

Canada's poultry industry at a glance:

In 2018, Canada produced poultry and egg products worth \$4.6 billion, contributing 7.3% of cash receipts to farming operations.

In 2018, there were 2,877 regulated chicken producers and 531 registered turkey producers, 243 broiler hatching egg producers and 1,143 egg producers in Canada. In addition to the 4,794 commercial poultry and egg producers in Canada, there were a large number of businesses associated with these production activities.

In 2018, Canada's commercial chicken and turkey meat production totaled 1.43 billion kilograms, eviscerated equivalent.

In 2018, Canada produced 1.3 billion kilograms of chicken, 60.4% of which was produced in Quebec and Ontario.

Demand for poultry and egg products is growing. Over the last 5 years, food availability increased annually on average by 2.3% for chicken, 1.4% for turkey, and 2.5% for eggs.

Chicken is the most consumed meat animal protein source. In 2018, 34.6 kg of chicken was available for every person in Canada, as well as 4.3 kg of turkey.

Per capita availability of eggs reached 21.1 dozen per person in 2018. Supplying egg and poultry producers in 2018 were 66 hatcheries along with numerous feed manufacturers, feed supplement suppliers and drug suppliers. In addition, many processors, further processors, egg grading and egg processing establishments in Canada depend on the poultry industries for a portion of their business. In 2018, Canada exported over 14.6 million chicks and poults, worth \$56.7 million to 22 countries. The United States was the largest market, representing 76% of our exports in Canadian dollars. Other countries included China, Brazil, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Japan, and South Africa.

In 2018, Canada exported over 38.9 million hatching eggs of different species, worth over 65 million dollars, to 25 countries. The United States was the largest market with 54% of our value exported heading south of the border, while other primary countries included Russia, Turkey and France.

That same year, over 149 million kilograms of poultry meat and edible by products (fresh, chilled, frozen), worth \$522 million were exported to 61 countries with largest importers being the United States, Philippines, Taiwan and South Africa. Other importing countries included Cuba, Hong Kong and Gabon.

In 2018, Canada exported 5.2 million kilograms of processed eggs worth 14.9 million dollars and 1.5 million dozen shell eggs worth over 2.4 million dollars

Canada's chicken industry at a glance:

In 2018, Canadian chicken production generated \$2.7 billion, contributing 4% of cash receipts to farming operations.

In 2018, there were 2,877 regulated chicken producers in Canada. In addition to the nearly 4,794 commercial poultry and egg producers in Canada, there are a large number of businesses associated with these production activities.

In 2018, Canada produced 1.3 billion kilograms of chicken (eviscerated weight), 60.4% of which was produced in Quebec and Ontario. Food availability of chicken in 2018 was 34.6 kilograms per person.

That same year, the average chicken farm produced 437,115 kilograms of chicken meat (eviscerated weight).

In 2017, retail chicken purchases accounted for approximately 713 million kilograms representing 59% of Canada's total chicken food availability. Fast food services consumed 293 million kilograms (24%), full-service restaurants consumed 140 million kilograms (12%), and hotels and institutions consumed 66 million kilograms (5%).

In 2018, Canada exported over 5.7 million chicks worth over \$20.7 million to 28 countries. The United States was the largest market (69% in head count). Other countries included Brazil, China and Taiwan.

That same year, 123.5 million kilograms of chicken meat and edible bi-products (fresh, chilled, frozen), worth \$456.4 million, was exported to 46 countries, with the largest importers being the United States, Philippines and Taiwan. Other countries included Cuba and Hong Kong.

Canada's turkey industry at a glance:

In 2018, Canada produced turkey products worth \$391.8 million, contributing 0.6% of cash receipts to farming operations.

In 2018, there were 531 regulated turkey producers in Canada. In addition to the 4,794 commercial poultry and egg producers in Canada, there are a large number of businesses associated with these production activities.

In 2018, Canada produced 168.2 million kilograms of turkey (eviscerated weight), 64.8% of which was produced in Quebec and Ontario. Per capita disappearance of turkey in 2018 was 4.3 kilograms.

That same year, the average turkey farm produced 316,820 kilograms of turkey meat (eviscerated weight).

In 2018, Canada exported over 8.9 million poults (young turkey) worth \$36.0 million to 14 countries. The United States was the largest market (94% in head count). Other countries included China, Poland and Sri Lanka.

That same year, 19.9 million kilograms of turkey meat and edible bi-products (fresh, chilled, frozen), worth more than \$35.7 million, was exported to 40 countries, with the largest importers being the United States, South Africa, Cuba and Philippines.

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