35.0                   | 0.9                | 1.5                   | 1,492.4  | 109.1  |
| Que. — Qué. ....     | 19,859.0                               | 20,190.0  | 1,000.0                | 6.0                | 50.0                  | 21,246.0 | 107.0  |
| Ont. ....            | 27,640.0                               | 27,720.0  | 2,200.0                | 43.0               | 130.0                 | 30,093.0 | 108.9  |
| Man. ....            | 5,575.0                                | 6,380.0   | 70.0                   | 50.0               | 20.0                  | 6,520.0  | 117.0  |
| Sask. ....           | 2,278.0                                | 2,740.0   | 35.0                   | 17.0               | 16.0                  | 2,808.0  | 123.3  |
| Alta. — Alb. ....    | 5,095.0                                | 5,500.0   | 100.0                  | 25.0               | 20.0                  | 5,645.0  | 110.8  |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....    | 7,016.0                                | 7,170.0   | 400.0                  | 6.0                | 12.0                  | 7,588.0  | 108.2  |
| Total .....          | 71,744.1                               | 73,983.0  | 3,878.0                | 151.8              | 253.5                 | 78,266.3 | 109.1  |

TABLE 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, as at December 1, 1968-69

TABLEAU 2. Poules et poulets dans les fermes, par province, 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 1968-69

|   | Dec. 1,<br>1968<br>—<br>1 <sup>er</sup> déc.<br>1968 | June 1,<br>1969<br>—<br>1 <sup>er</sup> juin<br>1969 | Dec. 1,<br>1969<br>—<br>1 <sup>er</sup> déc.<br>1969 | 1969 as<br>% 1968<br>—<br>1969 en %<br>de 1968 |
|---|--|--|--|--|
|   |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  | %  |
| '000  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>A. Total hens and chickens — Total poules et poulets</b>                           |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. — Î.P.É. ....  | 252.0  | 322.0  | 261.0  | 103.6  |
| N.S. — N.É. ....  | 2,605.0  | 2,842.0  | 2,567.0  | 98.5   |
| N.B. — N.B. ....  | 1,345.0  | 1,545.0  | 1,455.0  | 108.2  |
| Que. — Qué. ....  | 18,830.0   | 22,130.0   | 20,190.0   | 107.2  |
| Ont. ....   | 24,770.0   | 27,480.0   | 27,720.0   | 111.9  |
| Man. ....   | 5,410.0  | 7,340.0  | 6,380.0  | 117.9  |
| Sask. ....  | 2,200.0  | 5,440.0  | 2,740.0  | 124.5  |
| Alta. — Alb. ....   | 4,880.0  | 8,600.0  | 5,500.0  | 112.7  |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....   | 6,650.0  | 7,570.0  | 7,170.0  | 107.8  |
| Total .....   | 66,942.0   | 83,269.0   | 73,983.0   | 110.5  |
| <b>B. Hens and Pullets, 5 months and over: — Poules et poulettes, 5 mois et plus:</b> |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. — Î.P.É. ....  | 210.0  | 170.0  | 190.0  | 90.5   |
| N.S. — N.É. ....  | 1,230.0  | 1,130.0  | 1,202.0  | 97.7   |
| N.B. — N.B. ....  | 510.0  | 540.0  | 505.0  | 99.0   |
| Que. — Qué. ....  | 4,780.0  | 4,490.0  | 4,710.0  | 98.5   |
| Ont. ....   | 10,650.0   | 10,100.0   | 10,700.0   | 100.5  |
| Man. ....   | 3,165.0  | 2,820.0  | 3,550.0  | 112.2  |
| Sask. ....  | 1,460.0  | 1,190.0  | 1,590.0  | 108.9  |
| Alta. — Alb. ....   | 2,700.0  | 2,330.0  | 2,770.0  | 102.6  |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....   | 3,160.0  | 3,130.0  | 3,220.0  | 101.9  |
| Total .....   | 27,865.0   | 25,900.0   | 28,437.0   | 102.1  |

TABLE 2. Hens and Chickens on Farms, by Province, at December 1, 1968-69 - Concl.

