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LIVE STOCK SURVEY - DECEMBER 1, 1945

Ottawa, April 13, 1946.- A third bulletin on the December Survey of Live Stock and Poultry is issued to-day by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This bulletin deals with the reports received on poultry. A bulletin on hogs was released on February 18, and one on cattle and sheep appeared on March 14, 1946. These estimates are prepared in co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, being compiled from card schedules returned by farmers.

P O U L T R Y

The estimate for all farm poultry in Canada totalled 57,447,800 birds at December 1, 1945 as compared with 66,604,200 birds at the same date in 1944, a decrease of 13.7 per cent. Hens and chickens, declined 13.2 per cent, from 1944. In 1945 there were 53,717,700 head as compared with 61,918,300 on December 1, 1944. Turkeys on hand were 2,555,500 while a year ago they totalled 3,275,000. Geese totalled 558,000 head a decline from last year when the number on hand was 632,500. Ducks at December 1 this year were 616,600 while last year they totalled 778,400.

TABLE 1

HENS and CHICKENS: Numbers on Farms at June 1, and December 1, 1941 to 1945

Year		June 1	December 1
- thousands -			
1941	.....	58,994	43,459
1942	.....	68,106	49,781
1943	.....	74,960	57,512
1944	.....	86,792	61,918
1945	.....	84,725	53,718

TABLE 2

HENS and CHICKENS: Numbers on Farms at December 1, 1944 and 1945

Province	1944	1945	1945 of 1944
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	859,200	890,700	103.7
Nova Scotia	1,195,600	1,090,000	91.2
New Brunswick	1,161,400	1,082,400	93.2
Quebec	12,750,900	9,600,500	75.3
Ontario	18,953,700	18,938,600	99.9
Manitoba	5,620,900	5,085,000	90.5
Saskatchewan	11,585,400	8,868,200	76.5
Alberta	7,618,300	6,139,900	80.6
British Columbia	2,172,900	2,022,400	93.1
CANADA	61,918,300	53,717,700	86.8

TABLE 3

TURKEYS: Numbers on Farms at December 1, 1944 and 1945

Province	1944	1945	1945 of 1944
	No.	No.	%
Prince Edward Island	10,900	8,900	81.7
Nova Scotia	13,000	19,900	153.1
New Brunswick	29,400	28,900	98.3
Quebec	179,000	153,300	85.6
Ontario	577,300	571,000	98.9
Manitoba	434,300	335,000	77.1
Saskatchewan	1,274,600	818,000	64.2
Alberta	724,100	580,800	80.2
British Columbia	32,400	39,700	122.5
CANADA	3,275,000	2,555,500	78.0

TABLE 4

GEESE and DUCKS: Numbers on Farms December 1, 1944 and 1945

Province	GEESE		DUCKS	
	1944	1945	1944	1945
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island	9,800	10,100	10,800	14,800
Nova Scotia	4,200	3,200	4,600	4,100
New Brunswick	8,500	8,900	6,000	6,500
Quebec	60,900	45,800	44,300	38,000
Ontario	258,800	254,500	320,000	291,500
Manitoba	63,900	56,900	97,300	72,400
Saskatchewan	101,300	68,800	142,500	88,100
Alberta	120,100	105,400	147,400	97,600
British Columbia	5,000	4,400	5,500	3,600
CANADA	632,500	558,000	778,400	616,600