

27.—Production, Utilization and Value of Farm Eggs by Province 1956

Province	Average Number of Layers ¹	Average Production per 100 Layers	Net Eggs Laid ²	Sold ³	Used by Producers ³	Value per Dozen ⁴	Total Value Sold and Used
	'000	No.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	cts.	\$'000
Newfoundland.....	414	17,470	5,995	5,213	782	36.6	2,197
Prince Edward Island.....	1,170	19,991	19,360	17,863	1,497	47.9	9,272
Nova Scotia.....	587	17,522	8,510	7,031	1,479	50.5	4,295
New Brunswick.....	4,037	17,859	59,544	50,618	8,926	46.5	27,717
Quebec.....	10,503	18,743	162,641	151,211	11,430	46.5	75,566
Ontario.....	2,344	17,113	33,090	28,629	4,461	35.3	11,685
Manitoba.....	2,970	15,769	38,577	28,607	9,970	33.4	12,879
Saskatchewan.....	3,330	16,603	45,526	37,253	8,273	34.9	15,877
Alberta.....	2,056	18,285	31,068	28,619	2,449	47.1	14,628
British Columbia.....							
Totals.....	27,411	17,865	404,311	355,044	49,267	43.1	174,116

¹ Hens and pullets over six months old.² Total laid less loss.³ Includes eggs used for hatching.⁴ Average value at farms for all purposes.

28.—Production and Domestic Disappearance of Eggs and Poultry 1956

Item	Net Production	Total Supply	Domestic Disappearance	Per Capita Consumption
	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	doz.
Eggs.....	404,311	414,669	403,110¹	24.3
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	lb.
Poultry².....	480,986	556,152³	507,890³	31.6
Fowl and chickens.....	378,516	419,910	392,773	24.4
Turkeys.....	95,482	126,940	107,177	6.7
Geese.....	3,473	3,688	3,533	0.2
Ducks.....	3,515	5,062	4,817	0.3

¹ Includes hatching eggs.² Basis dressed weight.³ Includes stocks in transit and unclassified.

Subsection 7.—Fruit, Nursery Stock and Vegetables

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. Nova Scotia production is centred mainly in the Annapolis Valley and New Brunswick production 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. 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. In most producing areas, particularly in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario and the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia, fruit growing is either the principal or one of the most important forms of agriculture and is of paramount importance to the economy of those areas. Apples and small fruits are produced commercially in the provinces named but tender tree fruits and commercial vineyards are largely limited to Ontario and British Columbia.

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