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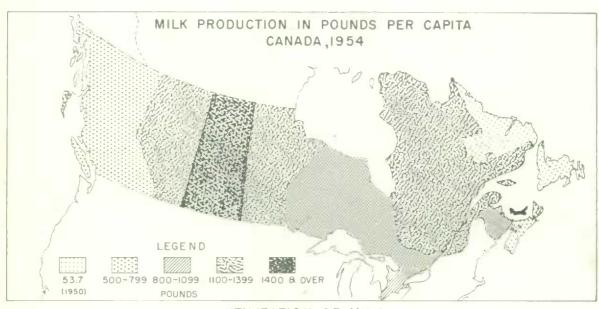
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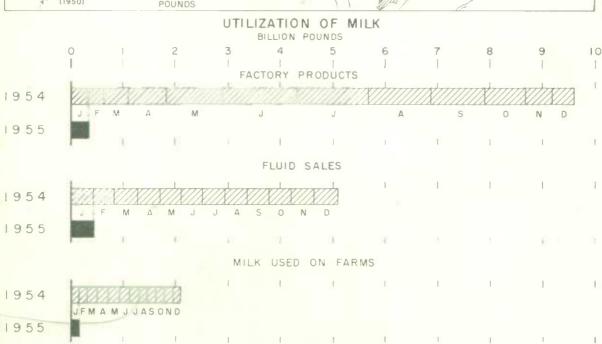
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THE DAIRY SITUATION IN FEBRUARY, 1955

The total milk production in Canada during the month of February, 1955, was approximately 1 per cent below that produced in February, 1954. This was the first time since last October that the monthly farm milk supply was less than that produced in corresponding months of a year earlier; and only the second recession during the past two years. Exactly the same reduction was reflected in the consumption of milk in farm homes, while the quantity of whole milk fed to live stock fell off approximately 4 per cent from that of February, 1954. A similar situation is revealed in milk deliveries to factories. Details covering the milk equivalents of factory products and totals for the Dominion appear in the table below:

MILK EQUIVALENTS OF DAIRY FACTORY PRODUCTION

	F.	ebruary		January-February		
Product	1954	1955	Percentage Change	1954	1955	Percentage Change
	1000 lb.	9000 lb.	%	1000 lb.	9000 lb.	K
Creamery Butter	232,012	222,136	(=) 4.3	485,362	481,689	(=) 0.8
Cheddar Cheese	20,746	18,348	(=) 11.6	42,757	38,346	(-) 103
Concentrated Milk Products	38,583	45,011	(+) 16.7	77,133	86,458	(+) 12.1
Ice Cream	22,797	23,528	(+) 3.2	41,378	46,937	(+) 13.4
Total	314,138	309,023	(-) 1.6	646,630	653,430	(+) 1.1

The numbers of cows on farms in February exceeded those of the same month last year by approximately 1 1/2 per cent, which represents a slight gain over the 3,217 thousand shown in the semi-annual live stock survey of December 1, 1954. However, only 51.6 per cent of the cows on farms of dairy correspondents were being milked as compared with 52.6 per cent in the previous February. Thus, cows actually milked showed a decline which parallels the reduction in the farm milk supply. More cows were freshened in February, and the numbers in calf increased 2 1/2 per cent as compared with those of February, 1954. Exports of dairy cattle numbered 1,441 in comparison with 1,577 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and the sale of milkers and springers at stock yards was similarly reduced. However, marketings of butcher cows reached a total of 126 thousand as compared with 106 thousand in the previous February.

milk production per cow (including those both dry and in milk) showed an average of 12 pounds per day, and based on those actually milked, the average was 23.3 pounds. In both cases a reduction of approximately 1/2 pound per day was indicated as compared with a year earlier. This indication, coupled with the reduced numbers of cows producing milk at the present time, would offer little evidence of any

