

Subsection 6.—Poultry and Eggs

The number of poultry on farms in Canada on June 1, 1948, was less than at the corresponding date in 1947 but the value per head increased in the case of turkeys, geese and ducks. The value per head of hens and chickens did not change although the total value declined more than 8 p.c. The decrease in birds was common to all kinds of farm poultry, the drop being 18 p.c. Cost of feed, without a sufficiently commensurate increase in egg prices, was the reason given by many producers for reducing their flocks.

The decline in hens and chickens brought down the total egg production 5 p.c. from the high production of 1947, but the average value per dozen for all grades and all purposes was 44 cents as compared with 36 cents in 1947, and the reduced quantity in 1948 had a greater value than the total 1947 value. The average number of layers throughout 1948 was less by 2,242,000 birds, but the production per average hen was 4 eggs higher.

Poultry-meat production of all poultry in 1948 was 17 p.c. less than in 1947. Fowl and chicken meat was 82 p.c. of the 1947 figures, turkey meat 90 p.c., goose meat 87 p.c. and duck meat 99 p.c.

22.—Numbers and Values of Farm Poultry, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1946-48

NOTE.—Figures for years prior to 1946 will be found in corresponding tables in previous editions of the Year Book.

Province and Year	Total Poultry		Hens and Chickens		Turkeys		Geese		Ducks	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000
P.E.I.—										
1946.....	1,184	1,462	1,147	1,380	10	35	16	33	11	14
1947.....	1,369	1,600	1,333	1,510	13	48	12	27	11	15
1948.....	993	1,191	957	1,077	13	62	12	34	11	18
N.S.—										
1946.....	2,338	2,728	2,300	2,642	23	63	8	15	7	8
1947.....	2,682	3,361	2,632	3,218	35	115	9	21	6	7
1948.....	1,870	2,426	1,814	2,211	43	184	8	23	5	8
N.B.—										
1946.....	1,713	2,104	1,672	1,993	24	75	10	24	7	12
1947.....	1,879	2,370	1,829	2,227	32	103	11	27	7	13
1948.....	1,308	1,718	1,265	1,558	27	118	9	29	7	13
Que.—										
1946.....	12,571	14,925	12,183	13,959	283	822	30	62	75	82
1947.....	14,004	19,482	13,513	18,100	404	1,253	25	53	62	76
1948.....	10,994	16,358	10,605	15,067	316	1,147	16	44	57	100
Ont.—										
1946.....	29,774	33,564	28,467	30,679	668	1,916	290	578	349	391
1947.....	30,744	34,751	29,438	31,588	755	2,307	244	511	307	345
1948.....	25,395	29,102	24,450	26,315	530	2,038	170	433	245	316
Man.—										
1946.....	7,574	6,291	7,073	5,392	357	742	67	94	77	63
1947.....	8,224	8,067	7,619	6,752	448	1,112	77	125	80	78
1948.....	7,360	6,781	7,035	5,896	253	773	36	71	36	41
Sask.—										
1946.....	11,333	9,529	10,599	8,115	597	1,258	62	87	75	69
1947.....	13,535	12,547	12,780	10,741	627	1,635	58	104	70	67
1948.....	9,962	8,658	9,590	7,600	300	934	32	74	40	50
Alta.—										
1946.....	9,793	8,320	9,045	6,970	568	1,151	99	130	81	69
1947.....	10,916	10,016	10,055	8,091	677	1,684	94	148	90	93
1948.....	10,400	8,995	9,833	7,768	437	1,033	77	138	53	56