TABLEAU 2. Poules et poulets dans les fermes, par province, 1er décembre 1968-69 - suite

|  | Dec. 1,<br>1968<br>—<br>1er déc.<br>1968 | June 1,<br>1969<br>—<br>1er juin<br>1969 | Dec. 1,<br>1969<br>—<br>1er déc.<br>1969 | 1969 as<br>% 1968<br>—<br>1969 en %<br>de 1968 |
|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  | '000                                     |  | %  |
| <b>C. Pullets — Under 5 months — Poulettes — moins de 5 mois</b> |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. — Î.P.É. ....   | 13.0                                     | 100.0                                    | 16.0                                     | 123.1  |
| N.S. — N.É. ....   | 370.0                                    | 520.0                                    | 400.0                                    | 108.1  |
| N.B. — N.B. ....   | 200.0                                    | 245.0                                    | 160.0                                    | 80.0   |
| Que. — Qué. ....   | 1,350.0                                  | 1,840.0                                  | 1,480.0                                  | 109.6  |
| Ont. ....  | 3,470.0                                  | 4,900.0                                  | 4,220.0                                  | 121.6  |
| Man. ....  | 825.0                                    | 2,040.0                                  | 1,180.0                                  | 143.0  |
| Sask. ....   | 130.0                                    | 1,750.0                                  | 260.0                                    | 200.0  |
| Alta. — Alb. ....  | 440.0                                    | 2,470.0                                  | 610.0                                    | 138.6  |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....  | 1,130.0                                  | 1,400.0                                  | 1,220.0                                  | 108.0  |
| Total .....  | 7,928.0                                  | 15,265.0                                 | 9,546.0                                  | 120.4  |
| <b>D. Cocks and Cockerels — Coqs, cochets et poussins mâles</b>  |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. — Î.P.É. ....   | 7.0                                      | 17.0                                     | 25.0                                     | 357.1  |
| N.S. — N.É. ....   | 35.0                                     | 32.0                                     | 45.0                                     | 128.6  |
| N.B. — N.B. ....   | 20.0                                     | 40.0                                     | 25.0                                     | 125.0  |
| Que. — Qué. ....   | 1,400.0                                  | 1,800.0                                  | 1,300.0                                  | 92.9   |
| Ont. ....  | 250.0                                    | 280.0                                    | 300.0                                    | 120.0  |
| Man. ....  | 70.0                                     | 580.0                                    | 80.0                                     | 114.3  |
| Sask. ....   | 30.0                                     | 1,500.0                                  | 60.0                                     | 200.0  |
| Alta. — Alb. ....  | 120.0                                    | 1,450.0                                  | 120.0                                    | 100.0  |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....  | 60.0                                     | 160.0                                    | 50.0                                     | 83.3   |
| Total .....  | 1,992.0                                  | 5,859.0                                  | 2,005.0                                  | 100.7  |
| <b>E. Broiler Chickens — Poulets Gril Chair</b>                  |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. — Î.P.É. ....   | 22.0                                     | 35.0                                     | 30.0                                     | 136.4  |
| N.S. — N.É. ....   | 970.0                                    | 1,160.0                                  | 920.0                                    | 94.8   |
| N.B. — N.B. ....   | 615.0                                    | 720.0                                    | 765.0                                    | 124.4  |
| Que. — Qué. ....   | 11,300.0                                 | 14,000.0                                 | 12,700.0                                 | 112.4  |
| Ont. ....  | 10,400.0                                 | 12,200.0                                 | 12,500.0                                 | 120.2  |
| Man. ....  | 1,350.0                                  | 1,900.0                                  | 1,570.0                                  | 116.3  |
| Sask. ....   | 580.0                                    | 1,000.0                                  | 830.0                                    | 143.1  |
| Alta. — Alb. ....  | 1,620.0                                  | 2,350.0                                  | 2,000.0                                  | 123.5  |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....  | 2,300.0                                  | 2,880.0                                  | 2,680.0                                  | 116.5  |
| Total .....  | 29,157.0                                 | 36,245.0                                 | 33,995.0                                 | 116.6  |

