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Ottawa, April 8, 1949: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today estimates of total meat production, the output of meats from animals slaughtered in Canada and the consumption of meats in Canada in 1948. These estimates are based on information obtained in the live-stock surveys and on reports of marketings and slaughter of live stock in Canada.

S U M M A R Y

Total production of meat, excluding offals, from cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs slaughtered in Canada, together with the estimated meat equivalent of animals exported alive was 2,235 million pounds, an increase of 3 per cent over 2,169 million pounds produced in 1947. Total production of beef and veal increased 9.7 and 13.4 per cent respectively while there was a decrease of 3.2 per cent in pork and 26.4 per cent in mutton and lamb from 1947.

The estimated output of meats and offals from animals slaughtered in Canada in 1948 was 2,113 million pounds as compared with 2,220 million pounds in 1947. Output of all meats and offals except veal was less than in 1947. Veal output increased 13 per cent while the decreases in other products were: beef, 7.4 per cent; mutton and lamb, 29.4 per cent; pork, 3.2 per cent; offals, 1.8 per cent. Consumption of meat per capita during 1948 was 135.3 pounds as compared with 146 pounds in 1947. Per capita consumption in 1948 by kinds of meat, 1947 figures in brackets, was: beef, 58 (67.7) pounds; veal, 10.9 (9.6) pounds; mutton and lamb, 3.5 (4.8) pounds; pork, 54.2 (52.7) pounds; offals, 6.0 (6.5) pounds; canned meats, 2.7 (4.7) pounds.

Exports of meats totalled almost 409 million pounds in 1948, a decline of 2 per cent from the 1947 exports. Increased quantities of beef offset the drop in exports of canned meats and pork. Stocks of meat, excluding canned meats, were 116.5 million pounds at the beginning, and 80 million pounds at the end of 1948.

TABLE 1: Per Capita Consumption of Meat, Canada, 1945-48, and Average 1935-39
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1945	1946	1947	1948
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Beef	54.7	64.6	67.4	67.7	58.0
Veal	10.5	11.9	10.5	9.6	10.9
Mutton and Lamb	5.6	4.7	4.8	4.8	3.5
Pork	39.9	50.9	51.9	52.7	54.2
Offals	5.8	6.0	5.5	6.5	6.0
Canned Meats	1.9	4.8	5.9	4.7	2.7
T O T A L S	118.4	142.9	146.0	146.0	135.3

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TABLE 2: Canadian Meat Production 1945-48 and Averages 1935-39
(Includes meat equivalent of animals slaughtered in Canada and Animals exported alive)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1945	1946	1947	1948
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	703,731	1,156,072	1,102,231	1,001,848	1,099,246
Veal	122,241	141,623	132,163	126,475	143,474
Mutton and Lamb	61,554	73,377	71,457	67,528	49,705
Pork	625,120	1,112,847	994,493	973,617	942,390
T O T A L S	1,512,646	2,483,919	2,300,344	2,169,468	2,234,815

TABLE 3: Output of Meats and Offals from Live Stock Slaughtered in Canada
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	618,556	1,119,662	1,053,339	962,801	891,688
Veal	116,372	141,391	132,022	126,426	142,390
Mutton and Lamb	61,417	69,008	71,249	67,257	47,494
Pork	620,522	1,111,607	993,471	972,089	941,406
Offals	64,611	107,096	99,503	91,768	90,083
T O T A L S	1,481,478	2,548,764	2,349,584	2,220,341	2,113,061

^{1/} Subject to revision.

TABLE 4: Exports of Meats from Canada, 1945-48, and Average 1935-39
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1945	1946	1947	1948 ^{1/}
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	10,899	194,754 ^{2/}	136,063 ^{2/}	48,838 ^{2/}	127,543 ^{2/}
Mutton and Lamb	248	7,951	11,268	4,569	5,056
Pork	179,630	462,049	297,871	248,291	226,153
Offals	^{3/}	10,839	5,264	4,060	6,860
Canned meats	2,659	131,276	183,063	111,208	43,079
T O T A L S	193,436	806,869	633,529	416,966	408,691

^{1/} Subject to revision.

^{2/} Includes veal.

^{3/} Not available.