TABLE 1 - PERCENTAGE OF COWS MILKED, COWS PRESURNING, 'ND DAILY PRODUCTION OF MILK PER COW 1/

Canada, by Provinces*, January and February 195/ and 1955

		Percen	tage	Perce	ntage	DAILY P	KODUCTION	OF MILK P	er con
Province	Year	of Co	RWC	of C Fresh	ows		ed on Cows		on Cows ly Milked
		Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Febo	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
		%	%	%	%	lb.	lb.	lb.	lh.
Canada	1954 1955	56.0 55.2	52.6 51.6	6.8	7.3 7.5	12.2 12.0	12.5	21.8	23.7
P.E.I.	1954 1955	62.1	53.6 52.6	3.9 4.4	5.0 5.5	11.3	10.0	18.3 17.1	18.7 18.4
N.S.	1954 1955	68.0 66.4	66.6 65.8	8.0 7.8	7.5 8.8	13.5 13.1	13.9 13.1	19.8 19.7	20.9
N.B.	1954 1955	60.7 58.0	53°4 49°0	6.1 5.3	6.9 7.8	10.1 9.1	9.7 8.5	16.7 15.8	18.3 17.4
Que,	1954 1955	46.4	37°4 34°0	3.8 3.3	5.5 4.7	8.3	7.8 6.9	17.8 17.4	20.9
Ont.	1954 1955	59.0 58.7	56.8 56.8	7.2 7.5	7.2 8.4	14.8 14.9	15.5 15.0	25.1 25.4	27.2 26.5
Man.	1954 1955	52.2 53.1	54.4 54.3	9.1 7.7	9.8 9.4	11.4	13.0 12.3	21.8 21.8	23.9
Sask.	1954 1955	54.5 53.9	54.2 52.6	8.1	8.1 9.8	11.6 10.8	12.5 11.1	21.2	23.0 21.0
Alta。	1954 1955	57.3 59.3	54.9 58.0	8.6 7.7	8.6 7.3	14.3 14.0	14.1 14.4	25.0 23.6	25.6 24.8
B.C.	1954 1955	69.0 69.5	71.4 68.7	9.6 9.1	9.1 8.1	15.9 17.1	. 17.2 17.2	23.1 24.6	24.1 25.0

TABLE 2 - DAIRY BUTTER PRODUCTION
Canada, by Provinces*, January 1952 to 1955

Province	1952	1953	1954	1955	1955 in %
	8000 lb.	1000 lb.	9000 lb.	9000 lb.	of 1954
Canada	1,955	1,481	1,514	1,331	88
P.E.I.	39	36	34	30	88
N.S.	81	77	78	62	79
N.B.	194	154	131	133	102
Que.	394	269	327	166	51
Ont	261	122	114	84	74
dan.	196	140	149	152	102
Sask.	486	420	421	422	100
Alta	255	217	214	223	104
B.C.	49	46	46	59	128

^{*} Data for Newfoundland are not available.

^{1/}Based on cows and heifers two years old and over, kept mainly for milking purposes.

increase in milk production. Nevertheless, with more cows in calf quite a different situation might develop during the next two months when many of the cows now dry come into production.

Cold weather with low temperatures prevailed throughout the Dominion during February. In Eastern Canada, temperatures were about 4 to 8 degrees lower than those of a year ago, but reductions of 14 to 24 degrees were recorded on the Prairies as compared with those of February, 1954. Precipitation was generally lighter than in the previous February, both in Eastern and Western Canada; and although there was considerably more sunshine, cold weather continued without the usual mid-winter thaw.

FARM MILK PRODUCTION, UTILIZATION AND INCOME IN JANUARY, 1955*

Farm Milk Production: The estimated quantity of milk produced on farms in January amounted to 932,463,000 pounds, an increase of 15 million pounds or approximately 1.7 per cent more than that of January, 1954. Of the total production 344 million pounds or 37 per cent of the total was utilized in factory production.

Fluid Sales: Sales of fluid milk and cream, the latter expressed as milk, amounted to 434,397,000 pounds in January, an increase of approximately 11 million pounds or 2.7 per cent in comparison with last year. This included about 365 million pounds of fluid milk comprising about 39.2 per cent of the farm milk supply, and fluid cream sales of 69 million pounds, representing 7.4 per cent of the total milk output.

Dairy Butter: The dairy butter make in January amounted to 1,331,000 pounds, decreasing 12 per cent from the corresponding month in 1954. Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario were responsible for the decline.

