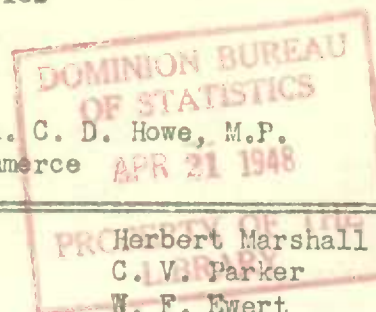


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ESTIMATES OF SLAUGHTER OF MEAT ANIMALS, OUTPUT AND CONSUMPTION
OF MEATS IN CANADA, 1947

Ottawa, April 20, 1948: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today estimates of the output of meat animals and meats and the consumption of meats in Canada in 1947. These estimates are based on information obtained in the live-stock surveys and on reports of marketings and slaughterings of live stock in Canada.

S U M M A R Y

Total output of meats and offals from cattle, hogs and sheep and lambs slaughtered in Canada during 1947 is estimated at 2,220 million pounds, a decrease of 129 million pounds or 5.5 per cent, from the revised estimate of the 1946 output, but almost 50 per cent above the 1935-39 average output of 1,481 million pounds. The 1947 output of each kind of meat was below that of 1946. Declines were 8.6 per cent for beef, 4.2 per cent for veal, 5.6 per cent for mutton and lamb and 2.2 per cent for pork.

Total consumption of meat per capita during 1947 was 146 pounds. Whereas this total is the same as that for 1946 there were slight increases in the per capita consumption of beef and pork, a decrease in veal and no change in mutton and lamb.

Stocks of meat in cold storage at the first of January 1948 amounted to 116.5 million pounds as compared with 79.9 million pounds at the beginning of 1947. These stocks are the largest carryover since the exceptionally large holdings of 135.9 million pounds at the first of January 1944 and are quite substantial in comparison with the 1935-39 average of 66.8 million pounds.

Exports of live-stock meats, other than horse meat, totalled 417 million pounds in 1947, a decline of 34.2 per cent from 1946 exports. The 1947 exports were only about 46 per cent of the peak exports of 894 million pounds in 1944 but about 2 1/6 times the prewar level of 193 million pounds.

TABLE I: Civilian Consumption per Capita of All Meats, Canada, 1944-47, and Average 1935-39

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1944	1945	1946	1947 1/
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Beef	54.7	66.6	64.6	67.4	67.7
Veal	10.5	11.0	11.9	10.5	9.6
Mutton and lamb	5.6	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8
Pork	39.9	61.4	50.9	51.9	52.7
Offals	5.8	7.4	6.0	5.5	6.5
Canned meats 2/	1.9	2.8	4.8	5.9	4.7
TOTALS	118.4	154.0	142.9	146.0	146.0

1/ Subject to revision. 2/ Estimated carcass equivalent.

TABLE II: Output of Meats and Offals from Live Stock Slaughtered in Canada
1944-47 and Average 1935-39

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1944	1945	1946	1947 ^{1/}
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	618,556	932,831	1,119,662	1,053,339	962,801
Veal	116,372	125,993	141,391	132,022	126,426
Mutton and Lamb	61,417	57,727	69,008	71,249	67,257
Pork	620,522	1,503,257	1,111,607	993,471	972,089
Offals	64,611	108,765	107,096	99,503	91,768
TOTALS	1,481,478	2,728,573	2,548,764	2,349,584	2,220,341

^{1/} Subject to revision.

TABLE III: Stocks of Meats in Canada as at January 1, 1945-48, and Average 1935-39

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1945	1946	1947	1948 ^{1/}
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	22,684	31,831	40,842	30,642	43,056
Veal	3,452	5,155	5,348	3,438	6,743
Mutton and Lamb	6,190	6,930	7,778	7,072	9,142
Pork	34,511	48,852	33,072	38,705	57,514
TOTALS	66,837	92,768	87,040	79,857	116,455

^{1/} Subject to revision.

TABLE IV: Exports of Meats from Canada, 1944-47, and Average 1935-39

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1944	1945	1946	1947 ^{1/}
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	10,899	107,411 ^{2/}	194,754 ^{2/}	136,063 ^{2/}	48,838 ^{2/}
Mutton and Lamb	248	1,589	7,951	11,268	4,569
Pork	179,630	717,714	462,049	297,871	248,291
Offals	^{3/}	14,700	10,839	5,264	4,060
Canned meats ^{4/}	2,659	52,810	131,276	183,063	111,208
TOTALS	193,436	894,224	806,869	633,529	416,966

^{1/} Subject to revision.

^{2/} Includes veal.

^{3/} Not available.

^{4/} Estimated carcass equivalent.

TABLE V: Slaughter of Meat Animals and Civilian Consumption of Meats and Lard in Canada, 1945-47, with Five-Year Averages, 1935-39

NOTE: All meats other than canned are on basis of fresh carcass weight; canned meats are in terms of product.

