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Estimates of the Output and Slaughter of Meat Animals and Consumption of Meats in Canada,  
1940

Ottawa, October 15, 1941.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today estimates of the total output of meat animals and meats and consumption of meats in Canada in 1940. The estimates in this report have been based on information obtained from the semi-annual live-stock surveys and from reports of marketings and slaughterings of live stock in Canada.

Consumption of meats in Canada during 1940 is estimated at 122.8 pounds per capita. This is an increase of almost 4 pounds over consumption in 1939. The increased consumption was due largely to the increased purchasing power of consumers. Pork consumption at 56.4 pounds per capita was 4.4 pounds greater than in the preceding year and the highest recorded since 1929. The total sales and farm slaughter of hogs was the greatest in history and provided sufficient pork for sharply increased exports as well as the substantial increase in domestic consumption. The consumption of beef was slightly higher than in 1939 at 50.4 pounds. A reduction in the exports of live animals and beef as well as a reduction in stocks on hand at the end of the year permitted an increase in domestic consumption despite a small decline in total slaughterings. The consumption of veal was reduced by 1.2 pounds per capita in 1940 as compared with 1939. Reduced sales of calves made less veal available. The consumption of mutton and lamb was also somewhat below that of 1939 as a result of reduced slaughterings. The greater slaughter of hogs in 1940 combined with a reduction in the export of lard left a larger supply in Canada and consequently lard consumption was increased during 1940.

The total output of meat animals in 1940 was 135.5 per cent of the five-year period 1926 to 1930 and was 11.5 per cent greater than in 1939. Exports of meat animals and meats in 1940 were 148 per cent greater than the 1926-30 average and gained 43.4 per cent over 1939. Imports of all meats were higher in 1940, the index rising from 147.2 to 167.4 in 1940. Total consumption of meats was 116.2 per cent of the average consumption from 1926 to 1930 and was the highest on record.

Although a further expansion in the production of hogs has taken place during 1941, a large proportion of this meat has been exported to the United Kingdom and consumers have been requested to reduce their consumption of pork in an effort to make greater supplies available to the United Kingdom. In the light of this situation, it may be expected that pork consumption in Canada in 1941 will show a substantial reduction from that of 1940. Beef consumption, on the other hand, may be increased somewhat although farmers are still withholding stock from market for the building up of herds. Marketings of sheep and lambs have been slightly higher in 1941 than in 1940 and with very little export of this product the consumption of mutton and lamb may average somewhat higher during 1941.



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PRODUCTION AND SLAUGHTER OF MEAT ANIMALS AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS IN CANADA, 1938 TO 1940

Year	Total Sales and Farm Slaughter	Exports of Live Animals	Net Slaughter in Canada*	Average Dressed Weight	Total Dressed Weight	Stocks First of Year	Imports	Total Supply	Exports	Stocks End of Year	Consumption	
											Total	Per Capita
	No. 000	No. 000	No. 000	lb.	lb. 000	lb. 000	lb. 000	lb. 000	lb. 000	lb. 000	lb. 000	lb.
<u>HOGS - PORK</u>												
1938	4,925.1	5.5	4,919.6	142.1	699,075	37,261	5,564	741,900	178,494	27,237	536,169	47.8
1939	5,427.5	5.8	5,421.7	142.8	774,219	27,237	26,647	828,103	194,992	44,880	588,231	52.0
1940	7,050.0	7.2	7,042.8	138.7	976,836	44,880	37,155	1,058,871	353,309	61,517	644,045	56.4
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS - MUTTON AND LAMB</u>												
1938	1,508.0	3.1	1,504.9	43	64,711	5,277	402	70,390	203	5,420	64,767	5.8
1939	1,478.2	3.3	1,474.9	44	64,896	5,420	1,566	71,882	205	6,356	65,321	5.8
1940	1,286.0	4.0	1,282.0	44	56,408	6,356	921	63,685	183	5,456	58,046	5.1
<u>CATTLE - BEEF</u>												
1938	1,295.1	129.3	1,165.3	487	567,501	25,302	10,413	603,216	5,692	19,337	578,187	51.6
1939	1,347.6	208.6	1,138.8	486	553,457	19,337	15,161	587,955	4,352	29,640	553,963	49.0
1940	1,312.6	157.3	1,155.3	485	560,321	29,640	10,776	600,737	3,703	21,743	575,291	50.4
<u>CALVES - VEAL</u>												
1938	1,262.6	49.4	1,213.2	110	133,452	3,206	-	136,658	-	4,153	132,505	11.8
1939	1,291.9	84.6	1,207.3	113	136,425	4,153	-	140,578	-	4,201	136,377	12.1
1940	1,172.2	76.5	1,095.7	113	123,814	4,201	-	128,015	-	3,978	124,037	10.9
<u>LARD</u>												
1938	-	-	4,919.6	13.4	65,923	2,301	64	68,288	16,767	2,609	48,912	4.4
1939	-	-	5,421.7	13.8	74,819	2,609	187	77,615	7,503	4,134	65,978	5.8
1940	-	-	7,042.8	12.3	86,626	4,134	2	90,762	2,690	4,903	83,169	7.3

\* No imports of live animals for slaughter were recorded in the years 1938 to 1940.





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