Farm Cash Income: Cash income from the sales of dairy products in January amounted to \$26,010,000. This represented a decrease of approximately \$609,000 from last year. The weighted average price of \$3.33 per hundred pounds of milk may be compared with \$3.35 in the corresponding month of 1954. All prices showed decreases from those of the previous January. Fluid milk at \$4.34 per hundred was 3 cents per hundred under that of January, 1954. Cheese milk at \$2.34 decreased 26 cents per hundred pounds of milk, and milk used for manufacturing at \$2.50 decreased 7 cents per hundred. Creamery butter-fat decreased from 62.8 cents to 62.6 cents per pound, and dairy butter at 59 cents was 1 cent lower than in the previous January.

^{*} Data for Newfoundland are not available.

TABLE 3 - MILK PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION
Canada, by Provinces*, January, 1954 and 1955

Province	Year	Total Milk 1/ Production	Factory 2/ Products	Dairy Butter	Farm-Home Consumed	Fed to Livestock	Fluid 3/ Sales
		1000 lb.	1000 lb.	'000 lb.	1000 lb.	*000 lb.	1000 lb.
Canada	1954 1955	917,085 <u>a/</u> 932,463 <u>a/</u>	332,492 344,407	35,428 31,145	84,150 82,860	41,848	423 ,1 67 434 ,397
P.E.I.	1954 1955	10,737	5,617 4,967	7% 702	1,700 1,650	312 303	2,312 2,407
N.S.	1954 1955	30,254 29,837	9,410 8,883	1,825	3,860 4,000	1,210	13,949 14,506
N.B.	1954 1955	26,453 25,742	7,334 5,921	3,066 3,112	3,560 3,820	426 414	12,067 12,475
Que.	1954 1955	263,686 258,189	65,169 61,272	7,652 3,884	22,000 21,100	3,980 4,670	164,885 167,263
Ont.	1954 1955	313,469 326,057	136,453 146,192	2,668	18,300 18,000	12,900	143,148 146,699
Man.	1954 1955	57,630 60,393	25,414 26,918	3,487 3,557	7,820 7,580	3,400 3,960	17,509 18,378
Sask.	1954 1955	78,354 78,029	26,850 28,346	9,851 9,875	13,100	9,110 6,510	19,443 20,098
Alta.	1954 1955	82,405 84,406	35,978 37,660	5,007 5,218	11,000	8,710 7,860	21,710 22,868
B.C.	1954 1955	50,659 55,884	16,829 20,351	1,076	2,810 2,710	1,800	28,144

^{*} Data for Newfoundland are not available.

^{1/} Total milk production by months does not include the milk equivalent of factory cheese other than cheddar, shown in the annual statement.

a/ Includes milk equivalent of concentrated milk products reported by less than three firms (See Footnote "x/" in Table 4).

^{2/} Statistics for the separate provinces shown under this caption do not include data for products manufactured in those provinces indicated by Footnote "x/" in Table 4, but are included in the Canada total at the top of this column.

^{3/} Includes fluid milk and fluid cream expressed as milk.

TABLE 4 - MILK EQUIVALENTS OF FACTORY PRODUCTS AND FLUID SALES
Canada, by Provinces*, January, 1954 and 1955

			Used in	Manufacture		Fluid	Sales
Province	Year	Creamery Butter	Cheddar Cheese	Concen- trated Milk	Ice Cream	Milk	Cream 1/
		'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	1000 lb.	1000 lb.	1000 15.
Canada	1954 1955	253,350 259,553	22,011	38,550 41,447	18,581 23,409	354,931 365,651	68,236 68,746
P.E.I.	1954 1955	5,499 4,820	33 11	<u>x/</u> <u>x/</u>	85 136	2,009 2,093	303 314
N.S.	1954 1955	8,424 7,863	-	<u>x/</u>	986 1,020	12,456	1,493
N.B.	1954 1955	6,622 5,078	253 231	-	459 612	10,664	1,403
Que.	1954 1955	46,893 40,318	2,893 3,410	11,728 12,716	3,655 4,828	139,856	25,029 25,029
Ont.	1954 1955	90,324 98,561	15,928 14,212	23,384 24,834	6,817 8,585	122,240 125,540	20,908 21,159
Man.	1954 1955	23,704 25,178	418 176	-	1,292	13,553 14,339	3,956 4,039
Sask.	1954 1955	25,248 26,489	55 55	-	1,547	15,519 16,233	3,924 3,865
alta.	1954 1955	32,362 34,164	1,848	<u>x/</u> <u>x/</u>	1,768 2,176	16,719	4,991 5,046
B.C.	1954 1955	14,274	583 583	<u>x/</u>	1,972	21,915 23,449	6,229

^{*} Data for Newfoundland are not available.

