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ESTIMATES OF THE OUTPUT AND SLAUGHTER OF MEAT ANIMALS AND
CONSUMPTION OF MEATS IN CANADA, 1941

Ottawa, October 19, 1942.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today estimates of the total output of meat animals and meats and consumption of meats in Canada in 1941. 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.

A further expansion in the consumption of meats in Canada occurred in 1941. The estimated consumption of all meats was 129.9 pounds per capita, an increase of 7 pounds over consumption in 1940. Although prices of meats were considerably higher in 1941 than in the preceding year, the greater purchasing power in the hands of consumers was undoubtedly largely responsible for the increased consumption. Pork consumption at 60.2 pounds per capita was 3.6 pounds greater than in the preceding year and the highest recorded since 1920. Although pork consumption was restricted on a voluntary basis in the latter half of 1941, a very substantial increase in the first part of the year was more than sufficient to offset any decline which may have taken place later on. The net slaughter of hogs in Canada in 1941 was the highest ever recorded and in addition the average dressed weight per animal was substantially higher than that of the preceding year. Consumption of beef at 53.5 pounds per capita was 3 pounds higher than that of the preceding year. The increase in the net slaughter of animals resulted in more beef being available for domestic consumption. Consumption of mutton and lamb in Canada has always been relatively low but in 1941 there was an increase of .4 pound per capita to bring the 1941 figure to 5.5 pounds. There was a slight decline in the per capita consumption of veal during 1941 with the average consumption being 10.7 pounds. Although not included in the total figure for meat consumption in Canada, consumption of lard averaged 7.8 pounds in comparison with an average of 7.3 pounds in 1940.

The wartime expansion in the output of meats in general is indicated by the fact that the 1941 total output was 27.2 per cent greater than in 1939 and was 54.8 per cent greater than during the five-year period 1926 to 1930. Total consumption of meat in 1941 was 11 per cent greater than during 1939.

PRODUCTION AND SLAUGHTER OF MEAT ANIMALS AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS IN CANADA, 1938 TO 1941

Year	Net Slaughter in Canada ^{1/}	Average Dressed Weight	Total Dressed Weight	Stocks First of Year	Imports	Total Supply	Exports	Stocks End of Year	Consumption	
									Total	Per Capita
	No. 000	lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.	lb.
<u>HOGS - PORK</u>										
1938	4,919.6	142.1	699,075	37,261	5,564	741,900	178,494	27,237	536,169	47.8
1939	5,421.7	142.8	774,219	27,237	26,647	828,103	194,992	44,880	588,231	52.0
1940	7,042.8	138.7	976,836	44,880	37,155	1,058,871	353,309	60,975	644,587	56.6
1941	8,034.8	146.8	1,179,509	60,975	2/	2/	2/	71,653	691,558	60.2
<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS - MUTTON AND LAMB</u>										
1938	1,504.0	43	64,711	5,277	402	70,390	203	5,420	64,767	5.8
1939	1,474.4	44	64,896	5,420	1,566	71,882	205	6,356	65,321	5.8
1940	1,282.0	44	56,408	6,356	921	63,685	183	5,462	58,040	5.1
1941	1,384.3	45	62,316	5,462	2/	2/	2/	6,861	63,195	5.5
<u>CATTLE - BEEF</u>										
1938	1,165.3	487	567,501	25,302	10,413	603,216	5,692	19,337	578,187	51.6
1939	1,138.8	486	553,457	19,337	15,161	587,955	4,352	29,640	553,963	49.0
1940	1,175.3	485	560,321	29,640	10,776	600,737	3,703	21,848	575,186	50.5
1941	1,276.8	488	623,078	21,848	2/	2/	2/	32,145	614,070	53.5
<u>CALVES - VEAL</u>										
1938	1,215.2	110	133,452	3,206	-	136,658	-	4,153	132,505	11.8
1939	1,207.3	113	136,425	4,153	-	140,578	-	4,201	136,377	12.1
1940	1,095.7	113	123,814	4,201	-	128,015	-	4,004	124,011	10.9
1941	1,179.1	111	125,330	4,004	2/	2/	2/	6,234	123,100	10.7
<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	4,840	83,232	7.3
1941	8,034.8	12.2	98,025	4,840	2/	2/	2/	6,672	90,100	7.8

^{1/} Total sales and farm slaughter adjusted for exports and imports of live animals.

^{2/} Not available for publication.

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