

**Eggs.**—The net production of eggs in 1962 amounted to 434,200,000 doz., 4,277,000 doz. more than in 1961. The number of layers was about the same in both years but the rate of lay was 197 eggs per layer in 1961 and 199 per layer in 1962. The farm value of eggs to producers was slightly lower in 1962 than in the previous year, being 35.2 cents compared with 35.7 cents. According to hatchery statistics compiled by the Canada Department of Agriculture, 7.1 p.c. fewer egg-production type chicks were hatched in 1962 than in 1961 and the broiler chick hatch was 4.8 p.c. lower; this was the first time in the history of the broiler industry that there was a year-to-year decrease in the hatch of broiler chicks. On the other hand, the number of broiler-type turkey poults hatched was 14.1 p.c. higher than in 1961, although the hatch of turkeys for mature weights was 9.4 p.c. lower.

### 34.—Production, Utilization and Value of Farm Eggs, by Province, 1961 and 1962

Province	1961				1962			
	Average Number of Layers	Average Production per 100 Layers	Net Eggs Laid <sup>1</sup>	Total Value (Sold and Used)	Average Number of Layers	Average Production per 100 Layers	Net Eggs Laid <sup>1</sup>	Total Value (Sold and Used)
	'000	No.	'000 doz.	\$'000	'000	No.	'000 doz.	\$'000
Prince Edward Island.....	292	17,109	4,156	1,364	270	17,931	3,975	1,326
Nova Scotia.....	1,123	19,923	18,513	7,854	1,052	20,379	17,718	7,288
New Brunswick.....	545	18,598	8,373	3,712	570	19,522	9,154	3,956
Quebec.....	4,112	19,695	66,785	26,838	4,362	19,678	70,844	27,319
Ontario.....	10,428	20,822	179,516	65,547	10,604	20,808	182,384	64,767
Manitoba.....	2,355	18,394	35,840	10,079	2,355	18,992	36,998	10,424
Saskatchewan.....	2,272	17,351	32,435	8,846	2,086	17,711	30,351	8,747
Alberta.....	2,793	18,408	42,387	13,632	2,566	18,669	39,370	12,951
British Columbia.....	2,454	20,656	41,918	15,468	2,540	20,667	43,406	15,907
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>26,374</b>	<b>19,743</b>	<b>429,923</b>	<b>153,340</b>	<b>26,405</b>	<b>19,921</b>	<b>434,200</b>	<b>152,686</b>

<sup>1</sup> Total laid less loss.

**Wool.**—Canada's wool requirements are met largely by imports which amounted to 54,308,000 lb. (greasy basis) in 1962 and 54,430,000 lb. in 1961. Exports amounted to 3,972,000 lb. in 1962 and 5,067,000 lb. in 1961. 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, 1958-62

Item	1958 <sup>r</sup>	1959 <sup>r</sup>	1960 <sup>r</sup>	1961	1962
Shorn Wool—					
Yield per fleece..... lb.	7.3	7.6	7.7	7.8	8.0
Total yield shorn.....'000 lb.	6,107	6,256	6,370	6,169	5,808
Price per pound <sup>1</sup> ..... cts.	49.7	45.9	47.9	50.2	48.8
Total value of shorn wool..... \$'000	3,038	2,869	3,052	3,094	2,833
Total pulled wool.....'000 lb.	1,279	1,487	1,387	1,287	1,361
Total wool production..... "	7,386	7,743	7,757	7,456	7,169
Apparent consumption..... "	45,593	54,233	53,581	56,819	57,505

<sup>1</sup> Includes Agricultural Stabilization Act payments of 28 cents per lb. in 1958, 21 cents per lb. in 1959, 23 cents per lb. in 1960, 22 cents per lb. in 1961 and 18 cents per lb. in 1962 on qualifying graded wool.