^{1/} Cream expressed as milk.

<u>x</u>/ Less than three firms manufacturing this product, data are included, however, in the Canada total at the top of this column.

TABLE 5 - PERCENTAGE OF MILK SUPPLY UTILIZED IN DAIRY PRODUCTS
Canada, by Provinces*, January, 1954 and 1955

			Used in M	anufacture			Used on	Farms
Province	Year	Creamery Butter	Cheddar Cheese	Conc. Milk and Ice Cream	Total	Fluid Sales	Dairy Butter	Other Purposes
		%	8	%	8	%	8	%
Canada	1954 1955	27.63 27.84	2.40	6.23 6.96	36.26 36.94	46.14	3.86 3.34	- 13.74 13.13
P.E.I.	1954 1955	51.22 48.06	0.31	0.79 1.36	52.32 49.53	21.53	7.41 7.00	18.74 19.47
N.S.	1954 1955	27.84 26.35	-	3.26 3.42	31.10 29.77	46.11 48.62	6.03 4.86	16.76 16.75
N.B.	1954 1955	25.03 19.73	0.96	1.73 2.38	27.72 23.01	45.62 48.46	11.59	15.07 16.44
Que.	1954 1955	17.79 15.62	1.10	5.83 6.80	24.72 23.74	62.53 64.78	2.90 1.50	9.85 9.98
Ont.	1954 1955	28.81	5.08 4.36	9.64	43.53	45.67 44.99	0.85	9.95 9.57
Man.	1954 1955	41.13	0.73	2.24	44.10	30.38 30.43	6.05 5.89	19.47 19.11
Sask.	1954 1955	32,22 33,95	0.07	1.98 2.31	34.27 36.33	24.81 25.76	12.57 12.65	28, 35 25, 26
alta.	1954 1955	39.27 40.48	2.24	2.14	43.65	26.35 27.09	6.08	23.92 22.11
B.C.	1954 1955	28.18	1.15	3.89 4.81	33.22 36.42	55.56 53.15	2.12	9.10 7.%

^{*} Data for Newfoundland are not available.

PRODUCTION AND PRICES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS IN JANUARY, 1955

Butter: Total butter production including creamery, dairy and whey butter amounted to 12 1/2 million pounds in January, 1955. This was 72 thousand pounds or approximately 1/2 of one per cent more than that produced in the same month of the previous year.

Stock Holdings: Holdings of butter in store and transit on February 1 amounted to 30 1/4 million pounds, approximately 19 million pounds more than last year. On January 1, 1955, the stock holdings of 91 1/4 million pounds represented an increase of 19 3/4 million pounds from the previous year.

The Butter Supply: The quantity of butter represented by stocks on January 1, production and imports during the month amounted to 103 1/2 million pounds in January, 1955. This was an increase of approximately 20 million pounds in comparison with January, 1954.

Domestic Disappearance: The domestic disappearance of butter in January, including creamery, dairy and whey butter, amounted to 23 1/4 million pounds, an increase of 3/4 million pounds or 3 per cent. On a per capita basis the domestic disappearance amounted to 1,50 pounds as compared with 1.48 pounds a year ago.

Butter Prices at Montreal: Butter prices at Montreal, based on dealers quotations for first grade solids, averaged 61 3/8 cents per pound in January as against 61 cents last year.

Cheese Production: Cheddar cheese production amounted to approximately 1 3/4 million pounds, representing a decrease of about 183 thousand pounds as compared with that produced in the same month of the previous year.

Cheese Prices: The Montreal price of Ontario coloured cheese averaged 31 1/2 cents per pound in January. The comparative price in 1954 was 35 1/4 cents.