TABLE 3. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks on Farms, by Province, at December 1, 1968-69

TABLEAU 3. Dindons, Oies et Canards dans les fermes, par province, 1<sup>er</sup> décembre 1968-69

|                             | Dec. 1,<br>1968<br>—<br>1 <sup>er</sup> déc.<br>1968 | June 1,<br>1969<br>—<br>1 <sup>er</sup> juin<br>1969 | Dec. 1,<br>1969<br>—<br>1 <sup>er</sup> déc.<br>1969 | 1969 as %<br>% 1968<br>—<br>1969 en %<br>de 1968 |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                             | '000   |  |  | %  |
| <b>A. Turkeys — Dindons</b> |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. — P.É. ....          | 4.0  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 75.0   |
| N.S. — N.É. ....            | 45.0   | 80.0   | 35.0   | 77.8   |
| N.B. — N.B. ....            | 21.0   | 20.0   | 35.0   | 166.7  |
| Qué. — Qué. ....            | 970.0  | 1,800.0  | 1,000.0  | 103.1  |
| Ont. ....                   | 2,700.0  | 3,800.0  | 2,200.0  | 81.5   |
| Man. ....                   | 95.0   | 825.0  | 70.0   | 73.7   |
| Sask. ....                  | 40.0   | 500.0  | 35.0   | 87.5   |
| Alta. — Alb. ....           | 140.0  | 850.0  | 100.0  | 71.4   |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....           | 350.0  | 580.0  | 400.0  | 114.3  |
| Total .....                 | 4,365.0  | 8,458.0  | 3,878.0  | 88.8   |
| <b>B. Geese — Oies</b>      |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. — P.É. ....          | 3.0  | 5.0  | 3.0  | 100.0  |
| N.S. — N.É. ....            | 1.3  | 1.2  | 0.9  | 69.2   |
| N.B. — N.B. ....            | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.9  | 112.5  |
| Qué. — Qué. ....            | 6.0  | 7.0  | 6.0  | 100.0  |
| Ont. ....                   | 45.0   | 60.0   | 43.0   | 95.6   |
| Man. ....                   | 50.0   | 150.0  | 50.0   | 100.0  |
| Sask. ....                  | 24.0   | 40.0   | 17.0   | 70.8   |
| Alta. — Alb. ....           | 45.0   | 70.0   | 25.0   | 55.6   |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....           | 6.0  | 9.0  | 6.0  | 100.0  |
| Total .....                 | 181.1  | 342.9  | 151.8  | 83.8   |
| <b>C. Ducks — Canards</b>   |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. — P.É. ....          | 2.0  | 2.0  | 3.0  | 150.0  |
| N.S. — N.É. ....            | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.0  | 90.9   |
| N.B. — N.B. ....            | 0.9  | 1.0  | 1.5  | 166.7  |
| Qué. — Qué. ....            | 53.0   | 60.0   | 50.0   | 94.3   |
| Ont. ....                   | 125.0  | 138.0  | 130.0  | 104.0  |
| Man. ....                   | 20.0   | 30.0   | 20.0   | 100.0  |
| Sask. ....                  | 14.0   | 70.0   | 16.0   | 114.3  |
| Alta. — Alb. ....           | 30.0   | 80.0   | 20.0   | 66.7   |
| B.C. — C.-B. ....           | 10.0   | 21.0   | 12.0   | 120.0  |
| Total .....                 | 256.0  | 403.1  | 253.5  | 99.0   |