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### APPARENT PER CAPITA DOMESTIC DISAPPEARANCE OF FOOD IN CANADA

November 5, 1956 - The accompanying tables set forth the apparent per capita domestic disappearance of food in Canada in 1955 with revised figures for 1954.

Although of necessity there are differences in the methods of calculating the domestic disappearance 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 form 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 foodstuffs by the food processing industry and for non-food uses. In the case of the former, the deductions reappear 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.

There were certain changes in the domestic disappearance of a number of foods between 1954 and 1955. Increases were apparent in the consumption of meats, poultry, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, sugars and syrups, pulses and nuts, while there were declines in cereals, potatoes, oils and fats, and eggs. The increase in the disappearance of sugars was due largely to the inclusion for the first time in recent years of edible molasses. Import statistics for this product became available only in 1955. In the case of meats, most of the overall increase was attributable to a greater domestic disappearance of pork. Although the per capita disappearance of frozen fruits remains the same in both years, there was a substantial proportional increase in frozen vegetables. However the total quantities of these commodities still made up only a small proportion of the total fruits and vegetables disappearing into domestic channels.

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Assembled in the Agriculture Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Item	Specification	Apparent Domestic Disappearance in Pounds per Capita per Annum	
		1954	1955 <u>1/</u>
Cereals-			
Flour (including rye flour)	Retail wt.	147.6	144.3
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	5.7	4.8
Pot and pearl barley	"	0.3	0.2
Corn meal and flour	"	0.5	0.7
Buckwheat flour	"	0.1	0.1
Rice	"	4.7	4.5
Breakfast food	"	7.2	7.3
Totals, Cereals	Retail wt.	166.1	161.9
Potatoes-			
Potatoes, white	Retail wt.	146.3	144.4
Potatoes, sweet	"	0.6	0.6
Totals, Potatoes	Retail wt.	146.9	145.0
Sugars and Syrups-			
Sugar	Refined wt.	96.3	99.2
Maple sugar	Retail wt.	0.9	0.8
Other	"	7.9	15.1 <u>2/</u>
Totals, Sugars and Syrups	Sugar content	102.2	109.7 <u>2/</u>
Pulses and Nuts-			
Dry beans	Retail wt.	3.0 <u>3/</u>	4.0 <u>3/</u>
Dry peas	"	1.0	0.8
Peanuts	Shelled wt.	2.9	3.1
Tree nuts	"	1.4	1.1
Soybean flour	Retail wt.	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Cocoa	Green beans	3.2	3.0
Totals, Pulses and Nuts	Retail wt. including shelled wt. of nuts	9.8	10.4
Starch-	Retail wt.	1.6	1.6

Item	Specification	Apparent Domestic Disappearance in Pounds per Capita per Annum	
		1954	1955 <u>1/</u>
Fruit-			
Tomatoes and Citrus Fruit-			
Tomatoes, fresh	Retail wt.	19.5	20.1
Tomato products	Net wt. canned	17.9	16.3
Citrus fruit, fresh	Retail wt.	38.5	36.8
Citrus fruit, canned	Net wt. canned	10.8	13.6
Other Fruit-			
Fresh	Retail wt.	59.0	70.4
Canned	Net wt. canned	15.4	14.5
Dried	Processed wt.	6.0	7.1
Juice	Net wt. canned	4.4	4.6
Frozen	Retail wt.	1.2	1.2
Totals, Fruit	Fresh equiv.	215.0	227.1
Vegetables-			
Fresh-			
Cabbage and greens	Retail wt.	19.9	18.8
Carrots	"	11.4	11.8
Legumes	"	2.8	3.4
Other	"	37.3	37.7
Canned	Net wt. canned	18.8	18.4
Frozen	Retail wt.	1.4	1.7
Totals, Vegetables	Fresh equiv.	94.5	95.1
Oils and Fats-			
Margarine	Retail wt.	7.6	8.1
Lard	"	8.3	8.7
Shortening	"	10.2	9.7
Other oils and fats	"	2.9	2.4
Butter	"	20.7	20.6
Totals, Oils and Fats	Fat content	44.6	44.3
Meat-			
Pork	Carcass wt.	53.7	58.0
Beef	"	72.0	72.0
Veal	"	10.1	8.8
Mutton and lamb	"	2.5	2.8
Offal	Edible wt.	5.3	5.7
Canned meat	Net wt. canned	4.5	4.5
Totals, Meats	Carcass wt.	148.0	151.5





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Item	Specification	Apparent Domestic Disappearance in Pounds per Capita per Annum	
		1954	1955 <u>1/</u>
Poultry and Fish-			
Hens and chickens	Retail wt. dressed	22.6 <u>5/</u>	23.5 <u>5/</u>
Other poultry	"	6.1 <u>5/</u>	6.2 <u>5/</u>
Fish and shellfish, fresh and frozen	Fresh edible wt.	7.1	7.3
Fish, cured (smoked, salted, pickled)	"	1.9	1.8
Fish and shellfish, canned	Net wt. canned	4.5	4.5
Totals, Poultry and Fish	Edible wt.	30.0	30.7
Eggs -	Fresh egg. equiv.	36.6 <u>5/</u>	36.0 <u>5/</u>
Milk and Cheese-			
Cheddar cheese <u>6/</u>	Retail wt.	5.5	5.7
Other cheese	"	0.9	0.9
Cottage cheese	"	0.8	0.9
Evaporated whole milk	"	18.2	18.5
Condensed whole milk	"	0.8	0.8
Whole milk powder	"	0.3	0.2
Condensed skim milk	"	0.3	0.2
Skim milk powder	"	4.7	5.2
Evaporated skim milk	"	0.8	0.6
Condensed buttermilk	"	0.1	0.1
Milk in ice cream	"	32.0	35.5
Powdered buttermilk	"	0.4	0.4
Fluid whole milk <u>7/</u>	"	405.2 <u>5/</u>	411.0 <u>5/</u>
Totals, Milk and Cheese	Milk Solids	64.2	65.9
Beverages-			
Tea	Primary distribution wt.	2.9	2.7
Coffee	Green beans	6.7	7.4
Totals, Beverages	Primary distribution wt.	9.6	10.1

<sup>1/</sup> Subject to revision.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes imports of edible molasses.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes soybean flour.

<sup>4/</sup> Included with dry beans as only one firm producing soybean flour.

<sup>5/</sup> Exclusive of Newfoundland.

<sup>6/</sup> Includes process cheese.

<sup>7/</sup> Includes cream expressed as milk.