Concentrated Milk Products: The total quantity of concentrated milk products manufactured in January was approximately 20 1/2 million pounds, an increase of 1 1/2 million pounds as compared with last year. Concentrated whole milk products increased 1 1/2 million pounds while milk by-products remained about the same. Evaporated milk, the most important of the whole milk products, showed an increase of 1 1/4 million pounds and the production of skim milk powder, the leading skim milk product, declined 82 thousand pounds.

Ice Cream: The quantity of ice cream manufactured in January was approximately 1 1/2 million gallons or 284 thousand gallons more than that produced a year ago.

TABLE 6 - FARM CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS SOLD BY FARMERS 1/ Canada, by Provinces*, January 1954 and 1955

Province	Year	All Products	Creamery Butter-fat	Cheese	Mfg Nilk 2/	Fluid and 3/ Factory Gream	Fluid Milk	Dairy Butter
		₽ * 000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Canada	1954 1955	25,401 26,010	5,575 5,690	572 469	1,069	2,597 2,791	15,505 15,870	83 53
P.E.I.	1954 1955	214 210	121 104	(x)	13	12 13	75 78	1 2
N.S.	1954 1955	891 890	198 180	-	21 20	87 93	577 590	8 7
N.B.	1954 1955	728 707	148 113	7 5	2 3	63 67	488 503	20 16
Lue.	1954 1955	8,136 8,220	1,084 933	70 83	327 342	761 880	5,860 5,974	34
Ont.	1954 1955	9,187 9,411	1,959 2,155	417 327	623 657	815 869	5,366 5,398	7 5
man.	1954 1955	1,199 1,233	500 520	11 4	3 3	141 132	542 572	2 2
Sask.	1954 1955	1,387	542 560	1	4 4	144 15 0	692 730	4 5
alta.	1954 1955	1,789	712 750	48 32	52 64	203 20 4	772 822	2 2
B.C.	1954 1955	1,870 2,015	311 375	17 17	33 31	371 383	1,133	5 6

^{*} Data for Newfoundland are not available.

^{1/} all data are based on prices F.O.B. farm.

^{2/} Includes income from sales of milk for concentration and for the manufacture of ice cream.

^{2/} Includes income from fluid cream and butter-fat used in the manufacture of ice cream.

⁽x) Less than 500 dollars.

TABLE 3 - PRICES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS, AVERAGE PER UNIT F.O.B. FARM 1/ Canada, by Provinces*, January 1954 and 1955

Province	Year	All Products	Creamery B.F.	Cheese	Mfg. Milk	Fluid Wilk	Dairy Butter
		per cwt.	per lb.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per lb.
Canada	1954 1955	3.35 3.33	62.8 62.6	2.60	2.57 2.50	4.37	60 59
P.E.I.	1954 1955	2.62 2.65	62.4	2.25	2.35 2.54	3.74 3.75	62 61
N.S.	1954 1955	3.66 3.65	67.0 65.5	-	2.52 2.39	4.63	59 58
N.B.	1954 1955	3.61 3.72	63.5 63.5	2.55	4.33 4.55	4.58	61
Que.	1954 1955	3.52 3.59	66.0 66.0	2.42	2.70 2.62	4.19	61 59
Ont.	1954 1955	3.28 3.21	61.9 62.4	2.62	2.47	4.39	61
Man.	1954 1955	2.79	60.2 59.0	2.59 2.33	2.67	4.00	58 57
Sask.	1954 1955	2.98 2.98	61.2	2.35 2.28	2.55 2.87	4.46	57 57
Alta.	1954 1955	3.01	62.8 62.7	2.60 2.40	2.72 2.70	4.62 4.61	57 56
B.C.	1954 1955	4.06	62.2 62.6	2.90 2.85	3.01 3.14	5.17 5.13	58 59

^{*} Data for Newfoundland are not available.

^{1/} averages for all products include those of ice cream used for manufacture of cream and for fluid distribution. Items not shown separately in this statement.

TABLE 8 - *BUTTER. SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION Canada, January, 1951 to 1955

	Stocks				Stocks	Domestic Di	lsappearance
Year	Beginning 1000 lb.	Production 1000 lb.	Imports	Exports	End 1000 lb.	Total 9000 lb.	Per Capita
ole-minute discharge			JANU	ARY			
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955	39,319 44,974 54,497 71,312 91,131	10,114 10,822 12,224 12,389 12,461	1,835 (x)	52 54 37 15 28	25,706 36,128 44,452 61,255 80,370	23,675 21,449 22,232 22,431 23,194	1.69 1.49 1.50 1.48 1.50

^{*} Includes creamery, dairy and whey butter.

