

29.—Production and Domestic Disappearance of Eggs and Poultry 1954

Item	Farm Production	Produced Elsewhere	Total Production	Total Supply	Domestic Disappearance	Per Capita Consumption
	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	doz.
Eggs	381,348	11,058	392,406	399,843	381,949 ¹	24.4
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	lb.
Poultry	406,691	14,765	421,456	462,355	435,082	28.6
Fowl and chickens	320,265	12,333	332,598	359,290	342,623	22.5
Turkeys.....	79,108	2,259	81,367	94,532	84,387	5.6
Geese.....	3,393	78	3,471	3,659	3,514	0.2
Ducks.....	3,925	95	4,020	4,874	4,558	0.3

¹ Includes hatching eggs.

Subsection 7.—Fruit

Commercial fruit growing in Canada is confined almost exclusively to rather limited areas in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. In Nova Scotia production is centred mainly in the Annapolis Valley and in New Brunswick in the St. John River Valley and Westmorland County. The fruit growing districts of Quebec are the Montreal area, the North Shore area, the Eastern Townships and the Quebec City district. In Ontario fruit is grown in all the counties adjacent to the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes as far west as Georgian Bay, the Niagara district being the most productive. In British Columbia the four well defined fruit areas are the Okanagan Valley, the Fraser Valley, the Kootenay and Arrow Lakes district and Vancouver Island. The climate elsewhere in Canada is not generally suitable for commercial tree-fruit culture.

Strawberries are grown commercially in all provinces for which tree fruit statistics are prepared as well as in Prince Edward Island. However this crop is produced over a somewhat wider area than are tree fruits. In Nova Scotia for example a considerable volume of strawberries is grown in Colchester County and farther north as well as in the apple producing areas of the Annapolis Valley. In British Columbia most of the strawberries are grown in the Fraser Valley rather than in the predominantly tree-fruit producing area of the Okanagan Valley.

Raspberries are grown commercially in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec but the bulk of the crop is produced in Ontario and British Columbia with the Fraser Valley of British Columbia being the most important single area in Canada.

Wild blueberries are harvested on a commercial scale in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec. This crop is indigenous to certain lands in these areas. Individuals who harvest the wild berries may undertake to burn the land from time to time for weed control and to effect pruning. Dusting may also be carried out to control insects and bees are sometimes introduced to secure better pollination. A large percentage of the crop is frozen and exported. Some blueberries are picked for sale in other provinces but no statistics are available. There is also some production of cultivated blueberries, particularly in British Columbia.