Item		Average 1935-39	1945	1946	1947 ^{1/}
B E E F					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,347.0	2,420.1	2,266.3	2,100.6
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	618,556	1,119,662	1,053,339	962,801
On hand January 1	"	22,684	31,831	40,842	30,642
Imports ^{3/}	"	158	4/ 2	6	8
Total supply	"	641,398	1,151,495	1,094,187	993,451
Exports ^{3/}	"	10,899	194,754	136,063	48,838
Used for canning	"	1,406	116,302	88,480	49,580
Used by non-civilians	"	-	65,000	18,218	-
On hand, December 31	"	24,040	40,842	30,642	43,056
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	605,053	734,597	820,784	851,977
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	54.7	64.6	67.4	67.7
V E A L					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,333.6	1,493.8	1,464.8	1,393.3
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	116,372	141,391	132,022	126,426
On hand, January 1	"	3,452	5,155	5,348	3,438
Imports	"	5/	5/	5/	5/
Total supply	"	119,824	146,546	137,370	129,864
Exports	"	-	5/	5/	5/
Used for canning	"	22	2,195	5,459	2,893
Used by non-civilians	"	-	4,000	481	-
On hand, December 31	"	3,785	5,348	3,438	6,743
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	116,017	135,003	127,992	120,228
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	10.5	11.9	10.5	9.6
M U T T O N and L A M B					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,543.0	1,634.1	1,673.5	1,554.1
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	61,417	69,008	71,249	67,257
On hand, January 1	"	6,190	6,930	7,778	7,072
Imports ^{3/}	"	422	-	-	2
Total supply	"	68,029	75,938	79,027	74,331
Exports ^{3/}	"	248	7,951	11,268	4,569
Used for canning	"	37	1,563	1,303	393
Used by non-civilians	"	-	4,800	578	-
On hand, December 31	"	5,965	7,778	7,072	9,142
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	61,779	53,846	58,806	60,227
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.6	4.7	4.8	4.8
P O R K					
Animals slaughtered	'000	5,165.1	8,683.7	7,896.3	7,586.0
Estimated dressed weight ^{6/}	'000 lb.	620,522	1,111,607	993,471	972,089
On hand, January 1	"	34,511	48,852	33,072	38,705
Imports ^{3/}	"	7,394	17	726	5,891
Total supply	"	662,427	1,160,476	1,027,269	1,016,685
Exports ^{3/}	"	179,630	462,049	297,871	248,291
Used for canning	"	4,495	46,116	52,143	48,072
Used by non-civilians	"	-	40,000	6,506	-
On hand, December 31	"	37,863	33,072	38,705	57,514
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	440,439	579,239	632,044	662,808
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	39.9	50.9	51.9	52.7

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TABLE V (concluded)

Item		Average 1935-39	1945	1946	1947 <u>1/</u>
O F F A L S					
Estimated production	'000 lb.	64,611	107,096	99,503	91,768
Imports	"	<u>7/</u>	-	-	2,623
Total supply	"	64,611	107,096	99,503	94,391
Exports	"	<u>7/</u>	10,839	5,264	4,060
Used for canning	"	583	25,550	27,191	9,033
Used by non-civilians	"	-	2,000	242	-
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	64,028	68,707	66,806	81,298
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.8	6.0	5.5	6.5
C A N N E D M E A T S					
Estimated production	'000 lb.	5,624	199,017	191,016	99,850
Imports	"	12,292	656	1	371
Change in stocks	"	<u>8/</u>	<u>50,000</u> <u>9/</u>	<u>8/</u>	-27,000 <u>9/</u>
Total supply	"	17,916	149,673	191,017	127,221
Exports	"	1,999	98,704	137,641	83,615
Used by non-civilians	"	-	10,000	-	-
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	15,917	40,969	53,376	43,606
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	1.4	3.6	4.4	3.5
L A R D					
Estimated production <u>10/</u>	'000 lb.	63,237	94,328	79,023	77,600
On hand, January 1	"	2,685	4,961	972	1,459
Imports	"	56	0 <u>11/</u>	5,000 <u>11/</u>	13,700 <u>11/</u>
Total supply	"	65,978	99,289	84,995	92,759
Exports	"	19,485	3,110	442	779
Used for canning	"	75	8,990	2,694	1,223
Used by non-civilians	"	-	1,000	500	-
On hand, December 31	"	2,963	972	1,459	3,447
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	43,455	85,217	79,900	87,310
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	3.9	7.5	6.6	6.9

1/ Subject to revision.

2/ Edible meat excluding offals.

3/ Basis cold dressed carcass weight.

4/ Includes edible offal of beef and veal.

5/ Quantity small; included with beef.

6/ Edible meat excluding fats and offals.

7/ Not available.

8/ Stocks estimated to be same at beginning and end of period.

9/ Estimated.

10/ Includes rendered pork fat.

11/ Estimated: trade figures show lard, lard compound and similar substances, cottelene and animal stearine of all kinds, n.o.p., grouped.