TABLE 9 - CHEESE, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION

Canada, January, 1951 to 1955

	Stocks		7-12-		Stocks	Domestic Disappearance
Year	Beginning 1000 lb.	Production *000 lb.	Imports	Exports	End 9000 1b.	January 000 lb.
			CHEDDAR	CHEESE		
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955	25,525 32,084 40,993 33,057 42,178	2,114 1,176 1,866 2,001 1,818	215 1,680 2,236	454 168 105 31 557	24,397 29,558 35,884 29,044 40,121	3,003 5,214 6,870 5,983 5,554
			PROCESS	CHEESE		
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955	1,209 1,023 2,500 2,977 2,994	3,358 3,973 4,019 3,658 3,4%	(2) (2) (2)	1/	1,069 1,221 3,040 3,104 3,322	3,498 3,775 3,479 3,531 3,165
		OTHER CH	ESE (HARD	AND SOFT V	ARIETIES)	
1955	1,240	579	458	4	1,519	754

^{1/} Small quantities included with cheddar cheese, 1951 to 1954

⁽x) Less than 500 lb.

TABLE 10 - CONCENTRATED MILK, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION
Canada, January, 1951 to 1955

	Whole Milk Products	Wilk By-Products	Total
Year		JANUARY	
	(A) Produc	tion - '000 lb.	
1951	13,382	3,744	17,126
1952	13,331	4,424	17,755
1953	14,803	5,708	20,511
1954	13,639	5,416	19,055
1955	15,123	5,462	20,585
	(B) Stocks First	of Month - 1000 lb.	
1951	28,256	6,563	34,819~
1952	49,813	15,191	65,004
1953	68,032	23,962	91,994
1954	51,873	18,909	70,782
1955	51,551	15,991	67,542
	(C) Im	ports - lb.	
1951		848,686	848,686
1952	6,152	17,718	23,870
1953	1,122	74,195	75,317
1954	1,017	8,324	9,341
1955	2,564	35,067	37,631
	(D) Expor	ts - 1000 lb.	
1951	939	65	1,004
1952	839	301	1,140
1953	2,453	1,161	3,614
1954	1,260	730	1,990
1955	1,478	627	2,105
	(E) Domestic Dis	appearance - '000 lb.	
1951	19,943	5,691	25,634
1952	25,214	5,925	31,139
1953	25,598	6,275	31,873
1954	23,352	6,763	30,115
1955	27,024	7,847	34,871



TABLE 11 - CONDENSED, EVAPORATED AND POWDERED PRODUCTS - SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION

Canada, January, 1951 to 1955

	JANUARY		
Section A	Condensed Whole wilk	Condensed Skim Wilk	Casein
Year	Product	ion - '000 lb.	
1951	1,047	232	133
1952	1,055	234	153
1953	757	280	66
1954	669	199	172
1955	1,013	305	188
Section B	Evaporated Whole Milk	Whole Wilk Powder	Skim milk Powder
Year	(A) Produ	ction - 1000 lb.	
1951	11,038	718	1,939
1952	11,373	475	2,561
1953	11,740	1,426	4,155
	10,950	1,327	3,883
1954		1,137	3,801
1955	12,141		
	(B) Stocks Firs	t of Month - '000 lb.	
1951	25,262	1,984	2,857
1952	43,897	4,321	8,475
1953	64,661	2,301	16,645
	48,369	1,984	10,709
1954		1,350	11,848
1955	46,305	2,770	22,000
	(C) Expo	rts - 1000 lb.	
1951	280	473	65
1952	501	290	201
1953	1,619	701	427
	378	720	379
1954	272	1,148	363
1955	212	2,240	
	(D) Domestic Di	sappearance - '000 lb.	
1951	18,173	312	2,928
1952	21,953	1,632	2,895
	23,159	571	4,677
1953		1,236	4,105
1954	20,620	99	5,875
1955	24,495	//	7,