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SPECIAL STATEMENT

APPARENT PER CAPITA DOMESTIC DISAPPEARANCE OF FOOD IN CANADA

December 20, 1957 - The accompanying tables set forth the apparent per capita consumption of food in Canada in 1956 with comparable figures for 1955.

Although of necessity there are differences in the methods of calculating the consumption of different types of foods, the general approach is to prepare annual balance sheets showing supplies and distribution. For all products which are produced domestically, production statistics are the basis. Production statistics for foods are for the most part made up of crop and livestock estimates derived from producer (farmer) sample surveys, and reports from firms engaged in the business of handling the product in question. With surveys of the latter character complete coverage of the industry is usually achieved.

To arrive at domestic disappearance, adjustments are made for net trade with other countries and net changes in stocks over the year. Deductions are also made for the use of food stuffs by the food processing industry and for non-food uses. In the case of the former, the deductions re-appear in the production statistics of the various processed foods. For all products of which there is no domestic production, import statistics become the starting point and the same adjustments, where applicable, are made. In the case of some foods, allowances are made for losses due to wastage and shrinkage.

In the accompanying tables the consumption of each commodity is shown in terms of retail or product weight and the apparent consumption is indicated for each food on the basis of a common denominator applicable to each food group. In the case of vegetables, produce used for certain types of processed foods is now included for the first time in the totals for the group.

Changes which occurred in the per capita domestic disappearance of foods between 1955 and 1956 were generally rather small. The per capita consumption of fats and oils, pulses and nuts and fruits (in terms of fresh equivalent) were practically unchanged. More cereals, vegetables, meats, eggs, dairy products, beverages, and poultry and fish moved into consumption in 1956 than in 1955, but in most cases, the per capita increases were small. The average per capita consumption of potatoes and sugars and syrups in 1956 was below the levels of the previous year.

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Item and Specification		Pounds per Capita per Annum			
		1955	1956 <u>1/</u>		
Cereals-					
Flour (including rye flour)	Retail wt.	144.3	145.1		
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	4.8	5.4		
Pot and pearl barley	"	0.2	0.2		
Corn meal and flour	"	0.7	0.8		
Buckwheat flour	"	0.1	0.1		
Rice	"	4.5	5.1		
Breakfast food	"	6.4	6.7		
Totals, Cereals	Retail wt.	161.0	163.3		
Potatoes-					
Potatoes, white	Retail wt.	148.5	146.7		
Potatoes, sweet	"	0.6	0.6		
Totals, Potatoes	Retail wt.	149.1	147.3		
Sugars and Syrups-					
		<u>Sugar Content</u>			
		1955	1956 <u>1/</u>		
Sugar	Refined wt.	99.0	99.4	99.0	99.4
Maple sugar	Retail wt.	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6
Other <u>2/</u>	"	15.7	10.4	10.2	6.7
Totals, Sugars and Syrups		109.9	106.7		
Pulses and Nuts-					
		<u>Retail Weight</u>			
		1955	1956 <u>1/</u>		
Dry beans <u>3/</u>	Retail wt.	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.1
Dry peas	"	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Peanuts	Shelled wt.	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.2
Tree nuts	"	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2
Cocoa	Green beans	3.0	2.8	1.4	1.3
Totals, Pulses and Nuts		10.5	10.6		
Starch	Retail wt.	1.6	1.6		
Oils and Fats-					
		<u>Fat Content</u>			
		1955	1956 <u>1/</u>		
Margarine	Retail wt.	8.1	7.7	6.6	6.2
Lard	"	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.8
Shortening	"	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Other oils and fats	"	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.7
Butter	"	20.6	20.8	16.9	17.1
Totals, Oils and Fats		44.3	44.5		

