

Eggs.—The net production of eggs in 1961 amounted to 446,533,000 doz., 4,517,000 doz. fewer than in 1960; an increase in the rate of lay in the later year was more than offset by a decline in the number of layers. The average farm value of eggs to producers was 35.5 cents in 1961 compared with 34.2 cents in 1960. According to the federal Department of Agriculture, the Canadian hatchery industry in 1961 broke all previous production records. Although only 3.7 p.c. more chicks from egg production stocks were hatched than in the previous year, the production of broiler-type chicks rose by 31.2 p.c. The number of broiler-type turkey poults hatched was 40.2 p.c. above 1960 and the hatch of turkeys for mature weights was 35.2 p.c. higher.

34.—Production, Utilization and Value of Farm Eggs, by Province, 1960 and 1961

Province	1960				1961			
	Average Number of Layers	Average Production per 100 Layers	Net Eggs Laid ¹	Total Value (Sold and Used)	Average Number of Layers	Average Production per 100 Layers	Net Eggs Laid ¹	Total Value (Sold and Used)
	'000	No.	'000 doz.	\$'000	'000	No.	'000 doz.	\$'000
Prince Edward Island.....	403	18,010	6,086	1,847	362	17,109	5,147	1,679
Nova Scotia.....	1,266	20,494	21,439	8,534	1,276	19,923	21,031	8,909
New Brunswick.....	532	18,563	8,130	3,584	527	18,598	8,094	3,579
Quebec.....	3,699	19,222	58,641	23,108	3,808	19,695	61,919	24,862
Ontario.....	11,406	20,567	193,762	68,920	11,106	20,822	191,173	69,685
Manitoba.....	2,585	18,591	39,857	10,404	2,486	18,394	37,876	10,592
Saskatchewan.....	2,762	17,242	39,248	10,297	2,454	17,351	35,094	9,515
Alberta.....	3,079	17,920	45,456	13,805	3,055	18,408	46,329	14,900
British Columbia.....	2,270	20,479	38,431	13,691	2,334	20,656	39,870	14,720
Totals.....	28,002	19,516	451,050	154,191	27,408	19,723	446,533	158,441

¹ Total laid less loss.

Wool.—Canada's wool requirements are met largely by imports which amounted to 49,502,000 lb. (greasy basis) in 1960 and 51,492,000 lb. in 1959. Exports amounted to 3,678,000 lb. in 1960 and 5,002,000 lb. in 1959. The apparent domestic consumption of wool shown in Table 35 is determined on the basis of production, exports and imports but does not take into consideration changes in stocks for which the data are not available. Differences in wool utilization from year to year are therefore probably less marked than is indicated by these figures.

35.—Production and Apparent Consumption of Wool, 1955-60

Item	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Shorn Wool—						
Yield per fleece.....	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.7
Total yield shorn..... '000 lb.	6,253	6,165	6,050	6,345	6,800	6,891
Price per pound..... cts.	35.3	37.8	41.4	48.1 ¹	44.4 ¹	46.0 ¹
Total value of shorn wool..... \$'000	2,208	2,328	2,507	3,053	3,016 ²	3,168
Total pulled wool..... '000 lb.	1,595	1,707	1,825	1,279	1,487	1,387
Total wool production..... "	7,848	7,872	7,875	7,624	8,287	8,278
Apparent consumption..... "	58,355	61,517	51,289	45,831	54,777	54,102

¹ Includes Agricultural Stabilization Act payments of 28 cents per lb. in 1958, 21 cents per lb. in 1959, and 23 cents per lb. in 1960 on qualifying graded wool.