TABLE 5: Slaughter of Meat Animals and Consumption of Meats and Lard in Canada, 1946-48 with Five-Year Averages, 1935-39

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

I t e m		Average 1935-39	1946	1947	1948 ^{1/}
B E E F					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,347.0	2,266.3	2,100.6	1,953.5
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	618,556	1,053,339	962,801	891,688
On hand January 1	"	22,684	40,842	30,642	43,154
Imports ^{3/}	"	158 ^{4/}	6	8	8
Total Supply	"	641,398	1,094,187	993,451	934,850
Exports ^{3/}	"	10,899	136,063	48,838	127,543
Used for canning	"	1,406	88,480	49,580	25,480
Used by non-civilians	"	-	18,218	-	-
On hand, December 31	"	24,040	30,642	43,154	35,196
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	605,053	820,784	851,879	746,631
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	54.7	67.4	67.7	58.0
V E A L					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,333.6	1,464.8	1,393.3	1,554.1
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	116,372	132,022	126,426	142,390
On hand, January 1	"	3,452	5,348	3,438	6,624
Imports	"	5/	5/	5/	5/
Total Supply	"	119,824	137,370	129,864	149,014
Exports	"	-	5/	5/	5/
Used for canning	"	22	5,459	2,893	1,527
Used by non-civilians	"	-	481	-	-
On hand, December 31	"	3,785	3,438	6,624	6,791
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	116,017	127,992	120,347	140,696
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	10.5	10.5	9.6	10.9
M U T T O N and L A M B					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,543.0	1,673.5	1,554.1	1,148.1
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	61,417	71,249	67,257	47,494
On hand, January 1	"	6,190	7,778	7,072	9,153
Imports ^{3/}	"	422	-	2	1
Total Supply	"	68,029	79,027	74,331	56,648
Exports ^{3/}	"	248	11,268	4,569	5,056
Used for canning	"	37	1,303	393	379
Used by non-civilians	"	-	578	-	-
On hand, December 31	"	5,965	7,072	9,153	6,341
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	61,779	58,806	60,216	44,872
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.6	4.8	4.8	3.5
P O R K					
Animals slaughtered	'000	5,165.1	7,896.3	7,586.0	7,441.1
Estimated dressed weight ^{6/}	'000 lb.	620,522	993,471	972,089	941,406
On hand, January 1	"	34,511	33,072	38,705	57,585
Imports ^{3/}	"	7,394	726	5,891	1,562
Total Supply	"	662,427	1,027,269	1,016,685	1,000,553
Exports ^{3/}	"	179,630	297,871	248,291	226,153
Used for canning	"	4,495	52,143	48,072	44,308
Used by non-civilians	"	-	6,506	-	-
On hand, December 31	"	37,863	38,705	57,585	31,736
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	440,439	632,044	662,737	698,360
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	39.9	51.9	52.7	54.2

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TABLE 5 (concluded)

I t e m		Average 1935-39	1946	1947	1948 ^{1/}
O F F A L S					
Estimated production	'000 lb.	64,611	99,503	91,768	90,083
Imports	"	^{7/}	-	2,623	30
Total Supply	"	64,611	99,503	94,391	90,113
Exports	"	^{7/}	5,264	4,060	6,860
Used for canning	"	583	27,191	9,033	5,513
Used by non-civilians	"	-	242	-	-
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	64,028	66,806	81,298	77,740
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.8	5.5	6.5	6.0
C A N N E D M E A T S					
Estimated production	'000 lb.	5,624	191,016	99,850	62,724
Imports	"	12,292	1	371	565
Change in stocks	"	^{8/}	^{8/}	- 27,000 ^{9/}	+ 5,290
Total Supply	"	17,916	191,017	127,221	57,999
Exports	"	1,999	137,641	83,615	32,390
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	15,917	53,376	43,606	25,609
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	1.4	4.4	3.5	2.0
L A R D					
Estimated production ^{10/}	'000 lb.	63,237	79,023	81,123	88,380
On hand, January 1	"	2,685	972	1,459	3,267
Imports	"	56	5,000 ^{11/}	13,700 ^{11/}	35
Total Supply	"	65,978	84,995	96,282	91,682
Exports	"	19,485	442	779	569
Used for canning	"	75	2,694	1,223	247
Used by non-civilians	"	-	500	-	-
On hand, December 31	"	2,963	1,459	3,267	3,331
Totals, Civilian Consumption	"	43,455	79,900	91,013	87,535
Civilian Consumption per Capita	lb.	3.9	6.6	7.2	6.8

- ^{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.