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Item and Specification		Pounds per Capita per Annum			
Fruit-		Fresh Equivalent			
		1955	1956 1/	1955	1956 1/
Tomatoes and Citrus Fruit-					
Tomatoes, fresh	Retail wt.	19.0	18.5	19.0	18.5
Tomatoes, canned 4/	Net wt. canned	5.7	5.9	9.7	10.0
Tomato juice 4/	" "	9.1	9.7	10.1	10.8
Tomato pulp, paste and puree 4/	" "	1.5	1.7	4.7	5.4
Citrus fruit, fresh	Retail wt.	36.9	36.1	36.9	36.1
Citrus fruit, canned	Net wt. canned	13.6	14.6	28.3	30.4
Other Fruit -					
Fresh	Retail wt.	70.7	71.3	70.7	71.3
Canned	Net wt. canned	14.9	16.0	16.8	17.9
Dried	Processed wt.	7.1	5.5	21.8	19.3
Juice	Net wt. canned	4.5	5.1	7.5	8.5
Frozen	Retail wt.	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4
Totals, Fruit				241.5 5/	241.5 5/
Vegetables -				Fresh Equivalent	
				1955	1956 1/
Fresh-					
Cabbage and greens	Retail wt.	18.6	19.6	18.6	19.6
Carrots	"	11.6	12.0	11.6	12.0
Legumes	"	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.7
Other	"	36.9	37.2	36.9	37.2
Canned	Net wt. canned	19.3	19.0	22.3	22.5
Frozen	Retail wt.	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.9
Totals, Vegetables				99.0 6/	101.3 6/
Meat -				Carcass Weight	
				1955	1956 1/
Pork	Carcass wt.	57.9	58.3	57.9	58.3
Beef	"	71.9	73.6	71.9	73.6
Veal	"	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.9
Mutton and lamb	"	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7
Offal	Edible wt.	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7
Canned meat	Net wt. canned	4.5	5.3	4.2	4.9
Totals, Meats				151.4	154.1
Eggs		Fresh egg equiv. 36.0 7/36.9 7/			

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Item and Specification		Pounds per Capita per Annum			
				<u>Edible Weight</u>	
		1955	1956 <u>1/</u>	1955	1956 <u>1/</u>
Poultry and Fish -					
Hens and Chickens	Retail wt. dressed	23.5 <u>7/</u>	24.4 <u>7/</u>	12.9 <u>7/</u>	13.4 <u>7/</u>
Other poultry	" "	6.2 <u>7/</u>	7.2 <u>7/</u>	4.2 <u>7/</u>	4.8 <u>7/</u>
Fish and shellfish, fresh and frozen	Fresh edible wt.	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.2
Fish, cured (smoked, salted, pickled)	" "	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7
Fish and shellfish, canned	Net wt. canned	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Totals, Poultry and Fish				30.7	31.6
Milk and Cheese-					
				<u>Milk Solids</u>	
				1955	1956 <u>1/</u>
Cheddar cheese <u>8/</u>	Retail wt.	5.8	5.3	3.2	2.9
Other cheese	"	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.7
Cottage cheese	"	0.9	1.1	0.2	0.3
Evaporated whole milk	"	18.5	18.6	4.8	4.8
Condensed whole milk	"	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.3
Whole milk powder	"	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Condensed skim milk	"	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Skim milk powder	"	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9
Evaporated skim milk	"	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1
Condensed buttermilk	"	0.1	0.1	-	-
Milk in ice cream	"	35.3	35.1	4.4	4.4
Powdered buttermilk	"	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Fluid whole milk <u>9/</u>	"	411.0 <u>7/</u>	415.1 <u>7/</u>	46.7 <u>7/</u>	47.1 <u>7/</u>
Totals, milk and cheese				65.9	66.4
Beverages-					
Tea	Primary distribution wt.	2.7	2.8		
Coffee	Green beans	7.4	8.1		

1/ Subject to revision.

2/ Includes imports of molasses for human consumption first available in 1955.

3/ Includes soybean flour.

4/ Prior to 1955 shown as "Tomato products".

5/ Includes 14.8 and 11.9 pounds of tomatoes used in items not specified in this report for the years 1955 and 1956 respectively.

6/ Includes 4.5 and 4.4 pounds of vegetables used in items not specified in this report for the years 1955 and 1956 respectively.

7/ Exclusive of Newfoundland.

8/ Includes process cheese.

9/ Includes cream expressed as milk.